

**MINUTES OF THE LIBRARIES AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETNG HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2007, THE KINGSBRIDGE LIBRARY
280 WEST 231ST STREET AT 7:30 PM**

Participants: CB8 Member: Robert Abbott; Community Member: Thomas Giallorenzi; NYPL: Kingsbridge Supervising Librarian Steve Barker; Committee Chairperson Libby Vazquez

Minutes from December 2006 meeting approved

Discussed role of committee and mission statement written by prior committee chair Marty Wolpoff.

Cultural Affairs:

Committee Chair discussed putting together an event in the spring. Discussed possibly having community artist's work displayed in community businesses. Steve Barker, Kingsbridge Library stated that libraries have display cases that can be used. Chair to contact community art organizations to find out if there is an interest. Also, reaching out to Bronx Council on the Arts for assistance/guidance. We discussed helping to coordinate this activity/event only if community will participate and take an active leading role.

Libraries:

Jerome Park – reopening delayed again. Interiors not finished. NYPL hoping to have reopening at the end of February. Discussed lack of communication between NYPL and the Jerome Park community – information needs to be shared with community. Chair to follow up with District Librarian.

New Kingsbridge Library – planning on breaking ground in spring.

Usage statistics: statistics down in all areas. Programming is way down because of lack of staffing.

Kingsbridge, Riverdale, and Spuyten Duyvil hold book discussion meetings. 2007 book discussion schedule for Kingsbridge starts on March 7th at 7:30 PM with The Rules of Engagement by Anita Brookner. Book available at the branch.

Next meeting on Monday, March 5, 2007, at the Kingsbridge Library. No February meeting.

Submitted by,

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