

April 17, 2012

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, April 17th, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mr. Owen, Mrs. Cline, Dr. Case, Mr. Ott, Mr. Cline, Mrs. Enyeart and Mrs. Turner. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present. Mrs. Enyeart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Owen, seconded by Mr. Cline, the minutes of the March 20th, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,568,993.48 in all funds as of March 31st, 2012.

Because of a programming error, the State of Indiana did not distribute some monies last year and this year to governmental entities. On April 12th, the Grant County Auditor issued the Marion Public Library a check in the amount of \$53,914.82 for the COIT fund. \$16,956.64 is to make up for what was shorted so far in 2012. \$36,956.18 is to make up for the 2011 shortage. Also, Tammy Miller from the Auditor's office stated that May through December COIT checks will be a different amount than January through May checks.

On motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Turner, the payment of the docket was unanimously authorized.

Travel, meeting attendance: On motion of Dr. Case, seconded by Mr. Ott, attendance, travel, and related expenses were unanimously approved for the following meetings: 1) April 17th, Fort Wayne, District 3 ILF conference, Clare Jozwiak, Jennifer Hilgeman, Joanne Hix, Kristen Goe, Sue Israel; 2) April 18th, Warsaw, NICCL meeting, Paul Burritt; 3) April 30, Lebanon, YA Roundtable, Kristen Goe; and 4) April 11th, Ivy Tech, Kids' Count Workshop, Jonie Riddle, Clare Jozwiak, Michelle Morgan, Mary Eckerle.

Annexation: Gas City-Mill Township Public Library did not pass an annexation statement last month. Their Board meets the same night as the Marion Public Library Board.

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 in February.

Property: 1) Roger Marx was able to save the Library several hundred dollars by online shopping of light bulbs. These will be installed in the Circ and AV areas; and 2) Roger Marx is rounding the corner in the upstairs painting project. Patrons and staff love the new bright colors.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) The Children's courtyard has a pinwheel garden that represents a commitment to making our community a safe place for all children and their families. Children can make and take a pinwheel this month; 2) April is Autism Awareness month and there is a book display in the Children's Room; and 3) Clare Jozwiak will attend the Audubon Society meeting on April 17th to inform them on how the money was spent from the Audubon grant that was received last year.

Circulation/Audio-Visual Services: Joanne Hix is teaching the Basic Computer Class this month on Thursday mornings.

Indiana History and Genealogy Services: 1) The Indiana Room will be offering a One on One Workshop on using the Ancestry Library Edition database during April; and 2) Two ladies from the DAR were here on March 27th. There were nine ladies who came in for help – a great turnout!

Museum Services: 1) The Museum had 115 visitors and two tours during March; 2) The AARP tax assistance program had 523 people during March. These included clients from Grant and the surrounding counties; and 3) Sue Bratton and June Felton will attend a Historic Preservation regional collections training conference at the Minnetrista Center on April 13th.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) 47 patrons attended the 1st Saturday movie HOP on April 3rd; 2) *March*, by Gwendolyn Brooks, was discussed at the Barb Wilson Book Discussion meeting on April 11th. Coming up on May 9th is *Winter's Bone* by Daniel Woodrell; and 3) Tax season has been busy. Reference librarians have helped patrons find forms online and in the reproducible book.

Network Manager/Security: The new server has been ordered and install is scheduled to take place around the first week of May.

Teen Programming: 1) Teen Craftsters will make a basket out of newspapers on April 24th; 2) The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) will meet on April 21st to discuss future programming; and 3) On April 28th, there will be a showing of the classic 80's movie, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.

System Administrator: Karen Blinn deleted around 1800 patrons who had not used their library cards in three or more years and who had no outstanding fines. This is done to clean up the system.

Marketing: 1) Mary Eckerle was joined by Jeanette Hoeksema of the Friends group on the April 5th Tim George show. The May 3rd show will feature Sue Bratton and Taylor prof Tom Jones. They will discuss the Lincoln exhibit; 2) The Library was featured in a LIVE column in the C-T on March 25th; and c) The *Chronicle-Tribune* ran an editorial on National Library Week and a letter to the editor about National Library Week.

Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the Civil War/Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War: The Lincoln exhibit arrives April 25. Several events on Lincoln and the Civil War have been planned for the coming months. A flier with additional information was distributed at the meeting.

National Library Week: April 8th through 14th was National Library Week. This year's theme was "You Belong @ Your Library." Dave Hepler, Jazz musician, performed for the opening reception for patron appreciation day on Monday, April 9th. The week concluded with the annual Friends Book Sale on April 13th-14th-15th.

Prevent Child Abuse: Four staff members attended the Prevent Child Abuse workshop on Wednesday, April 11th. There was a powerful message from the Prevent Child Abuse Indiana Council Coordinator Mary Armstrong-Smith. It is everyone's responsibility to look out for the children. Libraries can play a major role. The front display case in the Connector this month features the local Prevent Child Abuse Council.

Marion Community Gardens Association: The Association continues to grow. The neighborhood plots have been tilled and can be planted soon. The Marion Street Department installed a hydrant in the Boots Street Garden (paid for by the Garden Association) which will make watering easier this summer.

Mississinewa 1812: Mary Eckerle and Sue Bratton met with Stan Steiner and Ed Breen on March 27th about the proposed partnership between the Battlefield Society and the Marion Public Library.

Friends. May 14th is the annual meeting of the Friends group. Each year, a Hoosier author is the featured guest. This year's speaker is Kevin Williams who writes and blogs a column called "the Amish cook". This program is free and open to the public.

Audio Digitization Project: Just over a year ago, the Marion Public Library approached Ball State University about the feasibility of digitizing the oral histories of military veterans that were collected by Bill Munn's students at Marion High School. There were 60 oral histories recorded on cassette tapes. This was an important project to accomplish but the Library staff knew it was best to outsource it (interviews were initially done on cassette players). Ball State was interested in doing it if they could house the digitized histories on their website. And, that brought up another issue – a streaming server would be needed to host a website with these huge audio files. Ball State applied for and received the digitization grant from LSTA in 2011. The final product should be up & running; there will be a link from Marion Public Library's website to the digitized oral histories. The Library will also receive an external hard drive

with the oral histories and verbatim transcripts as part of the agreement. This past week, the Library supplied Ball State with a collection of photos relating to veterans from the Library's historic photo collection – these will be put on the website.

Synergy 2012: There have been two Synergy conferences in Marion during the past ten years. One was on Economic Development and one was on Education. A new one is scheduled for August 4 – a one day event that serves as a catalyst for community conversations and mobilization regarding major quality of life issues. Mary Eckerle has been on the planning committee for this and there will be more information at the meeting.

Community Involvement: 1) The Children's Department is invited to Allen School's Spring Carnival on April 13; 2) On April 24, the Children's Department will have a display at the Kendall School Carnival; 3) The Library will have a table at the YMCA's annual Healthy Kids Day on April 28; and 4) The Grant County Art Association has its Spring Art Show on the Library's 2nd floor during April.

Appreciations: 1) From Cathy Clark to Indiana History, "I received the marriage applications today. I am so thrilled to finally have them. You have no idea how much this means to me. This marriage place and date will finish my five generation family tree chart. My thanks to you, and all those others who work so hard, to make these things available."

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Next meeting: May 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

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