

**Marshalltown Public Library**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**June 25, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Maureen Lyons, Leah Mattox, Sue Fink, Tom Colbert, Allan Thoreson, Sarah Rosenblum, Sandy Gowdy and two guests. Absent: Barbara Burt and Glenn Ytzen

President Maureen Lyons called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

**MAY 28, 2013 MINUTES:** The minutes were approved as written by a unanimous vote.

**OPERATING BILLS:** It was moved by Leah Mattox and seconded by Sue Fink to approve the May bills. The motion was unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*New Library Employee:* The library welcomes Katie Fink as the new Reference Services Librarian, replacing Stacey McKim.

*Newspaper Digitization Project:* The library has about 600 rolls of microfilm covering back issues of the Times-Republican as well as a few other publications. Funds have been allocated to start the digitization process of these films. The State Historical Society has received funds to digitize newspapers throughout the state from 1910-1920 to cover Iowa's involvement in WWI. We, ourselves, will start with 1940 to cover interest in WWII. A gift of \$625 earmarked for the project has been received in honor of Jim Dworzak's retirement. The library also received a \$1000 grant from the Community Foundation for this project.

*Summer Reading:* Over 1000 young people have already signed up for the summer reading program. All programs have had great attendance. Leah Mattox attributed this success to Joa LaVille, Youth Services Librarian, who visited every single classroom in every single school in Marshalltown to promote the summer program. The adult summer reading program is also doing well.

*Budget:* The current fiscal year ends June 30. Although direction has not been given on the new budget, it's understood that we should expect cost-saving measures to be implemented.

*Other:* Prairie Update: NHS students, Sally Wilson, Janelle Carter, Jack and Linda Mackin and Sarah Rosenblum have spent time planting and weeding in an attempt to give the prairie a new "direction." A representative from Fisher's did talk to Sarah this past week about the area. Thanks to Jean Bergen, who has been picking up trash all around the building.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm.