

Public Meeting Notice and Agenda

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

will hold a meeting on

Thursday, July 7, 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 June 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of Financial Statements: Gift Fund Claims and City of Perry Library Line Items
5. Unfinished Business:
 - a. End of FY22
 - b. Director Review
6. New Business:
 - a. Youth Services Position Search
7. Board Education: EEOC Search Requirements
8. Librarian Report
9. Open Forum
10. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 8 a.m.
11. Adjourn

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 Cattnach, 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

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PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA

DES MOINES—The State Library of Iowa has announced that the Perry Public Library has met the conditions for state accreditation as outlined in “In Service to Iowa: Public Library Standards Sixth Edition.”

Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high quality library services. The Perry Public Library has been recognized for its efforts in all areas of library operations including governance and funding, staffing, library collection, services, public relations, access, and facilities. The accreditation status begins July 1, 2022, and is valid through June 30, 2025.

“The director and board of trustees of the Perry Public Library and the city of Perry are to be commended for this achievement and their commitment to excellence in public library services for their community,” said State Librarian Michael Scott.

Of Iowa’s 543 public libraries, 403 – including the Perry Public Library – are accredited. Iowa’s accredited public libraries are recognized for being responsive to their communities and for exhibiting excellence in their provision of library services. More than two-thirds of all Iowans have active public library cards. Iowa libraries play key roles in workforce and economic development, lifelong learning and e-government activities. Iowans use their libraries to find jobs, do homework, locate a good book to read, research medical conditions, access government information, and more.

Accredited libraries receive a higher rate of compensation through the State Library’s Enrich Iowa program. They also receive a Certificate of Accreditation signed by Governor Kim Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg, State Librarian Michael Scott, and Iowa Commission of Libraries Chairperson Carrie Falk.

For more information on the State Library’s accreditation program, and to view the Public Library Standards, go to <https://www.statelibraryoflowa.gov/index.php/libraries/search/accred-stand>.

About the Perry Public Library

Our mission is to enable our community to thrive by offering life-long opportunities to connect, learn, and create. Everyone at the library works hard to serve the best possible library services to the community. For more information about the Perry Public Library, go to our website:

www.perry.lib.ia.us

About the State Library of Iowa

The State Library of Iowa actively champions libraries. Our two roles are improving library services in Iowa and delivering specialized information services to state government and to Iowans.

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Register Report
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Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE 6/8/2022				29,522.94
6/12/2022	DEP	Deposit	Donation Income	76.10
6/12/2022	DEP	Deposit	Donation Income	22.20
6/21/2022	DEP	Deposit	Donation Income	31.50
6/27/2022	DEP	Deposit	Donation Income	25.00
6/29/2022	6241	S Wells Fargo Visa	Materials:Videos	-131.12
			Materials:Children's B...	-94.11
			Programming	-1,444.77
			Marketing Services	-199.09
			Farm Credit Grant Ex...	-84.80
6/29/2022	6242	S Wells Fargo Visa	FCA & Tyson Grant E...	-1,047.50
			Materials:Children's B...	-87.69
			Programming	-35.15
			Board Book Outreach	-160.95
			Programming	-65.46
			Memorial Kit Expense	-141.63
6/29/2022	6243	S Baker & Taylor	Programming	-10.00
			Materials:Adults	-485.59
			Materials:Adults	-128.56
			Materials:Adults	-258.29
			Materials:Adults	-119.81
			Materials:Adults	-191.24
6/29/2022	6244	Midwest Tape	Materials:Video	-9.99
6/29/2022	6245	S Cengage Learning In...	Materials:Adults	-50.98
			Materials:Adults	-24.04
			Materials:Adults	-49.38
			Materials:Adults	-50.98
			Materials:Adults	-24.69
6/29/2022	6246	Blank Park Zoo	Children's SLP 2022 ...	-250.00
6/29/2022	6247	IOwa State University...	Children's SLP 2022 ...	-222.23
6/29/2022	6248	S Fareway	KidsFest 2022 Expense	-402.08
			KidsFest 2022 Expense	-5.98
			Programming	-8.94
			Children's SLP 2022	-17.97
			KidsFest 2022 Expense	-74.85
			KidsFest 2022 Expense	-27.45
			Farm Credit Grant Ex...	-27.50
			Farm Credit Grant Ex...	-27.50
6/29/2022	6249	Misty VonBehren	Teen SLP 2022 Expe...	-50.00
6/29/2022	6250	Suzanne Kestel	Children's SLP 2022 ...	-20.00
6/29/2022	6251	Mary K. Murphy	KidsFest 2022 Expense	-23.05
6/29/2022	6252	Cengage Learning In...	Materials:Adults	-172.83
6/29/2022	6253	Ingram Library Services	Materials:Adults	-224.84
6/29/2022	6254	Raccoon Valley Radio	Marketing Services	-556.44
6/29/2022	6255	Iowa Radio Plus	Marketing Services	-229.96
7/1/2022	6256	Ingram Library Services	Materials:Adults	-210.54
7/1/2022	DEP	Deposit	PPLF	2,100.00
6/9/2022 - 7/1/2022				-5,193.18
BALANCE 7/1/2022				24,329.76

