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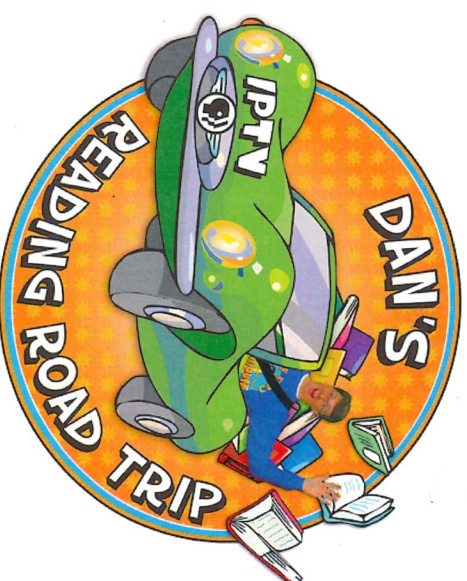
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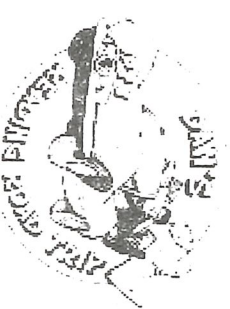
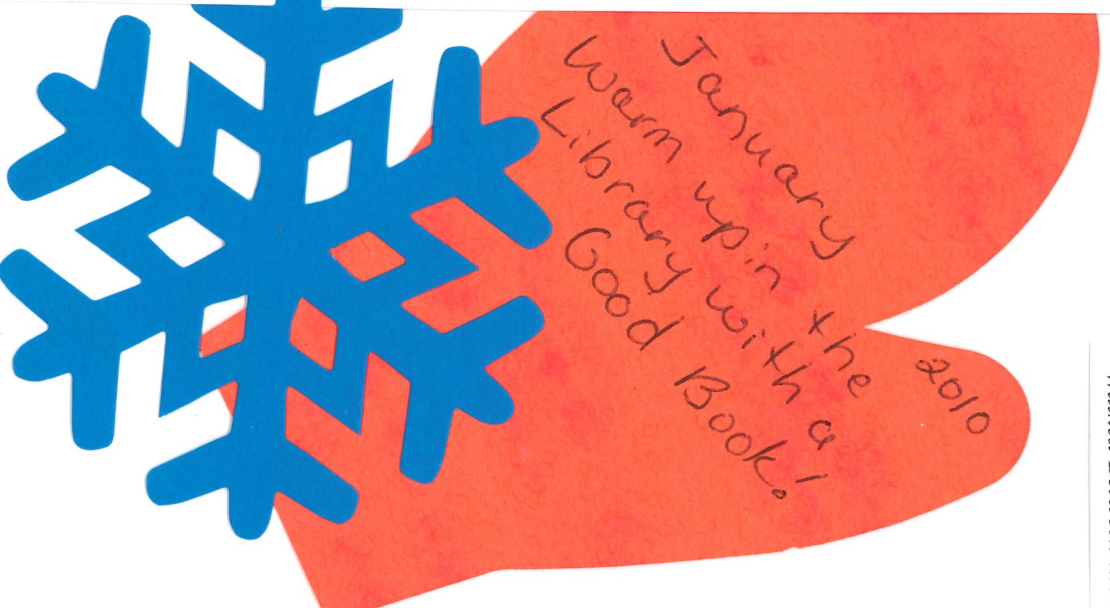
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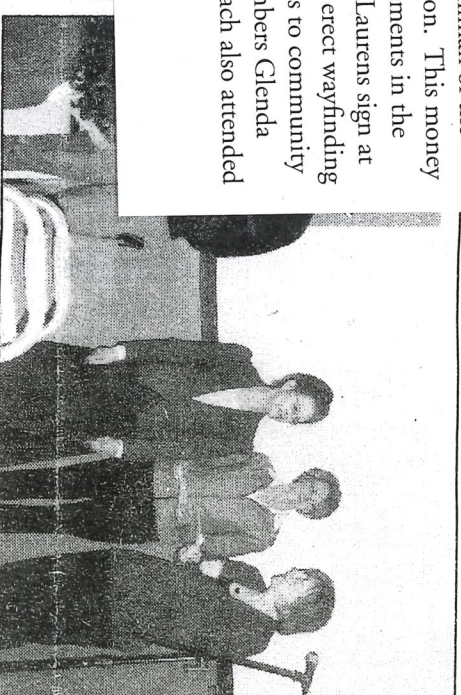
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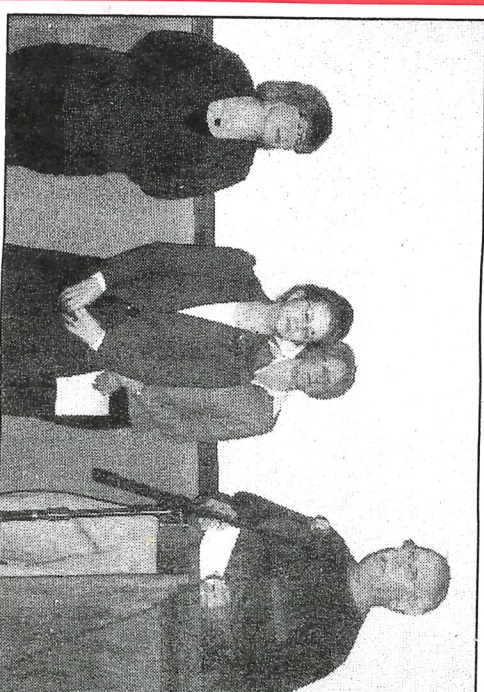


