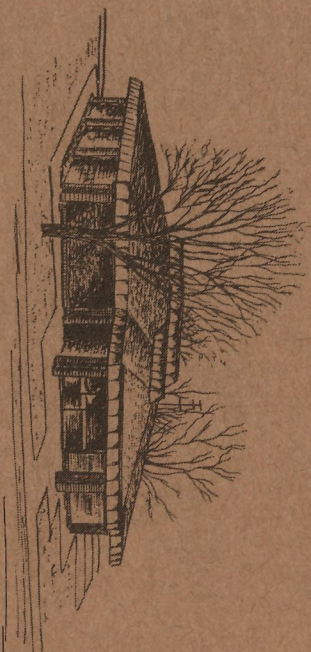


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OPEN HOUSE

After 10 years as Library
Director, Sandi Neary is retiring.
Please join us in thanking her for
these years of great service and to
wish her well in her retirement.

Thursday, June 29, 2006
4:00-6:00 p.m.

June 2006



Sandra's Last Day of work



Blenda, Carol, Sandra, Mary, Joyce
Library Staff

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Sandi Neary

Genette Korreck

Connie Dallenbach



Chocolate yum!



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Sandi & Fred Neary



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Connie Dallenbach

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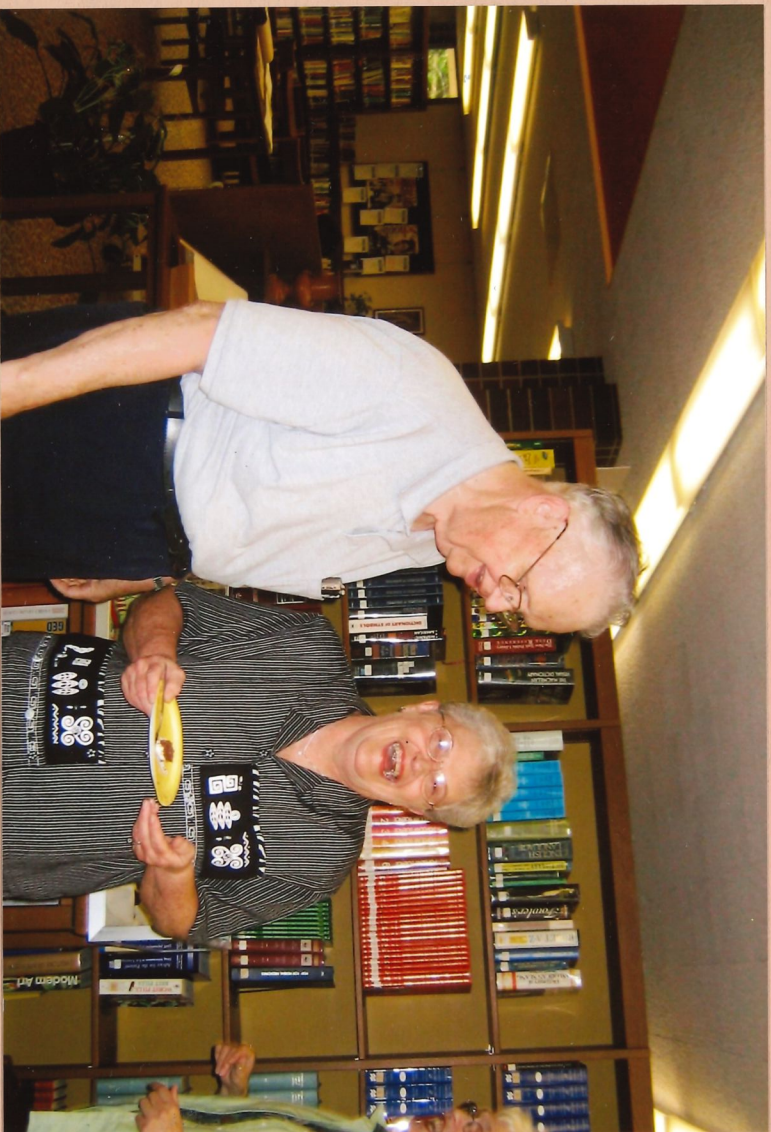


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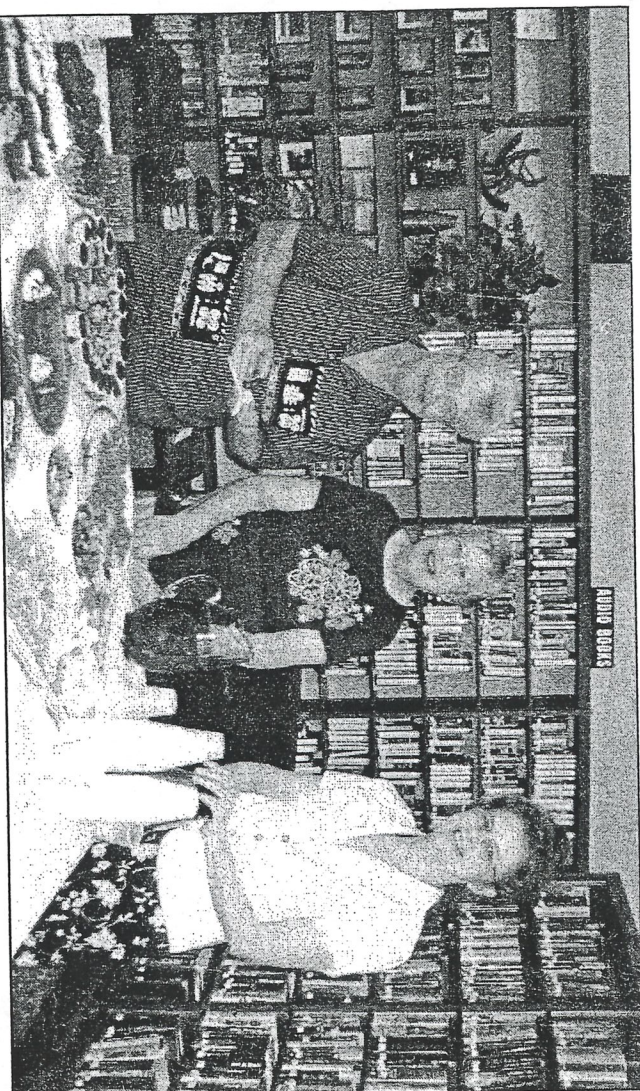
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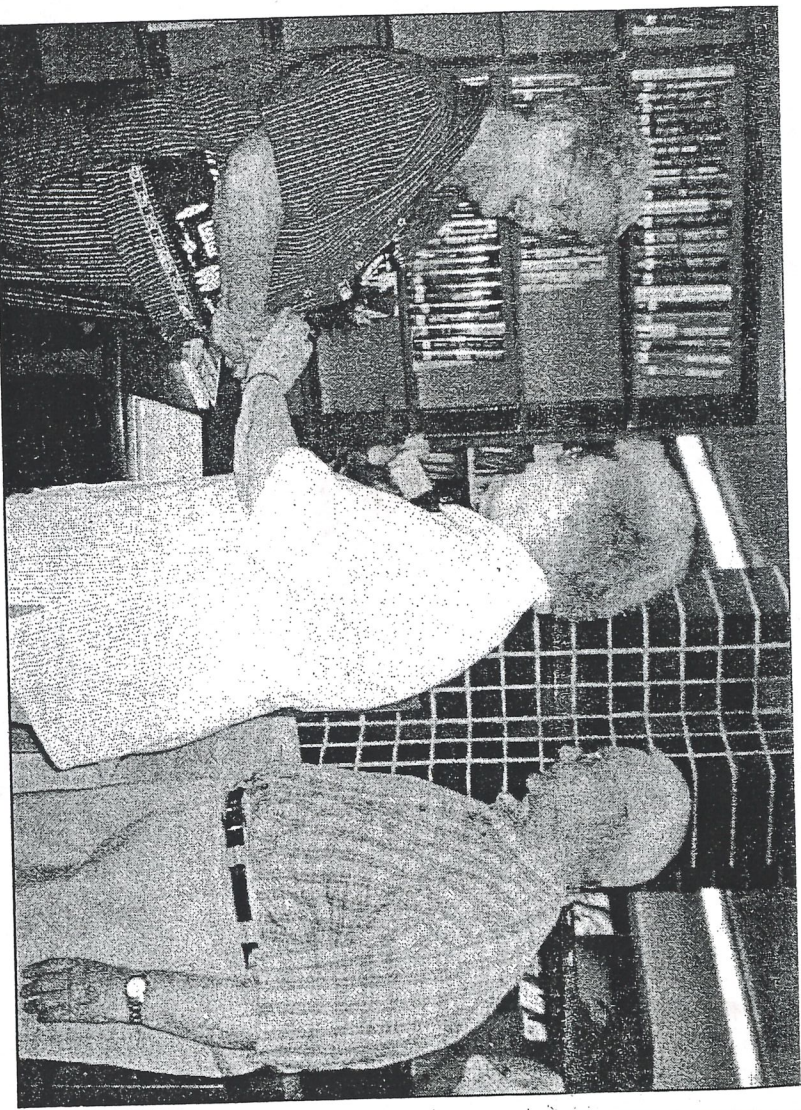
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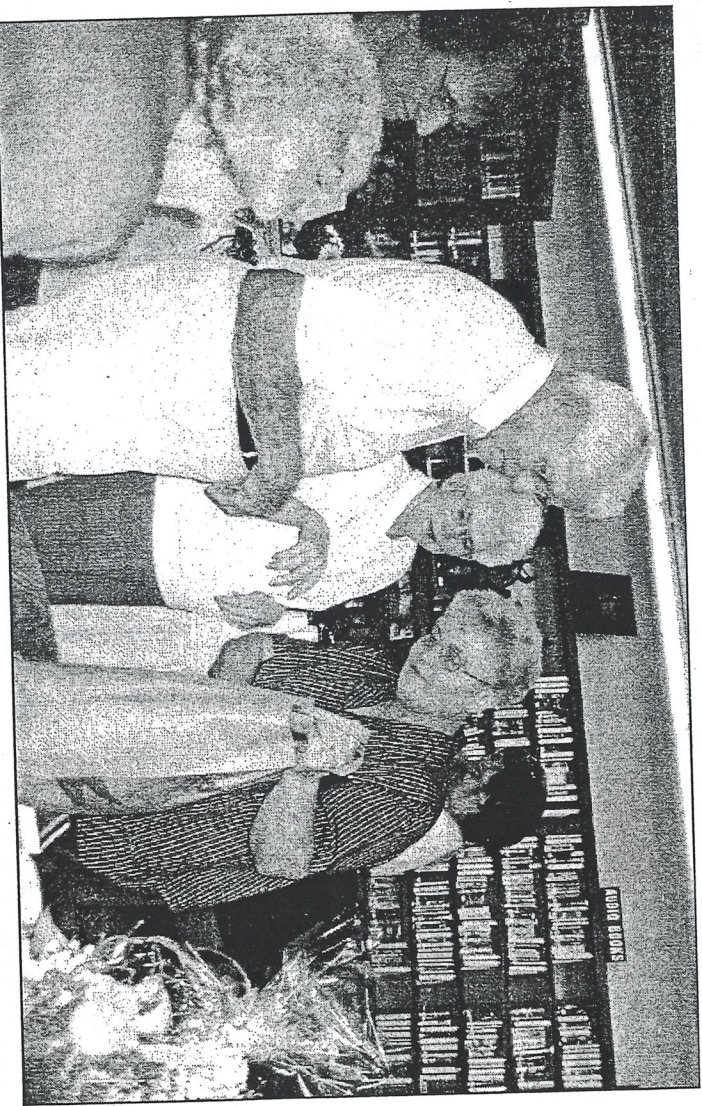
LAURENS LIBRARY BOARD HOSTED AN OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2006 AT THE LIBRARY FOR RETIRING DIRECTOR, SANDI NEARY. Over 100 people stopped by to wish her well and share a piece or two of chocolate with her. Pictured above is Sandi with Public Library Board members Jeanette Korret & Connie Dallenbach.

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A FOND FAREWELL. Sandi Neary, retiring head librarian, receives congratulations from Jean and Mark Kyle at the open house for Sandi on Thursday, June 29th.



LOOKING AT SOME OF THE GIFTS GIVEN TO SANDI NEARY AT HER RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, JUNE 29. WERE: (L-R) Helen Lund, Shirley McKiernan, Odie and Bev Oleson and Sandi Neary.

Card of Thanks: 7-12-06

Thank you to everyone who helped me retire from the library last week. I appreciate every card, flower, gift and word of kindness I received. The chocolate buffet provided by the board members was wonderful. The library has been a special place for me these last

ten years. Patrons always made the job especially enjoyable. With the current staff, I know the library will continue to be a wonderful resource for the Laurens community. Sandi Neary. 6-1p

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At the Library

with Glenda Mulder

Well, it's official. My months of training have flown by and now I'm the new Library Director. Thanks to all of you for your support and well wishes. We've got a great staff and I know they'll be here to help.

Our Open House for Sandi Neary's retirement was fun and delicious. Over one hundred people stopped to wish her well and share a piece of chocolate or two with us.

Heather Davis will be our special guest for our summer reading program next Tuesday. She will have fun stories and activities about winter animals. We usually have 25-30 kids attend our story time. A total of 45 kids are signed up for our two summer reading programs.

Some of our favorite authors have new books for you to enjoy this summer. Naturally there are waiting lists on some, so you might want to call ahead and reserve a copy.

Happy reading!

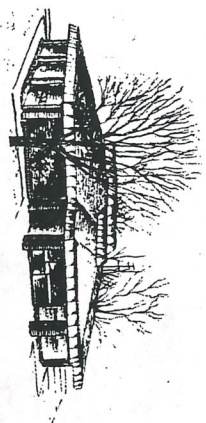
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- * **Sandcastles** by Luanne Rice
- * **Beach Road** by James Patterson
- * **The Husband** by Dean Koontz
- * **At Risk** by Patricia Cornwell
- * **Blue Screen** by Robert B. Parker
- * **The Cold Moon** by Jeffery Deaver
- * **Dead Watch** by John Sanford
- * **The Hard Way** by Lee Child

I got a hot deal on 20 large print books. A few examples are **Ya-Yas in Bloom** by Rebecca Wells; **Lifeguard** by James Patterson; **Metro Girl** by Janet Evanovich; and **The Breakdown Lane** by Jacquelyn Mitchard. Come in to check out the rest. Come check it out -- at the Laurens Public Library.

"At the Library" ...

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Our Summer Reading Program "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" is winding to a close.

Our Grande Finale will be July 18 at 1:00. Reading awards will be given to the kids who have read all the books in their program. They will also get a free pass to the Rialto Theater in Pocahontas. After the Awards Ceremony, Jason the Juggler will entertain us. Everyone is invited to join us for the fun show.

We got in the Large Print copies of best sellers "Twelve Sharp" by Janet Evanovich & "Coming Home" by Danielle Steel. We also have these books in regular print if that's what you prefer.

New fiction titles for your summer reading include "The Traitor" by Steven Coontz, "Break No Bones" by Kathy Reichs, "Vanishing Point" by Marcia Muller, "Hit Parade" by Lawrence Sanders & "Angel Falls" by Nora Roberts.

Coca-Cola collectors might want to check out our new book by B.J. Summers. It features many pictures & values of the many advertising collectibles.

We got in DVDs of a couple of classic movies this week. "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" & "Mary Poppins" are sure to entertain kids of all ages.

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Patriotic Display by Wendy Hopkins



Patriotic Display by Becky Braesch

June-July 2006

LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

presents

PAWS,
CLAWS,
SCALES

and TALES



1 o'clock
Tuesdays

Story Time
Crafts
Games
for kids K-2
June 13, 20, 27
& July 11 & 18

Prizes for reading 5, 10, 15 & 20 books!
10 Zoo free Zoo passes will be given away!

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**Summer Reading Awards
Followed by**

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1:00 July '18

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Story Time with Heather Davis



Making Puppets

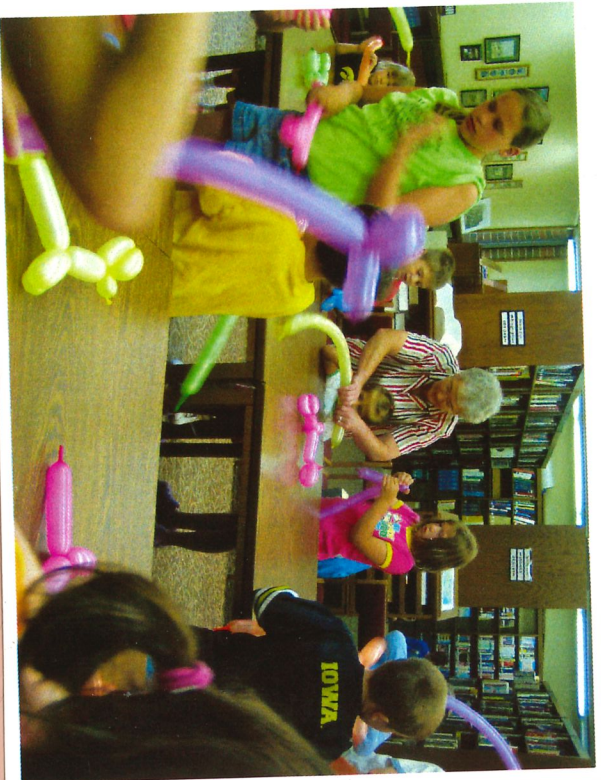


What animal is Benton Bangle?

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Bothe Joliffe shows us how
to make balloon animals



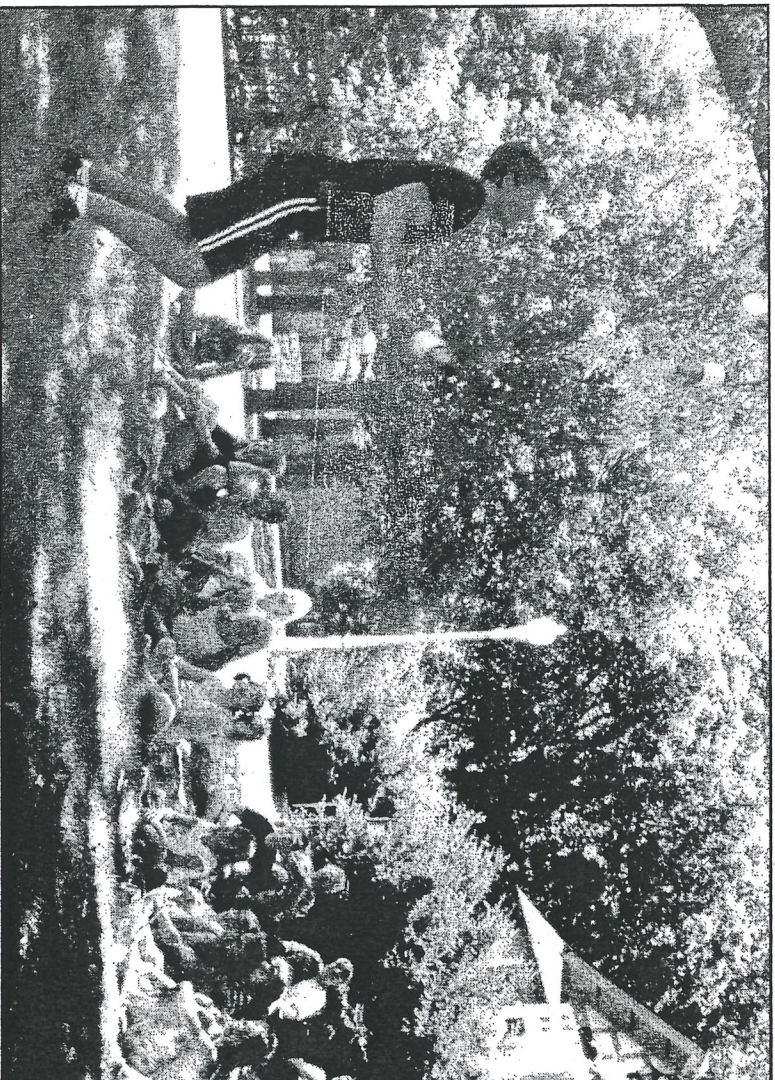
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Jason The Juggler



Carol giving out reading Awards



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Jason the Juggler entertained the crowd at the Laurens Public Library's Summer Reading Awards. Kids from the Marathon and Palmer libraries joined the festivities in the Laurens City Park on Wednesday, July 18. After the fun filled performance, reading awards were given out and snacks were enjoyed by all.

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July 19, 2006

When it's hot, hot, hot outside you can always come to the library to cool off. Stay & read for a while if you need a change of scenery without leaving Laurens. Be sure to let us know if you need your vacation books longer than 2 weeks. We can do that!

My favorite read of the summer so far is "The Book of Bright Ideas" by Sandra Kring. It's about growing up in Wisconsin in 1961. The impact that new people have on this family's life was a very well told story. Of course some of my favorite mystery authors have new books this summer so I've also enjoyed Janet Evanovich's "Twelve Sharp", Harlan Coben's "The Innocent", & Jeffery Deaver's "The Cold Moon. I'm thinking this would be a good time to try a different author like Dana Stabenow. Her stories are usually based in Alaska! Mary says to try Larry McMurty's "Telegraph Days". We're always happy to help you choose just the right book. As they say, "So many books, so little time."

We got in new copies of a couple of my favorite kids books this week. "Leo the Late Bloomer" by Robert Klaus is about a tiger who was sure he wouldn't be able to do the things his friends could do. It turns out he could, he just had to be patient because he was a late bloomer. Donald Crews' "Ten Black Dots" is a counting book that uses dots in the pictures in unusual ways. These books were purchased with funds from the Kihlstrom memorial fund?

Nancy Stoner's purse collection is featured in our north display case. Now I know who to call if I ever need just the right purse to go with an outfit! Lois Jiggins has summer toys displayed in our center display case. Let us know if you have a collection you would like to share with us.

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At the Library

with Glenda Mulder

I can hardly believe our Summer

Reading Program is finished. Jason the Juggler entertained us with his talents for our Grand Finale on July 18th. The weather cooperated and we had his show in the City Park. The Marathon & Palmer Libraries joined us for the fun.

Friday, August 4 we have another fun activity planned for kids age 7 to 11. Leigh Rigby Adcock will hold a Cooperative Youth Day Camp at the Library. Games, activities and crafts will be used to teach about cooperation in business and relationships. The kids will also learn about farm products that go into their foods. There will be a small fee charged. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. Sign up now at the Library.

