

Public Meeting Notice and Agenda
PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
will hold a meeting on
Thursday September 14, 2023 at 8 a.m.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of August 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of Financial Statements: Gift Fund Claims and City of Perry Library Line Items
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. Children of Employees at Work Policy
 - b. Director Review
6. New Business
 - a. Library Roof
7. Board Education
8. Librarian Report
9. Open Forum
10. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is on October 12, 2023 at 8 a.m.
11. Adjourn

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 11, 2023

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, August 11, at 9 a.m.
Note: This meeting was held in-person at the Perry Public Library.

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

Library Board President Mark Miller called the meeting to order.

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

Minutes – Margaret Ruggle moved to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2023, meeting and Heather Karolus seconded the motion. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling \$2,936.35 and checks #6481 - #6493, totaling \$3,655.63. The City of Perry Library Fund Status Report was reviewed. Heather Karolus moved to approve the financial reports with Rosa Gonzalez seconding the motion. MCU.

Unfinished Business:

Director Search – The Director Search Committee composed of Heather Karolus and Margaret Ruggle discussed a benefit package for the New Director. After discussing the impact of the offer on the budget and the additional responsibilities of the position, Heather Karolus moved to offer the New Library Director a starting salary of \$75,000 annually and one additional week of vacation with start date of October 1, 2023. Margaret Ruggle seconded the motion. MCU.

New Business: None

Board Education: *Children in the Workplace Policy*. Director Murphy outlined the need for such a policy along with the safety concerns, productivity concerns, laws, and liability concerns. After a review of several examples the following policy was determined to convey the integrity and productivity of the workplace and understanding of emergency situations.

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Librarian's Report:

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- Wiese Park Improvements Bid Award - \$4600 - Not done yet.

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. The Youth services Librarian will be going for training in August. The STEM Kit is scheduled to be delivered in August. Youth Services Librarian Laura Pieper will have her training on August 11th.

Programming:

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Presents: Perry's Train Heritage Exhibit – July 19 to August 31

Discover Perry's rich train heritage through memorabilia and model trains at the Carnegie Library Museum in August. This free exhibit will feature pieces highlighting local locomotive heritage and history. All ages are welcome to come enjoy this fun, engaging exhibit! Summer hours are as follows: Sunday-Monday closed, Tuesday-Wednesday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, and Friday-Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

August Grab and Go Adult Craft – Free DIY No-Sew Rope Containers

We are welcoming in August with fun and functional storage! Come into the library for your own Grab and Go No-Sew Rope Containers Kit beginning August 1st. Adult patrons can bring home one Free DIY No-Sew Rope Containers Craft Kit from the Perry Public Library. This craft kit includes materials and instructions for making one large rope container or a few small rope containers. This August Craft is free, courtesy of the Perry Public Library, and available while supplies last.

August Fresh Conversations with Aging Resources of Central Iowa: Prediabetes – August 2

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 August to discuss prediabetes, plus try a tasty recipe on Wednesday, August 2 from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm in the Perry Public Library Community Room. This is a monthly, free event held the first Wednesday of each month for ages 60+ and no registration is required.

Chess at the Library – August 3, 11, 18, 25

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Monthly Book Club: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders & the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann – August 15

August's Monthly Book Club will read and discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders & the Birth of the FB*, "a twisting, haunting true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history." Join the discussion on Tuesday, August 15, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the Library Community Room. Join the library book discussion before the movie releases in October. 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.

Paper Crafting with Kathy – August 26

Join paper crafting enthusiast Kathy Miller for a series of monthly how-to workshops featuring different paper crafting techniques and creative designs for making greeting cards. The craft series will be held on the last Saturday of each month. We will meet on August 26 in the Library Community Room from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. August's workshop will focus on creating specialty cards and treat boxes. There is a \$5 materials fee for the program and payment is required for registration. Registration closes on August 21. All materials will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.

