

# **Public Meeting Notice and Agenda**

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

will hold a meeting on

**Thursday, December 14 at 8 a.m.**

Perry Public Library – Community Room

1101 Willis Avenue – Perry, Iowa 50220

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of November 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of Financial Statements: Gift Fund Claims and City of Perry Library Line Items
5. Unfinished Business
  - a. Library Roof – all items repaired according to Maintenance Supervisor
6. New Business
  - a. Staffing
  - b. Budget and Capitals
7. Board Education
  - a. State Funds / Open Access and Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement
8. Librarian Report
9. Open Forum
10. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is on January 11, 2024 at 8 a.m.
11. Adjourn

## Board Overview

	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024 Year to Date	Fiscal Year % Change	Nov.	FY22-23 November	FY21-22 Nov.	FY 20-21 NOV	FY 19-20 NOV	FY 18-19 NOV
<b>Volumes Held at Start of Period</b>	108,278		<b>-0.14%</b>	108,127	107,615	107,966	110,530	111,032	79,115
Electronic Music Circulation	252	168	<b>60.00%</b>	23	15	37	35	20	52
Electronic Audiobook Circulation	3,602	1,667	<b>11.07%</b>	271	244	224	222	164	177
Electronic Book Circulation	3,428	1,285	<b>-10.04%</b>	187	186	217	288	192	246
Electronic Video Circulation	861	306	<b>-15%</b>	61	69	49	11	14	
Electronic Magazine Circulation	339	277	<b>96%</b>	81	52	41			
<b>Total Circulation</b>	70,523	27,113	<b>-7.73%</b>	5,306	5,304	5,427	2,973	5,422	6043
<b>Number of Borrowers at End of Period</b>	6,015		<b>2.36%</b>	6,157	5,796	5,449	5,183	5,050	5,584
PPL Door Count	62,574	24,837	<b>-4.74%</b>	5,495	5,543	4,898	0	6,890	7,366
HH & Carnegie Door Count	3,592	2,456	<b>64.10%</b>	1,753	1,658	0	0	6,890	7,366
Library Visits	66,166	27,293	<b>-1.00%</b>	7,248	7,201	4,898	0		
<b>Total Number of Reference Questions</b>	4,280	1,874	<b>5.08%</b>	465	286	375	212	229	261
<b>Total Number of Programs</b>	822	320	<b>-6.57%</b>	51	55	36	13	75	84
<b>Total Number Attending Programs</b>	15,533	6,917	<b>6.87%</b>	3,392	3,570	1,834	145	2,911	3,288
<b>Annual Meeting Room Use</b>	251	109	<b>4.22%</b>	16	8	19	0	40	40
<b>Public Computer Usage</b>	17,217	5,659	<b>-21.12%</b>	1,105	1,521	923	192	1,871	2,169
<b>Wireless Computer Usage</b>	12,863	3,667	<b>-31.58%</b>	758	1,140	570	180	930	741
<b>Pages Viewed Online Catalog</b>	1,903	1,628	<b>105.32%</b>	222	0	288	1,477	1,974	2,184
<b>Unique Visitors to Online Catalog</b>	586	427	<b>74.88%</b>	59	0	89	180	654	643
<b>Wowbrary users</b>	2,105		<b>-1.38%</b>	2,076	2,144	2,087	2,187	1,676	1,649
<b>Wowbrary pages viewed</b>	3,189	2,380	<b>79.12%</b>	509	303	259	681	544	295
<b>Wowbrary Click-Thru to Catalog</b>	1,156	719	<b>49.27%</b>	147	41	29	151	176	130

## **PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **November 9, 2023 Minutes**

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. Note: This meeting was held in-person at the Perry Public Library.

Board members Kendall Rathje, Margaret Ruggle, Rosa Gonzalez, Mark Miller, and Heather Karolus were present. Friends' of the Library President Kathy Miller, Friends' Vice President Becky Rueter, 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 Kendall Rathje seconding the motion. MCU.

Minutes – Heather Karolus moved to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2023, meeting and Margaret Ruggle seconded the motion. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling \$4947.11 and checks #6506 - #6529, totaling \$8067.14. The City of Perry Library Fund Status Report was reviewed. Kendall Rathje moved to approve the financial reports with Heather Karolus seconding the motion. MCU.

#### Unfinished Business:

Library Roof – Director Misty VonBehren has spoken with city maintenance supervisor, Barry Chayet about the status of and finalization of the repairs that were suggested from the Observation Report conducted September 7, 2023 (Project Number – 29804) by Bob Mickelson and Dana Pedersen. Barry Chayet informed the Director VonBehren that all the repairs from the report have been addressed and repaired.

Director Review –Director Murphy and Library Board President met to discuss the comments.

#### New Business:

Account Agreement – With the retirement of Mary Murphy and the hiring of Misty VonBehren as the library director, a new Account Agreement with Raccoon Valley bank needs updated to remove Director Murphy and add Director VonBehren. The form was reviewed, updated, and will be returned to Raccoon Valley Bank.

#### Board Education:



Director VonBehren took this opportunity to inform the board about the Library Trustee Handbook. This handbook from the State Library of Iowa is a good tool to review throughout the year as part of ongoing board education. The online version can be found at the following link

<https://publications.iowa.gov/35153/>

#### Librarian's Report:

Review of statistics at meeting.

The Annual Report has been submitted to the State Library. The process will be streamlined for F24 with the implementation of the WhoFi software that is already integrated with the current reporting system.

The library has undergone a reorganization of spaces to allow for better workflow and overall appearance. More areas will be addressed in the upcoming months.

Director VonBehren met with State Library Central District Consultant, Maryann Mori on Thursday, November 2, 2023 for an informational meeting about becoming a newly hired library director.

Kayla Rothmeyer was hired as the Public Services Librarian and started her new role on October 31, 2023. Kayla has worked for the library in a part-time capacity for over a decade. She will be a great addition to our full-time staff.

A mandatory all-staff meeting was held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, outlining changes in staffing and procedures. Quarterly all-staff meetings will be on the second Saturday during the months of February, May, August, and November. These quarterly meetings will help in disseminating important information as well as providing an opportunity to staff to interact with one another.

#### Programming and Events:

##### **November Grab and Go Adult Craft – Snowy Day Wickless Candle**

Light up your winter nights with this fun Snowy Day Wickless Candle! Come into the library for your own Grab and Go DIY Snowy Day Wickless Candle Craft Kit beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Adult patrons can bring home one Free DIY Snowy Wickless Candle Craft Kit from the Perry Public Library. This craft kit includes materials and instructions for making one candle. This November Craft is free, courtesy of the Perry Public Library, and available while supplies last. For questions, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us) or call 515-465-3569.

##### **Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Presents: A Conversation With...Sheriff Adam Infante – November 2**

Join Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum for their latest in the "A Conversation With..." series. Dallas County Sheriff Adam Infante will join the Carnegie

craft will be mini scarecrows. This is a free activity and no registration is required. For more information, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

### **WOW! Wednesdays Robots (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades): Dancing Corn Experiment and Wiggle Bots – November 1**

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 November 1, the Robots will be experimenting with Dancing Corn and Maker Space Wiggle bots 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](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

### **Fresh Conversations with Aging Resources of Central Iowa: November 1**

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 to discuss nutrition, plus try a tasty recipe on Wednesday, November 1, 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. For more information, call the library at 515-465-3569 or visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us).

### **Chess Club at the Library – November 2, 9, 16, and 30**

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 November for Chess Instruction and Walk-in at the Library. Please note that the library will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23, so there will be no Chess Club that day. 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. Call the library for more information or to arrange a time at 515-465-3569.

### **We Have Issues (YA Book Club for Everyone): Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas – November 6**

We Have Issues: A YA Book Club for Everyone is a fun, laid-back book club where we enjoy reading and discussing the often-dramatic world of YA literature. We love exploring timely issues and you don't have to be a teen/young adult to come. Our club meets every first Monday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Library Community Room. The November 6 selection is *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas. *Cemetery Boys* is featured in a *Booklist* starred review, where the reviewer declares, "Aiden Thomas' debut novel can't help but charm and captivate readers of all ages, though teen readers will



Library for an informal "get to know you" question and answer session on Thursday, November 2 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Bring your questions and join us for this free event. No registration is required. For questions, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us) or call 515-465-7713.

**Toddler Time Tuesday Storytime (2 and 3-Year-Olds): Holiday Traditions Around the World – November 7, 14, 28, and December 5**

This storytime is geared toward toddlers ages 2 to 3. During November and December, we will celebrate the holiday season with books, songs, activities, and crafts focusing on Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights; American Thanksgiving; the Jewish holiday Hanukkah; the many traditions behind the Christmas season, including Las Posadas and St. Nicholas Day; and Kwanzaa, an annual celebration of African-American culture. Toddler Time meets on Tuesdays from 10:30 am to 11:15 am. We will meet on November 7, 14, 28, and December 5. This is a free program, but registration is required. To register, visit the library, go online at [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465-3569, or email [lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us](mailto:lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us).

**Fun with Fours and Fives Wednesday Storytime (4 and 5-Year-Olds): Holiday Traditions Around the World – November 1, 8, 15, 29 and December 6**

This storytime is for preschool-age children, ages 4-5. During November and December, we will celebrate the holiday season with books, songs, activities, and crafts focusing on Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights; American Thanksgiving; the Jewish holiday Hanukkah; the many traditions behind the Christmas season, including Las Posadas and St. Nicholas Day; and Kwanzaa, an annual celebration of African-American culture. Fun with Fours and Fives will meet on November 1, 8, 15, 29 and December 6. This is a free program, but registration is required. To register, visit the library, go online at [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465-3569, or email [lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us](mailto:lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us).

