

## HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY Part 3

### 2006-2009

July 11, 2006

- Glenda Mulder assumed duties as Library Director July 1, 2006. Salary is \$28,000 annually, plus the amount the City pays for a single policy (\$271 monthly), as she has declined City health insurance.
- Other staff: Joyce Rigby, Cataloguer/Assistant Director; Carol Hoffman, Children's Director; Mary Dean, Computer Technician/Circulation; Janet Runneberg, Circulation; Ariel Alstott, Student Aide/Cleaning.
- Library Board membership: H. Russell Thumma, President; Patricia Boughey, Vice President; Connie Dallenbach, Secretary; Jane Christensen, Jan Hersom, Fred Johnson, Jeanette Korreect, Kristy Mather, Mary Ann Orr.
- Kristy gave the Blomgren Farm report. The Blomgren Farm is 144 tillable acres in section 8 of Marshall Township, co-owned with Bethany Lutheran Church. Kristy & Russell recommended leaving the rent the same, as it compares to cash rents for similar lands in the area. It is rented to Wal-Jan Farms (Walter & Janice Schultz) for \$125 per acre.

August 8, 2006

- Our Student Aide, Ariel Alstott, resigned as she is starting college.
- Our Accreditation Certificate has been received from the State Library of Iowa. We are a Tier 3 Library, which is the highest level.
- Library Director has completed and submitted the annual report to the State Library of Iowa.
- Library will soon have wireless Internet access. This is Glenda's project for Public Library Management Class through the State Library of Iowa.
- July 18 was Summer Reading awards. Jason the Juggler entertained more than 80 kids.
- Board directed Glenda to have the roof inspected, get suggestions for materials and costs for same.

September 12, 2006

- Iowa's First Lady Christy Vilsack visited our library. She told stories to about 40 adults and 60 kids.
- Former Laurens resident and author Sandra Flahive was the speaker for a program with Women's Club, and other library patrons.
- We will again be hosting monthly Brown Bag Lunches with L-M 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade classes
- The roof has started leaking. No estimates yet.
- Waiting for Longlines to install our wireless Internet.

October 10, 2006

- Plans are being made for the Library Foundation Book Sale and Pancake Supper fundraiser for November 10. Proceeds to go towards kids' audiobooks, teen graphic novels, and a die cut machine.
- Just one bid received for the new roof – Simpson Construction of Marathon
- Libri Grant for children's books follow up report was filed.

November 14, 2006

- Scott Simpson of Simpson Construction and Roger Collins of Cherokee attended the Board meeting to present their bids to replace the Library roof with steel. Simpson's bid did not include tear off, so he will amend his bid. No further action taken by the Board.
- Wireless Internet connection was started, but they ran into a snag, and it has not been completed.
- Magician Larry Dunbar packed the House for his show on Halloween night.
- The Library Board congratulated Library Director Glenda Mulder for "A job well done, and quickly, in completing her certification for PLM2" (Public Library Management 2)

November 21, 2006 Joint meeting of the Library Board and the Laurens Public Library Foundation Board on November 21 to discuss the new roof.

- Accepted Roger Collin's bid of \$32,500
- Library has \$25,000 in a building fund that can be used for funding.
- Foundation pledged to pay \$7,500

December 12, 2006

- Plans are to start on the roof the week before Christmas.
- Proposed budget of \$114,403 for fiscal year 2008 was approved by the Board, to be sent to City Council.
- A Certificate of Gratitude will be sent to Mary Ann Orr for her 14 years of service on the Board.
- Joyce Rigby retired, having been an integral part of the library staff for over 28 years.