

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Governmental Body: Van Meter Public Library

Date of Meeting: June 22, 2015

Time/Place 6:30 American Legion Reception Center

Our Mission: The mission of the Van Meter Public Library is to provide access to materials and services for recreational reading and informational needs of the public library customers.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Emergency additions and Approval of the Agenda
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes
 - b. Claims
 - c. Stats
 - d. Finances
5. Discussion Items
 - a. Van Meter Public Library Foundation
 - b. Library Branding
6. Action Items
 - a. Van Meter Public Library Foundation
7. Director's Report
8. Liaison's Report
9. Adjourn

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

Sample Motions: The time is Six-thirty PM on Monday, June 22, 2015. I hereby call this meeting of the Van Meter Public Library Board to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Roll Call

Sample Language: Roll call please.

Gabus ___; Lacy ___; Seefeld ___; Backstrom ___; Durflinger ___;

Agenda Item #3 - Emergency additions and Approval of the Agenda

Submitted for: Action

Recommendation: Approval

Sample Language: At this time are there any additions to the agenda?

Additions:

Sample Motion: Do I hear a motion to approve the agenda?

Board Member _____: So moved.

Board Member _____: Second.

Agenda Item #4 - Consent Agenda

Submitted for: Action

Recommendation: Approval

Sample Language: Please review the Consent Agenda.

Sample Motion: Does the Library Board wish to discuss any item on the consent agenda separately? If not, I would entertain a motion to approve a Resolution Adopting the Consent Agenda as it has been presented to us.

Board Member _____: So moved.

Board Member _____: Second.

Van Meter Public Library
Library Board Minutes – 05-26-2015

- 1) The Van Meter Public Library Board met for a regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at the American Legion Reception Center. President Gene Gabus called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- 2) All board members were present upon roll call: Gene Gabus, Nancy Lacy, Rachel Backstrom, Amanda Durflinger and John Seefeld.
- 3) There were no emergency additions to the agenda. President Gabus asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Backstrom, supported by Durflinger. Passed unanimously.
- 4) President Gabus reviewed the consent agenda, and asked for discussion. There was none. President Gabus asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda which included the following:
 - a. Minutes of the March 30, 2015 Van Meter Public Library Board meeting.
 - b. March Claims List
 - c. March Stats
 - d. March Financial StatementsMoved by Seefeld, supported by Lacy. Passed unanimously.
- 5) Discussion Items:
 - a. Dorothy stated she is working on critical job goals and lining up secondary issues to get the Library operating efficiently as soon as possible. Several Directors expressed positive feedback on Dorothy's activities to-date.
 - b. A resolution promoting Intergovernmental Collaboration was presented and discussed.
 - c. d. These were combined. Discussion focused on a combined public safety/library position versus a separate library position. Pros and cons were presented.
 - e. The protocol on under and over 18 years old volunteers was reviewed.
 - f. Discussion was held on an architect drawing for a new library and its placement on a city owned lot.
- 6) Action Items:
 - a. President Gabus asked for a motion concerning additional library staff. Lacy moved, supported by Backstrom, a motion to hire a non-shared Clerk at \$8.25/hour for up to 20 hours per week. Passed unanimously.
 - b. President Gabus asked for a motion regarding "A resolution concerning Intergovernmental Collaboration". Moved by Backstrom, supported by Lacy. Passed unanimously.
- 7) The Director provided a synopsis of her written report.
- 8) Liaison's Report – there was no Liaison's Report
- 9) Having no further business Durflinger motioned to adjourn, supported by Backstrom. Passed unanimously.

Resolution #2015-~~24~~

"A Resolution Concerning Intergovernmental Collaboration"

Whereas, Chapter 22.05 of the Van Meter Code of Ordinances enumerates the Powers and Duties of the Van Meter Library Board of Trustees including to, "direct and control all affairs of the Library," and

Whereas, the Van Meter Public Library Board of Trustees believe that collaborative efforts with other units of government are important for the library's long term strategic vision, and

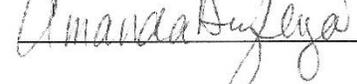
Whereas, cooperative efforts can reduce duplicated work, synergize efforts, and provide for the sustainability of operations, and

Whereas, the Library's mission overlaps with the educational mission of the Van Meter Community School District, and

Whereas, the Library seeks to bridge academic years through various programs including Summer Reading, now

Therefore be it resolved by the Van Meter Public Library Board of Trustees that the Library Director is hereby directed to seek opportunities to work with and support the Van Meter Public School District and incorporate the goals of the District's curriculum into the programs and operations of the Public Library.

Passed and approved this 26 day of May, 2015.

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 _____			_____	Library Board V. President
 _____			_____	Library Board Member
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Van Meter Public Library
CirculationSummary
Transactions 6/1/2015 through 6/19/2015, VMPL

Totals for This Period

Checked out	375
Checked in	277
Renewed	34
Used in-library	0
Fines and charges	\$27.00
Payments collected	\$8.30
Ledger adjustments	(\$27.00)

As of 6/19/2015, 4:44 pm

Materials checked out	344
Materials overdue	98
Patrons overdue	50

Van Meter Public Library
Multi-Day Circulation Statistics

Transactions 5/1/2015 through 5/31/2015, VMPL

Date	Out	In	Renew	In-Lib Use	Fines & Charges	Payments	Adjustments	
Friday	01-May-2015	4	3					
Saturday	02-May-2015							
Sunday	03-May-2015							
Monday	04-May-2015	7	7					
Tuesday	05-May-2015		3					
Wednesday	06-May-2015	6	7					
Thursday	07-May-2015	5	3	2				
Friday	08-May-2015		2	4				
Saturday	09-May-2015							
Sunday	10-May-2015							
Monday	11-May-2015	2						
Tuesday	12-May-2015	12	4					
Wednesday	13-May-2015	15	6					
Thursday	14-May-2015	15	10	5				
Friday	15-May-2015	3	2					
Saturday	16-May-2015	8	3					
Sunday	17-May-2015							
Monday	18-May-2015	9	14					
Tuesday	19-May-2015	12	3					
Wednesday	20-May-2015	3	4					
Thursday	21-May-2015	19	10					
Friday	22-May-2015	18	12					
Saturday	23-May-2015	13	7					
Sunday	24-May-2015							
Monday	25-May-2015							
Tuesday	26-May-2015	9	6					
Wednesday	27-May-2015	7	1					
Thursday	28-May-2015	26	4					
Friday	29-May-2015	19	25					
Saturday	30-May-2015	39	9				-0.60	
Sunday	31-May-2015							
Totals		251	145	11	0	0.00	0.00	-0.60

Van Meter Public Library
Multi-Day Circulation Statistics

Transactions 6/1/2015 through 6/19/2015, VMPL

Date	Out	In	Renew	In-Lib Use	Fines & Charges	Payments	Adjustments
Monday 01-Jun-2015	19	10	9				
Tuesday 02-Jun-2015	11	7					
Wednesday 03-Jun-2015		9					
Thursday 04-Jun-2015	16	26	4				
Friday 05-Jun-2015	9	7					
Saturday 06-Jun-2015	23	1					
Sunday 07-Jun-2015							
Monday 08-Jun-2015	51	33	3		27.00		-27.00
Tuesday 09-Jun-2015	20	19					
Wednesday 10-Jun-2015	11	12					
Thursday 11-Jun-2015	27	15					
Friday 12-Jun-2015	26	20	6			8.30	
Saturday 13-Jun-2015	18	5					
Sunday 14-Jun-2015							
Monday 15-Jun-2015	56	27	3				
Tuesday 16-Jun-2015	29	22	3				
Wednesday 17-Jun-2015	21	36	4				
Thursday 18-Jun-2015	29	21	1				
Friday 19-Jun-2015	9	7	1				
Totals	375	277	34	0	0.00	8.30	-27.00