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Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
TOTAL INFLOWS				2,254.80
TOTAL OUTFLOWS				-7,447.98
NET TOTAL				-5,193.18

Banking Summary

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Category	6/9/2022- 7/1/2022
INCOME	
Donation Income	154.80
PPLF	2,100.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,254.80
EXPENSES	
Board Book Outreach	160.95
Children's SLP 2022	17.97
Children's SLP 2022 Program	492.23
Farm Credit Grant Expense	139.80
FCA & Tyson Grant Expense	1,047.50
KidsFest 2022 Expense	533.41
Marketing Services	985.49
Materials	
Adults	1,991.77
Children's Books	181.80
Video	9.99
Videos	131.12
TOTAL Materials	2,314.68
Memorial Kit Expense	141.63
Programming	1,564.32
Teen SLP 2022 Expenses	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,447.98
OVERALL TOTAL	-5,193.18

City of Perry
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Fund Status Report
June 30, 2022

Account #	Account Title	Total Budget	YTD Exp	YTD Bal	Pct	Unexp/Exp
General Fund						
001-410-6010	WAGES	\$192,690.00	\$193,122.20	(\$432.20)	100%	
001-410-6020	WAGES - PT	\$56,135.00	\$56,408.57	(\$273.57)	100%	
001-410-6240	TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE	\$1,000.00	\$826.00	\$174.00	83%	
001-410-6310	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE BLDG	\$1,000.00	\$612.27	\$387.73	61%	
001-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$40,000.00	\$38,738.05	\$1,261.95	97%	
001-410-6373	TELEPHONE	\$4,500.00	\$4,298.97	\$201.03	96%	
001-410-6408	INSURANCE TORT/GENERAL	\$7,238.00	\$7,899.23	(\$661.23)	109%	
001-410-6413	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$16,000.00	\$13,440.15	\$2,559.85	84%	
001-410-6490	CONSULTANT & PROFESSIONAL	\$10,000.00	\$9,226.66	\$773.34	92%	
001-410-6506	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$5,000.00	\$7,901.23	(\$2,901.23)	158%	
001-410-6508	POSTAGE & SHIPPING	\$2,000.00	\$1,106.71	\$893.29	55%	
001-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$0.00	\$316.40	(\$316.40)	0%	
						1666.56
						0.50%
Benefit Funds						
112-410-6110	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$19,035.00	\$17,933.16	\$1,101.84	94%	
112-410-6130	IPERS	\$23,489.00	\$22,041.51	\$1,447.49	94%	
112-410-6150	PREMIUMS HEALTH INSURANCE	\$68,252.00	\$68,451.74	(\$199.74)	100%	
112-410-6152	PREMIUMS/LIFE/DISABILITY	\$1,087.00	\$1,219.57	(\$132.57)	112%	
112-410-6160	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$276.00	\$191.91	\$84.09	70%	
Capital Funds						
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	\$9,554.39	\$5,316.61	64%	
121-410-6770	CAP OUTLAY - LIBRARY	\$40,000.00	\$41,605.97	(\$1,605.97)	104%	
122-410-6750	CAPITAL/BUILDING	\$50,000.00	\$53,661.42	(\$3,661.42)	107%	
		\$120,216.00				1005.05
						0.80%
Gift Fund						
	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%	
HH Fund						
178-410-6020	WAGES - PART TIME	\$15,900.00	\$16,283.90	(\$383.90)	102%	
178-410-6110	FICA	\$1,200.00	\$1,222.64	(\$22.64)	102%	
178-410-6130	IPERS	\$900.00	\$999.65	(\$99.65)	111%	
CLM Fund						
178-410-6310	BUILDING REPAIR/MAINT	\$0.00	\$3,017.72	(\$3,017.72)	0%	18506.19
LIBRARY TOTAL		\$656,118.00	\$623,099.12	\$33,018.88	95%	

