

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
December 16, 2014**

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

President Maureen Lyons called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

NOVEMBER 18, 2014 MINUTES: The minutes of the November 18, 2014, meeting were approved as written.

OPERATING BILLS: It was moved by Allan Thoreson and seconded by Sue Fink to approve the bills. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

--The Chromebooks are being used by adult patrons, but not quite as much as expected. Plans are to start checking them out for one week, beginning in January, to patrons in good standing.

NEW BUSINESS:

--*Public Art Meeting:* Representatives from the Library Board, the Friends of the Library and the Public Art Committee met last Thursday to continue the community conversation about placing public art at the library. The library was not funded by the Iowa Great Places grant. With the Library Board's approval, the committee can proceed looking into the acquisition of a piece of art for the library. It was moved and seconded (*Burt/Manis*) that the Library Board of Trustees approve the Public Art Committee exploring and acquiring a piece of public art for the library's prairie garden. PASSED.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

--There were 20 entries and 45 in attendance at a recent Brownie Bake-Off—a fun event coinciding with the anticipated opening of the Brew House, a local eatery located across the street from the library.

--There was an exhibit by the Model Modular Train enthusiasts on Saturday, December 13.

--Annual cookie decorating will take place on Wednesday, December 17.

--Long-time library volunteer, Mary Lois Merryman, recently passed away at the age of 97.

--Library employees helped our local historian and volunteer, Ina Ward, celebrate her 90th birthday on December 15.

--The library will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 and 25 with reduced hours between Christmas and New Year's.

--Jordan's Carpet Cleaning cleaned the carpets on Sunday, December 14.

--There is a committee looking at the public school calendar. This could impact the way the library does its programming. The plan will be presented at the January 5, 2015, School Board meeting.

--A gift of \$2500 has been added to the Library's Endowment Fund.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

