

Public Meeting Notice and Agenda

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

will hold a meeting on

Thursday, May 12, 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 April 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of Financial Statements: Gift Fund Claims and City of Perry Library Line Items
5. Unfinished Business:
6. New Business:
 - a. Health and Safety Policy
7. Board Education:
8. Librarian Report:
9. Open Forum:
10. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 8 a.m.
11. Adjourn

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, April 14, 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 was also present.

Board President Mark Miller called the meeting to order.

Agenda – Kendall Rathje moved to approve the agenda with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Minutes – Margaret Ruggle moved to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2022, meeting, and Kendall Rathje seconded. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling \$11,173.69 and 16 checks, #6153 - #6188, totaling \$4,876.19. 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:

Library Staff Retreat, June 20, 2022 – Kendall Rathje moved to approve the Perry Public Library closing for Monday, June 20, 2022 to release all staff for an offsite retreat and fund the offsite retreat, with Heather Karolus seconding. MCU.

New Business

Rotary Membership – Heather Karolus moved to approve the pay for the Library Director’s Rotary membership with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Board Education – Succession Planning was discussed at length along with the upcoming retirement of the Children’s Librarian.

Librarian’s Report:

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. Donations for the event include pork loins from Tyson, bottles of water from Fareway, and hamburger and hot dog buns from HyVee along with their meat department cutting up the pork loins. 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 into bring their KidFit Motorhome to the event. Library Director Mary Murphy received notice that we will be receiving funding for this event.

Summer Reading Program has started to be planned in detail with the paperwork, website registration, and promotion. 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-themed 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.'

Director Murphy had to have two tires fixed because screws created a leak in them with a third tire hosting a screw but no leak yet. 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!

Perry Public Library will participate in the 2022 *All Iowa Reads* event with a community-wide book discussion, at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, in the Library Community Room. The selected title is *The Butterfly Effect* by Rachel Mans McKenny. The annual *All Iowa Reads* event is an occasion for people in the same community to gather to discuss a single book with an Iowa or Midwestern theme. Guest facilitator George Minot of Iowa City will lead this year's discussion. This is a free event, and everyone is invited to participate. Books will be available for participants to check out or to purchase for a nominal price at the library. The Perry Public Library Monthly Book Club will participate in the 2022 *All Iowa Reads* book discussion for their April meeting, at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, in the library Community Room.

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.

Interested mystery readers are invited to join the virtual Mystery Book Club for the April 2022 events. The featured title for the month is *In My Dreams I Hold a Knife* by Ashley Winstead. The Zoom book discussion with Library Director Mary Murphy will be held Monday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m., and the virtual Author Talk with Ashley Winstead will take place Wednesday, April 27, at 6:00 p.m., CT. Both events are free, but registration is required.

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.

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday, May 12, 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

Register Report

4/14/2022 through 5/3/2022

5/3/2022

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 4/13/2022					37,250.15
4/18/2022	DEP	S Deposit	G Moore for Natl Lib Wk	Gifts And Memori...	50.00
				Donation Income	29.80
				Room Maintenance	25.00
4/21/2022	DEP	Deposit	Bock Grant Spring 2022 - ...	Grant Income	1,200.00
4/25/2022	DEP	Deposit	Cash Register	Donation Income	1.05
5/2/2022	DEP	Deposit		Donation Income	0.20
5/3/2022	DEP	Depsit	PPLF	Gifts And Memori...	2,100.00
5/3/2022	6189	Toby The Ball...	KIDSFEST 2022 - Downpa...	Programming	-100.00
5/3/2022	6190	S Wells Fargo V...		Materials:Videos	-279.80
				Materials:Children...	-261.20
			Fiction	Materials:Adults	-212.34
			NF	Materials:Adults	-12.49
			WSJ	Materials:Subscri...	-25.52
			2 mos	Materials:HotSpot	-519.39
				Programming	-295.01
				Marketing Services	-11.50
5/3/2022	6191	S Ingram Librar...	Fiction	Materials:Adults	-81.81
			NF	Materials:Adults	-53.76
				Materials:Children...	-124.03
				Materials:Audiobo...	-24.75
				Materials:Young ...	-40.21
5/3/2022	6192	S GreyHousePu...	NF	Materials:Adults	-165.00
			NF	Materials:Adults	-159.00
5/3/2022	6193	S Cengage Lear...	Invoice # 77623691 LP	Materials:Adults	-147.49
			Invoice # 77677816 LP	Materials:Adults	-26.99
5/3/2022	6194	S Baker & Taylor	F # 2036698617	Materials:Adults	-218.75
			F # 2036671313	Materials:Adults	-152.62
5/3/2022	6199	Absolute Scie...	Mega Foam Blaster - 3hours	Programming	-800.00
5/3/2022	6200	Absolute Scie...	Bubble Stations - 3 hours	Programming	-500.00
5/3/2022	6201	Marty Murphy	Petting Zoo - 3 hours	Programming	-300.00
5/3/2022	6202	Michael Albert...	Children's Summer Library...	Programming	-325.00
5/3/2022	6196	S Fareway	Adult	Programming	-6.79
			Children's Summer Library...	Programming	-27.96
5/3/2022	6195	Penworthy	Invoice # 0581247-IN	Materials:Children...	-198.98
5/3/2022	6197	Friends Of Th...	Annual Fee	Materials:Adventu...	-225.00
5/3/2022	6203	Toby, The Bal...	KIDSFEST2022 - Remaini...	Programming	-195.00
5/3/2022	6205	Mary K. Murphy	Reimbursement for Expen...	Programming	-26.73
5/3/2022	6198	Hoopla	April 2022 Bill	Materials:e materi...	-657.68
5/3/2022	6204	Stericycle	Inv # 99999999	Shred Day	-18.00
4/14/2022 - 5/3/2022					-2,786.75
BALANCE 5/3/2022					34,463.40
TOTAL INFLOWS					3,406.05
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					-6,192.80
NET TOTAL					-2,786.75

Banking Summary
4/14/2022 through 5/3/2022

Category	4/14/2022- 5/3/2022
INCOME	
Donation Income	31.05
Gifts And Memorials	2,150.00
Grant Income	1,200.00
Room Maintenance	25.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,406.05
EXPENSES	
Marketing Services	11.50
Materials	
Adults	1,230.25
Adventure Pass	225.00
Audiobooks	24.75
Children's All Other	198.98
Children's Books	385.23
e materials	657.68
HotSpot	519.39
Subscriptions	25.52
Videos	279.80
Young Adult	40.21
TOTAL Materials	3,586.81
Programming	2,576.49
Shred Day	18.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,192.80
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,786.75

