

January 11, 2022

- Simpson Construction blew additional insulation into the Library attic. The bill was submitted to LMPC for a \$1,000 rebate on our electric bill.
- County Librarians met with the Board of Supervisors. A 5% raise was requested.
- Ordered a smart TV using ARPA grant funds.
- Received a Pocahontas County Foundation grant for \$4790 for new office furniture.
- Book Club is reading ***Little House in the Big Woods*** by Laura Ingalls Wilder

February 8, 2022

- Book Club is reading ***Three Sisters*** by Heather Morris
- Supervisors denied the County Librarian's request for a 5% increase for fiscal year 2023. We have had the same allocation since fiscal 2021. The board signed a letter asking for their reconsideration.

March 8, 2022

- We are weeding the adult nonfiction section
- Book Club is reading ***The Overnight Guest*** by Heather Gudenkauf

April 12, 2022

- Evening program with pianist Carter Nath
- FY22 budget was amended to reflect a difference in some line items, but the amount received from the City remains the same.
- Book Club is reading ***What We Carry*** by Jennifer Londo. It is the All Iowa Reads youth selection

May 10, 2022

- New office furniture was delivered May 14. Funded by a Pocahontas County Foundation grant & the Library Foundation
- Programs included ***Carnegie Libraries in Iowa*** with Shana Stewart and ***Orphan Train*** by Lori Vicker
- Reviewed the Closing of the Library policy and approved it with no changes.
- Book Club is reading ***I'll Be Gone in the Dark*** by Michelle McNamara

June 21, 2022

- Kids Summer Reading theme is "Read Beyond the Beaten Path." It will run June 8 – July 27
- Discussion of Staff reviews
- Board voted a 4% raise for Library employees for FY23
- End of FY22 shows income of \$144,746.65. and expenses of \$144,877.18
- Book Club is reading ***Being Mortal*** by Atul Gawande

July 12,2022

- Children's Librarian Jeri Wenell will be retiring in August. A search has begun to fill this position.
- Mike Ford presented "WWII Fu-Go Japanese Balloon Bomb" Saturday morning during the Town Celebration
- A cymbal is missing from the LilyPad in the Music Garden. A replacement has been ordered.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday August 4. We will first meet with the Council of the Lutheran Church to discuss changing to a flexible lease for the farm, then return to the Library for our regular meeting.
- Book Club is reading ***The Push*** by Ashley Audrain

August 10, 2022

- Met with Bethany Lutheran Church Council to discuss Farm rent. Current Rent is \$255, using the formula we have used in the past it would go up to \$270 per acre. Voted to offer Kyle Wenell a flexible lease, using \$225 as the base rent. Actual yield and prices would be used to adjust this rate after harvest. Rich Ehlers for the Church & Jan Hersom from the Library will meet with Kyle to discuss this. Glenda will contact the lawyer to terminate the current lease by September 1st
- Dana Cairy has been hired as Children's Librarian
- Book Club is reading ***The Butterfly Effect*** by Rachel Mans McKenny, which is the 2033 All Iowa Reads 2022 selection

September 14, 2022

- We again met with Bethany Lutheran Council to discuss Farm Rent. Approved a flexible lease with the base (minimum) rent being \$250 per acre to be paid in March. Flexible lease form to be used to figure the flex payment, which is due December 1<sup>st</sup>. Maximum rent would be \$400 per acre. Rich will get the terminology to the lawyer for the lease to be drawn up.
- Book Club is reading ***Great Expectations*** by Charles Dickens
- Genealogy Program with Linda McCann
- Schedule is set for L-M class visits. Online Tot Times will be Monday mornings. Evening Tot Time the third Wednesday of the month.
- Monthly card making classes and Take it Tuesday have started up again.

October 11, 2022

- Laurens hosted the County Library meeting. Laurens Librarian Glenda Mulder & Bonnie McKewon from the State Library presented a program about Banned Books.
- Library Foundation Baked Potato Bar Supper, followed by guitarist Jerry Barlow October 20<sup>th</sup>

- Book Club is reading ***A Single Thread*** by Tracy Chavalier
- Magician Larry Dunbar will again be at the library for Halloween. We have added a costume contest, since town trick or treat night has been moved to Saturday.
- Children's Librarian Dana Cairy resigned. Cassandra Green started in this position October 17
- Brin & Acreage CDs will be allowed to automatically renew for a year.

November 8, 2022

- Book Club is reading ***Gentle on my Mind*** by Kim Campbell
- Miss Elsie CD will be renewed for one year at 1.26% interest
- Six Memory Care kits have been prepared and are ready to be checked out. This is a Library Foundation project.

December 13, 2022

- Book Club is reading ***The Santa Claus Girl*** by Patricia Goodin
- Board approved the proposed FY 23-24 budget as presented by Librarian Glenda Mulder. This will be submitted to the City, for their approval
- Reviewed ADA part #4, and found we are compliant for interior accessibility
- Hakes CD renewed at 1.26% interest for 12 months. Interest to be spent for nonfiction books.
- Les Milton, Pat Boughey, & Mary Kliegl's Library Board terms expire January 1, 2023. They have all agreed to serve another 6 year term, pending Council approval.