

**Elmhurst Public Library Board**  
**February 21, 2006**  
**7:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Member absent: Marsha Baker**  
**Staff: 3**  
**Observer: B. Swords**

**Consent Agenda** and **Accounts Payable** were approved. Consent Agenda included approval of a Tuition Reimbursement Policy: (a) eligibility limited to staff members who have been employed at the Library for not less than six months with good or better performance ratings; coursework must be related to employee's position or career development; maximum reimbursement per employee \$5,000 per year; and other criteria.

Superintendent Joel Morris and Kevin Diamond, co-chair of the referenda committee, presented a special report about the March 21 referenda for School District 205.

Principal issues for the referenda were explained: the proposal to increase the tax rate for operating expenses and restoration of cuts made recently and the proposal to sell \$41 million in building bonds to add space for the increasing enrollment in the District.

**Director Boria** reported that January's circulation topped the 100,000 mark for the first time in a non-summer month; daily circulation increased 12%, with the busiest day, Sunday, January 29 with 585 checkouts each hour for the 4 hours the Library was open.

**Friends of the Library** continues its plans for their second annual poetry contest to conclude in March with winners to be announced in April

**Adult Services** reported large attendance at the 5 programs presented in January: Quick 'n Easy Home Decorating (70); Lyric Opera lectures--*Rigoletto* (22) and *Der Rosenkavalier* (31); Pompeii and Herculaneum: their tragedy, our treasure (92); book discussion of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* (28 and 11). Eight computer classes had average attendance of 15.

Kids' Library offered 52 programs with 1146 attending: 8 story times for young children and 4 sessions of Sign Language (73). Two Emmy award -winning performers presented a program of songs, sign language, dance, stories, and comedy, "Sing and Sign with Gaia and Jonnie" (120).

Thirty-six classroom collections (1231 items) circulated to 16 schools.

The Winter Reading Program broke previous records with 544 pre-school-8th grade students participating.

The Board approved the Operating Budgets for FY 2006-2007 [\$1,041,000] and for FY2007-2008 [\$1,065,000].