**Fall Wee Wonders Storytime Thursday (Birth to 24 Months): Holiday Traditions Around the World – November 2, 9, 16, 30, and December 7**

Our Wee Wonders program continues in November through the first week in December. We meet from 10:30 am to 11:15 am on Thursdays. We will spend the next few weeks together exploring holiday traditions around the world in a fun and engaging way. Wee Wonders is an early literacy lapsit 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 also gets a free board book every time they come to the program. Wee Wonders will meet on November 2, 9, 16, 30, and December 7. To register, visit the library, go online at [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465-3569, or email [lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us](mailto:lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us).

**Tween Zone: Mini Scarecrow Craft - November 7**

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. Tween Zone will meet on Tuesday, November 7 and this month's



invariably identify with and appreciate the high jinks and emotional vulnerability that make each character and scenario deliciously enchanting." Interested adults and teens may join the group at any time, but registration is required. Books are available at the library for a small fee for registrants. Register online at [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), in person, or call the library for more information at 515-465-3569.

### **WOW! Wednesdays Rockets (3rd-5<sup>th</sup> Grades): Fall Slime Experiment and Maker Space Wiggle Bots – November 8**

WOW! Wednesdays are early-out STEM-related activity times for elementary students at the Library! Children in third through fifth grade are invited to attend WOW! Wednesdays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the SECOND Wednesday of the month. For November 8, the Rockets will be experimenting with Fall Slime (glittery fall colors and mini leaf confetti) and Maker Space Wiggle bots 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](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

### **Art on the Prairie – November 11, 12**

The 13th annual Art on the Prairie weekend is scheduled for 10:00 to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, November 11, and 10:00 to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 12. Perry Public Library, as well as the Carnegie Library Museum, will be designated venues for visual and performing artists throughout the weekend. Come and admire a variety of handmade items from multiple art mediums, enjoy free performances, visit a local author, and shop for unique gift items at this family-friendly event.

### **Student Art Exhibit – November 11, 12**

The Perry Public Library is pleased to showcase local student artists in the Art on the Prairie Student Art Exhibit on Saturday, November 11, and Sunday, November 12. Come view original artwork from Perry Community School students throughout the library all weekend.

### **Library Memorial Dedications – November 11**

On November 11, during Art on the Prairie, the Perry Public Library will dedicate three awesome additions to our space. Often, our patrons who have passed on give memorial donations to the library and we use these funds to add something special in their memory. The first memorial this November is a Book Board Browsing Bin in honor of Darlene Myers. These browsing bins are just the right height for toddlers to browse and select their own books. The second memorial for Becky Hammond consists of two Lego™ walls that will be mounted in the library's toddler section and in the children's area Book Nook. Lastly, a remarkable piece of art will be placed in the library as a memorial for Paul Herrick. Join us on Saturday, November 11 at 1:00 pm for a dedication for all three additions to the library. This is a free activity and no registration is required. For more information, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

### **Special Local Author Presentation: Joy Neal Kidney – November 11**



The Perry Public Library welcomes Iowa author Joy Neal Kidney for a special presentation during Art on the Prairie on Saturday, November 11, at 2:00 pm in the Community Room. Neal Kidney is the author of *Leora's Letters: The Story of Love and Loss for an Iowa Family During World War II*, a true story based on her grandmother's letters. The companion book, *What Leora Never Knew: A Granddaughter's Quest for Answers* releases soon and begins in Perry's Violet Hill Cemetery. Join Joy Neal Kidney for an engaging discussion of her work, love of Iowa, and special connection to Perry. This event is free and no registration is required. For more information, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

### **Lucy! One-Woman Show Starring Jillann Gabrielle – November 12**

Paradise Playhouse presents *Lucy!*, an original solo musical based on the life of Lucille Ball, at the Perry Public Library on Sunday, November 12 at 1:00 pm in the Community Room. This Art on the Prairie special presentation is written by, directed by, and stars Jillann Gabrielle. This popular artist last wowed Perry with the story of Jackie Kennedy Onassis and returns this fall with a special tribute to Lucille Ball, an American actress and pioneer in comedy. This is a free event and no registration is required. Please make sure to arrive early so the show can begin promptly at 1:00 pm. For more information, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

### **Teen Boredom Busters – November 14**

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, enjoy board games, play with our Wii console, color coloring pages, or just sit and hang out. Join us on November 14 and be sure to invite your friends! This is a free activity and no registration is required. For more information, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

### **"Scurrying Squirrels": STEM Library Program with ISU Extension and Outreach in Dallas County – November 15**

Perry Public Library is partnering with ISU Extension and Outreach in Dallas County for an exciting new monthly early-out STEM program that will meet from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on third Wednesdays. The ISU Extension Library STEM program is for kindergartners through fifth graders and will include a snack, literacy activity, and hands-on STEM experiments. The November 15 program is called "Scurrying Squirrels" and youth will have the chance to mimic squirrels preparing food for winter by developing a mechanism to move acorns. Registration is required for this program by November 11. Register online at [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), in person, or call the library for more information at 515-465-3569. \*Please note that this is separate from our current WOW Wednesday programming.

