Evanston Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Thursday, January 7, 2010  
7:30 p.m.

Library Community Meeting Room


Members Absent: Lynette Murphy, Brooke Roothaan, Susan Stone

Staff Present: Mary Johns, Library Director; Paul Gottschalk, Administrative Services Manager.

Guest Present: Emily Guthrie, Mary Alice Ball, Lori Keenan

Call to Order
Karen Terry called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

Citizen Comment
Mary Alice Ball suggested that the Library and the City explore broadband technology opportunities that may be funded through federal stimulus funds.

Budget Update
Mary Johns described the development of the Library’s proposed budget for FY2010-11. Given the projected revenue shortfalls, City departments were first asked to submit a budget with a 5% reduction in non-personnel expenses. Subsequently, additional reductions were required and these included the outsourcing of acquisitions in Technical Services and the closing of the branch libraries. Christopher Stewart spoke to the unprecedented sacrifice experienced by the Library staff compared with other City departments. The Library’s budget represents 5.6% of the General Fund budget, yet 17 of the 36 (47%) people being laid off work at the Library. Board members felt strongly that the branch renovations will still be necessary if the branches were to remain open.

Lori Keenan reported that the San Francisco Public Library has successful public/private partnerships involving sixteen branch libraries. This may be a good model for supporting the South and North branches.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Paul Gottschalk, Administrative Services Manager
Evanston Public Library