

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

The Perry Public Library welcomes you to our dedicated makerspace the first Saturday of each month! *Saturday Crafternoons* last from 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the library Community Room and offer a free community space to work on projects in a comfortable environment. Plan your next work session for Saturday, January 7, at the library.

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

This is our program for babies through 18 months, where we promote early literacy skills and motor skills through reading simple books, rhymes, songs, scarf and shaker play, and other fun activities. We also discuss helpful parenting tips. Each registered baby receives a board book every week they attend.

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 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