

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 7, 2022

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 repellent, 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