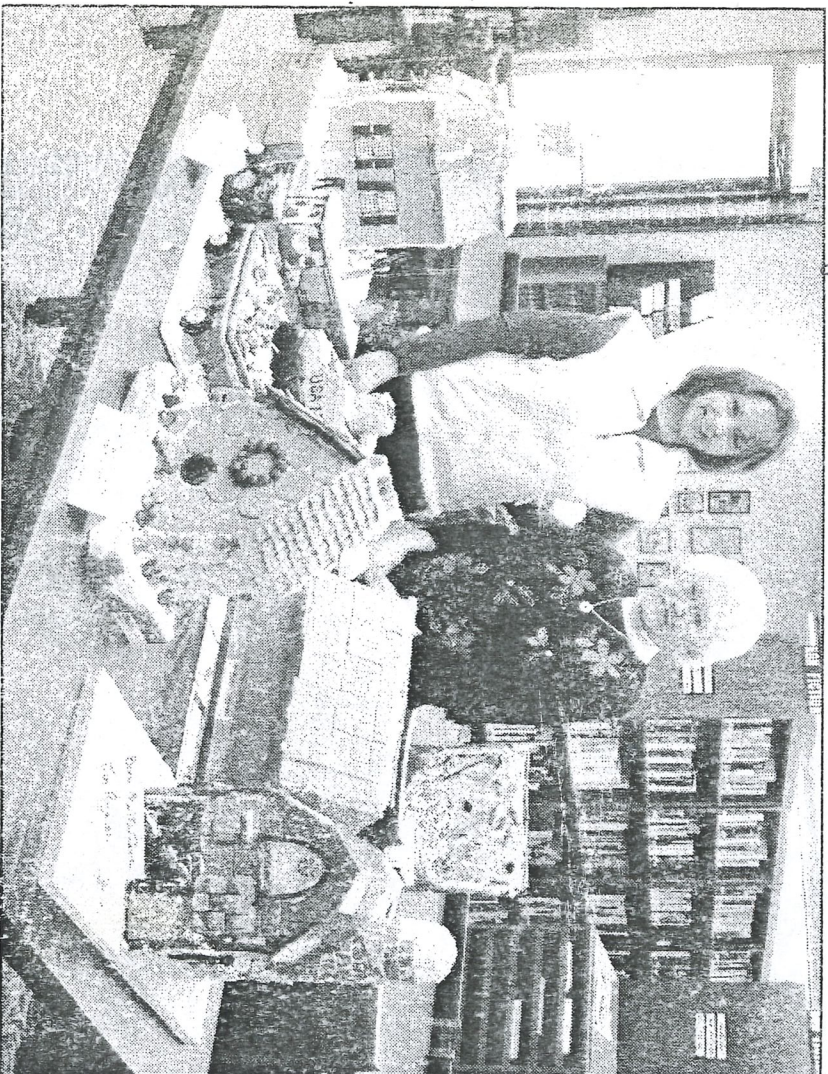


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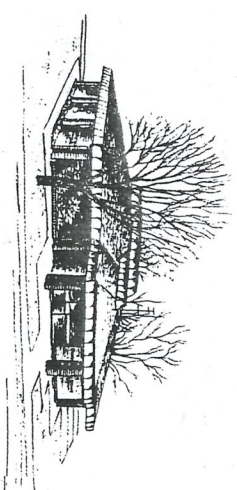
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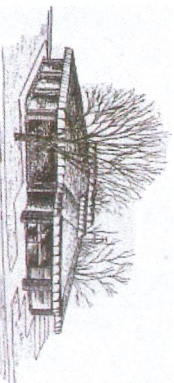
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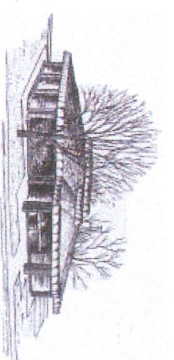
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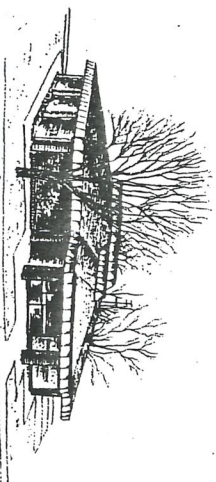
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The Paper January 22, 2008

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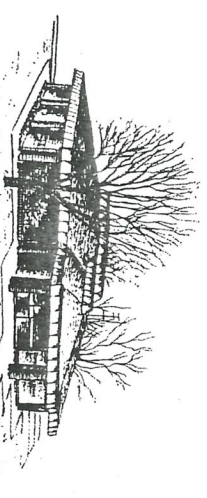
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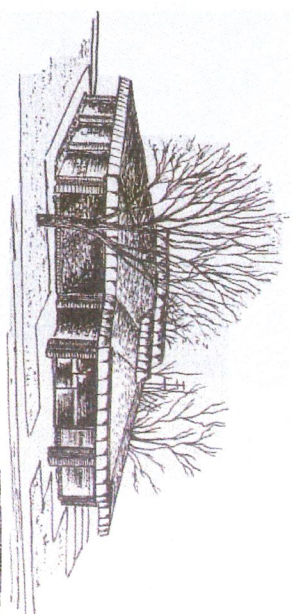
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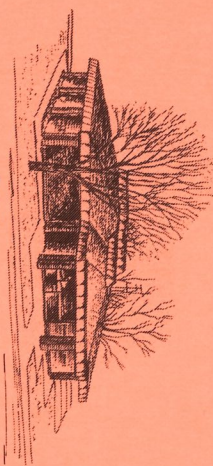
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# Sounds Like Fun!

at the  
Lawrens  
Public Library

Friday, January 25  
at 1:30



Story time



Alexandra Ahlers,  
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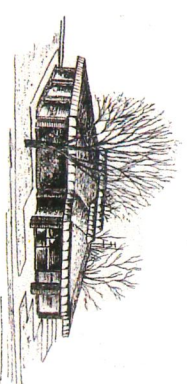
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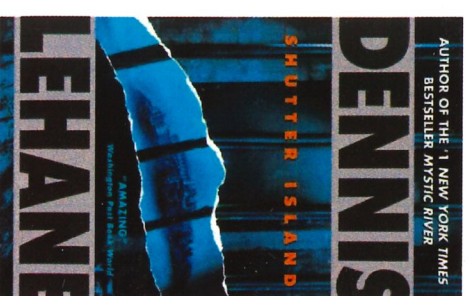
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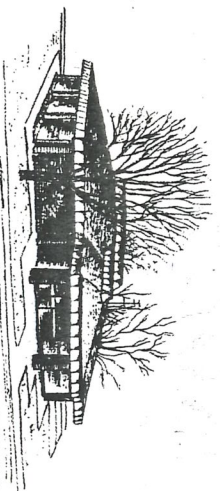
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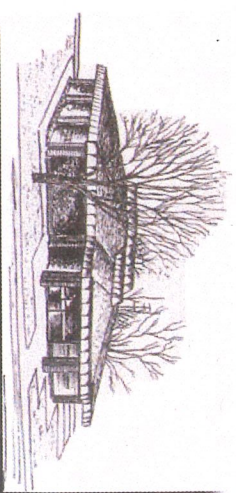
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## Pocahontas County Foundation Awards February 5

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Row 1: Gregg White (City of Pocahontas, electronic message sign, \$5000); Glenda Mulder (Laurens Public Library, Read a great movie/book, \$1215); Lola De Wall, (Pocahontas Public Library,



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# At the Library

with Glenda Mulder  
February 12, 2008

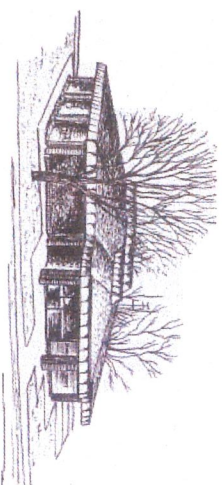
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**February**  
The Pocahontas County Librarians presented their annual report in the form of a "pop quiz" were Lola DeWail, Sally Butcher, and Carla Mulder. In attendance past financial support and the statistics presented in the "quiz" demonstrates the quality of the nine libraries in the county. 2-19

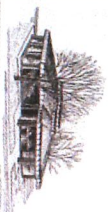
## Internet Safety



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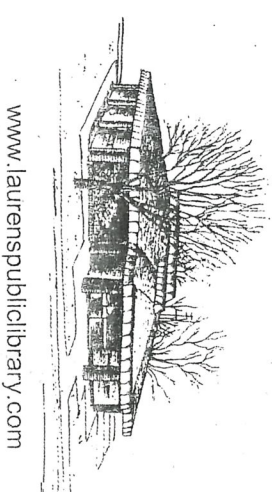
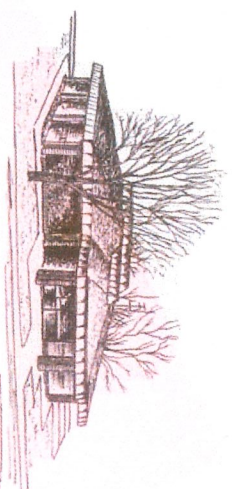


5th Grade Story Time/Brown Bag



## L-M 5th Graders visit the Library

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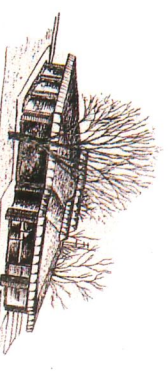
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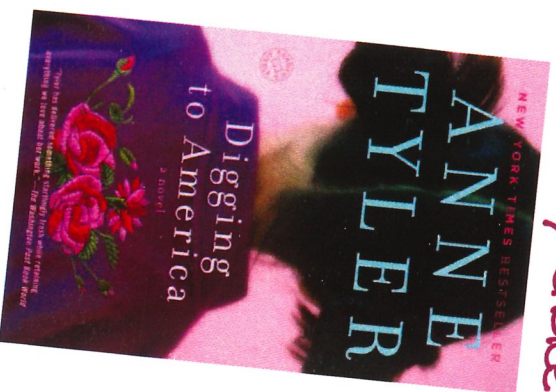
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Laurens Public Library's  
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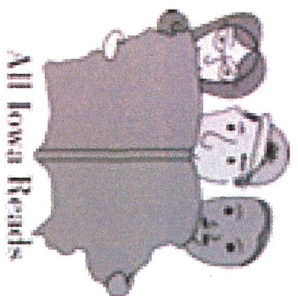
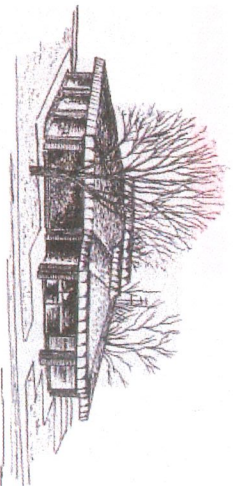


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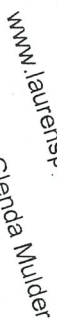
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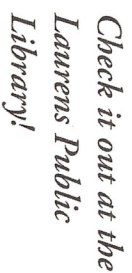
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We have Oprah's latest reading recommendation. It is Elkhart Tolle's *A New Earth; Awakening to Your Life's Purpose*. There's a bit of a waiting list, so if you're interested give us a call!

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March 2008

Monkey Around  
at the  
Laurens Public Library  
Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:30 PM





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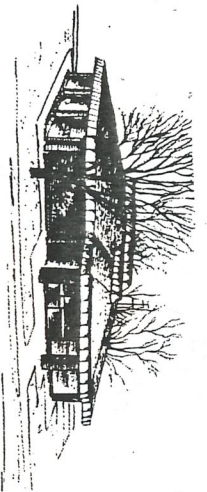


Glenda leading the kids in a game of 'Who's the monkey?

Monkey Soap... lead by Glenda







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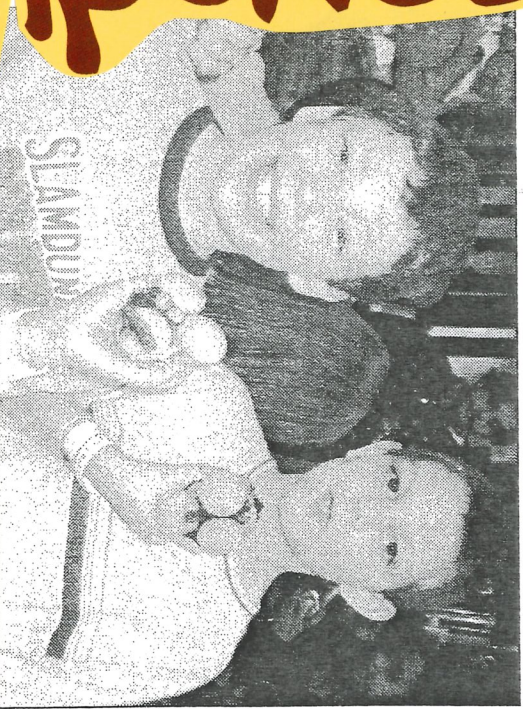
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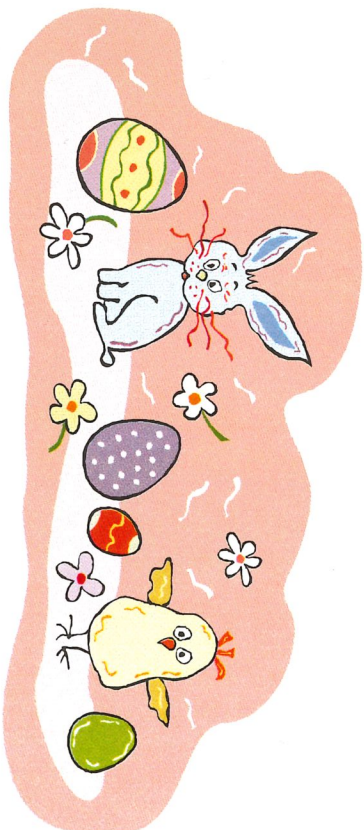
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Now, if you think that took awhile to read, guess how long it took to choose, order, and catalog them! What fun! It was really interesting going through the lists.

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## Attention Kids!! EASTER STORIES, CRAFT & SNACK 10:00 am Saturday, March 22nd



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March 18, 2008

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As promised here's a list of the Read a Great Movie collection that we purchased with funds from the Pocahontas County Foundation. First the DVD's: *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*, *A Walk to Remember*, *Adventures of Huck Finn*, *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *Aladdin*, *Alex Rider: Maximum Ride*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *All the King's Men*, *All the Pretty Horses*, *An Indian in the Cupboard*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *Awakenings*, *Babe*, *Beaches*, *Big Trouble*, *Clear and Present Danger*, *Client Cry*, *the Beloved Country*, *Dances with Wolves*, *Forrest Gump*, *Frankenstein*, *Fried Green Tomatoes*, *Giant*, *Gone with the Wind*, *Harriet the Spy*, *Holes*, *Homeward Bound*, *Horse Whisperer*, *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *The entire James Bond Collection*, *Mean Girls*, *Message in a Bottle*, *My Dog Skip*, *Not without my Daughter*, *Old Yeller*, *Prize Winner of Defiance*, *OH, Sahara*, *Snow Falling on Cedars*, *Snow White*, *Sounder*, *Sphere*, *Stuart Little 1 & 2*, *Swiss Family Robinson*, *The Babysitter's Club*, *The Black Cauldron*, *The Firm*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *The Man in the Iron Mask*, *The Mighty*, *The Outsiders*, *The Swan Princess*, *The Three Musketeers*, *The Velveteen Rabbit*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Thumbelina*, *Tuck Everlasting*, *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*, and *White Fang*.

For books we have also received the following books: *20,000 Leagues under the Sea* by Jules Verne, *A Day with Wilbur Robinson* by William Joyce, *Awakenings* by Oliver Sachs, *Babe* by Dick King-Smith, *Beaches* by Iris Rainer Dart, *Casino Royale* by Ian Fleming, *Diamonds are Forever* by Ian Fleming, *Fluke* by Christopher Moore, *For Your Eyes Only* by Ian Fleming, *Forrest Gump* by Winston Groom, *Freaky Friday* by Mary Rodgers, *From Russia with Love* by Ian Fleming, *Goldfinger* by Ian Fleming, *Hart's War* by John Katzenbach, *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov, *Live and Let Die* by Ian Fleming, *Moonraker* by Ian Fleming, *Octopussy and the Living Daylights* by Ian Fleming, *Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson, *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* by Ian Fleming, *Rocket Boys* Homer Hickam, *Shrek!* By William Steig, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann Wyss, *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling, *The Spy Who Loved Me* by Ian Fleming, *The Swan Princess* by Hans Christian Anderson, *Thunderball* by Ian Fleming, *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?* by Peter Hedges, and *White Fang* by Jack London.

Now, if you think that took awhile to read, guess how long it took to choose, order, and catalog them! What fun! It was really interesting going through the lists.

Stop in and check them out!



# Easter Bunny

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# Bunny Hop

The Easter Bunny (aka Connie Dallenbach) leads the kids as they Bunny Hop over to the tables to make their bunny masks and frost Easter egg cookies. The Chamber & Library sponsored this fun event.



Our Town Our Paper!



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March 2008



The Easter Bunny reading to the kids for an Easter story time



The Easter Bunny leading the Bunny Hop.



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# At the Library

with Glenda Mulder

March 26, 2008

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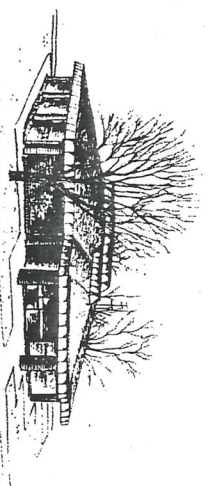
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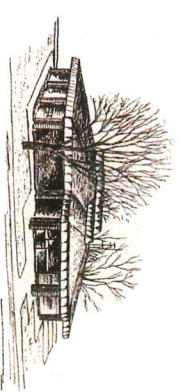
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For crafts made bunny faces.  
Kristen Davis & Delaney Ehn displaying.

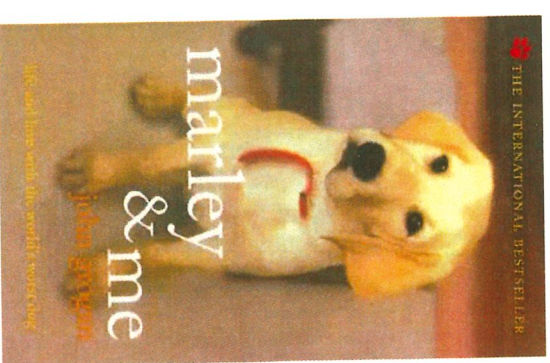


Hayden Anderson, Wyatt & Mia  
Shannon displaying their masks.



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MARCH CHOICE



JOIN US @  
7:00 MONDAY,  
MARCH 24TH  
TO DISCUSS  
MARLEY AND ME

With the discussion of Marley & Me lead by Carl Bergins. Pappy Chow was served as a snack.



## At the Library with Glenda Mulder

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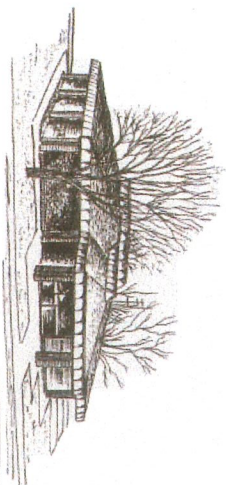
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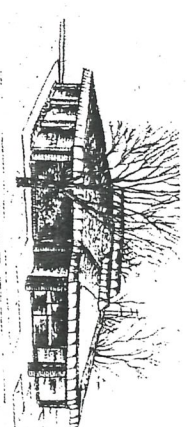
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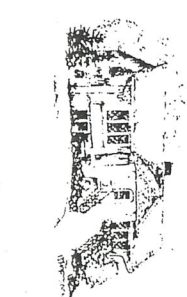
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Kylie and Skylar are reading the book before their story

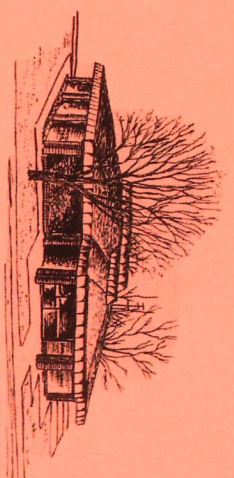


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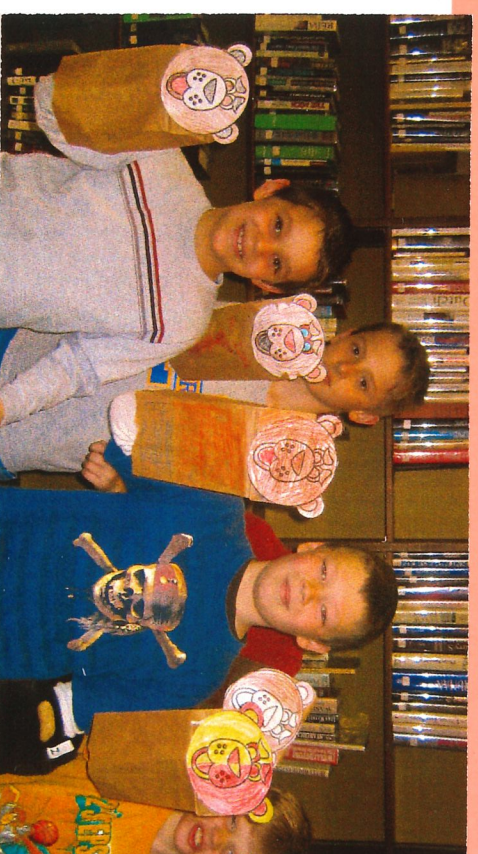
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HIBERNATION!**



**Kids' Story Time  
at the  
Laurens Public Library**



**Friday, April 11 @ 1:30  
Special Presenter Pocahontas  
County Naturalist  
Clay Steele**



The boys bear Puppets. Chase Newgard, Hunter Storms, Corbin Hopkins + Eli Handy.



April 1 2008

## Bearry Much Fun!

## At the Library with Glenda Mulder

April 16, 2008

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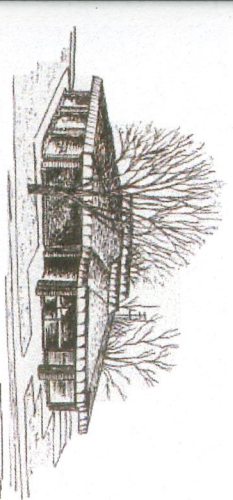
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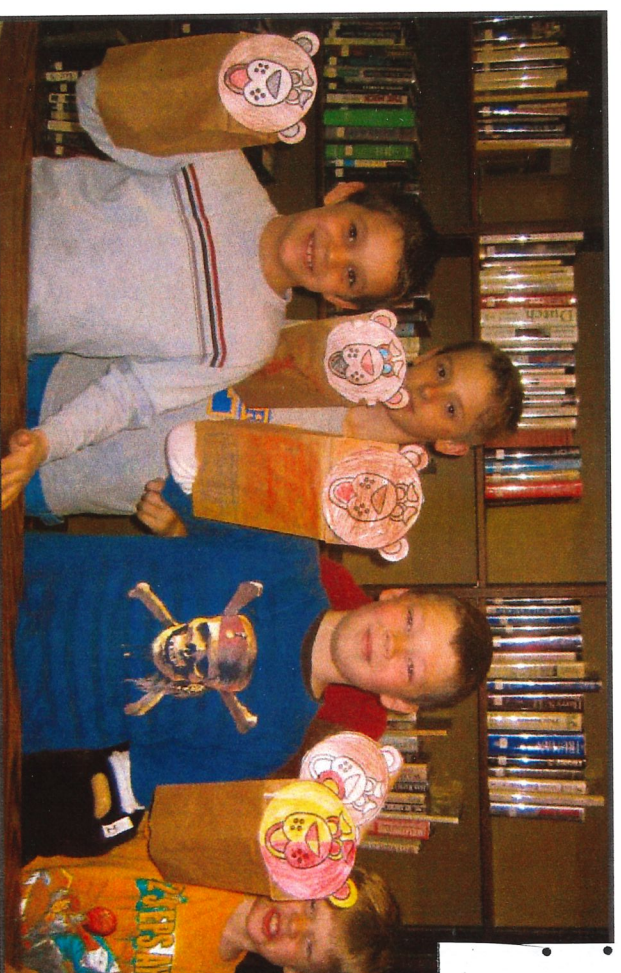


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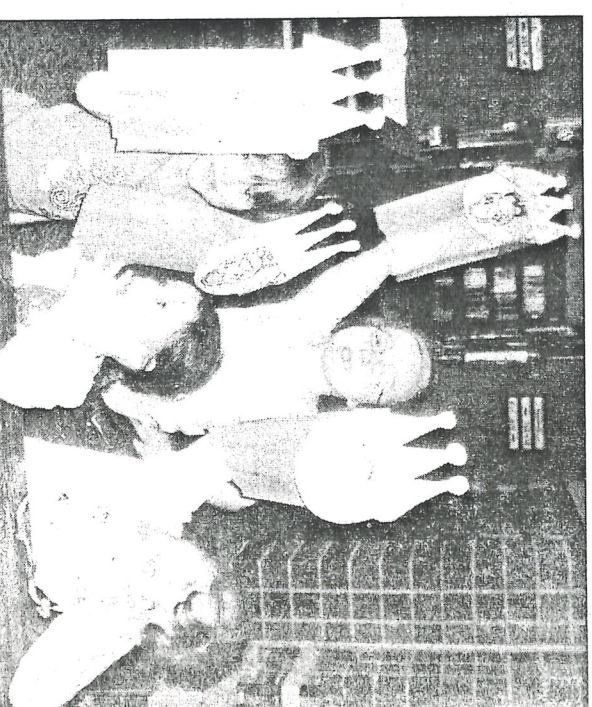
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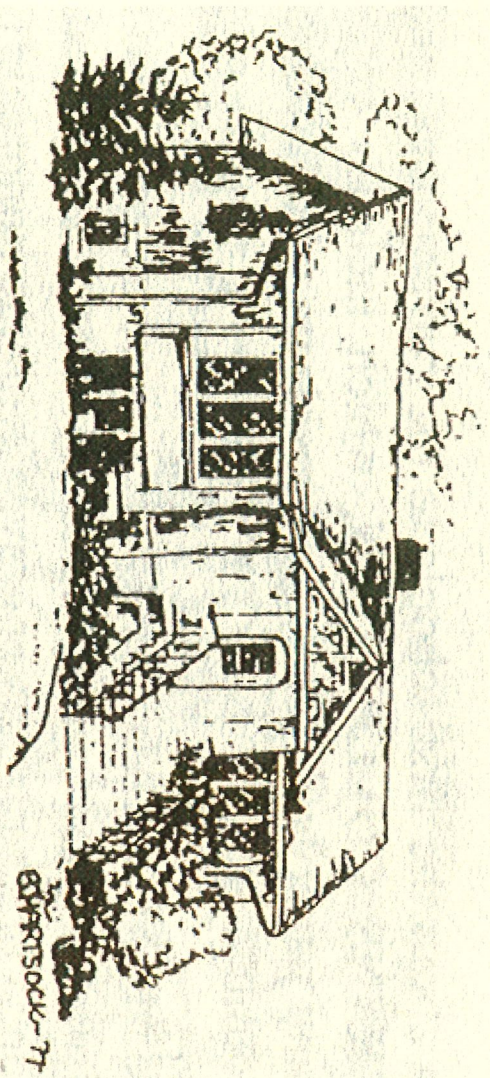
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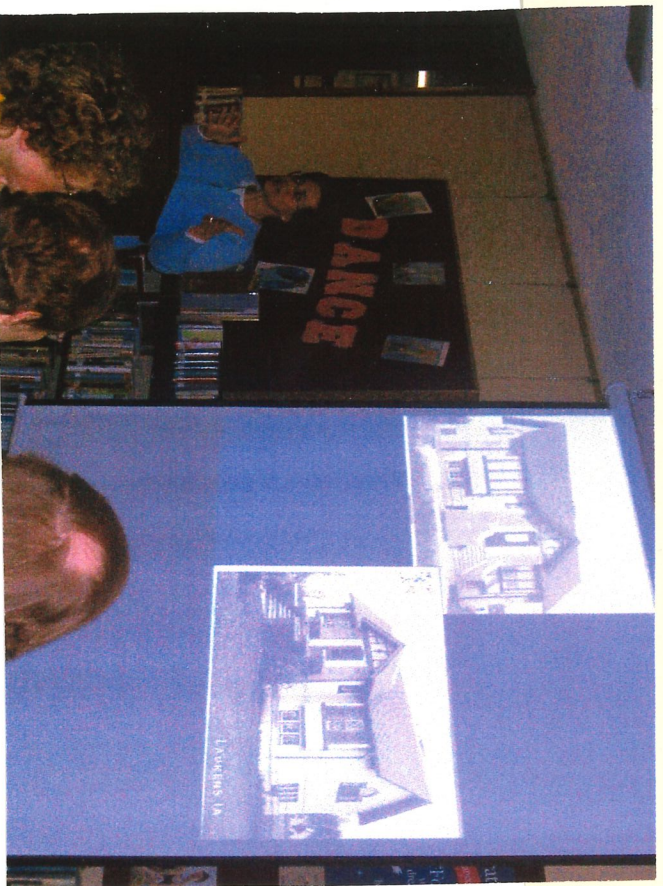
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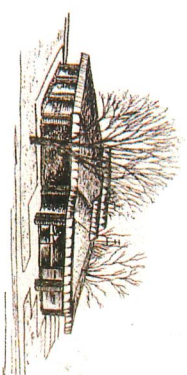
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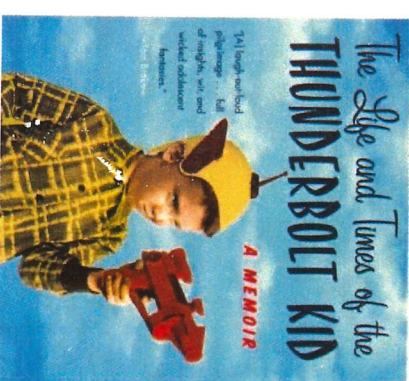


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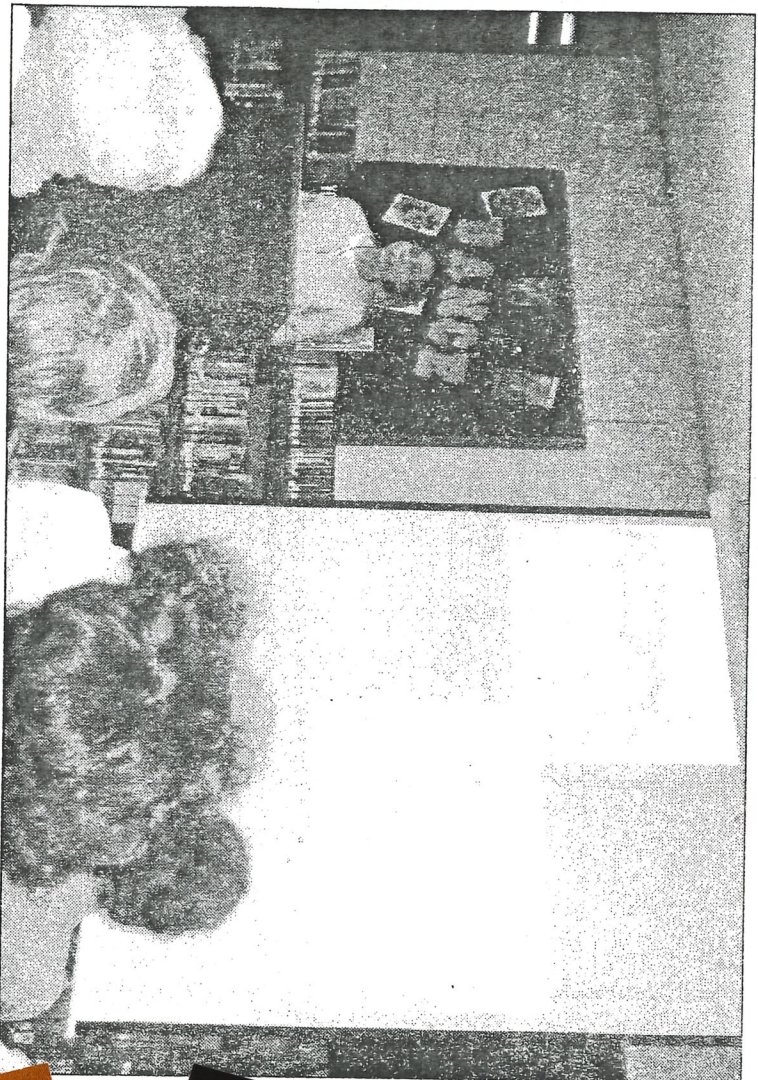
**BILL BRYGON**

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER  
AUTHOR OF A WALK IN THE WOODS



JOIN US @  
7:00 MONDAY,  
APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>





A program was presented about Andrew Carnegie and the grants he gave to build libraries around the world. Shana Stewart is on the faculty at the School of Library and Information Science at The University of Iowa and heads up the Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Program, so special emphasis was given to Iowa libraries. In this picture she is pointing out features that make Laurens' Carnegie Building unique.

Before the program Pat Harms and Jeanette Korreck served as tour guides for Shana as she toured our Carnegie Building, which now houses the Pocahontas County Museum. She took many photographs of the building's interior and exterior for the Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Program.