City of Perry Budget Perry Public Library Fund Status Report
May 3, 2022

Account Number	Account Title	Total Budget	YTD		Expend
			Expended	YTD Balance	
General Fund					
001-410-6010	WAGES	\$192,690.00	\$163,056.24	\$29,633.76	85%
001-410-6020	WAGES - PT	\$56,135.00	\$46,616.68	\$9,518.32	83%
001-410-6240	TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE	\$1,000.00	\$676.00	\$324.00	68%
001-410-6310	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE BLDG	\$1,000.00	\$612.27	\$387.73	61%
001-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$32,000.00	\$35,658.67	(\$3,658.67)	111%
001-410-6373	TELEPHONE	\$4,500.00	\$3,584.84	\$915.16	80%
001-410-6408	INSURANCE TORT/GENERAL	\$7,238.00	\$7,899.23	(\$661.23)	109%
001-410-6413	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$16,000.00	\$11,367.05	\$4,632.95	71%
001-410-6490	CONSULTANT & PROFESSIONAL	\$10,000.00	\$6,229.58	\$3,770.42	62%
001-410-6506	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$5,000.00	\$5,932.95	(\$932.95)	119%
001-410-6508	POSTAGE & SHIPPING	\$2,000.00	\$1,074.31	\$925.69	54%
001-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$0.00	\$316.40	(\$316.40)	0%
Benefit Fund					
112-410-6110	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$19,035.00	\$15,049.03	\$3,985.97	79%
112-410-6130	IPERS	\$23,489.00	\$18,526.53	\$4,962.47	79%
112-410-6150	PREMIUMS HEALTH INSURANCE	\$68,252.00	\$62,420.79	\$5,831.21	91%
112-410-6152	PREMIUMS/LIFE/DISABILITY	\$1,087.00	\$1,017.53	\$69.47	94%
112-410-6160	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$276.00	\$191.91	\$84.09	70%
Caipital Fund					
121-410-6721	CAP OUTLAY-FURN/FIXTURES	\$15,345.00	\$14,389.17	\$955.83	94%
121-410-6723	CAP OUTLAY-HEAVY EQUIP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
121-410-6725	CAP OUTLAY-OFFICE EQUIP	\$14,871.00	\$7,935.39	\$6,935.61	53%
121-410-6770	CAP OUTLAY - LIBRARY	\$40,000.00	\$41,605.97	(\$1,605.97)	104%
122-410-6750	CAPITAL/BUILDING	\$32,077.00	\$50,557.06	(\$18,480.06)	158%
Gift Fund					
167-410-6520	MISCELLANEOUS	\$45,000.00	\$35,981.60	\$9,018.40	80%
167-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$25,200.00	\$2,648.33	\$22,551.67	11%
Hometown Heritage					
178-410-6020	WAGES - PART TIME	\$0.00	\$11,027.58	(\$11,027.58)	0%
178-410-6110	FICA	\$0.00	\$827.24	(\$827.24)	0%
178-410-6120	MEDICARE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
178-410-6130	IPERS	\$0.00	\$541.73	(\$541.73)	0%
178-410-6310	BUILDING REPAIR/MAINT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
178-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
178-410-6373	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
178-410-6408	INSURANCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
LIBRARY TOTAL		\$612,195.00	\$545,744.08	\$66,450.92	89%

Health & Safety Policy

Safety Policy

- a. It is the policy of the Library to make every effort to provide healthful and safe working conditions for all of its employees. The Library expects employees to follow certain rules of conduct that will protect the interests of the Library and safety of all employees and members of the public.
- b. The Library has adopted the City of Perry Safety Manual. Employees must read, maintain their knowledge, and follow the safety rules as described in the City of Perry Safety Manual at all times.

Employee Responsibilities, Reporting

- a. Employees are responsible for conducting their work activities in a manner that is protective of their own health and safety, as well as that of other employees.
- b. Employees must immediately report every on-the-job accident, no matter how minor, to the organization (currently Company Nurse at 1-888-770-0928) designated by the City's workman's compensation insurance company, and to his or her supervisor or to the Director / Deputy Director.
- c. Employees shall immediately report to their supervisor or to the Director / Deputy Director any conditions that in their judgment may possibly threaten the health and safety of employees or the public.
- d. Employees are encouraged to make suggestions to their supervisor or the Director / Deputy Director of improvements that would make the Library work place safer or more healthful.

Weapons Policy

- a. While at work, on Library property, or while performing Library business off Library premises, Library personnel shall not carry or possess any weapons.
- b. No weapons shall be transported, carried, or stored in any City-owned vehicle at any time when conducting Library business.
- c. For the purposes of this policy the term "weapons" includes all firearms (including pellet guns), fixed blade knives having a blade longer than 3 inches, and any object, device, or instrument which is intended to be used to inflict physical injury or death (e.g. martial arts devices, blowguns, cross bows, etc.).