### **Paper Crafting with Kathy: Holiday Card Making - November 18**

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 each month. For this month's holiday class, we will meet on November 18 in the Library Community Room from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. November's extended workshop will focus on creating a variety of holiday-



themed cards. This is a fun opportunity to create personalized cards to send holiday greetings to loved ones. There is a \$5 materials fee for the program and payment is required for registration. Registration closes on November 11. All materials will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own supplies. For more information, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), or call 515-465-3569.

### **Saturday Crafternoons – November 18**

No crafternoon in November because we will have an extended Paper Crafting with Kathy.

### **Salvation Army Mobile Services Center – November 20**

The Salvation Army Mobile Services Center comes to the Perry Public Library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, with a break for lunch. This free service will be located inside the library through the end of the year while the mobile center receives regular maintenance. The Salvation Army 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. For more information, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

### **Monthly Book Club: Select Books for 2024 Reading List – November 21**

November's Monthly Book Club will meet and select 11 books to read in the coming year. Join us on Tuesday, November 21, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the Library Community Room to help choose next year's monthly reads. Everyone interested is invited to join the discussion, but registration is required. Register online at [www.perry.lib.us](http://www.perry.lib.us), by phone at 515-465-3569, or in person. For more information, call Adult Service Librarian and discussion leader Mindy Farmer at 515-465-3569.

### **November Craft Club: Book Ornaments – November 27**

Your 2023 holiday ornament can be filled with best sellers, holiday stories, modern classics, banned books, and more! The November Craft Club will meet on Monday, November 27 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Join us to create your own Book Ornament following a viral TikTok tutorial by combining a fillable ornament and tiny versions of your favorite books. 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, November 22. To register, visit the library. For more information, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465-3569, or ask a librarian.

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday December 14, 2023, at 8 a.m. in the library's Community Room. The public is always welcome.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Misty VonBehren, Library Director

12/11/2023

Banking Summary  
11/1/2023 through 12/11/2023

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Category	11/1/2023- 12/11/2023
<b>INCOME</b>	
Bock Family Foundation Grant	2,142.72
Cash Register	34.00
Discussion Books	40.00
Donation	1,750.00
Donation Income	1,076.70
FDMS Settlement Deposit	163.45
Friends Reimbursement	500.00
Memorial	
Memorial Plaque	-153.00
<b>TOTAL Memorial</b>	<b>-153.00</b>
PPLF	2,900.00
Program Revenue	30.00
State Of Iowa	2,815.70
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>11,299.57</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Uncategorized	0.00
Adult Programming	412.17
Annual Shred Event	407.70
Cash	-114.35
Credit Debit Card Revenue to City Hall	83.45
Donations	-224.66
Marketing	689.36
Mileage	11.79
Milk	102.40
Products	1,395.28
Youth Programming	1,664.58
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,427.72</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>6,871.85</b>





Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
12/11/2023					
12/8/2023	6536	Wells Fargo Visa - Misty	2024 Quarterly Classics Books	Adult Programming	-137.09
12/8/2023	6537	Wells Fargo Visa - Laura	Supplies for youth programming	Youth Programming	-237.43
12/8/2023	6538	Perry Grand 3 Theatre	Merchant Movie Participation Dec 2023	Marketing	-50.00
12/8/2023	6539	Fareway	Food Recovery Fridge	Milk	-76.50
12/8/2023	6540	Void Bens Five & Dime			0.00
12/8/2023	6541	Laura Pieper	November Youth Outreach	Mileage	-11.79
12/8/2023	6542	City Of Perry	November 2023	Credit Debit Card Revenue t...	-83.45
12/11/2023	6543	Bens Five & Dime	Monthly Craft Club	Adult Programming	-20.92
<b>11/1/2023 - 12/11/2023</b>					<b>6,871.85</b>

