A formal agenda was followed for this meeting. Susan Newman welcomed attendees at 10:00 AM. Guests were asked to sign up for questions/comments to be made after the presentations. Board members attending were Dr. Christopher Stewart, Dr. Gail Bush, Diane Allen, Lynette Murphy, Dona Gerson, Karen Terry, and Susan Newman.

Christopher Stewart, President of the Board, provided an overview of EPL funding history. Michael Tannen, attorney and member of the Task Force on Sustainable Funding, provided the background that led to the decision by the Board to move to the Library Fund. Diane Allen-Jacobi, secretary of the Board, provided an overview of the Library Fund and an explanation of how it would affect citizens.

Questions were asked and comments made by the following: Michele Hays, Joy Hebert, Jim Kiefer, John Zbesko, Junad Riski, Pat Corirossi, Carole Hays, Sally Schwaylose, Stuart Baker, Herb Comess, Mary Alice Ball, and Lori Keenan.

Answering questions and providing additional information were Stewart, Allen and Newman as well as other attending members of the Board --Gail Bush, Karen Terry, Dona Gerson. Paul Gottschalk, Administrative Services Manager of EPL, provided some information about the past and proposed budget.

Citizens interested in becoming more involved were asked to volunteer to serve on the Board (whose members are then appointed by the Mayor of Evanston and approved by the City Council). Also, guests were encouraged to attend open meetings of the Board which are held monthly to provide input to assure the library serves the needs of the Evanston community.

The forum adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM.