

January 9, 2007

- Mary Kliegl joined us as our newest Board member.
- Monthly Book Discussion began Monday, January 29 with the novel ***Plainsong*** by Kent Haruf. 16 people attended.
- We will be receiving a \$2,000 Pocahontas County Foundation Grant to purchase 2 notebook computers.

Joint Meeting with the Foundation about the roof.

- Rotting wood was found in the soffit headers. They will need to be replaced, so more funding will be needed.
- Approved the Change Order for \$18,500
- The Foundation pledged another \$12,500 for the project

February 12, 2007

- Deb Hertz joined the Library staff as a part time employee.
- Wireless Internet installation was successfully completed February 23^d

March 13, 2007

- Meskwaki Code Talkers program was held, rescheduled after January blizzard.
- St Patrick's Day Card Party & Luncheon Friday March 16
- Received word that the Roy G. Carver Charitable Trust will review our application for funding for the roofing project at their April meeting.
- Glenda received "Celebrate Iowa Literacy for Iowa Reading" from the Quint County Reading Group and Iowa Reading Association.

April 10, 2007

- Roof repair project is accepted as completed and full payment made. Total project approximately \$51,000. Laurens Library paid \$29,645, balance paid by the Laurens Public Library Foundation and grants.

May 8, 2007

- The Library Foundation received \$10,200 from the Roy G. Carver Charitable Trust to cover unexpected costs during our roofing project.

June 12, 2007

- We will receive a Pocahontas County Foundation Grant for \$1,450 to purchase Dewey Decimal supplies, as well as a digital projector that can be hooked up to computers for library presentations, and also loaned out to patrons.
- Summer Reading theme is "Get a Clue," so we will be solving mysteries.
- We are gearing up for the Laurens Quasquicentennial, as well as RAGBRAI coming through Laurens in July.

July 10, 2007

- During the Quasquicentennial celebration, as well as RAGBRAI, the Library sold Book Worms (Gummi worms candy) as a fundraiser.
- Fred Johnson is moving, and has resigned from the Library Board as well as the Foundation Board. Jane Christensen was appointed to fill his position on the Foundation Board.
- Kristy Mather is going to set up a meeting with representatives from Bethany Lutheran to discuss raising the farm rent.

August 7, 2007

- Glenda Mulder & Deb Hertz attended "Libraries on the Prairie" in Ames August 13 & 14, paid for by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Alan Peterson is our new Library Board member.

September 11, 2007

- "Fossils of Iowa" program by Robert Wolf
- Staff completed a weeding of the J 7 Y nonfiction.
- The Board voted to raise the farm rent to \$135 per acre
- Annual Survey has been completed for the State Library of Iowa.

October 9, 2007

- Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher performed on October 11
- We had a Halloween themed visit to our Partners in Education, Mrs. Ballman's First Grade.
- Annual visit from Larry Dunbar, our Halloween magician.
- City Council did not approve \$135 per acre farm rent. Councilman Jesse Newgard used Iowa State Extension's Cash rent Rate Survey to illustrate the view that \$150 per acre is the going rate for this quality land in our area. Library Board agreed to this rate, and will use this survey to set the rate annually in July in the future.

November 13, 2007

November 8, Library Foundation Pancake Supper fundraiser was held at the Christian Church. This year's projects are DVD rack and ceiling mount pull-down screen

- November 19 "Voices from the Past: A Laurens Anthology" was presented by Laurens Women's Club.
- Library Director Glenda Mulder reported that materials circulations were 3772 last month, which is an all-time high.
- Proposed budget of \$118,938 for fiscal year 2009 was approved by the Library Board and will be submitted to the City Council.

December 11, 2007

- Staff received \$200 for full time and \$100 for part time in Laurens Bucks as a Christmas bonus.