

**MINUTES OF THE LIBRARIES AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2006 AT THE BOARD OFFICE
5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

PRESENT

Libby Vazquez
Robert Abbott
Martin Wolpoff
Thomas Giallorenzi
Marlene Porteralta

AFFILIATION

Committee Chairperson
CB#8
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Community Member
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Libraries Update:

District Librarian Marisa Parish reported:

Jerome Park – no exact date set for reopening, though opening still expected in 2006. Security systems are still being worked on for branch.

Kingsbridge – spring ground breaking, but no exact date.

Spuyten Duyvil – branch has received a complete computers upgrade (Bill Gates monies).

Discussion of ongoing community needs analysis being done by the NYPL. NYPL has gathered demographics data and has been using data to set programming goals.

District Librarian to bring in copy of the report “Planning on Results,” to our next meeting.

Discussed having a future meeting at one of the branches.

Cultural Affairs:

Announcement from Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) – grant monies available for Bronx artists, arts associations and schools. For details and application deadlines, see website www.bronxarts.org

Events sponsored by BCA: First Wednesdays Bronx Trolley – evening trolley ride and admissions to participating venues along its route on the lower Grand Concourse are free.

Also, First Wednesdays at the Bronx Library Center with BCA continues on Dec 6th – see website for details.

Discussion of setting committee short and long terms. Members to bring ideas to next meeting.

Next meeting is on Monday, December 4th. Location to be announced.

Libby Vazquez
Chairperson
Libraries and Cultural Affairs

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