

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 13, 2023

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, April 13, 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 Heather Karolus were present. Library Director Mary Murphy and Deputy Library Director Misty VonBehren were also present.

Library Board Member Kendall Rathje called the meeting to order.

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

Minutes – Heather Karolus moved to approve the emailed minutes from the March 9, 2023, meeting and Rosa Gonzalez seconded the motion. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling \$2,220.45 and checks #6390 - #6411, totaling \$8,039.85. The City of Perry Library Fund Status Report was reviewed. Margaret Ruggle moved to approve the financial reports with Heather Karolus seconding the motion. MCU.

Unfinished Business:

FY24 Capital Requests – The following items were approved: Library Roof Assessment for \$5000, Technology for \$10000, Building Maintenance for \$12000, Upholstered Furniture for \$11,822, Replacing the South Sidewalk with Perry Public Works performing the work, and Library Materials for \$40000. The box van and equipment for the outreach vehicle were not approved.

FY24 Operating Budget – We did not meet with City Administration for a second time to discuss possible cuts in the budget. The Library Board approved budget that was submitted had no changes in any line item.

Director Search – Heather Karolus and Margaret Ruggle volunteered to serve on the Library Director Search Subcommittee. Library Director Mary Murphy will be contacting them in the next two weeks about the advertisement wording and suggested places where the advertisement should be placed.

New Business:

Library Card Policy – Heather Karolus moved to have the following words added – “ If their current Driver’s License or state-issued ID has a photo and current address, then one form of ID is acceptable.” Also adding “Community ID” as an acceptable form of a photo ID. Margaret Ruggle seconded. MCU.

Board Education – Chapter 4: Hiring a Library Director

Librarian's Report

Review of statistics

The Library East Entrance Door is fixed. A new door opener operator was installed and is now working as it should!

The Library's upper story is painted and the ceiling is the only part of the project left to do. The painters are looking for a lift that can go higher than 32 feet. This fiscal year's lighting project is done and we received a quote for the lights that are left to be converted for next fiscal year. These are the last two capital projects for this fiscal year.

We received notification that the Perry Public Library is going to receive a Dallas County Foundation grant for \$9,770. The balance of the cost of the new seating was put into the Library Capital requests for FY 2023-2024. The 2023 Annual Grant Awards Ceremony Reception is at the Redfield Legion Hall, 1116 Thomas Street, Redfield, IA 50233 - on **April 25 from 5-6 pm**. The chairs that are being replaced are 17 years old and have fabric upholstered. They will be replaced with high-end vinyl (leather look) that can be wiped down.

The Beam Projector is here and is waiting to be installed. From their website, "BEAM is an interactive projector game system that makes entertainment lively, hygienic, educational, and above all, a ton of fun. The large screen created by the interactive floor projector provides endless opportunities for exercise and vigorous physical activity. The play platform offers a varied range of motion-activated games that engage the whole body. The activities provided by the floor projector are meant to be shared by kids and people of all ages. Most games are inherently social, allowing two or more players to interact with the projection and each other in exciting and fun ways. The interactive floor projector is a hassle-free way to entertain -- all you need is a flat surface and some motivated players! There are no toys to wash, no boards to fold up, no balls to clean, no rackets or bats that can hit other players."

A Bock grant was submitted requesting \$2,000 to help with funding KidsFest 2023. The event has been planned and all vendors have been contracted. Tyson Fresh Meats will be donating the pork loins, Hy-Vee will donate all the hamburger and hot dog buns, Fareway will be donating bottles of water. It is scheduled for June 3, 2023, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

An IDPH Community Grant was approved for the following projects:

ISU Extension and Outreach Classes - Children's Garden with raised beds - \$600 (Library)

ISU Extension and Outreach Classes - Raised Beds and Growing Vegetables - \$700 (Library)

Beam Projector - \$8,500 (Library)

Bottle Filler Stations - \$8,000 (Parks and Recreation)

Walking Club - \$3,000 (Library and Parks and Recreation)

Healthy Eating Cooking Demos & Taste Testing (Fresh Conversations and PACES Outreach) - \$4,200 (Library and PACES)

Perry Rotary Inclusive Playground - \$5,000 (Perry Rotary)

For a total of \$30,000 in Calendar Year 2023 Funding.

An Iowa STEM grant application was filled out and submitted on February 28, 2023 for STEM components (an \$8,500 value) to be used in STEM programming. We received notification on Friday, April 7th that we will receive this supply of STEM components in the Fall of 2023. However, the letter stated that full funding also depends on State of Iowa funding of the program.

