

Elmhurst Public Library
April 17, 2007
7:30 p.m. - 8:12 p.m.

All members present
Staff: 6
Observer: B. Swords

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

Director Boria reported that during March, 2007:

- circulation increased 9%;
- the number of programs in the Library increased 29%;
- 43,184 people visited the Library;
- an average of 42 cars per day used the drive-up window to pick up materials;
- 4 non-resident library cards were issued (each to an entire household).

As part of a delegation from the Illinois Library Association, Director Boria testified before the Illinois House Judiciary committee about concerns in pending HB 1727, which contains punitive provisions affecting public libraries if libraries fail to filter Internet terminals: e.g., \$100 per day fines, requiring staff to supervise minors who want unfiltered access, and requiring annual reports by the library director. Elmhurst Public Library currently has Internet filters in place; however, problems with the filters exist.

On March 19, 2007, the Mayor and City Council favorably reviewed the proposed EPL FL 2007-2008 budget and expressed their pleasure and satisfaction with the Library and its services.

Adult Services, during March:

- held programs for 266 attendees:
 - computer classes (69);
 - discussion of *Atonement* by Ian McEwan (21);
 - 3 sessions of Conversational Spanish Mixer (28);
 - "Ireland with Photographer Jack Lund" (30);
 - "Jane Addams with Annette Baldwin" (81), part of the three-part series offered with Elmhurst Historical Museum.

Kids Library:

- celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with 3 parties;
- 2 Game Time programs were offered for 23 after-school young people for dancing and gaming;
- 10 second and third graders discussed *Tippy Lemmey* by Patricia McKissack;
- Entertainer and educator Bill Buczinsky of "A Child's Voice" conducted a poetry playshop for 11 children of the HomeSchool Club and for 17 children and 5 adults at the After'School Special.

Sharon Karpiel, Head of Kids Library, and Karen Pepple, Librarian, reported to the Board about the services offered by the Library for pre-school children, including children in kindergarten and first grade, as well, and teachers, parents, caregivers. Kids Library loans collections of pre-school books (mainly picture books) to pre-schools

operated by the Elmhurst Park District and School District 205 Madison School pre-school center for special education. Library staff regularly presents story times at various pre-schools and in the Library. Regular circulation of pre-school picture books now exceeds circulation of adult hardcover fiction.

Kids Library presents regular sessions of the Early Literacy Program for young children during the years that they are preparing to learn to read: new materials include games, books, cassettes (songs, stories), wooden letters (to familiarize children with the alphabet and with written and printed forms), toys and puppets. Library staff members conduct workshops for parents, teachers, and caregivers of pre-school children.

No unfinished or new business required Board attention and action.

Adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel matters. 8: 14 p.m.