

January 13, 2009

- Dr. Dwight Van Genderen is our new rural representative on the Library Board.
- Proposed budget of \$118,913 for fiscal 2010 was approved by the Library Board, to be presented to the City Council.
- A new blower was installed on the furnace.
- The Library Foundation received a \$2,000 donation from Murphy Land Management. These funds combined with Virginia Hodges memorial will enable us to begin the digitization of The Laurens Sun newspaper microfilm.

February 10, 2009

- Library Board voted to retain the same slate of officers: President Russell Thumma, Vice President Pat Boughey, and Secretary Jeanette Korrect.
- It was noted that our proposed budget will need to be reviewed, as the City is making budget cuts.
- Library Director Mulder has filed the Accreditation Report with the State Library of Iowa. This is filed every three years, and determines our tier status for funding. We met all 40 of the criteria for full accreditation as well as 32 (only 16 are required) of the 35 optional ones.
- Stan DeHaan helped us commemorate the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth by portraying him in our library and for a program for the L-M school kids.

March 10, 2009

- 2009/2010 Budget will be \$106,193 after a 16% cut in City funding. We requested 85,726; we will receive \$72,000. This is approximately 9% less total budget estimate than the current year.
- A new server, which hosts our library operating system, was installed by Northwest Communications at a cost of \$1407.99

April 14, 2009

- Julie Wurr was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Jon Jensen on the Laurens Public Library Foundation Board.

May 12, 2009

- We will be receiving a Libri Foundation grant for Children's books.
- Board President Russell Thumma commended Library Director Glenda Mulder for her successful grant writing.

June 9, 2009

- Hammered Dulcimer Program by Martha Giles
- Summer Reading theme is "Be Creative." Story times will be held on Tuesdays June 16 through July 21.
- 2009 Governor's Volunteer Award was presented to the Library at a ceremony at Buena Vista University.

July 14, 2009

- Okoboji author Peter Davidson was at the Library.
- Pockets Full of Fun puppets entertained our Summer Reading participants.
- City Council member Jesse Newgard and Representatives of Bethany Lutheran Church Council attended the Board meeting to discuss farm rent. It is currently \$185 and the decision was to raise it to \$200 per acre.
- There is a new State law that prohibits sex offenders against minors from being in a library. A new policy was approved to reflect this.
- We had a "Be Creative" kazoo band in the Celebrate Laurens parade.

August 11, 2009

- Singer Songwriter Danny Santos entertained at the library.
- Compressor on the north heat exchanger was replaced. It was still under warranty, so we only paid for labor.

September 15, 2009

- Annual Survey has been submitted to the State Library of Iowa
- Library circulation continues to be at an all-time high level.

October 13, 2009

- Laurens Public Library hosted the annual Pocahontas County Libraries meeting.
- Library Director Glenda Mulder informed the Board she has completed the needed continuing education and submitted the necessary paperwork for her Library Recertification.
- Magician Larry Dunbar again packed the house for his program after Trick or Treating.

November 10, 2009

- Annual Library Foundation Pancake Supper Fundraiser was followed this year by a Storm Chasers program at the Library. Funds raised are earmarked for a video-recorder and tripod.
- Jeanette Korrekt has resigned from the Library Board. She had been on the Board since March of 1997.
- Due to new laws regarding gender equity on appointed Boards, our new Board member will have to be male.
- Connie Dallenbach was elected Library Board Secretary.
- Circulation topped 4,000 for the first time! It was 4,032

December 8, 2009

- Library Board President H. Russell Thumma has passed away. The Board purchased "The Thinker" bookends in his memory.
- We are well represented at the Laurens Festival of Trees. Book Club's entry is "A Flurry of Good Books" featuring books and snowflakes cut from book pages using our die cut machine. The Library created "BookWorm's Delight" which is a tree made of books with gummy worms crawling on it.
- We welcome Thaine Hopkins to the Library Board
- Pat Boughey was elected President; Doc Van Genderen was elected Vice President.
- Approved the proposed 2010/2011 budget of \$115,794 to be presented to City Council.