

## ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Minutes of June 16, 2008 Meeting

President Anne Schoenborn called the June 16, 2008 meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:00 P.M. Present: Linda DeMeuse, Carolyn Wolske, Pat Cichon, Jane McLaren, Jim Barlow and Director, Rita Schiesser. Excused: Ron Welch.

Motion by Cichon, second by DeMeuse to approve the June 2008 agenda. Motion Carried.

Motion by DeMeuse, second by Wolske to approve the May 2008 minutes. . Motion Carried.

Motion by Barlow, second by McLaren to approve the bills. Motion Carried

#### **Directors Report**

##### **Statistics:**

People: 4,439 people visited the library in May 2008

Daily average: 171

Circulation: 8,186 items circulated in May 2008

Daily average: 344

##### **Donations**

\$200 was donated to the library.

The Algoma Lions club donated the proceeds of their Brat/Burger fry in the amount of \$455.30 to be used to purchase equipment and materials for the visually impaired

Joyce Leischow donated a Merlin Enhanced Vision System to the library. The system enlarges print materials and will be for in library use.

##### **Library Issues**

The Summer Library Programs are underway and well attended. The N.E.W Zoo will present a program on June 26.

The public has been using the wireless internet. 40 hits were recorded in the first few weeks.

Alyce Sutter has been working with the Literacy Partners in creating accounts for tutors and students participating in the Language Software Grant awarded to area library systems. Algoma received a laptop computer loaded with Rosetta Stone. Students are also using Rosetta Stone software donated to the library by the Algoma School District. St. Mary's School in Algoma has opened their computer lab to students wishing to use the "Tell Me More" program available online through the InfoSoup homepage.

“Tell Me More” is the second part of the Language Software Grant and is available to anyone with a library card who wishes to learn German, Italian, Spanish, French, Dutch or English.

Board members received copies of a report issued by NorthStar Economics regarding the economic impact of Wisconsin’s public libraries on the economy. The report showed that the return on investment in library services is \$4.06 for each dollar of taxpayer investment.

The Director of the Nicolet Federated Library System has referred an issue regarding denial of internet use by sex offenders to the State Department of Libraries, Technology and Community Learning which is seeking legal counsel and working on a statewide policy.

### **Programs**

There were 46 programs in May (4 for adults, 34 for children, 8 for families) with a total attendance of 923.

### **Other Library Issues**

The proposed 2009 budget was presented to the Board by Director Schiesser.

### **Algoma Library Friends**

The Algoma Library Friends will be funding the project for repairing the floor in the 4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance. This project is no longer in the 2009 budget.

The July agenda will include the 2009 budget as an action item.

Next meeting will be July 21, 2008 at 4 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM on a motion by McLaren, second by Cichon. Motion Carried

Linda DeMeuse  
Secretary