

**Deerfield Public Library Board of Trustees
Finance Committee meeting minutes
October 30, 2008**

The meeting was called to order. Present: Board members: Chairperson Jeff Rivlin, Ken Abosch, Sunday Mueller. Staff: Library Director Mary Pergander.

Ms. Pergander reported that the 2008 audit report was complete, and no areas of concern were identified.

Mr. Rivlin noted that Illinois Fund investment rates are declining. He recommended keeping one to two months cash outside Illinois Funds in case of an emergency. He stressed this is not a quality (risk) issue, but primarily a means of increasing yield.

Local bank rankings and CD interest rates were discussed. Money market rates are also of interest. Mr. Rivlin recommended we create CDs of varying maturities at three local banks (one CD per bank). He requested management further investigate restrictions, features, and penalties for 6 month, 11 month and 12 month terms. He further recommended one to two months cash be considered for additional money market accounts.

The following recommendation will be taken to the full board:

Up to \$300,000 be invested in CDs with maturities of one year or less, to obtain improved yields over that currently offered by Illinois Funds. Further, a recommendation for a new money market account outside Illinois Funds not to exceed \$30,000.

The committee then discussed the Hicks Grants funds. The next round of grants begins very soon. The committee will present a recommendation to the full board to conduct focused fund raising as a means of increasing the money available for grants, as an alternative to spending down the grant principal.