

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, June 9, 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 – Heather Karolus moved to approve the agenda with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Minutes – Kendall Rathje moved to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2022, meeting, and Heather Karolus seconded the motion. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling \$2,473.40 and 23 checks, #6207 - #6235, totaling \$7,659.54. 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: None

New Business:

End of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 - Director Murphy reported on the budget.

Director Review – Director Mary Murphy will send out a self-evaluation to each Board member. Each Board member will add their comments and send to Board President Mark Miller. President Mark Miller will meet with Director Mary Murphy to review comments.

Board Education – The Library has received notification that it is accredited for the next three fiscal years, July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025. Community Outreach and its funding was also discussed.

Librarian's Report:

Mission:

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

The KidsFest 2022 Oceans of Possibilities included bubbles, a foam cannon, a balloon twister, a dunk tank, and a petting zoo. Activities included: Rotary with their putting greens, HH@CLM activities with paper quilting, PPL with creating boats and evaluating their floatability along with a duck pond, and more. The Perry Volunteer Fire Department grilled their signature pork tenderloins for sandwiches and hot dogs. Tyson has donated three boxes of pork loins, Fareway donated bottles of water, and HyVee donated hamburger and hot dog buns. We purchased single serving bags of chips and single serving granola bars for the rest of lunch. Lunch is \$1 and was a Perry Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser. The fundraiser revenue was \$738. The KDLS van was here and broadcasted live from the event.

Director Murphy and two Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum employees were evaluated on their Tour Guide skills on June 7, 2022. This evaluation follows the all-day training attended on April 26, 2022, to become certified as tour guides. Iowa Tourism and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach sponsors the training and certification. Everyone passed their certification and received a certificate proclaiming that they are Certified Professional Guides.

Summer Reading Program registration started on Monday, May 23rd. A bilingual flier was 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."

Active Grant Funding:

Tyson Foods Community Grant, \$10,000 awarded for Healthy Steps Program, Food Outreach at Perry's Farmers Market

Farm Credit of America, \$2,000 for Healthy Steps Program, Food Outreach at Perry 's Farmers Markets
Bock Family Foundation, Inc., \$1,200 awarded for KidsFest 2022

Farm Credit of America; \$1,500 for milk and eggs for Library's Food Recovery/Outreach Program.

Iowa Arts Council, \$16,500 for Reawakening History by Recording Our Own Stories

Iowa Arts Council, \$18,000 for wages to reopen Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum
SHSI, Inc and Arts Midwest, \$10,000 for Reawakening History by Telling Our Own Stories

JUNE PSA:



June 2022 Programs and Events at the Perry Public Library And Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum

The newly formed *Never Too Old for YA* Book Club will meet for their June book discussion at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 1, in the library Community Room. The selected title is *We Were Liars* by e. Lockhart.

Oceans of Possibilities Programs at Perry Public Library – June and July

Adults, Teens, and Children are invited to join Perry Public Library staff and guests for in-person programming this June and July with our 2022 *Oceans of Possibilities* theme. Age-appropriate entertainment, activities, songs, stories, crafts, and more are featured in our children's events in four age groups: Infants-2 years, 2-5-year-olds, K-2nd Graders, and 3rd-5th Graders. Special family events for all ages are also on the schedule! Children's program highlights include *Michael Albert's Modern Pop Art Experience*, *Magician Mikayla Oz*, the *ISU Insect Zoo*, a Fossil Dig at Voas Nature area, *Noah's Ark Stuffed Animal Workshop* (sea creatures), and a finale event with magician Rick Eugene. Teen programs are

offered on Fridays at 2:00 p.m., in the library Community Room, and reading incentive prizes and chances in weekly and grand prize drawings can be earned this summer, as well. Weekly "Shipwrecked Survival Challenges" add to the excitement, earning teen participants scratch-off ticket chances for gift cards to local businesses. Adult programs include *Octopus (Zen) Gardens*, *Calm on the Beach Terrariums*, and *Creature Feature Fun Night*; and reading incentive prizes, as well as weekly and grand prize drawings, are program components again this year. Please note that registration is required for all three adult programs. For more information, visit: <http://www.perry.lib.ia.us> or call: 515-465-3569.

Oceans of Possibilities KidsFest 2022 – June 4

Everyone is invited to join Perry Public Library staff for KidsFest 2022, the *Oceans of Possibilities* Summer Library Programs kick-off event, Saturday, June 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Perry Public Library. Bring the family to enjoy 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 then discover *Oceans of Possibilities* at our 2022 Summer Library Programs! 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.*

Perry Public Library will extend fine forgiveness all day, Saturday, June 4 ONLY, to children and young people through age 18, as part of our Kidsfest celebration! If you've been away, *we want you back*, so please visit us on June 4, from 10:00 to 5:00, and get your fines erased! Please note that fees for lost or damaged materials must be excluded.

Join Miss Suzanne at Perry Public Library this June for in-person *Wee Wonders* Storytimes for babies, Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, and 28, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., in the library Community Room. Ocean themed, age-appropriate activities, songs, stories, and crafts with a pre-literacy focus will be included in the sessions, and each child receives a free board book each week!

Join Perry Public Library staff for an *Ocean of Possibilities* Adult Summer Library program with Master Gardeners from ISU Extension and Outreach. *Octopus gardens* (Zen or rock gardens) will be the focus of this interactive program. We will meet at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 9, in the library Community Room. Come and learn how to simplify your outdoor spaces with an inviting fresh look, socialize, and take home a miniature Zen Garden of your own!

Everyone is invited to attend the free Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum series, *A Conversation With....* to meet special guests and community leaders and learn more about them, their jobs, and their roles in the Perry community. Sara Cattanach, Perry Kwik Star Store Manager will be the featured guest for the June program, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 9, at the Carnegie Library Museum. Come and meet Sarah, who will talk about Kwik Star community collaborations and opportunities.

American Pop Artist and author Michael Albert is touring the Midwest this summer, and Perry Public Library will host the artist for his traveling pop art enrichment program, *Modern Pop Art Experience*, from 10:30-12:30, Saturday, June 11, in the library Community Room. During the family-friendly, multi-generational event, participants will meet the artist, see examples of his art, including the "Cubist mosaic cereal box" collages for which he is well-known, experience a hands-on collage workshop, and create a unique piece of Pop Art. The workshop concludes with a free poster giveaway and signing for those in attendance.

Chess instruction and walk-in Chess will continue at the library this summer, for anyone wishing to learn the game or to meet with a partner. Instructor David Oliveira will be at the library on Saturdays in June, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the library Board Room, and he will continue to offer scheduled times for individuals on a flexible basis.

Everyone is invited to attend a Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum program called *History of Entertainment in Perry*, at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 12, at the Carnegie Library Museum. The presenter is local history buff Larry Vodenik, who will share interesting facts, pictures, and anecdotes at this free program that takes a nostalgic look back at what we used to do for fun in Perry!

Magician Mikayla Oz will visit Perry Public Library and present a special Summer Library Program, at 3:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 14, in the library Community Room. Mikayla Oz has been astonishing audiences across the Midwest for more than 10 years and provides a high energy, interactive magic show with audience participation, modern music, and hilarious comedy. You will see things appear, vanish, teleport, transform and even float, right in front of your eyes! Be inspired with an uplifting message encouraging you to be the best version of yourself and laugh along with us at this entertaining program.

The public is invited to attend the June program of the *Re-Awakening History by Telling Our Own Stories* series offered by Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum and funded by The State Historical Society of Iowa, Inc., and Iowa Arts Council. The June program is titled *Loss and Hope* with guest speaker Dr. Pam Jenkins, professor Emeritus, University of New Orleans and Hometown Heritage Board Member. The program begins at 6:00 P.M., on Thursday, June 16, at the Carnegie Library Museum.

Saturday Storytimes continue this summer at Perry Public Library, at 10:15 a.m., June 18, and 25. Join us for stories, pre-literacy activities, and crafts at these free events. No registration needed. The June 25 Storytime is bilingual!

Perry Public Library will be closed on Monday, June 20, for a Staff Development Day. We thank you for your patience and remind our patrons that the book drops are always open!

The Perry Public Library Monthly Book Club will hold its June meeting at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, at the Carnegie Library Museum. The selected title for discussion is *The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters* by Priya Parker.

Join us for a free *Oceans of Possibilities* Summer Library Program, at 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 27, in the Perry Public Library Meeting Room. *Bring Those Bugs Inside* with the Iowa State University Insect Zoo! Get up close and personal with 100 species of our multi-legged friends: beetles, millipedes, walking sticks, roaches, scorpions, tarantulas and more! Learn all about why these animals are important for our environment with the help of our knowledgeable Insect.Zoo staff. Ask questions about the animals on display and get a chance to touch millipedes, beetles, walking sticks, and more.

Perry Public Library Craft Club will meet at 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 27, in the library Community Room, and the featured craft is *Painted Mandala Rocks*. Interested crafters are invited to join Hunter to create and converse in our comfortable space! Registration and a \$5 materials fee are required by the deadline, Wednesday, June 22, to reserve craft materials, but everyone is welcome at this free event.

The Perry Public Library virtual Mystery Book Club will meet in June for two events featuring selected title *The Texas Job* by Reavis Z. Wortham. The Zoom book discussion with Library Director Mary Murphy

is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., on Monday, June 27, and the virtual Author Talk with Reavis Wortham will begin at 6:00 p.m. CT, on Wednesday, June 29.

Perry Public Library was recently awarded a \$1500 grant from Farm Credit of America to purchase milk and eggs for the library food recovery program. The library refrigerator is regularly stocked with recovered foods from local groceries and non-profit agencies, and the milk and eggs, to be purchased weekly, will be a welcome addition to the offerings. Recovered foods are available free to anyone, on a first-come, first-served basis, but please take only what you need, and share with your neighbors.

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 8 a.m. in the library's Board Room (aka the small meeting room). The public is always welcome.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary K. Murphy, Library Director