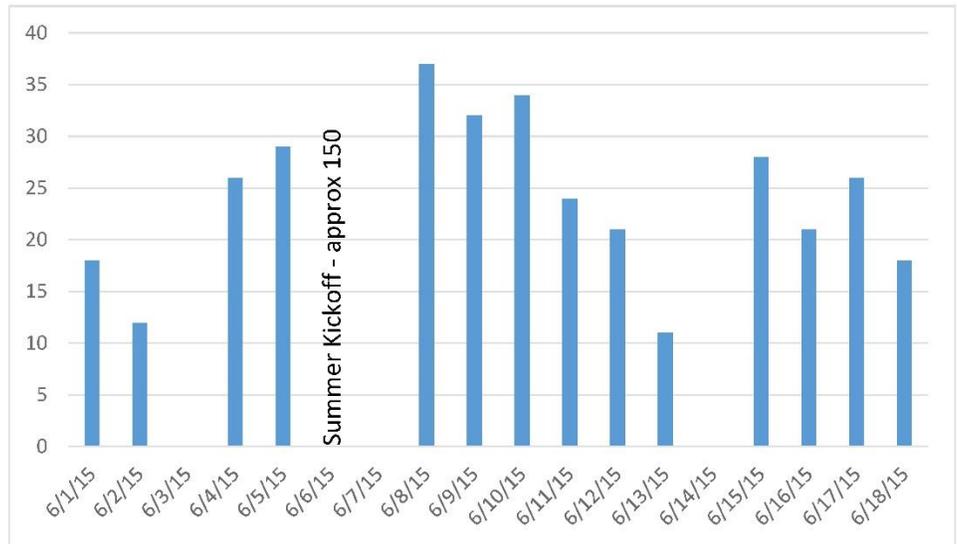
May

Date	Library Visits
5/4/15	7
5/5/15	6
5/6/15	5
5/7/15	3
5/8/15	1
5/11/15	2
5/12/15	18
5/13/15	4
5/14/15	2
5/15/15	17
5/16/15	3
5/18/15	6
5/19/15	18
5/20/15	12
5/21/15	22
5/22/15	16
5/23/15	13
5/26/15	13
5/27/15	15
5/28/15	37
5/29/15	38
5/30/15	12

Total 270



June



ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	TOTAL BUDGET	MTD BALANCE	YTD BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
182-410-6010	WAGES - FULL TIME	32,000.00	1,461.54	25,578.28	79.93	6,421.72
182-410-6020	WAGES - PART TIME	12,000.00	.00	5,337.00	44.48	6,663.00
182-410-6030	WAGES - SEASONAL/TEMP	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
182-410-6210	DUES	200.00	.00	80.00	40.00	120.00
182-410-6220	SUBSCRIPTION	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
182-410-6230	TRAINING	250.00	.00	.00	.00	250.00
182-410-6311	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	400.00	.00	624.30	156.08	224.30-
182-410-6371	UTILITIES	1,700.00	52.25	1,327.59	78.09	372.41
182-410-6373	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS	600.00	49.10	538.86	89.81	61.14
182-410-6408	INSURANCE	800.00	.00	.00	.00	800.00
182-410-6424	COMMUNITY INTERSET	200.00	.00	876.47	438.24	676.47-
182-410-6499	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERV	200.00	.00	1,977.00	988.50	1,777.00-
182-410-6502	LIBRARY MATERIALS	6,100.00	.00	2,826.89	46.34	3,273.11
182-410-6506	OFFICE SUPPLIES	600.00	12.20	1,356.71	226.12	756.71-
182-410-6511	MEMORIAL MATERIALS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	DIFFERENCE	55,050.00	1,575.09	40,523.10	73.61	14,526.90
	PROOF	55,050.00	1,575.09	40,523.10	73.61	14,526.90

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*** CITY OF VAN METER IA ***
GENERAL LEDGER EXPENSE HISTORY REPORT
FROM 05/2015 TO 5/2015
(FISCAL 11/2015 TO 11/2015)

OPER: JA

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	PO NUMBER	INVOICE	CHECK NO	REF/DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DATE	JRNL	NAME/OTHER REFERENCE				
182-410-6010	WAGES - FULL TIME					
5/20/15	PR0559			PR DT: 5/17/15		1,461.54
	ACCOUNT TOTAL					1,461.54
182-410-6371	UTILITIES					
5/13/15	AP0809	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	052015	25244	GAS/ELEC	52.25
	ACCOUNT TOTAL					52.25
182-410-6373	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS					
5/13/15	AP0809	CENTURY LINK	052015	25222	LIBRARY PHONE	49.10
	ACCOUNT TOTAL					49.10
182-410-6506	OFFICE SUPPLIES					
5/13/15	AP0809	WELLS FARGO CC	052015	25261	LIBRARY POSTAGE	12.20
	ACCOUNT TOTAL					12.20
				REPORT TOTAL		1,575.09

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*** CITY OF VAN METER IA ***
GENERAL LEDGER REVENUE HISTORY REPORT
FROM 05/2015 TO 5/2015
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ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME		AMOUNT
DATE	JOURNAL RECEIVED FROM/ALPHA ID		
182-950-4300	INTEREST		
5/31/15	RM2570 IPAIT	14724 IPAIT INTEREST Interest	.17
	ACCOUNT TOTAL		----- .17
		REPORT TOTAL	===== .17

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CITY OF VAN METER
TREASURER'S REPORT
CALENDAR 5/2015, FISCAL 11/2015

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ACCOUNT TITLE	LAST MONTH END BALANCE	RECEIVED	DISBURSED	CHANGE IN LIABILITY	ENDING BALANCE
182 LIBRARY TRUST FUND	35,734.37	.17	1,575.09	.00	34,159.45
Report Total	35,734.37	.17	1,575.09	.00	34,159.45

Agenda Item #5 - Discussion Items

- a. Van Meter Public Library Foundation – Proposal to create a Foundation for the Van Meter Public Library to benefit the new library building construction project.

-The following was provided by the American Library Association, and explains how Library Foundations work, the benefits, and additional resources.

Establishing a Library Foundation: Planning, Persistence, Progress

Each person, family, and business in our community faces a daunting challenge: the rapid pace of change. Compounding this challenge is the growth and array of information sources from which to choose so that wise decisions can be made. To cope and succeed, we need trusted information easily and quickly.

The answer: the public library.

The public library faces enormous challenges, too. Challenges in reaching and serving all members of our community, especially those who may not be aware of how the library can help them find community resources, and better their lives. And, challenges in funding library facilities, collections, services, and programs.

Library foundations provide opportunities for an array of revenue sources to supplement tax support. And, libraries have significant advantages in fundraising:

- Our doors are open every day, and our service is offered to all residents. People drive by, come in our doors daily, and log on for information, which is an advantage to attracting additional funding.
- Our mission is pure, understandable, and embraced by the community. We'll be here tomorrow, and in future decades. This is extremely important to people who are considering current and legacy gifts.
- Our service is trusted. With the abundance of data available electronically, there is a need for librarians' expertise in locating the most correct and helpful sources.
- Our service is valued. Even if adults haven't set foot in a library for a long time, they know and appreciate the library's value in our democratic society.
- Our service is integral and vital in people's busy lives. The ability to access information and resources is essential. Our services make it easy for people to incorporate library visits (real and virtual) into their active schedules.
- And, our service is memorable and positive. People can fondly recount the library of their childhood, and the joy of taking their children and grandchildren to the library to check out books and listen to storytellers.

Libraries provide essential services that change lives. A library foundation provides a structure for people to show their appreciation for and support of extended library services. It is a win-win-win situation: the donor has confidence in the organization and how their dollars will be spent and can receive tax benefits, the library gains support for needed projects, and the foundation achieves its goal of providing additional resources to the library.

Benefits of Foundations

By raising private dollars, library foundations are able to leverage and stretch public dollars. Donors may have a strong belief in the value of the public library yet do not wish to give their

philanthropic gift to a public entity. They will, however, contribute to a non-profit, tax-exempt private organization: a library foundation.

A library foundation is a separate legal entity formed for the purpose of enhancing and expanding library programs and services. Its primary function is to secure financial and in-kind donations for programs, services, collections, and capital projects. The foundation offers donors a familiar and reliable vehicle for tax-deductible contributions in support of the library.

The benefits of a foundation are many:

- **Grant Eligibility** - Foundations have the advantage of being eligible for grants for which public libraries may not qualify. Most grantors require that recipients be qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. Also, many major grantors have a policy against funding tax-supported institutions, but will provide grants to foundations.
- **Sponsorships and Partnerships** - Finding the right partner for your project is an art, and many companies like to be associated with the types of programs created by libraries.
- **Planned Giving Opportunities** - Planned giving is a way for donors to make gifts to an organization and receive financial and tax benefits. There are many options including Charitable Gift Annuities, Deferred Gift Annuities, Pooled Income Funds, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Lead Trusts, and the most common, Bequests. Retirement assets (including IRAs, annuities, pension plans, etc.) make a wonderful gift, because they pass tax-free to your library foundation.
- **Cash, Stocks, Real Estate, and Life Insurance** - Foundations can accept gifts for restricted and unrestricted purposes, providing donors a tax exemption (to extent qualified by law).
- **Endowments** - Gifts to create endowed funds are invested and only the income is spent on library needs. Endowments may be restricted by the donor, or available for spending on programs or other uses as needed.
- **Investment Opportunities** - Foundations have the flexibility to invest their funds to maximize the benefit for the foundation and, eventually, the library. Investment options available to public agencies are usually much more restrictive.
- **Community Support and Confidence** - When people give to a foundation they know that their gifts will be used as intended. Gifts may be restricted, making the giving even more appealing. For example, specified uses may include collections, branches, reading programs, etc.

