

# **Public Meeting Notice and Agenda**

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

will hold a meeting on

**Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 8 am**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of October 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of Financial Statements: Gift Fund Claims and City of Perry Library Line Items
5. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Search Process for Youth Services Librarian
6. New Business
  - a. New Adult Services Librarian
  - b. Additional Signatory on Gift Fund Checking Account
  - c. State Library of Iowa Annual Survey
7. Board Education – Annual Report to Board, Foundation, and City Council
8. Librarian Report
9. Open Forum
10. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is on December 8, 2022 at 8 am
11. Adjourn

**PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**October 12, 2022**

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 8 a.m. Note: This meeting was held in-person at the Perry Public Library.

Board members Kendall Rathje, Rosa Gonzalez, and Mark Miller were present. Library Director Mary Murphy, Deputy Library Director Misty VonBehren, and Library Clerk Candi Coffin was also present.

Board President Mark Miller called the meeting to order.

Agenda –Kendall Rathje moved to approve the agenda with Rosa Gonzalez seconding the motion. MCU.

Minutes – Kendall Rathje moved to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2022 meeting, and Rosa Gonzalez seconded the motion. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling with \$7,176.90 and checks #6296-#6311, totaling \$8,784.83. The City of Perry Library Fund Status Report was reviewed. Kendall Rathje moved to approve the financial reports with Rosa Gonzalez seconding the motion. MCU.

**Unfinished Business:**

Adult Services Librarian position has been filled with Mindy Farmer. She comes to us from DMACC where she teaches composition. Her start date will be November 2, 2022.

The Youth Services Librarian position posting has closed with 11 applicants. We interviewed five candidates and made a short list of three candidates. These three candidates will have a more in-depth interview next week.

**New Business: None**

Board Education – Review of Library Staff Structure and responsibilities were outlines and discussed.

**Librarian's Report:**

**Mission:**

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

The Solar Project monitor is still not live.

We will continue to give away produce at the winter Farmer's Market help on one Saturday per month in October, November, and December. We will be giving away winter squash on October 15, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We have hired an Adult Services Librarian. Mindy Farmer comes to us from DMACC where she teaches composition. She and her family live in Perry. She is looking forward to starting on November 2, 2022.

#### Programs for October 2022

Saturday Storytimes – October 1, 8, 15, 22 at 10:15 a.m., The October 8 and 22 sessions are bilingual!

Fall Storytimes Sessions are Underway! *Toddler Time* and *Fun for Fours and Fives* unit is *Buggy Over Books!* Toddlers, ages 18 months to three years, meet on Tuesdays, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., in the library Community Room. Pre-schoolers, ages four to five, meet on Wednesdays at the same time and place. *Wee Wonders* Storytimes for Babies are on Thursdays, also from 10:15 to 11:00, and focus on pre-literacy activities with simple stories, fingerplays, songs, and interactive play, and each child receives a free board book each session!

Chess at the Library Continues Thursdays, Saturdays - October 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

Walk-in Chess will continue at Perry Public Library this fall and winter with instructor David Oliveira. Scheduled times include 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays for K-12 students; 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursdays for all ages; and 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturdays for all ages

Saturday Crafternoon – October 1 from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m., in the library Community Room.

Children's Halloween Costume Exchange at the Library – October 3-24

Perry Public Library will hold a children's Halloween costume exchange again this year, providing an opportunity for families to donate gently used outgrown costumes and exchange them for "new-to-you" replacements. Beginning Monday, October 3, patrons may bring clean children's costumes in good condition to the library, and for each costume donated, receive a coupon good for one costume from the exchange. We will collect costume donations until the day the exchange begins, Monday, October 24, at which time the costume coupons may be redeemed during library hours, on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call Suzanne Kestel at the library: 515-465-3569.