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April 30, 2008

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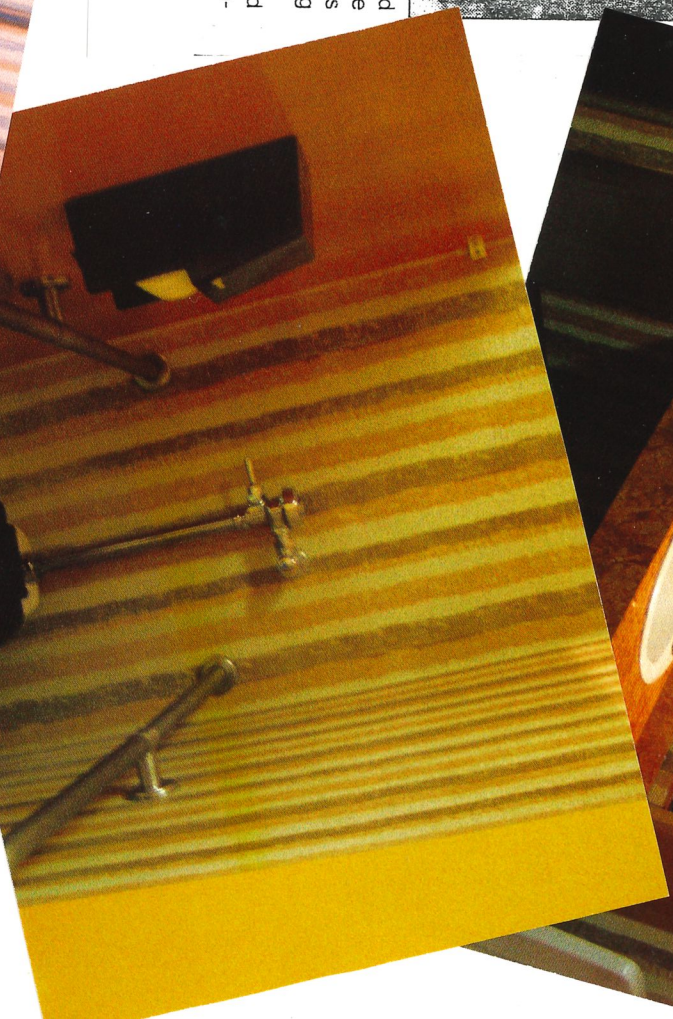
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2008



Boys' Bathroom before painting  
afternoon before painting



Girls' Bathroom before painting & countertops



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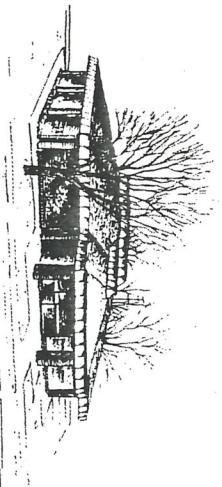


Kyle Green & Jim Ludwig from Laurens Plumbing working in bathrooms



Lee from Lee's Kitchens in steam Lake installing new countertops.





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April 23, 2008

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The bathroom makeovers are progressing nicely. The stalls and walls in the women's bathroom have now been painted. Well, I still have a couple spots to touch up, but I'm not going to show where they are! Now the men's room stalls are at the painters & I get to give those walls a couple coats of paint. It's amazing what a difference a little paint can make. It even makes it smell new! You'd never guess those crazy stripes were ever there!

Rainy Spring days are the perfect time to catch up on your reading. A nonfiction book that looked so interesting I just couldn't resist is ***Panama Fever: The Epic Story of One of the Greatest Human Achievements of All Time--the Building of the Panama Canal*** by Matthew Parker. Although I have to say it makes me wonder who names nonfiction books. Lately most have a short first part followed by about half the book as the second part of the title! Okay, I'm done with my rant now. ;-) New fiction this week includes:

- ***The Whole Truth*** by David Baldacci
- ***Quicksand*** by Iris Johanson
- ***Sante Fe Dead*** by Stuart Woods
- ***The Third Circle*** by Amanda Quick
- ***3 Girls and Their Brother*** by Theresa Rebeck
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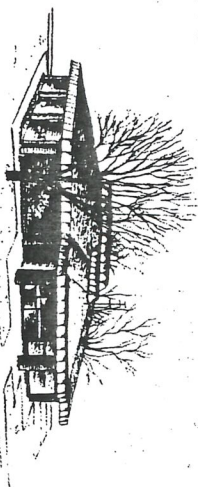
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- ***Shotgun Rule*** by Charlie Huston
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Biggest Little Paper In Town!

## Worms Pay Off!

It's finally complete! Darrell Nichol from the Auto Body Clinic is shown reinstalling the last of the doors he painted for the Laurens Public Library bathrooms. The freshly painted stalls and walls along with the last of the doors he painted for the Laurens Public Library bathrooms, give our public bathrooms a much needed facelift.





Glenda reading for story time



Delaney Ehn, Mikenzy Tansey, Brooke Runneberg + Brittany Linke



Brooke Runneberg helping Cydnee Hopkins + Cole Runneberg



Brooke helping Chandler Todd + Cydnee Hopkins

Bryce Wonnell helping Cole Runneberg, Alexandra Ahlers, Payton Rollings, and Sydney Kent at story time



Bryce Wonnell helping Alexandra Ahlers + Payton Rollings



# Kids' Story Time

## At Laurens Public Library

### Friday, May 9th

#### at 1:30



Teri Pease, Ethan Runneberg, Reuben Wonnell and Jonathan Kent



## At the Library

### At the Library with Glenda Mulder

May 14, 2008

*The Paper*

We had an exciting opportunity pop up this week! Kurt Anderson will be home for a week and would like to share his experiences in Turkey. He has been ministering to our military men and women's Middle School and High School age youth. Join us Thursday, May 15th at 10:00 in the morning to hear about Kurt's life in Turkey.

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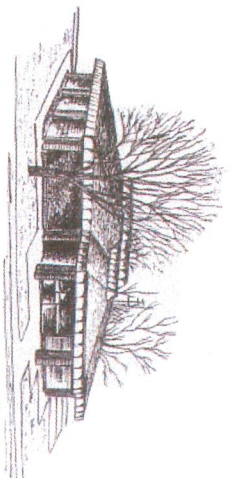
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## At the Library

Golden Horizons 4-Her, Rueben Wenell (on right) helps Ethan Runneberg with his garden project while Tori Reese colors hers. The 4H club members have been story time helpers at the Laurens Public Library this school year. Friday they helped plant the seeds of reading with a gardening themed story time.



Pictured from left to right: Tori Reese, Ethan Runneberg and Reuben Wenell

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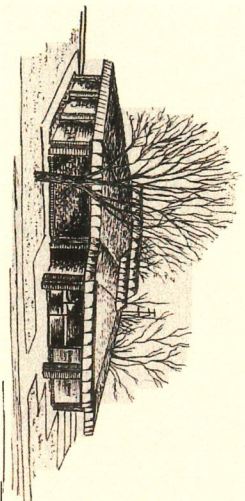
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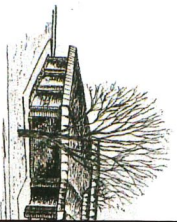
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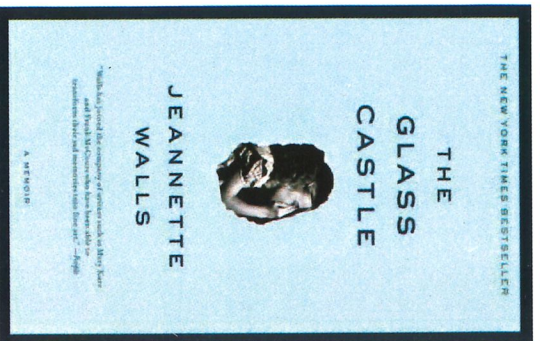


Laurens Public

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May 2008

Discussion Choice



Join us

7:00 Wednesday,

May 28<sup>th</sup>

@ 7 pm



Library bunch given in memory of  
Joe Halterman. Pictured some of the  
family Jeff, Brett, Bryan, Diane & Roger Halterman.



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6-12-08

The Paper

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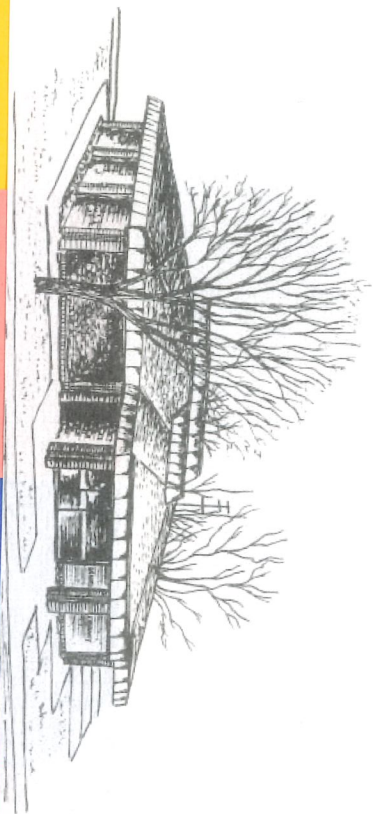
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## Fabulous Feedsacks Quilts

Have you ever seen quilts, clothing and other linens made from feed-sacks? As early as the 1930s, beautiful patterns were printed on feedsacks and women supplemented the family income by using these sacks for dresses, quilts, and even baby clothes. See if you have feedsacks tucked away in the attic or trunk and bring them to the Laurens Public Library on Tuesday, June 10th at 2:00 p.m. Wendy Zorher will be here to share her stories about her quilt collection. She invites you to bring your family's heirlooms and we will try to answer any questions you may have concerning your family collection. This program is sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation with a gift from the Mather family.

Zorher's research interest has been farmwomen's economic contribution during the Great Depression. Wendy grew up on a Franklin County dairy farm and went to a Franklin County country school near Bradford. Even though she no longer lives on her family's Century farm, she helped to preserve their farming heritage and heirlooms through oral histories and locating and archiving family possessions to be passed on to future generations. Wendy is on the Executive Board of the West Des Moines Historical society.



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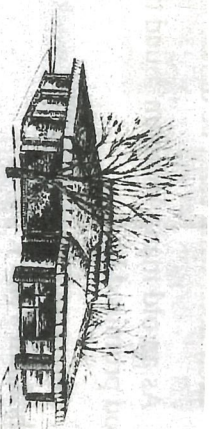
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If you're in the mood for some new fiction, try one of these: *Married Lovers* by Jackie Collins, *Bright Shiny Morning* by James Frey, *Fearless* by Diana Palmer, *Sail* by James Patterson, *Driving Sideways* by Jessica Riley or *Steel Wave: a Novel of WWII* by Jeff Shaara.

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Our book discussion group will meet June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00. This month's book of choice is *The Diary of Mattie Spenser* by Sandra Dallas. This novel is told from the viewpoint of a young wife of a homesteader in Colorado Territory in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Sounds like another good read!



# Catch the Reading Bug?

at the

## Laurens Public Library Mondays in June!



ButterflyZ of Iowa

3:00 June 2nd



All the other Mondays

June 9, 16, 23 & 31  
at 1:30!

Stop in to see how you can help us build a Giant Caterpillar!



Glenda reading for

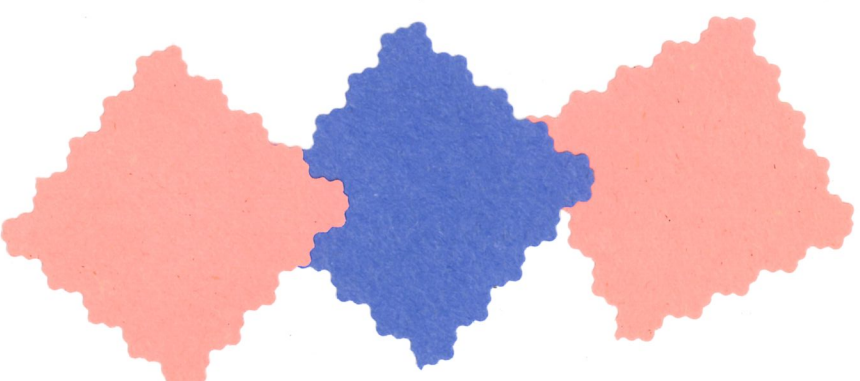
At the Library  
with Glenda Mulder

June 11, 2008

We're having great fun with our Kids' Summer Reading Program, *Catch the Reading Bug*. We meet for buggy story times Mondays during June at 1:30. Next week we have a beekeeper scheduled to visit. That should be really interesting. We are also building a giant caterpillar on the bulletin boards based on the number of books kids read - he's getting longer every day!



Anthony Gordon, Alexander Ahlers & Sydney Hopkins making headbands



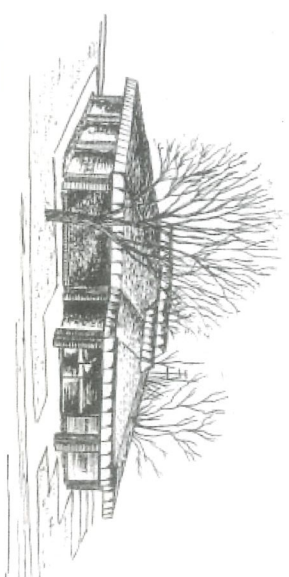
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Matt Hertz and Nick Miller are sharing their Farm Equipment collections with us. Next time you're at the Library, take a look at them in the north display case. If you have a collection that you'd be willing to put in one of our cases, just let me know.

New for the nonfiction readers, we have *The Downhill Lie: A Hacker's Return to a Ruinous Sport* by Carl Hiaasen, *What Really Sank the Titanic: New Forensic Discoveries* by Jennifer Hooper McCarty and *Stolen Innocence: My Story of Growing Up in a Polygamous Sect, Becoming a Teenage Bride, and Breaking Free of Warren Jeffs* by Elissa Wall.

Our book discussion group will meet June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00. This month's book of choice is *The Diary of Mattie Spenser* by Sandra Dallas. This novel is told from the viewpoint of a young wife of a homesteader in Colorado Territory in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Sounds like another good read!

Stop in and check it out!





# Catch the Reading

Bug 6-18 The Paper

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# Catch the Reading Bug!





# Fabulous Feedsacks Quilts

See if you have feedsacks tucked away  
in the attic or trunk and bring them to:

**Laurens Public Library**  
**Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 2:00 pm**

Wendy Zohrer will  
be here to share  
her stories  
about her  
quilt collection.

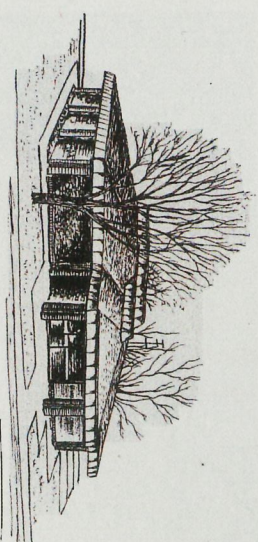


# Stories Written in Dust! *Iowa's Great Depression*



*Wendy Zohrer portrays a farm wife  
during the Great Depression.  
Her churned butter and egg money  
helped provide income for the family.*

**Laurens Public Library**  
**7:00 Tuesday, June 10**



## *At the Library*

Wendy Zohrer portrayed an Iowa  
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She told many stories of the hard  
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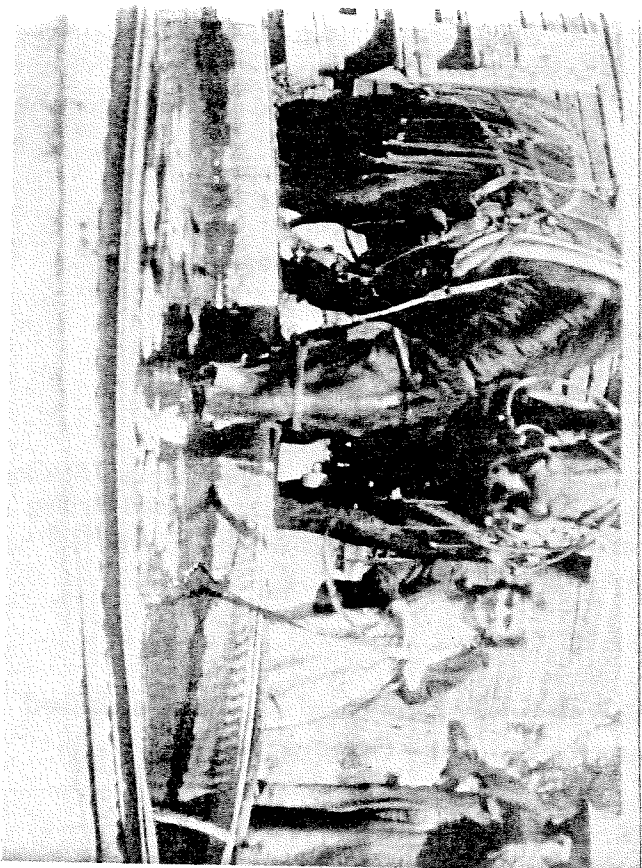
## Discover the Stories Written in *Dust! The Paper* 6-18-08

Iowa farm women provided a solid foundation to cope with the 1930s Great Depression. There are many untold stories of courage, hard work, and laughter from that decade. Wendy Zohrer, West Des Moines, will share stories of Iowans surviving drought, cinch bugs, and Black Sunday. Learn how to preserve this part of your local heritage and discover your community's stories. Join us on Tuesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm. at the Laurens Public Library. This program is sponsored by Laurens Public Library Foundation with a gift from the Mather family.

If you join us, you will find out if YOU can interpret the hobo code used by folks riding the rails. You will also examine artifacts from the Depression Era, sample Eleanor Roosevelt's Honey Drop cookies, and go home with a handout on children's books, depression era recipes, and information on how you can help preserve your family or community stories from the Great Depression.

