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Well, January pulled its magic on us and Pocahontas County Conservation Naturalist Corinne Peterson didn't get to come for her program for the last Wacky Wednesday. We've rescheduled her snowflake program for the February 11 Story Time. I've got a fun twist on colors planned for the January 28th Wacky Wednesday when the kids get out of school early.

It was fun to read that Stan De Haan is going to portray our 16th President at the Albert City Library. Great minds must think alike because we've got him booked for February 17! He will have a short program for the Laurens-Marathon Elementary kids at 1:00 and be at the Public Library for a program at 2:00. I have seen pictures of Mr. De Haan and honestly could not tell them from pictures I have seen of President Lincoln. Are you wondering why all this emphasis on Abraham Lincoln? Well, February 2009 will mark the 200th anniversary of his birth. This will add special significance to President's Day this year. This program is sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation with a gift by Mark Mather, honoring his mother Marilyn Mather. So mark 2:00 Tuesday, February 17 on your calendar and plan to join us for the fun!

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copies are out — YIKES! So if you're done reading *Midwives*, please return your copy so we can pass it around. I think this must mean we'll have more readers come Monday, because we had the same number of books we usually do. Do you suppose my last minute planning is going to get me in trouble this time? I'll keep you posted!

Oh yeah, we also got some books in! New fiction this week includes: *On the Grind* by Stephen Cannell, *Book of Unholy Mischief* by Elle Newark, *Bright Futures* by Stuart Kaminsky, *Runner* by Thomas Perry and *Breakneck* by Erica Spindler.

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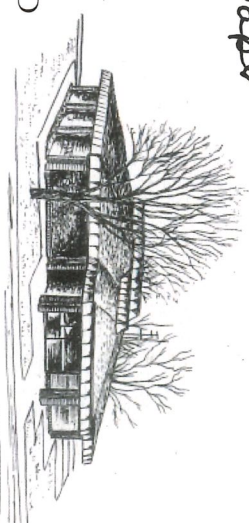
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One of the projects of the Laurens Public Library Foundation is the lease of CD audiobooks.



This program allows us to have a continually rotating stock of currently popular titles. We received a new shipment in this week, so stop in and see what's new!

In honor of their many years of Library service, The Laurens Public Library Board has dedicated *Last Known Victim* by Erica Spindler to Mary Dean and *Blood and Bone* by William Lashner to Carol Hoffman. Mary and Carol are avid mystery fans and these books represent authors they currently enjoy.

Here's a sampling of our other new fiction: *Dark of Night* by Suzanne Brockman, *Driving for Revenge* by Jerome Dickey, *Eve: a Novel of the First Woman* by Elissa Elliott, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford, *The Associate* by John Grisham, *Under the Radar* by Fern Michaels, *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout, *In the Valley of Ancient Rain Gods* by James Lee Burke, and *Roadside Crosses* by Jeffery Deaver. Our nonfiction section has added *Legacy of Secrecy: The Long Shadow of the JFK Assassination* by Lamar Waldron.

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Carol Hoffman + Mary Dean chatting on
Mauve last day.



Librarian Glenda Mulder reads 'Colorful' books to the kids.



The books Glenda read for Wacky Wednesday 'Colorful' was the craft samples of the craft.



Librarian Cathy Jensen helping with craft.



Anthony Gordon.

Skylar Hopkins



Laurens Gene members Barb Wallin, Rita McLaughlin, Jeanette Korrekt check out telephone directories and Laurens School yearbooks donated by William Scanlan from his mother Pauline Scanlan's estate.

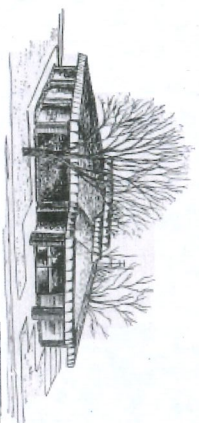
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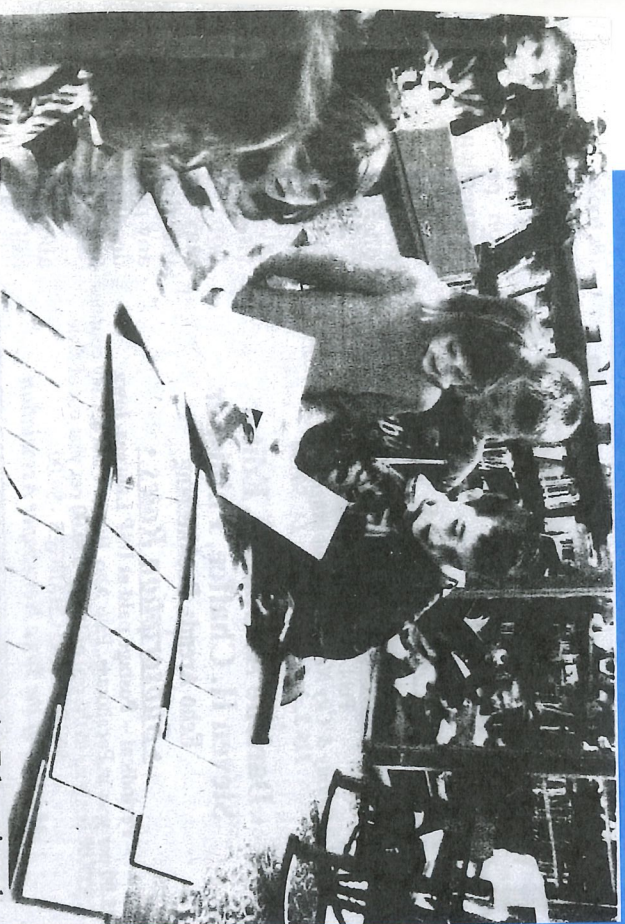
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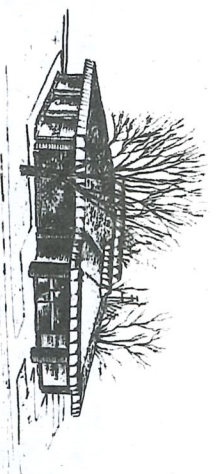
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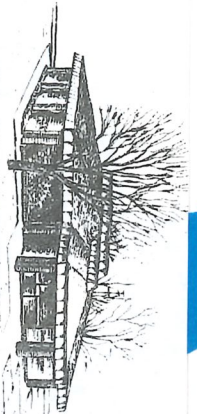
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Delany Ehn



Kylea Jahr, Allison Graft & Sierra Brown



Librarian Cathy Jensen helping w/ snowflake

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The L-M School
kids are enjoying
Abraham Lincoln
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Lincoln per trayer Stan De Haan



Abe's hat totally covered the boy's head



Look at the size of the hands



Library staff with Stan. Nancy Walker, Stan, Glenda Mulder + Bob Hertz

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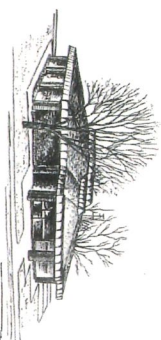
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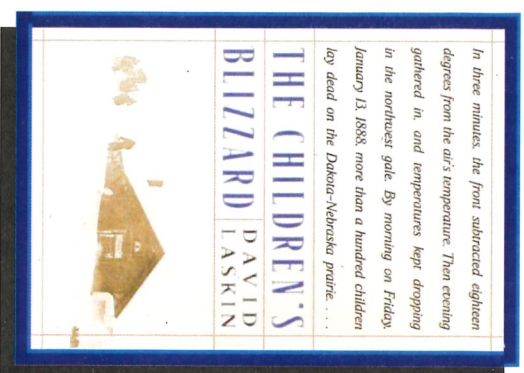
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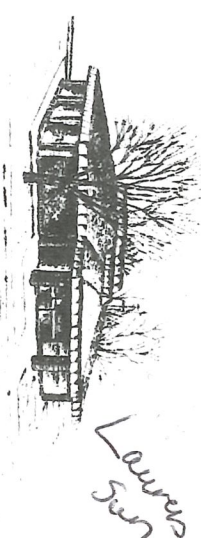
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3rd Graders Visit the Library

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Mrs. Aronson's third graders gather around the Laurens Public Library's display case after their Brown Bag lunch recently. Anthony Gordon (to the left corner of the case) explained that he received Mid American Boy Scout Council's giant 1st place trophy because he had \$7309 in popcorn sales this year. The display case contains trophies, pictures and other scouting items that help us celebrate February as National Scout Month. Stop in to the Library to check out this display!



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Library Iditarod!

The Pocatontas County Naturalist Corinne Peterson was at Wacky Wednesday at the Laurens Public Library recently. The subject of the day was the Iditarod and dog racing. We read a book, talked about other books, Corinne showed pictures her son took in Alaska, and we had a mitten and hat relay. Then two teams loaded all the supplies needed for the race onto their sled and raced to the finish. They are shown here packing their supplies.

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March 4, 2009

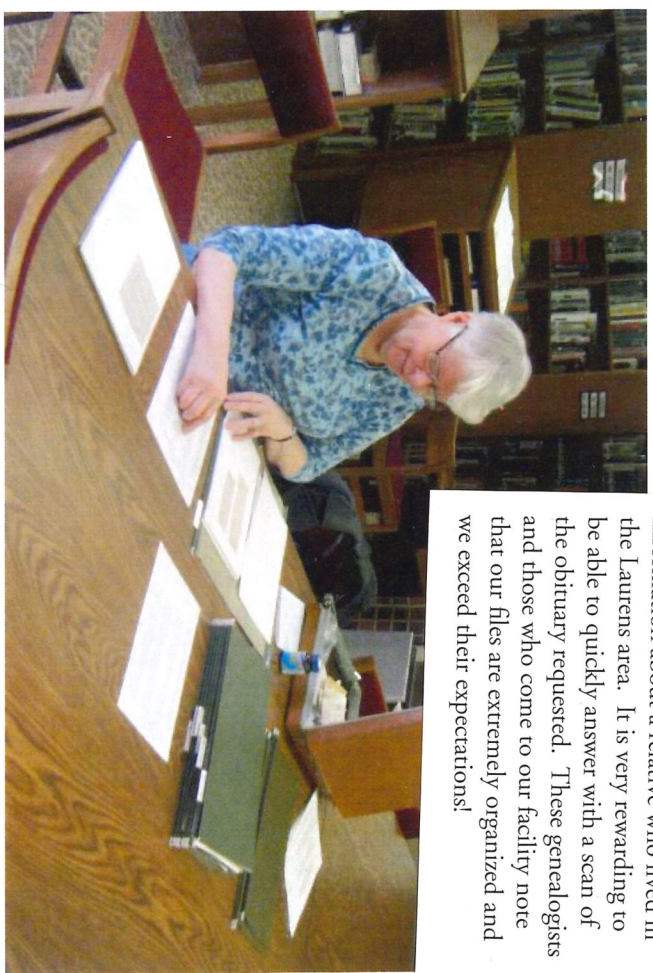
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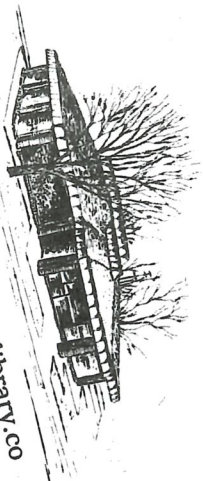
Lanore Thumma, of the Laurens Genies, is shown updating the obituary files at the Laurens Public Library. These indexed files were established in 1991 and contain copies of obituaries of area residents which are printed in the local newspapers. Connie Dallenbach clips them from the newspapers, attaches them to archival paper and writes the person's name along with the date and name of the newspaper in which it was published. Lanore is now alphabetizing them in the files at the library. She has also updated the index of almost 9,000 obituaries with the names of the approximately 900 people for whom she recently filed an obituary. If you have local newspaper obits you would like to share with the Genies, please contact Connie Dallenbach.

Local genealogists, as well as those from across the nation have put these files to good use. The Laurens Public Library often gets e-mails from far away requesting information about a relative who lived in the Laurens area. It is very rewarding to be able to quickly answer with a scan of the obituary requested. These genealogists and those who come to our facility note that our files are extremely organized and we exceed their expectations!

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Handle with Care by Jodi Picoult fan you
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work this morning, so if you're a Jodi Picoult fan you
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the library to get your name on the Keepsake **Costume**
also got the DVD **Fireproof**. The **Classic Price Guide**. This
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BIG REWARD!

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Glenda Mulder + Rueben Howell

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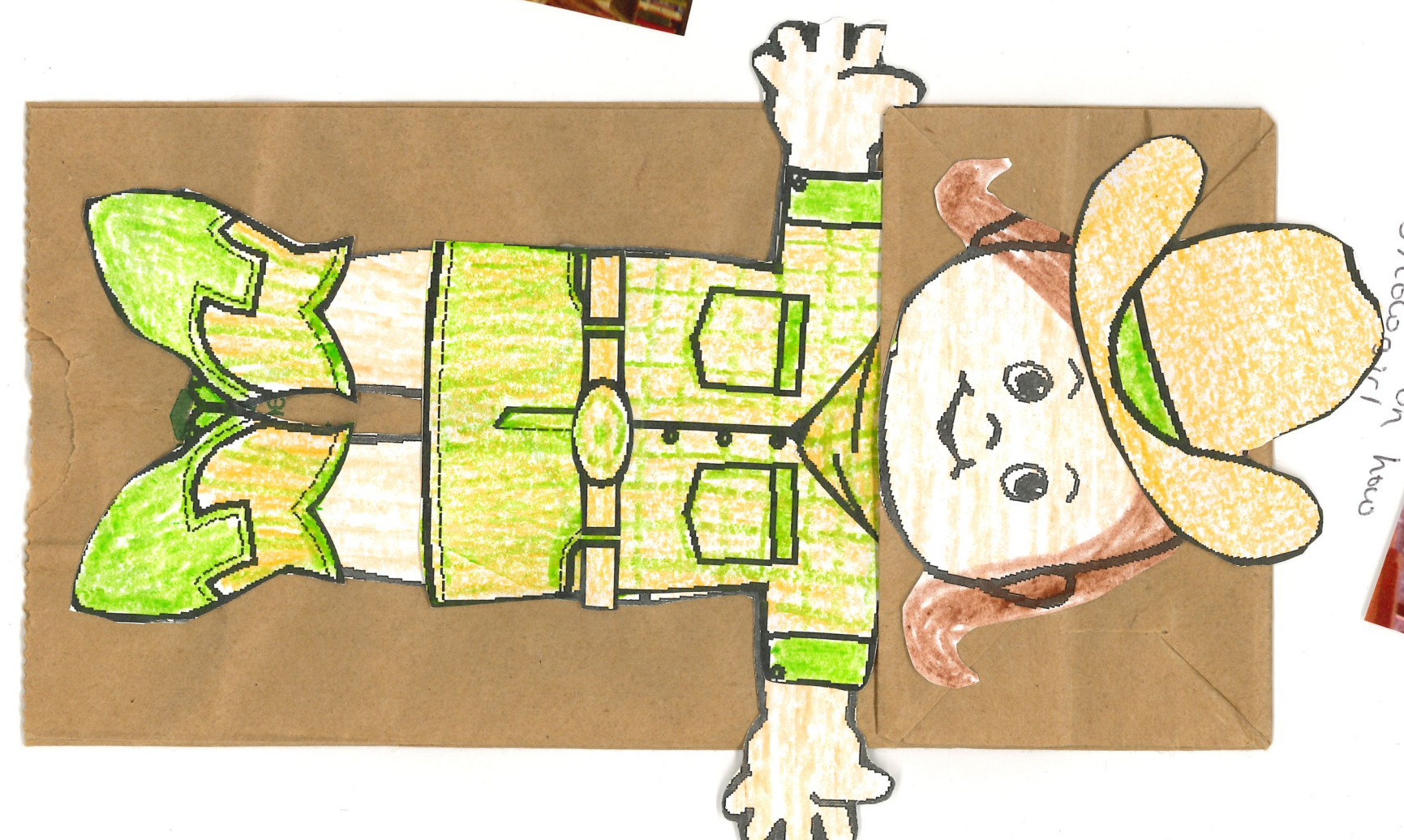
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"Cowboy" storytime
March 11th



Glenda giving instructions on how
to make the cowboy/cowgirl
puppets.



