

January 16, 2018

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mr. Cline, Dr. Case, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. Breen and Ms. Sumpter. Mrs. Enyeart was absent. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present.

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

Mr. Cline welcomed Henrik Soderstrom, IWU Design Arts Professor, to talk about Makerspaces – what they are and what they could do for the community.

On motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, the minutes of the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was unanimously approved.

On motion of Ms. Sumpter, seconded by Mrs. Cline, the Treasurer's report and payment of the docket was unanimously accepted and payment authorized. The register of claims is made a part of these minutes.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in the Library Operating Fund of \$831,412.95 as of December 31, 2017.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: On motion of Mrs. Cline, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, attendance, travel, and related expenses were unanimously approved for the following meetings: 1) January 19th, Indiana Humanities Frankenstein Workshop, Indianapolis, Tylanna Jones, Sue Bratton, Karen Hiemstra, , mileage.

Erate and Telephone issues: 1) AdTec will not file for Erate reimbursement on the Library's telephone service. The amount of money returned to the Library is less than what would be paid AdTec to file for this. The Library will not file for the Erate for telephone. AdTec will continue to file for Internet reimbursement through the Indiana Library Consortium; and 2) State Board of Accounts and AdTec recommended that a formal RFP be written for telephone service. This will be done and Michael Hotz, attorney, will be asked for assistance.

Finance information: The State has not yet approved the 2018 budget.

Webster Gift Fund: The State Board of Accounts indicated that salaries and other costs may be taken from the Webster Gift Fund as long as it is true to its purpose, there is a Board resolution, and an attorney opinion. Discussion followed. Mary Eckerle will connect with attorney Michael Hotz on this matter. If there is a resolution, the Board would like a cap on the use of the fund.

Brain Kitchen: The Brain Kitchen resumed on January 11<sup>th</sup> in the Jay House. The group is planning a series of fundraising teas in February.

Makerspaces: The Board is intrigued by the concept of a makerspace at MPL but wants this idea to be fleshed out further as far as the kind of makerspace, location, and funding.

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) Ryan Wagers is the new Circulation assistant replacing the hours of Eve Grant and Kayla Johnson. Mr. Wagers is also the Director of the Brain Kitchen.

Board terms: 1) Sue Nicholson was appointed by the Marion School Board at its January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. She will begin her first term at this January Board meeting.

Candidate forum: Mr. Cline and Mrs. Eckerle are working with WBAT and the Chamber of Commerce to have a spring candidate forum with the Republican Primary candidates for Prosecutor.

Properties: Snow and ice removal has become a priority thus far in the new year. The snow equipment is in good shape and running well. The Library closed at 2 p.m. on January 12<sup>th</sup> due to the weather. Both the County and City offices had closed at noon on that day.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Battle of the Books will meet at St. Paul's gym on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. There are 13 teams participating this year; 2) The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual STEAM Festival will be on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m. Organizations participating include Marion General Hospital, Quilter's Hall of Fame, Grant County Purdue Extension, IWU Science Club, and Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. Other activities include a 3-D printer, Franken-slime, Makey Makey Invention, Mad Scientist Explosion, Build Your Own Molecule and Chemical Reactions with Legos; 3) January is National Soup Month and the Children's Department staff is making soup to share with patrons; and 4) The Children's Department is having activities and displays for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There are also displays on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Library.

Indiana History & Genealogy: 1) The new database went live on January 1<sup>st</sup> and is working well. As of this past week, there are 907,392 records in the database; and 2) Olan Dobson, a professor at Ball State, brought his class of 3<sup>rd</sup> year architecture student to Indiana History & Genealogy on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The students have begun a project that involves working on a memorial for the lynching. The professor works with a group that is doing the National Memorial for lynching in America. Bill Munn and Sue Bratton assisted the class in their research. The students will return a few times during this semester.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) Mrs. Clare's craft class in January had a full house. She will continue this very popular class until summer; 2) The Barb Wilson book discussion group discussed *Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The group's next book is *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese; 3) The Non-fiction section is being weeded; and 4) Federal tax forms will be arriving late this year. Many of the forms have not been prepared yet. They are not available online yet either. State forms are here but will be held until the Federal ones arrive.

Teen Programming: OTAKUS and Teen Game day were both very successful this month. Both programs will be back in February.

Museum Services: The AARP is currently training tax preparers in anticipation of services beginning in February.

System Administrator: Karen Hiemstra will virtually attend a SirsiDynix Summit on January 18<sup>th</sup>. SirsiDynix is the Library's circulation system (also referred to as Horizon).

Network Manager/Circulation: The hotspots are a big hit and always out. Patron demand is high. They may be reserved and checked out for one week. Hopefully, more can be purchased in order to keep up with the demand.