Books dedicated to the library this week include: Notable Last facts by the Mary Frances (Polly) Kihlstrom memorial; kids books **Barn Cat**, **Are You My Mother** and **Blaze and the Spotted Pony** by the Keith Johnson memorial. The Barglof family dedicated **The Shelf Elf** in appreciation of Sandi Neary's years as Library Director.

New non-fiction books are John Stossel's best seller **Myths, Lies and Downright Stupidity** and Harper Lee's biography **Mockingbird**.

New fiction at the library this week are **Leave a Candle Burning** by Lori Wick; **The Girls** by Lori Lansens; **Eye Contact** by Cammie McCovern; **The Rabbit Factory** by Marshall Karp; **Killer Instinct** by Joseph Finder; **Lights Out Tonight** by Mary Jane Clark; **Pegasus** by James Lee Burke and **Sleeping With Fear** by Kay Hooper.

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August 2, 2006

Our latest project at the library has been to weed the kids' & adult biographies. This is a continual process in all of our departments. Carol & Mary have been going through the shelves & pulling the old copies that have not circulated for a while or are outdated. Now we have more room for new books!!

We got a batch of new DVDs this week. When it's too hot to go outside, stay in & cool off with one of these: The Color Purple, 16 Blocks, Eight Below, An Unfinished Life, Cheaper by the Dozen 2, Failure to Launch, High School Musical or 24-Season One.

CD books are increasingly popular. Make the most of your car time by listening to a book. They're perfect for vacations as well as a daily commute. These are the new titles in CD Audiobooks that the Laurens Public Library Foundation leases: "Book of the Dead" by Robert Preston, "Can't Wait To Get To Heaven" by Fanny Flagg, "False Impression" by Jeffrey Archer, "Hitched" by Carol Higgins Clark, "In a Class By Itself" by Sandra Brown, "Like Water For Chocolate" by Laura Esquivel, "Proof Positive" by Phillip Margolian & "Send No Flowers" by Sandra Brown.

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8-10-06 At The Library

with Glenda Mulder

Leigh Rigby Adcock of the Iowa Farmers Union came Friday, August 4 and held a cooperative day camp for 7 to 11 year olds. The kids did games, activities and crafts to learn about cooperation skills. They also learned about which farm products go into their favorite foods. Each family took home a Farm Fun CD Rom computer game.

We are working to replace some worn biographies in our children's section. This week we received new biographies about **Genghis Khan, Ludwig Von Beethoven, Chief Red Cloud and George W. Bush.**

New in non fiction is **Rumspinga - to be or not to be Amish** by Tom Seachtman. It's about the Amish teenagers who have a time of living outside the bounds of their faith to decide if they want to remain Amish.

Some of the new fiction reads are **Can't Wait to Get to Heaven** by Fannie Flagg, **Whistling Season** by Ivan Doig, **Crisis** by Robin Cook, **Judge and Jury** by James Patterson and **Outsider** by Diana Palmer.

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Iowa Farmers Union Education
Foundation & CHS Foundation
Present...



Co-operative Youth Day Camp

When: Friday, August 4

What Time: Registration from 9 to 9:15 a.m.
Camp from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Laurens Public Library
273 N. 3rd St., Laurens, IA

Who: Children age 7-11

Fee: \$1 per participant or \$2 per family

Bring: Non-perishable sack lunch

Bonus:

Each participant or family will take home a
free "Farm Fun" CD-ROM Computer Game!

Games, activities, and crafts are used to teach participants about cooperative businesses and using cooperation skills to foster better person-to-person relationships. Children will also learn which farm products go into their favorite foods. Participants will enjoy a fun-filled, educational day!

Group size is limited, so please pre-register your child by calling the Iowa Farmers Union office at (800) 775-5227. Payment is due on camp day.

8-10-06 Laurens Library is accredited

The State Library of Iowa has announced that the Laurens Public Library has met the conditions for state accreditation.

Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high quality library services. Of Iowa's 543 public libraries, 296 including Laurens Public Library are accredited.

The Laurens Public Library has been recognized for its efforts in all areas of library administration including Governance and Funding; Staffing; Library Collection Services; Public Relations; and Access and Facilities. The accreditation is valid through June 30, 2009.

Iowa's accredited public libraries are recognized for being responsive to their communities and for exhibiting excellence in their provision of library services. Libraries are one of the cornerstones of a community and they reflect and help strengthen the economic health of communities as well as the people who use them.

Accredited libraries receive a higher rate of compensation through the

State Library of Iowa's Enrich Iowa-Direct State Aid program.

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The kids at the Co-op day camp at the Laurens Public Library learned to remember each other's names by playing a fun game of catch.



The kids at the Library's Co-operative Day Camp learned how easy it is to make a cookie mix when you work together.

August 2006

Christie Vilsack to hold storytime at Library Wed.

Christie Vilsack, wife of Governor Tom Vilsack will be coming to the Laurens Public Library on Wednesday, August 30.

Storytime will begin at 3:45 p.m. with Mrs. Vilsack as the special storyteller.

All youngsters, young and old, are encouraged to attend the storytime and to greet Mrs. Vilsack.

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First Lady Vilsack will be at Laurens library

LAURENS — Iowa First Lady Christie Vilsack will be at the Laurens Public Library for a storytelling at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday.

On Sept. 8, author and former resident Sandra Flahive will present a program at 2:15 p.m. Her book, "Jesus in the Underwear Drawer," was published in 2005. Copies of the book will be available for sale and autographing.

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"At the Library" with Glenda Mulder

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Glenda Mulder, Librarian

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August 23, 2006

This week we received two big boxes containing 67 children's books from the Libri Foundation. What fun! As most of you know, I have a bit of a weakness for kid's books. There is a wonderful assortment of fiction & nonfiction, most published within the last three years, with a few old favorites thrown in. We have made a special display featuring these books. Exciting plans for our upcoming Brown Bag Lunches with the Elementary kids revolve around many of these books. Our thanks to the generosity of the Libri Foundation & the Raymond & Marjorie Bencke Endowment for providing these books for our kids. Carol & Mary have been busily weeding out the old biographies. Since there's all that room on the shelf now, I just couldn't resist ordering a few new ones! "Jimmy Stewart - the Truth Behind the Legend" by Michael Munn & "Impresario The Life & Times of Ed Sullivan" by James McGuire now join our other biographies.

The Fort Dodge Messenger & Des Moines Register have been renewed for a year thanks to the generosity of the family & friends of Keith Johnson.

There are lots of interesting new arrivals in the fiction department. It's too bad that the old saying, "So many books, so little time" is way too true for me! Here's a partial list: "Antiques Roadkill" by Barbara Allen; "Black Order" by James Rollins; "Cross My Heart" by Carly Phillips; "Dying Flames" by Robert Barnard; "Judah Field" by Howard Barr; "Lethal Justice" by Fern Michaels; "Lovers Knot" by Emilie Richards; "Messenger" by Daniel Silva; "New Day Dawning" by Julie Ellis; "Trouble in High Heels" by Christina Dodd; "Water For Elephants" by Sara Gruen; "Ricochet" by Sandra Brown & "Afghan" by Frederick Forsyth.

We also received four paperback copies of Harlan Coben's previously published mysteries & two of Lisa Kleypas' romances.

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Come check it out -- at the Laurens Public Library!

At The Library with Glenda Mulder

I got an exciting phone call last Thursday, August 24. An assistant to Christie Vilsack called to tell us that Mrs. Vilsack would be in the area on Wednesday, August 30 and she would like to stop at our library to do a story telling. She wondered if that would be OK with us. Would it ever! How cool is that? I've told our elementary school kids and they are very excited. I think this is one of those events they will remember into adulthood. This, of course, is open to kids of all ages so I hope we have a good turnout.

Another exciting thing in the works is an author's talk by Sandra Flahive, a former Laurens resident. Her book **Jesus in the Underwear Drawer**, was published last fall. Her program begins at 2:15 on Friday, September 8, followed by cookies and socializing. She will have copies of her book available and will sign them, if you desire. Join us to show your support of this Iowa author.

New DVDs this week are **Hoot, RV, The Pink Panther, She's the Man, Bedknobs and Broomsticks, The Shaggy Dog, Spy Kids 3, Chicken Run** and the **Muppet Movie**. Remember that it's free to check out a DVD from the library and you get to keep them two weeks.

We're still working on processing all those wonderful new Libri Foundation kid's books. It is quite a job, but so much fun. Look for our special display when you come in to the library.

New in the non-fiction department this week is **Heat: An Amateur's Adventures as Kitchen Slave, Line Cook, Pasta-Maker and Apprentice to a Dante-Quoting Butcher in Tuscany** by Bill Buford. Looks like an interesting read.

In fiction we received **Ruins** by Scott Smith, **Lost Angel** by Mike Dodgan, **Winter's Bone** by Daniel Woodrell and **Birth House** by Ann McKay. We also got in a few new paperbacks for lighter reading.

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Come check it out..... at the Laurens Public Library!

Sandra Flahive to be at Library Sept. 8

Sandra Flahive, a former Laurens resident, will present a program and answer questions at the Laurens Public Library on Friday, September 8.

Sandra has written a book **Jesus in the Underwear Drawer**, which includes other tales of holiday hysteria.

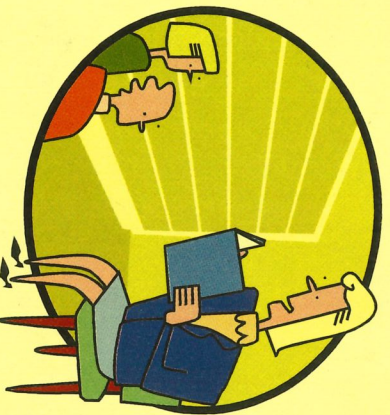
Her program will be held at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, September 8. Copies of her

book will be available for purchase and she will be happy to sign your copy if you wish.

The Laurens Women's Club and the Laurens Public Library Foundation are sponsoring this event. Cookies and socializing will follow her program.

Mrs. Flahive was known as Sandy Maurer when she lived in Laurens.

August 2006



Storytime!

At the

Laurens Public Library

With Special Storyteller

Christie Vilsack
Iowa's 1st Lady!

Please join us

Wednesday

August 30th

at 3:45 p.m.



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RUSSELL THUMA GREET'S IOWA'S FIRST LADY ON HER VISIT TO THE LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY LAST WEDNESDAY. Christie Vilsack honored the library by holding a story time Wednesday, August 30. Approximately 100 children and adults attended the program.

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CHRISTIE VILSACK SPOKE TO THE YOUNGSTERS ABOUT READING AND LEARNING. Her stories and information enthralled those in attendance. She is pictured here (second from left) with a book in her hand.

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At the Library

with Glenda Mulder

Our visit from Mrs. Vilsack was a roaring success! Our count was about 100 people with the majority of kids, of course. She did a fabulous telling of the Rudyard Kipling story of how the elephant got his trunk. Then she read about an animal band and had us all involved in the sounds. Brenton Barglof presented her with an autographed copy of his book, **L is for Laurens**. Mrs. Boettcher and the fifth graders lead us in the Iowa song and the L-M Fight Song. After the program, Mrs. Vilsack answered many questions and signed autographs. Check out the laurens-ia.com and library websites for more pictures of the event.

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Our 67 new children's books that we received through the grant from the Libri Foundation and the Raymond and Marjorie Beneke Memorial are all processed and ready to be enjoyed. Check out the display the next time you're in the library.

A big library thank you goes to the Laurens Centes. One of their members donated a copy of **Laurens 100** and they had it rebound with a spiral spine. This will make photocopying of the pages so much easier. I have fought with those books the entire time I have worked at the library and never knew this was an option. Thanks for seeing a need and filling it.

I got a reference question this week that I haven't been able to answer. I got a call from a man who lives in Maryland who has a copy of the panoramic picture taken at the all school reunion during the centennial in 1982. He would like a list of who everyone in the picture is. If anyone out there has such a list, please let me know. Otherwise I've had a patron say she'll help me try to put one together. Sounds like a real challenge! No sense in recreating the wheel though, if it already exists.

I had so much to say this week. I almost ran out of room for the books. New in non-fiction is Nora Ephron's **I Feel Bad About My Neck**, a collection of her thoughts on being a woman. Fiction selections include **White Sister** by Stephen J. Cannell, **Counterplay** by Robert K. Tannebaum, **Rise and Shine** by Anna Quindlen, **The Book of Fate** by Brad Meltzer, **Fool Me Once** by Fern Michaels and **Sleight of Hand** by Kate Wilhelm.

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Christe Vilsack

Connie Dallenbach



Christe Vilsack signing Autographs



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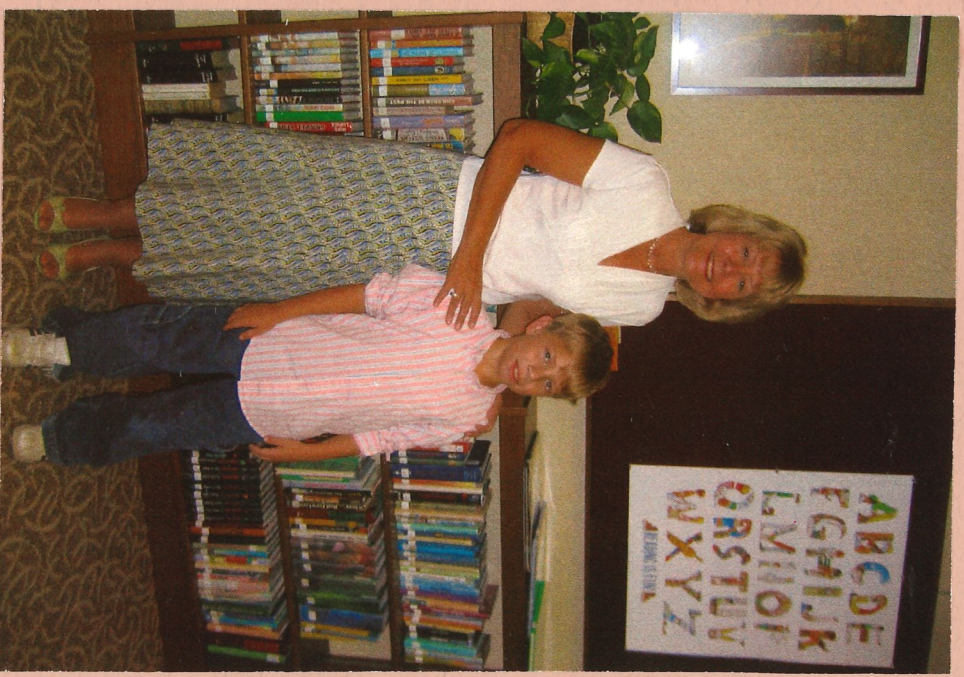
Brenton Barglof Presented Christie
with an autographed copy of His Book,
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Story Telling Time



The 5th Graders singing the IOWA
SONG & the LM Fight Song.



Christie Villisack
AND Brenton Barglof

September 2006

Laurens Public Library

presents

former Laurens resident
and author

Sandra Flahive

Friday, September 8, 2006

At 2:15

Sandra will present a program
and answer questions.

Copies of her book will be
available for purchase.

She will also be happy
to sign your copy.

Cookies and socializing
will follow.

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Former Laurens woman to read from book of essays

By DAWN THOMPSON
Messenger staff writer

LAURENS — There are times in life when there is no alternative but to laugh.

Sandra Flahive has captured on paper and shares them in her book of holiday-themed humor essays called "Jesus in the Underwear Drawer."

"We want holidays to be these moments of perfection," she said, "and we all know they're not. Still, we work so hard to make everything so pret-



Sandra Flahive

ty and special, and when it all falls apart, if you don't laugh, you'll be in bad shape."

Flahive, of Des Moines, will

Author Visit:

WHO: Sandra Flahive, of Des Moines.

WHEN: 2:15 p.m. Friday.

WHERE: Laurens Public Library.

FLAHIVE will read from her book of holiday humor essays, "Jesus in the Underwear Drawer." Copies of the book will be available for purchase and autographing.

read from her book at 2:15 p.m. Friday at the Laurens Public Library. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and autographing.

Sept. 5, 2006

The messenger

A former Laurens resident, Flahive is special assistant to the president for community relations at Grandview College.

During the seven years she lived in Laurens, she taught English at the high school.

That was more than 30 years ago, but Flahive stayed in touch with members of the Laurens Women's Club, and when they asked her to speak at one of their gatherings, she said she jumped at the chance to visit the community again.

She plans to share one or

two of the essays, which are based on her personal experiences, and then turn the tables on the audience.

"What's been fun is asking people to think about their holidays," Flahive said. "Sometimes, at the end of the program, I'll ask them to relay their stories. Everyone seems to have one, and we all end up in stitches."

Flahive has had essays published by "Newsweek" and "Reader's Digest," as well as local newspapers and maga-

zines. Her first book, "Jesus in the Underwear Drawer" published by Prodigal Publishing about 10 months ago and in its second printing. Flahive plans to compile another collection of her essays, and started writing a more serious book, one of thoughts come to her while she stayed in her cabin in southern Iowa.

"Jesus in the Underwear Drawer" can be purchased Amazon.com, Borders Barnes and Noble Bookstore in the Des Moines area.

Sandra Flahive to be at Laurens Library Sept. 8

Sandra Flahive, a former Laurens resident, will present a program and answer questions at the Laurens Public Library on Friday, September 8.

Sandra has written a book *Jesus in the Underwear Drawer*, which includes other tales of holiday hysteria.

Her program will be held at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, September 8. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and she will be happy to sign your copy if you wish.

The Laurens Women's Club and the

Laurens Public Library Foundation are sponsoring this event. Cookies and socializing will follow her program.

Mrs. Flahive was known as Sandy Maurer when she lived in Laurens.

9-7-06

"At the Library" with Glenda Mulder

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September 13, 2006

Author Sandra Flahive, a former Laurens resident gave an interesting program last week. She read a few selections from her book "Jesus in the Underwear Drawer", which was published last fall. We had a great turn out. Much fun was had by everyone reminiscing & catching up with Sandy.

Memorial large print books this week include "Looking for Peyton Place" by Barbara Delinsky donated by Bev Sonksen in memory of Rose Egertsen, "Shadow Bride" by Jane Peart donated by Fred & Sandi Neary in memory of Leona Fuchs, "Destiny's Bride" by Jane Peart donated by Melvin & Dorothy Runenberg in memory of Leona Fuchs. Also in this order were 6 large print westerns.

New fiction books include "The Night Gardener" by George Palacanos & paperback "Morrigan's Cross" by Nora Roberts.

New children's books this week include "Rooster's Off to See the World" by one of my favorite children's authors, Eric Carle, "Dooby Dooby Moo" by Doreen Cronin, author of Click, Click, Moo, & "Eats Shoots & Leaves", a book about the importance of commas by Lynne Truss.

We got in a nonfiction book that looks particularly intriguing to me. It's "Under a Flaming Sky": by Daniel James Brown. It's about the Hinckley, Minnesota firestorm of 1894. It's got a special interest to me because it was one of the bonus locations we visited on the Minnesota 1000 motorcycle rally we took part in last year. Of course we visited in the middle of the night, so didn't really get to check it out very well. Maybe after I read the book we'll have to put that on our list of places to revisit.

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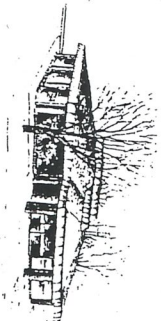
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Dorothy Runneberg - Sandra Flahive



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September 20, 2006

Since the school kids get out early Friday, I thought it would be a perfect timing for a story time. Ever since we got the book *Arnie the Doughnut* by Laurie Keller, I knew this would be great for a story time theme. We're calling it **Donut Make You Want to Read?** I've got some other books picked out too, and a fun game planned, (hope we can be outside, this could get messy!) and of course, DONUTS! Make sure your kids join us at 1:00 at the library.

Thanks to Jeanette Peterson for her donation to the Laurens Public Library Foundation. She said we could use it for what ever we needed at the library. We've wanted a couple hanging plants, so with the help of Bonnie at Town & Country Floral, that's what it was used for. Thanks! It really gives our library a homey touch.

We ordered a set of books to use for our brown bag lunches with the school kids. The series is called, "Which Came First?" The books are *Sporting Events*, *Household Inventions*, *Food Creations*, *Transportation Inventions*, and *Communications Inventions*. I think they'll spark great discussions when our elementary kids come to visit.

A great looking bunch of fiction books came in this week. They include *Blind Spot* by Judy Mercer, *Into the Storm* by Suzanne Brockman, *Under Orders* by Dick Francis, *The Mephisto Club* by Tess Gerritsen, *The Memory Keepers Daughter* by Kim Edwards, *The Mission Song* by John Le Carre, *The Right Attitude to Rain* by Alexander McCall Smith.


Ann Zemke's nonfiction book *They Named Me Marjorie* has finally been published. You will remember Ann from the programs she presented at the library and for quilt club. Her talk centered on the quilt she made to honor her grandmother, who was a member of the Orphan Train. The book is written about this Grandmother's experiences.

My Public Library Management class is back in session. This time our lessons are about Intellectual Freedom, Censorship, and Collection Development, Community Analysis, Public Library Resources, Reference and Information Services, Public Library Services for Different Age Groups, and What Is a Library? I again have to write a paper about creating an "action plan" describing the basic reasoning and steps involved in adding a new service, program, or document into our library's operation. I'm not sure what that will be about, but I've got a couple ideas.

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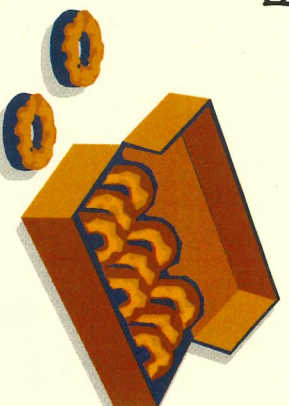
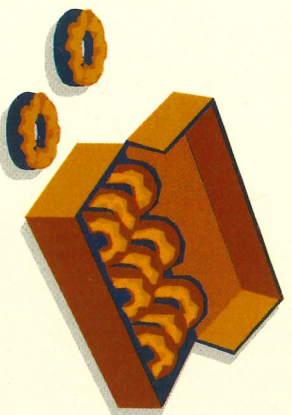
Join us at the

LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friday, Sept. 22nd

at 1:00

for stories, fun,
AND DONUTS!



September 2006



Donut race



Mallie Todd & Hailey Tanaga
race down a licorice strip
for the donut



September 2006



Decorating Donuts



Yum!



Jamie Herzog RYAN Pixler CAN'T resist Donuts!

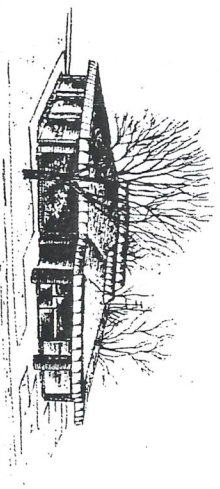
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September 27, 2006



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Our *Donut Make You Want to Read?* story time was great fun! About 45 kids attended. We read a couple books, of course. Then it was time for a game. The kids paired off. I gave each pair a mini-donut on a piece of licorice. The object was to see who got to the donut first. No hands allowed, of course! Then it was time to decorate & eat our donuts. Yum! I was surprised how little mess there was when the kids left. We must have very neat kids in Laurens!

This is American Library Association's banned books week. It's surprising to me how many of them we have. Stop in & check out the displays we have set up throughout the library. They feature the most often challenged books from 1990-2000. You might want to read them to see if you can figure out what people objected to.

We've got some books that look great for your Fall reading. New fiction includes "Tinderbox" by Jo Bannister; "Love, Lies & Liquor" by M.C. Beaton; "Don't Look Down" by Jennifer Crusie; "Angel's Rest" by Charles Davis; "Spot of Bother" by Mark Haddon; "To Distraction" by Stephanie Laurens; "6 Rainier Drive" by Debbie Macomber; "13th Tale" by Diane Setterfield; "After This" by Alice McDermott; "When Madeline Was Young" by Jane Hamilton; "Waltzing at the Piggly Wiggly" by Robert Dalby. "The Emperor's Children" by Claire Messud, & "Talk Talk" by T.C. Boyle.

New DVDs are *The Wild, The Miracle Match, Broken Trail, & Akeelah & the Bee*, a movie about a little girl in a spelling bee that was featured on Oprah. Tim & Shirley McKlerman donated the DVD *American Wonders - National Parks of the West* in memory of Jim McLaughlin.

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With Glenda Mulder

All who are interested in historic life in Iowa will surely want to read **The Golden Thread** by Keith Walker. The book is about the life of his grandfather, George A. Almon, growing up the 5th of 12 children on a farm near Pinnell a century ago. It contains many family stories of everyday happenings as it follows George through his life.

As the weather turns colder and daylight hours get shorter, we will head back inside to read. New fiction to put your reading list includes: **All Aunt Hagar's Children** by Howard P. Jones, **Christmas Letters** by Debbie Macomber, **My Not Taken** by Jennifer Weiner, **A Simple Gift** by Lynn Witmer, **Calamity Jayne** by Kathleen Bacus, **13 Pions** by Charles Frazier, **Motor Mouth** by Janet Hanovich and **Finding Noel** by Richard Paul Evans. We also received **Dance of the Gods**, the second in the Circleology by Nora Roberts.

In non-fiction we received the large print version of **Minutes in Heaven: A True Story of Death and Life** by Don Piper. The author was pronounced dead after a traffic accident after a minister's conference. Piper miraculously came back to life and the bliss of heaven was replaced by a long and painful recovery.

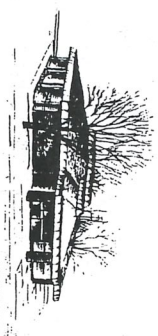
In our youth department we received two new books popular author Anthony Horowitz's Gatekeeper series. They are **Evil Star** and **Raven's Gate**. His Alex Rider adventure series is very popular, so I'm sure these will be added to keep on the shelves also.

In my Library Management class one of the things talked about this week was a Reader's Advisory Service, with most smaller libraries, we don't offer this as a formal service but we are all avid readers so are glad to make recommendations. Also our patrons give us reviews on new material that we haven't had time to read yet. One resource is new to me is What Should I Read Next? It's a website where you type in the name of a book and author you have read and it makes recommendations for books you might want to read next. I put a link titled "Readers Advisory" on the new web page to it. Our website "Readers Advisory" on the books, pictures and whatever's happening.

Come check it out...at the Laurens Public Library.

10-26-06
Larry Dunbar and his Halloween magic will be returning to the Laurens Public Library, Tuesday, October 31 at 6:30 p.m. Come if you dare! 19-3c

10-26-06
Do your Christmas shopping early at the Laurens Public Library. Hill Ave book Co. will provide the books. Portion of sales to benefit the Library Foundation. 21-3c



At the Library with Glenda Mulder

October 25, 2006

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Halloween is fast approaching. Once again, the Laurens Public Library Foundation and the Laurens Chamber have a program lined up. Magician Larry Dunbar has become a Halloween tradition at the Laurens Public Library. He delights an audience of any age. Join us Halloween night, Tuesday October 31st at 6:30 for an evening of fun!

We'd like to get a book discussion group started in January. This is what we're thinking, a book of the month discussion and "What I've Been Reading" time all informally centered around some really yummy snacks or desserts. We're struggling for a name, so we need your ideas. Please stop in and fill out a short form and let us know if you're interested in joining us.

We've finished another project here at the library. (By "we" I guess I mean mainly Mary & Carol!) Special stickers have been placed on the spines of the Mystery and Christian Fiction books. The next step was to reshelve all the fiction books. They will be alphabetical, with the mystery and Christian Fiction worked right in with all the other genres. If they are your favorites, don't worry, they will be easily identified by their labels. This might be in turmoil for a bit, but please be patient--this change will be worth it!

New fiction to put on your reading list includes: **Echo Park** by Michael Connelly, **Kidnapped** by Jan Burke, **Road** by Cormac McCarthy, **The Truth about Diamonds** by Nicole Richie, **Secret Heiress** by Judith Gould, **Black Dahlia** by James Ellroy, **Short Straw** by Stuart Woods, **Act of Treason** by Vince Flynn, **Collectors** by David Baldacci, and **Paint it Black** by Janet Fitch. I'm looking forward to reading **For 1 More Day** by Mitch Albom, author of **Tuesdays with Morrie** and **The Five People You Meet in Heaven**.

Recently I read **Water for Elephants** by Sara Gruen. What a wonderful book! It is written from the viewpoint of a 90 year old man reminiscing about his years as a vet with a circus train. It flawlessly goes from his current life in a nursing home back to the 1930's. Put it on your "must read" list.

In Nonfiction we received **The Glass Castle** in which Jeannette Walls recalls a bizarre childhood during which she and her siblings were constantly moved from one bleak place to another. Also **Innocent Man** by John Grisham, **I Shouldn't Even Be Doing This** by Bob Newhart, **Inside my Heart** by Robin McGraw, **The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid** by Bill Bryson and **Lost - A Search for 6 of 6 Million** (WW II story) by Dan Mendelsohn.

Thanks to Marilyn Williams for the audiobooks she has donated. Recently she gave us **An Unexpected Song** by Iris Johansen and **Born to be Wild** by Catherine Coulter in CD books.

Since National 4H week is in October, our north display cases feature projects of some of our local 4H members. Stop in and see what these talented young people have made. Thanks to the 4Hers for sharing with us.

Please mark November 9th on your calendars. That's the date of the annual Foundation Fundraisers. We will again be having a New Book Sale and Pancake Supper. More details next week!

Find us at www.laurenspubliclibrary.com

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October 2006

Halloween

At the

Laurens Public Library

The Magic of Larry Dunbar & Co.



Tuesday, October 31st @ 6:30

Sponsored by

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Laurens Public Library Foundation

October 2006



McKenna
Crotty helps
with a
card
trick
and gets a
balloon flower.



October 2006



Glenda
Mulder and
Krista Hilstadt

Hunter Storms
Corbin
Hopkins

"Dead cheer
leader"
Addison
Hate



Cyclone
Beckel
Levi



Nick Zurek and
Wyatt Lawman



Nicolas
Christensen

Ryan
Sundblad

Braden
Ehn

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Rachael
Wood

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Kitty
Ellie
Newgard



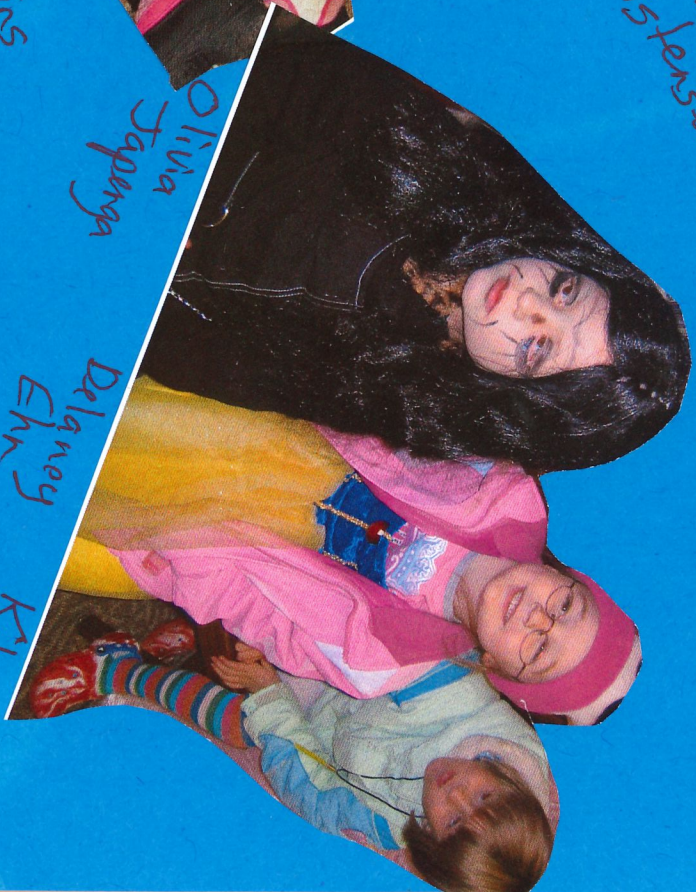
Clown
Jack
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Nicholas
Christensen



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Grant
Evans



Olivia
Tapanga

Delaney
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Fehr



Puppies
Callyn
Stumbo
+
Sydney
Hopkins

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Brandon
Brazel helps
with a card
trick.

Sydney
Hopkins says the magic words!

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Over 100
people came for a night
of Fun and Magic @
the Library



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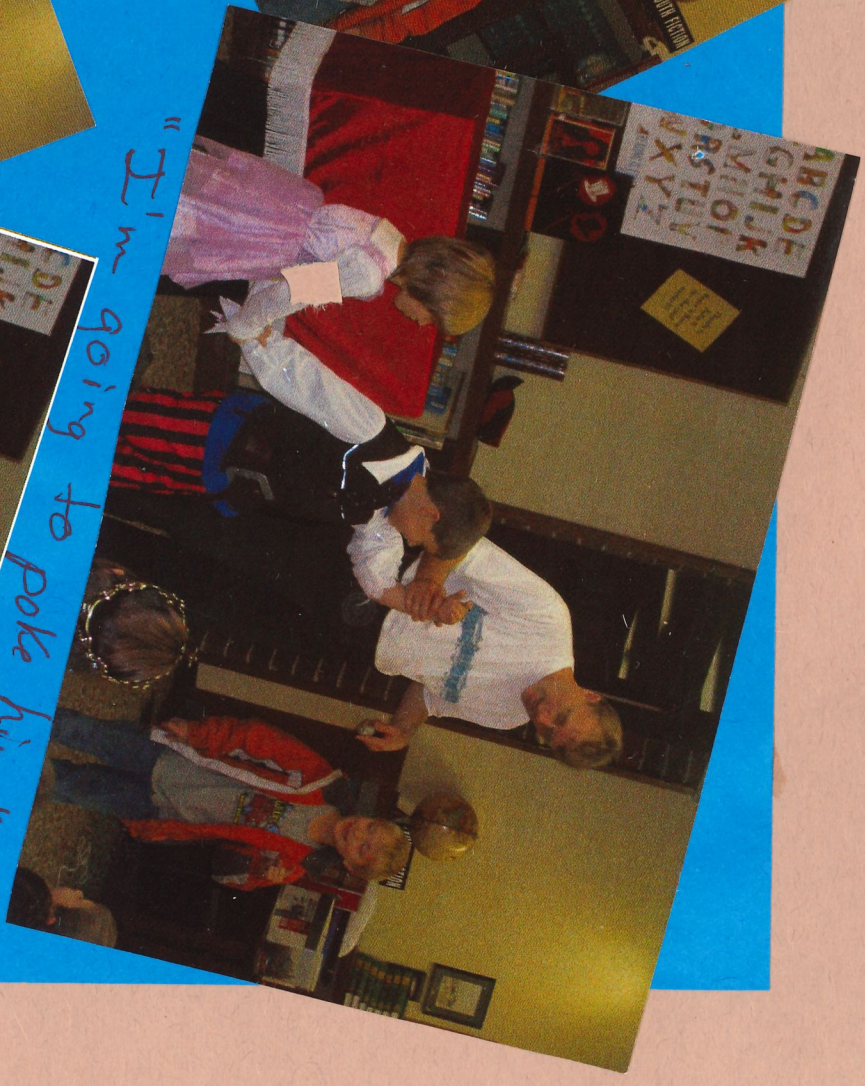
Austin Hanson
gets
sawed in half!



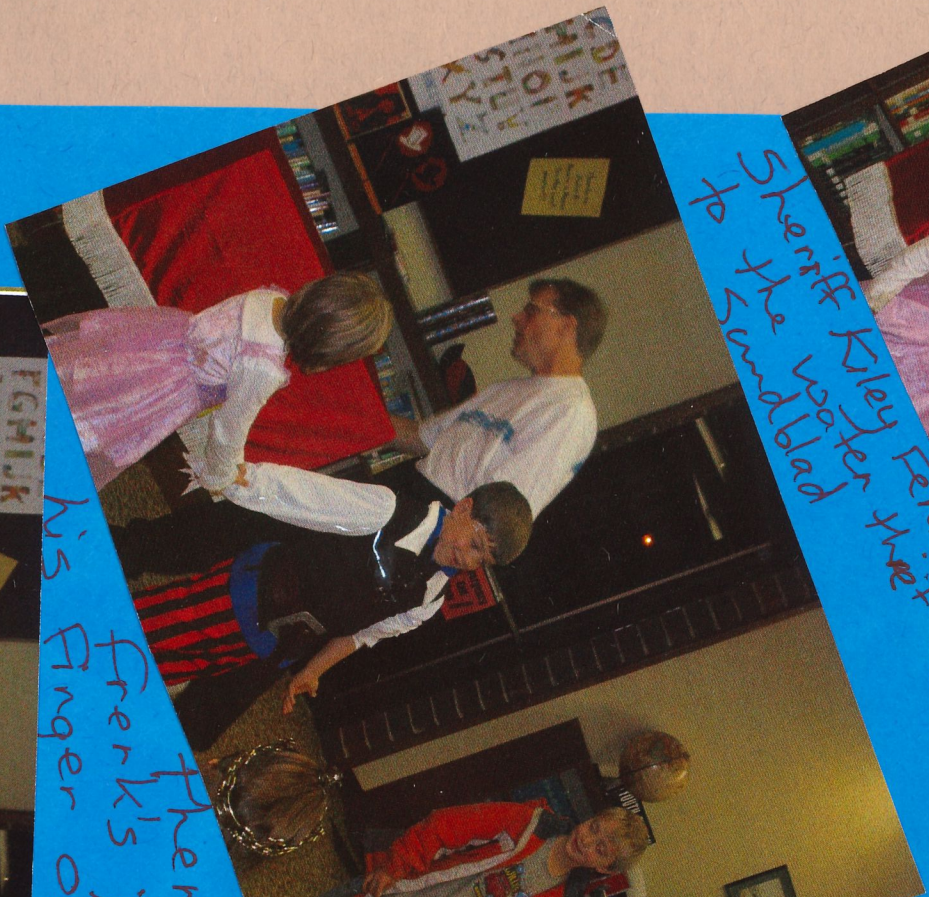
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Mr. Kiefer on
the "K" for
Sheriff Kiefer



"I'm going to poke him"



Then Wyatt
Freer's job is to hold
his finger on it until the bucket

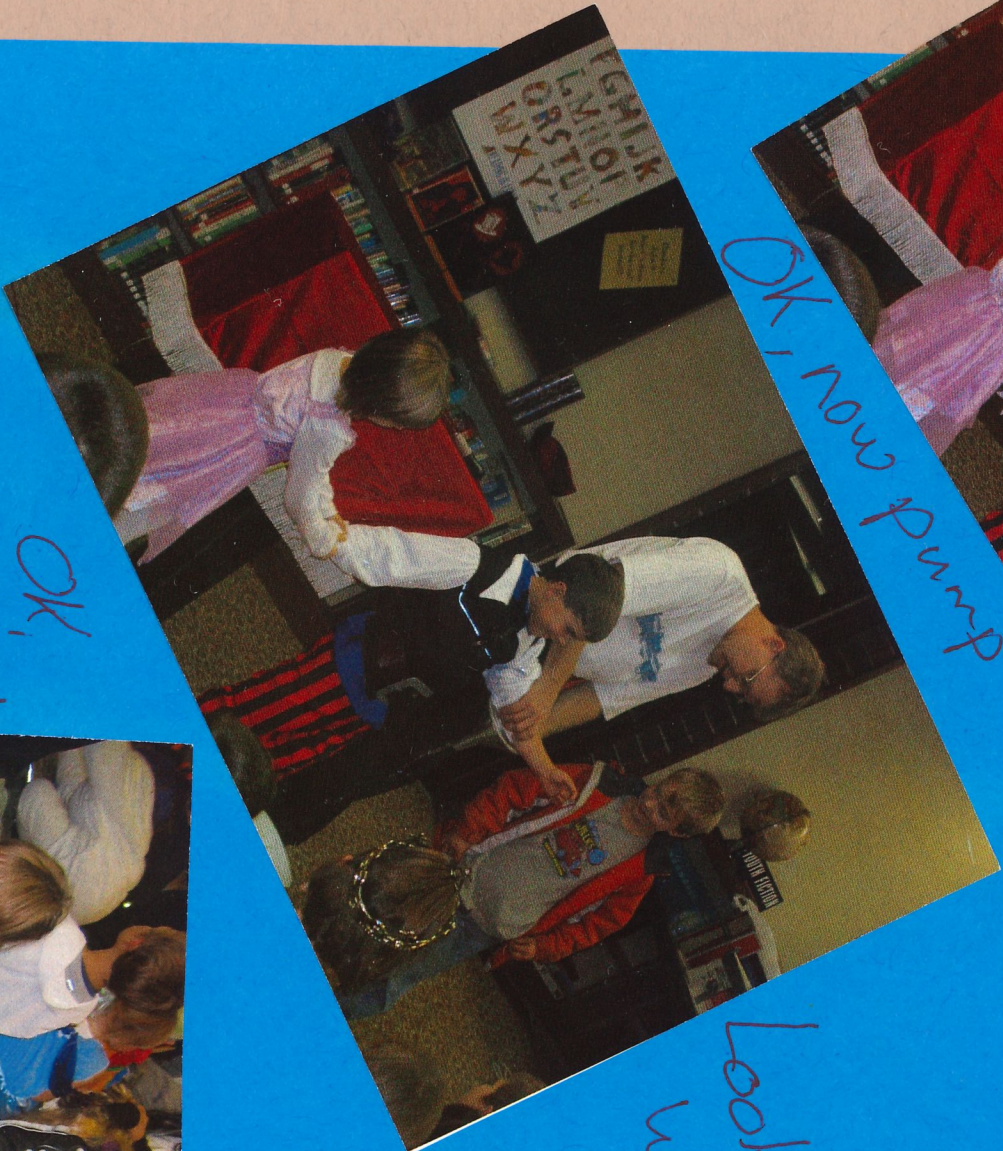
is under it.



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OK, now pump his arm



Here it comes...
Look at all that
water!



OK,
Ryan, Tell
us how
he did
that.



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Molly Clark
disappears.

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Carreron Graft - writing
Carr's name on a card for a
card trick.



Taylor Zurek
helps out



Blake Willer
gets a turn



October 2006



Magician Larry Dunbar
knows lots of tricks
he even taught us a couple!



November 2006

11-2-06

At the Library

with Glenda Mulder

November promises to be another busy month at the Library. We start out with the Foundations fundraisers Thursday, November 9. A bookstore from Spirit Lake will be at the Library from 11 to 7 p.m. Pancakes will be served for our other fundraiser at the First Christian Church from 5 to 7 p.m. This year the proceeds will be used to purchase a die cut machine for our staff and patrons to use. We'll also be using the funds raised to purchase Kids Audiobooks and Graphic Novels. Some of our young patrons have been helping compile lists of titles we think would be good for the library.

School will get out early Friday, November 10 so storytime will be held at 1 p.m. Current plans are for Author Audrey Simonsen of Rolfe to read her book, **Where's Your Mousey?** We have a couple other things planned for that day but I don't want to "let the cat out of the bag."

We have received a shipment of children's nonfiction books. **Food Fun** series has 6 books featuring different food of each color. **Shapes Around Town** has 6 books featuring different shapes as they appear in a city landscape. Also in this shipment were books about witches, vampires, zombies, aliens, haunted houses, humbees, jets and many others. The kids must really like these as there are none left in the library right now.

New adult fiction includes **Lisey's Story** by Stephen King, **Hundred Dollar Baby** by Robert Parker, **H. R. H.** by Danielle Steel, **A Stolen Season** by Steve Hamilton, **Dear John** by Nicholas Sparks, **The Secret Life of Mrs. Claus** by Carly Alexander, **The Brethren** by Beverly Lewis, **Imperium** by Robert Harris, **Riding Lessons and Flying Changes** by Sara Gruen and **Home to Big Stone Gap** by Adriana Trigiani.

Nonfiction received include **State of Denial** by Bob Woodward, Ressler Drug donated a copy of Physicians Desk Reference for non prescription drugs, dietary supplements and herbs.

Children's picture books received were **Whoopi's Big Book of Manners** by Whoopie Goldberg and **Pinkalicious** by Victoria Kann.

In our center display case we have the panoramic picture taken at the all school reunion in 1982. There is a number assigned to all the people in the picture and now we need to put a name with each number. This is where your help is needed. Stop in and take a look and write down anyone you recognize.