Mara Clark showing her puppet.

Wacky Wednesday

March 18 - The Paper

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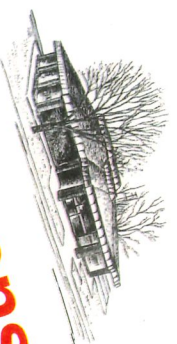
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Librarian Nancy Walker
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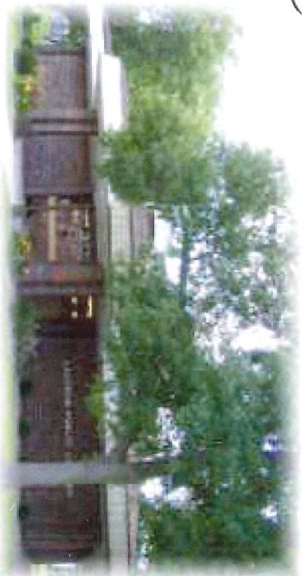
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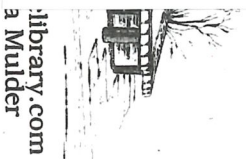
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There's just one new nonfiction book this week. Sarah Jane Gilman's unlikely title, *Undress Me in the Temple of Heaven* caught my eye. It is the story of the author's adventures traveling in China when she was fresh out of college in 1986. It has been getting quite a bit of attention and recently made Amazon's Best of March 2009 list.

Here's a list of the new novels we received this week: *True Colors* by Kristin Hannah (Regular & Large Print) *Order of Things* by Lynne Harris, *Galway Bay* by Mary Pat Kelly, *Show No Fear* by Perry O'Shaughnessy, *Lost Witness* by Robert Ellis, *True Detectives* by Jonathan Kellerman, *Rule Against Murder* by Louise Penny, *Execution Dock* by Anne Perry, *Fault Line* by Barry Eisler, *Cream Puff Murder* by Joanne Fluke, *Don't Look Twice* by Andrew Gross, *Life Sentences* by Laura Lippman and *Fool* by Christopher Moore. We also received a shipment of 25 new large print western books, so if that's your thing, stop & see what's new! Additions to our DVD collection this week are: Beverly Hills Chihuahua, Pinocchio, High School Musical 3, Australia and The Watchmen.

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Wacky Wednesday

Wind ~ March 25th



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Healthy Hike 2009

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Iowa Public
Television &
Iowa Department
of Public Health

Greetings Parents! Iowa Public Television has selected your student's elementary school class to participate in the 2009 Healthy Hike! This project is designed to encourage your student to build a healthy body and healthy mind through daily movement and reading!

This April your student has been asked to keep track of the minutes they read and the minutes they move. Teachers will be keeping track of minutes moved and read during school hours. We need your helping tracking their movement and reading at home! Reading minutes count any time you read to them, any time you read together or any time they spend free reading. Movement minutes count any time they spend moving above and beyond normal everyday movement. Examples could be going on a walk, playing sports, or exercising.

Please use the attached form to help your student track their minutes and return this form to school on Fridays.

All 99 counties are participating in this exciting new project and the top ten communities that move and read the most will receive a surprise visit from IPTV Kids Clubhouse host, Dan Wardell. They will also receive a school-wide supply of Healthy Hike jump ropes and more!

Please contact Dan Wardell with any questions by phone: (800) 532-1290 or email: wardell@iptv.org

Library & 3rd Grade

to partner with IPTV

It was announced recently that the Laurens Library and the third grade class of Mrs. Aronson will be partnered with Iowa Public Television to encourage reading and exercise.

Iowa Public Television announced the network will embark on an ambitious new initiative designed to get kids across the state to engage in exercise and reading this spring.

Dan Wardell, popular host of the IPTV Kids clubhouse, will lead this "Healthy Hike" which begins April 1.

One elementary school classroom and one library in each of Iowa's 99 counties has been selected to participate in this competition, and the L-M third graders and the Laurens Library were chosen for Pochontas County.

In the Healthy Hike competition, students will work to log minutes exercising and minutes reading throughout the month of April.

At the completion of the competition, participating classrooms will take a "Healthy Hike" to their local participating library for a story time and celebration.

The top ten "moving and reading" counties will be treated to a surprise visit from Dan Wardell during their local library events and jump ropes to help youngsters stay active after the Healthy Hike is over.

The Laurens Public Library and Mrs. Aronson's class will keep you posted on their reading and exercising program during the month of April.

Other area schools and libraries participating in this promotion are Buena Vista County- Newell Public Library and Newell-Fonda Elementary 3rd graders; Clay County- Royal Public Library and Clay Central Every 3rd graders; Palo Alto County- West Bend Public Library and West Bend Mallard 2nd graders. LAURENS SEN

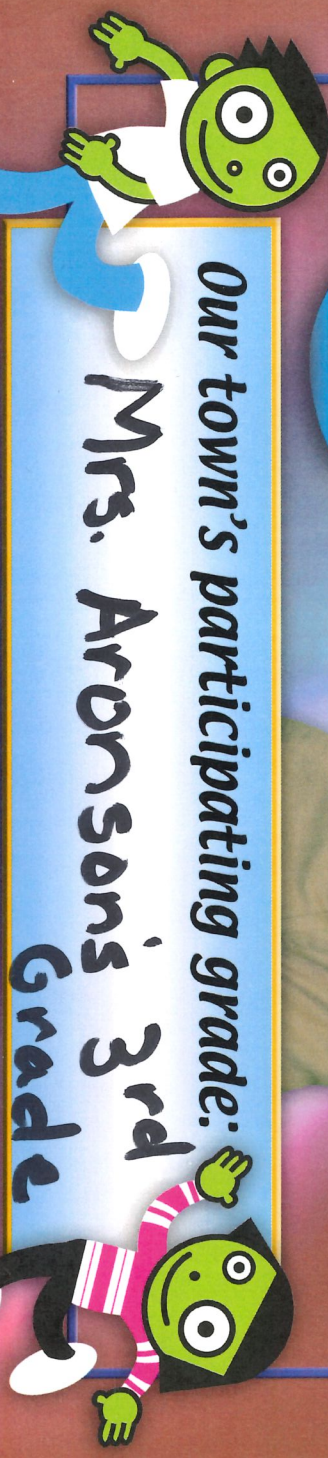
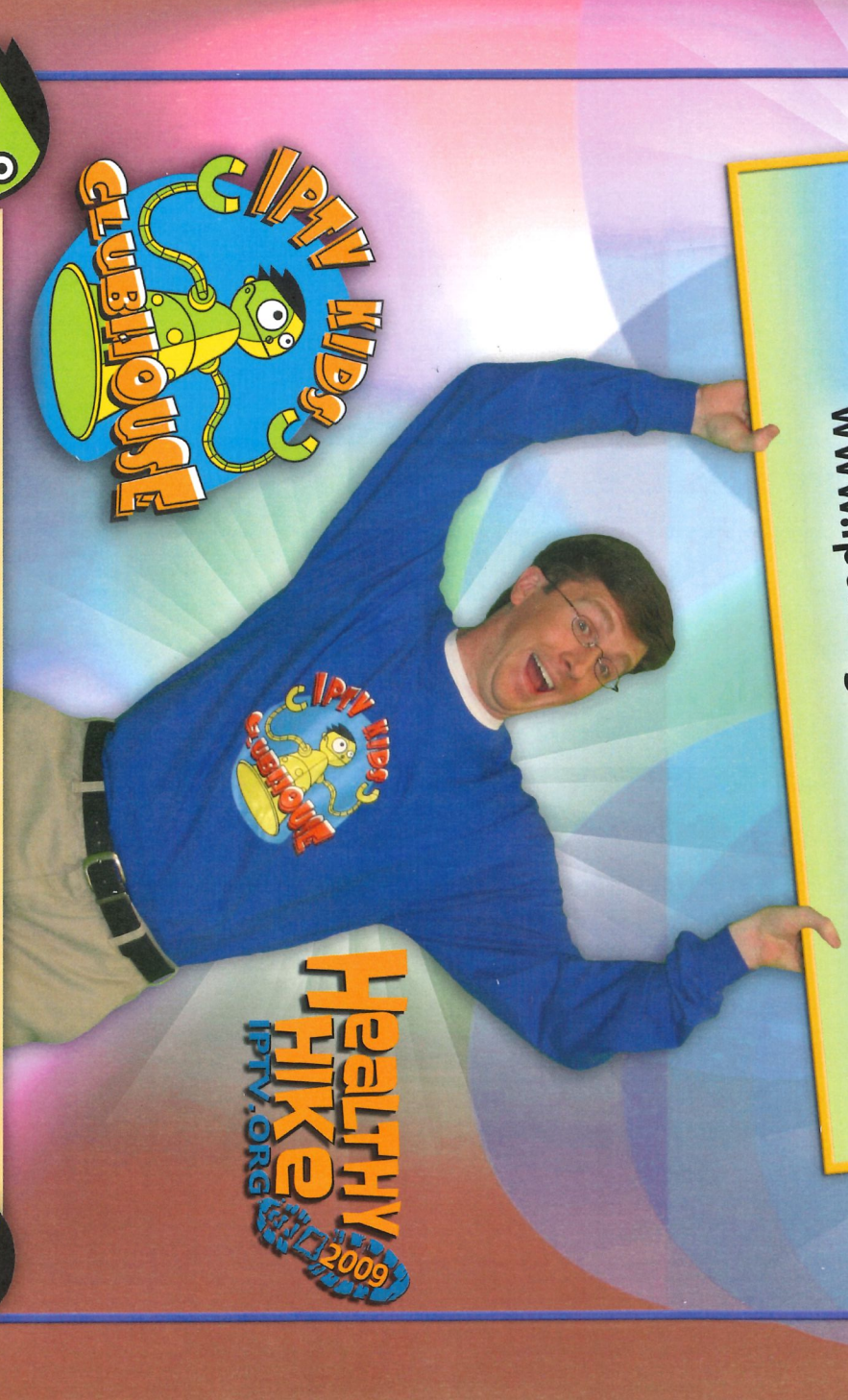
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Help me, Dan Wardell, cheer on your town as it participates in the Healthy Hike this April! For more information, please ask your favorite librarian or visit my Web site:
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KIDS – use this chart to keep track of the number of minutes you move and read while you are **AT HOME**.
TEACHERS – add these totals with your in-school minutes and report them each week on www.iptv.org/dantastic.



Write the number of minutes you walk or move under the column with the footprint.

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Write the number of minutes you read under the column with the letter "A".

Iowa Public Television & Iowa Department of Public Health



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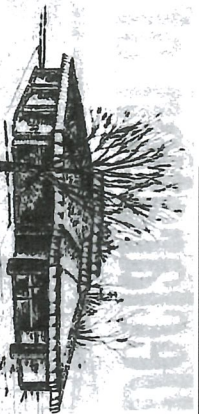
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The School Kids from Mrs. Aronson's 3rd grade librarians + others from school kept track of exercise + reading. The totals were put on the roads like below



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Callie Clark drawing with sidewalk chalk before story time



Braden Ehn & Brenten Barghof doing the "Chicken dance for "wacky wednesday"



The kids love nice days so they can use sidewalk chalk



Reuben Wencil helping make bunnies



Delany Ehn showing off her bunny

At the Library with Glenda Mulder April 8, 2009

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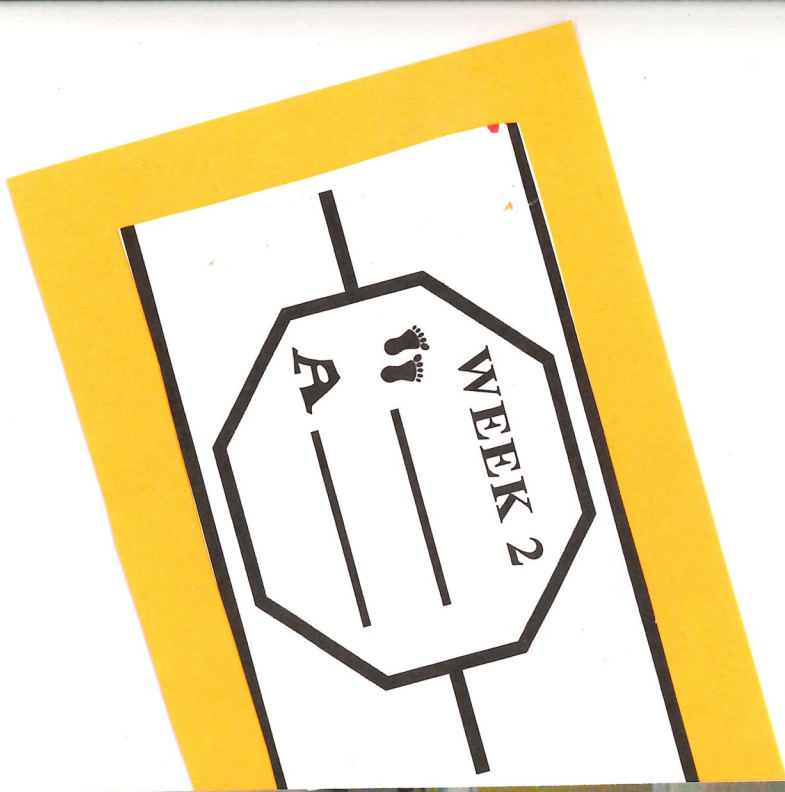
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Mrs. Aronson's 3rd Grade Exercise
did exercises w/ the Congregate
Meals for some of their minutes
Above Jonathan Kirsch's his grandme
Diane Below's 3rd Grade Congregate
Meals exercising



Join the Easter Bunny

for
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**10:00 am Saturday,
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Easter Bunny (Connie Dallenbach)
with Emma van Sickle



Making Easter Egg Crafts: Hannah Hubbell,
Sanna Saunders ~~Stuett~~ Jordan Saunders &
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Bunny Dance!

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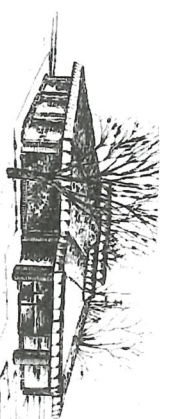
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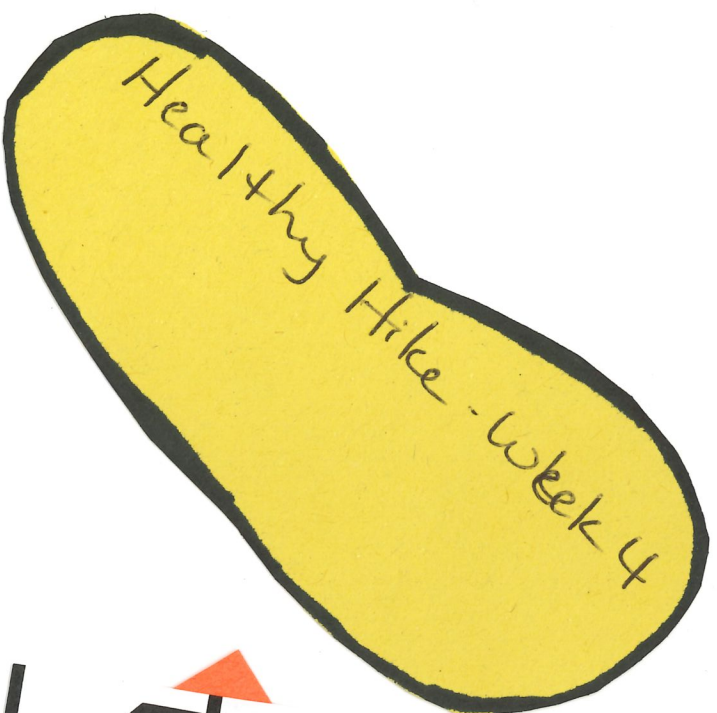
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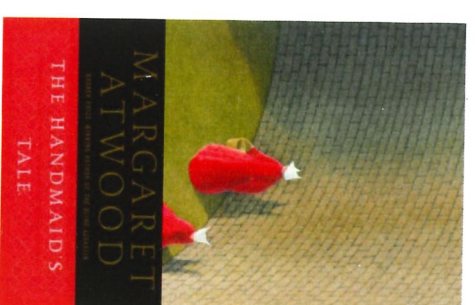
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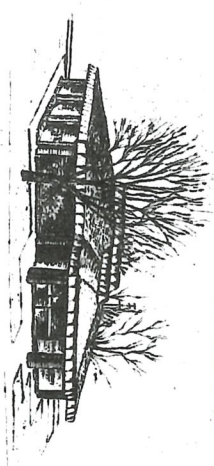
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Earth Day

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All gathered up.



