

## **Outreach Focus Group Senior Session/Fair Oaks**

Fort Worth, Texas  
Wednesday, May 29, 2002  
Attendance: 7

### **1. FINDINGS**

Seven senior residents with physical disabilities participated in the discussion. The average length of time they had lived in Fort Worth was 41 years. In response to the question "one thing that you would like to learn to do," several of the participants stated that they would like to have computer training and learn how to crochet.

### **2. SERVICE RESPONSES**

The library system could provide a computer and instruction on how to use it for Fair Oaks residents. An alternative would be to offer transportation for the residents to a system facility that can give computer instruction.

The library system could provide services and/or programs for seniors with physical disabilities. The library could meet their needs by partnering with other organizations and agencies that serve senior citizens.

The library system could promote the availability of collections such as large-print materials, books-on-tape and videos.

## APPENDIX A. FLIP CHART SUMMARY

**Number attending:** 7

**Number of years living in Fort Worth:**

Over 50 years; 22 years; since 1945; 32 years; 17 years; 7 years; 64 years.

### 1. One thing you would like to learn to do:

- wants new computer
- learn to operate computer
- learn to crochet
- learn to crochet
- learn computer; 3 new ones in office; we'd like classes.
- work a computer

### 2. How would you describe Fort Worth to a newcomer?

- Love it; sister does genealogy at Fort Worth Library; best library for genealogy in TX and OK!
- Fast growing; changing
- Constantly changing; areas growing and changing
- Love it; Swift's, Armour's
- Moved away to GA 33 years, then came back; grown and changes
- Clebourne - used to think it was best, but enjoys Fort Worth; lots of entertainment.
- Big country city

### 3. What do you like most about the community?

- Like it; would not move back to where [they] came from

### 4. What changes would you like to see in the community?

- Would like bus service out here (Fort Worth)
- Bus service. River Oaks has it. We have to go to Jacks Hwy. Wants Fort Worth to extend it to here. MITS service here.

**5. What services and programs would you like to see in the community?**

- Specialized services/programs for seniors and handicapped (lots of agreement)

**6. Where do you go to get information?**

- Yellow pages
- bulletin boards
- Kathleen
- Other people
- Newspapers
- Telephone - library

**7. When you hear the word library, what comes immediately to your mind?**

- With husband - real estate information, financing, etc.
- Return one book and get another
- About 5 years ago - telephone directories for out-of-town relatives
- Not since high school
- Since they redid library, looks nicer, more space
- Like location because you can take bus and go in Tandy and not go outside

**8. What would you like to see in your library?**

- Up-to-date videos
- Books-on-tape--listening and crocheting
- More CD's
- They bring large-print here
- More large-print; can't read small print

**9. Other suggestions?**

None given