

**Deerfield Public Library
Board Meeting
October 14, 2009**

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee meeting was called to order at 5:35.

Present: Ron Simon (Chairperson), Marla Bark Dembitz, Mike Goldberg, Library Director Mary Pergander.

The Committee considered the proposal to allow Juveniles to check out all DVDs and Video games UNLESS parents sign a form prohibiting access. American Library Association principles behind such a change were discussed. Committee members noted that if such a change is made, communicating it clearly, often and in obvious ways to parents will be important. A delayed start date of March 1 was proposed, to assure adequate communication and preparation. Suggestions include sending letters to parents whose children would receive access, posting signs at the Circ desk, creating a bookmark to be inserted into books checked out by parents, newsletter article, etc. Also, the library card application form would need to be modified, and having parents initial that they have read that section was advised. Committee members asked for more information about how other local libraries and commercial entities handle this issue. Ms. Pergander will gather additional information.

Ms. Dembitz made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the Juvenile DVD and Video Game policy and recommend them to the full board. Seconded by Mr. Goldberg. The motion was approved. Ms. Pergander will add information to the board packet. A discussion is expected.

The revised meeting room policy was reviewed. Ms. Pergander noted that recent case law may also require some additional changes. She recommended that the committee make suggestions and then the policy should be reviewed by legal counsel before being presented to the full board. Several clarifications to the policy were recommended by committee members. Ms. Pergander will make the changes before sending to the lawyer, and will also discuss with him the additional questions raised by the committee. Mr. Goldberg made a motion to adopt the revised meeting room policy with the additional changes, and to recommend its approval to the full board pending the outcome of legal review of the policy. Ms. Dembitz seconded, and the motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.