Treats - bird nests



Cleaning up the Park



Pocahontas County Conservationist
Corinne Petersen talking about 'Earth'



Corinne reading to the kids

April 22nd
Storytime
'Earth Day'

May 2009

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

May 6, 2009

The Paper

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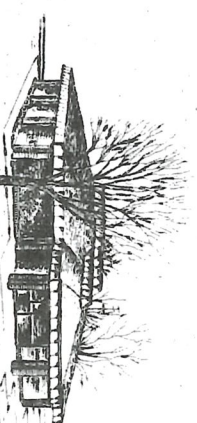
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Wacky Wednesday ~ cat theme



Librarian Deb Hertz read cat stories to the kids



The 4-H kids helped the younger kids with the cat craft.

May 6th



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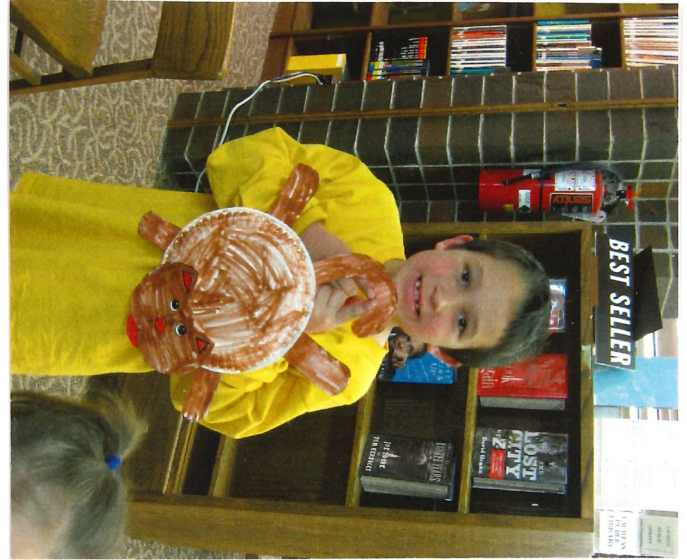
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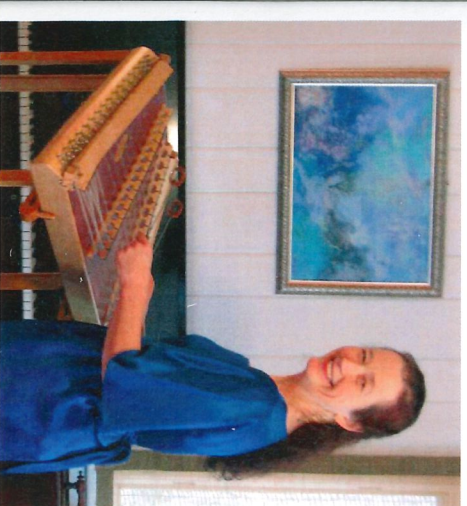
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Hammered Dulcimer Concert

On Wednesday, June 3rd at 7 pm the Laurens Public Library Foundation will provide our community with a unique musical experience. Artist Martha Giles will present a concert on her hammered dulcimer. The hammered dulcimer has been revived in the American folk music traditions. It is a musical instrument on which the strings are stretched over a trapezoidal sounding board. Typically, it's strings are struck with two small mallet hammers. The word dulcimer is Græco-Roman, meaning "sweet song."

Martha Giles grew up in Monmouth, Illinois, but has been a resident of Virginia Beach, Virginia since 1987. She is a multi-talented lady. Martha is a teacher, an illustrator and a musician. Music lessons in her home studio fill most days; finding enough time for art projects and practicing three favorite instruments (the French horn, hammered dulcimer, and piano) is her life's constant challenge. She also illustrated the children's book *Shake the Dreamland Trees*, A Collected Treasury of Songs for Bedtime.

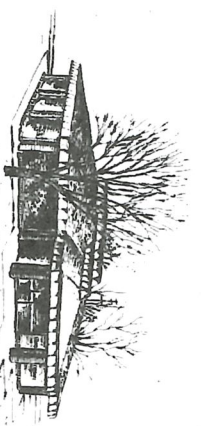
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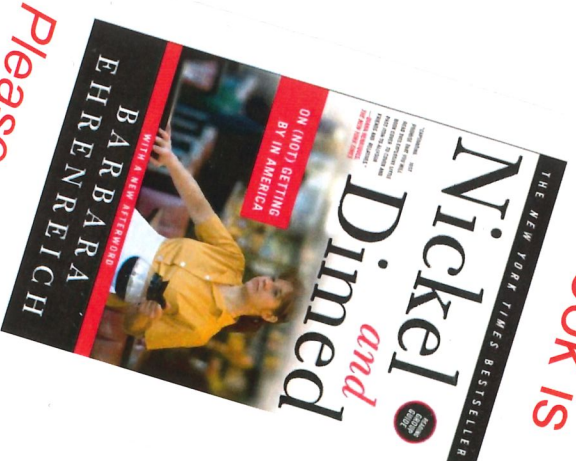
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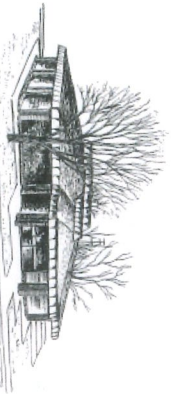


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The Libri Foundation was established in 1989 for the sole purpose of helping rural libraries acquire new, quality, hardcover children's books they could not otherwise afford to buy. At a time when more and more children and their parents and teachers are facing increasing financial hardships and are unable to buy the books their young readers need, these same libraries are facing increasing financial hardships and are unable to buy the books their young readers need. The books donated through the **BOOKS FOR CHILDREN** program are used for storytelling, toddler, preschool, and after-school programs; summer reading programs; "book buddy" programs in which older children read to younger children; holiday programs; teacher check-out and curriculum support; early childhood development programs; school projects and to just provide children with a "good read." Grant recipients can reaply every three years. This is the third time the Laurens Public Library has received this grant.

In nonfiction we received *A Lion Called Christian* by Anthony Burke and *Lone Survivor* by Marcus Luttrell, which was donated by Bob & Connie Dallenbach in memory of Jon & Babs Buckwalter. New DVDs include: *Second Chances*, *Taken*, *Last Chance Harvey*, *Love Takes Wing*, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, *Ivanhoe*, and a *John Wayne Western Collection*.

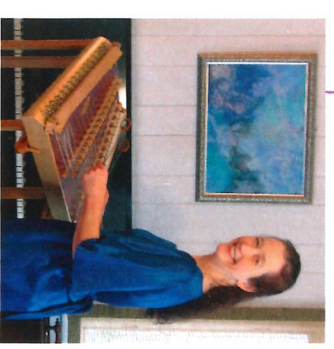
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June 2009

6-4-09 Laurens Sun



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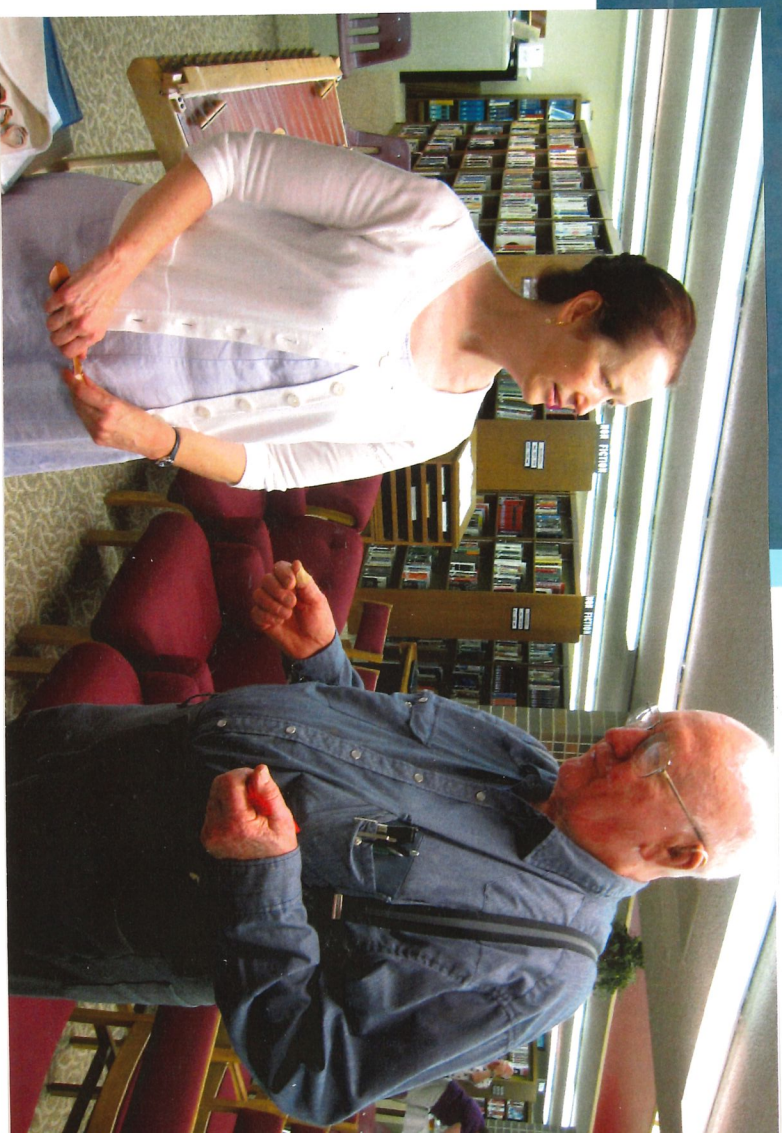


Martha Giles
on the
Hammered
Dulcimer



Top: Cody
Zohrbaugh
Bottom:
Caitlin
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taking time
on the hammered
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To Right: Russell
Thumma talking
with Martha Giles
after the concert



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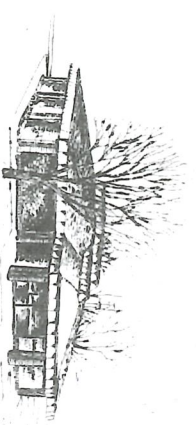


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At the Library www.laurenspubliclibrary.com with Glenda Mulder

June 10, 2009

Boy, did I get a cool surprise in the mail! I have to say, I was pretty curious why Governor Culver was sending me a letter. I opened it and found out that the Laurens Public Library has been selected to receive a "2009 Governor's Volunteer Award for outstanding contribution of volunteer service to your community"! We will be going to BV University June 23 to accept this award. The letter goes on to state that we were nominated by Laurens Marathon Superintendent Iner Joelson. Thanks Mr. Joelson, and thanks for making it easy and fun for the Library and School to work together.

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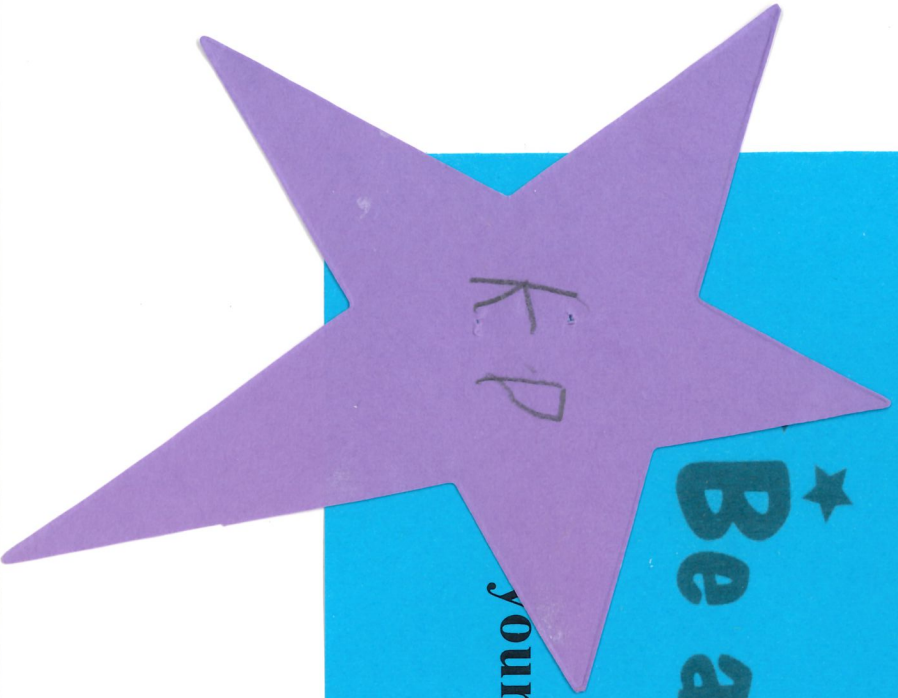
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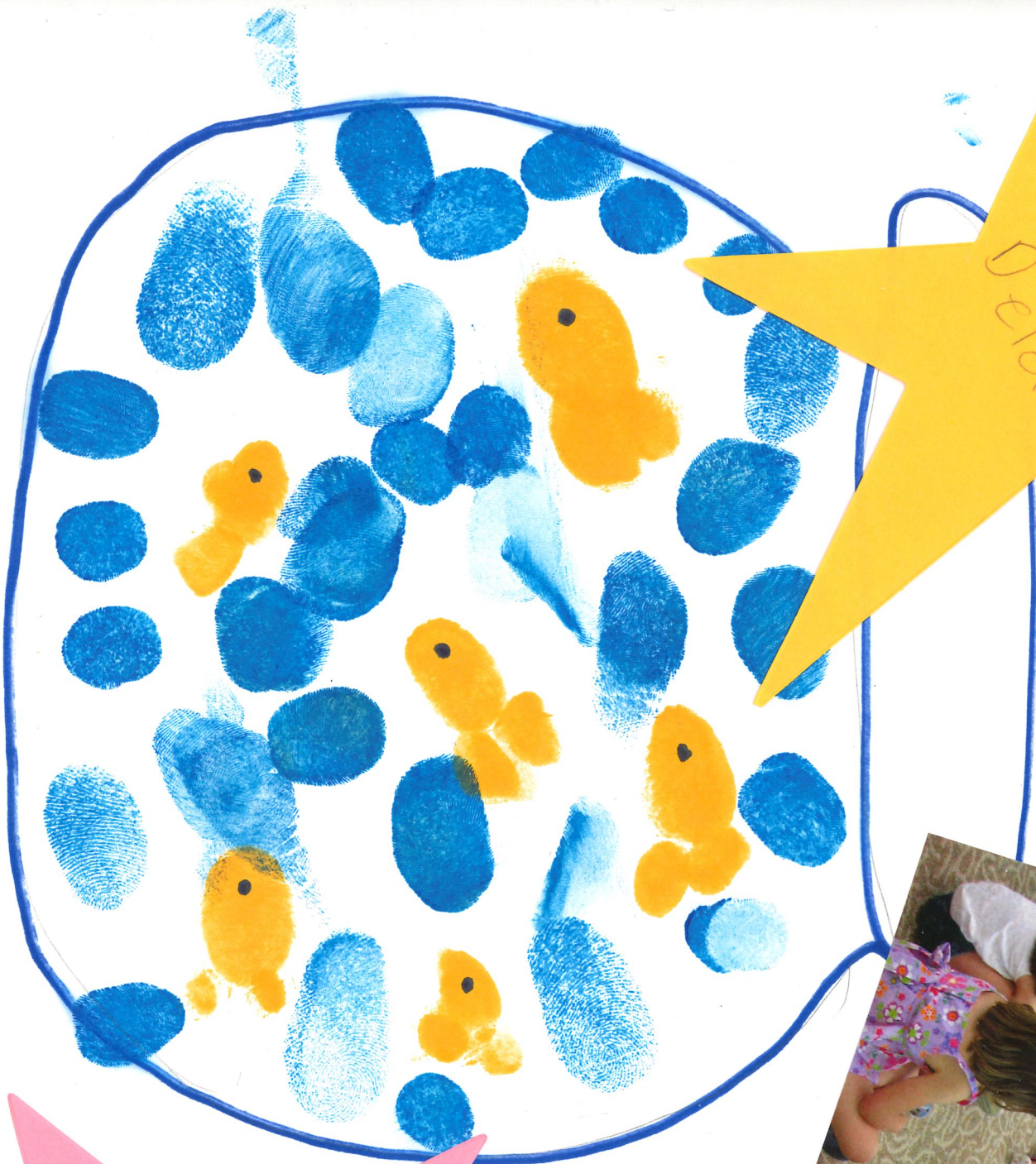
June 16th

