

**Community Board No. 8, Bronx**

**November 7, 2007**

**Minutes of the Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting  
Monday, November 5, 2007, 7:00 p.m.  
at the Riverdale Branch NYPL**

Participants: CB8 Members: Bob Abbott; Community Member: Loretta Nash; NYPL Chief Librarian Mike Alvarez; Riverdale Branch Head Librarian Rosemary Murray; Committee Chairperson Libby Vazquez

We toured the renovated Riverdale Branch. There are a total of 15 new PCs; new toddlers area and two new seating areas. Reference section is much smaller and there are less shelves (and books). New book self check out machine has been added.

Mike Alvarez, new chief Librarian was our guest.

Discussed starting conversations with the NYPL about renovating the Spuyten Duyvil branch. Committee and Mike Alvarez to reach out to Anne Coriston about the process.

Community member Loretta Nash shared her feelings about the Riverdale branch renovations.

Committee discussed holding an event at one of the branches i.e, bringing in an artist to have a book reading or share his/her art. Chair to continue to search for an appropriate artist.

Chair announced she will be participating in the Bronx Council on the Arts Trolley Wednesday.

No meeting to be scheduled for December. Next meeting to be held in January 2008. Chair will try to have the Spuyten Duyvil Branch host. Date and place to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,  
Libby Vazquez  
Chair