

Elmhurst Public Library
May 20, 2008
7:30 p.m. - 8:08 p.m.

Member absent: Ryan
Staff: 2
Observer: B. Swords

Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable were approved. Consent Agenda included approval to purchase/replace several tables in the lobby: new table (54"x17"x38 1/2", \$995) near the book return chutes for patrons to use for sorting upon entering or leaving the Library and 3 small end tables (\$1000+shipping) and, if possible, to repair current tables to be used for book display on the second floor.

Director Boria report: circulation continues to increase-- for April and the fiscal year, 6% increase, 73,664 more items than in previous year; EPL circulation is 32 items per capita, 5 times the national average. Although many libraries report a decrease in the number of reference questions asked, at EPL the number remains steady, with more questions for searches of interpretations and opinions, rather than simply facts. Friends of the Library held its annual Poetry contest, with more than 80 poets reading their winning entries before an audience of friends and family members, to be broadcast on local television, Channel 6.

The Strategic Planning Committee meets weekly, to plan task forces and their charges; a Community Voice Forum was held to discuss their vision for the community over the next 5 years and their comments and suggestions are being reviewed.

Adult Services report: Monday Night Environmental Movie Series will be held at 6:30 p.m. on:

June 16 (*An Inconvenient Truth*).

June 23 (*Who Killed the Electric Car?*),

July 14 (*11th Hour*), July 21 (*Day After Tomorrow*).

During April, the Book Discussion of *Time Travelers Wife*, *"Songs from the American Railroad"* with Mark Dvorak, and *"When Trolleys Rode the Prairie Path"* with Steve Hyett were enjoyed by more than 150 patrons. Other patrons were served by EPL staff who monitored 20 exams for college courses and real estate recertification; another patron was assisted to discover materials on "How are the elderly portrayed in art?"

Kids' Library report: *Seal Island School* was discussed by 8 2nd and 3rd graders; "Concert of Music and Play" helped 85 children and 57 adults celebrate National Library Week; Homeschool Club and After-school Special took 35 kids to "Rocket to Mars!" At Career Day at Churchville Middle School, 25 8th graders discussed "Ten Top Reasons to Become a Librarian"--(10) Libraries are where the action is", (2) "Librarians know everything!"

510 preschoolers and their teachers came to the Library for the annual spring Preschool Visits--the theme this year was "All Things Bright and Beautiful: Spring is Here!"

Assistant Library Director Caltvedt reported on the continuing work and progress of the Strategic Planning Committee with Consultant Sullivan.

Board approved the Public Library Annual Report to the State Librarian.

Adjournment to Executive session to discuss personnel matters.