Be Creative @ Your Library Week!
The theme was 'Ham It Up!' Andrew
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our 80+ audience. Then the kids made
their own puppets to take home. Treats
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Be Creative at Your Library
Week 2
June 23rd

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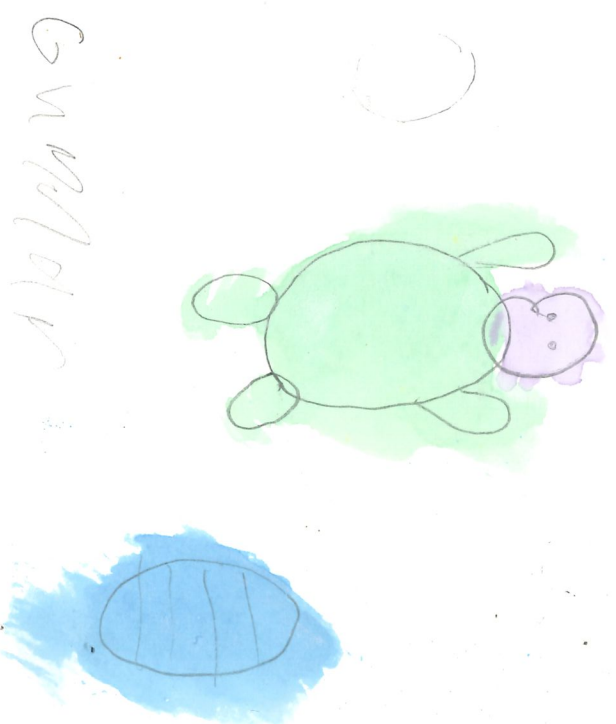


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Art in the Park
June 23, 2009

The County Naturalist
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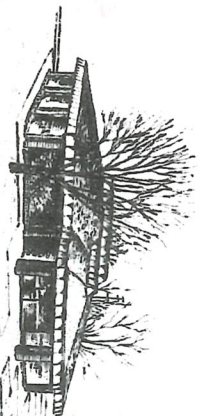
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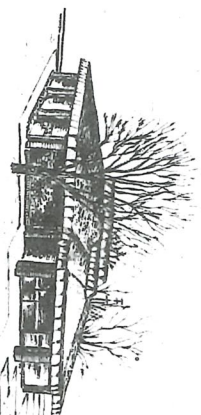
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At the Library

June 24, 2009

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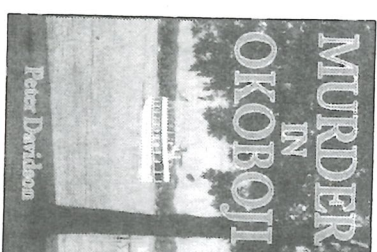
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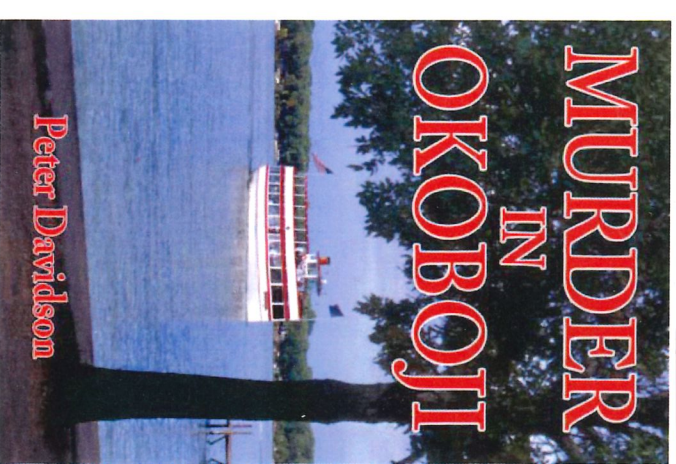
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Glenda Mulder, Laurens

She oversees community hub

Former business owner finds another outlet for her skills

By JESSE HELLING
Messenger staff writer

LAURENS — Tough economic times can be a boon for public libraries.

At the Laurens Public Library, circulation has skyrocketed over the past year, said director Glenda Mulder.

"We are more and more a community hub," said Mulder, who has overseen the 33-year-old building and its contents since 2006. Leading a library was not part of Mulder's long-term career plan, she said.

"I went to school for tailoring," said Mulder, a native of Sibley.

About 25 years ago, Mulder started working at a clothing store in Laurens, eventually becoming part owner of the business, which closed in 1999.

"I started working part time at the library," she said. "I'd always been a reader."

Mulder decided the job was a good fit — so much so that, when the previous director decided to retire in 2006, Mulder stepped up to the job.

At first glance, one would think that stitching seams and story time bear little resemblance to each other.

However, Mulder said her business background has proven advantageous in keeping the library financially fit.

"I did my own books as a business owner," she said. "I know how to balance a budget."

The library receives financing from the city of Laurens and Pocahontas County, as well as private donations.

"We're well supported," Mulder said. "We have a very active library foundation."

In addition to dozens of shelves of books, the library has hundreds of DVDs to loan and provides computer access to the public, Mulder said.

"We're open 43 hours a week," she said.

Like most public libraries, Laurens is interconnected with its brethren throughout the state. Materials can pass from one library to another depending on availability, said Mulder.

One area of the library that continues to expand is programming, she said.

Speakers — including a recent visit by "paranormal investigators" from Carroll — are frequently booked at the library, said Mulder.

"We'll try to get people in that patrons suggest," she said.

Word of mouth between Mulder and her fellow librarians throughout the region also helps fuel the schedule, she said.

Located within walking distance of Laurens-



-Messenger photo by Jesse Helling

GLEND A MULDER, director of the Laurens Public Library, shelves books recently.

Marathon School, the library is a frequent stop for students, Mulder said.

"We do a lot of kids' programming," she said.

Once a month, school children participate in the Brown Bag Program, which allows them to spend their lunch period at the library and check out books.

"I read them a story,"

said Mulder, who knows the children by name.

In addition to her work at the library, Mulder is active in many other aspects of the Laurens community.

As a member of the Laurens Chamber of Commerce board, Mulder said she helps plan the town's summer celebration and Christmas parade.

Meanwhile, the Laurens Historical Preservation Commission, of which Mulder is also a member, is on the constant lookout for ways to make the town look better, she said.

This summer, the historic Carnegie Library — which is located next to the current library — will see a new paint job, courtesy of a

grant obtained by the preservation commission. Mulder said she will be among the ranks of volunteers for that project.

"In a small town, you have a way of getting involved in everything," she said.

Contact Jesse Helling at (515) 573-2141 or jhelling@messengernews.net

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June 2, 2009

Laurens Public Library
c/o Glenda Moulder
273 N. 3rd Street
Laurens, IA 50554

Type of Award: Group
Name for Certificate: Laurens Public Library

Dear Glenda:

It is with great pleasure we are writing to inform you that you have been selected for a 2009 Governor's Volunteer Award for outstanding contribution of volunteer service to your community. Your nomination was submitted by Iner Joelson from Laurens-Marathon Community School District.

We cordially invite you to accept your award in person during a special recognition ceremony:

Tuesday, June 23, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
Buena Vista University
Harold Walter Siebens Forum Building, Anderson Auditorium
610 W Fourth Street
Storm Lake, IA
Reception immediately following

The devotion of volunteers like you helps Iowa consistently remain in the top 10 states in the nation for its volunteerism rate. Thank you for contributing your time, dedication, and talent to make a tremendous difference in our state! We hope you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

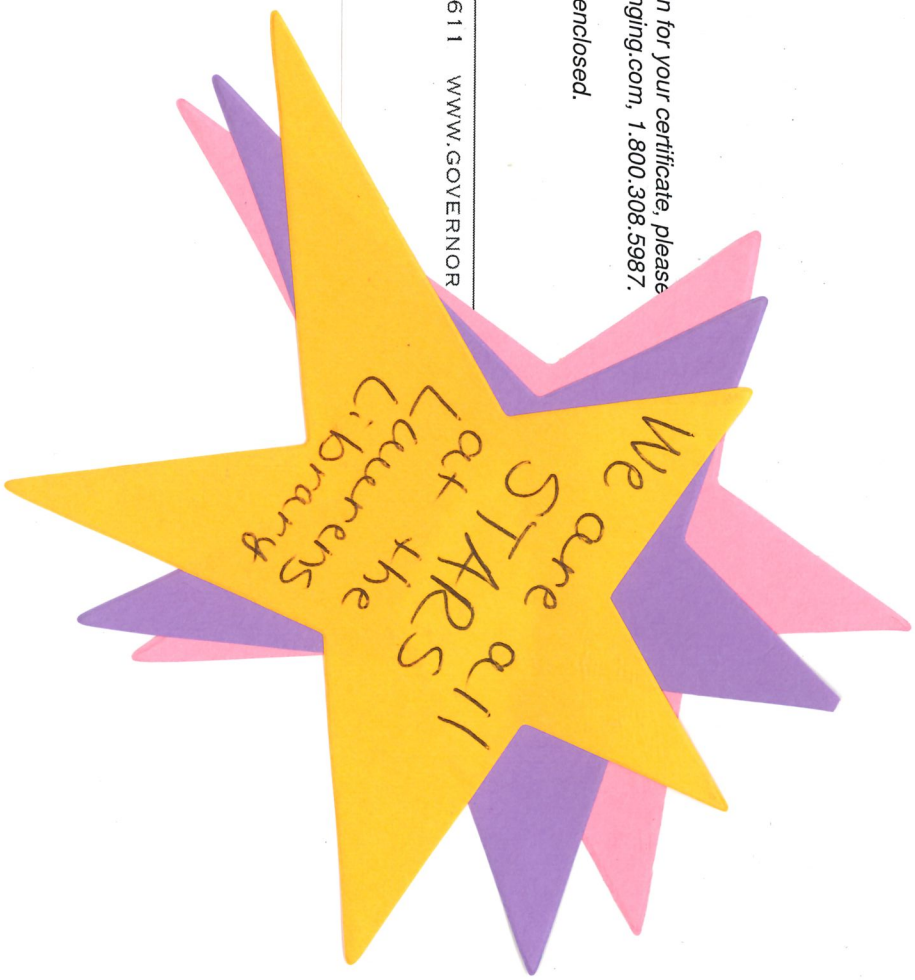
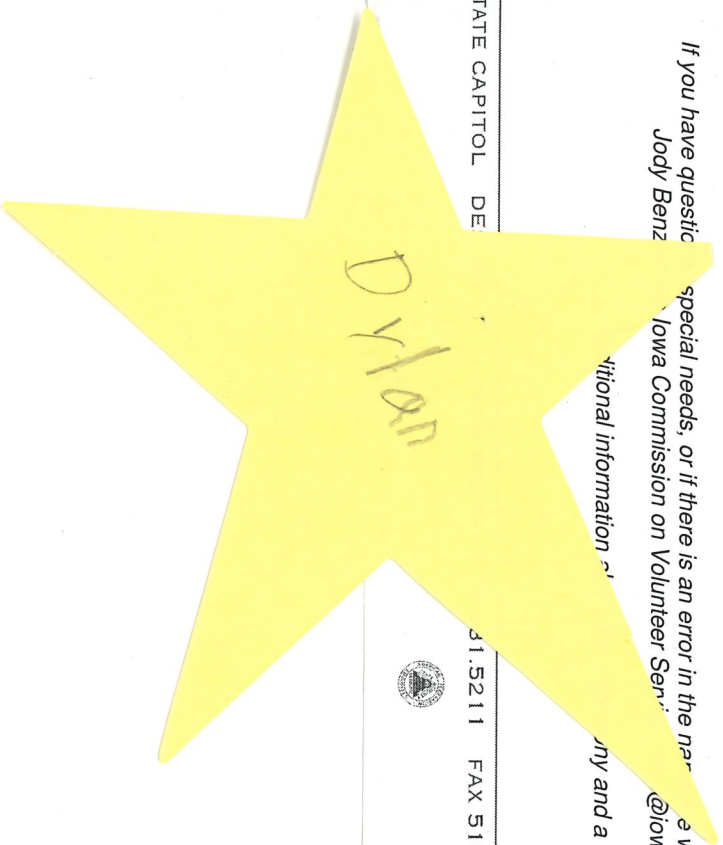
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If you have questions, special needs, or if there is an error in the name, please contact Jody Benz at 515.281.6611. Additional information on the Volunteer Award and a map are enclosed.

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State of Iowa



Governor's Volunteer Award

I, Chester J. Culver, Governor, acknowledge and applaud
Laurens Public Library

for outstanding service to the State of Iowa.

June 23, 2009


Chester J. Culver, Governor



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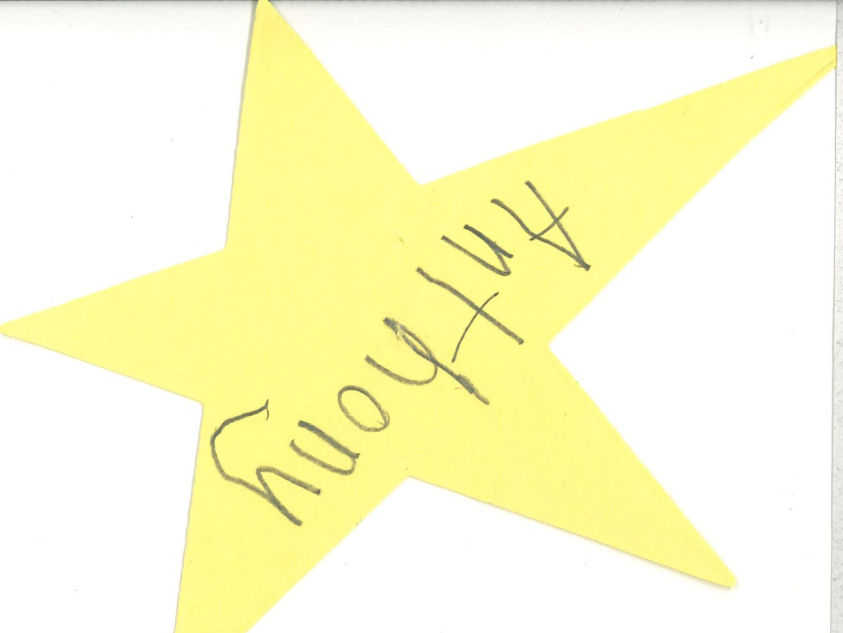
Accepting the award from Mrs. Mari Culver are
Connie Dallenbach, Laurens Library Board and
Deb Hutz, Assistant Librarian

**26th Annual
Governor's Volunteer Awards Ceremony**
June 23, 2009 1:00 P.M.
Buena Vista University, Anderson Auditorium

Piano Selections	Deanna Larson, Piano
Presentation of Colors	Color Guard
Welcome	Jon L. Kruse Mayor, Storm Lake
Introduction of First Lady	Frederick Moore President of BVU
Governor's Message	Mari Culver First Lady
Local Committee Recognition	Frederick Moore
Presentation of Awards	Mari Culver
Retire Colors	Color Guard

A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the Siebens Grand Foyer

- Color Guard: Company G Forward Support Company of the 334th Brigade Support Battalion of the Iowa Army National Guard
- Master of Ceremonies – Frederick Moore, President of Buena Vista University
- Local Committee Members: Ashley Farmer, Donna Schoneboom, Mark Kirkholm