Foundations and Friends of the Library groups can happily co-exist and significantly leverage community support. Each locale is different, and depending on the size and structure of the library, there can be several friends groups and a foundation. In these cases, the friends, provides significant financial support for their local branch while the foundation focuses its efforts on the entire system.

Establishing A Foundation

A library foundation is relatively easy to establish. It takes planning, persistence, and patience. First, a few basic legal steps need to take place. These include selecting a Board of Directors and officers, preparing Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and finally, applying for tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service. Some private funding or fund raising will be necessary to cover legal fees and document filing fees; public funds may not be used to organize and establish a foundation.

Organization

The size and organization of the foundation board will vary depending on the needs and resources in the community. The key is to attract, recruit, and involve dedicated individuals in the community who will raise funds and visibility on behalf of the foundation. Operating policies, practices, and committees will evolve as the foundation grows and matures.

Communication between the library board of trustees and the foundation board of directors is essential for success. There are numerous structures: some foundations include and involve all library trustees on the board, some include a designated liaison from the library trustees, and some favor total separation of the boards with other communications systems in place.

The staffing and support of library foundations also varies. In some cases, the library provides the staffing and office support; in other instances, the foundation totally supports its staff and office. And in some libraries, a mix of library resources and private funding is the preferred structure.

Advice is available from attorneys and accountants regarding laws governing foundation activities and fiscal management. Bar associations, accounting firms, educational institutions, and fund development organizations offer seminars and workshops on board recruitment and development, financial issues, etc. which provide valuable insight and information for both new and established foundations.

Programs and Priorities

Library foundations support the goals and priorities of the library and work closely with the administration in the planning and funding of projects that benefit users and potential users. Library foundations focus on capital projects, collections, programs, and services that are not funded through public dollars. For example, foundations can raise part or all of the resources for a new building, buy books to give away as part of a reading readiness program, and supplement collection and/or programming funds. Funds raised by the foundation are in addition to the library's tax-supported funding and do not replace public support.

Foundations - and foundation board members - extend the library's reach into the community, both in spreading the word and in bringing information and issues back to the library. Foundations also contribute to political campaigns in support of library levies or bond measures. And, Foundation board members are excellent advocates for library election measures.

Tell Your Story - Now!

"A man can wait for a long time with his mouth open before a duck flies in," is a Chinese proverb that impels us to action. Libraries have excellent stories to tell and numerous opportunities to let people know that their support is valued and needed. Libraries are more important than ever as they meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. The pace of change will continue to accelerate, and a foundation can help the library mobilize resources to provide vital library services in our communities today and in the future.

Resources

- Library foundation directors throughout the country are generous in sharing information as to how their organizations are structured and funded.
- Library Web sites usually include a link to their foundations and provide information on funding priorities and programs.

- The American Library Association - through LAMA (Library Administration and Management Association), PLA (Public Library Association), and ALTA (Association for Library Trustees and Advocates), offers workshops, publications, and contacts for information.
- The Urban Libraries Council has a Fund Development group that includes Foundation directors.

www.Fdncenter.org - The Foundation Center is an independent nonprofit information clearinghouse. Click on Cooperating Collections then your state to find local collections.

www.cof.org - Council on Foundations works to support foundations by promoting knowledge, growth and action in philanthropy. Variety of topics and links, including "Starting a Foundation."

www.BoardSource.org - BoardSource, formerly the National Center for Nonprofit Boards, publishes booklets, books, etc. Good section on Board Q&A on a variety of topics, including legal and organizational issues.

www.philanthropy.iupui.edu/ - Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University increases understanding of philanthropy and improves its practice through research, teaching, public service, and public affairs.

www.afpnet.org - Association of Fundraising Professionals. AFP has chapters in most cities, and programs for members and non-members. Members can access resources online and order free materials from the resource center.

www.ncpg.org - National Committee on Planned Giving has a network of planned giving councils across the country. Members have access to a library or articles and papers, as well as current information on legislation and regulations that protect and encourage planned gifts and charitable estate planning.

www.kcls.org/philanthropy provides information on King County Library System's Nonprofit & Philanthropy Resource Center at the Redmond Regional Library and links to numerous resources.

