

Elmhurst Public Library Board
July 18, 2006
7:30 p.m.-8:10 p.m.

Member absent: Baker, Hupfer
Staff: 3
Observer: J. Dorner

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

Director Boria reported that in June, circulation reached an all-time high. 128,603 items were circulated, an increase of 11%. Proceeds from the Used Book Sale decreased 21%. Public Information coordinator Stephanie Gandsey worked with the producers for PBS's *History Detectives* who used the Elmhurst Public Library in one of its episodes. Director Boria attended the American Library Association's annual conference in New Orleans. She also chaired a meeting of the Illinois Library Association's Public Policy Committee at the Metropolitan Library System (MLS) in Burr Ridge. 30 staff members from the Prospect Heights Public Library toured the Elmhurst Public Library as part of an in-service training.

Adult Services held 4 programs in June, including Dickens and the City of London (38 in attendance) and antique appraisals (64). Six computer classes were conducted. Book displays were on positive thinking, June related subjects, poetry and summer music. There was another display highlighting the adult summer reading program. Staff members attended an on-site demonstration of software that will allow home access to 20 years worth of local newspapers. The new InMAGIC software version will allow the Library to put the entire local newspaper database on the web.

Susan DeRonne presented a demonstration to the Board of the newly acquired My Media Mall. This new program is a consortium of 26 libraries, including Elmhurst. It has 1100 audio books and 600 e-books. They are downloadable with an Elmhurst library card, and some of the audio books can be downloaded to an MP3 player or burned on a CD. (This cannot be access with a Mac or used with an iPod.) Promotional bookmarks and posters, along with an article in the September newsletter are some of the publicity which is planned for this project. Visit the Elmhurst Public Library website for more detail: www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.com.

Kids' Library presented 59 programs during June. As of mid-July, 4599 children had signed up for the summer reading program. Exactly the same number of children had registered at this point last year. 169 middle school volunteers worked 896 hours in the Kids' Library, serving at the summer reading table, reading with "Book Buddies," and helping out as general assistants. Early in June, the Elmhurst YMCA camp counselors toured the library and met with Judy Ekblad, who shared information with them about the library to help plan their summer visits. Heifer International is working with the Library in a "Read to Feed" program. So far summer readers have designated enough money to donate 3 flocks of chickens, a beehive and a flock of ducks. EPL is currently working on earmarking the funds to donate a heifer.

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The annual meeting of the Elmhurst Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order. Election of Officers took place by secret ballot. Officers for the next year are:

- President: Frank Vanek
- Vice President: Susan Thomas-Sadowski
- Secretary: Rose Walsh

Director Boria stated that the annual report, with a brief summary of the year, went to the Community in May.

Motions to approve the following were carried:

- The minutes of the 2005 annual meeting,
- The establishment of monthly meeting dates (7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month), and
- A resolution updating the list of Board officers and administrative staff authorized access to the Library's safe deposit box and authorized to execute checks against the revolving fund account.