Crafternoons – August 26

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 – now moved to the last Saturday of each month. You bring your ideas and supplies, and we'll supply the crafting space. Saturday Crafternoons last from 12:30 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, August 26, at the library. Tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and everyone is invited.

Latino Fest 2023 – August 26

Hispanics United for Perry (HUP) will host its annual Latino Festival ¡Viva Perry! on Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Latino Festival celebrates Hispanic culture with a parade, music, food, and children's activities, in addition to raising funds for higher education scholarships. This year, the festival will be held in Pattee Park in the area located on the southwest corner of the park. Food and other booths will be set up in the parking lot and grassy area next to the stage on West 5th Street. Children's activities will also be in the same parking lot. The Latino Festival begins with a parade at 10:00 am. The parade route follows Willis Street, turning south on West 3rd Street, then turning onto Park Road, and then one more turn north onto West 5th Street to finish in front of the stage. Free activities for kids this year include a petting zoo, giant bubbles, a lottery, and a foam blaster, plus a balloon twister and free books sponsored by the Perry Public Library.

August Craft Club: Macramé Rainbow Wall Hangers – August 28

During the August craft club, patrons will make macramé rainbow wall hangers. This craft is beginner friendly and requires no knotting. The rainbows can also be in all sorts of different colors, including "goth" rainbows or neutral rainbows, to suit a variety of color schemes. The August Craft Club will meet on Monday, August 28 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. 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 Wednesday, August 23. For questions, call 515-465-3569. To register, visit the library. For more information, visit www.perry.lib.ia.us, call 515-465-3569, or ask a librarian.

Childcare Training for Adult Caregivers: How to Teach Children About Gardening – August 31

The Perry Public Library is partnering with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Dallas County to offer a Gardening with Children class for childcare providers. The gardening class will be held on Thursday, August 31, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Perry Public Library Community Room. ISU Extension Food & Health Specialist Tom Keinert will lead the class. This class is for adult caregivers, who will engage in experiential learning gardening activities through crafts, literacy, container gardening, and taste-testing. Registration is required by August 25. Patrons can register in person or by calling the Library on 515-465-3569. For additional information, including how to receive credit hours on childcare license renewal, contact Tom Keinert at tkeinert@iastate.edu.

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday September 14, 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

8/5/2023 through 9/6/2023

9/6/2023

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Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE 8/4/2023				19,729.38
8/7/2023	DEP	Deposit	Donation Income	5.20
8/7/2023		Opening Balance Adjust...	Misc	13.87
8/8/2023	DEP	Deposit	FDMS Settlement Deposit	5.70
8/8/2023	DEP	Deposit	FDMS Settlement Deposit	7.50
8/14/2023	DEP	S Deposit	Gifts And Memorials	1,000.00
			Donation Income	5.65
8/15/2023	DEP	Deposit	FDMS Settlement Deposit	82.80
8/22/2023	DEP	Deposit	Donation Income	25.95
8/24/2023	DEP	Deposit	FDMS Settlement Deposit	20.00
8/25/2023	DEP	Deposit	FDMS Settlement Deposit	1.05
8/28/2023	DEP	Deposit	Donation Income	36.10
8/31/2023	DEP	Deposit	FDMS Settlement Deposit	44.00
9/5/2023	DEP	Deposit	Donation Income	10.17
9/6/2023	DEP	Deposit	PPLF	2,900.00
9/6/2023	6494	S Wells Fargo Visa	Programming	-858.26
			Marketing Services	-71.97
			Memorial Art	-658.65
9/6/2023	6495	S Wells Fargo Visa	Marketing Services	-50.00
			Marketing Services	-14.00
			Summer Library Program 2...	-35.00
9/6/2023	6496	S Wells Fargo Visa	Summer Library Program 2...	-20.65
			Summer Library Program 2...	-54.22
9/6/2023	6497	City Of Perry	Credit Debit Card Revenue...	-186.05
9/6/2023	6498	Raccoon Valley Radio	Marketing Services	-360.48
9/6/2023	6499	Fareway	Programming	-12.47
9/6/2023	6500	Laura Pieper	Outreach Mileage	-40.94
9/6/2023	6501	Ethan Winey	Outreach Mileage	-170.30
9/6/2023	6502	Kathy Miller	Programming	-17.84
9/6/2023	6503	Laura Pieper	Programming	-41.73
9/6/2023	6504	Mindy Farmer	Programming	-4.49
9/6/2023	6505	Misty VonBehren	Summer Library Program 2...	-75.00
8/5/2023 - 9/6/2023				1,485.94
BALANCE 9/6/2023				21,215.32
TOTAL INFLOWS				4,157.99
TOTAL OUTFLOWS				-2,672.05
NET TOTAL				1,485.94