Wendy Zohrer portrays a farm-woman who married in 1917. Wendy grew up on a Franklin County dairy farm and went to a country school near Bradford, in Franklin County. Even though she currently lives in West Des Moines, she still has a strong connection to her family's Century farm and is on the Board of Director's for the West Des

Jordan House Questers



West Des Moines Historical Society

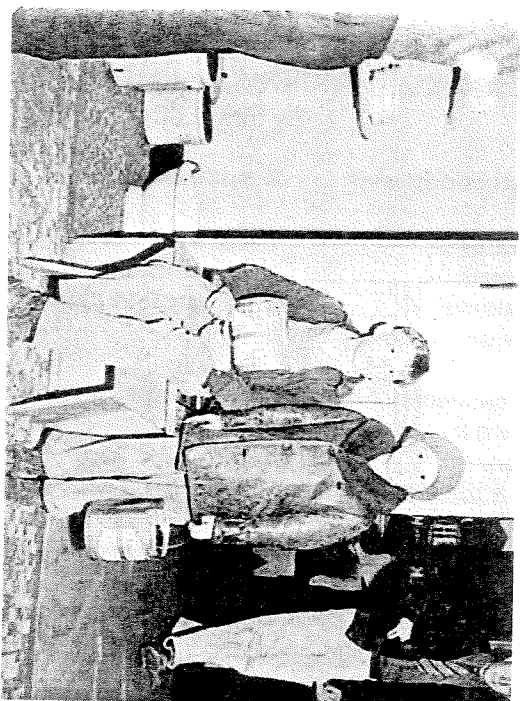
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## "The Great Depression"



## Discover the Stories Written in *Dust!*





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June 16th  
Story time

Click bugs



Destini Oehlert, Kristen Davis, Brenken Bauglof, Alexandra Ahlers, Chandler Todd & Troy Oehlert making click bugs



Kristen Davis showing her Click Bug

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Mason & Spencer Griffin, Jonathan Kirsch & Alyssa Kunz making Click beetles

sure to have  
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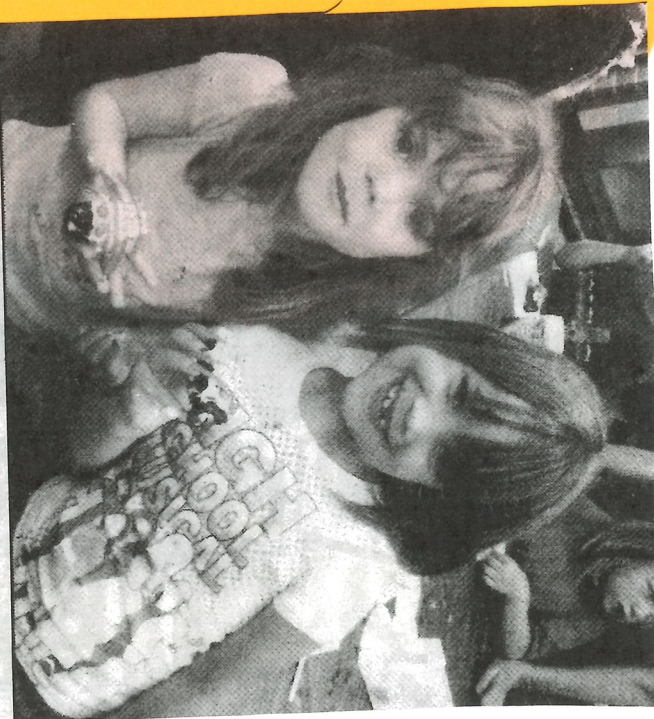
Meghan Olson, Maren & Kaitlyn enjoying snack



Destini Oehlert, Brenten Barger, Gavin Ehn & Katie Weirhold eating snack bugs

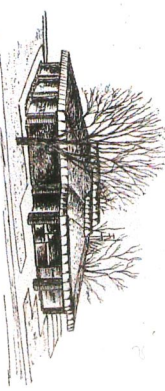


Alyssa Kunz enjoying her snack bugs

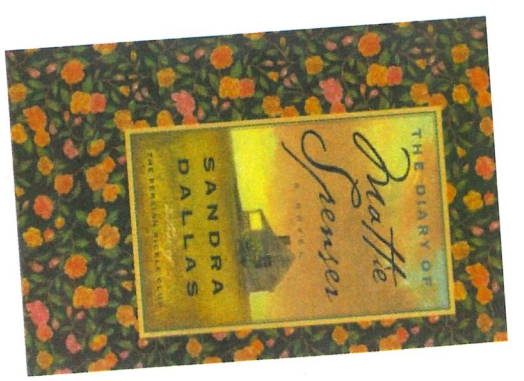


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## Laurens Public Library's June choice



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June 23rd  
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about  
**The Diary of  
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June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Storytime  
"Fireflies" theme  
Glow in the dark  
bugs + Sucker bugs  
for snacks.

## At the Library with Glenda Mulder June 25, 2008

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Stop in and check it out!



Riley + Shawn  
Oxen rider



## Catch the Bug! Reading Bug!



Wyatt Brazel, Becamadsen, Brooke Bouska,  
Chandler Todd + Tanner Nagergast making  
Glow in the dark bugs



Casay Cox + Hannah  
Nagergast



Skylar Hopkins, Hunter Storms +  
Cordin Hopkins decorating Glow bugs



## Senator at the Library

Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley answered questions and addressed the concerns of approximately 35 constituents at a Town Hall meeting at the Laurens Public Library on Monday.



Senator Grassley visited the Laurens Public Library on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

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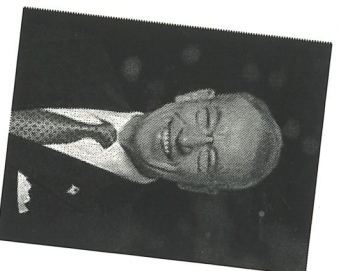
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Invites you to a Town Hall Meeting  
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**Pocahontas County**

Everyone





June 30<sup>th</sup>  
Story time  
Theme: Ants + "  
Grass hoppers  
Snack: Ants on a  
log



Mason + Spencer  
+ Callie Clark  
w/ Stacie  
Chalk Griffin



Sidewalk chalk is  
always fun!



Painting



Trey DeHart  
+ Kelly Stenbo



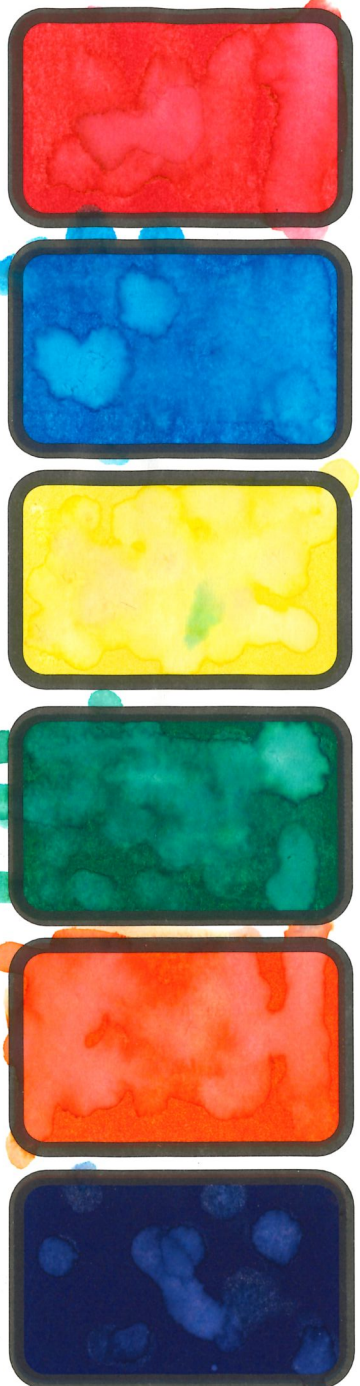
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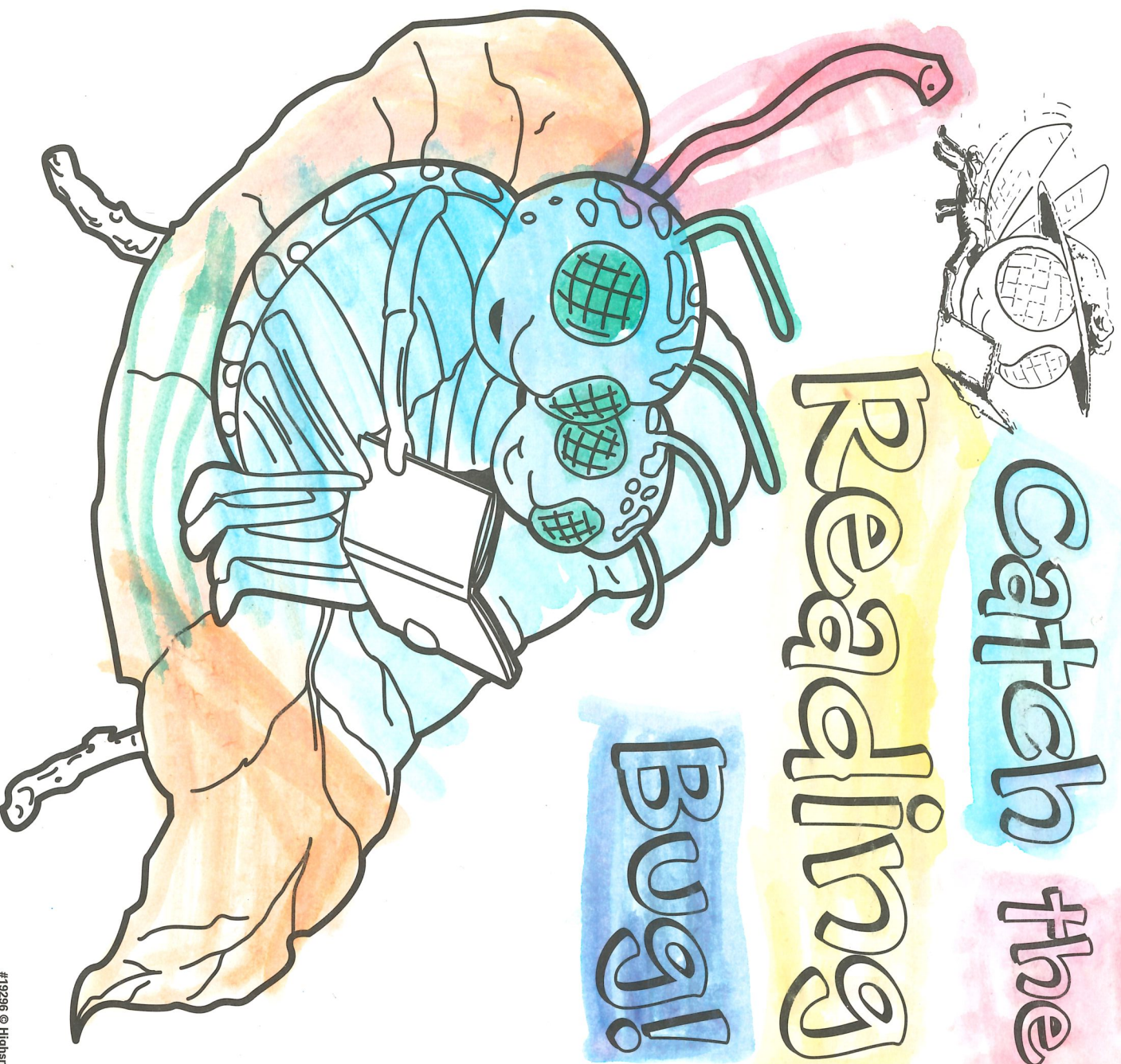


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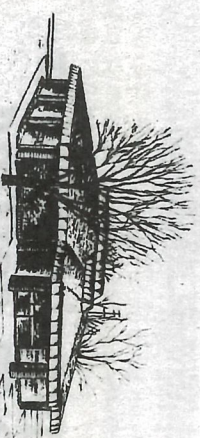
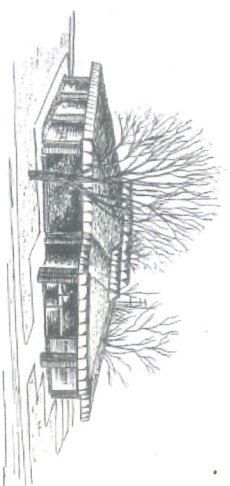
We tallied up the guesses in the kids' jar of straws. Nathan Enger was the closest so he got to take home the candy grabber machine. I wonder if his Mom will ever talk to me again – that machine is obnoxiously noisy! Becca Madsen and Kendall Evans were the next closest guessers so they got prizes too. Our caterpillar that measures the number of books our kids have read has reached the fourth bulletin board. He's huge and will continue to grow for the rest of the month.

The library catalogers have been busy entering new materials to our collection. New fiction includes *A Summer Affair* by Elin Hilderbrand, *13 Reasons Why* by Jay Asher, *Chasing Darkness* by Robert Crais, *Spies of Warsaw* by Alan Furst, *Exile* by Vincent O'Neil, *Where Memories Lie* by Deborah Crombie, *Story of a Marriage* by Andrew Greer, *The Dawn Patrol* by Don Winslow, *Deceived* by Brett Battles, *After River* by Donna Milner, *Death Angel* by Linda Howard, *House and Home* by Kathleen McCleary, *The Last Patriot* by Brad Thor, *Chasing Harry Winston* by Laura Weisberger, *Hit and Run* by Lawrence Block, *Handbags and Homicide* by Dorothy Howell, *Mind's Eye* by Hakan Nesser, *The Sister* by Poppy Adams, *Sacrifice* by S.J. Bolton, *Silent Thunder* by Iris Johansen, *Sun Going Down* by Jack Todd, *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski and 5 new paperbacks in J.D. Robb's *Death* series. New

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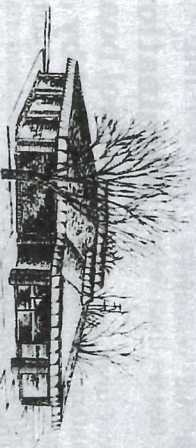
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Alana Perry is using the new bike rack



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# Celebrate Laurens!

## July 18th & 19th

### FRIDAY, JULY 18th at SPORTSMEN'S PARK

- 5 - 7:00 pm - Meal by Kids Korner**  
(hamburgers, chips, pudding cup, drink)  
**Unveiling** by Bogenrief Studios of our gift to Laurens, France
- 6:30 pm - Concert by Senders** sponsored in part by Bieri-Christensen, DDS PC, Town & Country Floral and Good Samaritan Society - Hovenden of Laurens
- Dusk - Fireworks** sponsored by the Citizens of Laurens (cans), Laurens State Bank, Laurens Equipment, Laurens Plumbing, Roy Koenig (DeKalb Seed), Tom Madsen (Kruger Seed), The Reservation, Can Worker Bees (Denny and Rose Tate, Gary Finnestad, Matt Tate and Clarence Siepker)
- 5 - 10:00 pm - Chamber** selling popcorn, pop and water

- FOOD VENDORS:**  
**MASONS** - noon, shelter house in City Park, hamburger meal;  
**RUMORS** - noon, ribfest;  
**RESSLER/HYVEE** - noon, chicken fillets  
**BAUBLE HEADS** - noon - wraps/smoothy, evening - taco/smoothy  
**FOOD PRIDE** - 11:00 - 1:00 pm, hamburgers & hot dogs  
**DEB'S COUNTRY KITCHEN** - open regular hours

### SATURDAY, JULY 19th - DOWNTOWN LAURENS

- 7:00 - 10:00 am - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast** at the Firestation.
- 10:30 am - Parade** (line up before 10:00 at the Firestation, call Clarence Siepker at 841-4663 to enter or just show up.)
- 12:00 - 6:00 pm - Inflatables**, Third Street, \$6 for bracelet; **Hillmer Kiddie Train** sponsored by Pocaontas Mutual Insurance
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- 1:00 pm - FREE Swimming** at municipal pool
- Co-Ed Softball Tournament** - Softball Field, \$5 per person, contact Pat Duran
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- After Pedal Pull, Good Samaritan Smile Contest** (ages 0 - 8) Firestation - prizes
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- 9:30 pm - 2.4.1.** - The Reservation
- Sunday, July 20th**  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm** - Breakfast Brunch at Laurens Country Club, public welcome

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**WINE FESTIVAL MARKET**  
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## Catch the Reading Bug!

