


**Burlington Public Library
01/06/09 Library Board Meeting Minutes**


PLACE: Anne L. Walluk Community Room
ATTENDANCE: Ragaisis, Troiani, Santacroce, Mullen, Mazeau, Miller
Hasskarl, Scheidel

 **Call to order: 7:35pm**

 **Visitors:** Lewis Mills High School, Civics Class: Charlie Sempere, Marissa Minor, Zack Milbourn, Will Estes, Katie Ragaisis, Molly Roberts, Justine Kysar, Ellen Riley, Sarah Cebry

 **Approval of minutes of the December 2 meeting – Santacroce moved that the board approve these minutes. Miller seconded and they were carried.**

 **Director's report:** 1) Circulation is up 32% as compared to 12/2008. 2) Karen Rossi – artist from Meridan, CT has her metal sculpture artwork on display at the BPL this month. She will donate 35% of any proceeds to the library. 3) Hasskarl and some of her staff will meet with LSM guidance counselors to explore how BPL can support HS students in their college preparation and searches. There is an SAT/Prep Me course available to library patrons through the BPL website. LSM students attending the 01/06/09 meeting expressed interest in this as similar offerings involve > \$100- beyond per course. 4) The roof repair will be completed this month. 5) There is a new Reference USA database available online. 6) The 5 year plan subcommittee will meet on 01/15/09 at 1:30pm.

 **New Business: 2009 – 2010 Budget**

1) The first selectman, Kathy Zabel, requested that town agencies submit flat budgets for 2009/10. Hasskarl must submit the BPL budget on 01-07-09. To this end, Hasskarl developed a flat budget. 2) The board reviewed each line item and discussed extensively. Excluding salaries, Mullen made a motion to approve the BPL 2009/10 library budget of \$110,450. Ragaisis seconded and it carried. We add the following notes. A) There is still an 18 hour gap in the schedule. During these hours, only 1 staff member is available at the front desk. The board has basic safety along with staffing concerns. This must be addressed. B) Mullen attended a Clean Energy Fund Forum at the CT capital last month. There will likely be federal money available for 'shovel ready' projects once the administration changes, as early as February 2009 (as much as 800 billion USD is projected). To this end BPL directors will revisit the solar panel project and possibly secure some quotes. Details to be determined. C) The Trane HVAC must be replaced with a windows based system. The current DOS based system is outdated. This will be requested of the town within the realm of capital projects. D) the teen space is too small and should be relocated to the adult area. Feedback from visiting LSM students is they would be receptive to various teen programs, (i.e. card playing, sports or game nights at the BPL)

📖 **Old Business: Discuss presentation by Sharon Brettschneider & Stanley Siegel. Board members found this session interesting and enjoyable. Instead of BPL board members breaking off into individual subcommittees, as recommended, the general thought was to establish committees on an ad hoc basis.**

📖 **Adjournment: 9:05pm**

Respectfully submitted,



**Carol O. Troiani
Recording Secretary**