

Elmhurst Public Library Board
August 21, 2007
7:30-8:08 p.m.

All members present
Staff: 3
Observer: B. Swords

President Walsh presided. Accounts Payable were approved, and report of the Finance committee was received.

Director Boria reported:

- Patrons reserved 8,837 items during July;
- Via remote renewal system, patrons renewed 9,489 items;
- New record was set for circulation of magazines, spoken CDs, and down-loadable audio books.
- Total sales from the Book Sale room were \$991.
- Newly installed software will make the online catalog easier to use.

The Library will participate in the Cool Cities initiative, a program coordinated nationally by the Sierra Club and locally by Elmhurst League of Women Voters. Other participants include Elmhurst AAUW, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst Garden Club, Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, DuPage Environmental Commission, Elmhurst Presbyterian Church, and the City of Elmhurst.

The Board discussed issues concerning finding a new business to operate the coffee bar at the Library because Lavazza will discontinue service by November 30; they will be seeking new places of business elsewhere in the country, after happily serving the EPL. The Board approved moving forward in exploring a possible contract with a local coffee shop.

Adult Services

- Answered 4,855 reference questions at the second floor desk.
- "Travel to Austria with LeRoy Mick" (44), "Elder Hostel Travel" (45), "Traveler's Dream" musical group (34) were highlights of July programs for the Adult Summer Reading Program, "Book Your Trip."
- Four sessions of Conversational Spanish were attended by 28 speaker/learners.

Kids' library

- Featured programs to celebrate the publication of the last book in the series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*: among them were "Harry Potter Midnight Madness" (80) and "Harry Potter's Seventeenth Birthday" (19).
- Middle School volunteers (161) donated 971 hours of service as Book Buddies, General Assistants, and Helpers at the Summer Reading Table.
- Final registration for the Summer Reading program: 4873.

Library Staff Institute Day, August 24, will present programs and discussion sessions for "Building on our Success: planning the Library's role in the future of Elmhurst." Presenters will include Mayor Marcucci, R. Grodsky (Elmhurst Park District), L. Krizic (School District 205), J. Quigley (Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce), K. Bartels (Elmhurst College), and J. Bennis, (Schiller Real Estate).

To celebrate September as "Library Card Sign-up Month," several local businesses will offer discounts when a patron shows his/her library card.

Board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel matters.