

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Monday, April 25, 2005 at the O'Neill Branch Library. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

- Janet Axelrod
- William Barry
- Patricia Payne
- James Roosevelt
- Nancy Woods

also present:

- Susan Flannery, Director of Libraries
- Marilyn Gagalís, Administrative Assistant

No Action Required

Ms. Flannery informed the Board that she had not received any Patriot Act requests since the February meeting.

Correspondence was acknowledged from Robert C. Maier of the MBLC, Madeline Pearlmuter, Frank DiMana, Jennifer and Seth Gottlieb and Mayor Michael Sullivan.

Ms. Flannery announced that the library won three First Place Awards and 1 Second Place Award from the Massachusetts Library Association. The first place awards were for the Wild Rumpus for Maurice Sendak, the publication of the Secret Gardens of Cambridge and the holiday card. The second place award was for the Summer Reading Program from 2004.

Ms. Flannery reported that the library was preparing for re-opening in late May or early June. The staff was working diligently to that end and seemed happy with their new home. At this time there are approximately 300 boxes of books to be shelved before re opening. Plans are underway to host a breakfast with the Alternative High School and a tour for neighbors before the actual opening.

On May 6th there was a successful staff development program and luncheon at which all staff were gathered together in the same place for the first time in the history of the library.

Ms. Flannery also announced that the Main Library hours for Friday would be changed at the Longfellow based on prior discussions of limited staffing. Closing time will be 5:00.

Ms. Flannery informed the Board that the FY06 budget hearing will be on May 11, 2005.

Action Items

Minutes from the February 2005 meeting were approved.

Ms. Flannery reported that she had not heard from Ms. Theresa Heinz Kerry regarding the library's request that she be the speaker for the 2005 Galbraith Lecture. Mr. Roosevelt will follow up on this request again.

In addition, Ms. Flannery announced that 2 employees had been chosen to receive the Outstanding City Employee Award, Yan Qu and Alan Burne. Greg Fisher, former library employee now working for the MIS Department also received an award. The Board requested that Ms. Flannery send letters of congratulations to these three employees.

Board members discussed RFID technology in libraries and will consider it for the new building.

Board members voted to print bookmarks when we are open that warn patrons about the "My History" component of the Triple I software available on the Minuteman Network.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, May 16, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the temporary Main Library at 359 Broadway.