

April 15, 2014

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, April 15th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mrs. Cline, Mr. Cline, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Ott, and Mr. Holderead. Dr. Case and Mrs. Enyeart were absent. Mrs. Eckerle, Mrs. Stoffer and Ms. Riddle were also present.

Mrs. Cline called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Turner, the minutes of the March 18th meeting was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,614,002.10 in all funds as of March 31st, 2014.

On motion of Mr. Ott, seconded by Mr. Holderead, the Treasurer's Report and payment of the docket were unanimously authorized.

Old Business:

Grant County Historical Society. A letter was sent to the Grant County Historical Society President, Sue Israel, on behalf of the Museum requesting that the GCHS lease be terminated and ownership of all GCHS be turned over to the Museum.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: On motion of Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mr. Holderead, attendance, travel, and related expenses were unanimously approved for the following meeting: 1) July 31st – August 2nd, Indianapolis, Midwestern Roots Conference, Rhonda Stoffer, registration, lodging, mileage.

Policy Review: The Missing Child policy has been reviewed and revised by the Library Safety Committee. Mr. Holderead suggested one revision to the proposed policy. On motion of Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mr. Holderead, the Missing Child policy was unanimously passed with the proposed revision as part of the policy.

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

Materials and Services: Statistics will be presented at the meeting.

Staff: 1) Emily Morris has been hired to fill the Indiana Room position. She began work on April 10th; and 2) Applications are coming in for the Children's Librarian position. This position is advertised on the Library's website and Facebook page and on the Indiana State Library site and the Indiana Library Federation website.

Property: 1) During a recent Carnegie building walkthrough, several short term and mid-to-long term issues were identified; 2) A community service volunteer is assisting with outside cleanup and other tasks; and 3) Mr. Marx will be working on the clerestory windows during the next few weeks.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) April 14th is D.E.A.R. Day. Drop everything and read for 15 minutes. Patrons can enter a drawing for a prize; 2) Family Survivor Night is Wednesday, April 16th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is a new program created by the Children's team; 3) On Thursday, April 17th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; there will be Frogs, Fun & Games. It will be in the Children's Activity Room. There will be frog origami, crafts, races and fun with frogs; and 4) The Therapy dog program is going well.

Circulation/Audio Visual/Computer Lab: 1) Indiana Digital Download (Overdrive) now offers patrons streaming video. This Netflix-like experience enables easy video borrowing with a wide selection of titles available to download on a device (need to be in a wireless area to view); and 2) Mrs. Hix will offer a two-part basic computer class on April 23rd and 30th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Museum Services: 1) 101 visitors signed the guest register in the Museum during February; 2) The AARP Tax Assistance program served 424 people in February; and 3) There will be a Baseball exhibit in the Forrest Room starting on March 17th through this June. There are photos of local teams, Little League and adult leagues. In addition, several baseball related items will be on display.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) The Barb Wilson book group had a great time sharing their favorite book and a carry-in dinner. April's book was *The House on Mango Street*. May 14th's book is *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed; 2) 115 people attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday movie in April, *Frozen*. This was an all-time record; 3) Tax forms will be removed from the Connector on April 21st; and 4) Sheri Sharlow and Jennifer Hilgeman are planning *Literary Elements*, the adult summer reading club for this year.

Teen Programming: 1) Teen Tech Week was lots of fun. Teens went on a scavenger hunt and made a PowerPoint presentation of their results; 2) OTAKUS continues to be a favorite of the teens; they met last on March 21st; and 3) Kristen Gioe is planning the summer reading program with the theme *Spark a Reaction*.

Indiana Room: 1) Rhonda Stoffer attended the Indiana Genealogical Society's annual meeting and conference on Saturday, April 5th. She will serve as the North East District's Director; and 2) Rhonda Stoffer will be the speaker at the local Daughters of the American Revolution's meeting on April 26th.

Technical Services/System Administrator: 1) Karen Blinn keeps the Library's selectors on course by making sure that everyone is spending their budgets as the year progresses. It is important that the materials budget is spent according to state standards.

MAP Meeting: Judy Endelman, the MAP Reviewer, will be at the Library/Museum on April 28th and 29th. She would like to meet with available board members at some point and have a board dinner on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Network Manager: 1) The Jay House now has wireless capacity; 2) Mr. Burritt gave tech assistance to the AARP tax preparers; and 3) Wireless printing options are still being investigated.

Marketing: 1) Amy Reel, Sue Bratton and June Felton were on WBAT on April 3rd; 2) Jennifer Hilgeman and Kristen Gioe appeared on IWU's *Crossroads* program on April 7th; and 3) The Chronicle-Tribune featured articles on the Library on March 22nd and March 27th (a wonderful article on the Museum).

Grants: Work continues on the Historic Preservation Education Grant for a cemetery project in partnership with S.O.S., the Grant County Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Estates of Serenity. The grant proposal is due April 18.

Friends: The Friends annual booksale begins Friday, April 11th with a Preview Night for Friends only from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The booksale officially begins Saturday, April 12th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 13th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SOS: S.O.S. continues to partner with the Library. On April 17th, there will be a presentation on Lustron homes at 6:30 p.m. in the Forrest Room. The public will have an opportunity to tour one of the Lustron homes in Marion before the program.

Community Involvement: 1) The Living Water Apostolic Church was given 6000 books to distribute to the community as the result of winning a Dollar General Literacy Grant. Mary Leffler, Clare Jozwiak and Jennifer Hilgeman chose some books to be used as summer reading prizes; 2) The Grant County Art Association has its Spring Art Show on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor this month; 3) The Children's Department will participate in the YMCA's "Healthy Kids Day"; and 4) Mary Eckerle is serving on a committee with members of the community and representatives of the Marion Community Schools that is hoping to make Grant County a pilot program location for Governor Pence's preschool initiative.

Appreciations: 1) The Reference Department received, "To Jen, Shirley, Mary, Angie & Sherri for your consideration in reserving books which I might mention, like "Ambers of War" which was just reserved for me." Frank Shipman.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m.

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