

Elmhurst Public Library Board
May 15, 2007
7:30 p.m.--8:10 p.m.

Members: Aman-Gurevich, Ryan absent
Staff: 2
Observer: B. Swords

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

Director Boria reported that for the fiscal year (May 1, 2006-April 30, 2007) 1.28 million items had been checked out.

Non-English speaking patrons will be better served now that circulation clerks can use the Polyglot translation kit that helps to identify which language a patron may be speaking and to answer basic questions using bilingual cards.

Friends of the Library presented the Poetry Reading Program; young poets in grades 4-12 who received first place or honorable mentions at each grade level read their poems to an audience of 120. The program may be viewed on Channel 6 on Fridays at 4 p.m. and on Saturdays at 6 p.m. during May. Over 180 poems were submitted this year.

Adult Services presented programs during April for 382 attendees: among these were "Daniel Burnham," in the Living History series (116); "Memoir Writing Seminar" (25); "Sullivan's Travels"--film series with Jim Wall (25); "Beginning ballroom Dancing" (120).

Kids' Library featured displays of books coordinated with several April events: National Library Week, National Poetry Month, and Dia de los Minos Dia de los Libros. Five hundred seventeen children from preschools attended the spring program "Willy Nilly, Laugh Yourself Silly"; they attended in 24 visits with 122 teachers and parents. Fifty-two second graders from Immaculate Conception school worked on their poetry assignment at the Library with their 2 teachers.

Director Boria presented to the Board a report with PowerPoint slides and handouts of the City's conceptual plan for a Cultural Trail through the north York Street commercial district and the Wilder Park area, which includes the Library.

New Business: The Board approved the Public Library Annual Report to be submitted to the Illinois State Library by May 30, 2007.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.