

**ALLEN PARK LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
September 4, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jack Rourke at 5:02 p. m.. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE**

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

**AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented. Patty/Maria. Carried.

**PRIOR MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 2, 2008 meeting were approved as presented and will be released to the City web-site. Terri/Patty. Carried.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

- Circulation was up about 7% in June, 12% in July and unchanged for August. Overall, circulation is up 3% over the first 8 months of 2007. Since Allen Park cards accounted for 19% of Melvindale circulation in June, we were liable for 9% of their June Wayne County billing. In July and August, Allen Park usage accounted for 15% of Melvindale's circulation each month, making us liable for 5% of their County billing for each of those months.
- Our Summer Reading Programs were phenomenal in scope, content and attendance. 396 young people registered, an increase of 98 over 2007. The program will be tweaked next year to accommodate even more participants.
- While the Adult Summer Reading Program was eliminated this year, the Adult Book Discussion Group met throughout the summer. The Family Reading Program displaced Adult Book Bingo in July. Book Bingo will resume each month starting in September.
- The children's Garden Club met 3 times in June to plant annuals. A Drop-In Craft session was held on the 4 Wednesdays in August, and a family-friendly movie was offered on 3 Friday mornings. All were well attended.
- On-going programs for YAs include D&D, Writers' Group, and the Teen Advisory Board.
- Many autumn programs will begin on September 9 including Toddler, Preschool, Kindergarten, Primary, Tweens, Family Reading, Garden Club, once-a-month sessions of Saturday Storytime/Holiday Programs, Teen Night and Tween Night.
- We will be hosting an addiction counselor for three programs in September, October and December.
- We have 2 library science students on our staff who work with programs for adults and our childrens' and tweens' programs.

- One of these students has developed the Cold War in Movie Series for our Adult patrons. This will be inaugurated this Fall. He will also show Cult Classics once a month beginning in January. Admission will be limited to patrons 18 and older.
- A concern by a patron about a film in our VHS collection resulted in agreement by the commission to make the patron aware of our Material Selection Policy.
- The Library is a collection point for the surveys re: the new Municipal Complex. We agreed as a Commission that we need to have upgraded facilities at a cost that will be doable with the City's current financial capabilities.
- The Librarians have visited many library facilities and have been brain-storming wishes for the new facility.
- Over the 3 month summer period over 1600 new items were added to the collection.
- Internet usage for that same period was over 3600 even though the Young Adult and Juvenile computers were turned off due to vandalism.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Children and Young Adult

- The many programs were well attended as delineated above.

### Budget/Finance

- The Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the City of Allen Park are current through July 2008.
- Wayne County's financial reports are current through July, 2008.

### Technology

- No report

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

- See "Librarian's Report" above for details.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Maria/Patty. Carried.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 5 p.m. Special meetings, if needed, will be called.

Miriam Winkler  
Secretary