

## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee**  
Held at the CB8 Board office on October 28, 2010

### Present

Robert G. Abbott  
Bill Stone  
Jane Fisher

### Affiliation

CB#8, Committee Chair  
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NYPL, Network Manager

The meeting began at 7:30 pm.

The chair welcomed the new committee members and recognized Ms. Fisher's new appointment as NYPL Network Manager with responsibility for the five branch libraries in our community board (and an additional 12 branches in the Bronx!). Ms. Fisher is returning to NYPL after a period of time at a New Jersey community library system. The committee looks forward to working with her.

Mr. Michael Alvarez, former NYPL Network Manager has been assigned to Manhattan. He will be missed and we wish him continued success.

The chair distributed and reviewed the committee Mission Statement.

Ms. Fisher advised that:

- The new Kingsbridge branch is scheduled for spring 2011 opening. No specific date yet.
- New Site Managers are now in place in Kingsbridge (Victor Simmons) and Van Cortlandt (Ana Rubio).
- Site Managers will continue to be encouraged to attend monthly CB8 Board Meetings (based on the proximity of the meeting venue to the branch) and distribute the local activity calendar.

The 2012 Capital Budget priorities were reviewed. It was noted that NYPL's funding requests includes infrastructure renovation of the Riverdale branch. This was not included in the CB8 priorities and Ms. Fisher will review this variance. It's possible that the renovations are for safety and standards compliance rather than patron services. Mr. Stone noted that the Riverdale branch had received major capital improvements in the last few years.

The outline for proposed community Forum for the Spuyten Duyvil was reviewed. The Forum would feature a presentation by NYPL of their "Library for the Future" program and seek community input on branch activities and services. A date has not been set but March-April of 2011 is a possible target. With experience at Spuyten Duyvil, the Forum could be presented at other branches and serve as a model for community outreach and feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Robert G. Abbott, Chairman  
Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee