

## Input sought - Opinions needed!

As most of you know your library is here to provide resources for life-long learning and enjoyment—which just happens to be our tag-line! Books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, large print books, Internet access, wireless Internet and more are available at your library. We also answer your reference questions, offer free computer classes and obtain materials for you from other libraries if needed.

As some of you know over the past few years we have provided free adult programming. Volunteer leaders have presented sessions on gardening, budgeting, bird watching, dream interpretation, historic preservation, Tai Chi, self-defense, fishing, challenging behaviors in children and the list goes on.

We would like to know what you think of our programming. Let us know the good points and bad. What programs would you like to see offered through your library? Would you like to lead a program? What time of day is good for programming? What about book discussion groups?

We tried a book discussion group last year. The response was not overwhelming. We might try again though. Perhaps the time of day, afternoon, was not right for many of you. Of course some of you are already in book discussion groups. If you would like to be in a book group at the library would you like to talk about fiction books or non-fiction? If fiction-would you wish to talk about Romance books? Mysteries? What time of day is best? A couple of libraries have a cookbook group. Each member is assigned a cookbook, they meet and talk a little about each cookbook and then share a dish made from a recipe from the book they were assigned. Does that sound like a tempting idea?

And for all of you teens reading this column—we need your input also! We are pondering an after-hours open mike event—what do you think? Would you come and hang out at the library with your friends? What would appeal to you as a teen? What would you like the library to offer just for teens? We do have the Graphix Zone, but we would like to have more activities geared toward you.

Turning another page—if your club or organization needs a speaker we would love to come and give a presentation about your library. We can present on a specific topic, give a book talk or share with you about all the neat activities going on at your library.

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