

January 8, 2008

- We received a grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation for \$1215 to start a “Read a Great Movie” collection. Money will be used to purchase copies of books and the movies they were made into.

February 12, 2008

- Laurens Chief of Police Tom Shaw and Matt Vander Pool of L-M’s technology department presented a program about Internet Safety.

March 11, 2008

- The Easter Bunny was a special guest at a story time co-hosted by the Library and the Laurens Chamber.

April 8, 2008

- New countertops were installed in both bathrooms by Leo’s Kitchens of Storm Lake.
- The bathroom stalls were repainted a neutral color by Laurens Auto Body.
- Library staff gave the bathrooms a fresh coat of paint.
- Shana Stewart presented a program about Carnegie Libraries on April 22
- 2008-2009 budget: The City will give the Library \$3,000 less than requested, the County pledged \$300 more than anticipated. Total budget increase will be 3.5% \$116,938

May 13, 2008

- Board reviewed information on new color copier/printers. Director will make the final decision.

June 10, 2008

- Summer Reading theme is “Catch the Reading Bug” We will have weekly story times Monday at 1:30. Butterfliz of Iowa kicked this off on June 2.
- At the end of fiscal year 2008 \$4,000 was transferred into our Capital Improvement Fund, making the balance in it \$6,150
- Wendy Zohrer presented programs on “Feed Sack Clothing” and “Stories Written in Dust” about the Great Depression.
- New color copier was purchased from Office Elements in Storm Lake.
- Board approved a 5% wage increase for all staff.
- Library hosted a Town Hall meeting with Senator Chuck Grassley.

July 8, 2008

- Library will use Board member Jane Christensen’s Volkswagen Bug in the Celebrate Laurens parade. It will be decorated as a Reading Bug.
- Library Board members met with representatives of Bethany Lutheran Church about farm rent. They agreed to set it at \$185 per acre. The Library Board approved.

August 12, 2008

- Dick Gruber presented a program about One Room School Houses.

September 9, 2008

- Chad Lewis author of ***The Road Guide to Haunted Places in Iowa*** presented a program

October 14, 2008

- Mary Dean retired October 1st. She has worked at the Library since September of 1997.
- Carroll Area Paranormal Team and Halloween Magician Larry Dunbar drew great crowds to the Library.
- We will be hosting Wacky Wednesday story times about twice a month when L-M has early outs for teacher in-service training.

November 11, 2008

- Library Foundation Pancake Supper fundraiser was again held at the Christian Church, with the help of the local Kiwanis. New projects funded this year include a Fireproof File Cabinet & TV/DVD for Children's area.
- Hungrytown folk duo entertained at the Library after supper.
- Our Sister City Laurens France was the topic of a program presented by Julie Wurr about her travels there.
- Music for One Piano, Four Hands was our entertainment the day after Thanksgiving, presented by former Laurens residents Deb and Dave Lilledahl.
- Library Director Glenda Mulder has been appointed to serve on the Advisory Council for the Northwest Iowa Library Service Area.
- The Library has two new employees. Nancy Walker will be our new Children's Librarian and Cathy Jensen will be working the circulation desk. We are very fortunate to have found new employees who have previous library experience.

December 9, 2008

- Our Carol Hoffman has retired. She has worked at the Library since August of 1984.
- Former Spencer Librarian and bestselling author Vickie Myron talked about her book "Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World."
- Kristy Mather told the Board she would resign when her term on the Library Board expires the end of the year. We will need to find a new rural representative.
- Library Staff will again receive Laurens Bucks as a Christmas bonus