

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee**
Held at the Board office on December 13, 2012

Present

Robert G. Abbott
Liana Acevedo
Amy Moore
Lamont Parker
Bill Stone
Martin Wolpoff

Affiliation

CB#8, Committee Chair
NYPL Branch Manager, Jerome Park
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The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

The Network Manager: We were informed that Jane Fisher, Network Manager, resigned from the NYPL effective December 7th. Jane will be relocating to Connecticut to be closer to her family and will be the head of the libraries in Wallingford, Ct. We wish her well and appreciated her efforts with this committee and the community board.

NYPL 2013 Budget: The mayor has called for significant cuts in the current NYPL budget to offset the loss of revenue anticipated from selling taxi medallions (now on hold). The impact on the branch libraries has not been detailed. Liana Acevedo provided an update on preliminary plans by NYPL to deal with the reductions. The NYPL has had a hiring freeze for some time.

NYPL and the DOE: Liana Acevedo described the many activities at the Jerome Park branch in partnerships with local public schools. Regarding the joint project with the DOE to integrate school library catalogs and the NYPL catalog (MyLibraryNYC project), Liana reported that Jerome Park has been designated to work with the Bronx High School of Science as they prepare to participate in the project.

Other Outreach Activities: Liana also described the weekly after-school cooking activities with teenagers at the branch library, and the on-going program with the VA hospital with their residents which takes place at the VA hospital.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Robert G. Abbott, Chair
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