

## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

### Minutes of the Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee November 10, 2011, at the Community Board office

#### PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander  
Robert Abbott  
Maria Khury  
Amy Moore  
Lamont Parker  
I. William Stone  
Martin Wolpoff  
Jane Fisher  
Erik Maldonado

#### AFFILIATION

CB8, Education Committee Chair  
CB8, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Cmte Chair  
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NYPL, Network Manager  
Member of the community

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

The Agenda for the meeting was a discussion of issues related to planning the Presentation “NYPL Resources for Teachers & Students” The guest speaker was Jane Fisher, NYPL Network Manager. Members of CB8’s Education Committee were invited guests.

Ms Fisher provided an overview of the current services that NYPL has available to local schools. The services include having a librarian make presentations in the classroom to class visits to the branch library. NYPL offers many on-line databases that can expand the student’s base for research and there is an expanding collection of e-books, music, and digital images available via the Internet. There are also services and support that the library offers to the teachers including having material reserved for class projects. One potential resource that is now in pilot testing entails the inclusion of the school’s library catalog with the NYPL’s catalog. The student would have seamless access to material in the school library as well as the extensive collection of NYPL. There are 50 schools participating in the pilot project, but none in the CB8 area.

Ms. Fisher answered questions and referred to the role and experience of Ms Lynda Kennedy who is the NYPL Director of Teaching & Learning, Literacy and Outreach. Ms. Kennedy is prepared to give a presentation to the leadership of CB8 schools and we discussed the logistics of that presentation.

It was the consensus of the meeting that:

- We plan for early January 2012... to give enough lead time for notification
- We plan for the early part of the day... to enable the school leaders to get back before lunch
- We invite Principals, librarians, parent coordinators, and PA presidents, and
- We use the Kingsbridge branch library for the location as it is reasonably central in the CB.

Ms. Khury agreed to reach out to local merchants in the area to see if they would be willing to assist with parking and/or light refreshments.

All expressed willingness to help in contacting the schools. Mr. Abbott agreed to discuss the issue of Principal contact with the board office and report back to the next meeting of the Education Committee on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Robert G. Abbott, Chairman  
Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee