

May 15, 2012

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, May 15th, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mr. Owen, Dr. Case, Mr. Ott, Mr. Cline, and Mrs. Enyeart. Mr. Burritt, Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present. Mrs. Cline and Mrs. Turner were absent.

Mrs. Enyeart called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Paul Burritt was at the meeting to update the Board on the server project and new technology as well as issues that have arisen in that area at the Library.

On motion of Mr. Owen, seconded by Mr. Cline, the minutes of the April 17th, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,530,446.41 in all funds as of April 30th, 2012.

On motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Mr. Owen, the Treasurer's Report and payment of the docket was unanimously authorized.

Travel, meeting attendance: On motion of Mr. Ott, seconded by Mr. Owen, attendance, travel, and related expenses were unanimously approved for the following meetings: 1) July 20th, 21th, Indianapolis, Midwestern Roots Conference, Rhonda Stoffer; 2) May 17th, Fort Wayne, Scholastic Book Sale, Cheryl Smith, Tylanna Jones, mileage.

Annexation: No new information.

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

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

Staff: Karen McKinney is resigning from her part time position in Circulation but will sub if needed. The Children's Department is seeking a part-time person as Cheryl Smith is reducing her hours. The Circulation Department is also seeking a part-time person.

Property: 1) There is now a piano in Meeting Room B; 2) the west side automatic door's gear box had to be replaced recently; 3) Preparations for the July Quilt Show are underway. This will be a big show because the honoree is Eleanor Burns and she has quite a following since she has had a quilting program on television; and 4) there has been some vandalism in the men's bathroom and in the parking lot. Nazi signs were written on the walls and one was keyed into a patron's car. The police have been notified.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) May 7th to 13th was Children's Book Week and the Children's Department had daily activities including Make-It, Take-Its, crafts, and a skit; and 2) The Children's' Department is almost ready for the summer reading program which is entitled, "*Dream Big @ Your Library*".

Circulation/Audio-Visual Services: A Basic Computer Class begins on May 17th.

Indiana History and Genealogy Services: 1) The Indiana Room will be offering a One on One Workshop on using HeritageQuest during May; and 2) The DAR continues to have good turnouts on their monthly visits to the Indiana Room.

Museum Services: 1) The Museum staff hosted tours with pre-school children. St. Paul's and Mount Olive brought children; 2) The AARP Tax Assistance program brought in 367 people during April. The AARP total for this year is 1468 clients and families served. The official count was 1154 actual returns completed; 3) There is a Civil War display in the Forrest Room and will be there through July 10th. There are 50 photographs of area Civil War soldiers. Most of them were in the 8th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Co. 1. They were from Wabash, Grant, and Miami Counties. There is also a rifle and other artifacts from that time period. The Abraham Lincoln display is in the Carnegie Lobby; and 4) In March, Sue Bratton and

June Felton were able to add thirteen Civil War Soldiers' photographs to the Find-A-Grave project. On May 7th, they received an email from Sue Bishop thanking them for putting her great-great grandfather's photo on the site. He was Flavius Josephus Brewer. Ms. Bishop had older photos of him, but did not have one in his military uniform.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) The movie, *Hugo*, was shown on May 5 with 22 people in attendance. The June 2nd movie is *We Bought a Zoo*; 2) Because movie attendance has grown over the past year, the refrigerator in Meeting Room B was not big enough to accommodate the pop for everyone. Friends purchased a used refrigerator for library programming purposes; 3) On May 9th, *Winter's Bone* was the book discussion title and the June title is *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver; 4) Kristie Fuller has designed a great Adult Summer Reading Program. It begins June 4th and will end on July 28th. The theme is *Between the Covers*. There will be coupons and prizes; and 5) The Lincoln Exhibit is drawing lots of interest from patrons visiting the Reference area. There is also a display of photographs and Lincoln displays in some of the cases.

Network Manager/Security: The new server has been installed and all systems are up and running. Mr. Burritt will give some information at the meeting.

Teen Programming: 1) The Teen Crafters made a basket out of newspapers for April's craft; 2) The movie, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* was shown to the teen crowd only and was well attended; and 3) Kristen Gioe is planning the Teen Summer Program. The Teen theme is *Own the Night* and will run the same time as the Adult program.

System Administrator: Technical Services has already received many donations toward next year's book sale. Ms. Blinn has resumed weeding of the Adult Fiction collection.

Marketing: 1) Sue Bratton and Mike Cline were on the Tim George show on May 3rd; 2) The Chronicle-Tribune featured a few stories on the extra COIT money that came to the Library as a result of a State of Indiana mistake; 3) There was a Chronicle-Tribune Sunday LIVE column about the Lincoln exhibit; and d) The Lincoln exhibit was the front page story of the *Chronicle-Tribune* on May 11th, 2012.

Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the Civil War/Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War: 1) The Library hosted Business after Hours on Thursday, May 10th. There was great representation from the community. At 6 p.m. that evening, Dr. David Neuhouser, Taylor University, presented the exhibit's keynote address entitled "Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation: A look on Lincoln's views on race, slavery, and the American Union."; 2) The first Lincoln program was on April 30th when Bill Munn presented *Gerard P. Riley: On Level Ground*. There was a good turnout with lots of discussion about the local ramifications of the Civil War; and 3) On May 24th, at 6 p.m., Sara Gabbard, Executive Director of the Friends of the Lincoln Collection of Indiana, will speak on the topic, *Imagining War*.

Audio Digitization Project: The digitized oral histories are now available through the Library's website: <http://libx.bsu.edu/cdm4/collection.php?CISOROOT=/GrantVetOrH>. The collection is on the Ball State Server and their website. The link is available from the Marion Public Library Indiana History & Genealogy page. Ball State has given the Library an external hard drive containing the digitized oral histories.

Grant County Library Directors: Marion Public Library hosted a meeting of six local library directors on May 8th to discuss common concerns including budgeting, certification, library standards and shared resources. The group will work harder to share information and publicity and possibly collaborate on book discussions.

Marion Community Gardens Association: It is planting time in the gardens. All but three of the plots in the Boots Street Garden have been taken. The other garden, at the corner of Boots and 7th Street, will have a portion tended by the children in Live Y'ers at the YMCA.

Historic Marion Neighborhood Association/Historic Preservation: A Historic Preservation group has formed. It is a group of interested people in the community who wish to work on saving historic houses, buildings and neighborhoods. The new group's name is *Save Our Stories*. Meetings have been held at the Library with some staff participation. Dave Homer is heading up this group. Sue Bratton will be the group's secretary.

Friends. The Friends group participated in the May 4th First Friday downtown. A costumed character, Little Critter, entertained the children and super hero capes were sold. The Friends Annual meeting is Monday, May 14th with the Amish Cook editor, Kevin Williams, as speaker. The public is invited to hear his presentation. The recent booksale, run by the Friends, netted a little over \$2100.

Community Involvement: 1) The Children's Department participated in most of the Marion elementary schools' carnivals; and 2) Anna Baker and Mary Eckerle represented the Library at Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA on April 28th. Over 300 children attended.

Appreciations: 1) The AARP sent a note to June Felton, Sue Bratton, Roger Marx and Paul Burritt thanking them for all their help during tax season; 2) Note to Joan Thomas from Shawndra Miller, "I am writing to thank you on behalf of my late father, Donovan Miller. I understand that you gave him valuable input as he researched the story of his father's hobo journey during the Depression. He was able to complete the memoir before his death on Feb. 2nd. As a token of our appreciation, I'm enclosing a copy of *Pop's Travels: A 1934 Railway Journey* for you."

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting: June 19th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

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