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## **Weatherford public library to host public input meetings**

*Input is wanted during Weatherford Library input meetings to evaluate building and service program needs in effort to complete a new strategic plan*

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas - The Weatherford Public Library will be offering two (2) community input meetings to obtain citizen input regarding building/service program needs scheduled May 26 and June 4.

Meetings will be devoted to gathering input on the direction of the Weatherford Public Library, specifically its facility, collections and services offered. Participants will be asked to provide opinions on various aspects of library operations, which will be used in the foundation of a strategic plan. The meetings will be open to all, including those who live outside the Weatherford city limits, whether they are active library users or not. The second meeting will be a repeat of the first.

“The Weatherford Public Library will assess community satisfaction levels in regard to quality and management of the library,” said Director of Library Services Chris Accardo. “The public meetings will enable staff to identify what the community wants from the library over the next 20 years.”

The meetings will be structured to provide flexibility for participants to share their ideas with staff in a variety of ways. Participants will be able to give written or spoken comments, tag pictures of possible library features they like, draw pictures of features or layouts they want to see and complete a survey designed to show how they use the library. The library’s consultant, Dewberry Architects, Inc., will present a report with these and other assessment findings to the Weatherford City Council by the end of the summer.

“Community input is the main factor in developing the strategic plan for the Weatherford Public Library,” said City Manager Sharon Hayes. “The public input meetings will provide staff with helpful information to identify limitations of the existing library and provide a snapshot of library user needs.”



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Citizens who are interested in attending a public input meeting can visit [www.weatherfordtx.gov/libraryinput](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov/libraryinput) for more details. For questions, please contact Director of Library Services Chris Accardo at 817-598-4158.

**Editor's note:** A high-res image of the library public input meeting poster is attached.

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More information on the City of Weatherford: [www.weatherfordtx.gov](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov)

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