City of Perry Fund Status Report FY23
Perry Public Library and Hometown Heritage at the Carnrgie Library Museum
July 1, 2022

Account Number	Account Title	Total Budget	YTD	
			Expended	YTD Balance
General Fund				
001-410-6010	WAGES	\$212,397.00	\$0.00	\$212,397.00
001-410-6020	WAGES - PT	\$61,000.00	\$0.00	\$61,000.00
001-410-6240	TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
001-410-6310	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE BLDG	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
001-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$32,000.00	\$0.00	\$32,000.00
001-410-6373	TELEPHONE	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
001-410-6408	INSURANCE TORT/GENERAL	\$7,994.00	\$0.00	\$7,994.00
001-410-6413	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00
001-410-6490	CONSULTANT & PROFESSIONAL	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
001-410-6506	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
001-410-6508	POSTAGE & SHIPPING	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Benefit Fund				
112-410-6110	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$20,217.00	\$0.00	\$20,217.00
112-410-6130	IPERS	\$25,811.00	\$0.00	\$25,811.00
112-410-6150	PREMIUMS HEALTH INSURANCE	\$74,415.00	\$0.00	\$74,415.00
112-410-6152	PREMIUMS/LIFE/DISABILITY	\$1,249.00	\$0.00	\$1,249.00
112-410-6160	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$534.00	\$0.00	\$534.00
Capital Funds				
121-410-6721	CAP OUTLAY-FURN/FIXTURES	\$20,090.00	\$0.00	\$20,090.00
121-410-6723	CAP OUTLAY-HEAVY EQUIP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
121-410-6725	CAP OUTLAY-OFFICE EQUIP	\$13,086.00	\$0.00	\$13,086.00
121-410-6770	CAP OUTLAY - LIBRARY	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
122-410-6750	CAPITAL/BUILDING	\$35,150.00	\$0.00	\$35,150.00
Gift Fund				
167-410-6520	MISCELLANEOUS	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00
167-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$25,200.00	\$0.00	\$25,200.00
HH Fund				
178-410-6020	WAGES - PART TIME	\$25,694.00	\$0.00	\$25,694.00
178-410-6110	FICA	\$1,966.00	\$0.00	\$1,966.00
178-410-6120	MEDICARE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
178-410-6130	IPERS	\$2,426.00	\$0.00	\$2,426.00
				\$30,086.00
CLM Fund				
178-410-6310	BUILDING REPAIR/MAINT	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
178-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00
178-410-6373	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
178-410-6408	INSURANCE	\$5,883.00	\$0.00	\$5,883.00
	LIBRARY TOTAL	\$700,212.00	\$0.00	\$700,212.00

Perry Public Library - A Year in Review: Fiscal Year 2020-2021

It seems surreal when we look back over the past two and half years. Did we really do all that because of a pandemic? Yes! YES! We did! We came through all of it with a determination to serve our community with the best library services possible given the circumstances. We now have new words in our vocabulary - reopening, contagion, pivot (one I as soon forget!), social distancing, super spreader event to name a few.

What was accomplished as we came out of the Pandemic - July 1, 2021, to the present, June 14, 2022

