

FRIENDS OF UPPER TAMPA BAY REGIONAL LIBRARY CHAPTER

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The third and final public meeting to present the final design of the library was held on August 19th by Hillsborough County to discuss the future UTB Library. The County Staff presented and discussed the UTB project, received input, and answered questions from citizens regarding the future UTB Library that has been funded for \$5.2 million with 15,000 sq.ft. Also, the Friends of UTB Chapter Meeting with Hillsborough County Real Estate and Public Art was held on August 21st.

Another item on the UTB Library Time Line for 2003 was the construction bid for the UTB Library to go out in the Summer of 2003. In July there was a Pre-bid/Proposal Conference on July 22, 2003 regarding the future construction. August 29th, 2003 was the date given for the procurement submittal deadline. We will let you know when the Construction Company is announced.

We have started our 15 Month Membership for new members. So now is the time for all of you out there that have been thinking of sending in that membership form for the Friends Chapter to take advantage of this time of year! When you join now you will be a member for the remainder of this year (2003) and all of next year (2004). One of our goals is to double our membership for when the UTB Library doors open in December 2004. So we hope you seriously think of joining us! A form can be printed from out from this and mailed to the address given on the form. A lot has been accomplished but there is still a lot more to be done.