THANKS FROM THE

FIRST LADY

First Lady of Iowa Mari Culver presented the Governor's Volunteer Awards Tuesday at Buena Vista University. Several groups and individuals from the area were recognized for their dedication. At right, Culver with members of the Schaller Shamrocks 4-H Club - Lexi Schmidt, Joe Kenny and Emily Kenny. The club was nominated by the Iowa Department of Transportation for roadside clean-up efforts. Others honored include St. Mary's SOS volunteers; Student M.O.V.E. of BVU; Snooks Carpet, Curios and Antiques, Sioux Rapids; **Laurens Public Library**; K of C Council, Laurens; Galva-Holstein School Foundation; LaVera Pfalzgraf, Holstein; Marina Ramirez, Schaller; Stephanie Robley, Early and Jenna Zimmer, Early. / *Photo by Lorri Glawe*

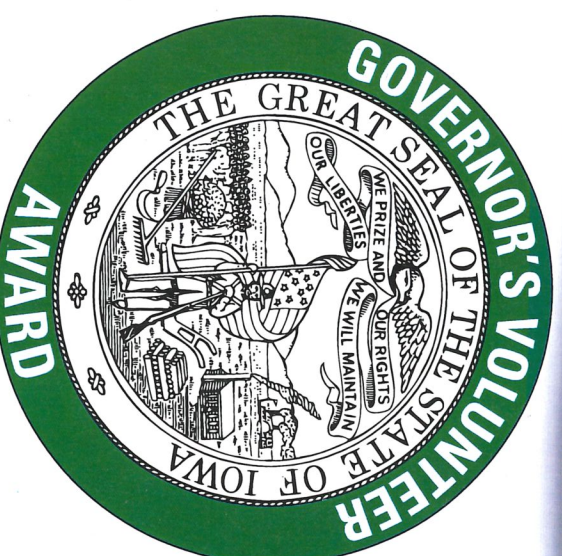


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**Lt. Governor
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**26th Annual
Governor's Volunteer Awards
2009**

At the Library with Glenda Mulder June 24, 2009

Hooray! Finally summer weather is here! If you need something new to read on these longer, warm days, check out:



Sworn to Silence by Linda Castillo, *Lark and Termitie* by Jayne Anne Phillips, *The Little Stranger* by Sarah Waters, *House Secrets* by Mike Lawson, *Rogue of My Own* by Johanna Lindsey, or *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton. Or if the warmer weather has you in

the mood to redecorate, check out *Thom Filicia Style: Inspired Ideas for Creating Rooms You'll Love*. Join us Wednesday, July 1st for a visit from author Peter Davidson.

He will sign copies of his new book, *Murder In Okoboji*, at three area public libraries on Wednesday, July 1. He will be at our Library 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Pocahontas Public Library 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. and Albert City Public Library 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. This book is a perfect read for your weekend at the Lakes, or for when you wish you

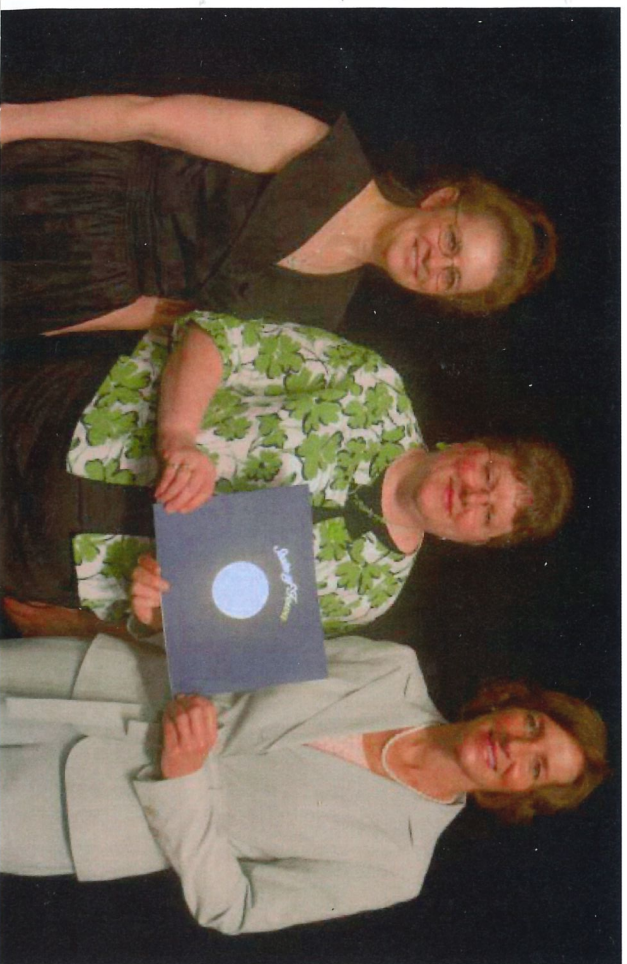
were at the Lakes! Hope you can meet the author and hear a selection from his book.

Our kids' summer reading started off with a bang and is going strong. The kids get to put their name on a star on our bulletin boards for each book they read. Be sure to look for all the stars next time you're at the Library. I'm all excited because I get to be here for the rest of the Tuesdays – no matter what I'm going to Be Creative! at the Library at 1:30 every Tuesday until July 21st! We are especially looking forward to the Pockets Full of Fun puppet show on the 7th of July. Nancy has seen their performance in the past and tells us they put on a wonderful show.

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2009 Governor's Volunteer Award

Laurens Library Board member Connie Dallenbach and Assistant Librarian, Deb Hertz are shown accepting the award from Iowa's First Lady Mari Culver. The ceremony was held Tuesday, June 23 in Storm Lake. Laurens-Marathon Superintendent Iner Joelson nominated the library for this award because of the Library's volunteer service to the community.



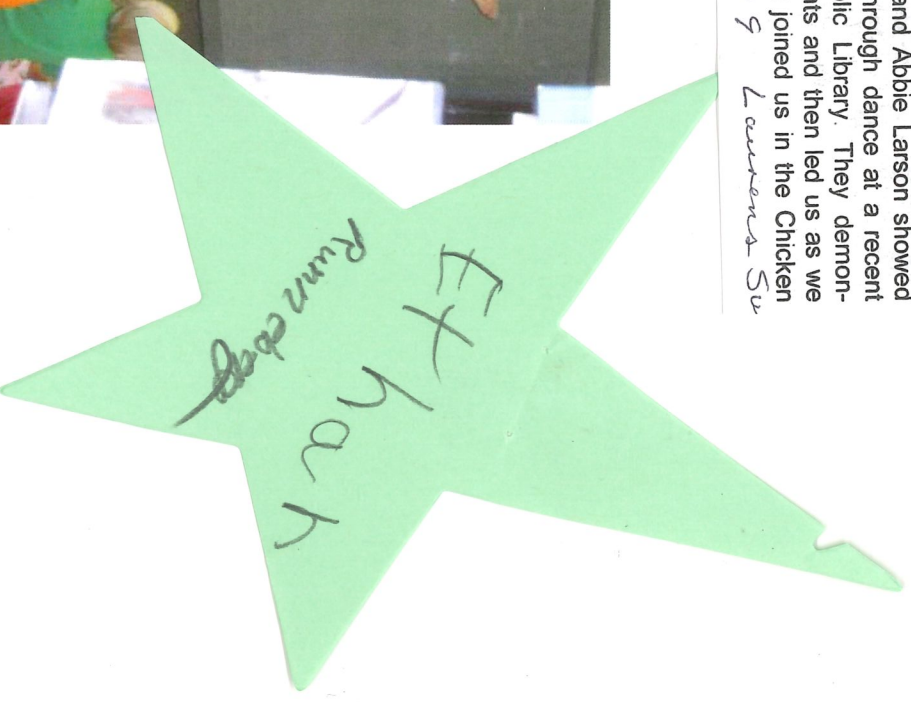
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Laurens Public Library's
June 2009 book is
KRISTIN HANNAH
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
a novel **THE THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE**
Please return your book by our discussion
June 22nd
@ 7:00 pm



Be Creative @ your Library ~ June 30th - 3rd Storytime
Dance theme



Mackenzie Brown did a puppet show with the book she wrote



Mackenzie Brown + Glenda Muller



Librarian Nancy Walker reading



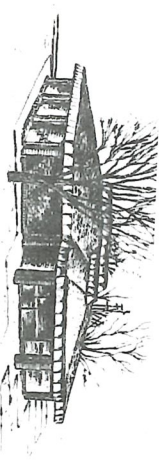
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Jonathan Kirsch, Spencer Griffin, Cole Runneberg, Mason Griffin, doing the chicken dance.

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At the Library

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with Glenda Mulder

July 8, 2009

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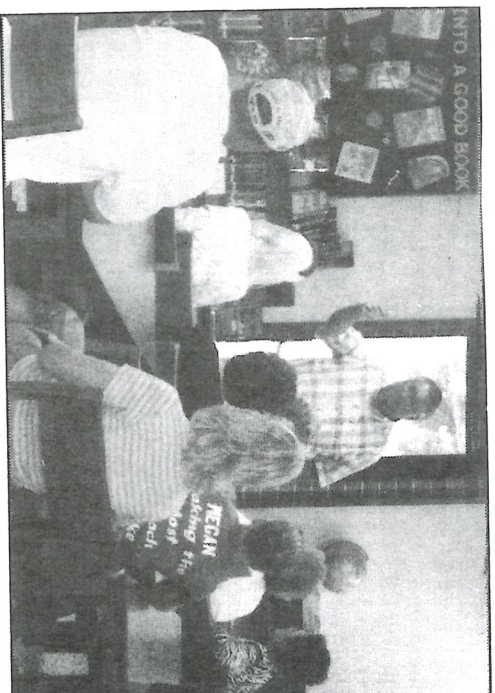
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Book Signing

July 9, 2009

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"Pockets of Fun" July 7, 2009



Lisa Laird helping Kallyn Stumbo with a puppet



El: Roring + Alyssa Klatt helping Lisa



Kyleigh Saunders, Alyssa Kunz, Lisa Laird, Dante Spencer + Bradley Butler



The kids + adults are all enjoying



Brodie Bouska + Lisa Laird



Dakota Kunz helping Lisa with a magic trick.



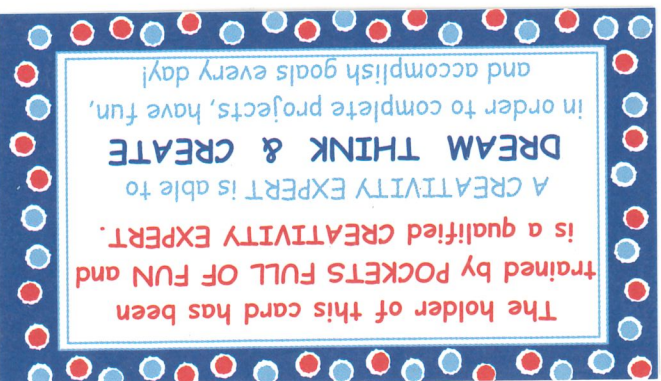
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Pockets Full of Fun



Recommended Books

- The Big Orange Splot*
by Daniel Pinkwater
- A Pocketful of Goobers*
by Barbara Mitchell
- A Weed is a Flower*
by Ailiki
- Vincent van Gogh-Sunflowers and Swirly Stars*
by Brad Bucks and Joan Holub
- The First Starry Night*
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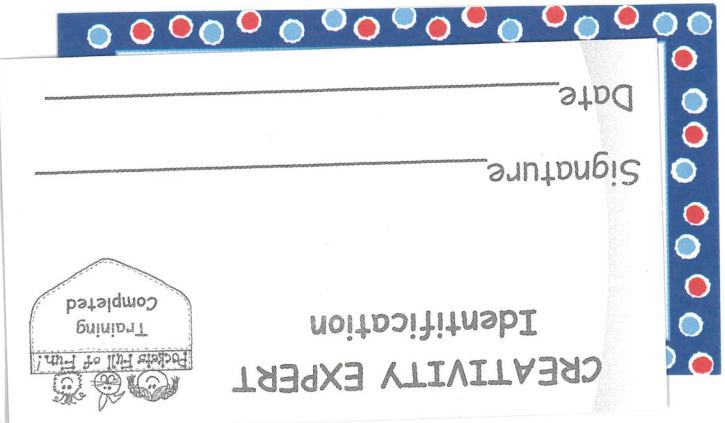
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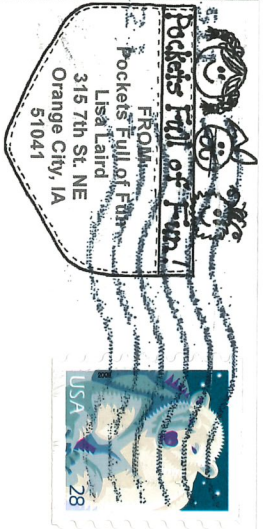


Puppet Show at the Library 7-9-09

Lisa Laird's puppet Shiloh performed a magic trick at the Pockets Full of Fun show at the Laurens Public Library on July 7th. Shiloh promised to provide a lovely snack for the kids. On the left you can see two chicken sandwiches (neither one looked very appetizing!) On the right we had a brownie (actually a brown Ei) and some spring water. For some reason the kids declined the snacks. What fun we had watching the puppets and learning to "Dream, Think, & Create" which works right in to our summer reading theme of Be Creative! We have one more session filled with creative ideas – so join us at the Laurens Public Library July 21st!



Dear Laurens Public Library,
What fun I had in Laurens! I hope everyone had as much fun as I did! Have a very creative summer.



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Laurens, IA 50554

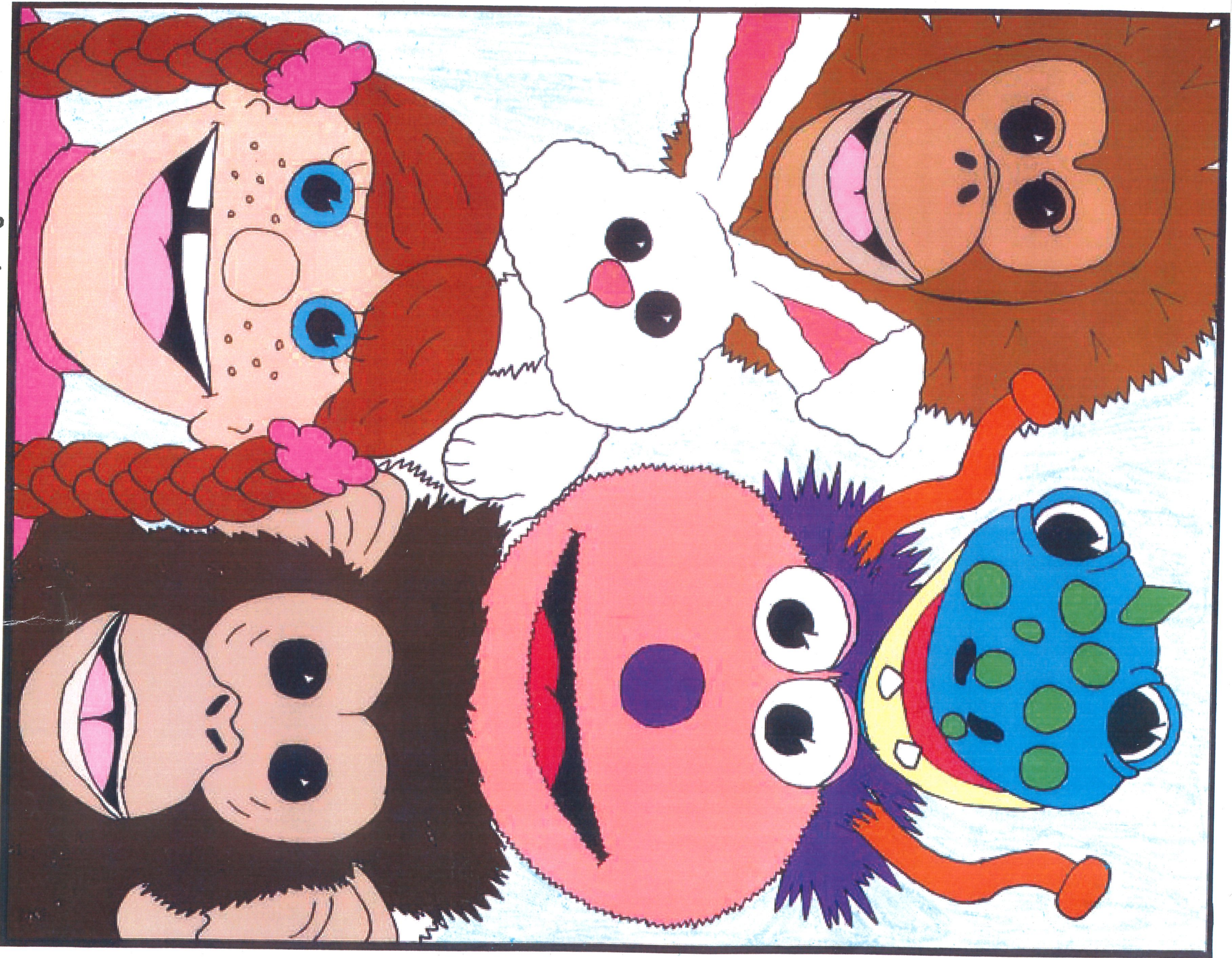


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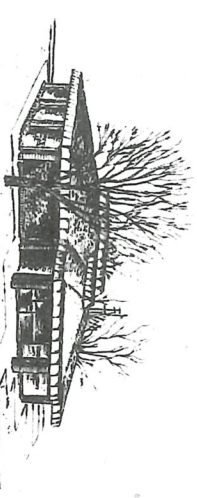
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"I've Got Rhythm" Storytime
 July 14 2009 ~ week 5



Librarian Nancy Walker leading the kids



A parade around the library w/ musical instruments.

