

Elmhurst Public Library
November 18, 2008
7:30 pm - 8:19 pm

Wheaton arrived 8:00 pm
Staff: 3
Observer: B. Swords

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

Director Boria Report: Circulation increased in many areas in October:

- 13% increase in holds placed,
- 19% interlibrary loans sent,
- 10% interlibrary loans received, and
- 29% of drive-up window use.

Sales in the Book Sale room brought in revenue of \$1579. Beginning October 7, Technical Services Department has been hosting a student from Elmhurst College's Elmhurst Life Skills Academy (ELSA) program. This program provides a post-secondary educational experience for young adults with developmental disabilities. One component is work experience. An ELSA student spends 4 hours pre week observing and working with tech services.

Assistant Director Caltvedt conducted 4 "safety" tours for staff, reviewing evacuation procedures, emergency exits, etc.

President Walsh Report: Walsh read thank you notes from staff in appreciation of the \$50 "thank you" gifts from the Board in honor of their staff work.

Adult Services Report: October programs including three book discussions – *Kabul Beauty School*, *Whistling Season*, and Stephanie Meyer's *Twilight* series. "Creepy Classics-an evening with Poe and Friends," "Auto Detailing Like a Professional," and "Don't Pay the College Sticker Price" were other well-attended programs.

Librarians answered 4997 reference questions at the 2nd floor desk. A patron asked whether 2 Elmhurst buildings were designed by Hermann V. von Holst; 122 S. York (previously occupied by O'Malley's Pub) and the electric station on Cherry street. Librarian Byron Blank undertook extensive research with the assistance of Nancy Wilson, archivist at Elmhurst Historical Museum, who confirmed that von Holst was the architect of 122 S. York. Local History Librarian at Oak Park Public Library and expert on Frank Lloyd Wright, von Holst predecessor, provided background on von Holst: Librarian Blank discovered a dissertation surveying Electric Substations in Chicagoland, 1900-1932; Librarian at the School of the Art Institute, Chicago confirmed, examining the dissertation, that von Holst was the substation architect.

Kids' Library Report: Eighty-nine programs were presented in October with attendance of 1912. Included were story time for 3s, 4s, and 5s (12 sessions for 229 children and 90 adults), Chess Club (3 sessions, 29 players), and "Writing Excellence Workshop" (3 sessions, 37 writers).

Author Laurie Lawlor explained how she put her ideas, family history, and life experiences together to write more than 25 historical novels for children and young adults. Nine 2nd and 3rd graders discussed her book, *The School at Crooked Creek*.

Columbus Day no-school special brought 28 children and 16 adults to watch a marionette performance, "Stringing on a Star."

Six middle school volunteers donated 23 hours of service to the Library in October.

Staff Report: Assistant Director Caltvedt described the services provided by the newly installed 32 surveillance cameras, located at sites in both interior and exterior of the building. It is important that the pictures are stored and can be retrieved, if needed, to examine possible incidents in the future.

New Business: The Board approved

- The preliminary FY 2009-2010 Operating Budget, with a tax levy of \$6,359,000, a 4% increase over the previous tax levy.
- Opening minutes of executive sessions – April 8, 25 and May 20 for public inspection.