

Elmhurst Public Library Board
October 17, 2006
7:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m

Absent: Sadowski

Observer: B. Swords

Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable were approved.

Consent Agenda included approval of

- (a) Adding a sign to the west side of the building pointing to the entrance to the Reading Garden, dedicated to the memory of former Library trustee John Carroll; the well-loved sculpture depicting reading to children is part of the Reading Garden;
- (b) Purchase of a portable stage for the large meeting room to provide better visibility of the program;
- (c) Purchase of a skateboard rack to be installed near the bicycle rack at the east entrance.

Report of the Finance Committee was received.

Director Boria reported: circulation for September hit a new monthly high--96,000 items--including patrons downloading 139 titles (audio books) from MyMedia Mall;

Staff celebrated Judy Ekblad's 30 years of service; Friends of the Library joined the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Library; Assistant Director Caltvedt attended a meeting at the Schaumburg Library on "Crime in the Library." Board members asked questions about how the Elmhurst Library guards against vandalism and inappropriate behaviors by both young people and adults. Members were assured that Library staff is well trained and alert to prevent these behaviors and to control any situations that may arise.

Adult Services reported: good attendance at programs:

- 19 for the first session of "Getting Inside Classical Music,"
- 40 at 2 Lyric Opera lectures,
- 30 received answers at the Master Gardener Help Desk,
- 22 attended discussions of *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See,
- 32 at 2 travel presentations, and 47 at computer classes.

Reference questions asked included "How can I find out my shoe size in Japanese shoes?" "When did the sun set in Holland MI on Sept. 2, 2006?" "How can I find out what my book is worth?" Librarians found answers on the appropriate web sites.

Kid's Library reported that programs in September included

- "Library Scavenger Hunt and Craft Extravaganza" (15 participants of the Home School Club and 14 in the After School Special);
- 13 children and 5 adults attended "Sign Me A Story";
- 14 children and 5 adults enjoyed "Bilingual Spanish Stories."

Middle School students from Bryan and Immaculate Conception learned how to use databases and other resources for their studies about authors and their works and for preparation for Science Fair projects.

Several librarians attended "A.R.T--Author's Reader's Theatre: a Literary Show" at

Anderson's Bookshops 3rd Annual Children's and Young Adult Literature Conference. "Showing the Big Picture with Picture Books" and "Not for Adults Only" were valuable sessions discussing the new picture books created for older readers and dealing with social issues and historical topics that connect with Middle School curricula.

President Vanek informally introduced the two newly appointed Board members who will be installed in November: Nora Aman-Gurvich and William Ryan.

Under New Business, the Board gave approval for a new contract for property, liability, and workers compensation insurance for Nov. 2006-Nov. 2007 at a cost of \$43,222.

After adjournment at 8 p.m., Board members talked informally with the new prospective Board members.