

**ALLEN PARK LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
November 5, 2008**

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

**MEETING ATTENDANCE**

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

**AGENDA**

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

**PRIOR MINUTES**

The Minutes of the October 8, 2008 meeting were approved as presented and will be released to the City's website. Maria/Patty. Carried

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

- Circulation was up about 11% over October, 2007. Overall, our circulation is up 5% over the first ten months of 2007. Allen Park cards accounted for 15% of Melvindale circulation in October. Thus we were liable for 5% of their October Wayne County billing.
- Over 25 programs were held in October.
- The Teen Advisory Board sponsored the 9<sup>th</sup> **Haunted Library** on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The Cold War in Film series continued with *Omega Man*; the Teen Writing Group met; our monthly Tween Night included sharing scary stories; and Teen Read Week was highlighted by a "Barbeque with the Vampire" and a "Twilight Party".
- D & D averaged 12 teens at their weekly adventure.
- *The Bone Garden* by Tess Gerritsen brought in 11 participants for the Book Discussion Group.
- 6 adults participated in Book Bingo.
- The 7+ storytime programs were very strongly attended.
- A local author held the second in a three-part Addiction series on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- One of our library aides is presenting introductory internet classes for interested patrons.
- The Macy's Museum Pass program is continuing.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Children and Young Adult and Adult

- The many programs as delineated above were well attended.

### Budget/Finance

- Spreadsheets representing the City and County Budgets through September 2008 were presented.

### Technology

- The word processing stations have not been completed. TLN is still waiting for the drivers for our new network printer.
- TLN and member libraries are considering whether it is wise to remain with SAM (Comprise) for 3 more years, or move to a new public access management solution. Member libraries will vote in October. Allen Park has decided to remain with SAM.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- There is no further news about the new Municipal Complex.
- Cheryl Stan organized a Used Book Sale which was held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds equaled \$205.50

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

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### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m. Patty/Miriam. Carried.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 5 p.m.

Miriam Winkler  
Secretary