

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee**  
Held at the Jerome Park branch library on December 7, 2009

**Present**

Robert G. Abbott  
Bridget Maybury  
Liana Acevedo  
Michael Alvarez  
Andrew Sandler

**Affiliation**

CB#8, Committee Chair  
CB#8  
NYPL, Site Manager  
NYPL, Network Manager  
Councilman Koppell's Office

**Guest Speaker** – Ms. Acevedo provided a detailed overview of activities at the Jerome Park branch. She discussed and described the program in the branch (distributing the monthly event calendar for December) as well as the very active outreach to neighborhood schools and senior citizen residences. The Jerome Park branch was completely renovated a few years ago and is well used by the community.

**Discussion** – The Jerome Park branch is within walking distance of the Veterans Administration hospital just the other side (south) of Kingsbridge Road. Ms. Maybury will facilitate introducing the V.A. to the considerable services of the NYPL at the local branch level. A direct meeting (not involving the community board) is anticipated.

**Other Issues** – On other issues, it was noted that the new Kingsbridge branch library construction schedule seems to be on-time, and the new facility is slated to be open in early 2011. On the question of expansion or relocation of the Van Cortlandt Park branch, Mr. Sandler will discuss the role that the Councilman's office may play in developing options.

**Next Meeting** – the next meeting will be determined after the end of year holidays.

Robert G. Abbott, Chairman  
Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee