

Public Meeting Notice and Agenda

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

will hold a meeting on

Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 8 a.m.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of January 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of Financial Statements: Gift Fund Claims and City of Perry Library Line Items
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. Capital Requests FY2023-2024
 - b. Budget FY2023-2024
6. New Business
 - a. Library Director Search
7. Board Education
8. Librarian Report
9. Open Forum
10. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is on March 9, 2023 at 8 a.m.
11. Adjourn

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 12, 2023

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 8 a.m. Note: This meeting was held in-person at the Perry Public Library.

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

Board President Mark Miller called the meeting to order.

Agenda –Kendall Rathje moved to approve the agenda with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Minutes – Margaret Ruggle moved to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2022, meeting as emailed and Kendall Rathje seconded the motion. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling with \$6,375.80 and checks #6346 - #6357, totaling \$4,802.97. The City of Perry Library Fund Status Report was reviewed. Rosa Gonzalez moved to approve the financial reports with Maggie Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Unfinished Business:

FY24 Capital Requests have been submitted with a roof replacement quote of \$608,000.

FY24 Operating Budget will be discussed in a work session on January 23, 2023.

New Business:

Board Education – The work flow of the City of Perry Budgeting Process dates were reviewed and what happens on each date.

Librarian's Report:

Statistics are attached for both the Perry Public Library and Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum.

The Solar Project monitor IS LIVE!!!.

The new (2020) east exterior door is not working like it should again. We are looking into replacing the door opener operator. We have had multiple people come out and work on the door closer and it never "stays" fixed.

Programming:

Winter Craft Swap Donations Collected– Now through January 19

Swap craft supplies beginning Friday, January 20 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday, January 21 from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, and Sunday, January 22, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Winter Reading Program – December 2022 – February 2023

The Perry Public Library Winter Reading Program is back for children, teens, and adults! Come to the library to register, find new books to read, and find our hidden friends! Participating is easy – read, record hours or complete short book reviews, and win prizes.

Festival of Trees 2022 - November 22 - January 8

The Festival of Trees will continue spreading festive cheer through January 8! The Carnegie Library Museum is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Thursdays from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, Friday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00pm.

NEW PROGRAM January Grab and Go Kid's Craft - Free DIY Mini Flower Pot Polar Bear Craft Kit – Available January 3rd

Kids looking for a creative project to enjoy at home can come into the Perry Public Library beginning January 3rd to pick up a Free DIY Mini Flower Pot Polar Bear Craft Kit.

January Grab and Go Adult Craft - Free DIY Button Flowers Bouquet Craft Kit – Available January 5th

Sometimes it's nice to stay home and enjoy learning a new craft at your leisure. Why not bring home a Free DIY Button Flowers Bouquet Craft Kit from the Perry Public Library? This January Grab and Go Adult Craft includes materials and instructions for making delightful, miniature button flower bouquets to adorn your home.

Never Too Old for YA Book Club: *With the Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo – January 4

The Perry Public Library Never Too Old for YA Book Club will hold its January book discussion at 6:00 pm, on Wednesday, January 4, in the library Community Room. The selected discussion book is *With the Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo.

Chess at the Library – January 5, 12, 19, 26

Local Chess Instructor David Oliveira is partnering with the Perry Public Library to teach, mentor, and play chess with players of all ages and experience levels. Whether you are new to chess or looking for a challenging game, mark your Thursday evenings in January for Chess Instruction and Walk-in at the Library. Students, grades K-12, will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, in the library Board Room. Chess players of all ages are then welcome to meet from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, also in the Board Room, for instruction or competition.

Saturday Crafternoon – January 7

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Toddler Time Storytime – January 10, 17, 24, 31

This Storytime is for ages 18 months to 3-year-olds. Our theme for January and February is Winter Wonderland at the Library! We will be reading about winter and snowmen and what people and animals

do in the winter. We will also be making marshmallow snowmen, "shoveling" cotton ball snow, and many more fun activities! Toddler Storytime meets Tuesdays from 10:15 am to 11:00 am in the Library Community Room.

Quarterly Classics Book Club: *An American Tragedy* by Theodore Dreiser – January 10

All are invited to join the Quarterly Classics Book Club for discussions of traditional and modern classics. The Quarterly Classics Book Club will meet Tuesday, January 10 to discuss *An American Tragedy* by Theodore Dreiser at the Carnegie Library Museum from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

NEW PROGRAM Wow! Wednesdays – K through 2nd – January 11

Attention elementary school students! Come check out our new after-school program that's full of fun crafts, STEM activities, LEGO building time, and games! You'll have a blast! Kindergarteners through second graders meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Fours and Fives Storytime – January 11, 18, 25

This Storytime is for preschoolers and our winter unit for January and February is Winter Wonderland at the Library! We will read about winter, snowmen, and what people and animals do in the winter. We will also be making pasta snowflakes, examining Evergreen branches and pinecones, and so much more! Fours and Fives Storytime meets Wednesdays from 10:15 am to 11:00 am in the Library Community Room.

Wee Wonders – January 12, 19, 26

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Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Presents: Winter Birdseed Ornaments – January 14

Families are invited to come make birdseed ornaments on January 14, 2023 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Carnegie Library Museum in Perry. We will learn about the importance of feeding birds in the winter and bring home ornaments to hang for the birds outside!

Monthly Book Club: *The Age of Acrimony: How Americans Fought to Fix Their Democracy, 1865-1915* by Jon Grinspan - January 17

The Perry Public Library Monthly Book Club will meet at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, January 17, in the library Community Room. For January, the club will discuss Jon Grinspan's *The Age of Acrimony: How Americans Fought to Fix Their Democracy, 1865-1915*.

NEW PROGRAM Wow! Wednesdays – 3rd through 5th – January 18

Attention elementary school students! Come check out our new after-school program that's full of fun crafts, STEM activities, LEGO building time, and games! You'll have a blast! Third through fifth graders meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This event is free and no registration is required. For questions, call the library or Youth Services Librarian Laura Pieper at (515) 465-3569 or e-mail lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Presents: The Life of Andrew Carnegie – January 26

The Perry is community is invited to this free special presentation at the Carnegie Library on January 26 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Follow the life of Andrew Carnegie, a philanthropist best known for his special emphasis on building local libraries, from birth to death. Discover how he became the richest man in the world, surpassing even John D. Rockefeller, and went on to give away almost 90% of his fortune to promote peace, education, and libraries.

January Craft Club: Polymer Clay Pens – January 30th

Did you know that you can take a basic pen and transform it into a one-of-a-kind keepsake? Join Hunter for the Perry Public Library's January Craft Club, where she will teach attendees how to use polymer clay to create marbled, tie-dyed, and solid pen designs. Crafters will meet in the Library Community Room on January 30th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to create their designs and then they will take their pens home to finish baking them.

**Never Too Old for YA Book Club: *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets to the Universe*
by Benjamin Alire Saenz – February 1**

On February 1st, come explore themes of friendship and identity with the Perry Public Library's Never Too Old for YA Book Club. The club will meet at 6:00 pm, on Wednesday, February 1, in the library Community Room. The selected discussion book is *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets to the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Saenz. Interested adults and teens may join the group at any time, but registration is required. Books are available at the library for registrants. Register online at www.perry.lib.ia.us, in person, or call the library for more information at 515-465-3569.

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday, February 9, 2023, 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
1/6/2023 through 2/2/2023

2/2/2023

Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE 1/5/2023				26,686.14
1/9/2023	DEP	Deposit	Donation Income	20.00
1/16/2023	DEP	S Deposit	Green Bag Donation	620.43
			Tyson And FCA Grant Funds	2,831.06
			Summer Library Program D...	3,000.00
			Chocolate Walk Donation	140.00
			Gifts And Memorials	50.00
			Donation Income	25.00
1/23/2023	DEP	S Deposit	Gifts And Memorials	50.00
			Donation Income	84.25
1/30/2023	DEP	S Deposit	Room Maintenance	25.00
			Donation Income	20.00
2/1/2023	6358	S Wells Fargo Visa	Programming	-1,519.15
			Marketing Services	-25.08
2/1/2023	6359	S Fareway	Milk And Eggs	-26.90
			Programming	-25.62
			Milk And Eggs	-24.90
			Milk And Eggs	-26.90
			Programming	-13.76
			Milk And Eggs	-27.50
			Milk And Eggs	-26.90
2/1/2023	6360	Books By The Bu...	Programming	-226.45
2/1/2023	6361	City Of Perry	Credit Debit Card Revenue ...	-92.05
2/1/2023	6362	Laura Pieper	Mileage	-16.38
2/1/2023	6364	S Misty VonBehren	Milk And Eggs	-59.85
			Milk And Eggs	-59.85
			Milk And Eggs	-49.35
2/1/2023	6365	S Mary K. Murphy	Operating Supplies	-235.69
			Materials:Audiobooks	-16.00
			Programming	-50.00
2/1/2023	6366	Ethan Winey	Mileage	-170.30
2/1/2023	6363	CSLP	Programming	-49.35
2/1/2023	6367	Eat Greater Des ...	Programming	-250.00
2/2/2023	6368	Susan Kelderman	Outreach Mileage	-26.91
2/2/2023	6369	Iowa Radio Plus	Marketing Services	-111.85
1/6/2023 - 2/2/2023				3,735.00
BALANCE 2/2/2023				30,421.14
TOTAL INFLOWS				6,865.74
TOTAL OUTFLOWS				-3,130.74
NET TOTAL				3,735.00

Banking Summary
1/6/2023 through 2/2/2023

2/2/2023

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Category	1/6/2023- 2/2/2023
INCOME	
Chocolate Walk Donation	140.00
Donation Income	149.25
Gifts And Memorials	100.00
Green Bag Donation	620.43
Room Maintenance	25.00
Summer Library Program Donation	3,000.00
Tyson And FCA Grant Funds	2,831.06
TOTAL INCOME	6,865.74
EXPENSES	
Credit Debit Card Revenue to City Hall	92.05
Marketing Services	136.93
Materials	
Audiobooks	16.00
TOTAL Materials	16.00
Mileage	186.68
Milk And Eggs	302.15
Operating Supplies	235.69
Outreach Mileage	26.91
Programming	2,134.33
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,130.74
OVERALL TOTAL	3,735.00

City of Perry
Perry Public Library and Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum
Fund Status Report February 1, 2023

Account Number	Account Title	Total Budget	YTD EXP	YTD Balance	Pct EXP
GENERAL FUND					
001-410-6010	WAGES	\$212,397.00	\$134,827.81	\$77,569.19	63%
001-410-6020	WAGES - PT	\$61,000.00	\$36,672.72	\$24,327.28	60%
001-410-6240	TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE	\$1,000.00	\$436.11	\$563.89	44%
001-410-6310	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE BLDG	\$1,000.00	\$451.23	\$548.77	45%
001-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$32,000.00	\$16,592.49	\$15,407.51	52%
001-410-6373	TELEPHONE	\$4,500.00	\$2,165.30	\$2,334.70	48%
001-410-6408	INSURANCE TORT/GENERAL	\$7,994.00	\$0.00	\$7,994.00	0%
001-410-6413	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$16,000.00	\$5,493.02	\$10,506.98	34%
001-410-6490	CONSULTANT & PROFESSIONAL	\$10,000.00	\$4,885.10	\$5,114.90	49%
001-410-6506	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$5,000.00	\$2,585.30	\$2,414.70	52%
001-410-6508	POSTAGE & SHIPPING	\$1,000.00	\$267.96	\$732.04	27%
BENEFIT FUND					
112-410-6110	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$20,217.00	\$12,445.02	\$7,771.98	62%
112-410-6130	IPERS	\$25,811.00	\$14,507.73	\$11,303.27	56%
112-410-6150	PREMIUMS HEALTH INSURANCE	\$74,415.00	\$46,304.20	\$28,110.80	62%
112-410-6152	PREMIUMS/LIFE/DISABILITY	\$1,249.00	\$597.18	\$651.82	48%
112-410-6160	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$534.00	\$439.13	\$94.87	82%
CAPITAL FUNDS					
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	\$9,539.35	\$3,546.65	73%
121-410-6770	CAP OUTLAY - LIBRARY	\$40,000.00	\$36,670.29	\$3,329.71	92%
122-410-6750	CAPITAL/BUILDING	\$35,150.00	\$13,463.90	\$21,686.10	38%
122-410-6751	CAPITAL BLDG/CARNEGIE LIBRARY	\$0.00	\$58,559.00	(\$58,559.00)	0%
GIFT FUND					
167-410-6520	MISCELLANEOUS	\$45,000.00	\$7,009.53	\$37,990.47	16%
167-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$25,200.00	\$1,096.10	\$24,103.90	4%
HH at the CLM					
178-410-6020	WAGES - PART TIME	\$25,694.00	\$13,697.05	\$11,996.95	53%
178-410-6110	FICA	\$1,966.00	\$1,047.81	\$918.19	53%
178-410-6130	IPERS	\$2,426.00	\$1,047.00	\$1,379.00	43%
178-410-6310	BUILDING REPAIR/MAINT	\$3,000.00	\$13,546.37	(\$10,546.37)	452%
178-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$7,000.00	\$2,834.88	\$4,165.12	40%
178-410-6373	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,600.00	\$642.92	\$957.08	40%
178-410-6408	INSURANCE	\$5,883.00	\$0.00	\$5,883.00	0%
LIBRARY TOTAL		\$700,212.00	\$439,046.03	\$261,165.97	63%

Board Overview

	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023 Year to Date	Fiscal Year % Change	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. 2022	Jan.	FY21-22 Jan.	FY 20-21 JAN	FY 19-20 JAN	FY 18-19 JAN
Volumes Held at Start of Period	106,495			108,400	108,378	108,426	108,446	107,615	107,768	108,037	107,739	109040	111413	79039
Electronic Music Circulation	392	84	1.46%	9	3	15	13	15	13	16	34	24	32	79
Electronic Audiobook Circulation	2,959	1,865	8.05%	382	249	237	251	244	218	284	200	256	187	211
Electronic Book Circulation	4,280	1,932	-22.62%	404	329	252	249	186	232	280	408	284	277	266
Electronic Video Circulation	714	425	2%	73	84	41	56	69	52	50	59	79	67	
Electronic Magazine Circulation	318	222	20%	20	55	16	22	52	30	27	30			
Total Circulation	67,196	40,852	4.22%	6,981	5,910	6,018	5,842	5,304	5,149	5,648	5,221	2,968	5,543	5667
Number of Borrowers at End of Period	5,650		3.50%	5,690	5,717	5,753	5,782	5,796	5,809	5,848	5,488	5,195	5,108	4593
PPL Door Count	49,678	34,007	17.35%	6,233	4,732	3,072	5,474	5,543	4,352	4,601	3,179	0	5,255	4749
HH & Carnegie Door Count	601	2,509	615.66%	167	77	89	129	1,658	303	86	49			
Library Visits	50,279	36,516	24.50%	6,400	4,809	3,161	5,603	7,201	4,655	4,687	3,228	0	5,255	4749
Total Number of Reference Questions	4,004	2,508	7.38%	495	387	320	283	286	367	370	381	166	233	313
Total Number of Programs	452	376	42.60%	79	20	62	71	55	42	47	34	17	68	71
Total Number Attending Programs	10,583	9,354	51.52%	1,758	326	454	1,890	3,570	741	615	388	160	783	830
Annual Meeting Room Use	172	74	-26.25%	9	11	11	13	8	4	18	22	0	40	38
Public Computer Usage	11,545	10,272	52.53%	1,205	1,457	1,471	1,667	1,521	1,466	1,485	834	255	1,605	1,818
Wireless Computer Usage	7,286	7,613	79.12%	899	1,085	1,110	1,178	1,140	1,054	1,147	558	186	713	719
Pages Viewed Online Catalog	6,366	420	-88.69%	208	92	6	2	0	0	112	337	1,241	2,559	2,266
Unique Visitors to Online Catalog	1,098	178	-72.21%	53	57	4	5	0	0	59	93	160	695	591
Wowberry users	2,190		29.2%	2,181	2,171	2,159	2,155	2,144	2,135	2,126	2,242	2,182	1,656	1,634
Wowberry pages viewed	8,645	1,678	-66.73%	204	239	220	218	303	213	281	293	732	678	423
Wowberry Click-Thru to Catalog	1,540	561	-37.55%	32	54	87	82	41	156	109	70	111	153	182
Hotspot Pending Reserves First of Month				0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1			
Hotspot Total Checkouts (Weekly)				19	19	19	22	15	14	7	20			
Reserved Hotspot Total Checkouts (Daily)				0	0	1	0	2	2	4	0			

Review of statistics

Smoke alarms fixed, humidifier somewhat fixed, east door fixed, painting (Perry Paint and Glass) will start soon along with lighting changeover (Curt Bonjour) to LEDs.

Programming:

Take Your Child to the Library Month – February 2023! We are excited to announce that this year we are turning Take Your Child To the Library into a month-long celebration, with special themed storytimes and month-long activities for families to participate in together! These events are free and no registration is required.

Take Your Child to the Library Month Activities include:

Family Scavenger Hunt – Month of February

Throughout the month, there will be a family scavenger hunt. Come enjoy this activity at your leisure.

Children's Book Trivia Quiz – Month of February

Bring your kids to the library in February to try our free Children's Book Trivia Quiz and earn prizes.

Library Card Sign-Up – Month of February

Mo Willems Storytime and Craft – February 1

Join us for a Mo Willems-themed storytime and craft with a special guest reader on Wednesday, February 1 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Library Community Room.

Evening Storytime – February 6 Bring your teddy and wear your pajamas for an evening storytime with a special guest reader from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Monday, February 6, in the Library Community Room.

Pete the Cat and Splat the Cat Storytime and Craft – February 22

Come to our silly cat-themed storytime and craft with a special guest reader on Wednesday, February 22, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Library Community Room.

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Wednesday Addams Treasure Hunt for Teens – Begins February 1 Teens can try their “hand” at solving clues based on the hit Netflix show to earn a dark treat! Come to the Perry Public Library during regular hours and haunt the stacks to seek the clues! Details and rules posted in the Teens and Tweens sections of the library. This treasure hunt is free and will continue so long as treats remain available. No registration is required.

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Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Presents: Vintage Valentine's Cards – February 11
Come into the Carnegie to learn about the history of Valentine cards and to create your own! All ages are welcome to attend this free event on Saturday, February 11 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Contact Trista Cohea at the Carnegie with questions at 515-465-7713. No registration needed.

Galentine's Day for Teens – Teens are invited to hang out at a Galentine's Day Social on Monday, February 13! Come make a "Wreck this Journal," snack on some waffles, and play games! Registration is required by February 6. To register, call Youth Services Librarian Laura Pieper at (515) 465-3569 or e-mail lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Presents: Valentine's Day Tea – February 14 Couples, families, and singles—come to the Carnegie for a special Valentine's Day-themed tea! We will be serving heart shaped desserts and tea sandwiches. Come out and enjoy this lovely event on February 14 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Space is limited. Tickets can be purchased at the Carnegie Library or the Perry Public Library. Contact Trista Cohea at the Carnegie with questions at 515-465-7713.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Presents: A Conversation with Dallas County Sheriff Adam Infante – February 16 Join Dallas County Sheriff Adam Infante on Thursday, February 16, for an informal, sit-down conversation. This is an opportunity to get to know the Interim Sheriff in a question and answers-style forum. The "Conversations with" event will be held at the Carnegie Library and Museum on February 16 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm No registration required. For more information, contact Candi at the Carnegie Library at 515-465-7713 or email [ccoffin@perry.lib.ia.us](mailto:c Coffin@perry.lib.ia.us).

Library Closed to Honor President's Day – February 20

The Perry Public Library will be closed on Monday, February 20 in recognition of President's Day. We will open for normal business beginning at 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 21.

Monthly Book Club: We Heard It When We Were Young by Chuy Renteria – February's Monthly Book Club will travel with their author to none other than West Liberty, Iowa. In We Heard It When We Were Young, Chuy Renteria shares his childhood as a first-generation Mexican-American in a changing, conflicted midwestern town. Readers will follow Renteria on a journey that includes "culture clashes, breakdancing battles, fistfights, quinceañeras, vandalism, adventures on bicycles, and souped-up lowriders, all set to an early 2000s soundtrack," according to the book jacket. The meeting will be held at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, February 21, in the Library Community Room. Everyone interested is invited to join the discussion, but registration is required. Register online at www.perry.lib.us, by phone at 515-465-3569, or in person. Books are available at the library for participants for a small fee. For more information, call Library Director and discussion leader Mary Murphy at 515-465-3569.

Wow! Wednesdays – 3rd through 5th grades – February 21

Attention elementary school students! Come check out our new after-school program that's full of fun crafts, STEM activities, LEGO building time, and games! You'll have a blast! Third through fifth graders meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This event is free and no registration is required.

Special Library Presentation by Rex Voegtlin: "Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln - Their Views Regarding Providence and Slavery" – February 22 Special guest Rex Voegtlin will share his passion for studying the presidents of the United States at a presentation on Wednesday, January 22, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Library Community Room. Voegtlin will explore the backgrounds of Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln, with a special focus on the historical groundwork these presidents laid to end slavery in the United States. This is a free library event and no registration is required. For questions, visit www.perry.lib.ia.us, come to the library, or call 515-465-3569.

February Craft Club: Cross Stitch Bookmarks – February's Craft Club combines your love of reading and crafting. Crafters will meet in the Library Community Room on February 27 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to make cross stitch bookmarks. All are welcome, but space is limited and registration is required. Take home kits will be available, if necessary. A \$5 fee materials fee is due at the time of registration to reserve your spot. Please register by Friday, February 20th.

Never Too Old for YA Book Club: I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika Sanchez – March 1 Adults and teens are invited to join our Never Too Old for YA (Young Adult) Book Club to discuss I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika Sanchez, a "gripping debut about a Mexican-American misfit [that] is alive and crackling," according to The New York Times. The club will meet at 6:00 pm, on Wednesday, March 1, in the library Community Room. March's book selection is described as "poignant but laugh-out-loud funny contemporary YA about losing a sister and finding yourself" by the publisher. Interested adults and teens may join the group at any time, but registration is required. Books are available at the library for registrants.