

Elmhurst Public Library Board
May 16, 2006
7:30 p.m.-- 8:20 p.m.

Members absent: Baker & Wheaton
Staff: 3
Observer: B. Swords

Consent Agenda and **Accounts Payable** were approved. Consent Agenda included authorization to purchase a more efficient hand dryer for the women's restroom near the Library's entrance: \$440. Finance committee report was received.

Director Boria reported that circulation increased 4% for the fiscal year, ending April 30, 2006.

The second annual poetry reading sponsored by the Friends of the Library invited 30 students in grades 4-12 to read their award winning poems. This program will be shown in June on cable channel 6.

Adult Services reported strong attendance at programs in April: Classic Connections-- Shakespeare, Scenes, Sonnets, and Songs (22); Treasures of King Tut (89); Medicare Part D (31); Book discussion of "The Kite Runner" (26). The wall case display honored Shakespeare's April 23 birthday: books on his work and his times, memorabilia, and collectibles.

Angel Nicolas joined the staff as full-time Teen and Magazines/AV librarian; he presented a workshop on Teen Programming and an Anime Movie Matinee for teens.

Kids' Library presented 50 programs with attendance of 1265 in April:

For National Library Week 80 young children and 57 adults enjoyed a performance of "Macaroni Soup"; a story time, "Celebrating Nature Around the World," was co-sponsored by Elmhurst AAUW; 2nd and 3rd graders discussed "Diary of a Worm"; at Sign Me a Story, children participated in renditions of "Hug Me," "If you gave a mouse a cookie," and "Little Red Riding Hood"; Earth Day was celebrated by children of the Homeschool Club and at the After School Special.

Four librarians presented "A Feast of Stories" in 27 pre-school visits for 516 children and 152 adults.

Director Boria presented a Special Report on federal legislative issues affecting public libraries at National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. The conference focused on federal appropriations to fund the Library Services and Technology Act and the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program--a program strongly supported by Laura Bush; restoration of funding for EPA libraries; preservation of the E-rate, which funds telecommunications services to public libraries and schools; support for Net Neutrality --"civil rights" legislation for the Internet providers; reauthorization of changes in the USA Patriot Act, especially as these changes affect libraries.

The Board approved the Public Library Annual Report. Highlights will be published in the next edition of "Fine Print."

The Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.