

Elmhurst Public Library Board
June 19, 2007
7:20 p.m. - 8:25 p.m.

Members absent: Wheaton and Walsh
Staff: 2
Observer: B. Swords

Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable were approved. Minutes of the Board meeting, May 15, 2007, included in the Consent Agenda, report that following Executive Session, the Board approved a 5.3% salary increase for the Library Director for 2007-2008, based upon an annual performance evaluation.

Report of the Finance committee was received.

Director Boria reported that circulation for May, 2007, traditionally the second slowest month of the year, exceeded 100,000 items, an 8% increase over the previous year: "We were stunned."

An orientation session was held for newly elected and installed members of the City Council; information was provided to them on the role of the Library Board in policy making and about the number of residents served annually.

Adult Services offered a new service on May 23 and 24: "Seniors study for finals": 58 York High School seniors met with York teachers to review and prepare for final exams in math and science. The sessions were "well-done" and well-received.

Other program highlights were the presentation of "Bertha Palmer," 19th c. Chicago leader, by Elmhurst Historical Museum staff member Leslie Goddard; audience was 120. Computer classes were attended by 46, and Ballroom dancing by 45.

A July program will present "Travelers Dream," a duo that presents Celtic, French Canadian, and Early American music; this program will connect with the Summer Reading Program theme.

Kids' Library, during May offered 122 programs for 6068 attendees: 78 visits were made to 12 schools to promote the Summer Reading Program, "Get a Clue @ Your Library." Fifteen presentations were made to Sandburg, Bryan, and Churchville Middle Schools.

First graders--284 with their 28 teachers-- came to the Library for 14 parties to celebrate their new skills in reading.

Middle School volunteers--187 of them--will be working in the Library during the summer at the Summer Reading Program table and as "Book Buddies" to read with second and third graders.

Director Boria reported on the status of bills in the Illinois General Assembly that affect libraries: several died in committee, some passed and await the Governor's signature. An amendment to the Sex Offender Notification Act requires that public libraries be notified about the residence of a sex offender in the City; there is no responsibility or liability accompanying this.

The Board approved continuing the contract with Unique Management Services, Inc. to provide assistance in the return of long overdue library materials; after the Library has attempted to obtain the return of these materials over a 3-month period, the Library will furnish Unique with the names and addresses of individuals with unreturned materials valued at \$50 or more for their action.