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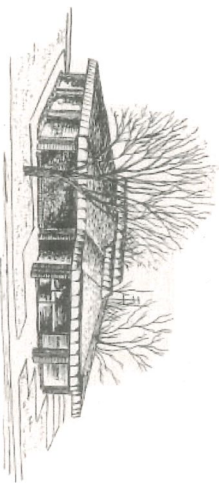
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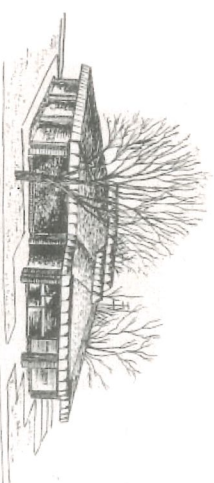
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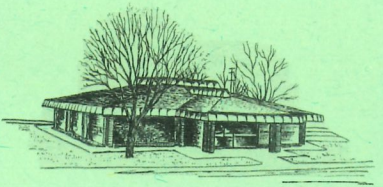
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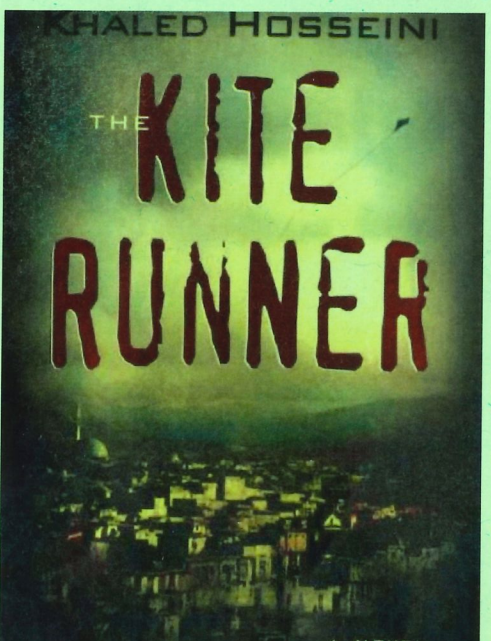
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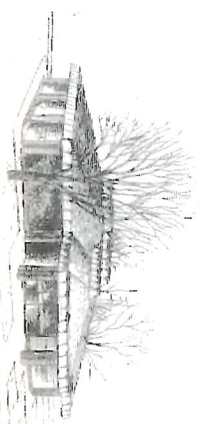
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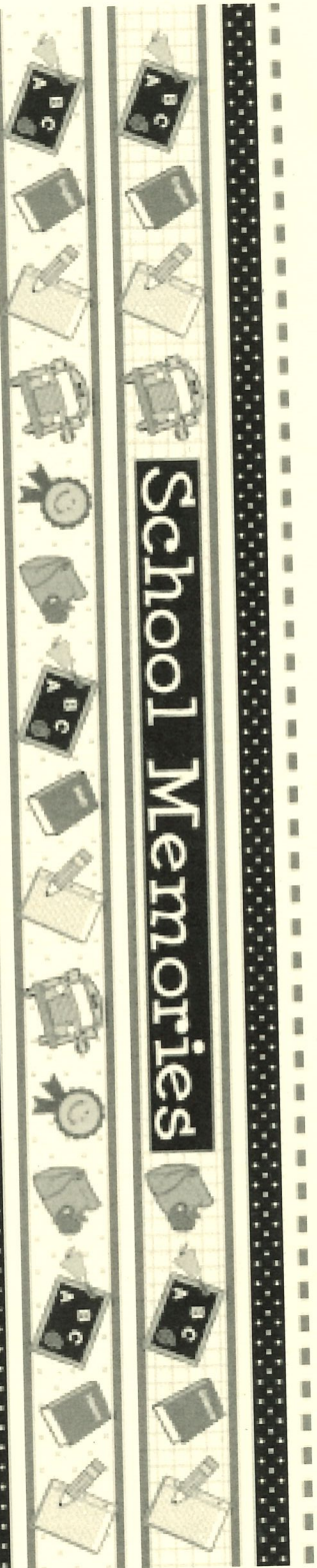
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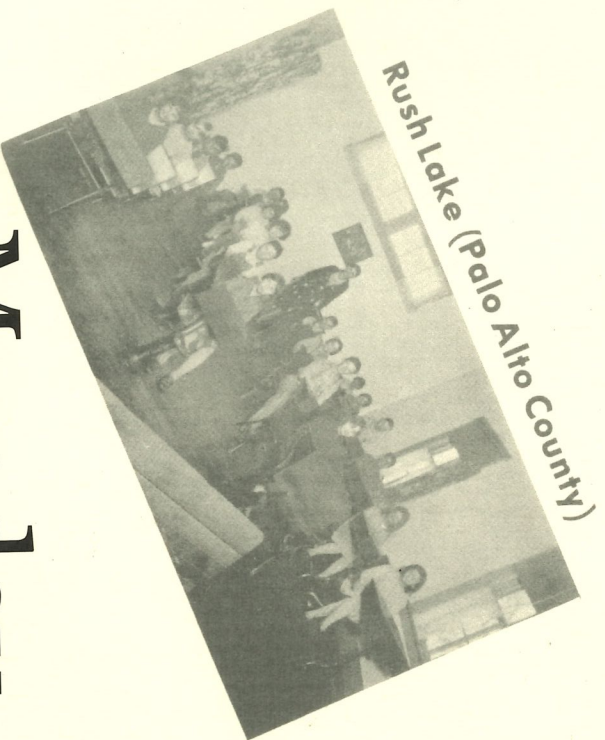




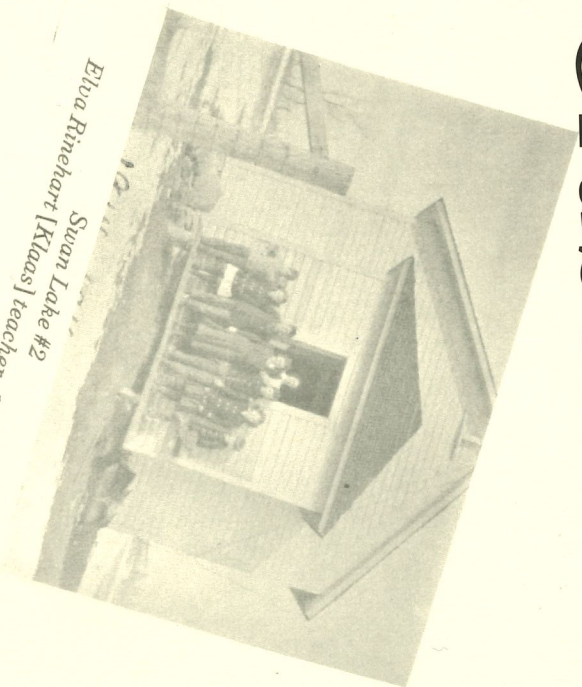
# One Room

## Schoolhouses

with Dick Gruber



Rush Lake (Palo Alto County)



Susan Lake #2  
Elva Rinehart [Klass] teacher, 1914-1916

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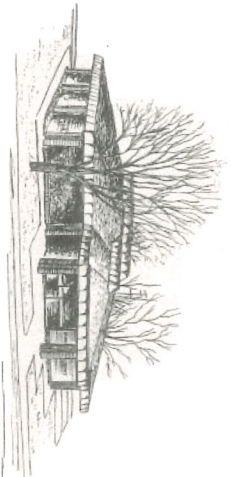
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If you've spent much time in our children's department, I'm sure you've noticed *Miss Elsie's Bookshelf*. These books are purchased with the interest earned on an endowment set up thirty years ago by Mr. & Mrs. Byron G. Allen in July of 1978. Fifty shares of stock in American Telegraph and Telephone Company (AT&T) with the approximate value of \$3,000 were donated to establish this endowment. Over the years this collection has grown so much only about half the books can be put in the cart at a time.

Mrs. Allen, also known as Elsie "Happy" Erickson Allen, was a primary grade teacher in the Laurens, Iowa, Public School System 50 years previous to that. As a former resident of Marathon, Miss Elsie was pleased to learn that the Laurens and Marathon school districts had combined. The Allens made this endowment in commemoration of the schools' consolidation and as a memorial to the years Miss Elsie taught in the Laurens School System.

To start this collection, the Library received a donation of children's books from the Allen's daughter, Virginia Allen Jensen, who was an author of children's books. The Laurens Public Library's collection still includes several books she wrote. Mrs. Jensen also donated an original illustration, which currently hangs above the library's drinking fountain. It is by Danish children's book author and illustrator Ig Spang Olsen. Virginia Allen Jensen translated Olsen's works to English.

So next time you're in the library look at the print above the drinking fountain with new understanding and see the books in Miss Elsie's growing collection!

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8-28-08 LAURENS Sun

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August 20, 2008

It's Back to School time already! To me it's kind of like New Years because it's time to set new traditions and get used to new schedules.

Please make reading to a child part of that new routine. It's the most important thing you can do for a kid! Stop in and let us help you choose books of interest for that special child, whether it's for your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or a neighbor. Just READ to them! And you know, kids' books are really fun! It's a good excuse to read

Curious George, Dr Seuss or whatever your childhood favorite was. Oh no, now I have an urge to read *Harold's Purple Crayon* and *Flat Stanley*!

Wilma Hough loved to read to her kids and grandkids, so Gloria Newell has donated the children's book *Madam President* in her memory. We also got a few large print fiction books. Fred & Sandi Neary donated *Firefly Lane* in memory of Joe Halerman and *Hot Stuff* in memory of Edna Mae Runneberg. Jeanette Peterson marks her birthdays with a gift to the Library Foundation. This year we purchased three Debbie Macomber books with her donation. Happy Birthday, Jeanette! I really don't know when it was, but I hope you had fun!

You've still got time to read a few good summer books yourself. Here's what's new in fiction: *Closer Still* by Jo Bannister, *Foreign Body* by Robin Cook, *Assassin* by Stephen Coonts, *Forced Out* by Stephen Frey, *Barefoot*

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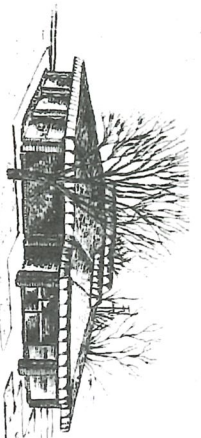
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*The Paper*





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September 3, 2008

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## Haunted Laurens

9-10-08 The Paper

Hello, My name is Chad Lewis and I am the co-author of the *lowa Road Guide to Haunted Locations* book. I will be presenting some of the area's most haunted places at the Laurens Public Library in Laurens Iowa. I am also encouraging those who have stories to attend the presentation and share their stories.

I will be speaking about a lot of local legends including: a home in Laurens so haunted no one can live there, a mysterious Emmetsburg lot where a spirit wanders a former business, a rural bridge where the angry spirit of a woman plagues visitors, the screaming spirit that refuses to leave a Fort Dodge theatre and much, much more...

I thought your readers would be interested in all the weirdness taking place in their own backyard, so I have included all the information for you. Feel free to contact me to discuss the weird side of the area.

Chad Lewis 715-271-1831



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I'm in the mood to do something a little different, so I'm going to give a little Laurens Public Library history lesson.

If you've spent much time in our children's department, I'm sure you've noticed Miss Elsie's Bookshelf. These books are purchased with the interest earned on an endowment set up thirty years ago by Mr. & Mrs. Byron G. Allen in July of 1978. Fifty shares of stock in American Telegraph and Telephone Company

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Mrs. Allen, also known as Elsie "Happy" Erickson Allen, was a primary grade teacher in the Laurens, Iowa, Public School System 50 years previous to that. As a former resident of Marathon, Miss Elsie was pleased to learn that the Laurens and Marathon school districts had combined. The Allens made this endowment in commemoration of the school's consolidation and as a memorial to the years Miss Elsie taught in the Laurens School System.

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So next time you're in the library, look at the print above the drinking fountain with new understanding and see the books in Miss Elsie's growing collection!

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At the Library



# Spooky September in Laurens

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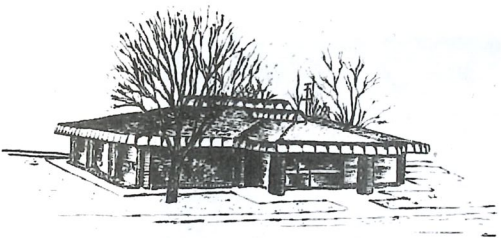
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After Monday's program, you'll certainly be in the mood for a cemetery tour. You will have this opportunity Tuesday, September 16th as the Laurens Women's Club sponsors More Voices From The Past in conjunction with the Laurens Public Library.

The Threshermen's Trolley will leave from the softball field carrying participants back to the turn of the last century. Civil War veteran and local farmer George Jacob Aschenbrenner will greet us at the cemetery as played by one of his descendants, Don Aschenbrenner. As we proceed through the cemetery, we will meet Al Petersen, portraying local blacksmith, Fred Kreul. These men will certainly have many stories to share from Laurens' past.

Tickets are only \$5, but only 150 will be sold. Reserved tickets will be sold for each half hour time slot - 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30 & 7:00. The Women's Club will donate the proceeds to cemetery restoration projects.

So get your tickets now and join us to hear More Voices From The Past.



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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

September 10, 2008

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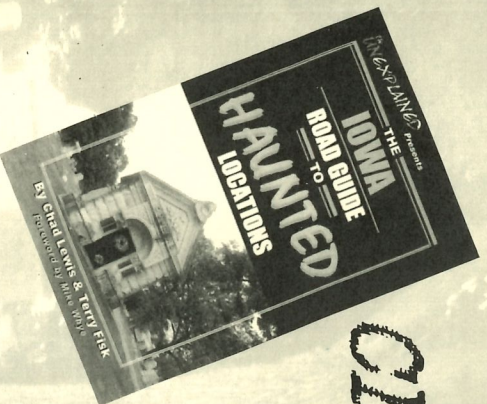
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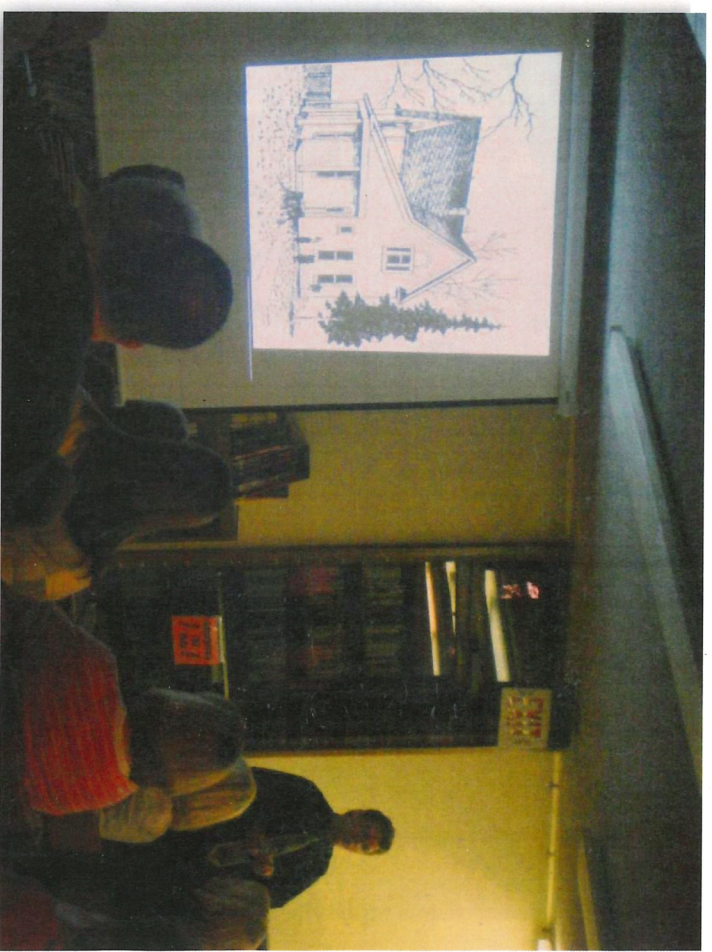
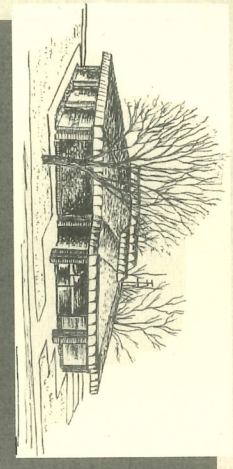
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Chad Lewis speaks to a large crowd at the Laurens Public Library.

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The Paper



Chad Lewis giving a book guide,  
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*Reminders*  
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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

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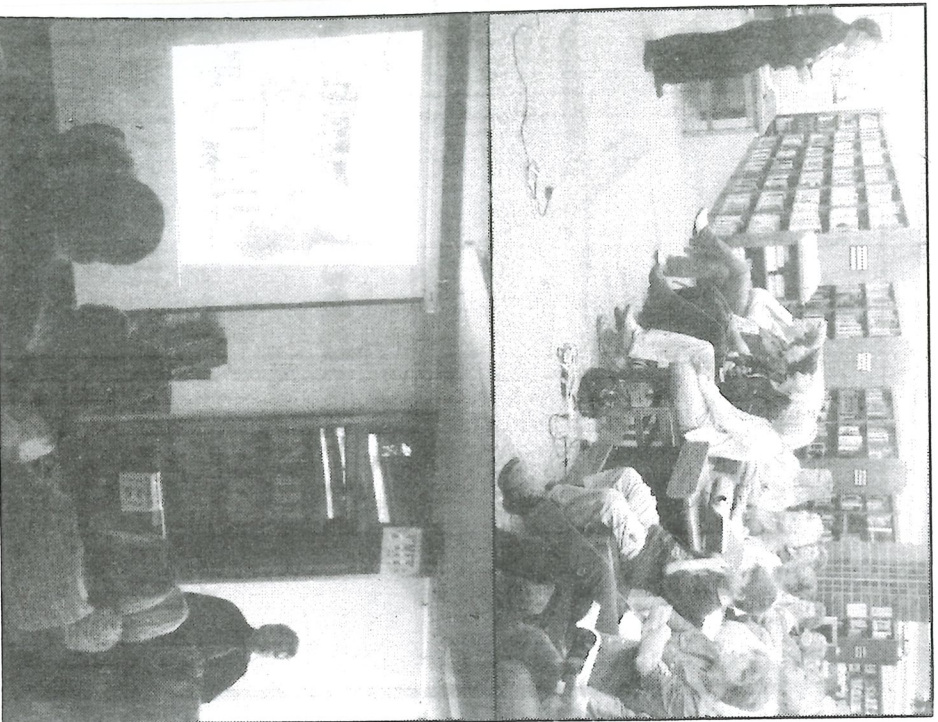
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**Haunted Iowa**  
The Paper 10-24-08

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The haunted house in Laurens.





