CALL TO ORDER
The meeting of the Community Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees of Peoria Public Library was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Barbara Van Auken in the 2nd Floor Community Room, Main Library, 107 NE Monroe Street, Peoria, Illinois.

ROLL CALL
Committee Members Present: Barbara Van Auken, Jeanne Williamson, Ed Barry, Margaret Cousin, Norman Burdick, and Tiffanie Duncan (entered at 5:08 p.m.)
Committee Members Absent: Cathy Curtis, Tom Menger, Dave Weiss, and Tim Hartneck
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 stated that she failed to acknowledge Barbara Van Auken for donating puzzles to the library in Jwaneng at the April meeting. Margaret Cousin made a motion to approve the minutes for February. Jeanne Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. HVAC Update
Leann Johnson reported that, in order to replace the HVAC system, workers will need to have access to the ceilings on the first and second floors of the Main Library. They will need approximately five weeks to complete the work. Access will be closed to those floors and the collection will be shadowed. October will be the best time for the work to happen because the weather should be mild. Staff has talked about the logistics of closing the floors.

C. Little Free Library
Jeanne Williamson reported that the unit should be at the Peoria Riverfront Museum by the end of the week. Pat Barton will be in charge of refilling that unit. The unit at Sweet Cece’s is being refilled by visitors.

D. Storywalk
Leann Johnson has not heard an update from the Park District since their Programming Committee meeting.

E. Digitization proposal
• Barbara Van Auken reported that Norman Burdick has created an overview of the digitization project that includes a timeline. She stated that we should have a signed contract with NewsBank before proceeding.
• Leann Johnson has been contacting other libraries that use NewsBank to ask if they have had quality control issues. Most have not.
• Norman Burdick is forming a committee to talk about fundraising for the project. Jenny Sevier, Liza Hickey, Tiffanie Duncan, and Pat Barton will be on the committee.

F. Illinois Humanities Peoria Speaks
   Roberta Koscielski shared that the next meeting is on homelessness. Kevin Nowlan, Continuum of Care Director, Heart of Illinois United Way, will be the speaker. Illinois Humanities selected Peoria as one of seven towns to be featured in podcasts about the Illinois bicentennial. The library, Peoria Journal Star, and one other organization will participate in November.

G. Peoria Public Schools Partnership Update
   Teri Miller of the Outreach Department is putting together a bookmobile schedule for Summer and Fall.

H. CILF Agreement
   Leann Johnson reported that work has progressed to allow space for things to be unboxed in hopes that they can be appraised. She also contacted Mark Moran, an appraiser, who is willing to look at the collection to appraise it for insurance. The Springfield library has a “gentleman’s agreement” with their historical society, so there is no agreement to use as a model. She also talked to the director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library. They are trying to locate any microfilm copies of the Peoria Journal Star that they might have in their collection.

OTHER BUSINESS
Peoria Public Library was one of 50 libraries in the country selected by the American Library Association for the Great American Read Grant to complement the program on PBS. The library will be able to do special programs, including a screening of the premiere episode and book discussions.

ADJOURNMENT
Margaret Cousin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

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Barbara Van Auken, Chair
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