Teddy Bear Sleepover at the Library – October 3

Children ages two to five, with an accompanying adult, are invited to attend a Teddy Bear Sleepover program at Perry Public Library, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 3, in the library Community Room. Each child may bring with them a Teddy Bear or other plush friend that they are comfortable leaving at the library overnight. We will play games, sing songs, enjoy activities, and a snack will be provided at this fun event. The children's Teddy Bears, etc., may be picked up the following afternoon, Tuesday, October 4, and then we will discover what they've been up to while visiting the library overnight!

Mystery Book Club – October 4, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 4, in-person, in the library Community Room. The selected title for October is *The Physicist's Daughter* by Mary Anna Evans.

*Never Too Old for YA* Book Club – October 5 at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, in the library Community Room. The selected title is *White Smoke* by Tiffany Jackson.

*Fashions to Die For* with Historian Kathy Wilson – October 10

Perry Public Library will host historian Kathy Wilson for her popular Historical Perspectives program *Fashions to Die For*, at 2:00 p.m., Monday, October 10, in the library Community Room.

Quarterly Classics Book Club – October 11 at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, at the Carnegie Library Museum, upstairs by the fireplace. The selected title is *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Program: *A Conversation With... Brian Eiteman* – October 13 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 13, at the Carnegie Library Museum.

Shred Event – October 15

Perry Public Library will hold a Shred Event for the public on Saturday, October 15, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The shredder truck will be in the library south parking lot, accessible from Railroad Street. This event is an opportunity for Perry area residents to dispose of outdated personal documents, free of charge, in a safe, secure way. This event is sponsored by the library and the City of Perry, and donations are accepted!

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Vintage Craft: *Rock Candy* – October 15 at 11:30 am, Saturday, October 15.

*Hats, Hats, and More Hats* – October 16 at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 16, at the Carnegie Library Museum. The featured hats are from the Forest Park Museum collection, and they will be on exhibit at the Carnegie Library Museum from October 1 to 31.

Monthly Book Club – October 18 at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, in the library Community Room. The featured title this month is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Interested readers are invited to join the group at any time, but registration is required. Books are available at the library for participants. Register online: <http://www.perry.lib.ia.us>, in person, or call the library: 515-465-3569. Discussion leader is Library Director Mary Murphy.

*The Restoration of the Perry Carnegie Library Museum* – October 20 at 6:30 p.m., at the Carnegie Library Museum, and it focuses on the building's 1990s era restoration project funded by Roberta and Howard Ahmanson.

Craft Club: *Halloween Goodie Boxes* – October 24 at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, October 24, in the library Community Room.

Halloween *Spooktakular* – October 28

Perry Public Library will participate in the Perry Chamber of Commerce Halloween *Spooktakular*, scheduled for Friday, October 28, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Children are invited to trick-or-treat at the library during this popular community event and receive a free book!

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 8 a.m. in the library's Community Room (aka the large meeting room). The public is always welcome.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary K. Murphy, Library Director

**Register Report**  
9/7/2022 through 10/12/2022

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>BALANCE 9/6/2022</b>					<b>23,990.85</b>
9/7/2022	DEP	Deposit	KWIK STAR	Gifts And Memorials	4,500.00
9/13/2022	DEP	S Deposit	David Dunn	Gifts And Memorials	300.00
				Donation Income	24.85
				Room Maintenance	25.00
9/19/2022	DEP	Deposit		Donation Income	10.00
9/26/2022	6296	City Of Perry	KWIK STAR to City Hall	Reimburse City For K...	-4,500.00
10/3/2022	DEP	S Deposit		Room Maintenance	25.00
				Gifts And Memorials	135.05
10/3/2022	DEP	Deposit	Cash Register 9/26/2022 ...	Donation Income	57.00
10/5/2022	6297	S Fareway	FCA Grant	Milk And Eggs Outreach	-23.50
			FCA Grant	Milk And Eggs Outreach	-23.50
			Volunteer Day Supplies	Programming	-26.84
			FCA Grant	Milk And Eggs	-23.50
			Farmers Market	Programming	-48.21
			FCA Grant	Milk And Eggs	-23.50
			Children's Storytime	Programming	-17.68
			FCA Grant	Milk And Eggs	-22.50
			Supplies	Programming	-15.22
10/5/2022	6298	S Wells Fargo Visa		Programming	-180.00
				Professional Developm...	-180.00
				Office Supplies	-57.50
			FB Boost + Design Help	Marketing	-235.04
10/5/2022	6299	S Wells Fargo Visa		Programming	-48.97
				Programming	-5.67
				Programming	-40.98
10/5/2022	6301	Jessica Phillips		Pico Expenses	-4.58
10/5/2022	6300	The Perry News		Advertising	-150.00
10/5/2022	6302	Raccoon Valley ...	9/28/2022 Invoice 2197-0...	Marketing	-736.56
10/5/2022	6303	Iowa Radio Plus	Account 1889 / 9/30/202...	Marketing	-354.56
10/5/2022	6304	Misty VonBehren	Eggs - HyVee	Milk And Eggs	-142.05
10/5/2022	6305	David Oliviera		Programming	-50.00
10/6/2022	6306	S Mary K. Murphy		Postage	-129.60
			Craft Supplies	Programming	-65.93
			Craft Supplies	Programming	-32.10
10/12/2022	6307	Eat Greater Des ...		Food Recovery	-250.00
10/12/2022	6308	Dallas County E ...	Seed Library	Materials All Other	-40.00
10/12/2022	DEP	Deposit		IRLF	2,100.00
10/12/2022	6310	Void			0.00
10/12/2022	6311	Library Furniture...	LFI Qt 1305 Mobile Bln 4 ...	Library Furnishings	-1,303.00
10/12/2022	6309	City Of Perry	September 2022	Credit Debit Card Rev...	-53.75
<b>9/7/2022 - 10/12/2022</b>					<b>-1,607.93</b>
<b>BALANCE 10/12/2022</b>					<b>22,382.92</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>					<b>7,176.90</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>					<b>-8,784.83</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>					<b>-1,607.93</b>

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Category	9/7/2022- 10/12/2022
<b>INCOME</b>	
Donation Income	91.85
Gifts And Memorials	4,935.05
PPLF	2,100.00
Room Maintenance	50.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,176.90</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Uncategorized	0.00
Advertising	150.00
Credit Debit Card Revenue to City Hall	53.75
Food Recovery	250.00
Library Furnishings	1,303.00
Marketing	1,326.16
Materials	
All Other	40.00
<b>TOTAL Materials</b>	<b>40.00</b>
Milk And Eggs	211.55
Milk And Eggs Outreach	47.00
Office Supplies	57.50
Pico Expenses	4.58
Postage	129.60
Professional Development	180.00
Programming	531.69
Reimburse City For KWIK STAR Check	4,500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,784.83</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-1,607.93</b>

