Public Meeting Notice and Agenda

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES will hold a meeting on

Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 8 a.m.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Approval of July 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 4. Approval of Financial Statements: Gift Claims and City of Perry Library Line Items
- 5. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Director Evaluation
- 6. New Business
 - a. Search Process for Adult Services Librarian
- 7. Board Education Why evaluations are needed?
- 8. Librarian Report
- 9. Open Forum
- 10. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is on September 8, 2022 at 8 a.m.
- 11. Adjourn

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 8 a.m. Note: This meeting was held in-person in the Board Room at the Perry Public Library.

Board members Margaret Ruggle, Kendall Rathje, Mark Miller, Heather Karolus, and Rosa Gonzalez were present. Library Director Mary Murphy and Deputy Director Misty VonBehren were also present.

Board President Mark Miller called the meeting to order.

Agenda – Heather Karolus moved to approve the agenda with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Minutes – Kendall Rathje moved to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2022, meeting, and Heather Karolus seconded the motion. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling \$2,296.77 and checks #6241 - #6258, totaling \$8,269.70. The City of Perry Library Fund Status Report was reviewed. Kendall Rathje moved to approve the financial reports with Heather Karolus seconding the motion. MCU.

Unfinished Business:

End of FY22- The Board reviewed the Gift Fund End of FY23 report and City of Perry Fund Status for End of FY22 Report.

Director Review - The Board members will review Director Murphy's self evaluation and email comments to Board President Mark Miller.

New Business:

Youth Services Position Search Director Murphy outlined the Search schedule for the position with a hire date of December 5, 2022.

Board Education – EEOC Requirements for searches, hiring, and onboarding.

Librarian's Report:

Mission:

Enabling our community to thrive by offering lifelong opportunities to connect, learn, and create.

Board Overview of Statistics – Review at meeting.

Attached you should find the FY21-22 Annual Review.

Saturday Storytimes continue this summer at Perry Public Library, at 10:15 a.m., July 2, 9, 16, and 23. Join us for stories, pre-literacy activities, and crafts at these free events. No registration is needed! July 9 and 23 Storytimes are bilingual!

Families are invited to attend a Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum holiday craft workshop, at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, July 2, at the Carnegie Library Museum. We will make vintage firecracker displays and pinwheels! Celebrate Independence Day with us, and bring the whole family for a "popping" good time!

Need a space to work on an unfinished craft project? On the first Saturday of each month beginning July 2, Perry Public Library will open the Community Room from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. for *Saturday Crafternoons*, providing a dedicated makerspace for library crafters and do-it-yourselfers to work on projects in our comfortable environment. Tables are available on a first come, first served basis, and everyone is invited to take advantage of this opportunity to complete those creative tasks that have been sitting on the back burner. No reservations, no charge!

Summer Chess at the Library – July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Walk-in Chess will continue at the library this summer, for anyone wishing to learn the game or to meet with a partner. Instructor David Oliveira will be at the library on Saturdays in July, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the library Board Room, and he will continue to offer scheduled times for individuals on a flexible basis.

Perry Public Library Closed for Independence Day - July 4

Everyone is invited to attend the July meeting of the *Never Too Old for YA* Book Club, scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 6, in the Perry Public Library Community Room. The selected title is *You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson.

Children of all ages and families are invited to join Perry Public Library staff at Voas Nature Center for a children's *Oceans of Possibilities* Summer Library Program. We will meet at the Voas Nature Center building (19286 Lexington Road, Minburn) at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 8. Dress for the outdoors and bring sunscreen, bug repellant, hats and your favorite gear, and pack a picnic lunch if you like! We will enjoy this beautiful county park while we dig for fossils and sweep for bugs with Mike from Dallas County Conservation.

The Perry Public Library Quarterly Classics Book Club will hold their July discussion at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 12, at the Carnegie Library Museum. The selected title is 100 Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez.

