Public Meeting Notice and Agenda

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES will hold a meeting on

Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 8 a.m.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON At the Perry Public Library

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Approval of March 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 4. Approval of Financial Statements: Gift Claims and City of Perry Library Line Items
- 5. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Library Staff Retreat June 20, 2022
- 6. New Business:
 - a. Rotary Membership
- 7. Board Education:
- 8. Librarian Report:
- 9. Open Forum:
- 10. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 8 a.m.
- 11. Adjourn

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 8 a.m. Note: This meeting was held in-person in the Community Room at the Perry Public Library.

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

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 – Kendall Rathje moved to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2022, meeting, and Rosa Gonzalez seconded. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling \$2,357.95 and six checks, #6157 - #6172, totaling \$3,437.05. The City of Perry Library Fund Status Report was reviewed. Heather Karolus moved to approve the financial reports with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Unfinished Business:

Library Capital Requests - It was announced at a recent City Council Meeting that all library capital requests were being funded.

Review of City of Perry Personnel Policy – Kendall Rathje moved that the Library Board of Trustee reviewed the City of Perry Personnel Policy as per the requirement of the Accreditation Standards of the State Library of Iowa with Heather Karolus seconding the motion. MCU.

New Business

Library Staff Retreat June 20, 2022 – Director Murphy presented the framework of Gino Wickman's Entrepreneurial Operating System and how this would be the basis of a staff retreat. More details will be presented at the next Library Board Meeting.

Board Education - Discussion concerning Accreditation, Standards, and Funding.

Librarian's Report:

Yearbook Digitization Project – The digitization has been done, the yearbooks are back to the library, and we have received the digitized copy of the yearbooks. The data base will be added to server when the IT Consultant Mark Kacmaryski comes in April.

The City of Perry Safety Committee has reorganized and will be creating a Quarterly Safety Award Program to recognize City of Perry Employees for exemplifying safety or going above and beyond to ensure safe practices are used.

The painting of the street level of the library is done. The lighter gray wall color reflects light and makes the inside of the library appear bigger.

The Solar Project is still slowly moving ahead. They are done with the solar array in the library south parking lot.

Director Murphy along with Abigail Chihak from Dallas County Health Department and Aubrey Alvarez of Eat Greater Des Moines presented a breakout session at the Community Food Systems, CFS Conference in West Des Moines on February 25, 2022. Our presentation was well received. A grant administrator from the Principal Foundation was in the audience and followed up afterwards about replicating our Food Rescue Program in other libraries.

March Events at PPL and HH@CLM

Chess Instruction/Open Play – March 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 We will continue to offer space for Chess players to meet, as well as free instruction, on Wednesdays, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the library Community Room, on Saturdays, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the library Board Room, or by appointment with instructor David Oliveira.

Read Across America StoryWalk™ Storytime in the Park — March 5 The month of March is National Reading Month, and March 2 is celebrated as National Read Across America Day. Established in 1998 by the National Education Association, this is a day that celebrates the joy and privilege of reading! Perry Public Library is partnering with ISU Extension and Outreach to participate in the Read Across America initiative with a special event on Saturday, March 5. Everyone is invited to come to a Read Across America Storywalk™ Storytime in the Park, at 10:15 a.m., Saturday, March 5, at the McCreary Recreation Center/Wiese Park. The featured story is Sylvia's Spinach/Las espinacas de Sylvia, presented in both English and Spanish, and planned activities include the Storywalk™, spinach planting, and tasting!

Author/Book Talk with Beth Hoffman (Bet the Farm) — March 6 at 2 p.m., Sunday, in the Perry Public Library Community Room. Author Beth Hoffman left a successful career and life in San Francisco when she and her husband returned to Iowa in 2019 to run the family farm. In Bet the Farm, she highlights the struggles of beginning farmers. Come and hear her interesting story at this free event. Beth Hoffman was asked to talk to Farm Credit as an Outreach Book Discussion. They hosted a luncheon and after the Book/Author Talk, Kathy Lenz spoke of the work that the library is doing in Food Recovery and the plans to put milk and eggs in the Library refrigerator. They presented a \$1,500 check to the Perry Public Library to start putting milk and eggs in the Library refrigerator.

A Conversation With ... Program Series — March 10 at 6 p.m. at the Carnegie Library Museum. Everyone is invited to attend a free program series with Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum called A Conversation With..., at 6:00 p.m., on second Thursdays, with the first event on Thursday, March 10. The programs feature a different Perry resident each month, and the first event features Perry Mayor John Andorf. Please join us for our first Conversation With... John Andorf!

The Perry Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a Chamber Coffee for Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum, at 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 11, in the newly re-opened Carnegie Library building.

Saturday Storytimes – March 12, 19, 26, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., in the library Community Room. Saturday March 12 and 26 are bi-lingual events!

March 14, 2022 is National Pi Day. Celebrate with us at our *Wi-Fi and Pie* mobile device help forum. Staff members will be on hand to introduce hoopla and Bridges/Overdrive to interested patrons and assist individuals in downloading free ebooks, audiobooks, and more onto their mobile devices. And, of course, pie! No registration needed. Walk in and get the help you need to start reading, listening, and watching the free books, audiobooks, TV shows, movies, and more available to you with your library card! There are no dumb questions, and everyone is welcome

Spring Break 2022 is March 14 through 18 for Perry Community Schools, and Perry Public Library is offering a variety of take-home Activity Kits to keep kids busy and entertained during the break, as well as a special event on Saint Patrick's Day! Yarn Monsters and Yarn-Wrapped Initials, Pool Noodle Aliens and Spiders, Lego Vehicles, Sticker, and Paint Sheet kits are all available for kids, free. Get them while they last! And, on Thursday, March 17, plan to come to the St. Patrick's Day Family Party, at 6:30 p.m., in the library Community Room. A treasure hunt, games, and goodies are all part of the fun.

Monthly Book Club: *The Spanish Daughter* by Lorena Hughes – March 15 at 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 15, in the library Community Room. The featured title is *The Spanish Daughter* by Lorena Hughes.

3rd Sunday Program: *Century & Heritage Farms* (HH@ CLM) – March 20 at 2 p.m. Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum will host a series of programs on the third Sunday of the month, beginning Sunday, March 20. The programs will cover a variety of topics of interest to our community. The inaugural 3rd Sunday Program will be *Century & Heritage Farms*, at 2:00 p.m., at the Carnegie Library Museum. Our guests are local Heritage and Century farmers, who will share their 150-year and 100-year farm histories. Next month: *Traditional and Modern Quilting*, with an opportunity to learn how to quilt! Join us monthly as we explore and share at these free programs.

Kites, flowers, bees, birds, and other *Spring Things* will be the focus of a new six-week Storytime unit for two age groups at Perry Public library, beginning March 22. The *Toddler Time* group (ages 18 months – 3 Years) will meet on Tuesdays, and the *Fun for Fours & Fives* group will meet on Wednesdays, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., in the library Community Room. Stories, songs, age-appropriate activities, crafts, and a snack will be included in the programs. Storytimes are free, but registration is required.

Craft Club: Button Trees – March 28 at 6:00 p.m., Monday, in the library Community Room. The featured craft will be Button Trees. All interested crafters are invited to participate, but registration is required, as well as a \$5 materials fee, by the Monday, March 21 deadline to guarantee your supplies.

Re-Awakening History by Telling Our Own Stories Program Series (HH@CLM) – March 29 The State Historical Society of Iowa, Inc., and Iowa Arts Council are funding a monthly program series offered by Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum, from March to August 2022, called Re-Awakening History by Telling Our Own Stories. A unique program will be offered each month, focusing on our Perry Community, showcasing stories about life in a small Midwestern town and its influences on family, education, work, faith, and loss. The first program is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m., at the Carnegie Library Museum.

The Mystery Book Club will meet for the March 2022 events on Monday and Wednesday, March 28-30. All interested readers are invited to join Library Director Mary Murphy for a Zoom book discussion of selected title *The Summoning: A Novel* by J. P. Smith, at 7:00 p.m., March 28, and join the virtual Author Talk with J. P. Smith at 6:00 p.m. CT, on Wednesday, March 30. Both events are free, but registration is required. Books are available at the library for participants. Call the library for more information: 515-465-3569.

2022 All Iowa Reads Community-Wide Book Discussion Announced — April 19
Perry Public Library announces the 2022 All Iowa Reads community-wide book discussion, scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, in the Library's Community Room. The selected title is *The Butterfly Effect* by Rachel Mans McKenny. The annual All Iowa Reads event is intended to create an opportunity for people in a community to gather to discuss a single book with an Iowa or Midwest connection. Guest facilitator George Minot of Iowa City will lead the discussion.