# Register Report

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<b>BALANCE 10/12/2022</b>					<b>24,365.20</b>
10/17/2022	DEP	Deposit	Cash Register 10/17/2022	Donation Income	30.00
10/17/2022	DEP	Deposit	Cash Register 10/17/2022 for...	Donation Income	5.00
10/19/2022	6312	Advantage Archives	January 2017-June 2019 TH...	Digitization Project	-960.50
10/19/2022	6172	**VOID**			960.50
10/24/2022	DEP	S Deposit	J Traver for Chuck Hilsenbeck	Gifts And Memorials	25.00
				Shred Event Donation	154.50
				Donation	40.00
11/1/2022	DEP	Deposit	Cash Register 11/1/2022	Donation Income	56.65
11/3/2022	6316	S WellsFargo Visa		Programming	-776.48
				Marketing Services	-118.98
				Employment Searches	-141.79
11/3/2022	6317	S WellsFargo Visa		Board Book Outreach	-596.55
				Children's Activities	-7.35
				Board Book Outreach	-191.80
				Program Supplies	-229.78
11/3/2022	6333	S Fareway	Milk	Milk And Eggs Outreach	-22.50
			Supplies	Programming	-60.43
			Supplies	Programming	-6.57
			Supplies	Programming	-9.38
			Supplies	Programming	-6.89
			Milk	Milk And Eggs Outreach	-22.50
			Milk	Milk And Eggs Outreach	-22.50
			Milk	Milk And Eggs Outreach	-22.50
11/3/2022	6322	Stericycle, Inc	Shred It Event	Programming	-364.10
11/3/2022	6325	Books By The Bu...	Invoice # 28954	Board Book Outreach	-507.45
11/3/2022	6323	City Of Perry	October 2022	Credit Debit Card Rev...	-52.50
11/3/2022	6324	Ben's Five And Di...	Craft Club	Programming	-56.70
11/3/2022	6326	Iowa Radio Plus	9/26/2022 - 10/24/2022	Marketing Services	-111.85
11/3/2022	6327	Raccoon Valley R...	10/30/2022 Statement	Marketing Services	-920.70
11/3/2022	6328	Molly Rowe	Invoice # 160	Programming	-54.00
11/3/2022	6329	Hunter Martin	Craft Club Supplies Reimbur...	Programming	-367.90
11/3/2022	6330	S Misty VonBehren	Spooktacular	Programming	-31.07
			Craft Club	Programming	-99.78
			Eggs - 15 dozen	Milk And Eggs Outreach	-49.35
			Reading Prizes - 2 Kindles	Programming	-149.98
			Eggs- 30 dozen (2 weeks)	Milk And Eggs Outreach	-77.10
			Worms	Office Supplies	-4.48
			Walking School Bus Supplies	Programming	-66.95
			Eggs-15 dozen	Milk And Eggs Outreach	-49.35
			Eggs-15 dozen	Milk And Eggs Outreach	-49.35
			Walking School Bus Supplies	Programming	-120.00
			Book Discussion Books	Programming	-142.35
			Eggs-15 dozen	Milk And Eggs Outreach	-49.35
11/3/2022	6331	S Mary K. Murphy	Supplies	Programming	-8.75
			Endicia	Postage Expense	-7.20
			Supplies	Programming	-6.67
			Reading Prizes - 2 Kindles	Programming	-161.93
11/3/2022	6332	Jillann Gabrielle	Solo Performance Program	Programming	-500.00
11/3/2022	DEP	Deposit		PPLF	2,100.00
<b>10/13/2022 - 11/3/2022</b>					<b>-3,833.71</b>

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<b>BALANCE 11/3/2022</b>					<b>20,531.49</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>					<b>3,371.65</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>					<b>-7,205.36</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>					<b>-3,833.71</b>

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Category	10/13/2022- 11/3/2022
<b>INCOME</b>	
Uncategorized	960.50
Donation	40.00
Donation Income	91.65
Gifts And Memorials	25.00
PPLF	2,100.00
Shred Event Donation	154.50
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,371.65</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Board Book Outreach	1,295.80
Children's Activities	7.35
Credit Debit Card Revenue to City Hall	52.50
Digitization Project	960.50
Employment Searches	141.79
Marketing Services	1,151.53
Milk And Eggs Outreach	364.50
Office Supplies	4.48
Postage Expense	7.20
Program Supplies	229.78
Programming	2,989.93
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,205.36</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-3,833.71</b>