**BALANCE 12/11/2023**

**29,049.31**

**TOTAL INFLOWS 11,791.58**

**TOTAL OUTFLOWS -4,919.73**

**NET TOTAL 6,871.85**



**Drill Down: CULTURE & RECREATION > LIBRARY**

**GL Budget Report: CULTURE & RECREATION - LIBRARY**

Account #	Account Title	Total Budget	MTD Balance	MTD Unexp	YTD Balance	YTD Unexp	Exp
001-410-6010	WAGES	\$224,496.00	\$34,762.86	(\$16,062.34)	\$105,318.94	\$119,177.06	47%
001-410-6020	WAGES - PT	\$65,000.00	\$7,138.61	(\$1,724.11)	\$27,748.30	\$37,251.70	43%
001-410-6050	FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
001-410-6181	ALLOWANCES/REIMBURSABLES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
001-410-6210	DUES, MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCR	\$0.00	\$180.00	(\$180.00)	\$360.00	(\$360.00)	0%
001-410-6230	STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$0.00	\$31.23	(\$31.23)	\$31.23	(\$31.23)	0%
001-410-6240	TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE	\$1,000.00	\$225.00	(\$141.70)	\$1,345.00	(\$345.00)	134%
001-410-6310	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE BLDG	\$1,000.00	\$81.59	\$1.71	\$488.58	\$511.42	49%
001-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$32,000.00	\$165.00	\$2,500.60	\$10,023.09	\$21,976.91	31%
001-410-6373	TELEPHONE	\$4,500.00	\$320.30	\$54.55	\$1,942.63	\$2,557.37	43%
001-410-6408	INSURANCE TORT/GENERAL	\$8,538.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,538.00	0%
001-410-6413	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$16,000.00	\$510.61	\$822.19	\$5,295.35	\$10,704.65	33%
001-410-6414	PRINTING	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
001-410-6490	CONSULTANT & PROFESSIONAL	\$10,000.00	\$727.91	\$105.09	\$3,795.80	\$6,204.20	38%
001-410-6506	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$5,500.00	\$373.50	\$84.65	\$2,739.40	\$2,760.60	50%
001-410-6508	POSTAGE & SHIPPING	\$500.00	\$19.98	\$21.67	\$207.21	\$292.79	41%
001-410-6514	INVENTORY & SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$196.40	(\$196.40)	\$196.40	(\$196.40)	0%
001-410-6721	CAPITAL/FURNITURE & FIXTUR...	\$0.00	\$725.00	(\$725.00)	\$725.00	(\$725.00)	0%
001-410-6723	CAPITAL/EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
001-410-6725	CAPITAL/OFFICE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
001-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
112-410-6110	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$17,949.00	\$3,041.22	(\$1,546.07)	\$9,566.48	\$8,382.52	53%
112-410-6130	IPERS	\$24,192.00	\$3,572.87	(\$1,557.68)	\$12,277.91	\$11,914.09	51%
112-410-6150	PREMIUMS HEALTH INSURANCE	\$74,746.00	\$412.80	\$5,813.54	\$41,393.09	\$33,352.91	55%
112-410-6152	PREMIUMS/LIFE/DISABILITY	\$1,404.00	\$87.31	\$29.64	\$437.96	\$966.04	31%
112-410-6154	PREMIUMS/DENTAL/VISION	\$3,041.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,041.00	0%
112-410-6155	ADMIN. FEES FOR SELF FUNDED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
112-410-6160	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$461.00	\$56.99	(\$18.59)	\$474.93	(\$13.93)	103%
121-410-6721	CAP OUTLAY-FURN/FIXTURES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
121-410-6723	CAP OUTLAY-HEAVY EQUIP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
121-410-6725	CAP OUTLAY-OFFICE EQUIP	\$10,000.00	(\$344.71)	\$1,177.71	\$736.67	\$9,263.33	7%
121-410-6750	CAP OUTLAY - BUILDINGS	\$34,000.00	\$12,815.00	(\$9,982.80)	\$12,815.00	\$21,185.00	38%
121-410-6770	CAP OUTLAY - LIBRARY	\$40,000.00	\$735.10	\$2,596.90	\$22,515.71	\$17,484.29	56%

Account #	Account Title	Total Budget	MTD Balance	MTD Unexp	YTD Balance	YTD Unexp	Exp
122-410-6750	CAPITAL/BUILDING	\$0.00	\$394.00	(\$394.00)	\$533.00	(\$533.00)	0%
122-410-6751	CAPITAL BLDG/CARNEGIE LIB...	\$0.00	\$57.06	(\$57.06)	\$7,706.75	(\$7,706.75)	0%
123-410-6721	CAPITAL/FURNITURE & FIXTUR...	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
123-410-6723	CAPITAL/EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
123-410-6725	CAPITAL/OFFICE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
123-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
167-410-6490	CONSULTANT & PROFESSIONAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
167-410-6520	MISCELLANEOUS	\$45,000.00	\$178.90	\$3,569.60	\$16,317.91	\$28,682.09	36%
167-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$25,200.00	\$407.70	\$1,691.46	\$3,559.88	\$21,640.12	14%
178-410-6020	WAGES - PART TIME	\$25,694.00	\$2,665.00	(\$524.69)	\$10,180.75	\$15,513.25	40%
178-410-6110	FICA	\$1,966.00	\$203.91	(\$40.14)	\$778.88	\$1,187.12	40%
178-410-6120	MEDICARE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
178-410-6130	IPERS	\$2,426.00	\$128.25	\$73.84	\$620.53	\$1,805.47	26%
178-410-6310	BUILDING REPAIR/MAINT	\$3,000.00	\$407.39	(\$157.49)	\$431.36	\$2,568.64	14%
178-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$7,000.00	\$176.18	\$406.92	\$2,490.92	\$4,509.08	36%
178-410-6373	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,600.00	\$130.38	\$2.90	\$796.76	\$803.24	50%
178-410-6408	INSURANCE	\$6,285.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,285.00	0%
	<b>LIBRARY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$692,498.00</b>	<b>\$70,583.34</b>	<b>(\$14,386.33)</b>	<b>\$303,851.42</b>	<b>\$388,646.58</b>	<b>44%</b>





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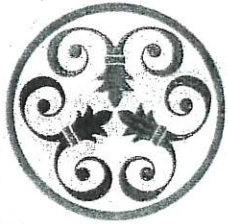
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		INTER-LIBRARY LOAN REIMBURSEME			\$ .286.28
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### State Funds

Public libraries receive state funding through the **Enrich Iowa Program**, which includes **Direct State Aid, Open Access** and **Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement**. The funding for Enrich Iowa is appropriated by the Iowa Legislature and approved by the Governor before being distributed to participating libraries by the State Library.

