

**ALLEN PARK LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
January 7, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jack Rourke at 5:00 p.m. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Present: Commissioners: Chairperson Jack Rourke, and members Terri Hagen, Maria Lalli and Miriam Winkler; and Librarians Sandi Blakney and Karen Smith. Absent excused: Commissioner Patricia Nowak.

**AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented. Terri/Miriam. Carried.

**PRIOR MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting were approved as amended and will be released to the City web-site. Terri/Miriam. Carried.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

- Circulation was up about 17% over December of 2007. Overall, our circulation is up 6% over 2007. Allen Park cards accounted for 15% of Melvindale circulation in December. Thus we were liable for 5% of their December Wayne County billing.
- Book Bingo was held on December 1.
- D & D averaged 12 teens present for a weekly adventure.
- On December 16<sup>th</sup> the Book Discussion Group met to discuss *The Lincoln Lawyer* by Michael Connelly.
- Our monthly Tween Night was held December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The second fall session of stoytime programs (Toddler, Preschool, After-School Sessions K, I and II, and the Family Reading Program) ended the week of December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Cold War in Film series concluded with *Dr. Strangelove* one December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Family Movie Night featured *The Santa Clause* on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Teen Advisory Board continues to meet.
- Teen author Patrick Jones met with the Teen Writing Group and other interested teens on December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The Teen Writing Group continues to meet twice a month.
- The final Addiction Seminar (Relapse) was held Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The author is planning a series of seminars for early 2009.
- November additions to our collection included 126 adult fiction and non-fiction volumes, and the juvenile collection was increased by a total of 319 volumes. Videos/DVD's were also added.
- The internet was used by 886 patrons

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Children and Young Adult and Adult

- The many programs as delineated above were well attended.

### Budget/Finance

- Spreadsheets representing the County Budget through October 2008 and the City Budget through November 2008 were presented.

### Technology

- Our library automation software will be upgraded by TLN over Martin Luther King Day weekend.
- The Baker College computer donation did not materialize, and our existing computers will not run the new software.
- The Mayor and Council approved the library's request to spend \$11,187.40 on twelve new Dell workstations.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The public restrooms will require a key from the front desk for use of these facilities due to vandalism.
- The roof is leaking on the May Street wall, resulting in inventory damage.
- At least one of the HVAC units needs attention. The proper people have been notified.
- An inclement weather closing policy is under discussion.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. Maria/Terri. Carried.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 5 p.m.

Miriam Winkler  
Secretary