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Banking Summary

8/5/2023 through 9/6/2023

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Category	8/5/2023- 9/6/2023
INCOME	
Donation Income	83.07
FDMS Settlement Deposit	161.05
Gifts And Memorials	1,000.00
PPLF	2,900.00
TOTAL INCOME	4,144.12
EXPENSES	
Credit Debit Card Revenue to City Hall	186.05
Marketing Services	496.45
Memorial Art	658.65
Misc	-13.87
Outreach Mileage	211.24
Programming	934.79
Summer Library Program 2023	184.87
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,658.18
OVERALL TOTAL	1,485.94

City of Perry
Perry Public Library and Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum
September 6, 2023

Account Number	Account Title	YTD			Pct Expended
		Total Budget	Expended	YTD Balance	
General Fund					
001-410-6010	WAGES	\$224,496.00	\$43,848.45	\$180,647.55	20%
001-410-6020	WAGES - PT	\$65,000.00	\$12,372.76	\$52,627.24	19%
001-410-6210	DUES, MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCR	\$0.00	\$180.00	(\$180.00)	0%
001-410-6240	TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE	\$1,000.00	\$1,120.00	(\$120.00)	112%
001-410-6310	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE BLDG	\$1,000.00	\$192.99	\$807.01	19%
001-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$32,000.00	\$4,900.11	\$27,099.89	15%
001-410-6373	TELEPHONE	\$4,500.00	\$973.30	\$3,526.70	22%
001-410-6408	INSURANCE TORT/GENERAL	\$8,538.00	\$0.00	\$8,538.00	0%
001-410-6413	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$16,000.00	\$1,008.06	\$14,991.94	6%
001-410-6490	CONSULTANT & PROFESSIONAL	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	0%
001-410-6506	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$5,500.00	\$1,101.42	\$4,398.58	20%
001-410-6508	POSTAGE & SHIPPING	\$500.00	\$18.69	\$481.31	4%
Benefit Fund					
112-410-6110	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$17,949.00	\$4,020.34	\$13,928.66	22%
112-410-6130	IPERS	\$24,192.00	\$5,490.61	\$18,701.39	23%
112-410-6150	PREMIUMS HEALTH INSURANCE	\$74,746.00	\$19,822.39	\$54,923.61	27%
112-410-6152	PREMIUMS/LIFE/DISABILITY	\$1,404.00	\$210.39	\$1,193.61	15%
112-410-6154	PREMIUMS/DENTAL/VISION	\$3,041.00	\$0.00	\$3,041.00	0%
112-410-6160	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$461.00	\$303.96	\$157.04	66%
Capital Funds					
121-410-6725	CAP OUTLAY-OFFICE EQUIP	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	0%
121-410-6750	CAP OUTLAY - BUILDINGS	\$34,000.00	\$0.00	\$34,000.00	0%
121-410-6770	CAP OUTLAY - LIBRARY	\$40,000.00	\$9,349.44	\$30,650.56	23%
122-410-6750	CAPITAL/BUILDING	\$0.00	\$139.00	(\$139.00)	0%
122-410-6751	CAPITAL BLDG/CARNEGIE LIBRARY	\$0.00	\$4,680.00	(\$4,680.00)	0%
Gift Fund					
167-410-6520	MISCELLANEOUS	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	0%
167-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$25,200.00	\$0.00	\$25,200.00	0%
HH at CLM					
178-410-6020	WAGES - PART TIME	\$25,694.00	\$4,498.75	\$21,195.25	18%
178-410-6110	FICA	\$1,966.00	\$344.16	\$1,621.84	18%
178-410-6130	IPERS	\$2,426.00	\$306.27	\$2,119.73	13%
178-410-6310	BUILDING REPAIR/MAINT	\$3,000.00	\$23.97	\$2,976.03	1%
178-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$7,000.00	\$1,156.51	\$5,843.49	17%
178-410-6373	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,600.00	\$400.63	\$1,199.37	25%
178-410-6408	INSURANCE	\$6,285.00	\$0.00	\$6,285.00	0%
LIBRARY TOTAL		\$692,498.00	\$116,462.20	\$576,035.80	17%