- ❖ **Direct State Aid** is distributed to public libraries based on meeting the standards prescribed in the **Public Library Standards**.
- ❖ **Open Access** is a reciprocal borrowing program which enables library customers from a participating library to check out materials, in person, free of charge. Libraries participating in Open Access are subsidized for each item loaned to a nonresident user. Open Access funding supplements, not replaces, local funding.
- ❖ **Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement** is a program intended to provide Iowans equal access to library resources by encouraging and supporting resource sharing among different types of libraries. The program pays a subsidy for each item loaned to eligible Iowa libraries. Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement funding supplements, not replaces, local funding.



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November 29, 2023

To: Libraries participating in the Open Access and/or Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement programs.

From: Michael Scott, State Librarian

Re: Open Access and Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement Payment FY24

Enclosed is your library's FY24 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024) Open Access and/or Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement program check. Payment is based on your Open Access and/or Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement transactions from FY23 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.)

Please deposit the check immediately. Checks are valid for 6 months after the issue date. However, because of the recent history of mid-year state budget cuts, it would be to your advantage to cash your check as soon as possible. Money available from uncashed checks is liable to be retracted and checks voided.

To facilitate the check cashing process, we recommend that libraries sign up for direct deposit. This ensures that money goes directly to your account and eliminates the issues of lost or uncashed checks.

This year's reimbursement level is \$0.36 for each Open Access transaction and \$1.27 for each Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement transaction.

Thank you for your participation in these programs. Last fiscal year, Iowans checked out 2,382,479 items through the Open Access program and received 365,330 items through the Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement program. Without a doubt, your commitment to resource sharing improves library services for Iowans.

For questions about your payment or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact Linda Choate 515-281-8947, 800-248-4483, linda.choate1@iowa.gov.

For questions about the Open Access and/or Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement programs, please contact Scott Dermont, 515-281-7573, 800-248-4483, scott.dermont@iowa.gov.

Enclosure



Review of statistics at meeting.

We will be transitioning our meeting room reservation system to WhoFi Meeting Rooms. This software is offered as a benefit to libraries at no cost. We will save \$775.00 annually by using the WhoFi software instead of paying an annual subscription to Plymouth Rocket. Staff will be trained in the new WhoFi software by the end of the month.

During December and January, I will be having 1:1 meetings with each staff member. This is an opportunity to discuss ideas, expectations, and to answer any questions.

On Saturday December 9, we sponsored the Free Merchant Movie at the local theater. The movie was Smallfoot which is about a yeti. Since the theme for Winter Reading is Get Yeti to Read, we thought this was a good way to market the winter program to those that may not normally know about the program. Kayla Rothmeyer and I were able to talk with approximately 30 kids about the program. The kids each received a KidsPack from the concession stand, compliments from the library (Donation by Misty).

I will be working on preparing FY25 budget and capitals in the next month. Preliminary budget and capital requests will be discussed and reviewed at the January 2024 meeting.

### **Programming and Events:**

#### **Get Yeti to Read! Children's Winter Library Program – December 1 – February 29**

The theme for this year's Children's Winter Reading Program is Get Yeti to Read! The fluffy, white snow monster is everywhere at the Perry Public Library, but can we get it to read? That's your child's job! Come into the library and pick up log sheets that look like game boards to track your child's reading progress throughout the winter and try to catch that sneaky yeti and get it to read! Each time you turn in a log sheet, you get a small prize, another log sheet, and an entry for one of several yeti-themed grand prizes! The program is for babies through children in fifth grade. There will also be one winter-themed family program held each month this winter. More details will be available when you register for the winter reading program. Registration begins December 1, online and in-person.

#### **Get Yeti to Read! Teen Winter Library Program – December 1 – February 29**

The theme for this year's Teen Winter Reading Program is Get Yeti to Read! The white snow monster is hiding at the Perry Public Library and it's your job to coax it out. Turn in a book review for each book you read this winter. For every five book reviews you turn in, you will get a free book, more blank book reviews, and an entry for one of several yeti-themed grand prizes! The program is for youth in middle and high school. More details will be available when you register for the winter reading program. Registration begins December 1, online and in-person.

#### **December Grab and Go Adult Craft – Free DIY New Year Reading Journal**

Start 2024 with a fun, one-of-a-kind DIY New Year Reading Journal. We'll supply the journal cover, paper, adhesive, and stickers – you add your own style and creativity. Adult patrons can

bring home one Free DIY New Year Reading Journal Craft Kit from the Perry Public Library. This craft kit includes materials and instructions for making one journal. This December Craft is free, courtesy of the Perry Public Library, and available while supplies last. For questions, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us) or call 515-465-3569.