1. In July 2021, we finished a socially distanced Summer Reading Program with 86 Adults, 14 Teens, and 225 children registered. We still had zoom programs with one in-person program off-site. We packaged kits and program materials to be picked up at the library.
2. In FY2021-2022 we added one Little Free Library at the following locations - Perry Elementary School, Perry Middle School, Little Free Board Book Library at the east door of the Perry Public Library, the laundromat on First Street, and the Perry Food Pantry. The original Little Free Library is now located at Fareway, then we added the four nursing homes - Eden Acres (Rowley), Spring Valley, the Lutheran Home, Aspire (Pearl Valley), and then added those at community gathering places --- the Perry Perk, Hamlin Bell residence, and McCreary Recreation Center. We had one at Dallas County Hospital, but the pandemic caused that one to be shut down. We relocated that one to the Perry Food Pantry. The total number of Perry Little Free libraries that we stock and maintain is now 13.
3. The State Library District Consultant Maryann Mori led the Library Staff and Board through a strategic planning process to first conduct a community survey and summarize how best the library should serve the community. A five-year Strategic Plan was created from the community survey.
4. An Accreditation Process was initiated in the fall of 2021 with a review of all library policies. Our application was submitted in February 2022. We just received notification that the Perry Public Library is accredited at the highest level from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025.
5. The official date of reopening the library to the public was February 17, 2021. We slowly moved furniture back into the library but with many social distancing practices in place. In-person programming resumed in September 2021 with the option of a virtual programming. As we moved into the new year, we moved back to normal hours and normal in-person programming.
6. We received an American Rescue Plan Act grant of \$5,000 to fund new and more security cameras. We went from 14 cameras to 18, most on the outside of the building. The resolution on the new cameras is amazing.
7. Discussions were initiated in the fall of 2021 for a partnership between the City of Perry, Hometown Heritage, and the Perry Public Library. A Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the Hometown Heritage Board, the Perry Public Library Board, and the Perry City Council that outlines the respective responsibilities of reopening Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum (HH@CLM) on January 4, 2022. HH@CLM has been open six days a week since its reopening date until summer hours started on Memorial Day weekend.
8. We have continued the Food Recovery programs (making food available that would be thrown away) as well as the Food Outreach programs (giving produce away in the Healthy Steps program with the goal of encouraging the addition of fresh produce into diets to become a healthy food habit and working toward a healthier body.) Director Murphy has made five presentations at two

Iowa Health conferences, the Iowa Library Association conference, and ISU Extension and Outreach Food System Conference about the Food Recovery program.

9. The Library digitized the Perry High School Yearbooks. They are available online and can be accessed anywhere there is an internet connection.
10. We will be holding a Staff Retreat on June 20, 2022, with the goal of building of excellent communication among staff, promoting our role in the community, what to do in emergency situations, and updating our first aid training and CPR certificates.
11. We planned and sponsored the Oceans of Possibilities KidsFest on June 4, 2022. Attendance has been estimated from 750 - 900, possibly as high as 1000. This event kicked off a fully in-person Summer Library program for 2022. At this date, we have over 400 children, 28 teens, and 78 adults registered.
12. The street level of the library was repainted with the upper story scheduled to be painted in the fall.
13. New professional signage was installed throughout the library making all the signage uniform in appearance.
14. All window blinds were taken down and replaced by new shades.
15. Grants used in FY2021-2022
 - a. The last \$6,000 of the Cares Act grant of \$12,400 was used to buy books to give away to increase access to books for Perry students during the pandemic.
 - b. 4RKids funding of \$500 was used for the Little Board Book Library.
 - c. ARPA Grant of \$5,000 to update security camera system
 - d. State Historical Society of Iowa, Inc. grant of \$7,500 for new programming series: Reawakening History by Telling Our Own Stories
 - e. Arts Midwest and Art on the Prairie grant of \$2,500 for new programming series: Reawakening History by Telling Our Own Stories
 - f. Arts Council of Iowa: ARPA Grant funding of \$18,000 for wages for Hometown Heritage employees
 - g. Art Council of Iowa: ARPA grant funding of \$16,500 for program series: Reawakening History by Recording Our Own Stories
 - h. Bock Grant of \$1,200 to help fund Oceans of Possibilities KidsFest 2022
 - i. 4RKids funding of \$500 to pay for Board Books in the Little Free Board Book Library
 - j. Kwik Star funding of \$1,000 to go towards buying Prize books and books for the Little Free Libraries at the schools
 - k. Farm Credit of America grant of \$1,500 to add milk and eggs to the library Food Recovery program
 - l. Farm Credit of America grant of \$2,000 to go towards the Healthy steps program at the Perry Farmers Market
 - m. Tyson Foods grant of \$10,000 to go towards the Healthy steps program at the Perry Farmers market
 - n. In FY2021-2022, total grant funding of \$72,200 was used to leverage the Library's Wiese funding to serve our community.
16. We are back to pre-covid activity in programming, service, and room use. Our Door Count is improving monthly, see Board Overview.



July 2022

Perry Public Library and Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum Events

Saturday Storytimes continue this summer at Perry Public Library, at 10:15 a.m., July 2, 9, 16, and 23. Join us for stories, pre-literacy activities, and crafts at these free events. No registration is needed! July 9 and 23 Storytimes are bilingual!

Families are invited to attend a Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum holiday craft workshop, at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, July 2, at the Carnegie Library Museum. We will make vintage firecracker displays and pinwheels! Celebrate Independence Day with us and bring the whole family for a “popping” good time!