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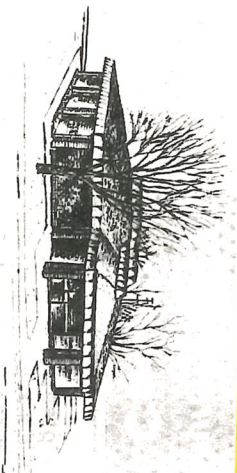
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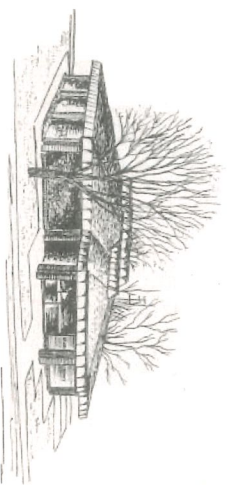
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## Librarians to Help Set Record

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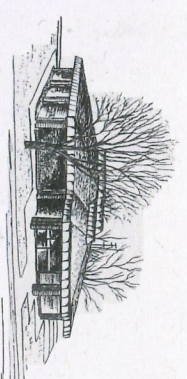
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## Laurens Public Library's September book



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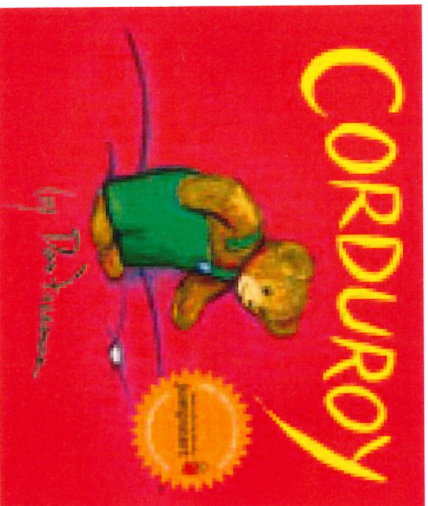






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# 8:30 Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup>



Woo Hoo!! Our Librarians Read for the Record helped smash the old record. Last year the total was 258,000, this year the count so far is 425,565. I'm not sure who had more fun - those of us who got to read Corduroy or the 123 L-M Elementary kids who got to hear it!

[www.readfortherecord.org](http://www.readfortherecord.org)



Above: Pat Harms & Beside: Connie Dallenbach reading "Corduroy" for Read for the Record on October 2<sup>nd</sup>





# At the Library with Glenda Mulder

October 1, 2008

I've got a couple dates for your calendars. Tuesday, October 21st at 7 p.m. the Carroll Area Paranormal Team will present a program at the library. I was checking out their website the other day and got a little freaked out, so their program should be fabulous. Not for the faint of heart, I believe!

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L-M's new Art teacher, Mr. Thomas Gary brought us a big stack of his student's projects to display at the Library. Stop in to look at our colorful bulletin boards to see some of the talent developing in our community. These boards will be changing often as the kids get more projects completed.

New in nonfiction this week we received: *The Forever War* by Dexter Filkins, *Guinness World Records 2009*, *Sarah: How a Hockey Mom Turned the Political Establishment Upside Down* by Kaylene Johnson, *Snowball: Warren Buffet and the Business of Life* by Alice Schroeder, and *10 Conversations You Need to Have with your Children* by Shmuel Bortach which was donated by Bob & Connie Dallenbach in memory of Vera Brackey. In fiction we received *The Letters* by Luanne Rice, *Heat Lightning* by John Sanford, *Lucky One* by Nicholas Sparks, *Hot Mahogany* by Stuart Woods, *Home* by Marilyn Robinson was donated by Joyce Rigby in memory of Virginia Hodges. New DVDs include *Iron Jawed Angels* and *Oklahoma!*

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Game time



Chandler Todd showing his project



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Craft time





Laurens Public Library Board member Connie Dallenbach reads Don Freeman's "Corduroy" to the LM Kindergartners. Librarians and volunteers from the Laurens and Marathon Public Libraries were participating in Jumpstart's "Read for the Record" Literacy campaign. Other readers were Marathon Library Director Bette Jolliffe, Laurens Library Director Glenda Mulder, Former Laurens Library Director Pat Harms and Laurens Librarian Deb Hertz. 123 students at LM heard the story of "Corduroy" on the morning of October 2, 2008. These will be added to statistics from across the nation to set a record for the number of children reading the same book in a day. *Laurens Sun* October 9

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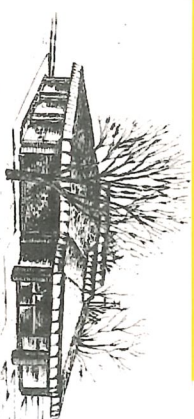
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## Paranormal Team here on Tues. Oct. 21

Have you experienced any of the following?

- \* Strong feeling of being watched or followed
- \* Sudden unexplained breezes
- \* Sudden cold spots or cold feelings
- \* Hair on arms and neck standing on end
- \* Unexplained voices (whispers, moans, growls, barks, singing, laughing, etc.)
- \* Unexplained shadows
- \* Movement out of the corner of the eye (usually when you're alone)
- \* Appliances turning on or off by themselves
- \* Doors opening or closing on their own
- \* Water turning on or off on their own
- \* Items being moved or rearranged on their own
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- \* Apparitions
- \* Calling of your name from no apparent source
- \* Unexplained lights
- \* Lights flickering (could be electrical problems as well)
- \* Being touched on your body in any place
- \* Tugging of clothes
- \* Unexplained smoke or mists

If you have had anything like this happen to you in your home or business, the Carroll Area Paranormal Team can help. They have qualified staff members who have trained long and hard in these areas and can assist you to understand and remove unwanted type of haunts.

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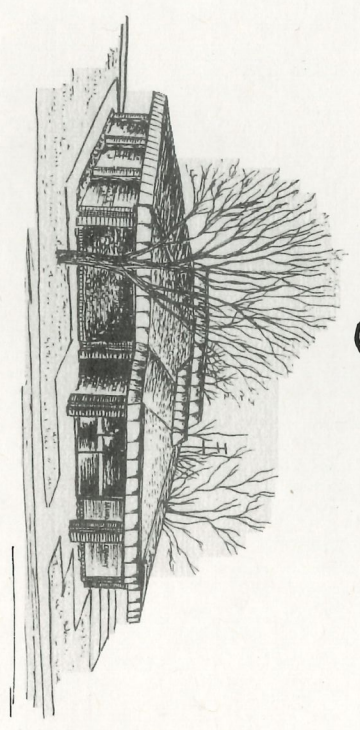
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7 pm Tuesday, October 21  
at the

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Bring your questions for these  
real life ghost hunters!





**We do not charge for any investigations at any time and frown on all groups that do so.**

We do accept donations which are used for upgrading equipment and the current cost of fuel due to the economy.

Investigations are set up on a severity scale. Cases involving children or the handicapped will be given higher importance and moved to the head of the line.

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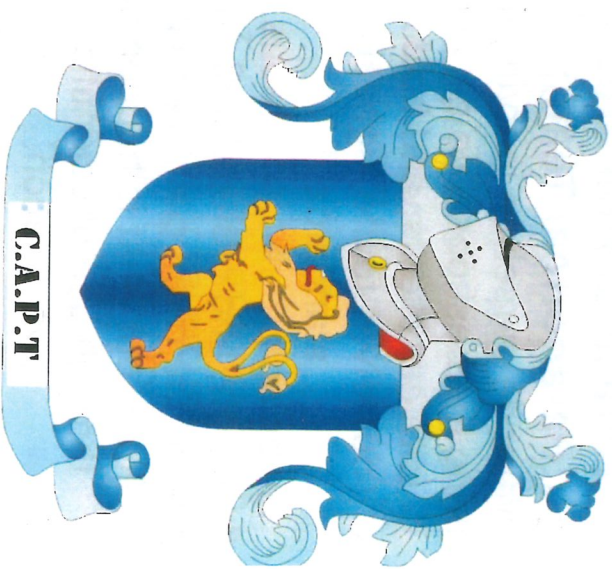
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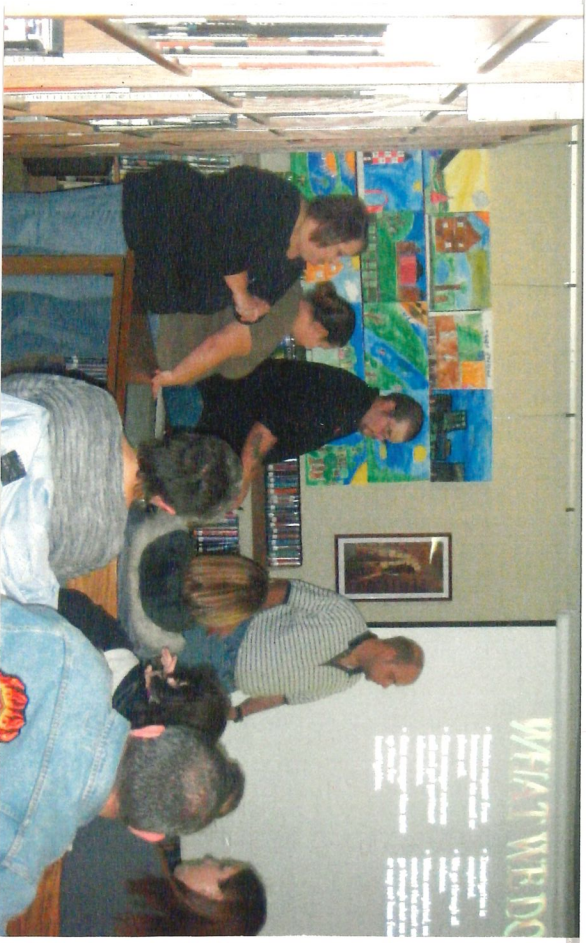
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Approximately 100 people came to hear about this team, the equipment they use and the cases they have studied.

*The Paper Oct 22nd*

## Wacky Wednesday at the Library

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Laura Hansen of the Golden Horizons 4H Club is shown reading "Sheep Trick or Treat" to the kids at the Laurens Public Library's Halloween themed story time. We had lots of fun reading books, passing the pumpkin and making witch hands!



Dante Spooner

Ethan Runneberg  
+ Tristin Newhouse







Cadie Clark, 'what beautiful hands you have',



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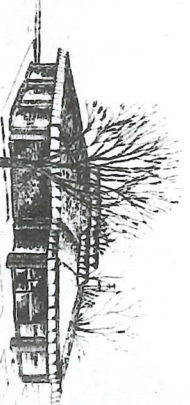
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Discussion  
October 27  
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Trick or Treat 10-31  
night in Laurens  
is Fri. October 31

Trick or Treat night in Laurens is on Friday evening, October 31 during the hours of 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. If you wish to have the youngsters stop at your home, please turn on an outside light to welcome the youngsters to your home.

Magician at Library  
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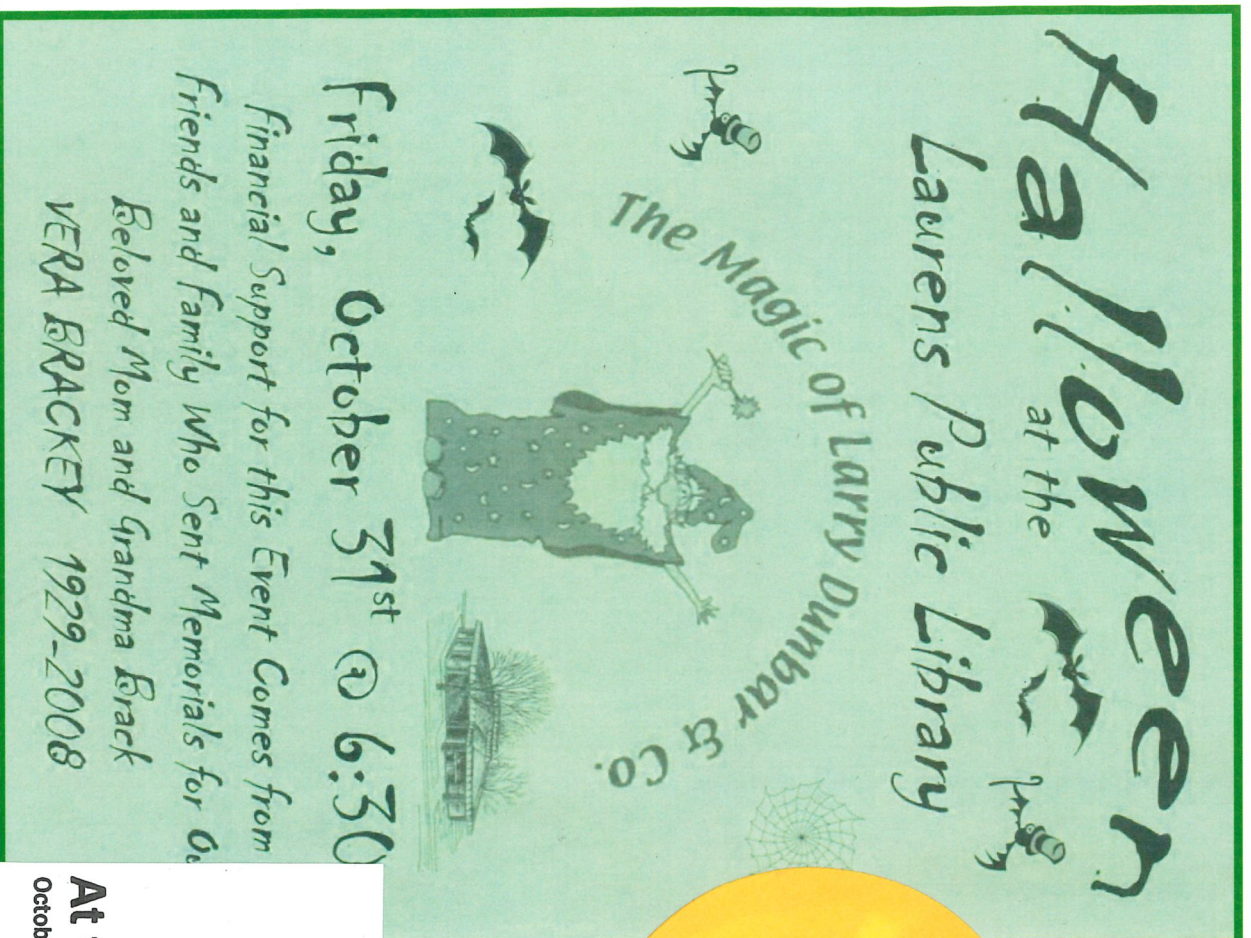
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November 6th

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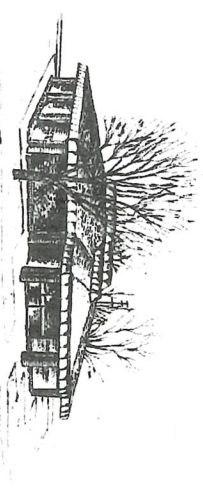
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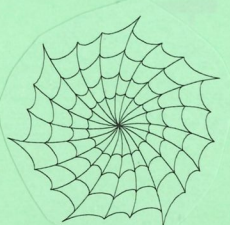




Victoria Watson, Bethany Hubbell, Brandy Anderson  
+ Kaseya Klast



Can't wait for Director's Murderer +  
Campers to find a murderer in our library



## Halloween Magic

### at the Library

November 16th

Jordan Saunders volunteered to wave the magic wand for a card trick at the Laurens Public Library on Halloween night. She's obviously got a little magic in her because she started some cards on fire. It was quickly extinguished by Magician Larry Dunbar as he finished his amazing display of talent. Over 100 kids of all ages enjoyed this evening of fun, sponsored by the family and friends of Vera Brackey.



Max Brown



## Election Day Story Time November



## At the Library with Glenda Mulder

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In memory of LaDonna DeYoung, the Stitchers Club donated the large print version of Danielle Steele's *A Good Woman*. Some of the children's books in memory of LaDonna DeYoung, including four

new Thanksgiving books, also came in this week. I think I'll save these for a Thanksgiving themed story time, since we get to have so many of those this year! The interesting looking nonfiction book, *Hot, Flat and Crowded* was donated by Ron and Pat Harms in memory of Melvin Runneberg. New fiction this week includes: *Isar* by Ted Bell, *The Gate House* by Nelson DeMille, *A Lion Among Men* by Gregory McGuire and *Wedding Belles* by Haywood Smith.

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I've got another date for you to mark on your calendar. Wednesday, December 17th from 4-6 pm former Spencer Library Director Vicki Myron, author of *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* will be at our library. She will speak at 4 p.m. and then take time to answer some questions and to autograph books. We will have copies for sale that day, but if you already have a copy please feel free to bring it in so it can be personalized.

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care providers, audio book lease and the summer reading program.

Many people chose to give memorials to loved ones through the foundation. This past year books, large print books and videos were purchased with memorial money. These purchases were valued at \$4,144.53.

Members of the foundation board are Brooks Anderson, president; Pat Boughy, vice-president; Connie Dallenbach, secretary; Dorothy Lambert, treasurer; Jane Christensen, Jan Hersom and Jon Jensen.

## Library

## Foundation

## Fundraiser

November 6, 2008

The Laurens Public Library Foundation will hold their sixteenth annual fundraiser Thursday, November 13th, 2008. The pancake supper will be held at the Christian Church from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. At 7:00 you are invited to the library to be entertained by the Hungrytown Folk duo. Free will donations will be used to purchase a fire proof file cabinet to protect historical documents and a new TV/DVD for the children's area. 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 Foundation this past year included a Halloween Magic program by Larry Dunbar, an Andrew Carnegie program by Shana Stewart, fossil program by Robert Wolf, Peter Fletcher a classical guitarist, a dustbowl program by Wendy Zohrer and a program, Butterflies of Iowa. On-going projects included themed tubs to day





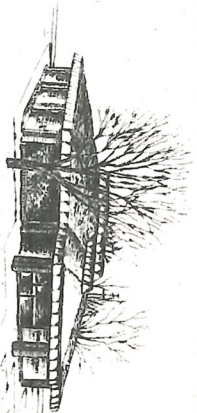
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The Laurens Public Library doesn't want you to go hungry Thursday, November 13. Let us feed your stomach, and your mind. Pancake Fundraiser at the Christian Church at the Library at 7 p.m.

### Library to hold fundraiser on Thurs. Nov. 13

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At 7 p.m. you are invited to go to the library to be entertained by the **Hungrytown** folk duo.

Free will donations will be used to purchase a fire proof file cabinet to protect historical documents and a new TV-DVD for the children's area.

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 Foundation this past year included the following:

- \* Halloween Magic program by Larry Dunbar
- \* An Andrew Carnegie program by Shana Stewart
- \* Fossil program by Robert Wolf
- \* Peter Fletcher, a classical guitarist
- \* A dustbowl program by Wendy Zohrer
- \* Program on Butterflies of Iowa.

On-going projects included themed tubs to day-care providers, audio book lease and the summer reading program.

Many people choose to give memorials to loved ones through the Foundation. This past year books, large print books and videos were purchased with memorial money. These purchases were valued at \$4,144.53.

Members of the Foundation Board are Brooks Anderson, president; Pat Boughey, vice president; Connie Dallenbach, secretary; Dorothy Lambert, treasurer; Jane Christensen, Jan Hersom and Jon Jensen.

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# Laurens Public Library Foundation, Inc. Fund Drive



I am interested in helping!

Please mail checks to:  
Laurens Public Library Foundation  
273 North Third Street  
Laurens, Iowa 50554

Please include:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Current Foundation Project List

Programming for Children and Adults  
Laurens Sun Newspaper on Microfilm  
Memorial Books  
A.C. Haman Fund Buys Iowa Books  
Books for Baby Packets  
Halloween Party  
CD Audio Books  
Preschool Outreach Baskets  
TV/DVD for Children's Area  
Fireproof File Cabinets for Historic Items

## Recent Projects Funded by Laurens Public Library Foundation Proceeds

Ceiling Mount Projection Screen  
New DVD Rack  
Partial Funding of Library Roofing Project  
Youth Graphic Novels  
Kids CD Audio Books  
Die Cut Machine  
Historical Rock Garden Landscaping  
Libri Grant for Children's Books  
All Iowa Reads Program  
Entertainment at Summer Reading  
Larry Dunbar - Halloween Magician  
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Kids Summer Reading Program Supplies  
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The Foundation's Annual Fund Drive is held during November the highlight of which is our Pancake Supper.

PLEASE JOIN US!

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## LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

# PANCAKE SUPPER!

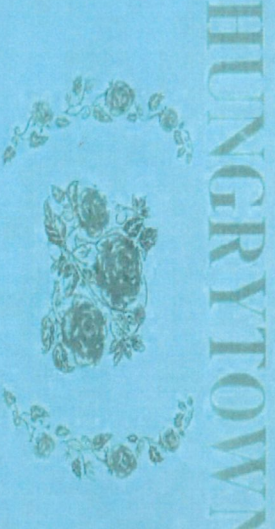
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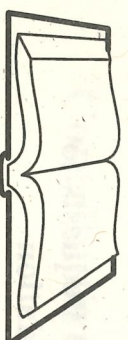
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"SUPERB SONGWRITING CRAFT" SING OUT!  
7:00 pm NOVEMBER 13  
at the



Annual  
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November 13, 2008

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## Annual Pancake Supper Held

Members of the Laurens Kiwanis flipped pancakes for over 150 hungry people for the Laurens Library Foundation Pancake Supper Thursday night, November 13th. Money raised will be used for the purchase of a fireproof file, a TV/DVD player for the children's area as well as for continuing projects such as themed daycare tubs, audiobook lease and program fees. The Laurens Kiwanis are well known for their willingness to help all the local organizations.



Members of the Laurens Kiwanis busy at work.

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Kiwanis flipping pancakes



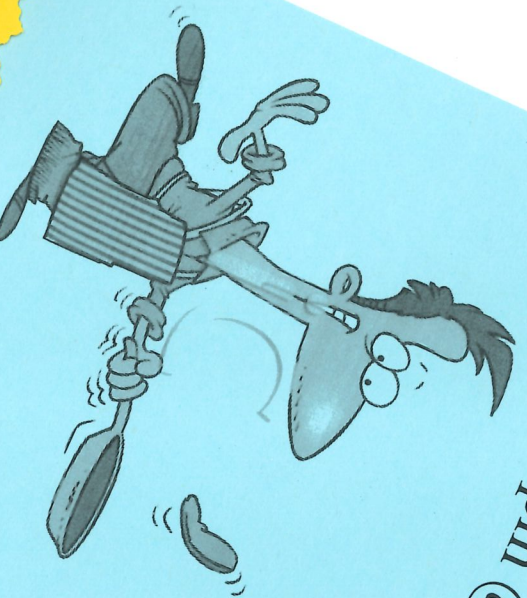
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Annual  
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Kristen & Carolyn Alstoft, Linda Gailbreath getting pancakes  
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People enjoying the pancakes

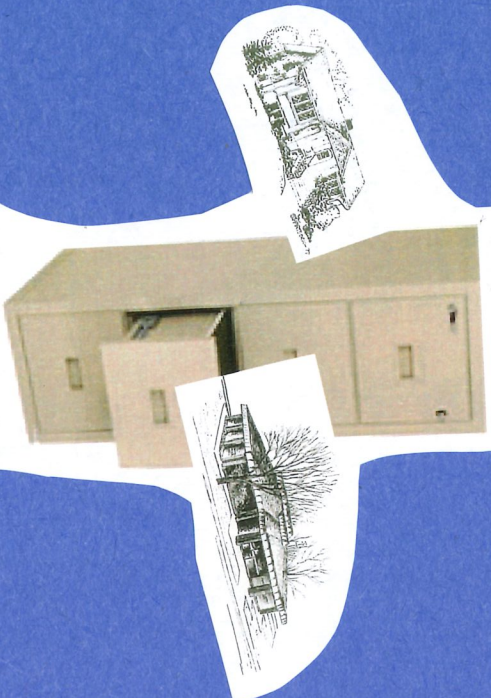


# Laurens Foundation Project 2008 Foundation Project for the New TV/DVD player for the Children's Department



Laurens  
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Projects in  
2008

## 2008 Foundation Project Fireproof File Cabinet



This will keep our irreplaceable  
Historical Library items safe!

## Laurens Public Library Foundation sponsors the Kids' Summer Reading Program



## Laurens Public Library Foundation sponsors the Themed Tubs for Daycare

**Current Tubs**

- Rainforests & Jungles
- Bugs
- Oceans & Pirates
- Dinosaurs
- What We Wear
- Dogs
- Toys & Play
- Counting & Numbers
- Farms

**Each Tub Contains**

- Library Books
- Toys
- Craft
- Coloring pages
- Songs
- Fingerplays
- Activities

## Laurens Library Foundation leases CD audiobooks so there's always a new book to listen to!







Hungrytown performs to the crowd at the Laurens Public Library.

## *Hungrytown Performs at Pancake Supper*

The folk duo Hungrytown performed at the Laurens Public Library Thursday, November 13th.

Their relaxed interaction with the audience and musical selections from their different albums made for a very enjoyable evening.

This concert was sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation.



# HUNGRYTOWN



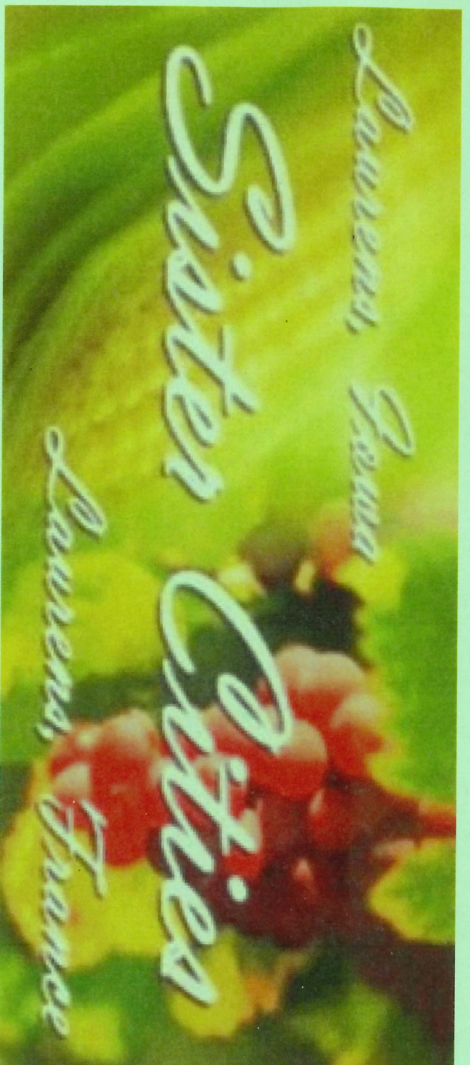
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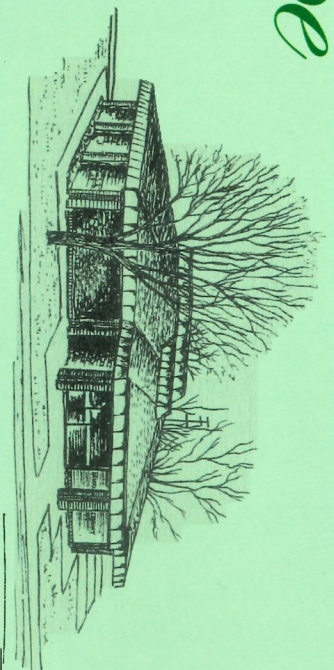
## Laurens Public Library





Monday, November 17  
at 7:00 pm at the  
Laurens Public Library  
Come learn about our

delegation's French experiences!  
Presenter will be  
Julie Murr



### France Trip

#### Presentation

November 21<sup>st</sup> The Paper

Julie Murr gave a presentation at the Laurens Public Library about the Sister City delegation's recent visit to Laurens, France.

Those in attendance got to hear Julie's unique experiences with the wine and vineyards, food, architecture, lifestyles, and friendships formed while in France.



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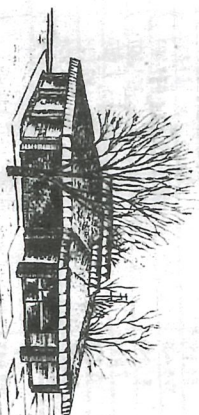
November 19, 2008

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We have another fabulous evening of entertainment planned for you. Please join us the Friday after Thanksgiving when former Laurens resident Deb (Runneberg) Liljedahl and her husband David will present a series of duets entitled "Music for One Piano, Four Hands" at 7:00 pm.

New fiction this week includes: *The Christmas Sweater* by Glenn Beck, *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga, *Bodies Left Behind* by Jeffery Deaver, *Extreme Measures* by Vince Flynn, *Just After Sunset* by Stephen King and *Cross Country* by James Patterson. We received the nonfiction book *Multiple Blessings* by Jon and Kate Gosselin. The family and friends of LaDonna DeYoung donated money to purchase children's books and this week we got in a collection of "Choose Your Own Adventure" books. These look a really fun thing, especially for those boys who are just starting to read chapter books. The Book Club donated money for Melvin Runneberg's memorial and those books came in this week also. They are *Christmas Farm* and *The Purpose of Christmas*.

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## At the Library

www.laurenspubliclibrary.com  
with Glenda Mulder

November 26, 2008

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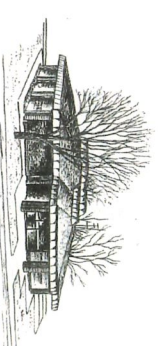
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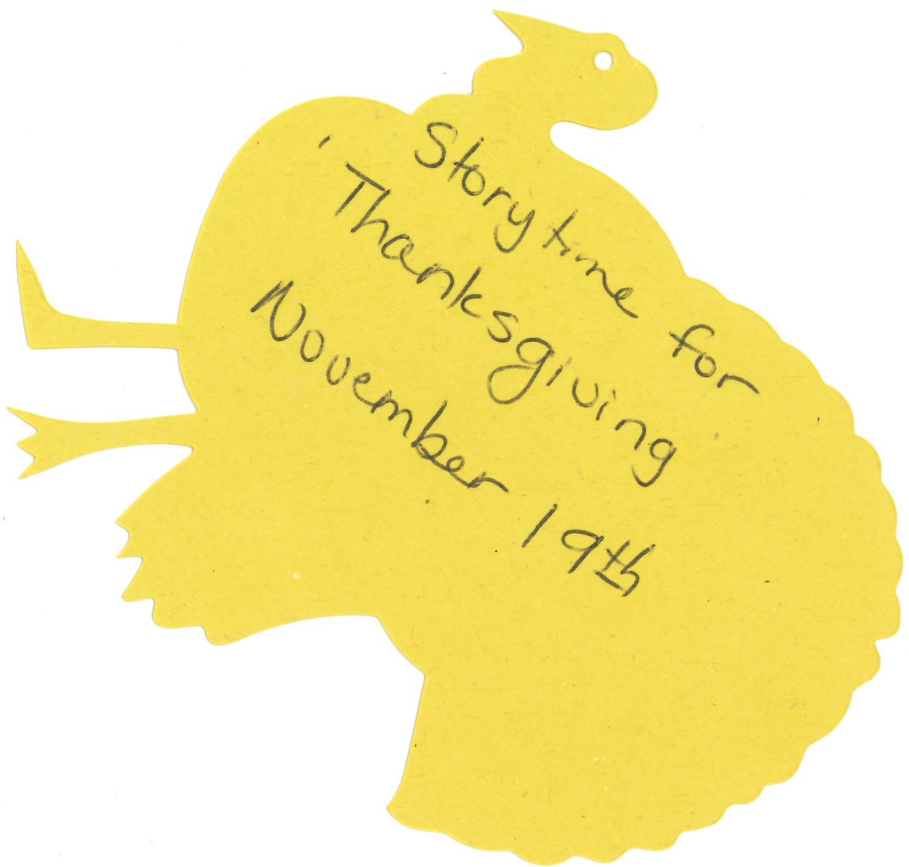


Discussion

November 24

@ 7:00 pm







*Music for One Piano,  
Four Hands*

*Performance*

*by*

*David and Debra*

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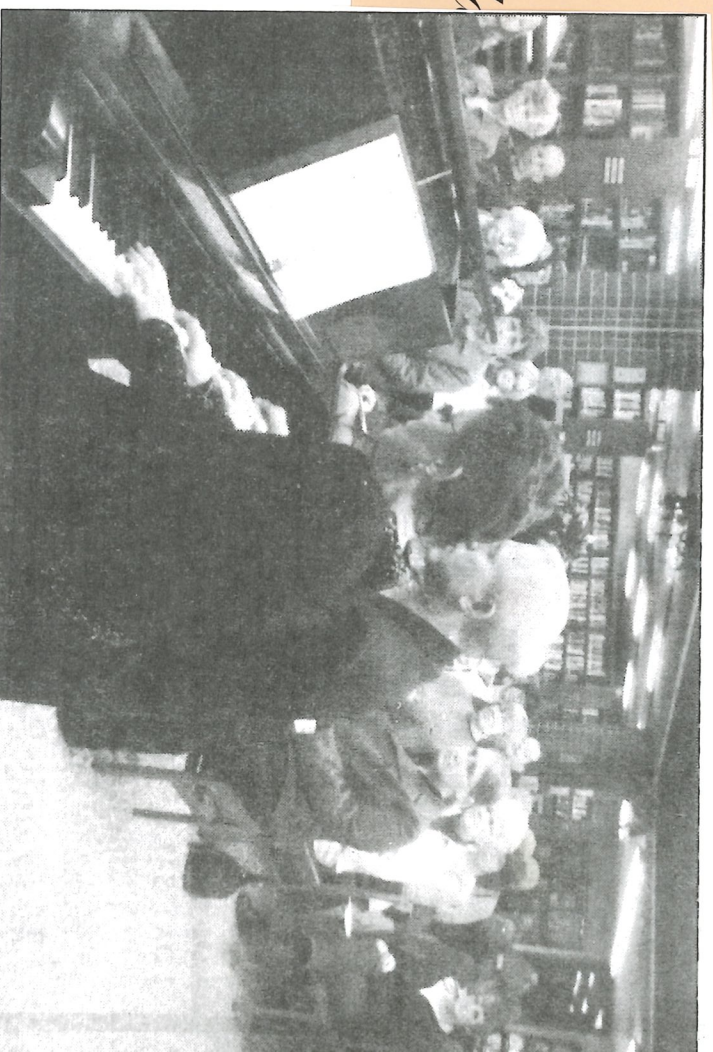
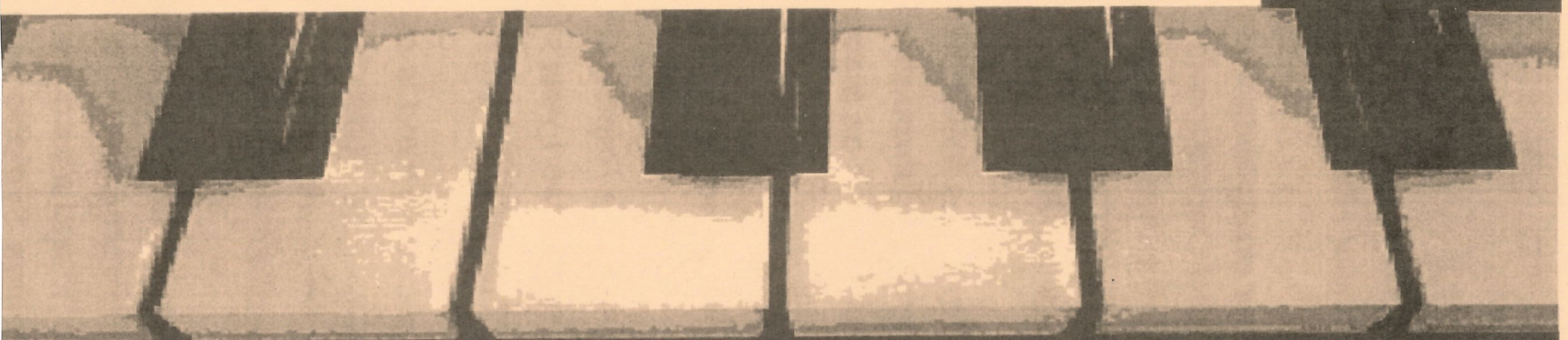
*Friday*

*November 28, 2008*

*7 O'Clock P.M.*

*Presented by the*

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David and Deb Liljedahl entertained with piano duets at the Laurens Public Library the Friday after Thanksgiving. Their program entitled "Music for One Piano, Four Hands" included a Sonata by Mozart, Slavic, Norwegian, Cuban and Jamaican dances and ended with a rollicking version of "Stars and Stripes Forever."