Perry Public Library, in partnership with the Perry Chamber of Commerce, has implemented a food outreach program that distributes free food items at the Perry Farmers Markets. The *Healthier Steps to a Healthier You* program promotes the addition of healthy foods into diets for better overall health, and to support that goal, offers food giveaways twice monthly at the farmers markets, on the second and fourth Thursdays. On July 14 and 28, foods will be given out at the Farmers Market, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last. The *Healthy Steps to a Healthier You* food outreach initiative helps people in our community, and recent grants from Tyson Foods, Inc. (\$10,000) and Farm Credit of America (\$2000) have substantially supported this project.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum will present a program called *Backyard Birds of Iowa*, at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 17, at the Carnegie Library Museum. Ray and Margaret Harden of Perry will share photos and interesting facts about birds they've seen during their years of travel and birding excursions, most recently from a visit to Magee Marsh, on the shores of Lake Erie.

The Perry Public Library Monthly Book Club will meet for their July book discussion at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 19, in the library Community Room. The selected title is *An Unusual Boy* by Fiona Higgins. Books are available for interested participants, and newcomers are always welcome.

As part of the *Oceans of Possibilities* Children's Summer Library Program, Perry Public Library will offer a *Noah's Ark Stuffed Animal Workshop* featuring three sea creatures: a shark, squid, or seahorse. The program is from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 20, in the library Community Room. Registration and a \$5 fee are required to participate.

Join Perry Public Library staff for an Ocean of Possibilities Adult Summer Library Program, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 21, in the library Community Room. This program will focus on de-stressing with calming sounds, calming smells, and camaraderie, as we create our own mini beach scene terrariums.

Join us for the *Oceans of Fun* Children's Summer Library Program: *Movie and a Snack*, from 2:15 to 4:00 p.m., Monday, July 25, in the library Community Room. *The Wild Life* movie is a tropical misadventure with a group of quirky animals and their human castaway, Robinson Crusoe.

The Perry Public Library Craft Club, will meet Monday, July 25, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the library Community Room. This month, we will be creating Christmas cards from the Echo Park Christmas Salutations scrapbook paper collection. There is a \$5 program materials fee, and all materials are provided.

The Perry Public Library Mystery Book Club events for July have been rescheduled! The group will now gather in person at 2:00 p.m., August 2, in the library Community Room, to watch the recorded Author Talk, which will be followed by the book discussion with Mary Murphy. The three featured titles for July are: *The Lies I Tell* by Julie Clark, *And There He Kept Her* by Joshua Moehling, and *The New Neighbor* by Carter Wilson.

Adults ages 18 and over are invited to join Perry Public Library staff in the library Community Room for another 2022 Oceans of Possibilities Adult Summer Library Program: Creature Feature Fun Night. We will gather at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, July 28, to watch nostalgia classic film Creature from the Black Lagoon and enjoy refreshments and camaraderie at this fun event.

Board Education: The EEOC rules in interviewing potential employees.

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 8 a.m. in the library's Board Room (aka the small meeting room). The public is always welcome.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary K. Murphy, Library Director

Perry Public Library - A Year in Review: Fiscal Year 2021-2022

It seems surreal when we look back over the past two and half years. Did we really do all that because of a pandemic? Yes! YES! We did! We came through all of it with a determination to serve our community with the best library services possible given the circumstances. We now have new words in our vocabulary - reopening, contagion, pivot (one I as soon forget!), social distancing, super spreader event to name a few.

What was accomplished as we came out of the Pandemic - July 1, 2021, to the present, June 14, 2022

