

Elmhurst Public Library
November 17, 2009
7:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Member absent: Walsh, V.P. Vanek, presiding
Staff: 3
Observer: B. Swords

Consent Agenda and **Accounts Payable** were approved. Report of the finance committee was received.

Consent Agenda included approval to purchase seating for the second floor; cost of \$17,500, and \$2000 for purchase of small seats. Because of heavy use, the chairs at the computer stations have been replaced over the past 5 years; now 36 new, sturdier chairs will be purchased and 6 small seats to be used for lounge seating need to be added for patron use behind the Magazine desk.

Approval was given to purchase display panel shelving for Kids' Library; cost, \$2493; these panels will help to highlight collections and programs.

Director Boria report: In October, circulation increased 11%, the highest one-month increase in 2 years. 46,230 people visited, average of more than 1491 per day; reference questions (7,594) increased 7%. Other circulation measures increased 29%: Interlibrary loans increased, both sending out and receiving in. Book Sale room sold 1,028 items, with revenue of \$1438.

A staff committee is working out ways to change the classification system to make the music collection easier to browse; e.g., there is now demand to find "wedding music," music of the 1950s, rather than genres, such as "symphonies", etc.

Adult Services report: Many well-attended programs were presented in October:

- 6 computer classes(47);
- "Knitting Across America" (20);
- "Conversational Spanish Mixer" (27);
- "Exploring Mail-Order Homes Along the Old Chicago & Northwestern Railroad" (39);
- "Thinking About Becoming Self-Employed" (28);
- "Iran: Ancient and Modern" (37).

Upcoming events include stories about traditions of St. Nicholas on December 9. Highest number ever reported for uses of Group Study rooms: 398. Among the reference questions asked and answered: for a project on "smiling" staff found books on the science of happiness and the scientific aspect of feelings in the brain. *Encyclopedia of Human Emotions* was helpful on this topic.

Kids' Library report: 82 programs, attendance 1951, were presented in October.

- Mother Goose Time (14 sessions, 164 children, 158 adults);
- Toddler Time (16 sessions, 219 children, 180 adults);
- Storytime for 3s and 4s(220 children, 180 adults);
- Chess Club, 2 sessions, 33 players;
- Puppets on the Wilder Side, 2 sessions, 20 puppeteers.

A lively concert was presented by Kathleen Gibson, "Wild Thing, You Make My Heart Sing," and enjoyed by 77 children and 42 adults. "Hair Raising Electricity and Cool Circuitry" was presented to 26 participants in the Homeschool Club and for 20 participants in the After-School Special. Two classes of 5th graders from Edison School did research on Native American history.

Librarians report on Illinois Library Association Conference 2009: Several written statements were presented to the Board in appreciation of the value of the conference: "Revitalize, Renew, and

Renovate" and "Navigating the First Amendment Highway in Your Library. . ."

Staff report: Catherine Ingram, Head of Adult Services, reported on her worthwhile experiences at Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative, 2009.

The Board approved revisions in the Collection Management Plan.