

LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY – PART II

January 11, 1965

- Yearly report (for 1964) shows circulation of 17,111 for adults and 19,320 for juveniles making total year's circulation 36,431.
- Present slate of officers reelected for 1965 as follows, Joe Halterman, Chairman; Sarah Runeberg, treasurer; Bertha Olson, secretary. Other members are Earl Dwyer, Mattie Kreul, Francis Hakes, Marvin Loxterkamp, Harold Hitchcock, and Pat Harms.
- Accepted Coast to Coast bid at \$370.92 for air-conditioner.
- Sarah Runeberg reported that Mrs. Jerry Run[n]eberg assisted on yearly reports and will continue to help.
- Budget report for 1964: Total Received: \$6,526.65; Amount Spent: \$5,749.47.

June 8, 1965

- Bills amounting to \$503.73 were approved for payment.
- Mrs. Cook gave a report on the library course taken at the University of Iowa, stating it was very helpful.
- Budget Comm. reported budget for 1966 at \$7,515.00 for approval; motion carried.

December 13, 1965

- Secretary reported that book cart (with rubber bumpers) has been ordered.
- Chm. received request [for] information on talking books and on records. This was answered by Mrs. Cook and board will be alert for any further details.
- Book Chm. reported that 23 books are ordered but not received as yet.

February 8, 1966

- Mrs. Cook reported few people coming in on Saturday nights, none the past Sat. Motion was made and carried that library close on Sat. nights through March 31 effective immediately.
- Book Committee reported 530 new books in 1965—119 adult fiction, 159 adult non-fiction, 252 juvenile books

May 10, 1966

- District Library meeting will be held May 12, 1966 in Sibley—four board members and Mrs. Cook will go.

- Received from Swan Lake Twp--\$75.00.
- Total spent for the year - \$1,948.59.

October 13, 1966

- Salesman for the World Book Encyclopedia met with the Board. A set in library binding was ordered at the cost of \$127.50.
- Marvin Loxterkamp stated that he had talked with Father Ortman about use of old books and he will send them to a mission. Mrs. Cook said she sends some novels to Farm Bureau women in Aryshire who maintain a reading room.

February 16, 1967

- Moved and carried that the insurance amount be raised to \$20,000 on building and \$20,000 on contents.
- Mrs. Cook told the board of change in requests coming into the library. She is giving more help to students in college on children's literature and aided [in] the listing of books for school library in Aryshire; thus, her library course training in Iowa City is showing value.

May 9, 1967

- Pat Harms reported good service from Baker and Taylor (on book orders) and asked for book titles to be added to library.
- Hersom Construction will repair the broken step at the entrance to the library.

October 10, 1967

- Bills approved for payment amounted to \$697.07
- It was noted that Frances Hakes has been a member of the board for 40 years, serving as president for 12 of those years. She was duly congratulated.

November 14, 1967

- Mrs. Fitzgerald asked that the Head Start children be allowed to come to library one morning a week. Due to library being closed at that hour, was decided to suggest they come once a month while Theone Harris (Children's Librarian) is in the library.

February 13, 1968

- Chairman Halterman officially welcomed new board member Evelyn Pitluck to complete unexpired term of Sarah Runeberg to January 1972.
- Communication received from Mrs. Coffin thanking board for remembering her on her 90th birthday.
- Mrs. Tanner, Regional librarian met with the board discussing cooperative book plan. One advantage of the plan is interlibrary loan of expensive or seldom used books; another is book exchange of books not circulating; a third advantage is 38-40% discount on books bought; these books are completely cataloged and jacketed when our library receives them.
- Motion made and approved that this library be involved for one year in the amount of at least \$120 to Cooperative War Eagle Library located at Sheldon. (Copy of this agreement found in sleeve in the back of this binder.)

March 12, 1968

- Approved to pay \$600 to War Eagle Cooperative.
- Librarian report showed circulation of 2626 for February 1968.

April 9, 1968

- Mrs. Walker Alderton from Tucson, Ariz. would like to give library a portrait of her mother who was first president of Woman's Club and instrumental in starting the library, if agreeable to library.

May 14, 1968

- Mattie Kreul reported a reply letter from Mrs. Alderton stating she will be in Laurens next week and will contact Mattie regarding the oil painting of her mother.

June 13, 1968

- Received letter from Mrs. Erlieb accepting invitation from Laurens to host the 1969 spring district library meeting.
- Approved to dispense with July and August board meetings, but approved paying for bills for those months.

September 4, 1968

- Library staff members (not librarian) requested salaries be increased to \$1.50 per hour. This was approved effective September 3, 1968.
- It was moved and carried to award interior painting contract for \$235 to Hersom Construction.
- Pat Harms reported there would be a book display by War Eagle Coop at Storm Lake.

November 12, 1968

- Daily library hours were discussed and due to lack of patrons on Saturday nights, it was decided to close the library, extending the afternoon hours to 5:30 p.m. daily.
- Letter from Mrs. Alderton stating reasons for delay in Etta Crowder's (her mother) portrait, that it will be sent as soon as finished.

January 22, 1969

- All books were moved while the library was painted and is now completed. A unanimous vote of approval from members was given to Pat Harms and Evelyn Pitluck for choice of color.
- Bank balance is \$7,606.29.

May 13, 1969

- The portrait of Etta Crowder was received and unpacked. It was hung by Marvin Loxterkamp and Joe Halterman. A letter from Mrs. Alderton was read regarding sending the portrait.
- Received May 10 a check from Town of Laurens in the amount of \$4,000.

June 11, 1969

- The new library assistant to replace Ann Sernett will be Mrs. Francis (Elene) Alstott.
- Budget for next year, \$8,095, was approved. This will include new steps, covered side stairs, basement storage and fire wall.
- Evelyn Pitluck was nominated treasurer to replace Marvin Loxterkamp. Carried. Gratitude was expressed to Marvin for his help and service to the library.

November 11, 1969

- Chairman Halterman welcomed new member Glenn Kees who has been appointed by city council to fill unexpired term of Marvin Loxterkamp.
- Fire Marshall Pete Hansen came to check the firewall in the basement. He also agreed to build new shelves and remove old table.

December 9, 1969

- Board continued discussions on future library needs. Harold Hitchcock suggested possibility of library's being incorporated in new city hall plans. Chairman appointed Hitchcock to meet with council.