Need a space to work on an unfinished craft project? On the first Saturday of each month beginning July 2, Perry Public Library will open the Community Room from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. for *Saturday Crafternoons*, providing a dedicated makerspace for library crafters and do-it-yourselfers to work on projects in our comfortable environment. Tables are available on a first come, first served basis, and everyone is invited to take advantage of this opportunity to complete those creative tasks that have been sitting on the back burner. No reservations, no charge.

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 July, 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.

Perry Public Library Closed for Independence Day - July 4

Everyone is invited to attend the July meeting of the *Never Too Old for YA* Book Club, scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 6, in the Perry Public Library Community Room. The selected title is *You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson.

Children of all ages and families are invited to join Perry Public Library staff at Voas Nature Center for a children's *Oceans of Possibilities* Summer Library Program. We will meet at the Voas Nature Center building (19286 Lexington Road, Minburn) at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 8. Dress for the outdoors and bring sunscreen, bug repellent, hats, and your favorite gear, and pack a picnic lunch if you like! We will enjoy this beautiful county park while we dig for fossils and sweep for bugs with Mike from Dallas County Conservation.

The Perry Public Library Quarterly Classics Book Club will hold their July discussion at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 12, at the Carnegie Library Museum. The selected title is *100 Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez.

Healthy Steps to a Healthier You Food Outreach Giveaways at Perry Farmers Markets – July 14, 28
Perry Public Library, in partnership with the Perry Chamber of Commerce, has implemented a food outreach program that distributes free food items at the Perry Farmers Markets. The *Healthier Steps to a Healthier You* program promotes the addition of healthy foods into diets for better overall health, and to support that goal, offers food giveaways twice monthly at the farmers markets, on the second and fourth

Thursdays. On July 14 and 28, foods will be given out at the Farmers Market, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last. The *Healthy Steps to a Healthier You* food outreach initiative helps people in our community, and recent grants from Tyson Foods, Inc. (\$10,000) and Farm Credit of America (\$2000) have substantially supported this project.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum will present a program called *Backyard Birds of Iowa*, at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 17, at the Carnegie Library Museum. Ray and Margaret Harden of Perry will share photos and interesting facts about birds they have seen during their years of travel and birding excursions, most recently from a visit to Magee Marsh, on the shores of Lake Erie.

The Perry Public Library Monthly Book Club will meet for their July book discussion at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 19, in the library Community Room. The selected title is *An Unusual Boy* by Fiona Higgins. Books are available for interested participants, and newcomers are always welcome.

As part of the *Oceans of Possibilities* Children's Summer Library Program, Perry Public Library will offer a *Noah's Ark Stuffed Animal Workshop* featuring three sea creatures: a shark, squid, or seahorse. The program is from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 20, in the library Community Room. Registration and a \$5 fee are required to participate.

Join Perry Public Library staff for an *Ocean of Possibilities Adult Summer Library Program*, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 21, in the library Community Room. This program will focus on de-stressing with calming sounds, calming smells, and camaraderie, as we create our own mini beach scene terrariums.

Join us for the *Oceans of Fun* Children's Summer Library Program: *Movie and a Snack*, from 2:15 to 4:00 p.m., Monday, July 25, in the library Community Room. *The Wild Life* movie is a tropical misadventure with a group of quirky animals and their human castaway, Robinson Crusoe.

It is Christmas in July for the Perry Public Library Craft Club, which will meet Monday, July 25, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the library Community Room. This month, we will be creating Christmas cards from the Echo Park Christmas Salutations scrapbook paper collection. There is a \$5 program materials fee, and all materials are provided.

The Perry Public Library Mystery Book Club events for July have been rescheduled! The group will now gather in person at 2:00 p.m., August 2, in the library Community Room, to watch the recorded Author Talk, which will be followed by the book discussion with Mary Murphy. The three featured titles for July are: *The Lies I Tell* by Julie Clark, *And There He Kept Her* by Joshua Moehling, and *The New Neighbor* by Carter Wilson.

Adults ages 18 and over are invited to join Perry Public Library staff in the library Community Room for another 2022 *Oceans of Possibilities* Adult Summer Library Program: *Creature Feature Fun Night*. We will gather at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, July 28, to watch nostalgia classic film *Creature from the Black Lagoon* and enjoy refreshments and camaraderie at this fun event.