

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
August 26, 2014**

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

President Maureen Lyons called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.

July 22, 2014 MINUTES: The minutes of the July 22, 2014, meeting were approved as written.

OPERATING BILLS: The bills presented reflect the first month of the new fiscal year. It was moved by Ronnie Manis and seconded by Allan Thoreson to approve the bills. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

--Patience Griffin, author and former Marshalltown resident, had scheduled an author visit at the library but was forced to cancel due to health reasons. The event will be re-scheduled in the future.

--Library staff continues to monitor books, checked out by a family, for insects. A plan for isolating their returned books has been put into place and a social worker has been contacted. We are waiting to see if the problem can be resolved and if library privileges can be continued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fall Programming:

--The library is working with other area organizations to present "Building Paths from Poverty." A traveling art exhibit, "Faces of Hunger in Iowa," will be at the library the week of September 8.

Three films will be shown at the Orpheum Theater and free tickets will be available at the library.

--The fall movie matinee series will begin the last Monday in September. Tom LaVille again leads this series which will feature romantic comedies this fall.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

--An article appeared in the T-R this week featuring the library's eBook collection.

--There have been many nice comments about the prairie garden. Jack and Linda Mackin continue to put in long hours maintaining it.

--Chromebooks are being checked out to adults for in-house use. iPads and Kindles have been well-received in the youth department where they can be checked out for library use.

--an iPad has been purchased that can be used for off-site library card registration and also in-house inventory and more.

--Sarah had a conversation with the director of the Martha Ellen Tye Foundation proposing a 20-hour/week volunteer coordinator position for the library. This would be a two-year pilot program funded by the Tye Foundation.

--Fall/winter hours begin on Tuesday, September 2.

--The Marshall County Historical Society recently had a program at the library.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 23, 2014

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.