**City of Perry**  
**Perry Public Library Fund Status Report**  
**November 4, 2022**

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>YTD Exp</b>	<b>YTD Balance</b>	<b>Expended</b>
<b>General Fund</b>					
001-410-6010	WAGES	\$212,397.00	\$78,161.72	\$134,235.28	37%
001-410-6020	WAGES - PT	\$61,000.00	\$23,200.27	\$37,799.73	38%
001-410-6240	TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0%
001-410-6310	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE BLDG	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0%
001-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$32,000.00	\$11,537.94	\$20,462.06	36%
001-410-6373	TELEPHONE	\$4,500.00	\$1,439.18	\$3,060.82	32%
001-410-6408	INSURANCE TORT/GENERAL	\$7,994.00	\$0.00	\$7,994.00	0%
001-410-6413	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$16,000.00	\$3,293.85	\$12,706.15	21%
001-410-6490	CONSULTANT & PROFESSIONAL	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	0%
001-410-6506	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$5,000.00	\$1,458.02	\$3,541.98	29%
001-410-6508	POSTAGE & SHIPPING	\$1,000.00	\$41.16	\$958.84	4%
<b>Benefit Fund</b>					
112-410-6110	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$20,217.00	\$7,333.70	\$12,883.30	36%
112-410-6130	IPERS	\$25,811.00	\$8,566.06	\$17,244.94	33%
112-410-6150	PREMIUMS HEALTH INSURANCE	\$74,415.00	\$30,684.11	\$43,730.89	41%
112-410-6152	PREMIUMS/LIFE/DISABILITY	\$1,249.00	\$443.28	\$805.72	35%
112-410-6160	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$534.00	\$297.98	\$236.02	56%
121-410-6721	CAP OUTLAY-FURN/FIXTURES	\$20,090.00	\$1,221.53	\$18,868.47	6%
121-410-6725	CAP OUTLAY-OFFICE EQUIP	\$13,086.00	\$8,800.07	\$4,285.93	67%
121-410-6770	CAP OUTLAY - LIBRARY	\$40,000.00	\$14,987.56	\$25,012.44	37%
122-410-6750	CAPITAL/BUILDING	\$35,150.00	\$13,388.90	\$21,761.10	38%
<b>Gift Fund</b>					
167-410-6520	MISCELLANEOUS	\$45,000.00	\$157.72	\$44,842.28	0%
167-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$25,200.00	\$874.54	\$24,325.46	3%
<b>HH at CLM</b>					
178-410-6020	WAGES - PART TIME	\$25,694.00	\$8,800.86	\$16,893.14	34%
178-410-6110	FICA	\$1,966.00	\$673.26	\$1,292.74	34%
178-410-6130	IPERS	\$2,426.00	\$631.20	\$1,794.80	26%
178-410-6310	BUILDING REPAIR/MAINT	\$3,000.00	\$190.42	\$2,809.58	6%
178-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$7,000.00	\$1,202.11	\$5,797.89	17%
178-410-6373	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,600.00	\$260.54	\$1,339.46	16%
178-410-6408	INSURANCE	\$5,883.00	\$0.00	\$5,883.00	0%
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$700,212.00</b>	<b>\$217,645.98</b>	<b>\$482,566.02</b>	<b>31%</b>

## Board Overview

Statistic	FY 22-23 to date	FY 21-22	FY 20-21	FY 19-20	FY 18-19	FY 17-18	FY 16-17	FY 15-16
<b>Volumes Held at Start of Period</b>	<b>108,446</b>	<b>106,485</b>	<b>106,485</b>	<b>110,940</b>	<b>74,435</b>	<b>79,114</b>	<b>58,699</b>	<b>54,229</b>
Electronic Music Circulation	40	392	382	295	545	720	871	1,009
Electronic Audiobook Circulation	1,119	2,959	2,813	2,185	2,123	1,701	1,764	1,421
Electronic Book Circulation	1,234	4,280	3,300	2,999	2,984	1,974	1,607	1,642
Electronic Video Circulation	254	714	404	417				
Electronic Magazine Circulation	113	318						
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>24,751</b>	<b>67,196</b>	<b>46,653</b>	<b>70,422</b>	<b>70,812</b>	<b>64,046</b>	<b>74,234</b>	<b>74,921</b>
<b>Number of Borrowers at End of Period</b>	<b>5,782</b>	<b>5,650</b>	<b>5,292</b>	<b>5,167</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>5,408</b>	<b>5,859</b>	<b>5,323</b>
PPL Door Count	19,511	49,678	9,534	51,372	82,972	73,003	75,533	75,988
HH & Carnegie Door Count	373	601						
<b>Library Visits</b>	<b>19,884</b>	<b>50,279</b>						
<b>Total Number of Reference Questions</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>4,004</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>2,974</b>	<b>3,484</b>	<b>4,127</b>	<b>4,294</b>	<b>4,034</b>
<b>Total Number of Programs</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>440</b>
<b>Total Number Attending Programs</b>	<b>4,346</b>	<b>10,583</b>	<b>4,806</b>	<b>10,741</b>	<b>21,947</b>	<b>24,027</b>	<b>17,660</b>	<b>13,644</b>
<b>Annual Meeting Room Use</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>581</b>
<b>Public Computer Usage</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>11,545</b>	<b>3,577</b>	<b>15,428</b>	<b>25,227</b>	<b>32,480</b>	<b>36,219</b>	<b>34,071</b>
<b>Wireless Computer Usage</b>	<b>4,272</b>	<b>7,286</b>	<b>2,765</b>	<b>7,347</b>	<b>9,467</b>	<b>10,212</b>	<b>8,437</b>	<b>2,245</b>
<b>Pages Viewed Online Catalog</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>6,366</b>	<b>14,941</b>	<b>17,023</b>	<b>26,089</b>	<b>32,118</b>	<b>44,929</b>	<b>50,666</b>
<b>Unique Visitors to Online Catalog</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>1,831</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>2,220</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>3,374</b>