### **Adult Winter Library Program: Like Summer...Only Cooler! – December 1 – February 29**

Join our Adult Winter Library Program and get rewarded for cozying up with a hot beverage and a good book this winter! Participating is simple: Register in person or online at [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), then begin reading. Each book you read gets you one entry into our *weekly* gift card and book light drawings, plus one entry into our grand prize drawing of a Kindle Fire and a Perry Public Library Swag Bag! You can also complete our Color Coded Reading Challenge to get five extra entries into the Grand Prize Drawing. We'll start off the Adult Winter Library Program with an awesome Game On! Afternoon on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration for the free Adult Winter Library Program begins on December 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, come to the library, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), or call 515-465-3569.

### **Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Presents: The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees – November 18 to December 30**

Welcome in the holidays with the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees at the Perry Public Library! This November and December, the Carnegie Library Museum will transform into a magical, winter wonderland. Beautifully decorated, themed trees and festive displays installed by individuals, businesses, and organizations, will adorn the Carnegie. Prepare to be dazzled by colorful lights and festive décor, then cast votes for your favorites. Enjoy the magical atmosphere all season long at this free event during open Carnegie Museum hours from November 18 to December 30. The Winter Carnegie Library hours are as follows: Sunday and Monday – Closed. Tuesday and Wednesday – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Thursday – 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Friday and Saturday – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees kicks off during special hours on Friday, November 24, for the Perry Lighted Parade from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For more information, call the Carnegie Library Museum at 515-465-7713 or visit [www.perry.lib.ia](http://www.perry.lib.ia).

### **Adult Winter Library Program Game On! Afternoon – December 2**

We had so much fun at our Summer Library Program Game Night, that we've decided to bring back games for our Adult Winter Library Program! Come to the library on Saturday, December 2 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm to enjoy a winter afternoon of games, friendship, and fun. We will have one area set up with board game choices and another with an array of card games to pick from. Grab a friend (or two or three) and join us for some free, friendly competition during our Game On! Afternoon! This is a free event for patrons 18+ and no registration is required. For more information, come to the library, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), or call 515-465-3569.

### **We Have Issues (YA Book Club for Everyone): *A Cuban Girl's Guide to Tea and Tomorrow* by Laura Taylor Namey – December 4**

We Have Issues: A YA Book Club for Everyone is a fun, laid-back book club where we enjoy reading and discussing the often-dramatic world of YA literature. We love exploring timely issues and you don't have to be a teen/young adult to come. Our club meets every first Monday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Library Community Room. Discussion leader Jessica chose this month's selection to take a break from more serious topics and enjoy a more light-hearted read. Not to worry, though, there'll be plenty of drama to discuss! Interested adults and teens may



join the group at any time, but registration is required. Books are available at the library for a small fee for registrants. Register online at [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), in person, or call the library for more information at 515-465-3569.

### **Toddler Time Tuesday Storytime (2 and 3-Year-Olds): Holiday Traditions Around the World –December 5**

This storytime is geared toward toddlers ages 2 to 3. On Tuesday, December 5, we will finish our celebration of the holiday season with books, songs, activities, and crafts focusing on the Jewish holiday Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, an annual celebration of African-American culture. Toddler Time meets on Tuesdays from 10:30 am to 11:15 am. This is a free program, but registration is required. To register, visit the library, go online at [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465-3569, or email [lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us](mailto:lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us).

### **Tween Zone: Holiday-Themed Craft – December 5**

Tween Zone is a new program for "twens," 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. Tween Zone will meet on Tuesday, December 5 and this month's craft will be holiday-themed. This is a free activity and no registration is required. For more information, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

### **Fun with Fours and Fives Wednesday Storytime (4 and 5-Year-Olds): Holiday Traditions Around the World – December 6**

This storytime is for preschool-age children, ages 4-5. On Wednesday, December 6, we will finish our celebration of the holiday season with books, songs, activities, and crafts focusing on the Jewish holiday Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, an annual celebration of African-American culture. This is a free program, but registration is required. To register, visit the library, go online at [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465-3569, or email [lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us](mailto:lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us).

### **Fresh Conversations with Aging Resources of Central Iowa: Blood Pressure - December 6**

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 to discuss blood pressure, plus try a tasty recipe on Wednesday, December 6, 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. For more information, call the library at 515-465-3569 or visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us).

### **WOW! Wednesdays Robots (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades): Christmas Fizzy Paints Experiment and Wiggle Bots – December 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 December 6, the Robots will be experimenting with Christmas Fizzy Paints and creating Maker Space Wiggle Bots with Miss Laura. 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](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

**Fall Wee Wonders Storytime Thursday (Birth to 24 Months): Holiday Traditions Around the World – December 7**

Our Wee Wonders program for babies birth to 2024 will meet from 10:30 am to 11:15 am on Thursday, December 7. We will explore holiday traditions around the world in a fun and engaging way. Wee Wonders is an early literacy lapsit 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 also gets a free board book every time they come to the program. To register, visit the library, go online at [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465-3569, or email [lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us](mailto:lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us).

**Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Presents: El Novena Edición Annual Festival De Arboles Noche Latina (The Festival of Trees Latino Night) – December 7**

Join us for a special night of extended hours on Thursday, December 7 for el Novena Edición Annual Festival De Arboles Noche Latina (The Festival of Trees Latino Night). Latino Night is free and open to the public from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. For more information, call the Carnegie Library Museum at 515-465-7713 or visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us).

**Chess Club at the Library – December 8, 15, 22, 29**

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 December 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. Call the library for more information or to arrange a time at 515-465-3569.

**Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Presents: A Festival of Trees Tour of Teas – December 10**

This holiday season, you are cordially invited to the Festival of Trees Tour of Teas at the Carnegie Library Museum. On Sunday, December 10, Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum will host three tours; beginning at 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm. Attendees will enjoy a tour of the Perry Carnegie, lit up with unique Festival of Trees displays. Each area will also feature a different holiday tea and treat for guests to enjoy as they move through the museum.

Tickets will be available at the Perry Public Library and the Carnegie Library Museum beginning November 3 for \$10 per person. Mark your calendars for this one-of-a-kind event and join us on December 10 for the Festival of Trees Tour of Teas! For questions or to learn more, visit the Carnegie Library Museum, call 515-465-7713, or go to [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us).



### **WOW! Wednesdays Rockets (3rd-5<sup>th</sup> Grades): Christmas Tree Salt Circuit Experiment and Straw Rockets – December 13**

WOW! Wednesdays are early-out STEM-related activity times for elementary students at the Library! Children in third through fifth grade are invited to attend WOW! Wednesdays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the SECOND Wednesday of the month. For December 13, the Rockets will be experimenting with Christmas Tree Salt Circuits and creating Maker Space Straw Rockets with Miss Laura. 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](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

### **Salvation Army Mobile Services Center – December 4**

The Salvation Army Mobile Services Center comes to the Perry Public Library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, with a break for lunch. This free service will be located inside the library through the end of the year while the mobile center receives regular maintenance. The Salvation Army 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. For more information, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

### **Family Holiday Cookie Decorating Party – December 18**

Families are invited to come together and decorate holiday cookies any way they like at the Perry Public Library's Family Holiday Cookie Decorating Party on Monday, December 18 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Toddlers through grandparents - and teens too! - are welcome to design the perfect holiday cookie. Enjoy some family time and sign up for our Winter Reading Programs while you are here! This is a free activity and no registration is required. For more information, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465.3569, or visit the library.

### **Marvelous Marshmallows: STEM Library Program with ISU Extension and Outreach in Dallas County – December 20**

If you were ever told not to play with your food, now is your chance to play games with marshmallows! On December 20, ISU will bring their monthly STEM program; this time focusing on the science of marshmallows. The Perry Public Library is partnering with ISU Extension and Outreach in Dallas County for an exciting new monthly early-out STEM program that will meet from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on third Wednesdays. The ISU Extension Library STEM program is for kindergartners through fifth graders and will include a snack, literacy activity, and hands-on STEM experiments. Join us on December 20<sup>th</sup> to learn about marshmallows' connection to Iowa, while having fun with the tasty treat. Registration is required for this program by December 13. Register online at [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), in person, or call the library for more information at 515-465-3569. \*Please note that this is separate from our current WOW Wednesday programming.

### **Monthly Book Club: *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* by Benjamin Franklin – December 19**

Our December Monthly Book Club will tackle a book authored by founding father Benjamin Franklin. This book was historically banned in schools across the country and sanitized by both publishers and Franklin's own grandson to keep it in print. Join us on Tuesday, December 19, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the Library Community Room to discuss Franklin's famous memoir.

Everyone interested is invited to join the discussion, but registration is required. Register online at [www.perry.lib.us](http://www.perry.lib.us), by phone at 515-465-3569, or in person.

### **Holiday Closings – December 24 and December 25**

The Perry Public Library will be closed on Sunday, December 24, and Monday, December 25, for Christmas Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 26, at 10:00 am.

### **December Craft Club: Make Your Own Candle – December 18**

This December, create your own candle from the inside out. You will be able to choose your own scent or blend two or more together to create a new scent! Then, decorate the outside as a holiday decoration or for everyday use. The December Craft Club will meet on Monday, December 18 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, December 13. To register, visit the library. For more information, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465-3569, or ask a librarian.

### **Paper Crafting with Kathy: Winter-Themed and Thank-You Cards – December 30**

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 each month. For this month's holiday class, we will meet on December 30 in the Library Community Room from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. We will focus on winter-themed and personalized thank-you cards. There is a \$5 materials fee for the program and payment is required for registration. Registration closes on December 16. All materials will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own supplies. For more information, visit [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us), call 515-465-3569, or ask a librarian.

### **Saturday Crafternoons – December 30**

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 following Paper Crafting with Kathy. 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, December 30, 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.

### **Holiday Closings – January 1**

The Perry Public Library will be closed on Sunday, December 31, and Monday, January 1, for New Year's Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, at 10:00 am.