101+ Great Ideas for Libraries and Friends. Sally Reed, Beth Nawalinski, Alexander Peterson. Neal-Schuman Publishers. 2004.

Achieving Excellence in Fund Raising. Henry A. Rosso and Associates, Eugene R. Temple, editor. Jossey-Bass Publishers, 2003.

Becoming a Fundraiser: The Principles and Practice of Library Development. 2nd Ed. Victoria Steele and Stephen D. Elder. American Library Association. 2000.

Beyond Fundraising: New Strategies for Nonprofit Innovation and Investment. 2nd Ed. Kay Sprinkel Grace. John Wiley & Sons. 2005.

Donor Centered Fundraising. Penelope Burk. Burk and Associates/Cygnus Applied Research. 2003.

Fired-Up Fundraising: Turn Board Passion into Action. Gail Perry. AFP/Wiley Development Series. 2007.

Forming and Funding Public Library Foundations. Faye Clow and Benjamin Goldberg. 2nd Ed. Public Library Association. 2004

Fund-Raising Fundamentals. James M. Greenfield. John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 2004

Legacies for Libraries: A Practical Guide to Planned Giving. Amy Sherman Smith and Matthew D. Lehrer. American Library Association. 2000.

Planned Giving Essentials: A Step-by-Step Guide to Success. Richard D. Barrett and Molly E. Ware. Aspen Publishers, Inc., 2002.

b. Library Branding.





Little Library Shop

Paperback Books -----	\$0.25
Large Paperback Books -----	\$0.50
Hardcover Books -----	\$1.00
DVD Movies -----	\$1.00
Music CD's -----	\$1.00
Audiobooks -----	\$2.00
Tote Bags -----	\$4.00
Van Meter Visitor -----	\$15.95 \$14.00

All proceeds from items sold go to benefit projects,
programs, new materials, and more here at the
Van Meter Public Library!

Agenda Item #6 – Action Items

a. Van Meter Public Library Foundation

Submitted for: Action

Recommendation: Approval

Sample Motion: Do I hear a motion to approve the creation of the Van Meter Public Library Foundation?

Board Member _____: So moved.

Board Member _____: Second.

Agenda Item #7 – Director’s Report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT JUNE 2015

Summer Reading

The summer kickoff on June 6th was a success. 84 people signed up for the summer reading program, and approximately 150 people came through the library that day. Patrons are making progress on their logs every day, and in July the library will start more programming, including Make and Take Tuesdays, Library Theater in July, and a food drive to support the Adel Food Pantry and their mission to provide snacks and

meals to kids in need this summer. The library has also begun soliciting donations for summer reading prizes. We have already received unofficial confirmation from the Blank Park Zoo that they plan to grant us a one year family pass to the zoo as one of our grand prizes. Other prizes will include a Kindle Fire HD, and a 1 year family pass to the Science Center

Operations

Collection development continues to improve. Everyday more materials are barcoded and properly processed, and the library is well on its way to being fully accessible through the ILS. New materials continue to come in, many of which have been generously donated by members of the community.

The computers and sitting areas continue to be highly used. More patrons are visiting the library, and staying in the library to visit, read, use the computers, and the Wi-Fi. The hope is to continue making the library a destination, rather than a place to pass through.

More changes to the layout of the library are coming soon. With such a high need for programming space, the goal is to make the library furniture more mobile. This will allow double use of the space, and create allow the library to do multiple things in a single space. Reworking the layout, and utilizing mobile furniture, we can make the space be so much more than what it currently is.

A new table is being generously donated by Gene Gabus, which will create a new and better space for the computer area. This will allow us to add additional computers for public use. (See pg. 24 for description.)

MAKER MOVEMENT

Make and Take Tuesdays are just the start. The Maker Movement has become very popular among libraries all across the country. From high tech Maker Spaces like 3D printing, graphic design, and sound studios, to low tech maker-kits, like Legos, Origami, and Little Bits. It is the hope that VMPL can be a part of this movement and offer a space for people to unleash their creativity.

