

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Special Board Meeting**

August 4, 2009

**RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND SUNDAY OPENINGS AT  
THREE LIBRARY LOCATIONS, SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER, 2009**

- WHEREAS,** On September 11, 1987, the Board of Trustees of Cleveland Public Library ratified an interim agreement with District 925, Service Employees International Union, to implement Sunday hours in the Main Library as of September 13, 1987; and
- WHEREAS,** At the same meeting, the Trustees approved paying employees who work on Sundays at the rate of time and one half; and
- WHEREAS,** With a dedicated source of revenue from the State of Ohio and with the generous support of local property owners, the Library was able to maintain Sunday service hours during the school year at the Main Library and selected branches since September 1987; and
- WHEREAS,** The economies in both the State of Ohio and the city of Cleveland have experienced a down turn, so that Cleveland Public Library has already lost approximately 20% of its state revenue and approximately 13% of its local property tax revenue so far this year and future Library funding from both local and state revenue remains very uncertain at this time, and therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the three Library locations, Main Library, Rockport Branch and Glenville Branch that have had Sunday schedules of 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m., during the school year; will be closed on Sundays from September through December 2009. While the proposed Sunday closings are certainly unwelcome, the savings in salaries alone will be approximately \$150,000 for the period of September-December, 2009, and therefore, be it further
- RESOLVED,** The Library will continue its highly successful Sunday Writers and Readers programs. The venue will be changed from the Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium to the auditorium at the Lakeshore facility for two programs that are anticipated to draw large crowds and, be it further
- RESOLVED,** That Library management will be bringing a comprehensive proposal regarding open hours for the public service locations at Main and Branches to the Board of Trustees for review and approval and subsequently discussing it with the unions during the upcoming contract negotiations.