The new board book browsing bin was delivered Wednesday, April 5 and placed in the Toddler section of the library. The browsing bin is a memorial donation to the library in memory of Darlene Myers by her family.

'National Library Week 2023, April 23-29, will be celebrated with the theme "There's More to the Story." Libraries are full of stories in a variety of formats from picture books to large print, audiobooks to ebooks, and more. But there's so much more to the story. Libraries of Things lend items like museum passes, games, musical instruments, and tools. Library programming brings communities together for entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, storytimes, movie nights, crafting classes, and lectures. Library infrastructure advances communities, providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs. National Library Week 2023 will be a great time to tell your library's multi-faceted story.' ALA Website

Programming: Perry Public Library and Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Events

Saturday Crafternoons – April 1

Are you looking for a quiet, community space to craft? Then, we have the perfect Saturday event for you! The Perry Public Library welcomes crafters and do-it-yourselfers to our dedicated makerspace the first Saturday of each month. You bring your ideas and supplies and we'll supply the crafting space. 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.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Presents: Perry's Downtown Fire History – April 2

Join the Perry Iowa Historical Society as they present the destruction and rebuilding that has happened in downtown Perry from Otley to Bateman as a result of fire. They will show the resilience of Perry through an extensive personal collection of pictures and stories. Pictures span a time period from 1989 to 2020 and offer an engaging visual history of Perry. This event is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Carnegie Library Museum on Sunday, April 2 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 pm. For questions, please contact the Carnegie Library Museum at 515-465-7713 or visit www.perry.lib.ia.us.

April's Grab and Go Adult Craft is a lovely way to welcome in Spring! These beautiful hanging floral decorations make a stunning addition to your home, office, or event. Beginning April 1st, adult patrons can bring home a Free DIY Floral Kissing Balls Craft Kit from the Perry Public Library. This craft kit includes materials and instructions for making one kissing ball decoration of your own.

Kids looking for a creative project to enjoy at home can come into the Perry Public Library in April to grab a Free DIY Kit. The kit includes material and instructions to create your own DIY project! This April Craft is free, courtesy of the Perry Public Library, and available while supplies last.

April Fresh Conversations with Aging Resources of Central Iowa: Fiber – April 5

Fresh Conversations is a free nutrition and physical education program for ages 60+. The program offers practical tips and sensible solutions to everyday problems that get in the way of doing what most people want to do: eat well and live well! Fresh Conversations is also an opportunity to connect with other adults for a friendly group discussion. We will meet in April to discuss the health benefits of fiber and try a tasty recipe on Wednesday, April 5 from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm in the Perry Public Library Community Room.

Never Too Old for YA Book Club: *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green – April 5

Adults and teens are invited to join our Never Too Old for YA (Young Adult) Book Club to discuss *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green. The author, perhaps best known for *The Fault in Our Stars*, tackles the heavy topic of mental illness with humor and warmth. The club will meet at 6:00 pm, on Wednesday, April 5, in the Library Community Room.

Poetry Fun for Featuring the Works of Shel Silverstein – April 5

Join us on Wednesday, April 5 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm for some fun with Shel Silverstein poetry!

Elementary students are invited to come enjoy some silly, wacky poems filled with tongue-twisters and spoonisms. Miss Laura will read some of her favorites, including tongue-twisters from *Runny Babbit*.

Participants will also learn how Silverstein uses "spoonisms" to create the silly language in this book, and will get to try their own hand at making "spoonism" poems.

Chess at the Library – April 6, 13, 20, 27

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 April 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. David Oliveira leads the group meetings and also offers chess instruction by individual appointments as part of the library program.

Toddler Time Storytime – April 4, 11, 18, 25

Come make some music with Miss. Laura at Toddler Storytime this month in the Library Community Room on Tuesdays from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. This fun activity time for toddlers, ages 18 months to age 3, and their caregivers involves sensory plays, felt boards, and songs, with a special focus on music. Let's Make Some Music! Storytime will incorporate basic instruments, sing-alongs, and dancing into our early literacy programming.

Quarterly Classics Book Club: *1984* by George Orwell – April 11

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, April 11 to discuss *1984* by George Orwell at the Carnegie Library Museum from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Anyone interested may join the group at any time, but registration is required. Books are available at the library for registrants for a small fee.