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday, April 14, 2022, 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

4/6/2022

Register Report 3/3/2022 through 4/6/2022

Date	Num	Description	Memo		Category	Amount
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BALANCE 3	/2/2022					30,920.36
3/8/2022	DEP	Deposit	Cash Register		Gifts And Memorials	36.45
3/14/2022	DEP	S Deposit			Room Maintenance	25.00
					Gifts And Memorials	30.00
3/6/2022	DEP	Deposit	Cash Register		PPLF	2,100.00
3/21/2022	DEP	Deposit	Cash Register		Gifts And Memorials	21.10
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					Donation Income	30.15
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4/6/2022	6175	City Of Perry	March 2022		Credit Debit Card	-155.45
4/6/2022	6176	Baker & Taylor			Materials:Books	-209.00
4/6/2022	6177	Penworthy	Inv# 0579796-IN		Materials:Children'	-205.53
4/6/2022	6178	Void				0.00
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			#77449329 #77490529		Materials:Large Print	-74.07
			#77480528 #77508804		Materials:Large Print	-50.98
4/6/2022	6182	Scholastic	#77508801 #36512564		Materials:Large Print Materials:Children'	-98.76
4/6/2022	6183		Perry Chief Newspape	or.		-15.39 -46.80
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Banking Summary 3/3/2022 through 4/30/2022

Category	3/3/2022- 4/30/2022
INCOME	
ARPA Grant	5,000.00
Donation Income	30.15
Gifts And Memorials	184.48
PPLF	4,200.00
Room Maintenance	25.00
TOTAL INCOME	9,439.63
EXPENSES	
Uncategorized	0.00
Credit Debit Card Revenue to City Hall	155.45
Marketing	193.00
Materials	
Books	925.95
Children's Books	220.92
Large Print	638.07
Streaming	623.37
Subscriptions	46.80
TOTAL Materials	2,455.11
Programming	847.63
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,651.19
OVERALL TOTAL	5.788.44

City of Perry Perry Public Library and Hometown Heritage

Fund Status Report April 8, 2022

Account		111 0, 2022			
Number	Account Title	Total Budget	YTD EXP	YTD Balance	Pct EXP
General Fund					
001-410-6010	WAGES	\$192,690.00	\$148,226.23	\$44,463.77	779
001-410-6020	WAGES - PT	\$56,135.00			
001-410-6240	TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE	\$1,000.00	\$671.00	\$329.00	67%
001-410-6310	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE BLDG	\$1,000.00	\$558.10	\$441.90	56%
001-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$32,000.00	\$33,562.53	(\$1,562.53)	105%
001-410-6373	TELEPHONE	\$4,500.00	\$3,228.43	\$1,271.57	72%
001-410-6408	INSURANCE TORT/GENERAL	\$7,238.00	\$7,899.23	(\$661.23)	109%
001-410-6413	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$16,000.00	\$10,518.45		
001-410-6490	CONSULTANT & PROFESSIONAL	\$10,000.00	\$5,179.58	\$4,820.42	52%
001-410-6506	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$5,000.00	\$4,857.55	\$142.45	97%
001-410-6508	POSTAGE & SHIPPING	\$2,000.00	\$759.19	\$1,240.81	38%
001-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$0.00	\$316.40	(\$316.40)	0%
Benefit Fund					
112-410-6110	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$19,035.00	\$13,678.59	\$5,356.41	72%
112-410-6130	IPERS	\$23,489.00	\$16,756.44	\$6,732.56	71%
112-410-6150	PREMIUMS HEALTH INSURANCE	\$68,252.00	\$56,648.29	\$11,603.71	83%
112-410-6152	PREMIUMS/LIFE/DISABILITY	\$1,087.00	\$916.51	\$170.49	84%
112-410-6160	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$276.00	\$191.91	\$84.09	70%
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121-410-6770	CAP OUTLAY - LIBRARY	\$40,000.00	\$41,605.97		
122-410-6750	CAPITAL/BUILDING	\$32,077.00	\$50,557.06	(\$18,480.06)	158%
Gift Fund					
167-410-6520	MISCELLANEOUS	\$45,000.00	\$17,508.30	\$27,491.70	39%
167-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$25,200.00	\$2,567.28	£ (6)	
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178-410-6020	WAGES - PART TIME	\$0.00	\$8,596.66	(\$8,596.66)	0%
178-410-6110	FICA	\$0.00	\$644.91	(\$644.91)	
178-410-6130	IPERS	\$0.00	\$312.47	(\$312.47)	
	LIBRARY TOTAL	\$612,195.00	\$490,346.51	\$121,848.49	

