

**Elmhurst Public Library**  
**January 19, 2010**  
**7:30 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.**

**Members absent: Hupfer, Wheaton**  
**Staff: 3**  
**Observer: B. Swords**

**Consent Agenda** and **Accounts Payable** were approved. Report of the Finance committee was received. **Consent Agenda** included approval of updating the Elmhurst Public Library Policy on the Freedom of Information Act. (Observer has a copy of the policy).

Director Boria report: December was "unusually busy": Circulation 110,520, 3% increase in visitors, 5811 reference questions; number of "holds" 13% increase, 24% increase in number of interlibrary loans sent out, and 28% increase in ILL received for Elmhurst patrons--the third time this year items received exceeded number sent out. Book sale room revenue was \$1,128. Assistant Director Caltvedt and a staff committee are working to re-design the Library's logo.

Adult Services report: The Arlingtonges presented "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas" to an audience of 53 on December 16. "The Truth About Income Taxes" will be presented on January 26.

Kids' Library report: Twenty eight programs were presented in December for 936 attendees: "Puppet on the Wilder Side" gave a lively performance on Dec. 11; Homeschool Club and After School Special attended a "Young Houdini Magic Workshop"; 107 children and 57 adults enjoyed "Merry Cranberry, a Holiday Magic Show"; a dog show featuring "Robin's Dog Stars" excited 104 children and 57 adults; "Tongue Twisters, Crazy Gibberish and the Cha, Cha, Cha" had 52 children and 38 adults giggling as ventriloquist Sandi Snyder performed".

Assistant Director Caltvedt presented a report on an Illinois Library Association program, "A Snapshot of a Day in the Life of Your Library."

The Board approved participation of the Elmhurst Public Library in the City of Elmhurst Property Tax Rebate Program for Qualified Citizens:

The rebate will be 100% of the increase in the City portion of the 2009 City property tax bill, as compared to 2008. The City budget allows for approximately 100 rebates.

At the end of the Board meeting, members and staff informally discussed economic issues facing Illinois public libraries and library network systems. The State of Illinois has been unable to pay out allocated funds to the libraries and systems since July 1, 2009. SWAN network is one of these systems. Secretary of State Jesse White, Head of the Illinois State Library, is leading efforts to provide for continued funding despite the difficulties in Illinois finances.