

## ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Minutes of March 16, 2009 Meeting

Vice-president Pat Cichon called the March 16, 2009 meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:00 P.M. Present: Linda DeMeuse, Carolyn Wolske, Jim Barlow, Jane McLaren, Pat Cichon, Ron Welch and Director Rita Schiesser. Excused: Ann Schoenborn

Motion by DeMeuse second by Wolske to approve the March 2009 agenda. Motion Carried.

Motion by Barlow, second by Wolske to approve the February 2009 minutes. Motion Carried.

Motion by DeMeuse, second by Welch to approve the bills. Motion Carried

### **Directors Report**

#### **Statistics:**

##### People:

4,261 people visited the library in February 2009

Daily average: 176

Circulation: 8,392 items circulated in February 2009

Daily average: 350

### **Donations**

Algoma Library Friends donated funds for a new paper shredder and headphones for the internet stations. (\$246.68)

### **Library Issues**

Library Aide Tyler Sallee will be leaving the aide position as of March 13. The position is in the process of being filled.

The library participated in the "Disney on Ice" promotion in partnership with the Nicolet Federated Library System. Children had to read 5 books to earn a ticket. Each library received 40 tickets. 31 children completed the program in Algoma.

The library participated in the Milwaukee Bucks "Read to Succeed" Challenge again this year. Students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade read 6,412 pages.

Library Staff is planning for National Library Week, April 12 – 18. The theme this year is "World's Connect @ Your Library".

One of the 2009 Nicolet Federated Library System's priorities is to implement "SAM" (Smart Access Management), a computer management system in Nicolet libraries. The program would allow customers to sign up for computer time on their own, reducing staff

time involved in keeping lists and restarting computers. There would not be a cost to the library for the software program. Libraries which have computer management systems in place are pleased with this process.

### **Programs**

There were 30 programs in February (5 for adults, 15 for children and 10 for families) with a total attendance of 463.

### **Other Issues**

The library's Goals/Objectives, Short and Long Range Plans were distributed and discussed. Approval will be an action item at the April meeting.

The Bernice Knospe Bequest was discussed. Director Schiesser will look into available interest bearing government accounts. On a motion by Barlow and a second by Wolske, Director Schiesser was given authority to use her discretion in this matter.

The Algoma Library Friends are planning their tea on April 26, 2009, from 2 – 4 PM at the St Agnes Episcopal Church Guild Hall. The tea helps fund a scholarship to further the education of a student pursuing a degree in media/library/ information studies.

April agenda items include Goals and Objectives for 2009 and the Bernice Knospe Bequest as action items.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 20, 2009 at 4 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM on a motion by Barlow, second by McLaren. Motion Carried

Linda DeMeuse  
Secretary