Board Overview

	FY 2020-	FY 2021- 2022 Year	Fiscal Year								,,,,,,	
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Electronic Audiobook Circulation	2,813	2,069	-1.93%	325	261	228	223	224	192	200	181	235
Electronic Book Circulation	3,300	2,858	15.47%	354	258	238	269	217	284	408	411	419
Electronic Video Circulation	404	476	57%	59	59	41	4	49	51	59	73	45
Electronic Magazine Circulation				38	18	15	36	41	69	30	39	
Total Circulation	46,653	48,028	37.26%	4,847	4,590	4,872	5,901	5,427	5,455	5,221	5,237	6,478
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Number of Borrowers at End of Period	2,292		4.65%	5,330	5,355	5,401	5,425	5,449	5,470	5,488	5,507	5,538
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PPL Door Count				3,501	3,625	3,852	3,652	4,898	3,596	3,179	3,940	
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Library Visits	9,534	34,862	387,55%	3,501	3,625	3,852	3,652	4,898	3,596	3,228	4,073	4,437
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Total Number Attending Programs	4,806	6,074	68.51%	745	193	240	1,367	1,834	353	388	526	428
Annual Meeting Room Use	9	114	2433.33%	0	m	9	10	19	15	22	17	22
Public Computer Usage	3,577	8,861	230.30%	742	1,050	925	950	923	802	834	1,094	1,336
Wireless Computer Usage	2,765	4,830	132.91%	341	434	420	527	570	258	558	919	806
Pages Viewed Online Catalog	14,941	5,127	-54.25%	1,022	1,008	986	376	288	309	337	320	451
Unique Visitors to Online Catalog	1,831	843	-38.61%	106	88	35	93	68	98	93	101	8
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Wowbrary Click-Thru to Catalog	1,540	531	-54.03%	28	64	20	102	29	4	70		52
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Hotspot Pending Reserves First of Month	0			0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
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Reserved Hotspot Total Checkouts (Daily)	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0

Mission: Enabling our community to thrive by offering lifelong opportunities to connect, learn, and create.

The KidsFest (June 4) plans are coming along. Attractions have been booked: bubbles, foam cannon, balloon twister, dunk tank, and petting zoo. Activities are being planned: Rotary with the putting green, HH@CLM activities include quill writing, PPL is planning an activity to make boats and evaluate their floatability and a duck pond, and more. The Perry Volunteer Fire Department are grilling their signature pork tenderloins for sandwiches and hot dogs. I have donation of pork loins from Tyson, bottles of water from Fareway, and hamburger and hot dog buns coming from HyVee. We will be purchasing single serving bags of chips and single serving granola bars for the rest of lunch. Lunch is \$1 and will be a Perry Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser. They will receive all the proceeds from the lunch revenue. KDLS will be bringing one of their vans and broadcasting live from the event. HyVee is looking to bring their KidFit Motorhome to the event.

Summer Reading Program planning has started to be planned in detail and paperwork, website registration, and promotion is being planned. A bilingual flier will be sent out in the May water bill followed by PSAs to all media outlets along with social media blasts. The theme this year is "Oceans of Possibilities" which lends itself to ocean-themed activities and possibilities activities.

The Solar Project is moving ahead. The contractor has completed installation of all panels across the multiple locations. Jacob Arends, the project oversight manager reported that the contractor is 'currently wrapping up the electrical connections at City Hall and the new pavilion next to the bike path. Once that is completed the only locations left to tie in are the police and fire station. You may still see crews at each location as they wrap up some final items, but the infrastructure is complete. They are anticipating the connection of police and fire electrical for the week of April 18th which is the last location to get tied in with Alliant Energy. At the parking lot locations, the gutters have been installed but they are still working to get downspouts installed. They are nearing the end of a long but beneficial project that will offset electrical expenses for many city facilities.'

I had to have two tires fixed because screws created a leak in them. Construction debris from the solar panel project has been found (screws, washers, plastic parts, small bolts) in and around the solar canopies. Jacob mentioned the screws and miscellaneous parts appearing around the canopies and their crews will be circling around to each location to review.

