

**ALLEN PARK LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2009**

Chairperson Jack Rourke called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Present: Commissioners: Chairperson Jack Rourke, and members Terri Hagen, Maria Lalli, new Commissioner Carol Meyers and Miriam Winkler; and Librarians Sandi Blakney and Karen Smith. Absent, excused: Patricia Nowak and George Purdu. Absent: Susan White.

AGENDA

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

PRIOR MINUTES

The minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting were approved as amended and will be released to the City web-site. (The April meeting was cancelled.) Terri/Maria. Carried.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

- Circulation was up 26% over March of 2008 and 5% over April of 2008. Overall, our circulation is up 22% over 2008. Allen Park cards accounted for 14% of Melvindale circulation in March and 17% of Melvindale circulation in April. Thus we were liable for 4% and 7% of their Wayne County billing for those periods.
- Book Bingo was held on March 2nd and April 6th.
- Teen Advisory Board met in March and April.
- D & D averaged 12 and 15 teens in March and April respectively.
- On March 20th the Book Discussion Group met to discuss *A Is for Alibi* by Sue Grafton, and on April 20th the title was *The Perfect Fake* by Barbara Parker.
- Our monthly Tween Nights were held on March 4th and April 1st featuring brain-teasers, optical illusions and Magic Eye pictures.
- The monthly Teen Night featured creating scented bath fizz.

- The winter session of stoytime programs (Toddler, Preschool, After-School Sessions K, I and II, and the Family Reading Program) concluded, and the spring session of these groups began on April 6th.
- Yvonne Langley, Director of Career Services at Baker College, conducted Resume Writing Workshops on March 13th and 20th, and April 3rd and 17th.
- Family Movie Night featured *The Cat in the Hat* on March 11th, and *Angels in the Outfield* on April 8th.
- Saturday Afternoon Movies in March and April featured *Mamma Mia!*, *Being There*, and *Never Cry Wolf*.
- A drop-in craft session was presented on April 15th.
- On April 18th Super Saturday featured facts about Earth Day.
- The Dr. Seuss Birthday Party Super Saturday event was sparsely attended.
- March and April additions to our collection included 383 adult fiction and non-fiction volumes, and the juvenile collection was increased by a total of 645 volumes. 42 Videos/DVD's/Books on Tape were also added.
- The computer system was used by 3126 patrons and 16 patrons used the word processing stations.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Children, Young Adult and Adult

- The many programs as delineated above were well attended.

Budget/Finance

- Spreadsheets representing the County Budget through March 2009 and the City Budget through April 2009 were presented.
- The Commission approved a \$844,400 Draft Budget for 2009-2010. Miriam/Carol. Carried.

Technology

- We will make the old computer workstations available for sale (to patrons) or donation (to other non-profits) later in April. They are awaiting a wipe-clean on the hard drives and reinstallation of the operating systems by our contractor.
- The project to use the City's server is on hold.
- The backboard has been installed in anticipation of moving up to 4.0 Mbps Mid-Band Ethernet (from the current TI line) effective July 1, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- The Open House to introduce the *We the People Bookshelf*, “Picturing America” grant will be held Friday, May 15, 2009 at 6 pm at the Library. An old-fashioned Ice Cream Social will be featured. Elected officials and school systems served by the Allen Park Library have been invited to celebrate with the Staff and Commission.
- A request to use the Library as the venue for a child’s birthday party was discussed. Action was tabled.
- Policies for Activities Room Usage were given to the Commission for consideration at a later date.
- As an outcome of sparse attendance at some programs, the Commission sanctioned a refundable deposit at the time of registering a child for such programs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m. Miriam/Maria. Carried.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 5 p.m.

Miriam Winkler
Secretary