- 1. In July 2021, we finished a socially distanced Summer Reading Program with 86 Adults, 14 Teens, and 225 children registered. We still had zoom programs with one in-person program off-site. We packaged kits and program materials to be picked up at the library.
- 2. In FY2021-2022 we added one Little Free Library at the following locations Perry Elementary School, Perry Middle School, Little Free Board Book Library at the east door of the Perry Public Library, the laundromat on First Street, and the Perry Food Pantry. The original Little Free Library is now located at Fareway, then we added the four nursing homes Eden Acres (Rowley), Spring Valley, the Lutheran Home, Aspire (Pearl Valley), and then added those at community gathering places --- the Perry Perk, Hamlin Bell residence, and McCreary Recreation Center. We had one at Dallas County Hospital, but the pandemic caused that one to be shut down. We relocated that one to the Perry Food Pantry. The total number of Perry Little Free libraries that we stock and maintain is now 13.
- 3. The State Library District Consultant Maryann Mori led the Library Staff and Board through a strategic planning process to first conduct a community survey and summarize how best the library should serve the community. A five-year Strategic Plan was created from the community survey.
- 4. An Accreditation Process was initiated in the fall of 2021 with a review of all library policies. Our application was submitted in February 2022. We just received notification that the Perry Public Library is accredited at the highest level from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025.
- 5. The official date of reopening the library to the public was February 17, 2021. We slowly moved furniture back into the library but with many social distancing practices in place. In-person programming resumed in September 2021 with the option of a virtual programming. As we moved into the new year, we moved back to normal hours and normal in-person programming.
- 6. We received an American Rescue Plan Act grant of \$5,000 to fund new and more security cameras. We went from 14 cameras to 18, most on the outside of the building. The resolution on the new cameras is amazing.
- 7. Discussions were initiated in the fall of 2021 for a partnership between the City of Perry, Hometown Heritage, and the Perry Public Library. A Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the Hometown Heritage Board, the Perry Public Library Board, and the Perry City Council that outlines the respective responsibilities of reopening Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum (HH@CLM) on January 4, 2022. HH@CLM has been open six days a week since its reopening date until summer hours started on Memorial Day weekend.
- 8. We have continued the Food Recovery programs (making food available that would be thrown away) as well as the Food Outreach programs (giving produce away in the Healthy Steps program with the goal of encouraging the addition of fresh produce into diets to become a healthy food habit and working toward a healthier body.) Director Murphy has made five presentations at two

- Iowa Health conferences, the Iowa Library Association conference, and ISU Extension and Outreach Food System Conference about the Food Recovery program.
- 9. The Library digitized the Perry High School Yearbooks. They are available online and can be accessed anywhere there is an internet connection.
- 10. We will be holding a Staff Retreat on June 20, 2022, with the goal of building of excellent communication among staff, promoting our role in the community, what to do in emergency situations, and updating our first aid training and CPR certificates.
- 11. We planned and sponsored the Oceans of Possibilities KidsFest on June 4, 2022. Attendance has been estimated from 750 900, possibly as high as 1000. This event kicked off a fully in-person Summer Library program for 2022. At this date, we have over 400 children, 28 teens, and 78 adults registered.
- 12. The street level of the library was repainted with the upper story scheduled to be painted in the fall.
- 13. New professional signage was installed throughout the library making all the signage uniform in appearance.
- 14. All window blinds were taken down and replaced by new shades.
- 15. Grants used in FY2021-2022
 - a. The last \$6,000 of the Cares Act grant of \$12,400 was used to buy books to give away to increase access to books for Perry students during the pandemic.
 - b. 4RKids funding of \$500 was used for the Little Board Book Library.
 - c. ARPA Grant of \$5,000 to update security camera system
 - d. State Historical Society of Iowa, Inc. grant of \$7,500 for new programming series: Reawakening History by Telling Our Own Stories
 - e. Arts Midwest and Art on the Prairie grant of \$2,500 for new programming series: Reawakening History by Telling Our Own Stories
 - f. Arts Council of Iowa: ARPA Grant funding of \$18,000 for wages for Hometown Heritage employees
 - g. Art Council of Iowa: ARPA grant funding of \$16,500 for program series: Reawakening History by Recording Our Own Stories
 - h. Bock Grant of \$1,200 to help fund Oceans of Possibilities KidsFest 2022
 - i. 4RKids funding of \$500 to pay for Board Books in the Little Free Board Book Library
 - j. Kwik Star funding of \$1,000 to go towards buying Prize books and books for the Little Free Libraries at the schools
 - k. Farm Credit of America grant of \$1,500 to add milk and eggs to the library Food Recovery program
 - I. Farm Credit of America grant of \$2,000 to go towards the Healthy steps program at the Perry Farmers Market
 - m. Tyson Foods grant of \$10,000 to go towards the Healthy steps program at the Perry Farmers market
 - n. In FY2021-2022, total grant funding of \$72,200 was used to leverage the Library's Wiese funding to serve our community.
- 16. We are back to pre-covid activity in programming, service, and room use. Our Door Count is improving monthly, see Board Overview.