Week 5:
 1st Band teacher
 Meredith Allen
 demonstrated
 instruments.
 Then they
 marched around
 the library. They
 all got a chance
 to make their
 own shaker.
 Razoo's were
 given out as
 prizes. Snacks
 were bagged +
 frozen

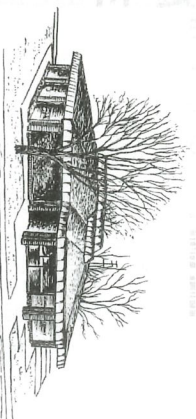


Hannah Hubbell with her shaker bag

Making shaker bags like bag below.



Tenna Saunders shaking her shaker bag



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Thursday

July 16

At 9:00 am

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At 10:22 a.m. on July 22, 2009

At the Library

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Well, our official kids summer reading program is well underway. We had lots of fun exploring different areas of the arts. Well, we decided it was so much **Creative!** is already finished. Well, So we're going to have one different area to be done. Send the kids in Tuesday.

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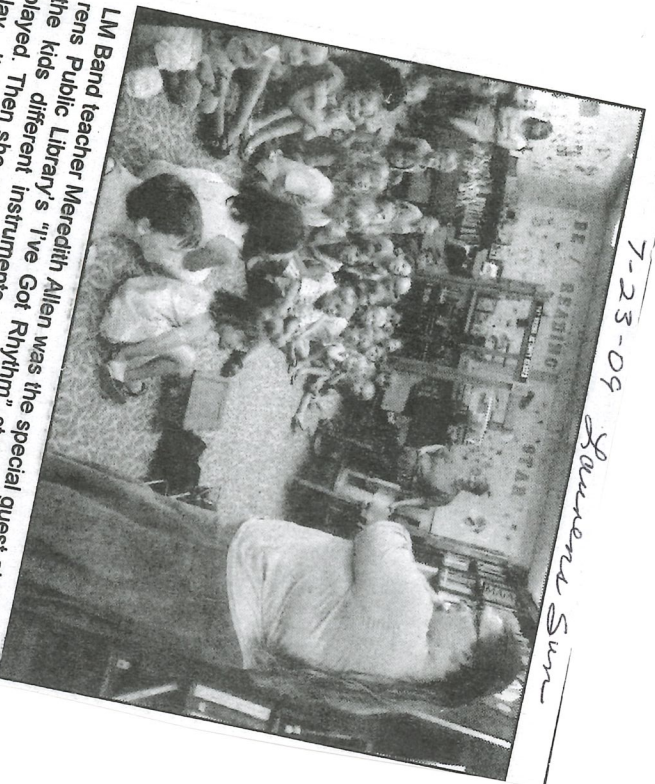
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"Now U see It" -storytime July 21. 2009



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Romance - Now with Ultraviolent

Zombie Mayhem! by Jane Austen

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promises to be a campy twist on

the classic. Last month one of our

members mentioned *And This Our*

Life: Chronicles of the Darcy Family:

Book 1 by Fort Dodge author C.

Allen Pierson that continues with

the same characters. This also just

came in, so hopefully someone will

have read these and be able to tell us

about them when we meet at 7 p.m.

Monday, July 27.

New fiction this week includes

Rain Gods by James Lee Burke,

Guardian of Lies by Steve Martini,

So Happy Together by Maryanne

McFadden, *Undone* by Karen

Slaughter, *Best Friends Forever* by

Jennifer Weiner, *Get Real* by Donald

Westlake, *Fire and Ice* by J. A.

Jance, *Storm Cycle* by Iris Johansen,

Defector by Daniel Silva and *The*

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Tuesday, August 18th Texas

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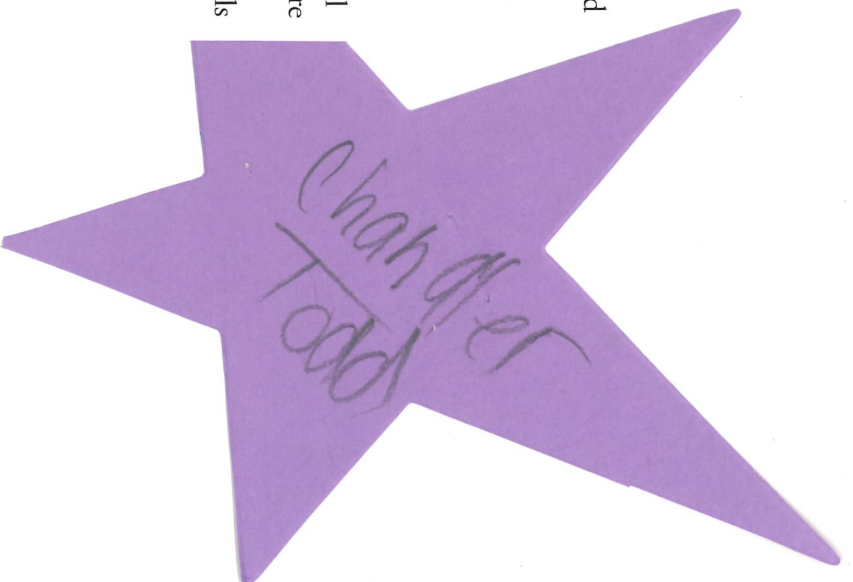
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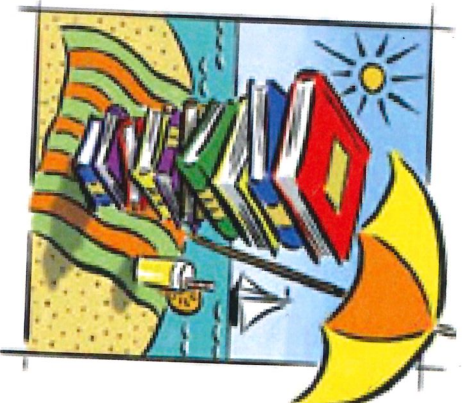
Librarian Deb Hertz
reading 'Beach'
Stories to the
kids

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PRESENTS

ONE MORE

SUMMER STORY TIME!



JOIN US FOR A

Beach Party

TUESDAY, JULY 28 @ 1:30

Beach Party
Librarians weren't it end.
The for story times over
ready for another one -
So we added another one -
'Beach Stories'. Chandler
Beach lead in the paper.
Todd read in their head
Kids - fun was
Leis. all.
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Showing off our glasses & leis are Jackie Nohng,
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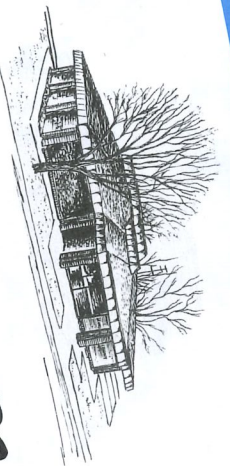


Making leis or craft

Kazoo Band



Kazoo Band:
Sarnatha Huker
Max Mackenz,
Brown Elizabeth
Runneberg,
Vogeyne
Glenda
Muider +
Dab Herb



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IN THE CELEBRATE LAURENS!
PARADE ON SATURDAY!
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WEAR A CREATIVE HAT & COMFORTABLE SHOES
BECAUSE WE'LL BE MARCHING
TO THE BALL FIELDS!



Scenes from
Celebrate Laurens Parade
held Saturday! Steven H. Chaffee photos

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When you read this hopefully I will have *Pride and Prejudice* on my list of books I have read. I started earlier than usual, but got stalled out in the busyness of summer. I've always managed somehow to finish my book club books on time so I'm confident this will be no exception! Our August book is Markus Zusak's *The Book Thief*. This has been on many book clubs' reading lists so I'm curious about it. I don't know much about it other than it is set in Germany in WWII. So pick up a book and learn with me! We'll meet the 4th Monday of August at 7 pm to chat about it.

This nonfiction book intrigued me so I just had to order it: *Shop Class as Soul Craft: An Inquiry into the Value of Work* by Matthew Crawford. I've put it on my ever-growing list of books I want to read. In fiction we received: *Physick Book of Deliverance* by Katherine Howe, *Twenties Girl* by Sophie Kinsella, *Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Deception* by Eric Von Lustbader and *Doomsday Key* by James Rollins.

We also got a shipment of large print memorial books this week. Dick & Sandy Aronson donated *Nate Coffin's Revenge* and *Bones to Ashes* in memory of Lyle Lund and *Gold Wagon* and *The Secret Servant* in memory of Clarence Larson. Fred & Sandi Neary donated *Dog Days* in memory of Lyle Lund. Marilyn Runneberg donated *Desert Journey* and *Ride to Battle Mountain* in memory of Cecil Hanisch. Homer & Sandy George donated *Things I Want My Daughters to Know*, *Miss Julia Paints the Town* and *Return to Summerhouse* in memory of Babs Buckwalter. Ann Younggreen Sullivan donated *Call of the Gun*, *The Beach House* and *High Noon* in memory of Theron Martin & *The Gate House*, *The Book of Lies*, and *Chasing Darkness* in memory of Melvin Runneberg. These large print books are a wonderful way to remember some great members of the Laurens community.

I am looking forward to Tuesday, August 18th when Texas singer/songwriter Danny Santos will present a concert at the Library. Look for more details elsewhere in the paper. Hope you can join us!

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Free Concert at the Library

At the Library

with Glenda Mulder

July 29, 2009



The Laurens Public Library Foundation presents Danny Santos in a FREE concert. The performance will be Tuesday, August 18th at 7 pm at the library.

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Our Town Our Paper!

