

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 11, 2023

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 8 a.m.
Note: This meeting was held in-person at the Perry Public Library.

Board members Kendall Rathje, Mark Miller, Margaret Ruggle, and Heather Karolus were present. Library Director Mary Murphy, Deputy Library Director Misty VonBehren, and Friends of the Perry Public Library President Kathy Miller were also present.

Library Board President Mark Miller called the meeting to order.

Agenda – Heather Karolus moved to approve the agenda with Kendall Rathje seconding the motion. MCU.

Minutes – Maggie Ruggle moved to approve the emailed minutes from the April 13, 2023, meeting and Kendall Rathje seconded the motion. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling \$4,986.56 and checks #6412 - #6437, totaling \$10,646.10. The City of Perry Library Fund Status Report was reviewed. Heather Karolus moved to approve the financial reports with Maggie Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Unfinished Business:

Director Search – The advertisement for the Library Director was reviewed by the subcommittee along with where the ads will be placed.

New Business:

Wiese Foundation Request – Heather Karolus moved to request \$35,000 from the Wiese Foundation with Maggie Ruggle seconding. MCU.

Board Education – How the Friends of the Perry Public Library help the library with expenses and volunteering. All the current fundraisers were discussed.

Librarian's Report

Review of statistics

We received the Bock Grant of \$2,000 for the KidsFest 2023 on April 24th. The plans are being finalized. All Perry residents with water bills should have received a promotional flyer in their May bill. This event will include the foam blaster that was very popular last year, the bubbles stations, STEM IOTV trailer, STEM hands on discovery stations, a dunk tank, and new cone interactive station, as well the the petting zoo and HUP's Loteria, and Dallas County Health Department's Hopscotch. The Fire Department will again cook lunch consisting of a pork loin sandwich or hot dog with a bag of chips, a bottle of water, and granola bar or cookie – all for \$1.

May the 4th Be with You Scavenger Hunt for Tweens and Teens – May 4

Tweens and teens ages 8 and up are invited to solve the clues in Our May the 4th Be with You Scavenger Hunt! This self-directed event will be open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Your Star Wars trivia knowledge better be pretty good to conquer this hunt, because Miss Laura is an expert. May the Force be with you!

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Presents: How Education Has Changed Panel Discussion – May 4

As we look back through the Perry High School yearbooks, it's easy to see the differences between how students, their hairstyles, their clothes, and the school have changed over the years. It's not as easy to flip through yearbooks and understand how education in Perry has changed. Join Perry Educators for a panel discussion on Thursday, May 4, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Carnegie Library Museum. The "How Education Has Changed: Panel Discussion" will include a panel of educators made up of Randy Marzen, past Perry teacher and current principal of Perry Elementary School; Trist Cohea, current Perry High School teacher; and Becky Reuter, Pat Mundy, and Jolene Niemeyer, a long-time teacher sat Perry Elementary school who recently retired from teaching. They will share their experience and expertise as school personnel who have lived through it all.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Presents: Historical Craft Perfume Tins – May 6

Need a Mother's Day gift? Come to the Carnegie Library Museum in May to create perfume lotion tins with Trista.

Special Library Hours: Perry Public Library and Carnegie Library Museum Close at 2:00 pm – May 6

The Perry Public Library and the Carnegie Library Museum will have special hours on Saturday, May 6. Both buildings will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. They will close at 2:00 pm on that day to accommodate the Perry High School Prom Grand March on Railroad Street.

May Grab and Go Adult Craft – Free DIY Spring Garland Craft Kit

May's Grab and Go Adult Craft will spread spring cheer throughout your home! These classic, wool ball garland banners are cheerful and versatile decorations. Beginning May 1st, adult patrons can bring home a Free DIY Spring Garland Craft Kit from the Perry Public Library. This craft kit includes materials and instructions for making one Spring Garland of your own. This May Craft is free, courtesy of the Perry Public Library, and available while supplies last.

May Grab and Go Kid's Craft – Free DIY Craft Kit

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

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Presents: History of Perry Schools Exhibit – April 15 to May 31

Come view the Carnegie Library Museum's newest free exhibit, available beginning April 15. The History of Perry Schools Exhibit features historical pictures of schools, teachers, students, and events. In addition, the exhibit displays Perry school yearbooks dating from 1914 to 2008. Come take a walk through the rich history of Perry schools! This exhibit is free and open to the public.

May Craft Club: Woven Bookmarks – May 30

The May craft will merge your love of reading and crafting! May Craft Club meets on Tuesday, May 30 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Library Community Room. Participants will be weaving their own bookmarks. All are welcome, but space is limited, and registration is required. A \$5 materials fee is due at the time of registration to reserve your spot. Please register by Monday, May 22nd. For questions, call 515-465-3569. To register, visit the library.

Safety Message: Wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) for your job. Pay attention to your surroundings and identify potential safety hazards. Report any unsafe conditions or accidents immediately. Always be compliant to all safety rules.

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday, June 8, 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