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## New Faces Dec 3rd The Paper

Next time you're at the Laurens Public Library, you may see one of these new librarians. They each have previous library experience and will be working here two days a week.

Cathy Jensen comes to us from the Albert City Public Library and Nancy Walker comes from the Harwarden Public Library.

Please stop in and welcome them to Laurens!



Laurens Public Library's New Librarians

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## **We Wish "Shoe" a Merry Christmas Laurens Public Library/Mrs. Ballman's First Grade, Partners in Education**



Wyatt Erickson hangs his shoe decoration on the tree.

*L-M 1st  
Graders "Wish  
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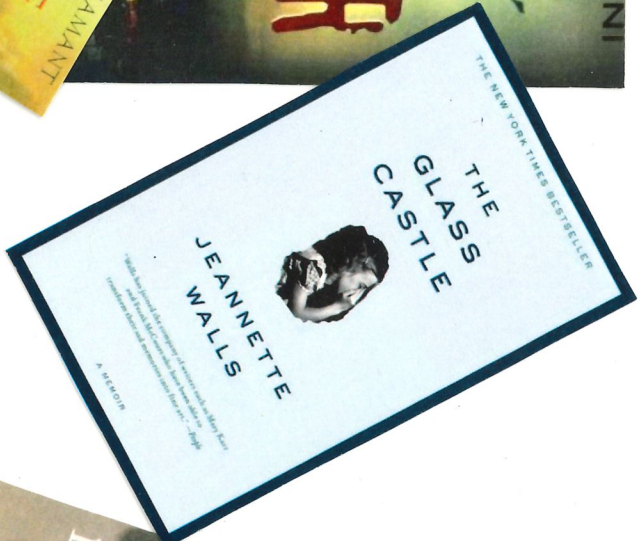
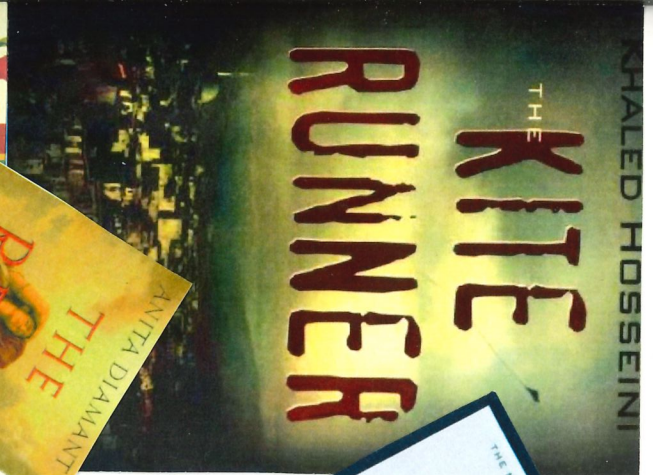
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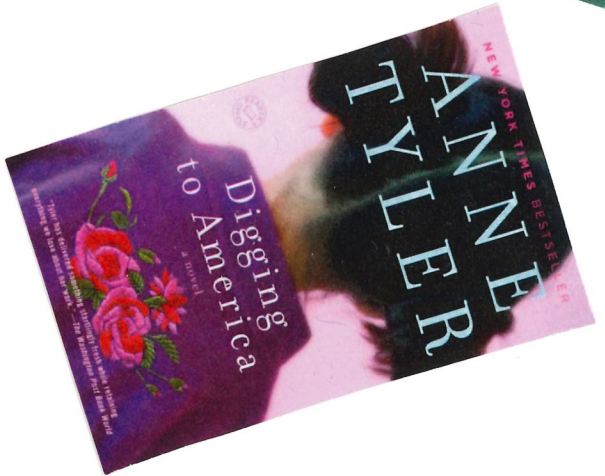
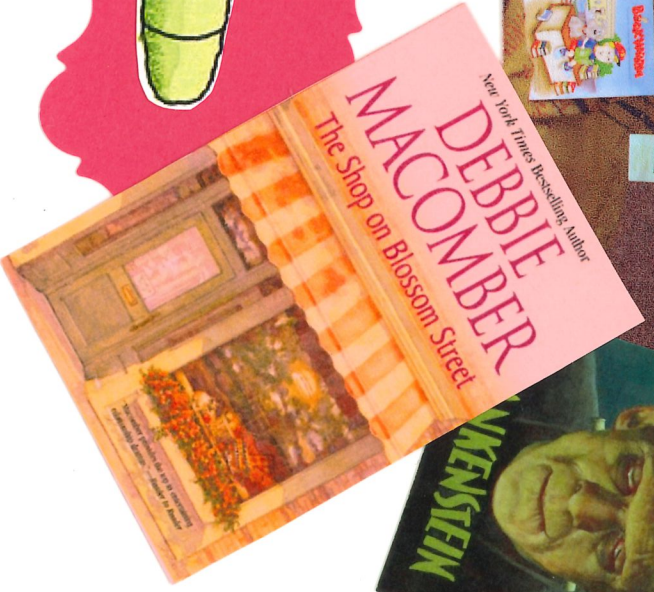
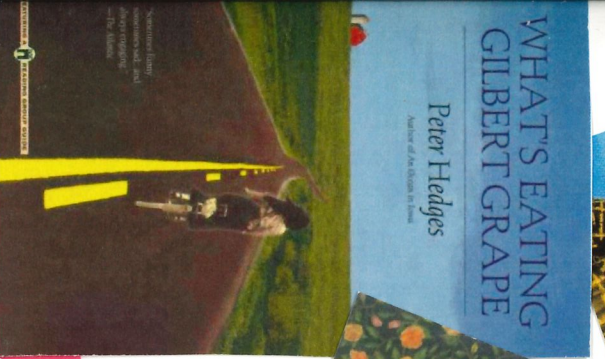
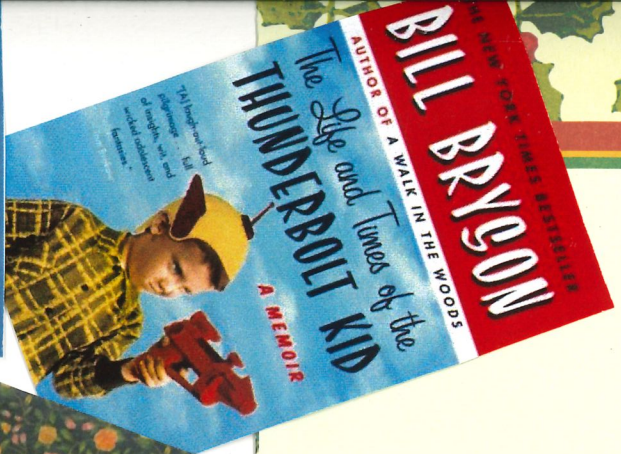








# A Book Worm's Christmas Laurens Public Library Reader's Group







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Glenda Reading  
Reindeer stories



Glenda Reading dance  
the 'Reindeer dance'  
to the Chicken dance



Making a 'Reindeer craft'  
using hands for antlers



Kellyn Stump  
showing off  
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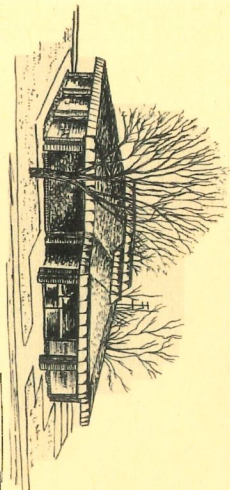
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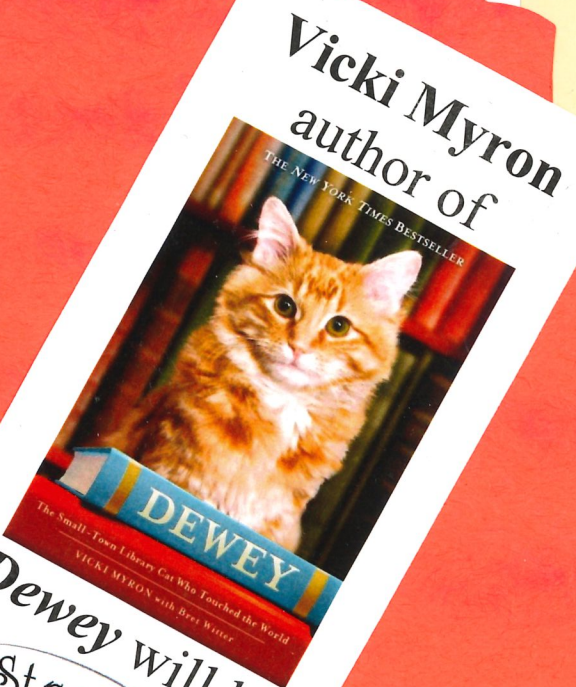
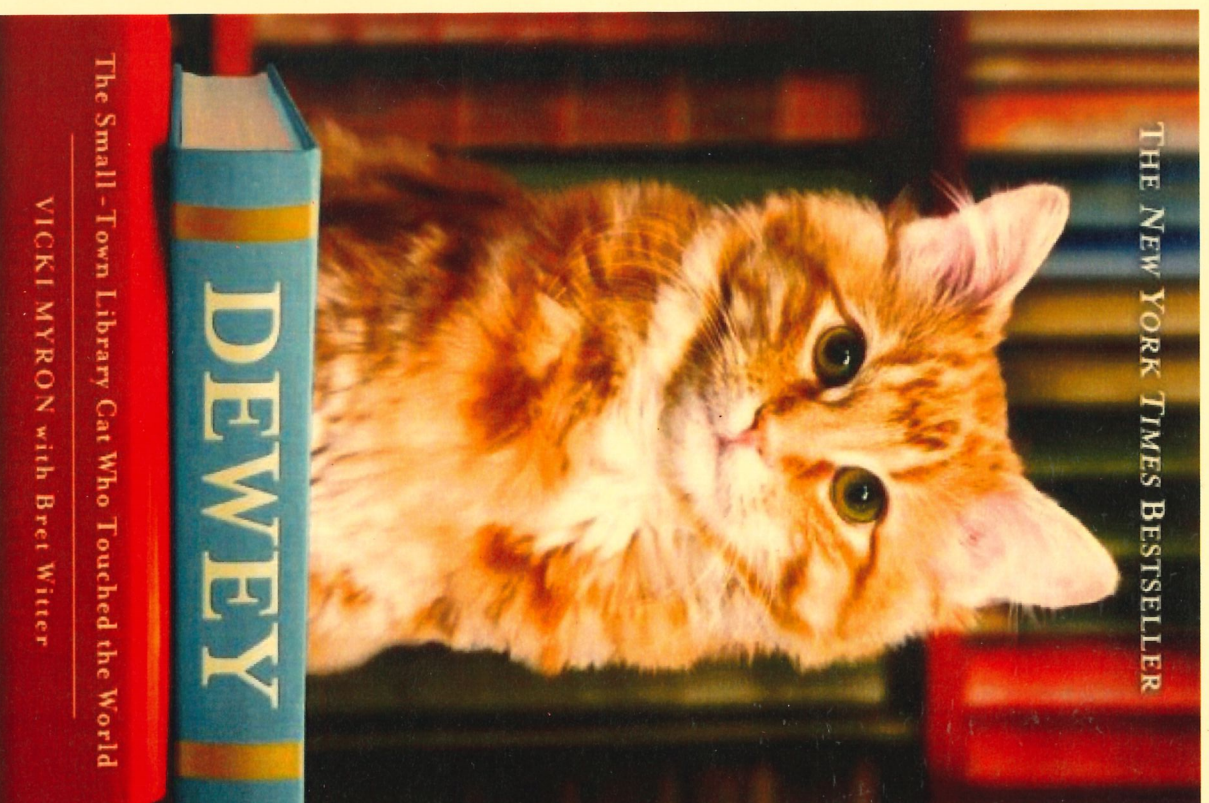


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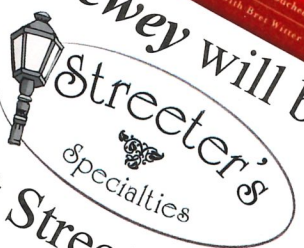
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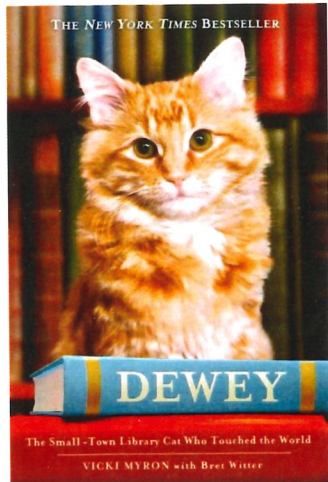


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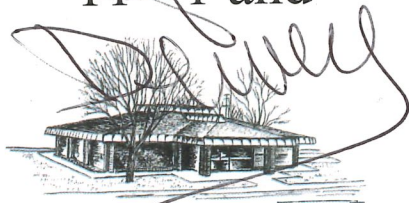
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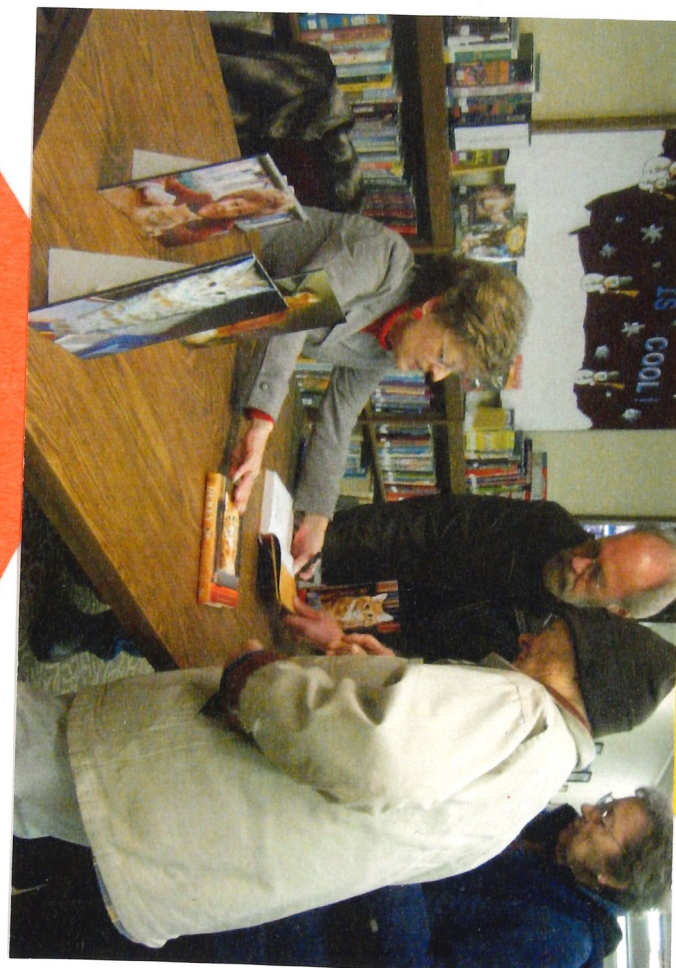
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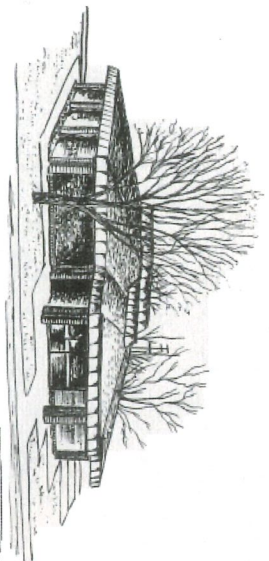
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### At the Library with Glenda Mulder December 17, 2008



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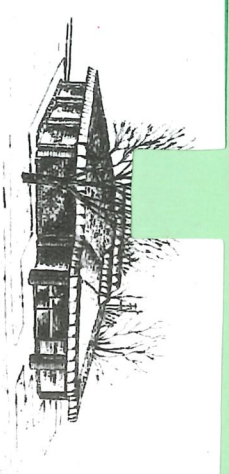
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Library Christmas Party December 19th at the Country Club

Left to Right: Cathy Jensen, Janet Runnberg, Deb Hertz, Carol Hoffman, Glenda Mulder & Nancy Walker





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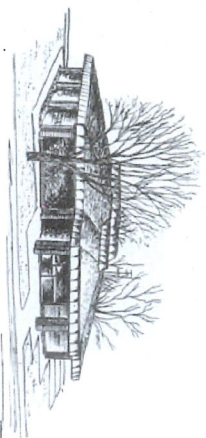
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**Author Visits**

New York Times Best Selling author Vicki Myron visited the Laurens Public Library on Wednesday to promote her book *Dewey the Small Town Library Cat*.

She told stories of life with Dewey and her new experiences with the book publishing and movie industries. She then signed books for our patrons.



Vicki Myron speaks to the crowd about her best selling book.