

March 17, 2015

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, March 17th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mr. Cline, Mrs. Enyeart, Mrs. Cline, Ms. Sumpter, Mr. Ott, and Mr. Holderead. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present. Dr. Case was absent.

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

The minutes of the February 17th meeting was **unanimously approved**.

The Treasurer's Reports from January and February was **approved** and payment of the docket was **unanimously authorized**.

Old Business:

Ruthann Sumpter has been sworn in as the newest board member. She is an appointee of Mayor Wayne Seybold.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: none to report.

Policy Review:

Library User Behavior Policy: A revised Library User Behavior policy was presented. Mr. Holderead and Mrs. Cline suggested two changes. This Policy was **unanimously approved** by the Board.

Salary Plan: A Salary Plan for 2015 and Staff salary schedule for 2015 was presented. There weren't any changes from 2013 or 2014. The 2015 budget is very tight and cannot support raises or overspending. The Salary Plan and Schedule were **unanimously approved**.

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

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

Staff: No staff changes this past month.

Snow: The Library was closed due to weather on Sunday, March 1st. On March 3rd, there was a 2 hour delay due to icy conditions.

Property: 1) Mr. Marx is still working on humidity fixes for the building; and 2) There is a possibility of a veteran working in maintenance at the Library through placement by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Office in Fort Wayne.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) The Read to the Dogs program had a great turnout in February. 25 people attended; 2) Family Survivor Night was also a great success in February. 42 people participated and this was the biggest turnout yet for this event; 3) Harry Potter Book Night was also well attended and deemed a success from all the positive comments; and 4) Activities are planned for Spring Break week including Legos, a Make-It Take-it Craft, a Passport Grant County program and a movie.

Museum Services: 1) The AARP has been busy with tax help but the numbers are down from last year; 2) Leadership Grant County will tour the Museum on March 18th; and 3) The Charles Street Credit Union had a large collection of bottles made by Foster Forbes Glass. They have donated them to the Museum.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) 15 seniors attended the February showing of *Captain Phillips*. April's movie will be *TinkerBell and the Legend of the Neverbeast*; 2) Plans are in the works for the

summer reading programs; 3) The Crafting with Clare group made a bird house from seed packets. Next month, they will make planters from 2 liter soda bottles and CD's; 4) The Barb Wilson Book Discussion group discussed *Nickel and Dimed* on March 11th. The April selection is *Mistaken Identity*; and 5) The new Library database, *Flipster*, is getting lots of usage. 62 magazines were checked out in February, its first full month.

Teen Programming: 1) The OTAKUS group meets on March 20th; b) The Teens enjoyed a day of "Ping Pong Battleship" on February 28th; and 3) There will be a showing of the movie, *Mocking Jay 1* just for teens on March 28th.

Indiana Room: 1) Rhonda Stoffer spoke to the Huntington County Genealogy Society on March 4th; and 2) The Indiana History Room received a letter from Australia asking for genealogy information.

Circulation: 1) Joanne Hix and Paul Burritt will be teaching a 2-week basic computer class using the new laptop computers; 2) One on one computer sessions have increased; 3) Micah Hoeksema continues to volunteer in the Computer lab on Sundays and he provides valuable help; and 4) Hoopla is popular with patrons.

Marketing: 1) Tylanna Jones and Amy Reel represented the Library on WBAT on March 5th; and 2) The *Chronicle-Tribune* has had several articles featuring the Library this past month.

Network Manager: 1) The Library's paging system has gradually been failing. Mr. Burritt worked with Digital Communications to reconfigure the system.

History Made Here exhibit: Planning continues on the Museum exhibit. Karen Niverson is leaving Grant County to take a job in Columbus but the planning committee hopes to continue the project and bring in Phase one by the end of this year.

STEM grant: Tylanna Jones, Sue Bratton and Mary Eckerle are working on a grant for a travelling exhibit called, "Discover Earth: Our Changing Planet," that is available from the Space Science Institute, the Lunar and Planetary Institute, and the Afterschool Alliance, as well as the American Library Association.

Mayoral Forum: The Library is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce to present a Mayoral Forum on Thursday, April 23rd. More information at the meeting.

Civilian Conservation Corps program: Bill Jamerson presented a music & storytelling program about the Civilian Conservation Corps on Sunday, March 15th. His program was interesting and well-received.

Friends: The annual book sale is scheduled for May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The Friends Annual Meeting with author Kate Collins is Monday, May 11th @ 7 p.m.

Marion Community Gardens Association: There have been two garden programs thus far in March with great turnouts and good information. Gardening programs will continue throughout the year.

S.O.S: S.O.S. and the Library partnered on a program about historic neighborhood and blight elimination on Tuesday, March 10th. Ball State professor Susan Lankford presented the program.

Book Repair Workshop: The Library is hosting a Book Repair workshop for area librarians on Friday, March 20th.

Community Involvement: 1) St. Paul Catholic School is displaying student artwork in the Reference area in March. The Grant County Art Association will have their spring show in that area in April; 2) Cradle School visited in February. After the visit, many Cradle School families continued to stop in the Library; 3) Mary Eckerle spoke to the Garfield Neighborhood Association on March 3rd; 4) The Library had a display at Tucker on March 5th for the College and Vocation Fair; 5) four staffers attended the Kids Café, presented by the Indiana Youth Institute, on March 4th. This event dealt with social media and its impact on children; 6) The Children's Department had a display and craft at Main Street's First Friday event on

March 6th; and 6) Some members of the Library staff will participate in the Kids Count Conference on April 8th.

Appreciations: a1) “Mary, Paul & Roger. We wanted to express our appreciation to you for letting the local “Stellar” team utilize your facility and services for our meeting in January. Thank you for all your accommodations. Layla Price”; 2) Stephanie Brooks, Indiana Heart Gallery, sent a thank you note to the Library for showcasing the Gallery in December; 3) “Your library is quickly becoming my favorite library in the nation!”, Kathryn Moore, Salt Lake City, wrote this to the Indiana History & Genealogy Department; and 4) Mr. Marx and Mr. Burritt received a thank you note from a patron who was assisted after he fell in front of the Library.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m.