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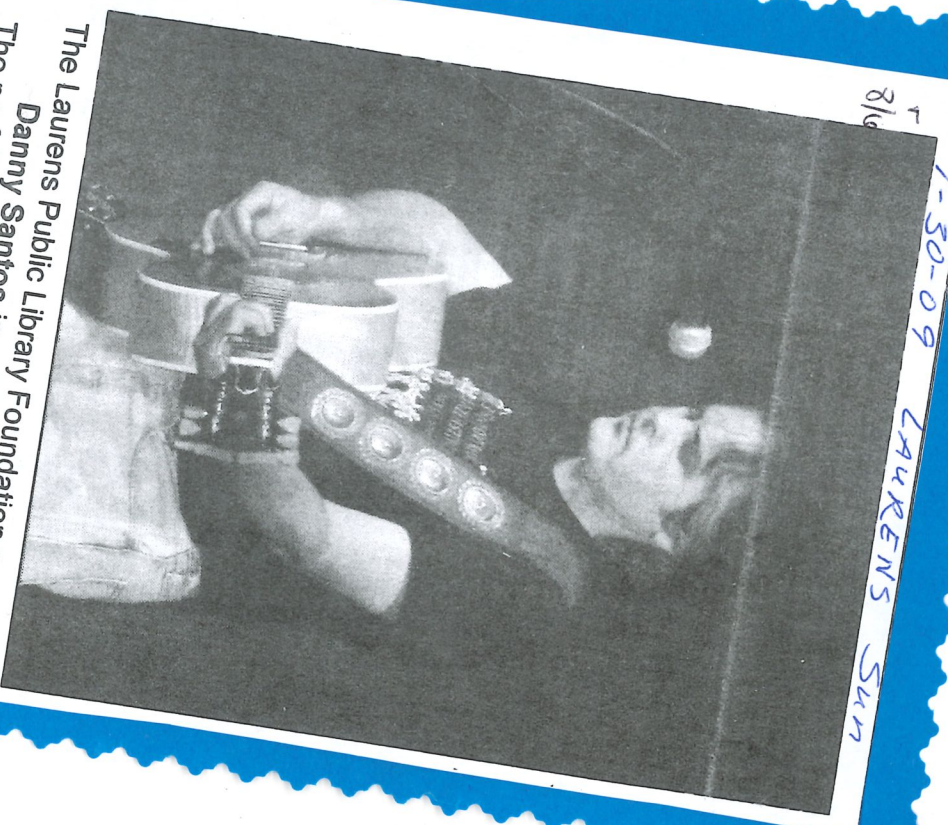
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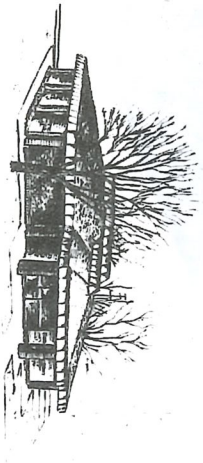
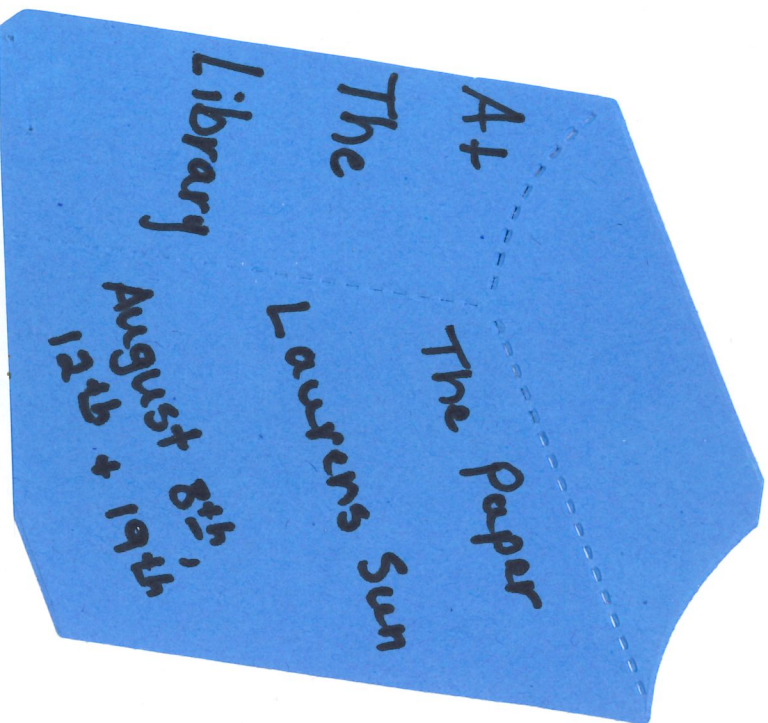
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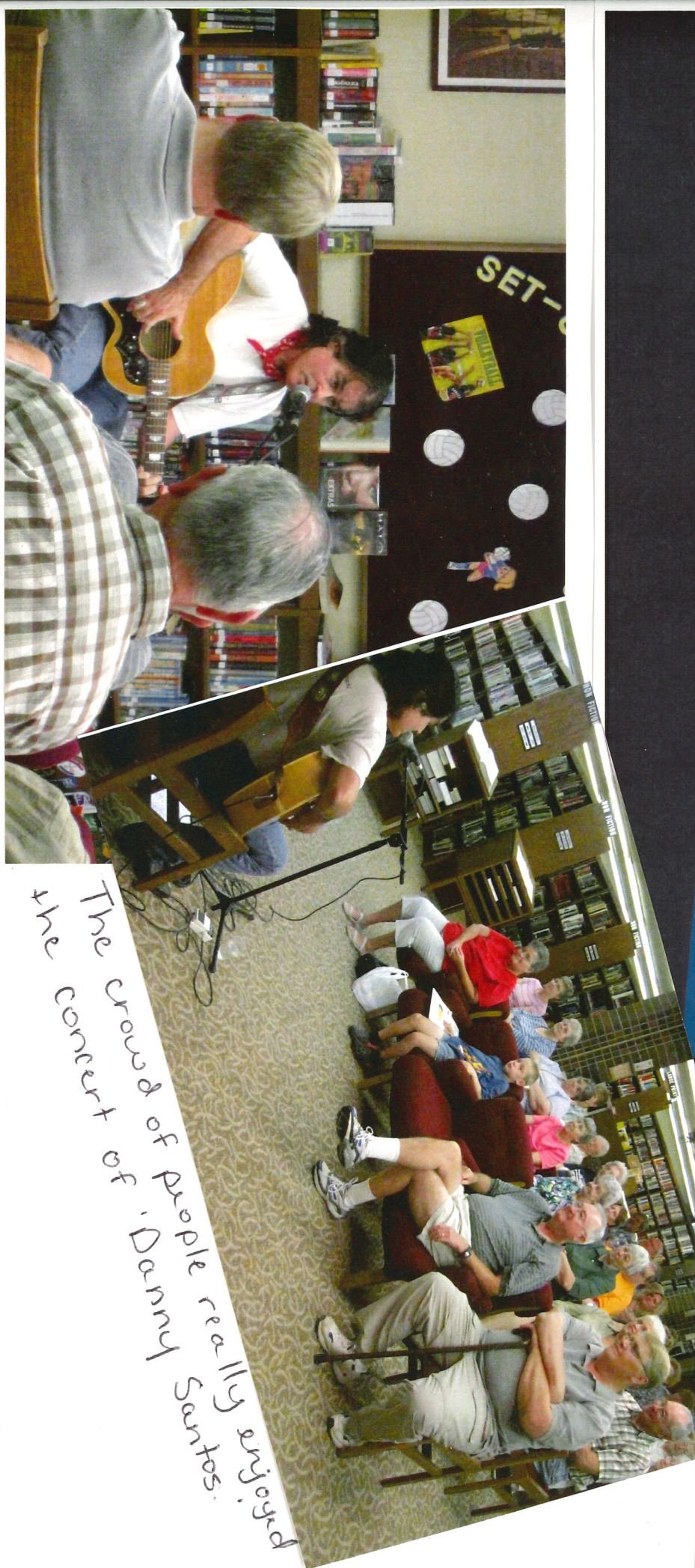
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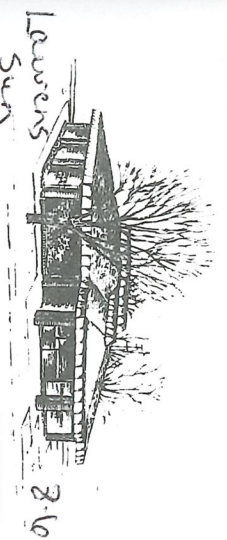
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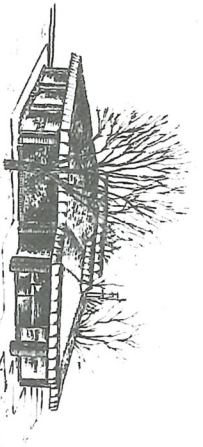
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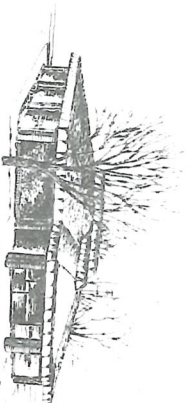
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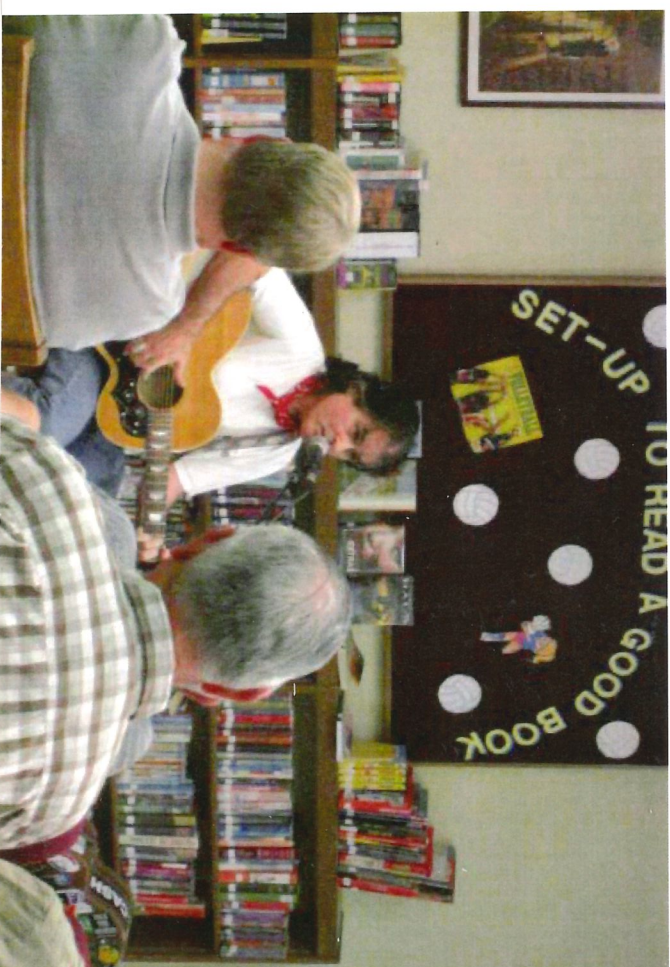
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This is year the partners are:

Jeri Wenell-kindergarten-Dallenbach Ins.

Audrey Herbers-first grade-Iowa Trust & Savings Bank.

Sylvia Ballman-second grade-Country Store

Kary Rolling-second grade-Good Samaritan Home

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In addition the Laurens Public Library has brown bag lunches/library visits for several of the grades. Students enjoy stories, explore the library and further research classroom material or subjects.

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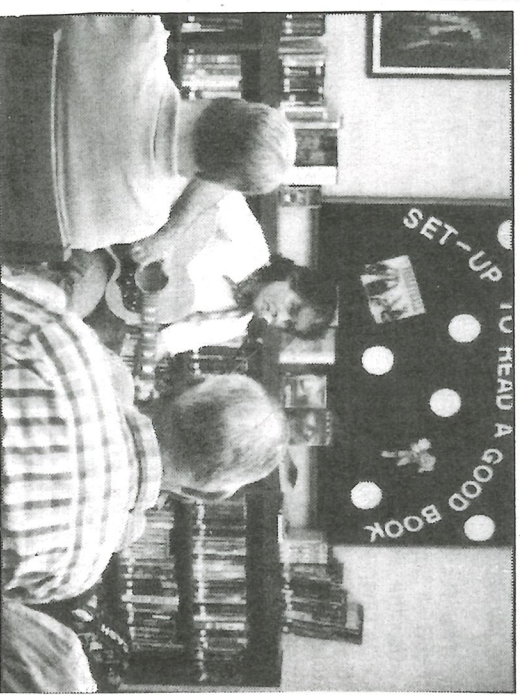
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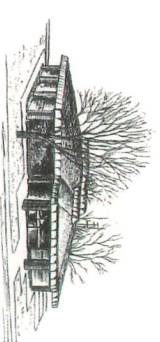
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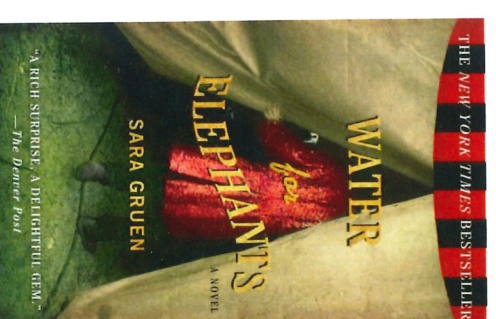
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We will be processing these books as fast as we can because I already am marking books with the names of patrons I know have special interests or favorite authors. Oh what fun we are having! I can hardly wait to show them to the kids!



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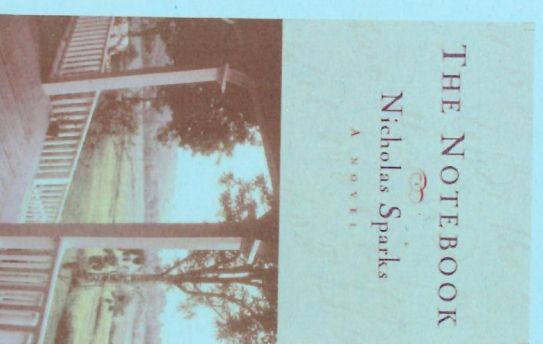
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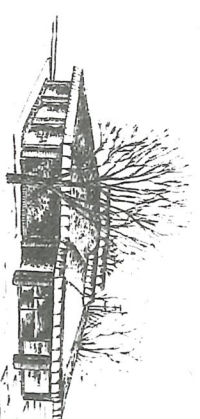
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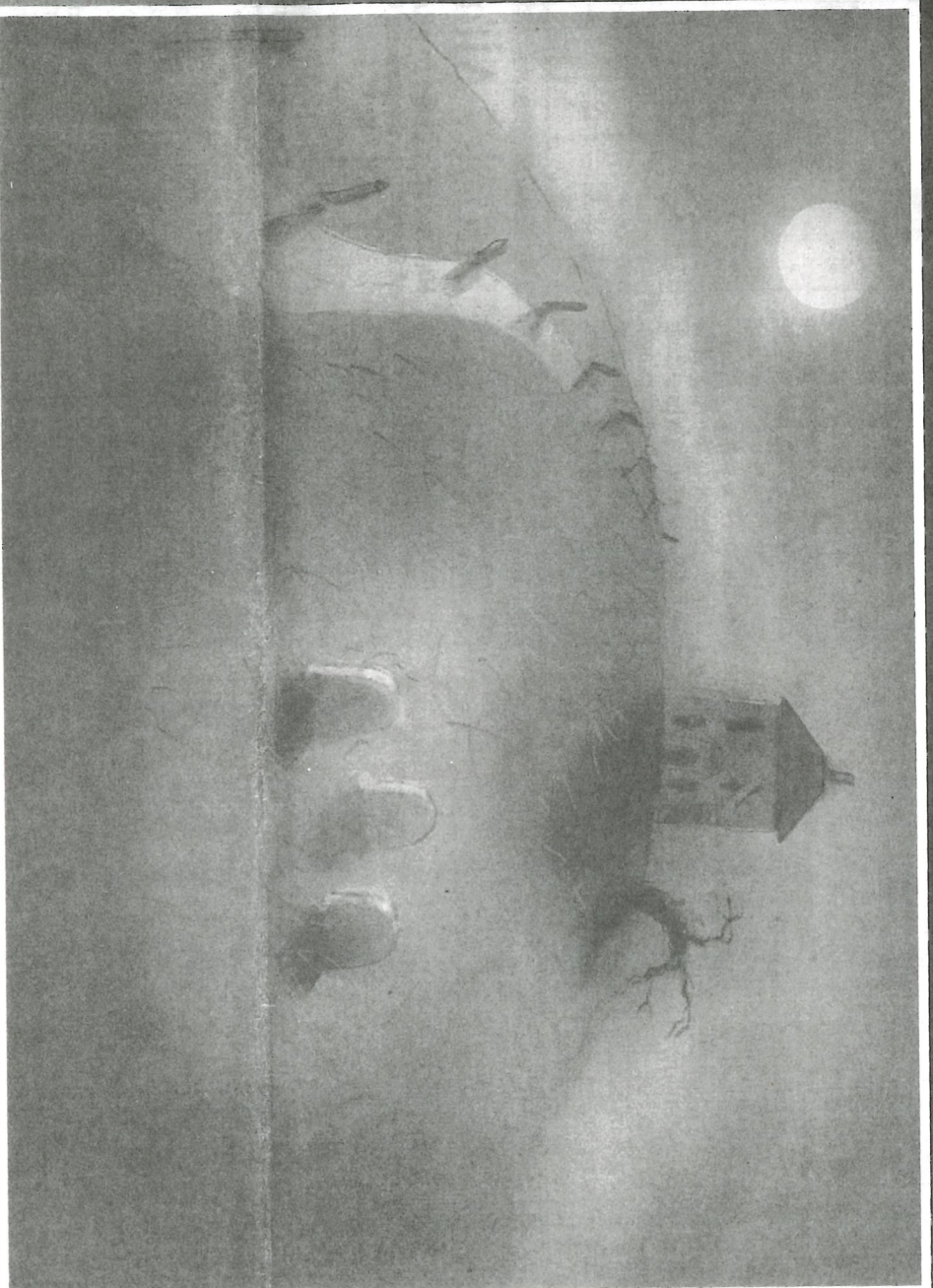
Spiderwoman, Kallyn Stumbo + Delaney Ehn



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A haunted cemetery?



Not so, says Laurens librarian

BY DOLORES CULLEN

Unless somebody comes forward with evidence, the Laurens haunted infant cemetery described on the Internet is just a story.

"I've had lots of people ask about it,

but as far as we know, it's just an urban legend - or rural legend," said Laurens librarian Glenda Mulder. "I talked to all my genealogist ladies who have a great interest in cemeteries because that's where they get all their information. They say they don't know anything about it."

If you Google "haunted infant cemetery Laurens Iowa" a few sites pop up. "Out in the middle of the country you

will go up a hill on a gravel road," reads a paragraph from www.strangeUSA.com. "On top of that hill you will see an old rundown white abandoned house. To your left pushed back in the corner of a lot of trees you will see a small cemetery." The cemetery consists of three small graves with the same last name. "Legend has it that the three graves are from three little girls that lived in the

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CEMETERY: Long-timer says haunting is a 'hoax'

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house a long time ago until their father killed them. Some people went into the house and found a bunch of old toys and stuffed animals. Gusts of cold wind will blow as soon as you step out of your car and many voices have been heard inside the small round cemetery."

Dorothy Long of Laurens was curious about the mysterious cemetery. Her daughter in California came across the tale on the Internet and called her mom about it.

Bob Schuler of Laurens was curious too. He checked around and talked to a few people including life-long Laurens resident Evelyn Schuesner. "She says it's a hoax."

In the discussions about the tale, Bob thought maybe some facts had gotten mixed up. Perhaps the murder of the daughters was confused with a similar incident that happened back in the 30s. A relative of Bob's, a Mabel Clark, killed one of her children. But the mother and child are buried in the small cemetery west of town on Highway 10. "And that's not haunted," claims Bob.

Perhaps the house has been torn down. Perhaps the stones are half buried near a cornfield. Perhaps a shroud of an old toy is nearby. Call The Times if you have information.