| Date | Num | | Description | Category | Amount | |
|------------------|----------|---|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--|
| BALANCE | 7/1/2022 | | | | 24,590.36 | |
| 7/5/2022 | | | Deposit | Donation Income | 41.97 | |
| 7/5/2022 | | S | City Of Perry | Renovation Fund 2020 | -10.07 | |
| 11012022 | 0201 | J | Oity Of Ferry | Credit Debit Card Rev | -147.65 | |
| 7/5/2022 | 6258 | | Hoopla | Materials:Streaming | -664.00 | |
| 7/25/2022 | | | Deposit | Donation Income | 21.95 | |
| 7/25/2022 | | | Deposit | Donation Income | 75.10 | |
| 7/25/2022 | | | Deposit | Donation Income | 49.40 | |
| 8/1/2022 | | S | Deposit | Gifts And Memorials | 25.00 | |
| OI IIZOZZ | DLI | Ü | Борозії | Grant Revenue | 566.97 | |
| | | | | Donation Income | 10.10 | |
| 8/3/2022 | 6259 | S | Wells Fargo Visa | Programming | -1,212.47 | |
| 0/0/2022 | 0200 | Ü | vvelis i argo visa | Marketing | -53.78 | |
| | | | | Milk And Eggs | -25.00 | |
| 8/3/2022 | 6261 | S | Wells Fargo Visa | Programming | -57.93 | |
| OFOFECE | 0201 | 0 | vvolis i argo visa | Programming | -27.50 | |
| | | | | Memorial Kit Expense | -40.63 | |
| 8/3/2022 | 6268 | S | Misty Von Behren | Teen SLP 2022 Expen | -77.38 | |
| 0/0/2022 | 0200 | 0 | whoty von Benien | Teen SLP 2022 Expen | -10.58 | |
| | | | | Teen SLP 2022 Expen | -15.67 | |
| | | | | Teen SLP 2022 Expen | -194.55 | |
| | | | | Eggs | -28.90 | |
| | | | | Eggs | -29.90 | |
| | | | | Programming | -22.53 | |
| | | | | Programming | -44.97 | |
| | | | | Programming | -75.94 | |
| | | | | Eggs | -14.85 | |
| 8/3/2022 | 6262 | S | Fareway | Programming | -10.77 | |
| | | | | Milk | -26.90 | |
| | | | | Summer Library Progr | -11.98 | |
| | | | | Milk | -24.90 | |
| | | | | Programming | -32.89 | |
| | | | | Programming | -4.99 | |
| | | | | Milk | -24.90 | |
| | | | | Programming | -11.16 | |
| | | | | Milk | -24.90 | |
| | | | | Milk | -24.90 | |
| 8/4/2022 | 6263 | | Amazon Business | Memorial Kit Expense | -155.75 | |
| 8/4/2022 | 6264 | | Amazon Business | Programming | -111.74 | |
| 8/4/2022 | 6269 | | Amazon Business | Programming | -58.12 | |
| 8/4/2022 | 6270 | | Amazon Business | Programming | -20.38 | |
| 8/4/2022 | 6271 | | World Wide Media | Marketing | -879.50 | |
| 8/4/2022 | 6272 | | City Of Perry | Credit Debit Card Rev | -326.16 | |
| 8/4/2022 | 6273 | | Suzanne Kestel | Programming | -42.40 | |
| 8/4/2022 | DEP | S | Deposit | Reimbursement | 1,100.00 | |
| | | | | Donation Income | 1,000.00 | |
| 7/2/2022 - | 8/4/2022 | | | | -1,656.15 | |
| BALANCE 8/4/2022 | | | | | 22,934.21 | |
| | | | T | OTAL INFLOWS | 2,890.49 | |

