

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
September 24, 2013**

PRESENT: Allan Thoreson, Barbara Burt, Sue Fink, Leah Mattox, Ronnie Manis, Tom Colbert, Maureen Lyons, Sarah Rosenblum, Sandy Gowdy and Joa LaVille

President Maureen Lyons called the meeting to order at 4:33pm.

AUGUST 27, 2013 MINUTES: The minutes were approved as written.

OPERATING BILLS: It was moved by Barbara Burt and seconded by Ronnie Manis to approve the operating bills. The motion was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS:

1. Friends of the Library Update:

- The Friends met on Sunday, September 22. They are working on plans for the library's 5th anniversary celebration which will be Saturday, December 14. There will be a program and refreshments. A train display will also be set up.
- Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille, David Giese, Janelle Carter and Jane Bauer recently visited the new Cedar Rapids Public Library. They were paying special attention to public art, early literacy pieces and teen spaces. They also visited the Cedar Falls Public Library to see early literacy interactive learning pieces.
- Ten volunteers from Emerson have volunteered to do work at the library for the United Way's "Day of Caring" on Wednesday, September 25. The Friends will pay for their lunch.
- Diane Hall, from the Marshall County Conservation Board, led a Prairie Color Walk with fifteen people attending.
- One of the Linn Street houses used by the city's lead abatement program is getting a new heating and air system.
- Trustee member, Ronnie Manis, made a presentation to the FOL Board about Chromebooks, an economical way to get computers into the hands of library patrons. Chromebooks are wireless and easy to use with many advantages for children and adults. The Friends voted to authorize up to \$10,000 for the purchase of Chromebooks. Ideally, they could be introduced to the library during its anniversary celebration.

2. Banned Books Week: The American Library Assoc. sponsors this event every year. There is a display of books and also a contest celebrating the Freedom to Read.

3. **Summer Reading Program 2013..“Dig Into Reading”:** Joa LaVille, Youth Services Librarian, gave a final report of the summer reading program. 1240 youth participated in the incentive program (compared to 1106 last year) and 43 teens participated in the VolunTeen program.

4. **Director’s Report:**

- a. *The new pay-as-you-print system* is up and running. Although there are a few difficulties, it is cutting down on unwanted printing.
- b. *Katie Fink* received her State of Iowa certification.
- c. *Sarah is serving on a committee* which is applying for a public art grant. They are requesting art pieces for three areas: 13th Street, the high school and the library’s prairie.
- d. *Sarah’s second year anniversary* is coming up on October 31. She will bring a list of items that have been accomplished for next month’s meeting.

5. There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.