

**Elmhurst Public Library**  
**September 16, 2008**  
**7:50 pm - 8:05 pm**

**Members absent: Ryan, Wheaton, Dyer**  
**Staff: 3**  
**Observer: B. Swords**

President Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.; the unusual delay was caused by the lack of a quorum until Trustee Vanek was able to arrive. (Presently, the Board has only 8 trustees, pending the appointment of a new member to replace Trustee Aman-Gurvich, who is moving out-of state).

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

Director Boria Report Circulation in August increased only 1%, but other measures increased: 12% in holds placed, 4% in Interlibrary loans received and 13% ILL sent out, 10% increase in use of the drive-up window. Patrons purchased 918 used books, with revenue of \$1277.

Public Information Coordinator Gandsey completed her service on August 13 and her replacement began her work on September 14; more than 60 applications were received.

The 23rd annual Staff Institute, on August 22, featured Warren Graham, author of the *Black Belt Librarian*; he spoke about safety and security in the Library; his presentation was insightful, humorous, and "right on target"--and received very favorably.

#### Adult Services Report

5288 books were read during the successful Teen and Adult summer reading programs: 376 Teens and 814 Adults turned in book-logs. Other programs included an Eco-movie series, X-treme Athletes, and other environmental speakers.

4,428 reference questions were answered at the second floor reference desk. One patron was looking for a book set during the American Civil War with the main character a chaplain; it is a work of historical fiction, written by a woman. The book was identified by the librarians as *March*, by Geraldine Brooks. The answer to a question asked 4 or 5 years ago was found recently in the online subscription to *Science News*: Who was Nicolas Bourbaki? Bourbaki was the name of a secret society of French mathematicians; the last of the founders died August 13, 2008 at the age of 104.

Kids' Library On Saturday, August 23, 85 middle school volunteers were thanked for their assistance during the summer reading program; pizza and snacks, raffle prizes, a dj and dancing, and game room were enjoyed.

In honor of Elmhurst's first "Green Fest" Librarian Lorenz told "Green Stories" to a group of 20 children and 13 adults. A workshop to explore the worlds of insects and "creepy crawling" things and the Traveling World of Reptiles exhibited reptiles and amphibians from around the world informed many children and adults of these fellows of the world.

The Board approved the contract for Information Technology services with the McCann Group at a cost of \$95,450 for two years of services.