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Statistics are attached.

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#### Programs for October 2022

The 2022 Friends of the Perry Public Library Quilt Raffle is underway and will continue until December 17. Two beautiful quilts were donated by the Perry Piecemakers Quilt Guild, and they will be on display during Art on the Prairie (November 12-13) and during the Festival of Trees. Tickets are on sale now at the library for \$1 each or 6 for \$5, all proceeds to benefit Perry Public Library programming.

The annual Carnegie Library Museum Quilt Raffle is underway and will continue until Saturday, December 17. Local quilter Linda Andorf has generously donated two holiday quilts and one holiday wall-hanging for the raffle. Come and view the quilts or purchase tickets (\$1 each /6 tickets for \$5) at the Carnegie Library Museum. All proceeds directly benefit the museum. The festive quilts will be on display there through December 16, including Art on the Prairie weekend (November 12-13). They may also be viewed at the Winter Markets (November 19 and December 17), from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the Perry Public Library Community Room.

The Perry Public Library Mystery Book Club will meet at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, in-person, in the library Community Room. The November selected title is *The Guest House* by Robin Morgan Bentley.

The Perry Public Library *Never Too Old for YA* Book Club will hold its November book discussion at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 2, in the library Community Room. The selected discussion book is *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson.

Chess instruction and walk-in Chess will continue to be offered at the library this November on Thursday afternoons. Students, grades K-12, will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the library Board Room, and Chess players of all ages are welcome to meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., also in the Board Room, for instruction or competition. Instructor is David Oliveira, who offers Chess instruction by individual appointments, as well.

Join Perry Public Library staff for Saturday Storytimes in the library Community Room at 10:15 a.m., November 5 and 19. Enjoy stories, activities, and more at the free sessions. No registration is needed. Due to *Art on the Prairie* at the library (Saturday-Sunday, November 12-13), no Storytime is scheduled that weekend, but we hope you will join us at the library for Art on the Prairie, a family-friendly event! There is no Storytime on Saturday, November 26, due to Thanksgiving break.

Join us on the first Saturday of each month for *Saturday Crafternoons*, from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m., in the library Community Room. We provide a dedicated makerspace for crafters and do-it-yourselfers to work

on projects in a comfortable environment. Plan your next work session for Saturday, November 5, at the library.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum will host visiting author and Drake Professor Emeritus Neil Hamilton for a Book Talk on his recently published title, *The Land Remains: A Midwestern Perspective On Our Past and Future*, at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 5, at the Carnegie Library Museum. Longtime director of the Drake University Agricultural Law Center, Professor Hamilton will talk about his book and share his personal perspectives on agriculture and land policy, as well as his extensive knowledge of the history of conservation in Iowa, including soil health, water quality, public lands, and more. Sponsored by the Raccoon River Watershed Association, this event is free and open to the public.