"[The Maker Movement] is an opportunity for libraries to be more "transformational" and not "transactional." The key features of makerspaces is that they reorient the library towards greater user engagement, collaborative creative activity, and participatory learning. They also position the library as a place of building, inventing, and doing instead of a static location of consumption and acquisition. This holds great promise as libraries become less a storehouse of books or information and more a locus of community involvement, innovative forms of service and instruction, and as laboratories of ideas and invention."

Metropolitan New York Library Council: [From Stacks to Hacks](#)

New Projects

There is a demand for knowledge regarding the history of Van Meter, as well as genealogy and family history. The library is trying to meet this demand by offering online access to digitized historical materials and documents. Recently we were able to add currently digitized files to a gallery on the library's website. This historical collection is one of the most

underutilized resources in the library. By making historical documents and photos more accessible online, we are not only preserving history, but promoting it to historians, scholars, and anyone with computer access. This will contribute to a broader awareness and a greater appreciation of these valuable materials and the information about local history they contain.

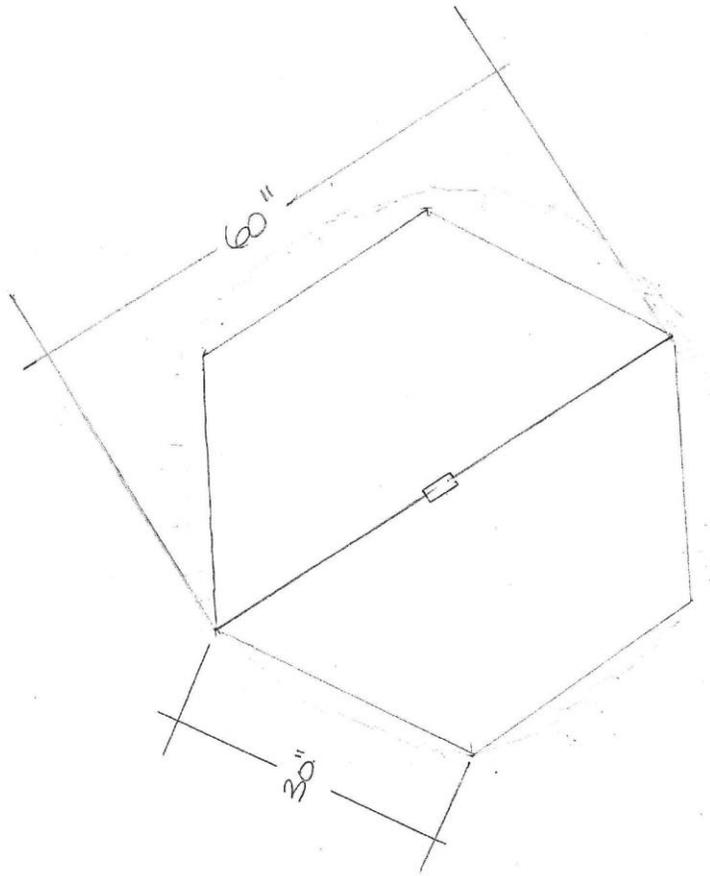
As this project moves forward, we will continue to evaluate the collection and determine the intellectual and interpretive value of the collection, ensuring those materials that would be the most useful are given priority for online accessibility.

What is Digital History? - According to the American Historical Association

Digital history might be understood broadly as an approach to examining and representing the past that works with the new communication technologies of the computer, the internet network, and software systems. On one level, digital history is an open arena of scholarly production and communication, encompassing the development of new materials and data collection efforts. On another level, digital history is a practical approach framed by the power of these technologies to make, define, question, and interpret associations in the human record of the past. To do digital history, then, is to digitize the past certainly, but it is much more than that. It is to create a structure through technology for people to experience, read, and follow history.



VMPL Computer Table



Laminate top



 Drawn by: <u>CC</u>	Client Name: <u>GEVE GABUS</u>
	Location: _____
	Room: _____
	Drawing Date: <u>6.8.15</u>

Agenda Item #8 - Liaison's Report

Agenda Item #9 – Adjourn

Submitted for: Action

Recommendation: Approval

Sample Motion: With no further business do I hear a motion to adjourn?

Board Member _____: So moved.

Board Member _____: Second.

Sample Language: The meeting is adjourned. Thank you.