

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
May 27, 2014**

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

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

APRIL 22, 2014 MINUTES: The minutes of the April 22, 2014 meeting were approved as corrected.

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

BUSINESS:

- Last month's program with the Animal Rescue League was well received and over \$100 in cash and two grocery carts of pet supplies were collected for the ARL.
- The computer software upgrade is continuing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. *Two new databases* have been added. A Chilton's Auto Repair database replaces an older version and Novelist will soon be integrated into our catalog, listing series titles and also "If you like...." suggestions.
- B. *eBook use* and check-outs of the library's Advantage eBook titles are steadily increasing. (Shown by chart included in packet)
- C. *The library's rose bushes*, along with many throughout the city, appear to have not weathered the winter. A course of action is being sought from Park & Rec.
- D. *New landscaping grasses* in the prairie garden seem to be coming up, as well as many of last year's plantings. A number of volunteers have been helping with the weeding.
- E. *Miyoko Hikiji*, author and Iraq War veteran, will be at the library on Thursday, May 29.
- F. *Summer reading programs* for both children and adults will begin in June.
- G. *The Chromebooks* launch has been delayed due to the computer upgrade, but should be ready soon.
- H. Speaker and program suggestions are invited for the "*Dust, Drought and Dreams Gone By*" exhibition which will be at the library in November of 2015.
- I. *Over \$5700* has been recovered from overdue fines and lost library materials through the State of Iowa's offset collection program.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.