

Elmhurst Public Library Board
April 15, 2006
7:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

All Members Present
Staff: 3
Observer: B. Swords

Consent Agenda and **Accounts Payable** were approved. **Finance committee** report was received.

Director Boria reported that for the first time circulation for March exceeded 100,000 items. Prices for the used book sale have been increased, but are still reasonable; March revenue was \$1399.

On March 1 she and Sarah Caltvedt attended Illinois Library Day in Springfield and met with Seantors Pankau and Cronin, marched and rallied in front of the Capital, listened to speakers on the theme "Strong Libraries Equal A Strong Illinois": State Librarian Jesse White, Richard Norton Smith, Executive Director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and Keith Fiels, Executive Director of the American Library Association.

The City Council approved without revisions the Library' annual budget.

Boria and Caltvedt attended the Elmhurst College program, "From Passion to Profession" which featured Chicago Public Library Commissioner Mary Dempsey speaking on her work in libraries.

Adult Services programs in March included Chinese Music (30 attended) and Medicare Part D (24 attended). March displays featured "Challenge Yourself"--books we should have read if they hadn't been so long (e.g., War and Peace, Anna Karenina, etc.)

Kids' Library celebrated the 90th birthday of the Library with "book walks" (after a story time, children walked on a circle of book covers and stopped when the music stopped to win prizes). On March 18, a Living History was presented, with a costumed dramatization featuring Katharine Breitenbach, the first librarian for EPL and Clara Berens who moved to Elmhurst in 1887 and was a patron of EPL throughout the years.

Trustee Marsha Baker reported on programs at the Public Library Association Conference: some of them were "How can boys be encouraged to read more?" and "What kinds of spaces can be provided in a library to better serve teens?" More than 800 exhibitors presented their materials and services.

The Board convened to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.