Perry Public Library is planning a family fall celebration party called *Happy Fall, Y'all*, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., on Monday, November 7, in the library Community Room. Join Miss Suzanne and go on a "Leaf Hunt", play games, create two make-and-take crafts, enjoy a snack, and take home a goodie bag!

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Presents: *Carnegie Libraries in Iowa* – November 10  
The public is invited to attend a free program called "Carnegie Libraries in Iowa", the second installment in a Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum series that focuses on Carnegie libraries and their impact on Iowa communities. Come and hear Professor Shana Stuart, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, November 10, at the Carnegie Library Museum. Her interesting program illuminates the history of Carnegie libraries in our state and their contributions to our cities and towns

Closed for Veterans Day – November 11

Perry Public Library and the Carnegie Library Museum will be closed Friday, November 11, for the Veterans Day holiday.

Art on the Prairie Events at the Perry Public Library – November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

Megan Cline Storytime - The Perry Public Library welcomes local author Megan Cline for a children's Storytime in the Perry Public Library Community Meeting Room at 10:30 am on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and 10:30 am on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Cline is an Iowa native best known for the curious, colorful wombat in *Winston Winks*. Fun for all ages, enjoy *Winston Winks* and other favorites read by Iowa author Megan Cline at the Art on the Prairie Festival.

GR!LIVE performances by GRDSM - Two live GR!LIVE performances featuring local artist Lani will be held at 1 pm and 2:30 pm from Girls Rock Des Moines (GRDSM) on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in the Perry Public Library Community Room. The performers will also offer a hands-on Songwriting Workshop at 1:30 pm. GR!LIVE is an exciting, new series from GRDSM that recovers marginalized narratives & the heritage of women in music, reclaims herstories, and recapitulates music genres for a new generation's liberation of expression. Attendees of all ages and experience levels are invited to join in on the fun and learn about the music genre of Latin Pop, the herstory of Gloria Estefan, and the music of the local artist, Lani.

Oh, Jackie O! Solo Musical - Artist Jillann Gabrielle is bringing her original, solo musical based on the life of Jackie Kennedy Onassis, *Oh, Jackie O!*, to The Perry Public Library on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Gabrielle writes, directs, and stars in this provocative and delightful show, deemed "exhaustively researched, brilliantly written, and radiantly performed!" by Paradise Playhouse. Gabrielle will present this free show to the public in the Library Community Room.

Student Art Exhibit - The Perry Public Library is pleased to showcase local student artists in the Art on the Prairie Student Art Exhibit on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Come view original artwork from Perry Community School students throughout the library all weekend.

Toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years) and preschool children (ages 4 and 5) and their caregivers are invited to join Miss Suzanne in the kitchen for a four-week Storytime unit called *Cooking Time*, which begins Tuesday and Wednesday, November 15 and 16 for two age groups. The Toddler Time group meets Tuesdays, from 10:15 to 11:00, in the library Community Room, and the *Fun for 4s and 5s* group meets on Wednesdays, at the same time and place. We will talk about safety in the kitchen, nutrition, and cooking procedures, as we prepare simple snacks. Each child receives a free apron!

The Perry Public Library Monthly Book Club will meet at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 15, in the library Community Room. The selected title for the month is *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins.

Fall Craft: *Holiday Garland & Cinnamon Ornaments* at the Library – November 19

Join Trista at Perry Public Library for a family-friendly fall craft, at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 19. We will make holiday garlands and cinnamon ornaments. All supplies are provided, and no registration is needed for this free event.

Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday – November 24, 25

Craft Club: *Fleece Tie Blankets* – November 28

The Perry Public Library Craft Club will meet for their November event at 6:00 p.m., November 28, in the library Community Room. The featured craft is *Fleece Tie Blankets*, from pre-cut holiday-themed kits. All interested crafters are invited to participate in Craft Club, but you must register and pay the \$5 materials fee by the deadline to guarantee your supplies. The November deadline is Monday, November 21.