Violence in the Workplace

- a. The Library is committed to a safe, healthy, productive workplace for all employees. Our policy is to maintain a work environment which is free from intimidation, harassment, threats, and hostile or violent acts of any kind. To that end, the following conduct is prohibited:
 1. Threatening, intimidating, or hostile behavior of any kind directed towards any employee or director.
 2. Verbal or physical abuse of any employee or directors, including any form of assault.
 3. Vandalism, arson, or any other act against an employee or director and which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of such person or of their personal property, or of Library property.
- b. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.
- c. **Managers and supervisors have a responsibility to report** any instance of inappropriate conduct (as defined above), or any concerns about potential violent behaviors or situations involving specific employees to their direct supervisor. This includes (i) any domestic relations situation which may involve a potential threat to the safety of the employee or others while at work or on duty; and (ii) any situation involving a customer, vendor, property owner, or other person with whom the Library may have a business relationship which may involve a potential threat to the safety of employee or directors regardless of whether at work or on duty. In addition, the incident may warrant immediate notification of the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- d. Employees who believe they have been subjected to, have observed, or have knowledge of any violation of this policy or of any potentially violent situation (including threats of violence) have a responsibility to report the behavior or incident immediately to their supervisor.
- e. Any employee who considers himself or herself to be in imminent danger of physical harm from any person should directly contact law enforcement officials immediately, and notify their supervisor.
- f. All complaints, notifications, and threats will be taken seriously and investigated promptly. Based on the outcome of the investigation, appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination, may be taken. Confidentiality will be maintained as appropriate.

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Deputy Director Misty VonBehren presented a program on Mentoring at the Spring Iowa Small Library Association meeting held virtually on May 6, 2022.

The KidsFest (June 4) 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 donations 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.

Director Murphy and Deputy Director VonBehren participated in an all-day offsite meeting on May 4, 2022, based on the book "Traction" by Gino Wickman in which he presents an Entrepreneurial Operating System (EOS) that is practical method achieving business success. All Department and Assistant/Deputy Department Heads participated in the meeting. More than 135,000 companies use this EOS system.

Director Murphy and two Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum employees attended an all-day training on April 26, 2022, to become certified as tour guides. The training was sponsored by Iowa Tourism and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Summer Reading Program registration will start on Monday, May 23rd. 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."

The Friends of the Perry Public Library partnered with Perry Greenhouse & Supply to hold a Spring Floral Basket Fundraiser. They have raised over \$750.

Grant Summary:

Bock Family Foundation, Inc., \$1200 awarded for KidsFest 2022

Farm Credit of America; \$1500 for milk and eggs for Library's Food Recovery/Outreach Program.

Farm Credit of America, \$2000 for Healthy Steps Program, Food Outreach at Farmer's Markets

MAY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

Chess instruction and walk-in Chess play will continue at the library in May on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with a dedicated hour for students in Grades K-12th, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., on Wednesdays, in the library Community Room. Walk-in Chess for all ages is scheduled for 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.,

Wednesdays, also in the Community Room, as well as on Saturdays, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., in the library Board Room.

Perry Public Library hosted *Butterfly Encounter*, a free program from *Absolute Science*, at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday, May 4, on the library grounds. Interact with live butterflies in the Butterfly Encounter Tent, explore the Life Cycle of the Butterfly, and learn all about these fascinating creatures at this family-friendly event.

The Never Too Old for YA Book Club will hold its first meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, in the Perry Public Library Community Room. The group meets monthly and will read 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. Register online: <https://www.perry.lib.ia.us/services/book-clubs/never-too-old-ya-book-club> or in person at the library. Books are available at the library for participants, including downloadable ebooks and audiobooks from Bridges/Overdrive and audiobooks from hoopla for library cardholders.

Saturday Storytimes continue in May at Perry Public Library, May 7, 14, 21, and 28, at 10:15 a.m. Join us for stories, pre-literacy activities, and crafts at these free events. The May 14 and 28 Storytimes are bilingual. No registration is needed. For more information, call the library: 515-465-3569.