Wow! Wednesdays – K through 2nd grades – April 12

The Perry Public Library STEM fun continues in April at WOW! Wednesdays, scheduled for April 12 (k-2 grades) and April 19 (3-5 grades) from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This exciting program engages elementary-aged kids in creative, hands-on activities and games. Kindergarteners through second graders meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Fun with Fours and Fives Storytime – April 5, 12, 19, 26

Preschools and their caregivers are invited to join Miss. Laura at the Perry Public Library in April for the Fun with Fours and Fives Storytime. Our newest Storytime will be all about music, incorporating basic instruments, sing-a-longs, and dancing. This early literacy program includes a book and interaction with instruments. Bring your little one to the library to make music with shakers, rhythm sticks, triangles, bongo drums, and maracas. Plus, come sing fun songs and dance to groovy beats! Fun with Fours and Fives Storytimes meets every Wednesday from 10:15 am to 11:00 am in the Library Community Room.

Wee Wonders – April 6, 13, 20, 27

Families with infants from birth to 18 months are invited to attend our Perry Public Library Wee Wonders Storytime this April to read stories and sing songs with Miss. Laura. The Wee Wonders program is created specifically for babies and will incorporate simple instruments, such as egg shakers, drums, maracas, and rhythm sticks. Participants will also join in family sing-a-longs and bring home a free board book! Wee Wonders meets in the Perry Public Library Community Room each Thursday from 10:15 am to 11:00 am.

Teen Poetry Slam – April 17

Teens are invited to an informal poetry slam at the Perry Public Library on April 17 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Library Community Room. This is all about learning how to perform in public and share your work! There will be no microphone and, if anyone gets stage fright, Miss Laura, or someone else can perform their poem for them. Participants will be supportive and vote to award prizes.

Monthly Book Club: *How High We Go in the Dark* by Sequoia Nagamatsu – April 18

The meeting will be held at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, April 18, in the Library Community Room. Members will discuss the 2023 All Iowa Reads Adult Selection, *How High We Go in the Dark* by Sequoia Nagamatsu. Everyone interested is invited to join the discussion, but registration is required.

Wow! Wednesdays – 3rd through 5th grades – April 19

The Perry Public Library STEM fun continues in April at WOW! Wednesdays, scheduled for April 12 (k-2 grades) and April 19 (3-5 grades) from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This exciting program engages elementary-aged kids in creative, hands-on activities and games. Third through fifth graders meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Presents: Historical Craft Seed Bombs – April 22

Get ready for spring with a new historical craft at the Carnegie Library Museum. Trista will show participants how to create seed bombs using recycled paper. These can be put directly into the soil and April showers will bring May flowers! This free, all-ages event is happening April 22 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm upstairs in the Carnegie Library Museum.

Impressions/Expressions of the Library Collage and Relief Print Workshop with Atelier at 1109 – April 22

Seth Anderson from Atelier 1109 will join us to kick off National Library Week with a special library art workshop on Saturday, April 22 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The class will be a combination of collage and relief print to create impressions/expressions of their community library. The process involves collaging elements of books, newspapers, and magazines and overlaying relief prints to create the story. Atelier 1109 will provide pre-carved blocks with images of books, fairy tale pieces, as well as other miscellaneous stamps and textures, to allow each person the creative freedom with their storytelling.

National Library Week Children's Craft – April 22

Kids are invited to join Miss Laura for a Saturday craft time to kick off National Library Week! This special kids craft will be at the Perry Public Library on Saturday, April 22 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. This craft time will accompany the teen and adult craft happening that day.

Found Poetry for Tweens – April 26

Tweens in 3rd through 6th grade are invited to learn the art of "found" poetry using words clipped from magazines. Participants will create collages of words and phrases and glue them together to "find" their poems.

Brenton Arboretum Trees for Bees Program – April 27

Brenton Arboretum will join us during National Library Week to help us understand that “there’s more to the story” when it comes to bees. Join Executive Director Melissa Burdick on April 27 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the Library Community for an engaging, informative presentation. Lots of people know about the importance of flowering annuals and perennials to honey bees and native pollinators, but did you know that trees play a significant role in supporting these vital insects? In this program, Burdick will review a broad selection of trees that bees love and are beautifully suited to Midwest landscapes.

Craft Club: Paint Your Own Pot, Plant Your Own Succulent – May 1

Craft Club meets on Monday, May 1 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Library Community Room. Participants will paint mini pots and plant succulents. All are welcome, but space is limited, and registration is required. A \$5 fee materials fee is due at the time of registration to reserve your spot.

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 8 a.m. in the library’s Community Room (aka the large meeting room). The public is always welcome.

Heather Karolus moved to adjourn the meeting with Rosa Gonzalez seconding the motion. MCU.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary K. Murphy, Library Director