

Elmhurst Public Library Board

June 17, 2008

7:30 p.m. - 8:04 p.m.

**Members absent: Vanek, Wheaton, Ryan,
Aman-Gurvich**

Staff: 2

Observer: B. Swords

Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable were approved. Report of the Finance Committee was received. Consent Agenda included approval of purchase of some new tables for Kids' Library and several items to reupholster a window seat cushion, lounge chairs and settee; heavy use in both Kids' Library and Adult Services over the past 5 years necessitates this total expenditure of \$19,763--included in budget.

Director Boria report: During May, circulation increased 4%. Big increases in several categories of circulation were reported: number of interlibrary loan books Elmhurst residents received, 24%; number of books EPL loaned to other libraries, 15%. Unique Management Services, which handles delinquent circulation accounts, has collected \$28,645 in fines and fees as well as \$118 in returned materials; EPL has paid \$3,786 for this service--these statistics are for 8 months.

The Strategic Planning Committee began the next phase of the strategic planning process: identification of 6 areas for task forces to focus on; 30 staff members are working to develop goals and objectives.

As of June 17, enrollment in the Summer Reading program is 3316, a slight increase over this date last year; additional registration is expected now that the school year has ended. The Library is exploring new ways to publicize the program.

Kids' Library report: The Library hosted 17 First Grade "Celebrate Reading" visits, attended by 575 students and 48 teachers from 9 schools: activities included an original puppet show "Dr. Seymour Bugs-a-lot" and the story *There's an Ant in Anthony*. The theme of this year's Summer Reading program in "Catch the Reading Bug."

Puppets on the Wilder Side performed for 51 children and 41 adults tales based on the picture books *Giggle, Giggle, Quack* and *Burger Boy*; and a fractured fairy tale entitled *Little Red Driving Hood*.

198 middle school volunteers have been recruited to work at the Summer Reading Table, and to serve as General assistants, Book Buddies, and Program Assistants.

Adult Services report: A large number of programs during May attracted many participants: conversational Spanish mixer (18), Fiction Writing (17), Exploring Route 66 in Chicagoland (45), New Beginnings Women's Chorus (20), Continuous Garden Color the Easy U-Can Plan-Way (56, and Seniors Study for Finals (18).

Second floor reference desk answered 4,394 questions: among them was a question about the title of a film about adventure climbing a tall mountain (*Touching the Void*) and a query about the boundaries of occurrences of tornadoes in Illinois [tornadoes occur all over Illinois].

Staff report: M. Boria demonstrated Encore, the new online catalog software that the Library soon will begin testing for possible later adoption.

New Business: Approval to purchase additional shelving at a cost of \$21,793.

The Minutes of Executive Session of May 20, 2008 show approval of an 8 1/3% increase for the salary of the Library Director: based upon an annual performance evaluation.