

**Elmhurst Public Library**  
**November 20, 2007**  
**7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.**

**Member absent: Vanek**  
**Staff: 3**  
**Observer: B. Swords**

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

Director Boria report: She explained changes in fees for libraries in the SWAN system, which will be more equitable financially for both large and small libraries. Elmhurst Public Library, one of the largest in the system, borrows 50,000 items each year through Interlibrary Loan, but also lends 50,000 items to other libraries.

The SWAN server reported that during October, 9,197 Elmhurst cardholders used their cards; this use represented 30% of the population.

October was a "blockbuster" month: circulation jumped 11% overall with Kids' Library up by 15% and reference requests increased 12%, including a 30% increase in Kids' Library. Library visitors continue to purchase books in the Book Sale room: 1333 books at a cost of \$1478.

Assistant Director Caltvedt attended a meeting hosted by PADS representatives at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard to discuss issues created by PADS clients in public libraries throughout the County.

Adult Services report: 10 computer classes had attendance of 46; "Catch the Twain with Warren Brown" (30); Book discussion of "Brave New World" and "Brave New World Revisited" by Aldous Huxley (25).

Displays featured "It's Easy Being GREEN," which highlighted environmental tips and shared information about local "Cool Cities" initiative.

The second floor reference desk answered 4,886 questions; among them were "What are some books that focus on the life of military wives when their husbands are away at war?" "What non-alcoholic liquid can be substituted for wine in cooking?" "What is the title of an article on Iran discussed last night on CNN?"

Kids' Library report: 1900 people attended 76 programs, among which were "Mother Goose Time," "Toddler Time," "3's, 4's, and 5,s," "K's and First Grade," "Rhyme Time"-- all for the youngest children and accompanying adults; "Dia De Los Muertes" was presented for the Homeschool Club and After School Special.

A weekly program for kindergarteners and first graders featured a new literacy activity this fall. Kids listen carefully to stories and then, with craft materials create a picture of one of their favorite scenes; the readers discuss the stories with each other as they create their pictures.

At the end of the 7-week period the pictures were collated and sent home for talk with their families about the stories.

The Board approved:

- The 2007 Proposed Tax Levy of \$6,105,000, which includes funds for operations and repaying the building bonds.
- Authorization of a Concessionaire Agreement for the operation of a coffee concession.