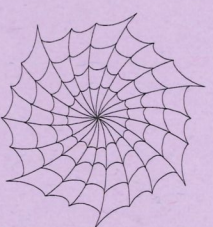
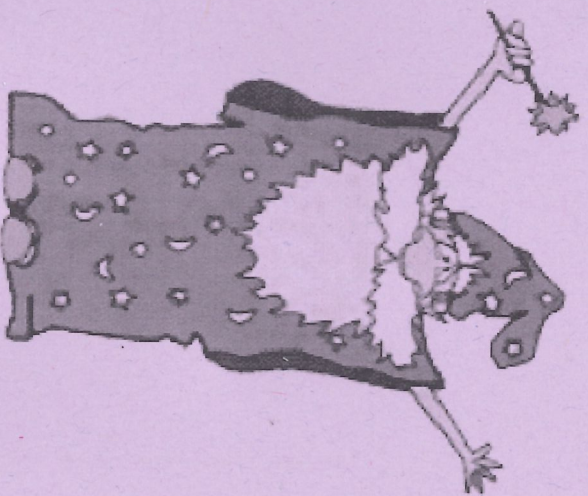
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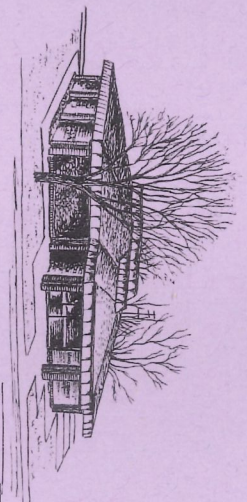
Halloween

at the
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The Magic of Larry Dunbar & Co.



Saturday, October 31st @ 7:00



In Memory of Vera Brackey,
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Noah
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Zoe Heller helping the magician



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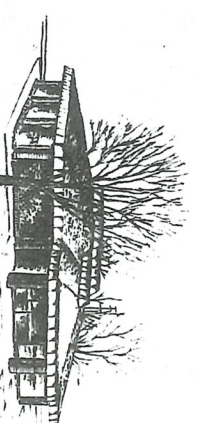
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Entertainment!
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- Susan Kendall Paulsen



Wacky Wednesday
November 4, 2009
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Pocahontas Record Democrat 11-4-09

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"Celebrating Christmas in Laurens"

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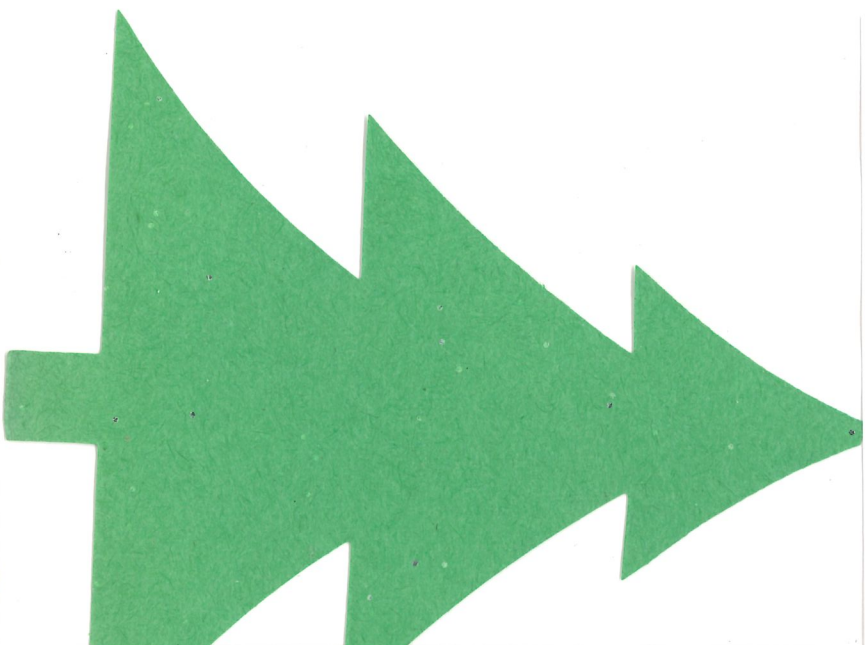
The Laurens Festival of Trees isn't just about decorated Christmas trees. You can also bring beautiful wreathes or decorate tables. If you opt to do wreathes, we ask that you provide an easel to display them on. And please bring a table for setting (a card table works great).

Some dates to be aware of: Sunday, Nov. 29th from noon to 8 p.m. - Set up time. Monday, Nov. 30th from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Set up time. Tuesday, Dec. 1st from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Set up time.

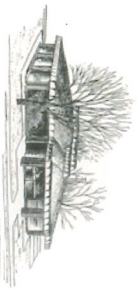
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Please consider being part of this great community event!

Laurens Sun
11-12-09



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Current Foundation Project List

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- Purchase of Video Camera
- Digitizing current years of Laurens Sun Newspaper
- Memorial Books
- Books for Baby Packets
- CD Audio Books lease
- Preschool Outreach Baskets
- Fireproof File Cabinet to House Historic Items

YES! I am interested in being a
Library Supporter!

Gift Enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
**Laurens Public Library
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273 North Third Street
Laurens, IA 50554

Recent Projects Funded by Laurens Public Library Foundation Proceeds

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- Ceiling Mount Screen
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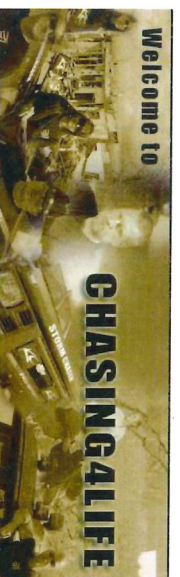
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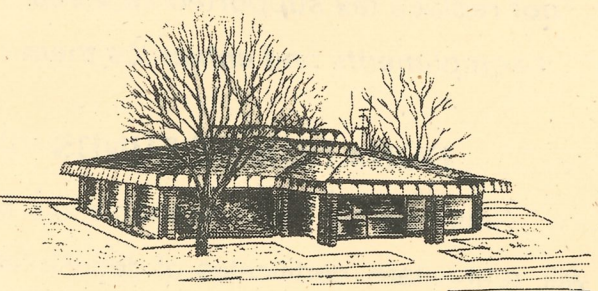


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Appointments are necessary
Call the Elderbridge Agency on Aging @ 1-800-543-3280



**Board member Jan Harsom serving coffee @ the
Pancake Supper**

Book Signings

November 17th
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"Meet and Greet" book signings are scheduled for the Marathon and Laurens Libraries on Tuesday, November 17th. You will have the opportunity to visit with the publisher and two of the authors featured in *Knee High by the Fourth of July: More Stories about Growing up in and around Small Towns in the Midwest*. They will be at the Marathon Public Library at 2:00 at the Laurens Public Library at 4:00.

If you like reminiscent stories about growing up in the Midwest, you will enjoy this book. It is an anthology of personal experience essays by thirty-three different writers, many from area towns: Marathon, Royal, Hartley and Lake Park. The book features lots of black and white photos as well as pen and ink sketches by Lavonne Hansen, award-winning artist from Hartley.

The story "Sold Out" was written by Marathon resident Marie Wells. It recounts a true story of a time when her parents were foreclosed on during the Depression Era. Marie's daughter, Marilyn Wells, is also featured on the anthology. Her story, "There's a Horse on the Porch," recounts her attempt to deliver newspapers on horseback.

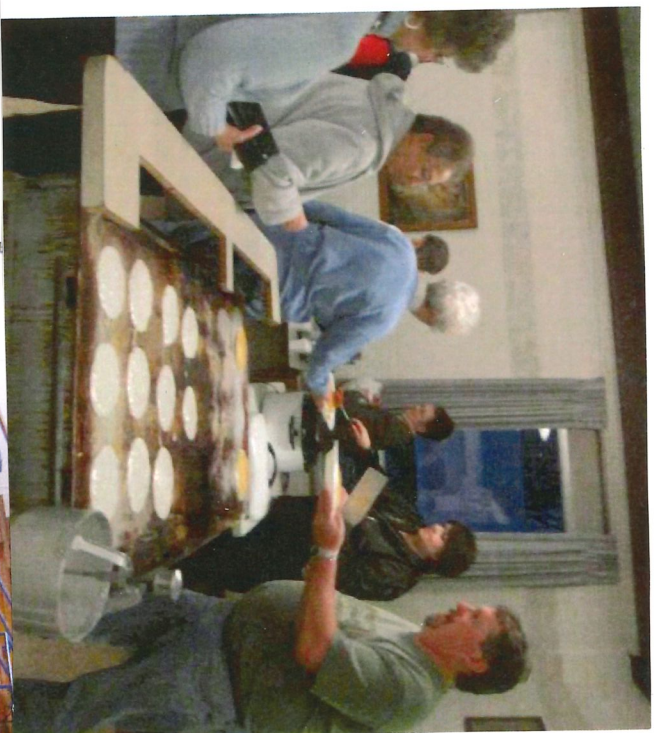
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Eddie program @ library



The kids from School enjoyed the program so much, that they made their parents bring them for a second one.

Library Sponsors Chasing 4 Life founder



The Laurens Public Library Foundation sponsored *Chasing 4 Life's* founder Eddy Weiss' presentations last Thursday. He spoke to three different groups of school kids during the day and to the adults in the evening. He told of his adventures in storms and their aftermath. He also stressed the dangers involved and told us he does this so we don't have to be endangered. He emphasized the importance of disaster readiness and to "TAKE COVER!" He told us that only an estimated 12% of the population has a Disaster Kit in their home. He was slightly appalled when he found out that none in the audience have one! He left this list of what should be in your home kit:

Laurens Sun Nov. 19th Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drink
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone al
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

Cell phone with chargers

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
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Chasing Program

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- Whistle to signal for help
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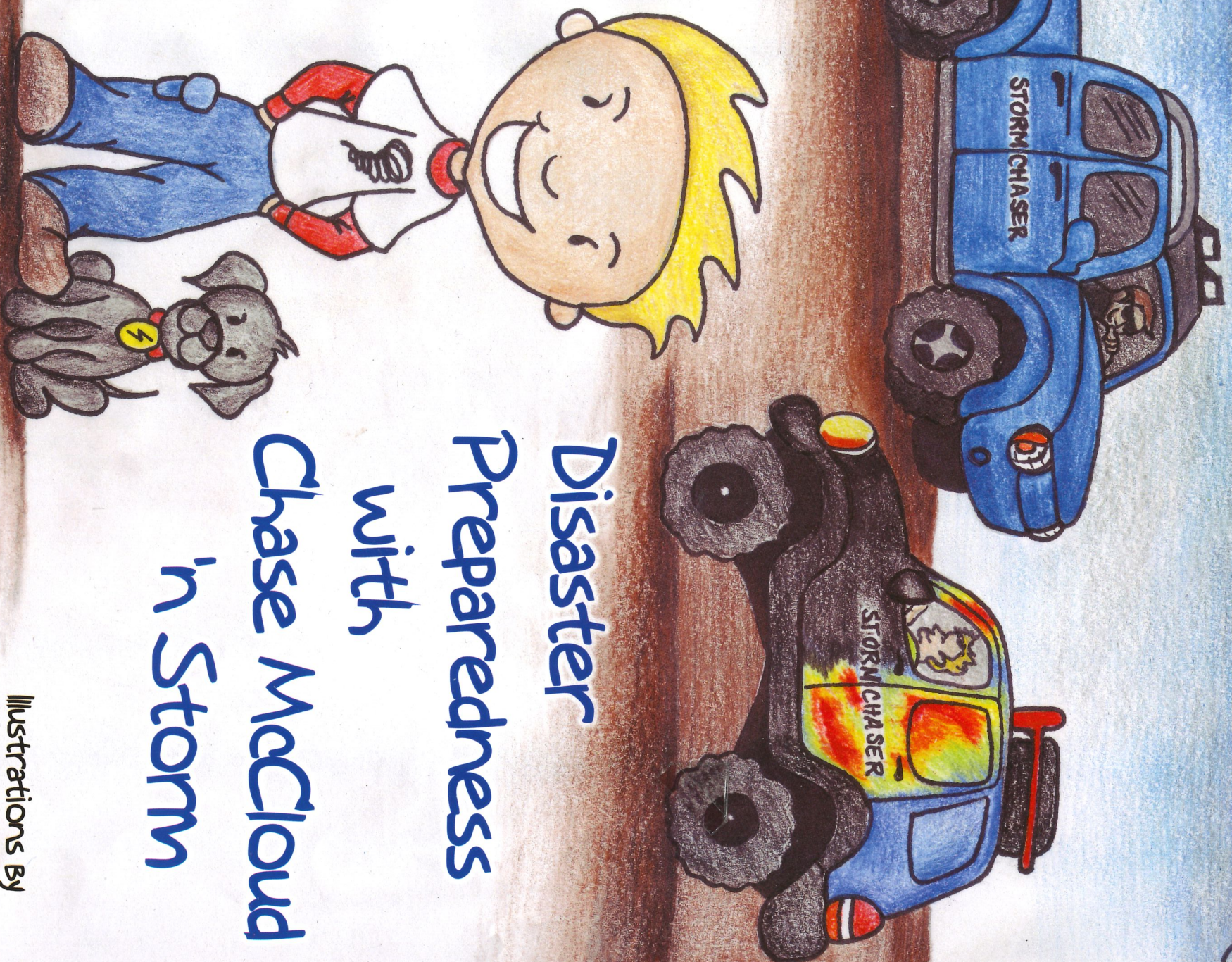
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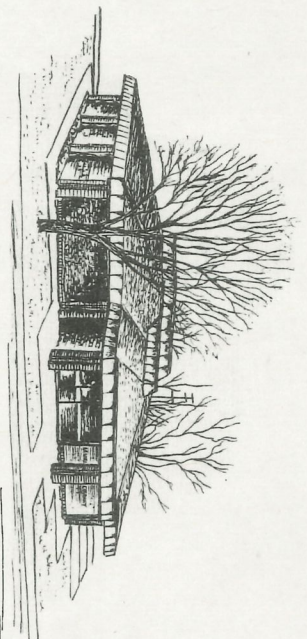
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Author/Editor

Jean Tennant



Tuesday, November 17th

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Jean Tennant was in hospital. Betty Taylor came in Jean's place. They shared their stories & then signed books.



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Book Signings November 17th

"Meet and Greet" book signings are scheduled for the Marathon and Laurens Libraries on Tuesday, November 17th. You will have the opportunity to visit with the publisher and two of the authors featured in *Knee High* by the *Fourth of July: More Stories about Growing up in the South* and *around Small Towns in the Midwest*. They will be at the Marathon Public Library at 2:00 at the Laurens Public Library at 4:00.

If you like reminiscent stories about growing up in the Midwest, you will enjoy this book. It is an anthology of personal experience essays by thirty-three different writers from many from area towns: Marathon, Royal, Hartley and Lak Park. The book features lots of black and white photos as well as pen and ink sketches by Lavonne Hansen, award winning artist from Hartley.

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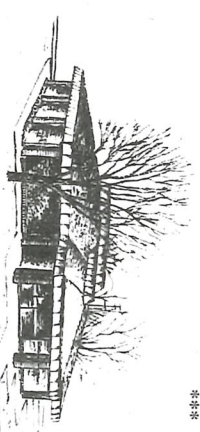
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Celebrate Christmas in Libraries



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New fiction includes: *Disciple* by Stephen Coonts, *Trial by Fire* by J.A. Jance, *No Less Than Victory* by Jeff Shaara, *U is for Undertow* by Sue Grafton and *Breathless* by Dean Koontz. In nonfiction we got *Monuments Men* by Robert Edsel which is about tracking down the art that had been looted by the Nazis in WWII. Looks interesting – I might have to read a little nonfiction!

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out movies at the library & you get to keep them for 2 weeks!

Brown Bag Lunches with the L-M Elementary classes are Christmas themed this month, naturally! I found a condensed version of The Nutcracker story

that is just the right length. Did you know the original book was written in the early 1600's & turned into a ballet later in that century? It has really stood the test of time. It's fun to read the story because it fills in a few gaps for me – and makes me want to go see a live performance even more! (Hear that, Lorin? Hint, hint!)

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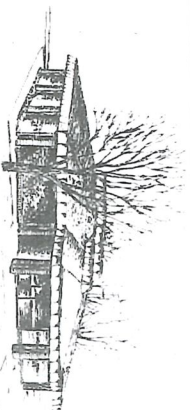
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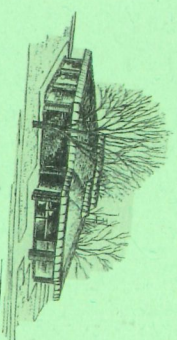
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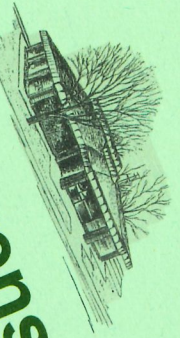
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