Ames Public Library Board of Trustees Agenda – February 20, 2020 Dale H. Ross Board Room, 515 Douglas Avenue

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda (Action Item)

(All items listed under the consent agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time the Board votes.)

- 1) Resolution approving donations
- 2) Motion approving minutes of the regular meeting January 16, 2020
- 3) Motion approving payment of claims 1/1/20 1/31/20

Public Forum

Members of the public who wish to address the Board will be given the opportunity at this time. (Please complete a blue card and hand it to the recording secretary.)

Activity Reports

- 4) Assistant City Manager Schildroth
- 5) Administration Schofer
- 6) APLFF Barchman/Myers

Board Education

7) Strategic Planning – Warburton

Policy Review

8) Programs Policy (Action)

New Business

- 9) Nominating Committee recommendations and Appointment of Executive Committee (Action)
- 10) Closed session in accordance with the provisions of Sections 21.5(1)(i) and 21.9, Code of Iowa, for the discussion of the Director's evaluation.
- 11) Approval of the Director's salary (Action)

Trustee Comments

Adjournment

Next regular meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2020 Ames Public Library: We Connect You to the World of Ideas Website: <u>www.amespubliclibrary.org</u> | E-mail: <u>libraryboard@amespubliclibrary.org</u>

Please note that this Agenda may be changed up to 24 hours before the meeting time as provided by Section 21.4(2), Code of Iowa.

Donations

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees, Ames Public Library, accepts the following donations:

1)	From Kathryn Miller	\$500.00
	From Parks Library for library programming	
	In memory of Carol Greiner from:	
	Ginger Alexander	\$25.00
	Marianne Berhow	\$10.00
	Marjorie Bourne	\$25.00
	Tom and Jill Catus	\$50.00
	• John and Lia Greiner (and others)	\$460.00
	Michael and Suzanne Rickels	\$20.00
	Betty Snider	\$5.00

Ames Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 16, 2020

The Ames Public Library (APL) Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, January 16, 2020, in the Dale H. Ross Board Room, with Barchman, Briese, Butler, Glatz, Kluesner, Looft, Marshall, Myers, and Raman in attendance. Director Schofer and Adult Services Librarian Klein-Hewett were also in attendance.

Call to Order: President Kluesner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

Moved by Briese, seconded by Butler, to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

1. Resolution approving donation:

A. From Ames Pride for library programming	\$500.00
B. From Anonymous patron in appreciation for service	\$5.00
C. From Collegiate United Methodist Church and Wesley Founda	tion for library
programming	\$500.00
D. From Iowa State University for library programming	\$500.00
E. From Roberta Twedt	\$150.00
F. In memory of Carol Greiner from Leo and Betty Runge	\$25.00
G.In memory of Gayle Huey from the Wednesday Book Club	
and Travel Society for a book club set	\$180.00
2. Motion approving minutes of the regular meeting December 19,	2019
3. Motion approving payment of claims 12/1/19 – 12/31/19	
Vote on Motion: 9-0. Approved unanimously. Resolution No. 202	20-L001

adopted.

Public Forum: None

Financial Reports: The Budget and Finance Committee met January 8, 2020 to review the financial documents.

Briese and Director Schofer reviewed the requested FY20 budget amendments and FY21 budget request with the Board. The Library budget presentation to City Council is scheduled for February 4. All Board Members are invited to attend.

Moved by Briese, seconded by Myers, to approve the adjustments to the operating budget for fiscal year 2019/20 and requests for fiscal year 2020/21 as presented. Vote on Motion: 9-0. Approved unanimously. Resolution No. 2020-L002 adopted.

Briese updated the Board on the current financial documents for fiscal year 2019/20 noting that the reports reflect that we are 42% through the year and have spent 41.3% of the budget. Everything is on schedule with no concerns noted.

Moved by Glatz, seconded by Butler, to accept the financial report as presented. Vote on Motion: 9-0. Approved unanimously.