The Friends of the Perry Public Library are partnering with Perry Greenhouse & Supply to hold a Spring Floral Basket Fundraiser, from Friday, April 1, to Saturday, May 21, at Perry Greenhouse & Supply. To support the fundraiser, you may purchase a special voucher for \$23 to purchase a 10" flower basket. With each discount voucher purchased, the Friends receive a portion of the sale price, all which benefits the Perry Public Library and its services. If you want to buy a bigger basket or a bush the voucher can be used and then the price difference would be paid.

The Master Gardeners with Iowa State Extension and Outreach recently established the Dallas County Seed Library, a project developed to distribute open pollinated heirloom seeds, free, to Dallas County gardeners from participating host sites. Perry Public Library is now host to a Seed Library, housed in a special collection display containing a variety of seeds for patrons to take and use in their home gardens.

The project helps preserve heirloom seeds and native plants appropriate for cultivation in our area. To view a list of available seeds, visit: https://bit.ly/seedslist.

Saturday Storytimes will continue at Perry Public Library in April, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., in the library Community Room. Join us on Saturdays for stories *and more*.

Perry Public Library will celebrate the American Library Association's National Library Week (April 4-9) with special displays, overdue library fines amnesty, prize-drawings, and giveaways. The 2022 Theme is Connect With Your Library.

Storytimes are underway at Perry Public Library for three age groups. The *Toddler Time* group meets Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19, and 26, and the *Fun for 4s & 5s* group meets Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20, and 27, all from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., in the library Community Room. Storytimes at the library are always free, but registration is required.

Wee Wonders recorded Storytimes for babies (infants – 18 months) are posted on the library website twice monthly. With a focus on early literacy, participants receive a free board book for each session! Complete details to access the Storytimes are available at registration. New sessions: April 7, 21.

The April meeting of the Perry Public Library Quarterly Classics Book Club will be held at 7:00 p.m., April 12, at the Carnegie Library Museum. The selected title for discussion is *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas. Newcomers are always welcome to join the group at any time.

Everyone is invited to attend a free Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum program, Thursday, April 14, at 4:30 p.m. *Making Natural Egg Dye* is a free program that focuses on historical methods of coloring eggs - just in time for Easter. Join Trista Cohea at the Carnegie Library Museum for this fun and timely program.

Everyone is invited to attend the Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum program, *A Conversation With...*, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 14, at the Carnegie Library Museum. We welcome Perry Police Chief Eric Vaughn as our guest for the month of April. Come meet Chief Vaughn, learn more about him, and enjoy the conversation at this free event.

Perry Public Library will be closed on Sunday, April 17, for Easter. Reminder to patrons: the book drops are always open!

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Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum will host a Third Sunday program called *Traditional* and *Modern Quilting*, at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 24, offered by Hometown Heritage @ the Carnegie Library Museum. This program is for quilters and non-quilters alike, with an opportunity for beginning quilters to learn the craft!

The Perry Public Library Craft Club will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, in the library Community Room. The featured craft will be hand-made Mother's Day Cards. Please join us to create and socialize at any meeting, but registration and a \$5 materials fee are required by the deadline, Monday, April 18, to guarantee your supplies.

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Re-Awakening History by Telling Our Own Stories Program Series (HH@CLM) – April 26
The State Historical Society of Iowa, Inc. and Iowa Arts Council are funding a monthly program series offered by Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum from March to August 2022 called Re-Awakening History by Telling Our Own Stories. The April program, scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m., at Perry High School, will be presented by Perry Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lynsi Pasutti, who will talk about Education in Perry. A panel discussion and tour of the History Corridor will be featured during the free program.

Chess Open Play will continue at the library in April with a dedicated hour for students in K-12th grades, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., on Wednesdays, in the library Community Room. Open Play for all ages is now scheduled for 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, also in the Community Room, as well as on Saturdays, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., in the library Board Room. Everyone interested is invited to play Chess at the library or to schedule individual instruction with David Oliveira.

A new book club for readers of Young Adult books will hold its first meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, in the Perry Public Library Community Room. The *Never Too Old for YA Book Club* plans to meet on the first Wednesday of each month, with a variety of old and new titles selected from the Young Adult genre. The featured book for May is *What I Carry* by Jennifer Longo, which is also the 2022 *All Iowa Reads* Young Adult selected title. All adult and teen readers of Young Adult books are invited to participate in the monthly book discussions, but registration is required.