

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee**
Held at the Board office on January 10, 2013

Present

Robert G. Abbott
Lamont Parker
Martin Wolpoff
Tim Tureski

Affiliation

CB#8, Committee Chair
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NYPL Branch Manager, Spuyten Duyvil

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Branch Library: Mr. Tureski provided an excellent overview of activities and the condition of the branch. Specifically,

- There have been improvements to the children's room furniture
- Rowdiness (an old complaint) appears to be under control with the branch manager providing personal oversight of the teens
- There has been new programming with the acquisition of a new TV
- There are popular card (Yu-Gi-Oh) and board games for teens in the community room

Tim also reported that all branches participated in a year-end coat drive. Spuyten Duyvil received 50 coats. He noted that the senior clerk of Spuyten Duyvil is the acting manager of the Van Cortlandt branch pending a new manager being assigned to take the place of Anna Rubio. Also, Spuyten Duyvil expects to receive additional staff and new or upgraded computer workstations for the end-users. The timetable is not yet known.

Tim mentioned that enhanced security in the public schools has resulted in library staff having to undergo background checks. Many branch librarians have successful outreach with their local schools and this has been stopped until the new clearances are obtained.

The Street Permit process: This committee is not a frequent participant in the review cycle for street permit applications. Nevertheless there was a brief discussion of the newly prescribed process that CB8 has adopted for dealing with applications. No consensus emerged.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Robert G. Abbott, Chair
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