

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

Members absent: Baker, Aman-Gurvich
Staff: 3
Observer: B. Swords

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

Director Boria report:

- Circulation in November increased 7.7%, with 9% in Kids' Library; adult circulation is 55% with Kids' 45% in contrast to the ratio in former years of 60% adults, 40% kids. Self-check circulation was 12% of overall circulation.
- E-commerce, which allows library users to pay fines and fees on line, enabled the Library to collect \$401 on credit cards from 40 patrons.
- Book Sale room visitors purchased 1,473 books at a cost of \$1699.
- Strategic Planning began in November; Director Boria is calling for volunteers to serve on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.
- Friends of the Library made their annual donation, \$7,400, which paid for prizes in the Kids' Library Summer Reading Program. Planning is now underway for the 3rd Annual Poetry Contest in April.
- St. Roger Abbey Patisserie staff has assumed responsibility for the coffee concession on the main floor of the Library.
- A large class of Library Technical Assistant students from College of DuPage toured the Library and met with architect Michael Barnes.

Adult Services report:

- November programs included:
 - 6 computer classes (attendance 41);
 - book and film discussions—
 - Anne Tyler, *Digging to America* (30) and *Lawrence of Arabia* (part 1) (30);
 - Conversational Spanish (27);
 - Lyric Opera lecture--R. Strauss, *Die Frau Ohne Schatten* (21).
- Librarians at the second floor reference desk answered 4402 reference questions; one patron asked to find the report mentioned in a Chicago Tribune article "CIA lifts the curtain..."making public a 693 page report on illicit agency activities in the 1960s and 1970s.
- On Thursday, January 31, 2009, 7 p.m., two officers from the Elmhurst Police department will show how they investigate a crime scene. Registration begins January 2, 2008.

Kids' Library report: In November, 97 programs were offered with attendance of 1764:

- among these were 41 sessions attended by the Library's youngest patrons and their caregivers.
- Beth Finke and her seeing-eye dog, Hannie, presented their experiences to the Home School club and the After School Special.
- Authors of the recently published *Treasures of Elmhurst* autographed books; 75 people attended who purchased more than forty books.

- A Storytime for Adoptive Families recognized National Adoption Month, on November 26.

The Board approved a resolution to adopt as a non-smoking area the John Carroll Memorial Reading Garden and the Garden Island at the southwest corner of the parking lot, near the east entrance. A Resolution of Commendation to the Elmhurst Garden Club and a Resolution of appreciation and holiday wishes to the Staff of the Library were approved.