

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 8 a.m. Note: This meeting was held in-person in the Board 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 – Margaret Ruggle moved to approve the agenda with Heather Karolus seconding the motion. MCU.

Minutes – Kendall Rathje moved to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2022, meeting, and Rosa Gonzalez seconded the motion. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling \$3,406.05 and 17 checks, #6189 - #6204, totaling \$6,192.80. The City of Perry Library Fund Status Report was reviewed. Margaret Ruggle moved to approve the financial reports with Heather Karolus seconding the motion. MCU.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Health and Safety Policy – Heather Karolus moved to adopt the proposed Health and Safety Policy, with Kendall Rathje seconding the motion. MCU.

Board Education – Grants and programming were reviewed and discussed.

Librarian’s Report:

Mission:

Enabling our community to thrive

by offering lifelong opportunities

to connect, learn, and create.

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 their putting green, HH@CLM activities include quill writing, PPL is planning an activity to make boats and evaluate their floatability, 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 City of Perry Leadership 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. 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.

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.

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*! 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.

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday, June 9, 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