

HISTORY OF THE LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY Part 3

January 12, 2010

- We received word that IPTV's Dan Wardell will be stopping at our Library this summer as part of his Reading Road trip.

February 9, 2010

- We received a \$2,000 grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation for a puppet theater, puppets, die cuts, and a laminator to support our summer reading and other story time events.

March 9, 2010

- 2010/2011 budget of \$115,794 has been approved by the City Council as presented.

April 13, 2010

- Next year's budget will see a 5% increase in funding from Pocahontas County, bringing their contribution to \$10,237.

May 11, 2010

- April showed a new record circulations of 4,179.
- Jane Christensen resigned from the Board, as they are moving. She had been a member for 4 years.

June 8, 2010

- Summer Reading theme is "Make a Splash – READ!" We will have programs by Captain Mike, Dan Wardell's Reading Road Trip, and Blank Park Zoo.
- We welcome Lois Jirgens to the Library Board.
- Staff will receive a 5% pay increase.
- Dwight Van Genderen was appointed to the Library Foundation Board.

July 13, 2010

- Troy Oehlert was appointed to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Al Peterson, who recently passed away.
- Author Martha McCarthy was here to discuss her book, "Five Island Diaries"

August 10, 2010

- Barn Quilts of Pocahontas County program.
- Farm rent will remain unchanged at \$200 per acre.

September 14, 2010

- Library Staff member Cathy Jensen retired this month, Janet Runneberg plans to retire at the end of 2010.
- Program by Larry Stone about his book "Gladys Black: The Legacy of Iowa's Bird Lady"
- The Annual Survey was submitted to the State Library of Iowa. It shows circulation increased 8%, our computer use jumped 24%.

October 12, 2010

- Iowa Author Mike Manno, IPART; Iowa's Ghost Hunters, and magician Larry Dunbar had programs at the library this month.
- A new heat pump was installed to replace one damaged by ice last winter. We only had to pay the insurance deductible.
- J & S Concrete Countertops was hired to replace the countertops in the staff room and the on circulation desk using a concrete overlay.

November 9, 2010

- Dave Ehlert portrayed "Mark Twain 100 Years Later"
- Library Foundation's fundraiser Pancake Supper was again held at the Christian Church. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for ongoing Foundation projects and to upgrade our Library operating system to the online Follett Destiny.
- "Piano Duets and More" by Deb and Dave Liljedahl again entertained us the Friday after Thanksgiving.

December 14, 2010

- To celebrate the season, the meeting was held at the home of Board member Lois Jirgens.
- Staff will receive a bonus of \$250 for full time, and \$100 for part time in Laurens Bucks.
- Board approved the 2011/2012 budget proposal of \$121,130, with the City's share being \$84,905. This will be submitted to City Council.
- Janet Runneberg will retire the end of December, she has worked at the Library for 8 ½ years. Mary Runneberg will begin duties in January.