

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Monday, November 14, 2005 at the Main Library. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

- Janet Axelrod
- Andre Mayer
- Patricia Payne
- James Roosevelt
- Nancy Woods

also present:

- Susan Flannery, Director of Libraries
- Marilyn Gagalís, Administrative Assistant
- Julie Roche, Children's Librarian
- Ardemis Kilroy, Valente Branch Manager

No Action Required

There was no correspondence this month.

The FAQ section for the ***Books & Mortar*** web site, developed by Ms. Flannery and Ms. Woods is now available for public viewing.

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

Ms. Flannery reported that the Friends had held their annual meeting and elected a new president, Alice Chen. Alice is a librarian at CRLS. The Friends are working on increasing their membership this year.

Ms. Payne announced that Barnes & Noble Bookstores is sponsoring a benefit for the Metrowest library system. Using vouchers, people can make purchases with a percentage being donated to the libraries in the region.

Julie Roche spoke about her new position as Head of the Children's Room at the Main Library. She introduced herself to the Board and gave a brief overview of her background. Board members asked about her plans for future programs in the children's room. She reported that she had already developed a kindergarten library registration program and a program presented by children's publishers, reviewing new children's books.

Ardemis Kilroy spoke about her background as well as her plans as the manager of the Valente Branch Library. Ardemis has worked extensively with high school students during the spring and has initiated programs designed to keep the students involved with the library. Since she speaks and understands at least 5 languages, she can communicate with many students who are new to Cambridge and the country. She has formed a working relationship with the King Open School as well.

Action Items

Minutes from the October 2005 meeting were approved.

Ms. Flannery spoke with Trustees about choosing a speaker for the Galbraith Lecture. It was unanimously decided to invite Cambridge resident Justice Stephen Breyer to speak. Ms. Flannery will contact Justice Breyer requesting his involvement.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, December 12, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library Conference Room at the Longfellow School.

Andre Mayer, Secretary