

January 8, 2013

- County Librarians had their annual meeting with the County Supervisors. We each told of activities and services at our library and thanked them for their support.
- Library staff began to weed out the adult nonfiction books that are dated or not circulating, in anticipation of a planned reorganization of space.

February 12, 2013

- Kill-a-Watt energy savings program was presented by George Tuttle.
- Don Aschenbrenner of Laurens Plumbing reports that our heat pump needs to be replaced. He suggests the single phase system. Cost estimate is \$17,000. There is a \$1,000 rebate available from the Light Plant. Board voted to go ahead with this. Money will be transferred from our Capital Reserves Fund to pay for this.

March 12, 2013

- Jorge Johnsen Piano Recital and travel review of St. Petersburg, Russia
- The City Council approved the 2013/2014 budget as presented.

April 10, 2013

- Musician Ellen Cherry presented a concert at the library.
- Library Director informed the Board that we are required to do annual employee evaluations. This will be done next month using the form that is used by the City of Laurens.

May 14, 2013

- Our Library was the host site for an area Director's Round Table discussion.
- Library staff completed a major reorganization of space. The fiction and nonfiction areas were reversed. The adult fiction now lives in the larger southwest section of the library, and the adult nonfiction is in the northwest.
- Children's librarian Nancy Walker has resigned, due to her family's move.
- Allison Price has been hired to fill this position.
- Connie Dallenbach was recognized for her 25 years of service on the Library Board.
- The new heat pump has been installed.
- Staff evaluations were reviewed. Director shared that we have an excellent staff, as reflected in the evaluations. Director received a good evaluation by the Board.

June 11, 2013

- Summer Reading theme is "Dig into Reading!" We will meet for story Times Tuesdays at 1:30. Special programs include Blank Park Zoo, Pockets Full of Fun puppets, and Mike Anderson, The Dulcimer Guy. LegoMania on Fridays.
- Singer/songwriter Danny Santos again entertained us.
- Staff will receive pay increases beginning July 1 ranging from 4.8-5% based on their evaluations.

July 9, 2013

- "I Want It Know" author Darlene Naig was at the Library.
- Our first Coupon Swap was held at the library. They will be held monthly.

August 13, 2013

- "50 Dates in 50 States" author Tiffany Malcom was at the Library.
- The Library received their Certificate of Accreditation 2013-2016 as a Tier 3 library.
- At a joint meeting with the Bethany Lutheran Church Council, farm rent was set at \$330 per acre.
- Due to recent changes, Library Director is now on the City's insurance, with a family policy monthly rate of \$898.10 paid by the City.

September 10, 2013

- Annual report has been filed with the State Library of Iowa.
- Mary Runneberg has given notice that she is retiring in November.

October 8, 2013

- New copier/printer from Office Elements was installed.
- Foundation Pancake Supper was a great fundraiser. Money will be used for a diaper changing table and TumbleBooks online. Continuing projects include Wilbor online books, baby packets, CD books, Child Care Tubs, Summer Reading, and special programming.
- Magician Larry Dunbar again packed the house following Trick or Treating.

November 12, 2013

- Laurens Library hosted the Pocahontas County Library Meeting. Present were our members of the County Board of Supervisors, County Library staff and boards.
- Local author of "Unveiling the Wizard's Shroud" Eric Price was at the Library.
- Library Staff, L-M staff and 151 students participated in Read for the Record Day by reading Loren Long's "Otis"
- Kayla Graff has been hired as part time circulation staff, as Mary Runneberg has retired.

December 10, 2013

- Princess City Players hosted an evening of Christmas entertainment.
- Board approved 2012/2013 amended budget of \$137,176 with the City's portion being \$83,097. This will be submitted to the City.
- Library Board met at the home of Lois Jirgens.