Marketing: 1) Mike Cline represented the Library on WBAT on January 4<sup>th</sup>; and 2) The museum contributes a post to the Library's Facebook page every Wednesday. Based on photos from the Historic Photo Collection, each post presents a vignette from the history of Marion and Grant County. The topics for December were World War II, Christmas cards and Drive-ins. Facebook posts featuring Marion and Grant County history started in June 2017. The total reach for those posts is 99,732. To suggest a future topic of interest, contact Sue Bratton.

Student Technology interns: Marion Regional Career Center students began their internships at the Library on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, school delays and closings have limited their time at the Library thus far. See below for a press release on this program.

Indiana Humanities Grants: The Frankenstein Team is fleshing out details for the community wide read of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein and FrankenFest*. See details below. Some staff members are attending a workshop on this topic on Friday, January 19th.

Community Involvement: 1) MPL is partnering once again with AARP to have Income Tax help here beginning in February; and 2) MPL is offering space once a week to Open Door Health Services/Covering Kids & Families of Indiana who will provide a Navigator to assist people in exploring health insurance options. The percentage of people having health insurance in Grant County is quite low. The Navigator is contacting community agencies to get referrals.

Appreciations: 1) Main Street Marion sent a note thanking Marion Public Library staff for being a part of *BE Downtown* this past year; and 2) From the American Red Cross: "Thank you so much for having us here today. We really appreciate all your help and hospitality. Goal was 21 (collected 16 total units)."

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

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## MRCC's IT Academy to offer tech services to the community

Posted: Jan 10, 2018 by Patricia Gibson, Communications Director



Marion Regional Career Center's Information Technology Academy is pleased to announce a partnership with Marion Public Library to offer technology assistance to the Marion community.

Technical  
Assistance  
Center



MARION REGIONAL CAREER CENTER

**I.T. ACADEMY**

The MRCC Technical Assistance Center (TAC) will open on Thursday, Jan. 11. Student technology specialists will be available inside Marion Public Library on Thursdays and Fridays during the school year, from 9 to 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:45 p.m. (In the event of inclement weather, student technology specialists may not be available.)

“We’re committed to providing our students the opportunity to serve the communities in which they live and work, while at the same time providing students with the most up-to-date knowledge and skills so that they can pursue jobs that contribute to the economy,” said Travis Hueston, IT Academy instructor at Marion Regional Career Center. “Our partnership with Marion Public Library allows students to provide library patrons and community members with technical assistance and support on electronic devices such as computers, tablets, cellular phones, and printers, while at the same time earning high school and college credit through our dual credit agreement with Vincennes University.”

Students will also be on hand to provide instruction on using such equipment, as well as many software titles including Microsoft Office. The TAC also hopes to provide equipment repair and hardware services in the near future.

“One of MRCC’s goals is to offer every student an opportunity to earn real-life work experience. Partnering with Marion Public Library gives our IT students a chance to earn that experience, plus provide our community another place to receive help with their computer needs,” MRCC Director Mike Ripperger said.

Marion Regional Career Center’s Information Technology Academy is open to students from all participating schools in the county. Students who are interested should contact their counselor, or alternately reach out to Nate McNeely at MRCC, 765-664-9091, or email him at [nmcneely@marion.k12.in.us](mailto:nmcneely@marion.k12.in.us).

## Indiana Humanities Grants

### Indiana Humanities

The FrankenTeam is planning, coordinating, & otherwise working on programs for the community wide read of Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein* and FrankenFest. Here are some details:

STEAM Festival 2018, January 27 from 2-4 in Meeting Room B—this year’s theme is *Be a Mad Scientist*. There will be stations for hands-on activities for children. The following organizations will have stations:

- Marion General Hospital
- IWU Science Club
- The Quilters Hall of Fame
- Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, Salamonie

- Grant County Purdue Extension Office
- Plus MPL's own science wizards

Other programs include

- Terry Lakes from Marion High School will lead 2 book discussions. One is the regular May Barbara Wilson Book Discussion meeting with another on a Saturday afternoon to be determines.
- Author Bekah Shaffer will conduct a series of writing workshops on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays June through October. The cost is \$10 per session or \$40 for all 5 sessions paid in advance.
- Amy Brainerd will facilitate a Frankenstein family book discussion.
- Steve Bailey from Taylor University will lead a discussion of one of the Frankenstein movies. The date is being negotiated.
- *What's Flat Frank Reading* will take place in March/April 2017. Based on Flat Stanley, this program encourages people to take photos of Flat Frank with books or other media.
- FrankenRocks will be a summer projects involving painted rocks.
- Mad Scientist Legos designed to stretch imaginations & create monster will be in the fall.

All this leads to FrankenFest on October 27, 2018, a day-long celebration of Frankenstein. Events for the day include

- Frankenstein read-a-thon on the Jay House porch with guest readers
- selfie station with monster props
- crafts,
- cartooning workshop with Eric Reaves,
- readers's theatre,
- FrankenToys,
- Snacks for purchase including Poppy's Xtreme Doughnuts, FrankenDogs, cider, popcorn
- Family Costume Contest & Monster Mash Ball