

Elmhurst Public Library Board
Sept. 18, 2007
7:30 - 7:55 p.m.

Wheaton absent
Staff: 3
Observer: B. Swords

Accounts Payable was approved, and report of the Finance committee was received.

Director Boria reported:

- When a fierce storm blew through Elmhurst at 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 23, everyone in the Library was evacuated to the basement as the tornado sirens were sounding. The Library was then without power for 72 hours: Staff Institute Day (scheduled for August 23) was canceled, and the Library was closed to the public until Monday, August 26. Patrons continued to return items through the book drop so that when the Library reopened 8/26, every cart in the Circulation department was filled with books to be checked in and re-shelved; work accomplished by 8/27.
- Circulation for August increased 6 % and number of visitors increased 5%, in spite of the Library's being closed 2 extra days.
- Library visitors purchased 858 books from the Book Sale room, at a cost of \$1193.
- Director Boria attended a meeting at Elmhurst College to learn about the search process for a new president of the College, following President Cureton's retirement in 2008; the meeting provided an opportunity for members of the community to share views on the kind of leadership the search should be seeking.

Adult Services

- During the Summer Reading program, 138 teens and 1286 post-teen adults participated--with a total of 1572 books read by teens and 5,144 by post-teen adults.
- The Teen Wii Rock concert was attended and enjoyed by 125--to hear 3 local bands perform: Pisces at the Animal Fair, Carpe Diem, and Iris.
- Among the month's reference questions:
 - Was President Bush ever in Europe before he was elected President?
Answer--Yes: 3 visits to Mexico, 2 to Israel, 3 days in Rome, and a 6 week excursion to China in 1975 when his father was envoy to Beijing.

Kids' Library

- During August:
 - 668 attended 21 programs
 - One hundred ten Middle School volunteers served 320 hours as General Assistants, Book Buddies, and at the Summer Reading Table. They were rewarded with an After Hours Pizza Party on Saturday, August 18 and enjoyed refreshments, DJ music, games, and raffles.
- For the Summer Reading program, 4873 participated, +3.1% from 2006; Bookhounds (grades 2-5) was the largest group.

Assistant Library Director Sarah Calved reported on the Library's participation on the

community-wide Cool Cities Initiative. The program now involves many cities across the country and a large number of Chicago area cities and towns. In Elmhurst, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst League of Women Voters, Elmhurst American Association of University Women, City of Elmhurst, Elmhurst City Centre and many other organizations are participating. The program will involve study and applications of actions to be taken in an effort to protect and sustain our natural environment, to conserve our sources of energy, to reduce global warming, and so on.

The Library Board members approved the Library's Disaster Plan and its application for the Illinois State Library's Public Library Per Capita Grant.