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Library to hold fundraiser on Thurs. Nov. 9

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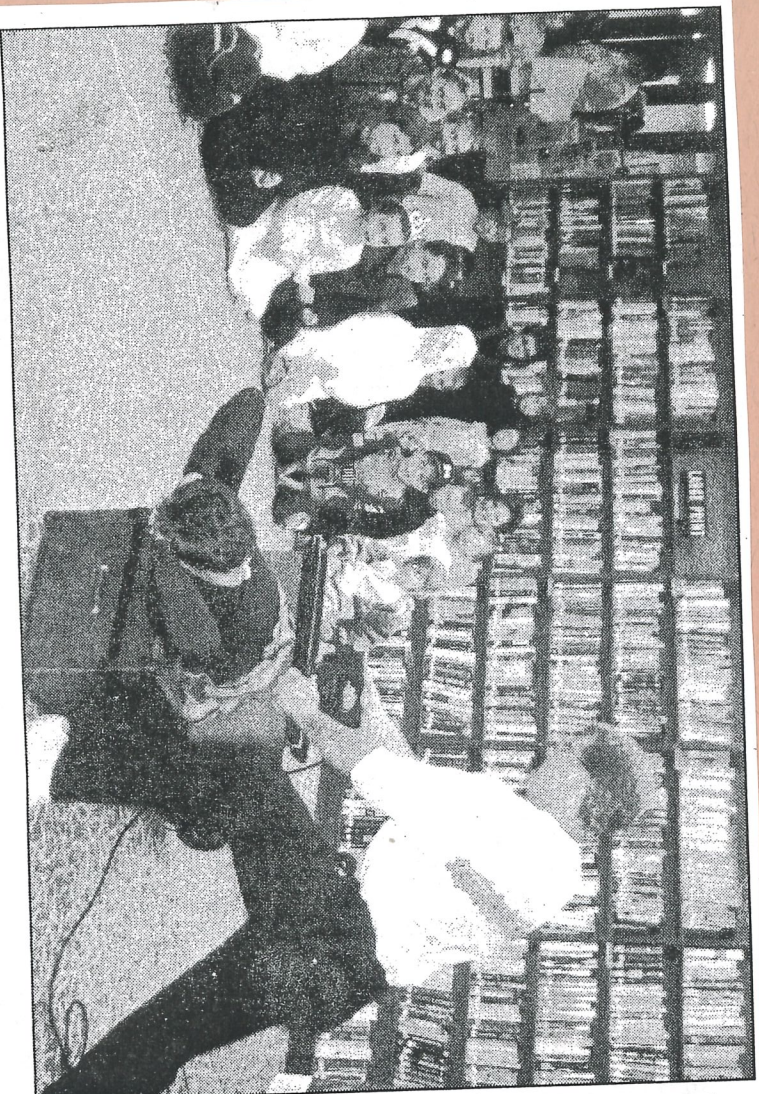
The Library Foundation was established as a non profit corporation under Iowa law. Gifts to the foundation are deductible not only for income tax purposes but also for Federal estate and Iowa inheritance tax purposes. The mission of the foundation is to benefit the community by raising, managing and distributing funds to enhance the services and collections of the library.

Projects sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation this past year included a classical guitar performance by Peter Fletcher, Halloween magician Larry Dunbar and helping Jason the Juggler for the summer reading program. The foundation continues to deliver theme tubs to the private day care providers and lease CD books. With the proceeds from last year's fundraiser, forty new stack chairs were purchased to use for programs.

Many people choose to give memorials to loved ones through the foundation. 187 books, large print books and videos were purchased with memorial money. These purchases were valued at \$2,427.

Members of the foundation board are Brooks Anderson, president; Fred Johnson, vice president; Connie Dallenbach, secretary; Dorothy Lambert, treasurer and Jan Hersom, Pat Boughey and Don Winkler.

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Pictured above is Magician Larry Dunbar as he saws volunteer Austin Hanson in half at the Halloween party at the Laurens Public Library. A crowd of over a hundred people enjoyed the show that evening.

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Laurens Public Library Foundation

PANCAKE SUPPER

Thurs. Nov. 9th, 5 - 7 pm



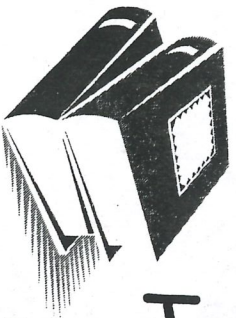
Kiwanis will
serve
pancakes!!

Free Will Donation
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NEW BOOK SALE

Thurs. Nov. 9, 11 am - 7 pm



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At the Library

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With Glenda Mulder

Thursday, November 9, the Library Foundation is sponsoring two fundraisers on this day. A book company will again be donating a portion of proceeds from the annual new book sale to the Laurens Library. This will take place at the library from 11 am. until 7 pm. A pancake supper will be served at the First Christian Church from 5 pm. to 7 pm. with a free will offering accepted.

The Foundation will use money from these fundraisers for three new projects. We will be adding CD Audio books and Graphic Novels (novels set up like comic books) to our youth department. We are also planning to purchase a die cut machine for the use of our staff and patrons.

On Friday, we are planning a storytime at 1 pm. Author Audrey Simonsen of Rolfe will read her book "Where's your Mousey?" We have fun cat craft projects and a crazy game to play. I've got a couple of other cat books to read and her famous Kitty Litter Cake for the kids.

New fiction this week includes **Before I Go** by Riley Weston, **Fire Island Summer** by Julie Ellis, **Wild Fire** by Nelson DeMille, **The Gods of Newport** by John Jakes, **Book of Lost Things** by John Connolly, **Rising Tide** by Jeff Shaara, **Willow Field** by William Kittredge, **Triptych** by Karin Slaughter and **Billionaires Prefer Blondes** by Suzanne Enoch.

We've had a lot of interest in the panoramic picture that was taken at the All School Reunion in 1982. Quite a few of the faces now have names assigned to them. Stop in and check it out and see if you agree or if you can add any to our list. Warning...it is a bit addicting.

Come check it out...at the Laurens Public Library.

Notice:

11-9-06

Kitty storytime Friday, November 10, 1:00 at Laurens Public Library. Author Audrey Simonsen will read her book "Where is Your Mousey?" Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Join us for a craft, a game, a snack and books.

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Jaymie & Brooke Barakka

checking out the
Book Sale!



Brad Olson & Megan



Megan & Brad Olson



Shelan Lund

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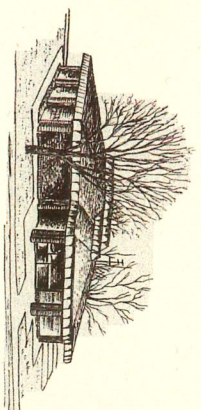
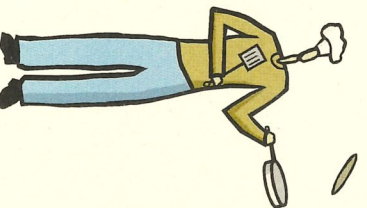
Laurens Public Library Foundation PANCAKE SUPPER

Thursday, Nov. 9th, 2006
5:00-7:00 PM

First Christian Church

Free Will Donation

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Thursday
November 9th
11 AM - 7 PM
@ the Library

BOOK SALE

Hill Avenue Book Co.
of Spirit Lake will donate a
portion of the proceeds to

the Laurens Public
Library
Foundation



Thank You for supporting
the Laurens Public Library
Foundation pancake supper
and book sale fundraiser. Spe-
cial thanks to the Kiwanis for
serving and the Christian
Church for providing a space.

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11-16-06

Kitty Storytime!

Friday, Nov. 10th

1:00 pm

Laurens Public Library

Special guest Audrey Simonson
author of

"Where is Your Mousey?"

(copies of Audrey's book will be available)

Join us for a craft,
a game, a snack,
and of course,
Kitty Books!!



November 2006



Lynn and Brooke Bouska check out the selections at the Laurens Public Library Foundation's Annual Book Sale November 9th.



Author Audrey Simonson of Rolfe reads her book, **Where is Your Mousey?** with the assistance of Nicholas Christensen. The kids were at the Library for story time.

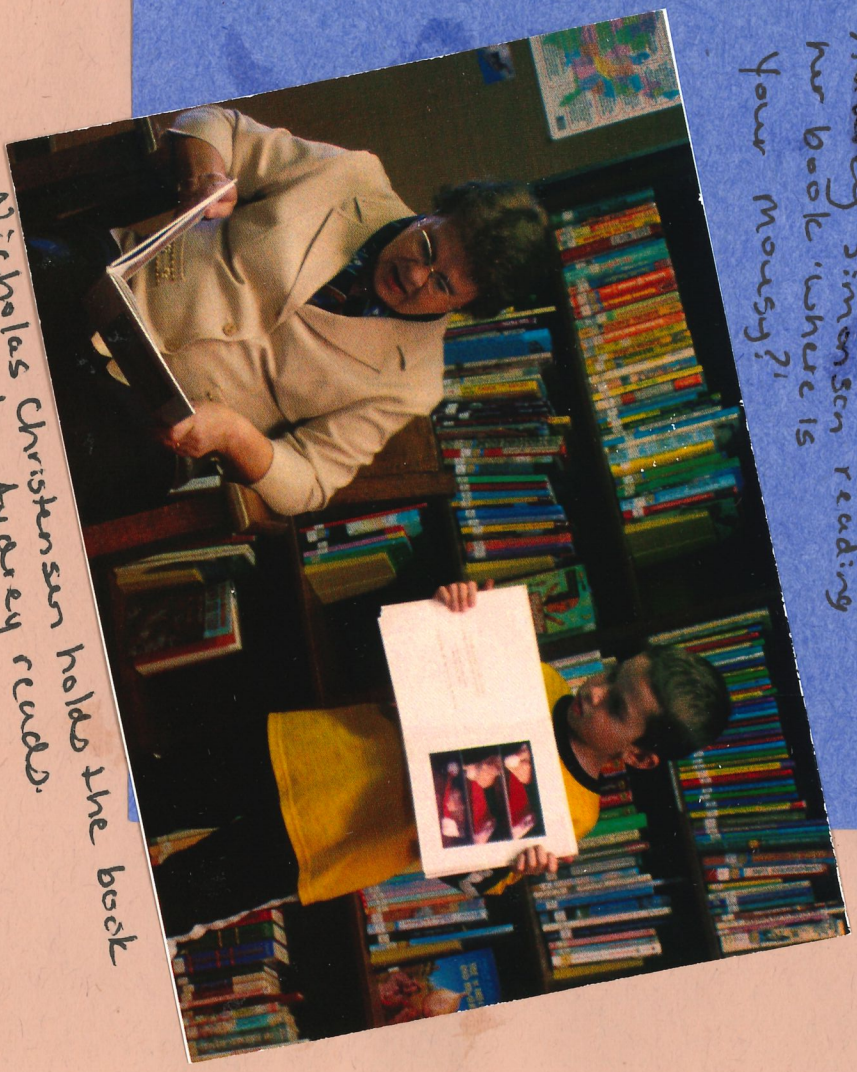
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Mallie Todd, Kennedy Tate + Anna Timm enjoying Taste 'K-My Little cake for a snack



Audrey Simonson reading her book 'Where is your Mousey?'



Nicholas Christensen holds the book while Audrey reads.

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Glenda's fundra
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We used some memorial donations to make a bookshelf for the library so well. I'm sure you'll find it useful. Twelve of Helene's graphic novels purchased by teachers and librarians will soon be enjoyed by quilters, scrapbookers, teachers and librarians. Bulletin boards will soon be enjoying posters or bulletin boards of Helene's Machine. We used twenty large family and friends of Helene's memory donated by the arena in memory of our favorite.

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The All-India Muslim League

for 2007. It is a departure from their previous year it is a nonfiction book with no ties to the Midwest. It is Jeffery Kluger's book *Splendid Solution* about large print.

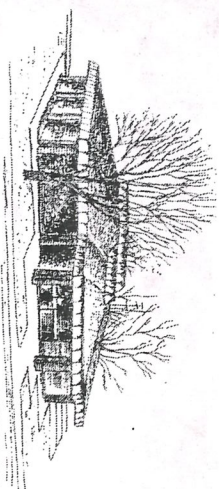
This week we got in a few nonfiction titles about Jonas Salk on the best seller lists. A Washington Post

...and leaders celebrating the people who shaped their lives. We also got in both of Barack Obama's books in large print. **The Audacity of Hope** is a collection of thoughtful, Adcock donated. **Dreams of a Nation** is a book of

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We now have a drop box for the labels the Laurens Education, Campbell Soup Labels, Our Family UPC codes as well as Pizza Ranch Wagons that are found on the Laurens refrigerator to help our school and it won't cost you a cent. Come check it out...at the Laurens Public Library.



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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

November 29, 2006

Our Christmas tree at the Festival of Trees is entitled "Laurens Public Library through the Years." It features pictures of the library buildings, staff and patrons along with white decorations. Stop at the Methodist Church for this trip down memory lane.

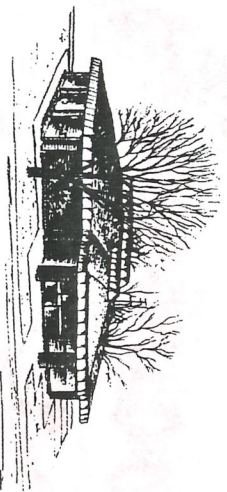
New fiction books this week are *Brother Odd* by Dean Koontz, *Code Talker* - a novel about Navajo Marines in WWII by Joseph Bruchac, *Dearest Dorothy, Help! I've Lost Myself* by Charlotte Baumbich, *Dearest Dorothy, Who Would Have Ever Thought?* by Charlotte Baumbich, *Hollywood Station* by Joseph Wanbaugh, *Next by* Michael Crichton, *Senator and the Priest* by Andrew Greeley, and *Treasure of Khan* by Clive Cussler.

Best Mouse Cookies by Laura Numeroff is a fun kids' book about baking cookies and sharing them with friends. Cornelia Funke, author of youth books, has a new Christmas book entitled *When Santa Fell to Earth*. In the review of this book School Library Journal says this book is "a perfect read over a mug of hot chocolate on a cold winter's night."

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December 6, 2006

Most of our kids' audiobooks are here! This is one of the projects chosen by the Library Foundation for this year. Now the kids can listen to their favorite books just like their parents can! Teachers also recommend these for reluctant readers to build their vocabularies. They are great entertainment for holiday road trips. Titles we have chosen include: **Junie B. Jones** books 1-16, **Magic Tree House** books 1-16, All 13 volumes of Lemony Snicket's **Series of Unfortunate Events**, Christopher Paolini's fantasy dragon books **Eragon & Eldest**, C.S. Lewis' **Chronicles of Narnia** Series, 2 Adventures of **Hank the Cowdog**, Meg Cabot's **Princess Diaries** and Anthony Horowitz's **Stormbreaker**.

Friends of Judy George, Tim and Shirley McKiernan, Pat and Pam Gulbranson, Tjeran and Donna Jolliffe, Denny and Nancy Galloway, Larry and Sonj Perkins, Thaine and Wendy Hopkins have donated four National Park DVDs in memory of Judy's brother Jim Richardson. Jim had a special interest in Yosemite, so that was one of the DVDs that was chosen. Lila Galloway donated the book **The Best of Baseball Digest** in memory of her husband, Jess.

I've got a free copy of Sandy Flahive's **Jesus in the Underwear Drawer** that I'll give to the first person to come into the Library and say they saw it in my column.

New fiction includes Linda Lael Miller's **Deadly Gamble**, **One Good Turn** by Kate Atkinson, Robert James Waller's **The Long Night of Winchell Dear**, Greg Iles' **True Evil**, and **A Marked Man** by Stella Cameron.

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December 13, 2006

Soon you'll be seeing men up our library roof and it's not Santa and the Elves. Sometime around Christmas they will be starting work on our new steel roof. So we may have a little construction noise in the library for a bit. It will all be worth it when we have our new dry roof!

New fiction books this week are **First Impressions** by Nora Roberts, **Against the Day** by Thomas Pynchon, **The View From Castle Rock** a collection of short stories by Alice Munro.

I've chosen some Christmas books and put them near the front door so they will be easy to find. If you're in the mood for a good Holiday story, new recipes, or decorating and hostessing tips, come check them out.

New DVDs this week include: **An Inconvenient Truth**, **The Ant Bully**, **Christmas With the Kranks**, **Spiderman**, **You, Me and Dupree**, **Come, Bone - Out From Boneville**, **The Simpsons - Ice Age – the Meltdown**, **You, Me and Dupree**, **Come, Bone - Out From Boneville**, **The Simpsons - Pirates of the Caribbean 2 - Dead Man's Chest**, **How A Complete Guide to our Favorite Family**, **The to Eat Fried Worms**, **Make Way For Ducklings** and **Books of Magic**, **X-men the Dark Phoenix**, **X-men more Robert McCloskey stories**, **Tikki Tikki Tembo** and **Days of Future Past**, **Fushigi Yugi**, **Hardy Boys the more favorite tales**, **Giggle, Giggle, Quack** and more **Ocean of Osyria**, **InuYasha**, and **Superman Peace on Earth**. These are projected to be very popular with our teenage readers.

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December 20, 2006

Our Die Cut Machine arrived this week! This is one of the projects funded by the Laurens Public Library Foundation's fall fundraisers. This will allow our patrons and staff to easily cut letters and other shapes for use on signs, in scrapbooks, on bulletin boards and in the library windows. Stop in for a demonstration and check out our decorations in the front windows as you pass by.

One of our other Foundation projects was to purchase graphic novels for the youth department. They arrived this week also. Titles include **Nancy Drew the Demon of River Heights**, **Halo Graphic Novel**, **Groo Maus II**, **V for Vendetta**, **Ultimate Batman**, **Haunted Knight**, **Kingdom Come**, **Bone - Out From Boneville**, **The Simpsons - A Complete Guide to our Favorite Family**, **The Books of Magic**, **X-men the Dark Phoenix**, **X-men Days of Future Past**, **Fushigi Yugi**, **Hardy Boys the Ocean of Osyria**, **InuYasha**, and **Superman Peace on Earth**. These are projected to be very popular with our teenage readers.

New adult fiction includes **The Lay of the Land** by Richard Ford and **Requiem for a Dealer** by Jo Bannister. New in nonfiction are **Sea of Thunder** a World War II drama by Evan Thomas and **Antiques of the Future** by Lisa S. Roberts.

New DVDs this week include: **The Devil Wears Prada**, **Talledega Nights**, and **Barnyard**.

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Council Agrees to move Police Dept. to former Mather Building

The Laurens City Council met in regular session Monday evening at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall.

After a presentation by Police Chief Tom Shaw on costs and benefits of the move, Councilman Kent Radford made the motion to move the police station to the former Mather bldg. and that the cost would be spread over two budget periods. The motion passed unanimously.

Chad Cleland, manager of Laurens Power & Communications informed the Mayor and council of their amended budgets and the 2007 budgets for both the

Municipal Light & Power and the Broadband Communications. The council voted to approve the two reports.

The bid of General Excavating from Carroll, Iowa was accepted for installation of the raw water line from the new well to the water department.

The council approved pay estimate #6 to Vaughn Deloss Construction in the amount of \$33,441.12

Motion was made and approved to move the January council meetings to Monday January 8 and 22 due to the New Years holiday falling on Monday, January 1.

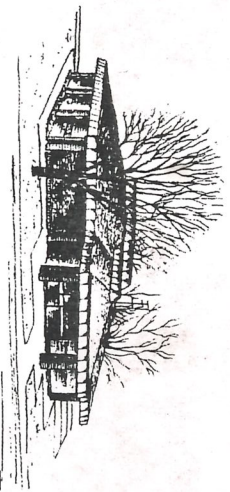
The following appointments, **Park Board:** Dale Holmaster, Brett Stumbo and John Jansson. **Library Board:** Jan Hersom, Jane Christensen, Connie Dallenbach, Mary Kliegl. **Board of Adjustment:** Linda Olson, Brett Fehr and Rod Mayou.

Presents Resignation:

Doug Hanna gave the city a written letter of resignation effective January 1, 2007. Hanna will start work for the city of Whapeton, Iowa at that time.

The council adjourned to the meeting of January 8, 2007.

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder
December 27, 2006

The big news at the library this week is that Joyce Rigby has decided to retire. Joyce started her career at the Laurens Public Library in August of 1978. Since that time she has worked all aspects of library work. In recent years she has become our Queen of Cataloging. She will be much missed at the library, but we know she'll be in often to check out books, now that she'll have more time to read! She will join Sandi as one of our favorite book reviewers. Please join us for coffee and cookies and to wish Joyce well in her retirement December 28th from 1-5.

The first book for our new book discussion group is **Plainsong** by Kent Haruf. It is the story of life in a small town in Colorado. We've got lots of copies available in regular and large print. We will be meeting Monday, January 29th at 7:00 to discuss **Plainsong**.

I got word this week that we will be receiving a grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation. This \$2,000 grant will be used to purchase two notebook computers for patron use in the library. As soon as our wireless Internet is hooked up, these computers will be usable throughout the library.

New fiction this week includes **Stalemate** by Iris Johansen, **Shadow Dance** by Julie Garwood, **The Ravenscar Dynasty** by Barbara Taylor Bradford, and **On Tall Pine Lake** by Dorothy Garlock.

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Terry's Retirement



Terry Latham giving Joyce good wishes



Doug Long + Joyce talking



Mark Kyle + Joyce Rigby

After 28 years at the Laurens Public Library, Joyce Rigby is retiring



*Join us 1-5 pm Thursday,
December 28th to wish Joyce a*

Happy Retirement!!



Notice:

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Retirement Open House-
Thursday, December 28 from 1-
5 p.m. at the Laurens Public Li-
brary, please join us to wish
Joyce Rigby a Happy Retirement.

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Help

Wanted:

12-28-06

Help Wanted at the Laurens
Public Library circulation desk.
About 15 hours per week, some
evenings and Saturdays. Must
enjoy working with the public
and have basic computer
skills. Apply in person at the
Library.

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Robert
Lynette & Janet
Lorena & Janet



Pat & Frank
Cecilia & Gretchen
Dorothy & Dorothy



Mark & Don
w/ Joyce

Joyce, Margaret
& Dorothy Lamb

