

**Elmhurst Public Library Board**  
**June 20, 2006**  
**7:30 p.m.-7:58 p.m.**

**Member absent: Hupfer**  
**Staff: 3**  
**Observer: B. Swords**

**Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable** were approved. Report of the Finance committee was received.

**Director Boria** reported that May, the beginning of the fiscal year, saw an increase of 9% in circulation and an increase of 4% in reference questions; self-renewals increased 22%, and patron placed holds increased 18%. Proceeds from the Used Book Sale increased 10%, yielding the second highest monthly total receipts. Director Boria served as a judge for the poster contest sponsored by the Elmhurst Historical Museum Foundation; the winning posters, prepared by school children throughout the community, blend history and art. and will be displayed in the Library later this summer. Two trustees from the Glenview Public Library, who are considering options for a new library building, visited to learn how the Elmhurst Library planned for the new building, how the passage of the referendum was achieved, and how the construction process was organized.

**Adult Services** held 6 programs in May, including Leonardo DaVinci (47 in attendance) and Chordmasters barber shop quartet (40). Six computer classes were conducted. Book displays presented "World Royalty--history and fiction through the ages" and "King Tut--Tutankhamen and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs," to tie in with the exhibition at the Field Museum. A patron posed a reference question related to the then pending legislation in the U.S. Congress (later passed in June): where to find the laws and regulations governing wetlands. The US Army Corps of Engineers web site --[www.usace.army.mil/faqhtml](http://www.usace.army.mil/faqhtml)--provided the information.

**Kids' Library** presented 111 programs during May to prepare for the Summer Reading Program--"Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales." Librarians gave 73 presentations at 11 schools: a skit was performed, and book talks and power point slideshow were given. Registration and training sessions of middle and high school volunteers were held for 108 persons to work at the Summer Reading Table and 45 are to be paired with new readers as Book Buddies.

Stephanie Gandsy, Public Information Coordinator, reported to the Board on the sponsors who have donated prizes for the Summer Reading Clubs. Business, organizations, institutions, and individuals--designated as Gold Tigers, Silver Foxes, and Bronze Sharks--have donated a variety of many prizes to reward young and adult readers this summer. Library staff has collected money to go to Heifer International's Read to Feed program. Summer Readers have already donated chickens, ducks, and a beehive.