Activity Reports:

Director Evaluation Committee (DEC) – Looft, Marshall, and Raman have completed the Director's six month evaluation. An anonymous survey was sent to Schofer's direct reports and the Board to provide input to the DEC. The DEC received the summary of the survey and met with Schofer and discussed the results. Overall they feel that she is doing a very good job. There were many positive comments with the numerical scores all strong. The evaluation form has been signed and will be turned in to the City on January 17. She will have another evaluation in a couple months which will put her on the same schedule as the rest of the staff. The Board will need to go into a closed session during the February 17 meeting in order to discuss a potential raise.

Assistant City Manager Schildroth was not present.

Administrative Staff Report: Schofer gave a report to the Board.

- Adult Services Manager Logsdon has announced her retirement. Her last day will be April 10. Her team will be more involved with programming and partnership efforts in order to help with the transition.
- Adult Services Librarian Brown is attending an all day workshop today in Des Moines with Abdul Muhammad (who was part of the Diversity and Inclusion Symposium) as part of her with work with the city's Diversity and Inclusion Team.
- Fitzsimmons, the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation (APLFF) Secretary/Treasurer resigned last week. He will continue to volunteer in other areas of the library. LeGates found a potential replacement that the APLFF Board will be voting on.
- We have alerted the Police Chief of two upcoming events:
 - Presentation and discussion by author Dr. Harvey on her book Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America, Sunday January 19. We have had some unfavorable comments on our Facebook page about the program and the author asked if we could make the police aware of the program as she has had some concerning comments on her Twitter Account.
 - Amy Klobuchar's Team will be hosting a meet and greet Amy for America Meet & Greet, Sinead Doherty, Monday January 20 in the auditorium. We reviewed our meeting room use policy with attention to the restrictions around political use. Staff are aware that we will likely have a large turnout.
- Legislative Listen Post: Senator Quirmbach, Representatives Wessel-Kroeschell and Wilburn are also scheduled for tomorrow in the auditorium.

- Schofer, Logsdon, and Briseno are preparing for the City Council budget presentation scheduled for February 4 at 5:15 p.m. Board Members are welcome to attend to show their support. The formatting of the presentation will be similar to past years using budget probe narratives and Libraries Transform Annual Report headings and graphics.
- Schofer attended a Claim Ames press event with Mayor Haila, Dr. Winterstien and a Census rep. at City Hall on Monday. A few weeks ago our colleagues from the City Media Production team came and set up a green screen. They took photos and video clips of the public and staff that in order to create short video clips. These clips will be used for a public service announcement that will encourage all Ames residents –including ISU students- to Claim Ames in the 2020 Census coming up in March. Schofer did still photos and was filmed in the stacks. They also told her that she will be featured on a bus ad. The library will continue to be a partner in this important effort. The City will provide some talking points for us to share but the key things to remember are that it is Important, Easy, and Safe.
- The Strategic Plan surveys have gone out to all staff, community partners, and City employees. We will be sending out the survey in batches to recent users, blocked users, and trying to find a way to reach our non-users.
- Community Engagement focus group meetings are scheduled. Klein-Hewett will give an update on this during Board Education.
- Staff day is February 17. We will include a Staff Engagement activity lead by the Staff Engagement Team, similar to what the Boards will be doing for their Board Engagement session. We will be covering Novel Ideas projects and that process, and a Strength Finders activity. The agenda is not finalized but it is coming together.
- Some of the larger upcoming programs include the Yule Ball on January 25, The Black Arts and Music Festival on February 8-9, programs for Hard Won Not Done, and Eco Chats and Sustainability programs.
- Youth Services had their first Preschool Fair last Saturday. Twelve preschools tabled and three sent information. Staff shared Project Smyles information and information on upcoming programs. Each child in attendance received a free book. 142 families attended. We received positive feedback and a few helpful suggestions for next year. This proved to also be a great networking opportunity for the preschools who gained ideas from one another.
- Beck, Heid, and Schofer met with folks from DanFoss who funded an expansion of our STEM kits. We demonstrated the kits, took them on a tour and got them library cards.
- Smyles is getting a new costume. Photographs of the costume were shown to the Board.
- Schofer will be compiling a visual presentation for the APLFF Board highlighting the various ways we have used the money they helped raise for our programs, collections and services. This will be a good precursor to staff as we will be reviewing and planning for our APLFF ask over the next couple months as well.
- The Iowa Urban Public Library Association stats were included in the packet as well as the Ames Public Library Circulation stats. The Board did point out some

of the stats noting that Ames ranks number one for attendance at youth programs, the number of adult programs, total attendance at library programs, the total items owned per capita, and our circulation of children's materials. They also noted the number of electronic items circulated in Sioux City.

APLFF Report: Barchamn reported to the Board. The TAG group is having a Yule Ball on January 25 but are also working on other program ideas. The Finance Committee is looking at investing some of the APLFF funds with the Story County Community Foundation. They are still working on getting a credit card but will need to review policies first. The Sales Committee has been raising approximately \$3,500 a month. They are considering having a Sales Manager run the Point of Sale and having more strategic sales versus sales every week or month. If the library is holding a program they may have books available that go with program for instance. Their next large book sale is February 13-17. The Fundraising Committee collected just under \$42,000 from the holiday mailing. Several tickets have been sold for the Author Café. Bohlke will be looking for volunteers to help with that event. The spring mailing is scheduled for April. The Executive Committee is looking at Development Officers job description. They are looking at attendance issues with APLFF Board Members. They sent a poll out to see if changing the time of their meetings would help increase attendance. Fitzsimmons has since that time resigned as Schofer stated earlier.

Board Education: Klein-Hewett introduced herself to the Board. She is an Adult Services Librarian that came to us from the Omaha Public Library last year. She had eight years' prior experience with community engagement which included two years of community engagement facilitation training. She has been actively using those skills as the Staff Team Lead for the Community Engagement Team.

The Community Engagement Team consists of five staff members. The team has been working on planning focus groups as well as some basic group facilitation training. The focus groups were divided into six stakeholder groups that they formed with guidance from the Manager's Team. These focus groups are Arts and Culture, Non-profits, Small Businesses, Educators, Community Influencers, and Inclusive Communities. Each group will consist of 5-15 people. The person facilitating each focus group will be focusing the groups on bigger picture issues within the community and brainstorming ways in which the library could potentially help in those areas. They have two focus groups scheduled in January, two in February, and two in March. There will be one public open house in April which they are planning to have set up in a drop-in format with activities for people to engage in.

Schofer and the Board discussed how the information will be pulled in from all of these groups to be used to help form the Strategic Plan. The goal is to have the new Strategic Plan available by July 1.

Policy Review: The Manager's Team took an initial look at the Programs Policy which resulted in a lot of discussion. They do not have specific changes at this time, but spent a lot of time discussing the procedures. One note from their discussion pertained to the

selling of art, books, CDs, prints, etc. The Ames Public Arts Commission will consider purchasing an item from one of the artists at the Black Arts and Music Festival. This is a great example of having an engaged staff and great partnerships. The Manager's Team discussed the evaluation piece and noted that while it may be unreasonable to try to evaluate every program, they will be making an effort to evaluate more programs. The Public Library Association will have a session on Project Outcome at the conference in February that we have staff attending. We may start utilizing that with our summer reading program.

The Board discussed the policy. It was agreed by all that it is important to reference other key policies such at the Conduct in the Library Policy, Exhibits Policy, and Meeting Room Policy.

The policy will be taken back to the Manager's Team for further discussion and brought back for approval at the February Board meeting.

Trustee Comments:

- Kluesner commended Schofer for reviewing the policies with staff on a proactive basis and gave the example of reviewing the Meeting Room Policy before the political events.
- Raman thanked Looft and Marshall for their work on the Director's Evaluation Committee and thanked Schofer for her patience and flexibility with the process.
- Marshall thanked Raman for coordinating the Director's Evaluation Committee.
- Briese thanked Schofer and Johannes for their work on the budget and preparations for the Budget and Finance Committee meeting.
- Glatz seconded Briese's statement. He also stated that the library was acknowledged in the Ames 2040 Plan as something to be proud of.
- Looft thanked Raman and Schofer for all of their work.
- Barchman apologized for missing the last two meetings.

Adjournment:

Moved by Barchman, seconded by Glatz, to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Vote on Motion: 9-0. Motion approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Dale H. Ross Board Room, Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Avenue.

PAYROLL SUMMARY PERMANENT SALARIES/WAGES \$ 42,0	046.82
PAYROLL SUMMARY TEMPORARY SALARIES/WAGES \$ 5	571.00
PAYROLL SUMMARY DENTAL INSURANCE \$	426.06
PAYROLL SUMMARY IPERS DISABILITY \$	138.52
PAYROLL SUMMARY LIFE INSURANCE \$	74.25
PAYROLL SUMMARY HEALTH INSURANCE \$ 7,5	584.10
PAYROLL SUMMARY MEDICARE FICA \$	505.31
PAYROLL SUMMARY FICA \$ 2,5	588.17
PAYROLL SUMMARY IPERS \$ 4,0	023.12
PAYROLL SUMMARY WORKERS COMPENSATION \$	141.48
DEC 2019 PRINTING CHARGES PRINT SHOP SERVICES \$	11.50
LONG DISTANCE CHARGES CITY LONG DISTANCE \$	4.47
NOV 2019 EQUIPMENT CHARGES FLEET MAINTENANCE \$ 2	289.98
NOV 2019 EQUIPMENT CHARGES FLEET REPLACEMENT \$ 2,2	219.00
POSTAGE CHARGES POSTAGE/FREIGHT \$	3.21
BANK OF AMERICA TRAVEL/MEETINGS \$	25.00
	130.24
BANK OF AMERICA TRAINING \$	67.96
	530.00
AMES MAIN STREET DUES/MEMBERSHIPS \$	500.00
ONESOURCE RECRUITING COSTS \$	35.00
CITY OF AMES UTILITIES ELECTRIC SERVICE \$ 5,7	721.64
CENTURYLINK OUTSIDE PHONE SERVICE \$	255.80
VERIZON WIRELESS OUTSIDE PHONE SERVICE \$	189.84
IA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK OUTSIDE PHONE SERVICE \$	978.00
CITY OF AMES UTILITIES WATER/SANITARY SEWER \$	407.33
CHITTY GARBAGE SERVICE WASTE DISPOSAL \$	190.89
COMFORT SYSTEMS USA MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS \$ 2,0	016.00
BANK OF AMERICA TECHNOLOGY MAINT/SUPPORT \$	300.00
CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES TECHNOLOGY MAINT/SUPPORT \$ 2,6	527.50
ZOOBEAN INC TECHNOLOGY MAINT/SUPPORT \$	914.58
LIBRARY MARKET TECHNOLOGY MAINT/SUPPORT \$ 3,2	100.00
XEROX CORPORATION RENTALS/LEASES \$ 1,3	185.48
ABM JANITORIAL NORTH NON-CITY SERVICE \$ 6,7	717.29
LAWNPRO NON-CITY SERVICE \$ 1,2	146.25
CITY LAUNDERING COMPANY NON-CITY SERVICE \$	144.08
CH ISSUES OFFICE SUPPLIES \$	147.17
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QUILL CORP OFFICE SUPPLIES \$	11.99
STOREY KENWORTHY CO OFFICE SUPPLIES \$	12.57
BANK OF AMERICA OFFICE SUPPLIES \$	70.70
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE OFFICE SUPPLIES \$	645.25

BANK OF AMERICA	MINOR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,578.46
BANK OF AMERICA	STRUCTURAL MATERIAL	\$ 87.96
CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$ 825.31
CENT IA DISTRIBUTING INC	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$ 77.80
STOREY KENWORTHY CO	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$ 39.70
BANK OF AMERICA	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$ 145.49
BANK OF AMERICA	EQUIPMENT PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$ 315.3
BANK OF AMERICA	MINOR EQUIPMENT/TOOLS	\$ 22.3
BANK OF AMERICA	SPECIAL PROJECT SUPPLIES	\$ 136.3
	Total Administration	\$ 94,239.1
Resource Services		
PAYROLL SUMMARY	PERMANENT SALARIES/WAGES	\$ 24,385.22
PAYROLL SUMMARY	DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 256.24
PAYROLL SUMMARY	IPERS DISABILITY	\$ 114.3
PAYROLL SUMMARY	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 57.7
PAYROLL SUMMARY	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 4,818.1
PAYROLL SUMMARY	MEDICARE FICA	\$ 327.7
PAYROLL SUMMARY	FICA	\$ 1,401.3
PAYROLL SUMMARY	IPERS	\$ 2,301.9
PAYROLL SUMMARY	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$ 29.2
BANK OF AMERICA	DUES/MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 110.0
BAKER & TAYLOR	EQUIPMENT PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$ 120.3
BAKER & TAYLOR INC	EQUIPMENT PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$ 389.3
CRYSTAL CLEAR WATER	EQUIPMENT PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$ 24.0
DEMCO INC	EQUIPMENT PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$ 439.9
DATA2 CORP	EQUIPMENT PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$ 1,374.9
MIDWEST TAPE	EQUIPMENT PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$ 138.0
BANK OF AMERICA	EQUIPMENT PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$ 1,071.9
MIDWEST TAPE	ELECTRONIC COLLECTION	\$ 5,558.6
BANK OF AMERICA	ELECTRONIC COLLECTION	\$ 1.3
OVERDRIVE	ELECTRONIC COLLECTION	\$ 2,852.6
DES MOINES REGISTER	PERIODICALS	\$ 113.4
BAKER & TAYLOR	YOUTH COLLECTION	\$ 2,935.9
BAKER & TAYLOR INC	YOUTH COLLECTION	\$ 1,307.5
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	YOUTH COLLECTION	\$ 1,024.3
AMAZON	YOUTH COLLECTION	\$ 765.6
MIDWEST TAPE	YOUTH COLLECTION	\$ 1,323.2
BANK OF AMERICA	YOUTH COLLECTION	\$ 17.3
CAVENDISH SQUARE	YOUTH COLLECTION	\$ 195.5
LIBRARY IDEAS LLC	YOUTH COLLECTION	\$ 689.1
SAWA BOOKS	YOUTH COLLECTION	\$ 872.2
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AMAZON	AUDIO-VISUAL COLLECTION	\$ 167.6

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THE TEACHING COMPANY SALES		\$	147.90
BAKER & TAYLOR	ADULT PRINT COLLECTION	\$	1,054.28
BAKER & TAYLOR INC	ADULT PRINT COLLECTION	\$	6,277.10
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	ADULT PRINT COLLECTION	\$	588.35
AMAZON	ADULT PRINT COLLECTION	\$	656.07
BANK OF AMERICA	ADULT PRINT COLLECTION	\$	242.08
SUKUMARAN, PRADEEPA	REFUNDS	\$	22.99
	Total Resource Services	\$	70,860.54
Youth Services			
PAYROLL SUMMARY	PERMANENT SALARIES/WAGES	\$	37,955.82
PAYROLL SUMMARY	TEMPORARY SALARIES/WAGES	\$	560.00
PAYROLL SUMMARY	DENTAL INSURANCE	\$	345.76
PAYROLL SUMMARY	IPERS DISABILITY	\$	191.67
PAYROLL SUMMARY	LIFE INSURANCE	\$	79.78
PAYROLL SUMMARY	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	5,679.40
PAYROLL SUMMARY	MEDICARE FICA	\$	535.69
PAYROLL SUMMARY	FICA	\$	2,290.51
PAYROLL SUMMARY	IPERS	\$	3,635.92
PAYROLL SUMMARY	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$	55.19
DEC 2019 PRINTING CHARGES	PRINT SHOP SERVICES	\$	12.20
LONG DISTANCE CHARGES	CITY LONG DISTANCE	\$	1.86
QI LEARNING RESEARCH GROUP	OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$	250.00
BANK OF AMERICA	DUES/MEMBERSHIPS	\$	125.00
DEMCO INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	32.18
BANK OF AMERICA	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	128.31
HEID, JERRI	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	7.98
BANK OF AMERICA	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$	9.88
BANK OF AMERICA	FOOD	\$	71.73
	Total Youth Services	\$	51,968.88
Adult Services			
PAYROLL SUMMARY	PERMANENT SALARIES/WAGES	\$	35,067.44
PAYROLL SUMMARY	TEMPORARY SALARIES/WAGES	\$	183.00
PAYROLL SUMMARY	DENTAL INSURANCE	\$	218.56
PAYROLL SUMMARY	IPERS DISABILITY	\$	110.11
PAYROLL SUMMARY	LIFE INSURANCE	\$	77.02
PAYROLL SUMMARY	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	3,679.18
PAYROLL SUMMARY	MEDICARE FICA	\$	500.72
PAYROLL SUMMARY	FICA	\$	2,140.98
PAYROLL SUMMARY	IPERS	\$	3,327.66
PAYROLL SUMMARY	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$	45.25
LONG DISTANCE CHARGES	CITY LONG DISTANCE	\$	6.14
BANK OF AMERICA	OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$	12.83
POSTAGE CHARGES	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	\$	1.76
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BANK OF AMERICA	CONFERENCES	\$ 2,282.80
	Total Adult Services	\$ 47,653.45
Customer Account Services		
PAYROLL SUMMARY	PERMANENT SALARIES/WAGES	\$ 40,862.78
PAYROLL SUMMARY	TEMPORARY SALARIES/WAGES	\$ 11,276.83
PAYROLL SUMMARY	SICK LEAVE	\$ 3,695.24
PAYROLL SUMMARY	VACATION	\$ 2,313.04
PAYROLL SUMMARY	DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 287.54
PAYROLL SUMMARY	IPERS DISABILITY	\$ 203.70
PAYROLL SUMMARY	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 99.03
PAYROLL SUMMARY	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 4,654.40
PAYROLL SUMMARY	MEDICARE FICA	\$ 806.52
PAYROLL SUMMARY	FICA	\$ 3,448.54
PAYROLL SUMMARY	IPERS	\$ 4,921.97
PAYROLL SUMMARY	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$ 145.41
LONG DISTANCE CHARGES	CITY LONG DISTANCE	\$ 8.94
AUTOMATED MERCHANT SYSTEM	OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$ 292.33
BANK OF AMERICA	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	\$ 13.15
POSTAGE CHARGES	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	\$ 908.43
FRIEDRICH, KATIE	TRAVEL/MEETINGS	\$ 11.93
VACLAV, CONNIE	TRAVEL/MEETINGS	\$ 8.16
BANK OF AMERICA	CONFERENCES	\$ 305.00
BANK OF AMERICA	DUES/MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 151.00
ONESOURCE	RECRUITING COSTS	\$ 35.00
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICE	NON-CITY SERVICE	\$ 250.60
OFFICE DEPOT INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 16.38
BANK OF AMERICA	FOOD	\$ 59.74
	Total Customer Account Services	\$ 74,775.66
	Grand Total:	\$ 339,497.63
Roger Kluesner, President	Joanne Marshall, Secretary	Date



Section: Library Resources

Approved: 6/23/2004 Reviewed: 1/19/2017 Revised: 10/10/2005, 10/19/2006, 9/18/2008, 8/16/2012, 12/17/2015, 2/20/2020

Ames Public Library offers programs to further its mission, "Ames Public Library – We connect you to the world of ideas."

