

Elmhurst Public Library Board
March 20, 2007
7:30 pm – 8:27 pm

Members absent: Vanek, Baker, Wheaton
Staff: 3
Observer: B. Swords

Presiding: Vice-President Sadowski.

Consent Agenda (including approval of non-resident library card fee, \$360 per household, for persons living in unincorporated areas served by Elmhurst Unit School District 205) approved. **Accounts Payable** was approved. Report of the Finance committee was received.

Director Boria reported that circulation in February exceeded 100,000 items, a first for a February; an average of 46 cars per day use the drive-up window; EPL has the largest circulation among libraries in our area and also borrows many books via Interlibrary Loan (mainly current, popular books) to serve Elmhurst readers. The sale of 935 items from the Book Sale room produced \$1138. Board members discussed issues pertaining to the need for improvements in the automated catalog network.

Programs offered by Adult Services included:

- 8 computer classes (78 attended),
- Lyric Opera lecture (14),
- book discussion of *Everything That Rises Must Converge* by Flannery O'Connor (20),
- 5 persons braved a blizzard to attend the Valentines Dance Performance.

Coming soon will be Jim Wall's film series and 3 Living History programs, featuring Daniel Burnham, Bertha Palmer, and Jane Addams, in cooperation with the Elmhurst Historical Museum.

Kids' Library presented 63 programs with attendance of 1252; among them were second and third graders book discussion of *Attack of the 50-Foot Cupid* by Jim Benton, and first aid workshops attended by participants in the Home School Club and the After School Special. The Winter Reading program--"Go Hog Wild"--enrolled 784 readers, with 326 completing the program.

Director Boria reported on Proposed State and Federal Legislation affecting libraries. Several bills are intended to protect children from predators, but the provisions proposed are out-of-date, do not reflect awareness of current technology, and could prompt complaints difficult or impossible to answer. Illinois Library Association recommends a vote of NO on HB 1727, Internet Filters for Libraries. EPL has had filters for sometime, none of them perfect.