Register Report 7/2/2022 through 8/4/2022

8/4/2022

Date Num Description Category Amount

TOTAL OUTFLOWS -4,546.64

NET TOTAL -1,656.15

Banking Summary 7/2/2022 through 8/4/2022

8/4/2022

| Category | 7/2/2022- 8/4/2022 | | |
|--|-----------------------|--|--|
| INCOME | | | |
| Donation Income | 1,198.52 | | |
| Gifts And Memorials | 25.00 | | |
| Grant Revenue | 566.97 | | |
| Reimbursement | 1,100.00 | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 2,890.49 | | |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Credit Debit Card Revenue to City Hall | 473.81 | | |
| Eggs | 73.65 | | |
| Marketing | 933.28 | | |
| Materials | | | |
| Streaming | 664.00 | | |
| TOTAL Materials | 664.00 | | |
| Memorial Kit Expense | 196.38 | | |
| Milk | 126.50 | | |
| Milk And Eggs | 25.00 | | |
| Programming | 1,733.79 | | |
| Renovation Fund 2020 | 10.07 | | |
| Summer Library Program | 11.98 | | |
| Teen SLP 2022 Expenses | 298.18 | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 4,546.64 | | |
| OVERALL TOTAL | -1,656.15 | | |

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City of Perry Perry Public Library Fund Status Report August 4, 2022

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|------|
| Account Number | Account Title | Total Budget | Expended | YTD Balance | Ехр |
| General Fund | | | | | |
| 001-410-6010 | WAGES | \$212,397.00 | \$16,705.71 | | 8% |
| 001-410-6020 | WAGES - PT | \$61,000.00 | \$5,413.40 | \$55,586.60 | 9% |
| 001-410-6240 | TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | |
| 001-410-6310 | REPAIR & MAINTENANCE BLDG | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | |
| 001-410-6371 | UTILITIES | \$32,000.00 | \$4,699.43 | \$27,300.57 | |
| 001-410-6373 | TELEPHONE | \$4,500.00 | \$362.45 | \$4,137.55 | |
| 001-410-6408 | INSURANCE TORT/GENERAL | \$7,994.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,994.00 | |
| 001-410-6413 | CONTRACT SERVICES | \$16,000.00 | \$1,271.73 | \$14,728.27 | 8% |
| 001-410-6490 | CONSULTANT & PROFESSIONAL | \$10,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,000.00 | 0% |
| 001-410-6506 | OFFICE SUPPLY | \$5,000.00 | \$940.18 | \$4,059.82 | 19% |
| 001-410-6508 | POSTAGE & SHIPPING | \$1,000.00 | \$16.12 | \$983.88 | 2% |
| Benefit Fund | | | | | |
| 112-410-6110 | SOCIAL SECURITY | \$20,217.00 | \$1,596.05 | \$18,620.95 | 8% |
| 112-410-6130 | IPERS | \$25,811.00 | \$1,897.33 | \$23,913.67 | 7% |
| 112-410-6150 | PREMIUMS HEALTH INSURANCE | \$74,415.00 | \$12,158.33 | \$62,256.67 | 16% |
| 112-410-6152 | PREMIUMS/LIFE/DISABILITY | \$1,249.00 | \$101.02 | \$1,147.98 | 8% |
| 112-410-6160 | WORKERS COMPENSATION | \$534.00 | \$203.88 | \$330.12 | 38% |
| Capital Fund | | | | | |
| 121-410-6721 | CAP OUTLAY-FURN/FIXTURES | \$20,090.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,090.00 | 0% |
| 121-410-6723 | CAP OUTLAY-HEAVY EQUIP | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0% |
| 121-410-6725 | CAP OUTLAY-OFFICE EQUIP | \$13,086.00 | \$2,719.49 | \$10,366.51 | 21% |
| 121-410-6770 | CAP OUTLAY - LIBRARY | \$40,000.00 | \$1,695.97 | \$38,304.03 | 3 4% |
| 122-410-6750 | CAPITAL/BUILDING | \$35,150.00 | \$0.00 | \$35,150.00 | 0% |
| Gift Fund | | | | | |
| 167 <i>-</i> 410-6520 | MISCELLANEOUS | \$45,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$45,000.00 | 0% |
| 167-410-6770 | CAPITAL/BOOKS | \$25,200.00 | \$0.00 | \$25,200.00 | 0% |
| HH Fund | | | | | |
| 178-410-6020 | WAGES - PART TIME | \$25,694.00 | \$1,911.03 | \$ \$23,782.97 | 7 7% |
| 178-410-6110 | FICA | \$1,966.00 | \$146.19 | \$1,819.83 | 1 7% |
| 178-410-6120 | MEDICARE | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0% |
| 178-410-6130 | IPERS | \$2,426.00 | \$160.77 | \$2,265.23 | 3 7% |
| CLM Fund | | | | | |
| 178-410-6310 | BUILDING REPAIR/MAINT | \$3,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,000.00 | 0% |
| 178-410-6371 | UTILITIES | \$7,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,000.00 | 0% |
| 178-410-6373 | TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS | \$1,600.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,600.00 | 0% |
| 178-410-6408 | INSURANCE | \$5,883.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,883.00 | 0 0% |
| | LIBRARY TOTAL | \$700,212.00 | \$51,999.0 | \$648,212.9 | 2 7% |