Library programs are planned public activities that are initiated or presented in partnership by the Library and take place at the Library, at the Bookmobile, at locations in the community, or online. Library programs include, but are not limited to: book talks, demonstrations, discussion groups, film showings, interactive presentations, lectures, panel discussions, performances, puppet shows, readings, storytimes, tours, training sessions, tutorials, and workshops.

The purpose of Library programming is to:

- Encourage the use of the Library and its resources
- Promote early literacy, acquisition of skills, and a life-long love of reading and learning
- Present information on issues of current interest
- Foster cultural awareness and civic engagement and discourse
- Facilitate the sharing of local talent, knowledge, and expertise

Programming Partnership

The Library encourages and welcomes program proposals from individuals and community groups. When a community group, agency, or individual approaches the Library with a programming request, the Library will consider partnership based on the following criteria:

- The program fulfills the purpose of a Library program, as defined above
- The program supports the Library's mission and strategic priorities
- The resources needed to accomplish the program are available and appropriate

Programming partners are expected to actively participate in the development, promotion, presentation, and evaluation of programs. The Library's role includes, but is not limited to: facilitating and approving program design; furnishing appropriate space and equipment; coordinating promotion, and offering supplementary Library resources.

Content

The Library's goal in programming is to connect members of our community with a wide variety of ideas and perspectives. Program content is determined by the presenters.

The Library is not obligated to represent multiple and/or opposing viewpoints within any one program or series. The Library welcomes the opportunity for other viewpoints to be represented in a separate program or series.

Presentation of a program does not constitute the Library's endorsement of the content or views expressed by participants.

Charges, Sales, and Fundraising

All Library programs will be offered free of charge. Library programs must be non-commercial in nature. Although a businessperson or other professional expert may present a program, the information may not promote his or her specific business interest. No solicitation of future business, including but not limited to the development of prospect and mailing lists, is permitted.

Fundraising and sales are permitted with prior approval in the following circumstances:

- For fundraising to benefit the Library by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation or the Library itself, and
- For sale of items created by authors and artists responsible for the content of a Library program.

Exceptions to the above may be made at the discretion of the Library Director.

Attendance

All programs must be open to the public. Every attempt will be made to accommodate all who wish to attend a program. Programs designed for a general audience have no age restrictions.

- Attendance may be limited if the number of participants reaches the room capacity established by the Ames Fire Department.
- When safety or the nature of a program requires it, attendance will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis or by pre-registration.
- Programs designed for specific audiences may have attendance restrictions or requirements based on age.

Note: In the case of film programs, the Motion Picture Association of America ratings may be provided for information only. It is the responsibility of parents or legal guardians, not Ames Public Library staff, to guide their own children's use of the library and its resources and services.

Evaluation

Programs will be evaluated based on data collected from the audience, program partner(s), and staff.

Expressions of Concern

The Ames Public Library Director and the Board of Trustees welcome feedback from customers. Any customer concerns will be handled promptly and courteously, as detailed in the <u>Expressions</u> of <u>Concern Policy</u>.

References

This policy has been developed in concert with the following American Library Association Guidance Documents:

<u>Libraries: An American Value</u> <u>Library Bill of Rights</u> Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights: "Library-initiated Programs as a Resource," "Access to Library Resources and Services for Minors" and "Freedom to View Statement."

Library Policies:

Conduct in the Library Policy Display and Exhibit Spaces Policy Meeting Rooms and Study Rooms Policy **Programs Policy**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY FEBRURAY 20, 2020

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees, Ames Public Library, approves revisions to the Programs Policy as presented.

Director's Salary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees, Ames Public Library, sets the Director's salary effective November 30, 2019 at \$_____.