

**Elmhurst Public Library Board**  
**March 21, 2006**  
**7:30 p.m.-8:07 p.m.**

**All members present**  
**Staff: 3 Press: 1**  
**Observer: B. Swords**

**Consent Agenda** and **Accounts Payable** were approved. Consent Agenda included an increase of \$15 in the fee for non-resident library cards to \$350, as determined by the formula from the Illinois State Library; the card enables residents of unincorporated areas served by the Elmhurst Unit School District to use their library cards at all participating libraries.

**Director Boria** reported on the observances of the 90th birthday of the Elmhurst Public Library: at the City Council meeting March 20 and at the Library to be held on March 23. Circulation in February was the highest ever for that month, and Sunday, February 26 was the busiest 4-hour period in the history of the Library with 655 checkouts and 589 check-ins per hour. The Library earned \$985 from used book sales during February.

**President Vanek** reported that the Library had received \$52,651 from the State of Illinois, per the annual per capita grant.

**Adult Services** hosted 5 programs in February: Just What is American Food? (27 attended); discussion of *Dreams of My Father*, by Barack Obama (22); Orfeo ed Euridice by Gluck--Lyric Opera lecture (10); Eugene Kwok--Music from the Movies (61); Happy Birthday, Wolfie! (29)

The Adult Winter Reading Program concluded with over 300 reading logs completed and returned.

Patrons were directed to Web sites for answers to such questions as: how to arrange a home exchange for their vacation (International Home Exchange Network-- [www.homeexchange.com](http://www.homeexchange.com)) and current demographic & health information for Kazakhstan (Population Reference Bureau-- [www.prb.org/datafinder6.htm](http://www.prb.org/datafinder6.htm))

**Kids' Library** presented 66 programs in February with 1613 attending: among them were a first ever signed English story time; 2nd and 3rd graders discussed the book *Down Girl and Sit* by Lucy Nolan; and a Multi-cultural Family Story time, co-sponsored by Elmhurst AAUW.

Bryan Blank, Internet Librarian, demonstrated the new features of the re-designed Library Web site ([www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org)). Librarians in all departments produced this re-design and expansion of information.

The Board approved authorization to contract for the purchase and installation of an industrial style aluminum fence, approximately 179 feet along the north side of the parking lot for a cost of \$6,500. The fence will help define the boundaries of the library parking area adjacent to the post office.