

April 16, 2013

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, April 16th, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Ott, Mr. Cline, Mrs. Enyeart, and Dr. Case. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present. Mr. Owen was absent.

Mrs. Cline called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

On motion of Dr. Case, seconded by Mr. Ott, the minutes of the March 19th, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,639,974.30 in all funds as of March 31st, 2013.

On motion of Mrs. Enyeart, seconded by Dr. Case, the Treasurer's Report and payment of the docket was unanimously authorized.

An Excise advance was received on March 27th: \$17,476.91.

Travel, meeting attendance: No meetings this month.

Director's Report: The following report was approved by consensus of the Board:

Materials and Services: The statistics were given on an attachment.

Staff: No staff changes to report.

Property: Mr. Marx and Mr. Burritt replaced the Library's water heater after the old one failed.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) New guinea pigs have arrived. They were donated by some patrons who were moving out of state. There is a contest to name them; 2) Pinwheels decorate the Library entrance and the Children's courtyard as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mr. Marx has been working on the little house in the Children's courtyard; 3) April is National Frog Month and there will be a "Frog Frenzy" all day on April 20th. There will be frog fun every hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day; 4) Healthy Kids Day is April 27th at the YMCA and the Library will be in attendance; 5) On Earth Day, April 22nd, Susan Eichhorn from the East Central Solid Waste District will be giving a program on composting; and 6) There is quite a Lego village in the Children's Department.

Circulation/Audio Visual/Computer Lab: 1) i-Pad/i-Phone classes will be taught on Wednesday, April 17th at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sign up is required.

Indiana History and Genealogy Services: 1) Part of the Library's Genealogy database is now on Ancestry.com. The birth and marriage indexes went live on March 27th. The Indiana Room received several phone calls and emails from patrons indicating that they had found a record on Ancestry. Hopefully, the rest of the database will be available soon; and 2) Rhonda Stoffer will speak to the Wabash Valley Dental Society Alliance when they meet at the Library on April 23rd.

Museum Services: 1) 116 people visited the Museum during March; 2) Project Leadership and the Accountants & Financial Planning Women's Association toured the Museum; 3) The AARP worked with 499 people in March; and 4) Sue Bratton and June Felton attended a workshop in Wabash entitled "Can You Hear Me Now? Connecting to Visitors through Real Stories of Artifacts & Place."

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) 50 patrons attended Saturday's showing of *Rise of the Guardians*. The Saturday movie in May will be *Wreck it Ralph*; 2) The Barb Wilson book discussion group discussed *Cold Sassy Tree* on April 10th and the May book will be *Big Stone Gap* by Adriana Trigiani; 3) Plans are underway for this Summer's Reading Program for adults and teens. This year, patrons will be reporting the number of hours of reading instead of the number of books; 4) The tax season

ends next Monday. The last few months have been quite busy; and 5) Kathie McAtee, Afena Credit Union, will present a program on April 24th as part of Money Smart Week. Also, during Money Smart Week, April 21st to 27th, the computers in the Reference area will have a direct link to a free credit report site.

Network Manager/Security: 1) The upgrade to Windows 7 is going well. Only a few computers are left to upgrade; 2) The Library will acquire one of the servers from Anderson that was used for the Horizon system before the recent migrations. Two computers were used by the consortium and each Library will take one.

Teen Programming: 1) Teen Tech Week was a success. Eleven teens participated and one of them won the Kindle Fire; 2) The OTAKUS group meets next on April 19th; and 3) Kristen Gioe and Amy Reel are planning a Trivia Night on April 26th. Teams can have two to five members and should be ages seven to adult and all teams must have at least one adult. This is this Library's first attempt at this kind of program. It has proved popular at other libraries.

System Administrator: 1) The Library migrated Horizon to Software As A Service (SaaS) on March 26th. Still having problems with Debt Collect and Overdrive not functioning under the new setup.

Marketing: 1) Clare Jozwiak and June Felton were on WBAT morning show in March. Amy Reel and Mary Eckerle visited with Tim George on April 4th; 3) The Sunday LIVE column on April 14th features the Library; 3) Welcome packets for new patrons will premier in May 2013; and 4) The Library was featured in the *Chronicle-Tribune* in a few articles/photographs in March.

National Library Week, April 14th to the 20th: The theme this year is "Communities Matter". Events include: Monday, April 15th - Blood Drive (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.); Patron Appreciation with punch, cookies and LeRoy Imler (4 to 5:30 p.m.); John Woodmansee Gardening Program (6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.). Tuesday, April 16th - Library Worker Day. Wednesday, April 17th - i-Pad/i-Phone teaching session (10 a.m. and 2 p.m.); Flashmob/read (4 p.m. to 5 p.m.). April 18th - High Water: The Mississinewa Flood in Marion, 1913 (6 p.m.). Library Book Sale - Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Friends of the Library & Museum: Besides the Book Sale, the Friends group is preparing for its Annual meeting to be held on Monday, May 13th with guest speaker Ron Mazellan.

Marion Community Gardens Association: 1) Education programs on gardening continue through the month of April. The Marion Community Gardens Organization is in the process of signing people up for garden plots. The MCGA will once again be at the Open Air Markets this summer. Currently, there are eight gardens within the City of Marion.

SOS: The Save Our Stories group is having a Photo and Essay Contest in April and winners will be announced in May which is Historic Preservation month.

Community Involvement: 1) Jonie Riddle served on the grants committee for the Prevent Child Abuse council. Six members of the staff attended the Prevent Child Abuse luncheon and workshop on April 3rd; and 2) Michelle Morgan and Mary Eckerle continue to work with the Marion Community Gardens Association.

Appreciations: 1) From Barbara Eltzroth: "Dear Mary and Jonie, I just have to take time to thank you both for your prompt cooperation with the Marion Women's Department Club "book memorial" project. Now that I take the new book to our meeting and show it to everyone, the project is taking on new life! You do a great job with your selections. Thank you, thank you & thank you."

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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