The Library will be the location for a free performance of the one-act musical *Princess Di, Gone but Still Kicking!*, at 2:00 p.m., Monday, May 9, in the library Community Room. Performer, writer, and producer of the one-woman musical is Jillann Gabrielle, of Crystal Lake, Illinois, who performs her original works in the Greater Chicago area and Midwest theaters, libraries, public and private venues. She currently offers four musicals featuring popular figures from the Golden Age of Hollywood and this unique program about the "People's Princess." Registration is required, and space is limited, so don't wait to book your seats! Call the library: 515-465-3569 to register or for more information.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum will offer a Third Sunday program, at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 15. The featured program is *Living History Farms Presents Tea Parties Past and Present*. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event and learn about the history of tea - where it came from and how it evolved into one of our most popular drinks.

Perry Public Library Monthly Book Club will meet at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 17, in the library Community Room. The selected title for May is *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris. All interested readers are invited to join the group for any of the monthly discussions.

Children of all ages, teens, and adults are invited to register for the 2022 *Oceans of Possibilities* Summer Library Programs beginning Monday, May 23, at Perry Public Library. Read books and experience an ocean of fun and educational programs this summer, earning prizes along the way! *Water* you doing this summer? Come and *sea* for yourself how we *shell*-a-brate the oceans of possibilities at our library! Summer programs run through July 28. Save the date: June 4 is the KidsFest summer library programs kick-off. Don't miss it!

Interested mystery readers are invited to join the virtual Mystery Book Club for the May 2022 events. There are three featured title this month: *The Silenced Woman* by Frederick Weisel, *The Bone Keeper* by Luca Veste, and *Random Road* by Thomas Kies. The books are available at the library for registered

participants to purchase or to check out. The Zoom book discussion with Library Director Mary Murphy will be held Monday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m., and the virtual Author Talk with the featured writers will take place Wednesday, May 25, at 6:00 p.m., CT. Both events are free, but registration is required. Register online at <http://www.perry.lib.ia.us>, call the library: 515-465-3569, or visit the library in person to sign up.

The State Historical Society of Iowa, Inc., Art on the Prairie, 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 May event will feature the topic *Work* with Library Director and Hometown Heritage Board Member Mary Murphy, and the presentation will take place at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 24, at the Towncraft Building, 1122 Willis Avenue, Perry. Everyone is invited to come and learn about our local history at these free programs.

Perry Public Library and Carnegie Library Museum will be closed Sunday, May 29, and Monday, May 30, for the Memorial Day Holiday. Summer library hours will begin Tuesday, May 31 for both buildings, which means they are closed on Sundays until Fall and Winter hours resume after Labor Day, September 5.

Perry Public Library *Craft Club* will meet at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 31, in the library Community Room. The featured project is a *Painted Mason Jar Candle*. Interested crafters are invited to join Hunter Martin to create and converse in our comfortable space. Registration and a \$5 materials fee are required by the deadline, Wednesday, May 25, to reserve craft materials, but everyone is welcome at this free event. Register online: <http://www.perry.lib.ia.us>, call the library: 515-465-3569, or visit the library in person to sign up.

Everyone is invited to join Perry Public Library staff for KidsFest 2022, the official *Oceans of Possibilities* Summer Library Programs kick-off, Saturday, June 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Perry Public Library. Bring the whole family to enjoy kid-friendly games, crafts, bubbles, petting zoo, foam cannon, balloon animals, water table boat float, dunk tank, fire engines, and more! \$1 lunches will be offered by the Perry Volunteer Fire Department, and all the fun is *free*! Come for KidsFest, and discover *Oceans of Possibilities* while reading, attending programs, and earning prizes with us this summer. Register online at: <http://www.perry.lib.ia.us>, call: 515-465-3569, or visit the library in to sign up. Special thanks to the following sponsors: Tyson, Hy-Vee, Fareway, Hometown Heritage @ the CLM, Perry Rotary, Perry Public Works, Perry Volunteer Fire Department, Perry Parks & Recreation, Bock Family Foundation, Inc., and the Friends of the Perry Public Library.