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Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Presents: Hispanic Heritage Month Exhibit – September 1 through September 30

Come learn about Hispanic Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum throughout the month of September. This exhibit will highlight how Hispanic culture thrives in Perry and feature some of the most influential people in Hispanic culture. Kids can also pick up a craft during the month to take home to complete with their families. The Hispanic Heritage Month Exhibit is free and open to the public. Carnegie Fall Library hours are as follows after Labor Day: Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday closed, Tuesday-Wednesday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, and Friday-Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Fall Toddler Time Tuesday Storytime (2 and 3-Year-Olds): Full STEAM Ahead – September 5, 12, 26

Toddler Time will go Full STEAM Ahead this fall as we incorporate literacy, science, math, and art into our storytimes! Benefits of incorporating STEAM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Math) include encouraging creativity and innovation, developing problem-solving skills, enhancing resilience, and promoting lifelong learning. Plus, it's just plain fun! Sensory bins, flannel boards, hands-on experiments, and crafts will help each little scientist learn more about the world around them. Toddler Time meets on

Tuesdays from 10:30 am to 11:15 am, (PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME), starting September 5. This is a free program, but registration is required. To register, visit the library, go online at www.perry.lib.ia.us, call 515-465-3569, or email lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us.

Fun with Fours and Fives Wednesday Storytime (4 and 5-Year-Olds): Full STEAM Ahead – September 6, 13, 27

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Fall Wee Wonders Storytime Thursday (Birth to 24 Months): Full STEAM Ahead – September, 7, 14, 28

Our fall Wee Wonders program starts up again in September. We meet from 10:30 am to 11:15 am Thursdays through the first week of December, (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME), starting September 7. Wee Wonders is an early literacy lap-sit program for babies from birth through 24 months. We sing songs and rhymes, read simple books, do fingerplays, bounces, and incorporate motor skills with shakers and scarves. There is a period of social play at the end of each program. Each participating baby gets a free board book every time they come to the program. This is a free program, but registration is required. To register, visit the library, go online at www.perry.lib.ia.us, call 515-465-3569, or email lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us.

Tween Zone: Mini Clay Creations and More – September 5, 2023

Tween Zone is a new program for "tweens," ages 8 through 12, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. on the FIRST Tuesday of the month. Miss Laura will have a craft for anyone interested, and participants can also tinker with our Maker Space Cart, play with our Beam projector, play board games, play with our Wii console, color coloring pages, or just sit and hang out. September's craft will be mini clay creations. This is a free activity and no registration is required. For more information, visit www.perry.lib.ia.us, call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

WOW! Wednesdays Robots (K-2nd Grades): Elephant Paste Experiment – September 6

WOW! Wednesdays are early-out STEM-related activity times for elementary students at the Library! Children in kindergarten through second grade are invited to attend WOW! Wednesdays Robots from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the FIRST Wednesday of the month. For September, the Robots will be experimenting with elephant paste with Miss Laura. This fall, we are also excited to incorporate our new Maker Space Cart during WOW! Wednesdays! Kids can tinker around or participate in challenges to build things with items from the cart. Miss Laura will present a different science experiment each month, and there will be LEGOs, Snap Circuits, and other activities. This is a free activity and no registration is required. For more information, visit www.perry.lib.ia.us, call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

