

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Monday, September 18, 2006 at the Main Library. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

- Janet Axelrod
- William Barry (via speaker phone)
- Andre Mayer
- Patricia Payne
- James Roosevelt
- Nancy Woods

Also present:

- Susan Flannery, Director of Libraries
- Madeline Amorosi, Assistant Director for Public Services
- Marilyn Gagalís, Administrative Assistant

Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Correspondence was acknowledged from David Gray, MBLC, Susan Holland, Youville Lifecare, Luiza A. Costa, Ms. Barilla, Ryan Hoedt, Corey Boniface, and Katherine Fitcher.

Ms. Flannery informed the Board that she had not received any Patriot Act requests since the June 2006 meeting.

Alan Burne presented a synopsis of work completed this summer at the 449 Broadway site. All utility and Verizon work was completed as scheduled. Public Works and Water Department completed their tasks on schedule. Bids for General Contractors have been extended 3 weeks and will be due at the end of October. Trustees commended Mr. Burne for the “amazing work” he has done for the library.

Ms. Flannery reported on the Collins Branch renovation project. Bids are due on September 28, 2006. A tentative date to close the branch is October 1, 2006. It will be advertised that the branch will remain closed for 6 months but will reopen as soon as the work is complete.

Ms. Flannery announced the retirement of Frank Gages as of September 29, 2006. Mr. Gages has been employed by the library for over forty years and most recently has served as Head of the Technical Services Department. Board members requested notification when a retirement celebration is planned. Ms. Flannery also invited the Board of Trustees to the Staff Recognition event to be held on September 28, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Main Library.

Upcoming events of note included the October 20, 2006 Cambridge Reads Event at Sanders Theater featuring author Tracy Kidder and Doctor Paul Farmer. In addition, the Cambridge Science Festival will begin the week after April 2007 school vacation. This is a citywide initiative and Ms. Flannery is on the steering committee.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library at the Longfellow School.

Andre Mayer, Secretary