

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 9, 2023

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 8 a.m.

Note: This meeting was held in-person at the Perry Public Library.

Board members Kendall Rathje, Rosa Gonzalez, Margaret Ruggle, and Mark Miller were present. Library Director Mary Murphy and Deputy Library Director Misty VonBehren were 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 February 9, 2023, meeting and Rosa Gonzalez seconded the motion. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling \$4,292.80 and checks #6370-#6389, totaling \$9,014.21. The City of Perry Library Fund Status Report was reviewed. Kendall Rathje moved to approve the financial reports with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Unfinished Business:

FY24 Capital Requests – In light of the pending legislation in Iowa Senate and House, we are all waiting to see what will happen.

FY24 Operating Budget – We have had to start budget process all over due to the miscalculation of Property Tax revenues for cities.

Director Search – Discussion about appointing a two – person subcommittee to plan the search and implement was discussed.

New Business:

Board Education – Open Meeting Laws were reviewed and discussed.

Librarian's Report

Review of statistics

The East Door stopped working again, the door people were called again. Bob, the doorman, came and diagnosed the problem as a "smoked board." They have ordered us a new door opener, which is not in stock. The part was ordered and it will be 3-4 weeks before the new door opener comes in.

adults for a friendly group discussion. We will meet March 1 from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm in the Perry Public Library Community Room. The March discussion will focus on eye health.

Never Too Old for YA Book Club: *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika Sanchez – March 1
Adults and teens are invited to join our Never Too Old for YA (Young Adult) Book Club to discuss *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika Sanchez, a “gripping debut about a Mexican-American misfit [that] is alive and crackling,” according to *The New York Times*. The club will meet at 6:00 pm, on Wednesday, March 1, in the Library Community Room. March’s book selection is described as “poignant but laugh-out-loud funny contemporary YA about losing a sister and finding yourself” by the publisher. Interested adults and teens may join the group at any time, but registration is required.

March Grab and Go Adult Craft - Free DIY Macramé Gnome Craft Kit

March’s Grab and Go Adult Craft is an adorable macramé gnome ready to help you decorate for St. Patrick’s Day, but cute enough to bring you luck all year-round! Starting March 1st, adult patrons can bring home a Free DIY Macramé Gnome Craft Kit from the Perry Public Library. This craft kit includes materials and instructions for making one gnome of your own. This March Craft is free, courtesy of the Perry Public Library, and available while supplies last.

March Grab and Go Kid’s Craft – Free DIY Popsicle Stick Butterfly Wreath

Kids looking for a creative project to enjoy at home can come into the Perry Public Library in March to grab a Free DIY Popsicle Stick Butterfly Wreath Craft Kit. The kit includes material and instructions to create your own adorable butterfly wreath! All you need is glue and scissors. This March Craft is free, courtesy of the Perry Public Library, and available while supplies last.

Chess at the Library – March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Local Chess Instructor David Oliveira is partnering with the Perry Public Library to teach, mentor, and play chess with players of all ages and experience levels. Whether you are new to chess or looking for a challenging game, mark your Thursday evenings in March for Chess Instruction and Walk-in at the Library. Students, grades K-12, will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, in the library Board Room. Chess players of all ages are then welcome to meet from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, also in the Board Room, for instruction or competition. David Oliveira leads the group meetings and also offers chess instruction by individual appointments as part of the library program.

Saturday Crafternoon – March 4

Calling all crafters and do-it-yourselfers! The Perry Public Library welcomes you to our dedicated makerspace the first Saturday of each month! *Saturday Crafternoons* last from 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the library Community Room and offer a free community space to work on projects in a comfortable environment. Plan your next work session for Saturday, March 4, at the library. Tables are available on a first come, first served basis, and everyone is invited. No reservations and no charge!

Toddler Time Storytime – March 7, 14, 21, 28

Come make some music with Ms. Laura at Toddler Storytime this month in the Library Community room on Tuesdays from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. This fun activity time for toddlers, ages 18 months to age 3, and their caregivers involves sensory plays, felt boards, and songs, with a special focus on music. Let us Make Some Music! Storytime will incorporate basic instruments, sing-alongs, and dancing into our early literacy programming.

as you work together to build giant floor puzzles. Plus, Miss Laura may even bring out her MadLibs to keep everyone on their toes!

Kids' Spring Break Dance Party at the Perry Public Library – March 13

Let's start Monday out right with a Kids' Spring Break Dance Party! Kids ages 4 to 10 are invited to get their groove on at a dance party on March 13 from 10:15 am to 11:00 am in the Library Community Room. This party will be filled with fun and silly music, crazy dancing, and glow sticks! Plus, a small snack will be provided.

Make Your Own Bouncy Ball for Tweens – March 13

Tweens in fourth through sixth grades are invited to visit the Perry Public Library Community Room on Monday, March 13, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm to make colorful and unique bouncy balls. Participants will learn how to make bouncy balls from molds in this cool activity and bring their creations home.

Family Game Time at the Perry Public Library – March 13

Make Monday night family night at the Perry Public Library on March 13. Join us for an all-ages Family Game Time from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Library Community Room. The Library has tons of board games and other activities to keep everyone entertained! Come try classic and new games with us and see which ones are a great fit for your family!

I Choose You! Pokemon Card Trading at the Perry Public Library – March 14

Calling all Pokemon collectors! Dust off those Pokemon cards and bring them to the Perry Public Library to trade with your friends on Tuesday, March 4, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Maybe you can find a real treasure! This activity is for any youth who collects Pokemon cards. We will also have coloring pages for younger kids. No game-playing please. If this event is popular enough, we will do another at a later date and possibly a tournament.

Teen Movie Night & Pizza Party – March 14

Hey teens! We've got pizza and a movie for you! Bring your friends and come hang out at the Perry Public Library on March 14 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to relax and enjoy good, free food, fun, and friends. Youth ages 12 to 18 are invited to participate in this event. Teen Movie Night and Pizza Party is part of our Destination: FUN! Spring Break @ the Perry Public Library, a week-long event bursting with activities for toddlers to teens. This event is free and no registration is required.

Vacation Storytime – March 15

What better time than Spring Break for a Vacation Storytime? Join Miss Laura on March 15 from 10:15 am to 11:00 am for a special storytime geared toward toddlers through age 7. We'll read books about going on vacation, sing songs, and do fun crafts related to travel. If we're lucky, Miss Laura might even introduce us to her stuffed animals from Scotland and Canada! This event is free and no registration is required.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Presents: No Sew Fabric Dolls – March 15

Need something fun for the family to do over Spring Break? Then, come to the Carnegie Library Museum for this free craft event to learn to make no sew fabric dolls! All ages are welcome.

Kids' Movie and Snacks at the Library – March 16

Come see a free children's movie at the Perry Public Library on Thursday, March 16 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Library Community Room. Enjoy an afternoon at the library with a good movie, friends, and snacks too! This event is free and no registration is required.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Presents: Irish Tea – March 27

Come to the Carnegie for a special Irish-themed tea! We will be serving Irish tea, scone and corned beef tea sandwiches. Come out and enjoy this lovely event on March 27 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Space is limited. Tickets are \$15 can be purchased at the Carnegie Library or the Perry Public Library.

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 8 a.m. in the library's Community Room (aka the large meeting room). The public is always welcome.

Kendall Rathje moved to adjourn the meeting with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MUC.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary K. Murphy, Library Director