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WOW! Wednesdays Rockets (3rd-5th Grades): Elephant Paste Experiment – September 13

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Teen Boredom Busters – September 12

Teen Boredom Busters is a new drop-in program for teens in middle through high school. Come in anytime between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on the SECOND Tuesday of the month to tinker with our Maker Space Cart, play with our Beam projector, play board games, play with our Wii console, color coloring pages, or just sit and hang out. This is a free activity and no registration is required.

Paper Crafting with Kathy: Halloween Treat Boxes and Specialty Cards – September 16

Join paper crafting enthusiast Kathy Miller for a series of monthly how-to workshops featuring different paper crafting techniques and creative designs for making greeting cards. The craft series will be held one Saturday of each month – watch the calendar for the monthly scheduled date. We will meet on September 16 in the Library Community Room from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. September's workshop will focus on creating Halloween-themed specialty cards and treat boxes. There is a \$5 materials fee for the program and payment is required for registration. Registration closes on September 9. All materials will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.

Crafternoons: Free Dedicated Makerspace – September 16

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 craft series will be held one Saturday of each month after Paper Crafting with Kathy – watch the calendar for the monthly scheduled date. You bring your ideas and supplies and we'll supply the crafting space. Saturday Crafternoons last from 12:30 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, September 16, at the library. Tables are available on a first come, first-served basis, and everyone is invited. No reservations and no charge! For more information, visit or call the library at 515-465-3569.

Salvation Army Mobile Services Center – September 18

The Salvation Army Mobile Services Center comes to the Perry Public Library on the 3rd Monday of each month from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, with a break for lunch. This free service is located in the library parking lot and helps with rent, utilities, gas, personal care items, food, and other information. For more specific information about services offered, contact the Salvation Army at 515-282-3599. This is a free service and no registration is required.

Monthly Book Club: *These Silent Woods* by Kim Cunningham Grant – September 19

September's Monthly Book Club will read and discuss *These Silent Woods* by Kim Cunningham Grant, a suspenseful, atmospheric novel that centers on a father-daughter relationship. Join the discussion on Tuesday, September 19, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm 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.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Presents: A Mexican Afternoon Tea – Sept. 25

Come join Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! Join us for a tea focusing on Mexico! We will offer two teas: hibiscus and chai-infused horchata. This will be served alongside small courses of Mexican tea cookies, conchas, and empanadas. The tea will be held on Monday, September 25, from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Space is limited. Tickets can be purchased at the Carnegie Library or the Perry Public Library for \$15.

September Craft Club: Reversible Pumpkin and Snowman Porch Decoration – September 25

During the September craft club, patrons will make reversible pumpkin and snowman porch decorations. Participants will paint and decorate reversible porch statues. One side will feature a fall pumpkin and the other side will feature a winter snowman. This will make for a versatile decoration that can be reused throughout the coming months! The September Craft Club will meet on Monday, September 25 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. 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, September 16.

Unveiling of Wall of Witnesses Relief -- Sept. 27 *A new face will join the Wall of Witnesses relief in Soumas Court.* Please join Hometown Heritage on Thursday, September 27, 2023, at 5 p.m. to honor the new 2023 inductee to the Wall of Witnesses. Through an open nomination process, this person was nominated and met the following criteria: 1) had a tie with Perry, 2) has had an impact on the area, and 3) has an interesting story. The committee reviewed all nominations and selected this Perry resident who best reflected the nomination criteria. Please join as we unveil their addition to the Perry Wall of Witnesses on Thursday, September 27, 2023, at 5 p.m. in Soumas Court. Light refreshments will be served after the program.

