Community Meeting #2 Ruch Branch Library 2 – 4 p.m., 10/17/15

At the Ruch community meeting 8 members from the community participated, District Board Member Carol Doty participated and JCLS staff members Tammy Westergard and Amy Blossom also attended to facilitate the meeting. Special thanks to Branch Manager Thalia Truesdell for her attendance, welcome, advanced preparation and marketing for the meeting.

What follows are the 32 data points as collected through the meeting as well as via post-it notes on a visual display at the library inviting patron feedback from folks who were not able to make the meeting.

Discussion regarding the idea of libraries equaling education:
- Socialization via storytime
- Connection/feeling of belonging
- Lifelong learners - social contacts, share knowledge
- Not like other institutions where we are age stratified
- Modeling behavior
- Tone is set when you walk through the door
- Place space/environment is there

Opportunities to provide additional support for people continuing a self-directed learning journey?
- Adult literacy

Opportunities to enhance programs keeping in mind trends connected to:
- Technology
  - Mindcraft for teens
- Economy
  - ESL
- Social connections
  - Drop-in sessions for teens – cross age tutoring
  - Kids after school programs
  - After school programs
  - Teen space

Opportunities to enhance ways people find information and or conduct research?

OTHER:
- Ruch doesn’t go to Applegate
- More hours!!!!
- Needs assessment regarding graduation rates
- Career pathway – middle schools
- Neon sign for library – too hard to miss...
- Solar lights
- Big screen display
- Color printer/copier
- Fax/scanning
Social media as a communication tool to young
Transportation for young adults (pre 16) - no teen programs because of that
Library=Hub
All age shuttle – by reservation/call
Buddy system “Uber” for Ruch library
Sync with outreach routes – when a program exists, advertise rides
Wednesday is a good day for programming
Mondays off from school, kids constrained for transit