CALL TO ORDER
The meeting of the Community Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees of Peoria Public Library was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Chair Barbara Van Auken in the 2nd Floor Community Room, Main Library, 107 N.E. Monroe Street, Peoria, Illinois.

ROLL CALL
Committee Members Present: Barbara Van Auken, Jeanne Williamson, Ed Barry, Margaret Cousin, Cathy Curtis, Tom Menger, Tiffanie Duncan, and Tim Hartneck
Committee Members Absent: Norman Burdick
Staff Present: Leann Johnson, Roberta Koscielski, Trisha Noack, Jenny Sevier, Alyce Jackson, Liza Hickey, and Karla Wilkinson

ORDER OF BUSINESS
A. Approval of Minutes
   Margaret Cousin made a motion to approve the minutes for February. Cathy Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Digitization proposal
   Leann Johnson reported that board approval on the digitization proposal was delayed because library staff discovered that GenealogyBank.com, a subscription service, contains access to digitized materials that are not yet available to Peoria Public Library. After evaluating how this might affect the library’s project, the library is still interested in the NewsBank product as it will provide better access for patrons. She would like to move forward with the proposal to purchase 1980 to 1991. This will be a perpetual license, and the library has the option to purchase a physical archival copy. The years 1927 through 1951 are currently missing, and staff are working on finding out where copies of those years might be held.

C. Illinois Humanities Peoria Speaks
   Roberta Koscielski shared a copy of the Passages newsletter with a cover story about Peoria Speaks. Dennis Anderson will be facilitating the next talk, which is about politics in Illinois. He will also be writing a column for the Peoria Journal Star about the program.

D. Peoria Public Schools Partnership Update
   Roberta Koscielski reported that Lindbergh Middle School is accepting a deposit collection of large print books. Teri Miller of the Outreach Department will be offering the same service to other middle schools.

E. CILF Agreement
   • Ed Barry stated that he thinks the library could take the existing agreement and build upon it.
Leann Johnson reported that she has been reaching out to other libraries with similar situations. She received a response from the Decatur Library about some special collections and agreements they have. The Lincoln Library in Springfield has not responded yet.

Tim Hartneck sent inquiries to some institutions that have similar collections, but has not gotten a response.

The insurance company employed by CILF would need an appraisal of the collection before they could take any action. Leann Johnson said that LIRA, the library’s insurer, can provide information on how to approach an appraisal.

F. Books to Botswana
Margaret Cousin reported that the Spring shipment has been sent. The program is fully funded through Summer 2019. She thanked the Friends of the Library for their donation of books and Barbara Van Auken for her donation of puzzles.

G. Joint Activities with Peoria Riverfront Museum
   • Barbara Van Auken asked if it would be appropriate for the library to create a liaison position to the Peoria Riverfront Museum. No action was taken.
   • Leann Johnson reported that the Little Free Library for the museum still needs painted. She also said that there is a reception for the bicentennial exhibit on April 21. She encouraged committee members to attend as the library loaned a signed Lincoln document for the exhibit.
   • The library now has a museum pass available for patrons to check out. It will allow a family of four to get into the museum for one day.

H. Follow-up with League of Women Voters
Leann Johnson reported that after receiving a poor grade from the League of Women Voters on the library’s website, some changes have been made to add missing items. They have not given feedback on the new website.

OTHER BUSINESS
   • Ed Barry asked if entry displays would be needed for Summer Reading. Library staff informed him that there are already plans for displays.
   • Ed Barry reported that applications are coming due for the Landmarks Illinois Preservation Awards. He would like to nominate the Lincoln Branch.
   • Tom Menger stated that books that were previously requested as a donation for Camp Wokanda will be purchased from the Friends.

ADJOURNMENT
Cathy Curtis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m.