

Elmhurst Public Library Board
September 19, 2006
7:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Member absent: Dyer
Staff: 3. Visitor: 1
Observer: B. Swords

Public comment: Phyllis Carroll urged that the Board continue to provide good visual access to the Reading Garden--from both inside and outside of the Library--so that the fine sculpture about reading may be viewed conveniently; heretofore there have been obstacles to even seeing the sculpture.

Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable were approved and the report of the Finance committee was received. Consent Agenda included approval of the amended policy to provide to members of the Friends of the Library discount on purchases in the Library Book Sale room.

Director Boria reported: for the first time there were more than 100,000 checkouts during August; this year's speaker at the Staff Institute Day, Karen Hyman, presented "The Customer-Centered Library. . .," a program well-received by staff members.

Adult Services reported: 70 people attended "The Story of My Life, an Afghan Girl on the Other Side of the Sky," presented by author Farah Ahmedi; "Read Outside the Box," had 1513 adult and teen participants in the summer reading program. Eight computer classes were held with 64 participants.

Kids' Library reported: attendance of 695 at 22 programs; "Stories in the Park" were enjoyed by ca. 100 people; to thank them for running the summer reading program and for reading with young children just learning to read, 82 middle school volunteers were honored at the Volunteer Pizza Party; 4777 young people participated in the summer reading program in 2006.

Director Boria reported on the results of the recently released City of Elmhurst Citizen Survey: questions about the Library; --its collections and services-- received very favorable answers. 86% of Elmhurst households have library cards; the number of visits to the Library has increased; 78% of respondents know of the Library Web page; many unsolicited comments were favorable.

Boria distributed copies of an article from *Masonry Edge*, published by the Masonry Advisory Council, which featured in pictures and text the Library--"a stately edifice clad in Wisconsin lannon stone and Indiana limestone, a beautiful example of how stone can be used in a contemporary fashion to symbolize permanence in civic structures." [LWV Observer has a copy of this article, available for readers who wish to know more about the stonework and the praise it has received.]

New Business included approval of the Parking Memorandum of Understanding with the City to provide 30 spaces for staff parking in the City controlled parking lot immediately north of the Library near the Southeast corner of Park and Prospect streets; the Library will pay the City \$1.50/day/space, a total of \$16,380 per year.