

Elmhurst Public Library
October 21, 2008
7:30 pm - 8:05 pm

All Members Present
Staff: 3
Observer: B. Swords

Consent Agenda and **Accounts Payable** were approved. Report of the Finance Committee was received; all items are on budget and schedule. **Consent Agenda** included authorization to collect food for needy Elmhurst families: United Community Concerns Association, in collaboration with the Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry and Yorkfield Food Pantry, requested permission to collect food for needy Elmhurst families in the 2 weeks surrounding Thanksgiving; these organization serve more than 200 families in Elmhurst and report that this year the need for food is extremely high. Although Library policy does not permit solicitation of monetary donations within the Library, approval was given for this request this year.

Director Boria Report: Although September is usually one of the 3 slowest circulating months, September, 2008, saw a 5% gain in circulation, a 3% increase in the number of visitors to the building, a 17% increase in holds placed, an 18% increase in interlibrary loan items sent to other libraries, a 32% increase in patrons using the drive-up window. \$1382 was received from sales in the Book Sale Room.

Cheryl Moore, Public Information Coordinator, began work on September 8, and her first display, Lunchboxes, has been a huge success with public and press.

Elmhurst author Christine Blevins attended the Illinois Library Association Author luncheon, escorted by Director Boria, Assistant Director Caltvedt, and Librarian Ingram; Blevins's book, *Midwife of the Blue Ridge*, tells a story of an indentured servant who comes to U.S in 1760; the novel contains fine descriptions of frontier life.

Adult Services report: Conversational Spanish Mixer, Lyric Opera lectures, and "Get Ready to Switch to Digital TV" were some of the well-attended programs in September. "An Evening with Poe and Friends" will be held on October 30 with readings of Creepy Classics.

A new database service, Live Homework Help, began in August and received 128 hits in September.

4,437 reference questions were answered at the 2nd floor desk.

Kids' Library report: During September, 451 people attended 23 programs. Five middle school volunteers gave 12 hours of service.

Seventeen Churchville Middle School 8th graders with 2 teachers did author research at the Library; 40 students and 4 teachers from Bryan Middle School researched authors; 56 Immaculate Conception 7th graders, 2 teachers, and 4 parents attended a mini- workshop on researching science fair projects; 12 - 4th graders from Immanuel Lutheran and 2 teachers did research for their state reports.

The Board of Trustees approved adoption of the Strategic Plan. It will appear on the EPL web site, and as the Board and Staff determine ways to implement the goals of the Plan, information will be available to Elmhurst citizens.

The Board approved the proposal of Trustee Dyer that a "thank you" gift of \$50 be made to each member of the Library staff, all of whom have contributed much to the Strategic Plan. \$7500 will be made available within the Library budget.