

**ALLEN PARK LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 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, Patricia Nowak 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 January 7, 2009 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 January of 2008. Overall, our circulation is up 17% over 2008. Allen Park cards accounted for 18% of Melvindale circulation in January. Thus we were liable for 8% of their January Wayne County billing.
- Book Bingo was held on January 5th.
- Teen Advisory Board met in January.
- D & D averaged 12 teens present for a weekly adventure.
- On January 20th the Book Discussion Group met to discuss *Transfer of Power* by Vince Flynn.
- Our monthly Teen Night was held January 21st when the participants played *Pictureka!*
- The monthly Tween Night, held on January 7, featured journaling. The scheduled author's presentaion will be rescheduled for February.
- The winter session of stoytime programs (Toddler, Preschool, After-School Sessions K, I and II, and the Family Reading Program) began the week of January 5th.
- Family Movie Night featured *Happy Feet* on January 14.
- The Teen Advisory Board continues to meet.
- Super Saturday, held on January 24, had Beth helping the children celebrate Chinese New Year with stories of the Chinese zodiac, making noisemakers and enjoying chocolate-covered fortune cookies.
- The Teen Writing Group continues to meet weekly.
- The Saturday Movie Afternoon featured *Marty* on January 31st.
- A Cub Scout group enjoyed a tour and learned how to use the microfilm reader on Monday, January 26th.
- January additions to our collection included 121 adult fiction and non-fiction volumes, and the juvenile collection was increased by a total of 199 volumes. 44 Videos/DVD's were also added.

- The internet was used by 1260 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 January 2009 and the City Budget through December 2008 were presented.

Technology

- New computers arrived and were installed and upgraded as scheduled. TLN is evaluating our old computers, and removing memory and hard drives for use elsewhere in the library. We will make the old workstations available for sale (to patrons) or donation to other non-profits.
- Since it will cost approximately \$4,000 to be able to use the City's server for backup of non-library files, we have chosen not to participate.

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Vandalism to the public restrooms has made locking them a necessity. A key is available at the charge desk.
- An inclement weather closing policy was presented for the Commission to review for future action.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

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

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

Miriam Winkler
Secretary