Community Meeting #18 White City Branch Library, 3 – 5 p.m., 11/12/15

At the White City community meeting 16 members from the community participated, District Board Members Carol Doty and Monica Weyhe participated and JCLS staff members Tammy Westergard, Laura Kimberly, and Maria Reid from Amy’s Kitchen also attended to facilitate the meeting.

What follows are the 71 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:
Self-directed, library with kids – sit down and read
Holds all resources
Community place
Research
Uses technology
Wifi
Check books out, put them on hold
Use hoopla
Love website
Teach at the college level
Gravitates to research
Many students don’t know how to search – information literacy
Lots of media formats
Use library for computer training – how to use a flash drive
Use computer for pictures – how to organize pictures
Family time – children’s program
Enjoy the Friends Store
Read books
Joy at repool!
Library has become the babysitter for WC youth.
Library is safe zone

Opportunities to provide additional support for people continuing a self-directed learning journey?
Freshen the collection!

Opportunities to enhance programs keeping in mind trends connected to:
Technology
Support skills in math, engineering, science, reading
Responsible social media use
Information privacy
Internet safety
Computer classes beyond the basics
Information literacy programs for young people

Economy
Support for academic next steps: ACT, SAT, MCAT, etc.
Teach people how to job search
Help remediate basic skills – reading, math, etc.
ELL instruction
Skills related to advanced manufacturing: basics: measuring, reading charts/graphs, displays, understand basic science related to volume, electricity, etc.

Social connections
Professional writing classes

**Opportunities to enhance ways people find information and or conduct research?**
Support for resume writing

**Other:**
More hours
Coffee
Couponing
Immersion
Labor pool is shrinking
Production of transformers
Government services kiosks @ library
Transportation constraints
Folks who have to ride share impacts ability to get to work
Develop our librarians, help them help others
Need more staff!!!
Outreach to Hispanic residents – library hands to homes
Draw Hispanic community into the library
Library as a support to find housing
Vital WiFi connection
Problem in workforce because people don’t have basic skills-low HS graduation
Keep the one you have!
More hours – especially weekends
Color copier
Classes for using iPad for parents (written in Spanish)
More books on CD
Teen programs
Move movies for children
Summer program for children (written in Spanish)
Automatic locks on doors
More hours open
More library hours
More books on CD
Programs after school (written in Spanish)
Kids to work off fines
BBQ for summer
Some kind of lighting between library and playground
Classes for iPad for parents (written in Spanish)
Scanner
After school programs (written in Spanish)
Install wireless extender for Internet – increases accessibility for the disabled and handicapped