

# PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## November 2024- Library Director's Report

CIRC	Nov. 2024	YTD Nov. 30	Oct. 2024	YTD Oct. 31
2024	1,835	24,417	2,141	22,582
2023	2,066	22,901	2,009	20,835
2022	2,130	23,701	2,319	21,571
LOANS SENT	Nov. 2024	YTD Nov. 30	Oct. 2024	YTD Oct. 31
2024	442	5,832	572	5,390
2023	414	4,440	442	4,026
2022	353	4,424	409	4,071
OWWL2Go Stats	Nov. 2024	YTD Nov. 30	Oct. 2024	YTD Oct. 31
2024	N/A	N/A	753	6,715
2023	660	5,342	551	4,682
2022	451	4,647	414	4,196

### Programs:

November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm- Book Discussion: Horse by Geraldine Brooks- 6 attendees

### Upcoming Events:

January 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm- The Women by Kristen Hannah

I'm hoping to offer Technology classes again starting in the spring. The winter classes were not well attended last time. I'm definitely looking at Libby training, and we have a request for cellphone training but open to other possibilities.

### Meetings:

11/1-OWWL Director's Advisory Council, 11/14-New Director's Group, 11/15-RRLC Legislative Breakfast, 11/21-Meeting with Angel

Angel and I met to make sure she could get into bank accounts and Quickbooks to start doing the reconciliations for the accounts. We looked at a few samples of other treasurer reports that include account balances and cash flow information. We also discussed the Taylor Endowment, which I recently discovered was accounted in several different spots. I was able to resolve all those issues so the recordkeeping should be clean to hand over.

### Continuing Education

11/1-LIU Class Project, 11/13-Strategic Planning & OWWL State of the System, 11/14-LIU Class, Planned: 11/26-LIU Class Project

The project for LIU is to visit 2 libraries and prepare a summary of how they are using their space and what they should look at to improve flow and services. This is the final class in the series and our presentation is December 6.

### **Outreach**

11/5-Assist with kindergarten field trip, 11/5-11/12-Garden Club photo show

I assisted with the Kindergarten field trip. We also hosted the Garden Club photo show. It was wonderful to see all the color from the gardens. The winner was announced in the Perry Herald.

### **Building:**

11/6- Hulme Gutter Inspection. 11/19-Gutters cleaned

Unfortunately, it was discovered there is nothing behind the gutters (see photos). They recommended putting our money toward fixing the issue discovered rather than caulking the windows because that is where the leak(s) are originating. I am working to get an architect here to review the issues, waiting on a quote from them to bring a sheet metal expert.

We did get the gutters cleaner before the weather turned and they ascertained that the gutters on the gallery addition are hung on a wall and do not cover up the same situation as on the main portion of the building.

Thank you to the Girl Scouts, who came and raked leaves to the curb for us after about half had fallen. The piles were gigantic, so it made sense to break it up.

There are still some leaves left, especially on the side of the building, and the Boy Scouts have been contacted and are planning to come take care of the rest (if the weather holds, gets nicer).

Still outstanding:

- Tree Trimming.

### **Miscellaneous:**

I completed 2 reference requests. I sent in the 2025 School District Funds Letter. Lastly, I reached out to the National Trust for Historic Preservation as recommended by Bero Architecture to see if there is any kind of funding we might be able to apply for related to the gutter situation.