The Solar Project monitor was installed in the library by the water fountain. A plug needed to be put in the wall. The monitor is not live yet.

The end of the Summer Library Programs were celebrated with a finale in each of the programs; the children had a magic show, the teens had a party, and the adults and a double creature feature. Children's SLP had 446 children registered, the Teen Program had 34 teens registered, and the adult SLP had 93 registered.

The Mystery Book Club events for July was rescheduled for August 2, 2022 at 2 p.m. in the library Community Room, to watch the recorded Author Talk, which will be followed by the book discussion with Mary Murphy. The three featured titles for July are: *The Lies I Tell* by Julie Clark, *And There He Kept Her* by Joshua Moehling, and *The New Neighbor* by Carter Wilson.

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Need a space to work on an unfinished craft project? On the first Saturday of each month, Perry Public Library will open the Community Room from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. for *Saturday Crafternoons*, providing a dedicated makerspace for library crafters and do-it-yourselfers to work on projects in our comfortable environment. Join us on Saturday, August 6.

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Everyone is invited to attend the free Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum series, *A Conversation With....* to meet guest community leaders and learn more about them, their jobs, and their roles in the Perry community. We will have a conversation with guest AJ Seely, Dallas County Emergency Management Coordinator, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, August 11, upstairs at the Carnegie Library Museum.

The Perry Public Library Monthly Book Club will hold its August book discussion on Tuesday, August 16, at 1:00 p.m., in the library Community Room. The selected title is *Learning to See* by Elise Hooper. meetings. Registration is required. Register online, by phone, or in person. Call the library (515-465-3569) or visit

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Presents: Historical Crafts Book Covers and Bookmarks – August 20 Families are invited to attend a free historical craft event at the Carnegie Library Museum, at 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, August 20. We will craft our own book covers and bookmarks at this creative program. All ages are welcome, and no registration is needed.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Event: Dining Manners and Menus in Victorian Iowa - August 21 Everyone is invited to attend a Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum program, Dining Manners and Menus in Victorian Iowa, at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 21. Can you set an elegant dinner table? Setting a proper table and eating politely were defining manners for a Victorian homemaker. Photographs will lead you through the courses of a meal while you learn how our modern thoughts on dinner evolved from the 1870s. As a hands-on activity, you will practice laying a place setting, and serving and sitting correctly at an elegant meal. Guest presenter is Janet Dennis from Living History Farms. Everyone is welcome - no registration needed!

Perry Public Library will participate in the 2022 Latino Festival, from 10:00 to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, August 27, at Pattee Park. We will be giving out free children's and juvenile books! Stop by the library table to say hello to library staff, and enjoy the parade, petting zoo, bubbles, foam blaster, balloon twister, street venders, and more at this popular multi-cultural event!

Calling all crafters! You are invited to the August Craft Club event, at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 29, in the Perry Public Library Community Room. The selected craft will feature a Beginning Embroidery Kit. Anyone interested is invited to join us for any meeting, but registration is required. To reserve your materials, register and pay the \$5 fee by Friday, August 19.

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