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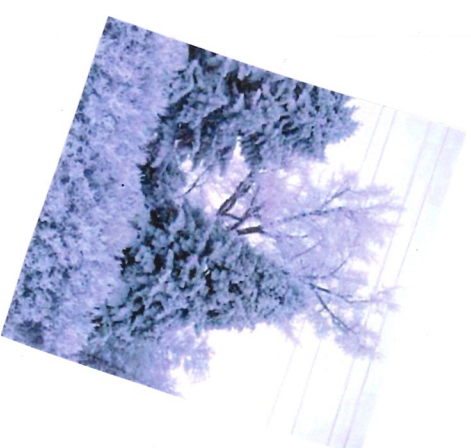
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Corinne Peterson sharing about mountain lions with the kids.



Pocahontas County Naturalists, Corinne Peterson showing where mountain lions are in Iowa



Kids use chalk to color the mountain lions Cole Rummelberg & Peyton Rolling



Look at the kids all doing the activity.



Cole Rummelberg, Mac Brown, Becca Madsen, Lane Auden having fun creating their mountain lions.

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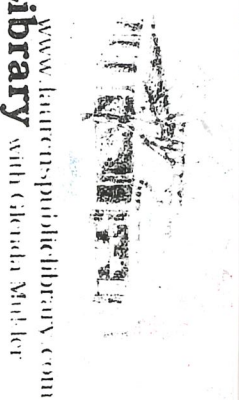
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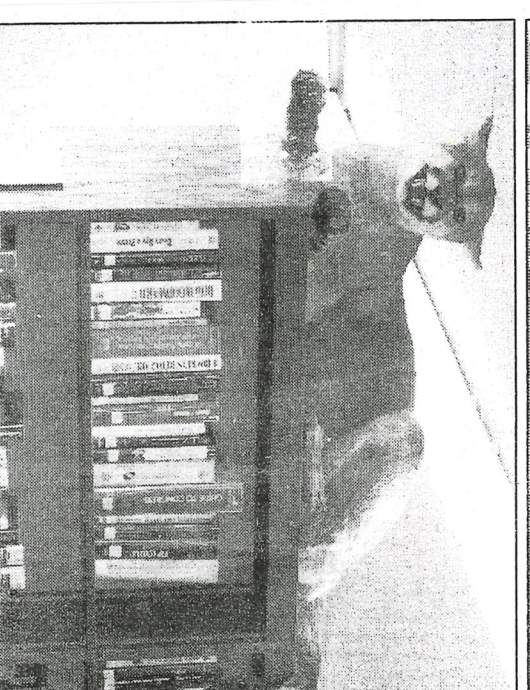
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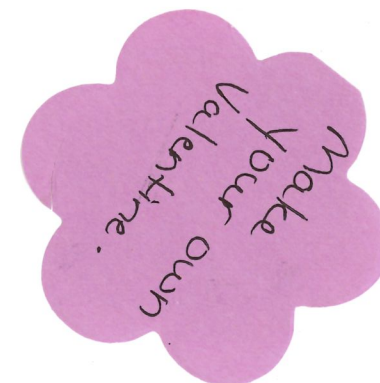
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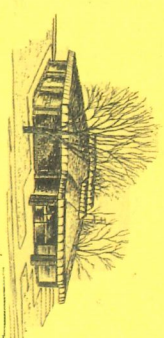
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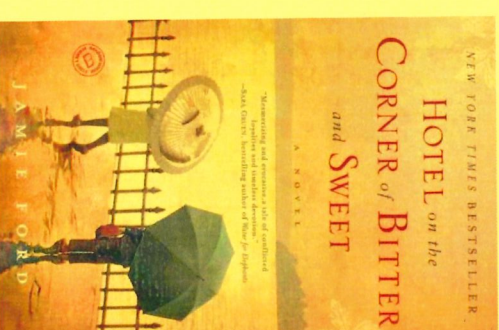
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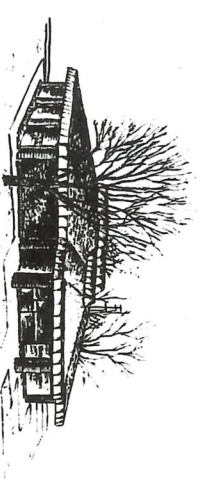
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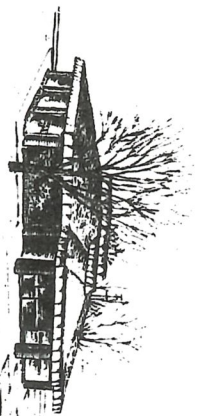
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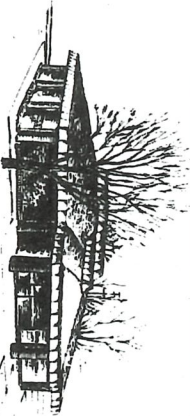
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New fiction this week includes: **Secrets of Eden** by Chris Bohjalian, **When Will There Be Good News** by Kate Atkinson, **Money to Burn** by James Grippando, **Game Over** by Fern Michaels and **When You Reach Me** by Rebecca Stead. New to our DVD collection this week are: **The Time Traveler's Wife**, **Coco before Chanel**, **Ice Castles**, **Used Cars**, **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas**, **Michael Jackson: This is It** and **Couples Retreat**.

Grab a copy of Frank McCourt's **Angela's Ashes**, then join us Monday, March 22nd to discuss this book. What better way could there be to immerse yourself in the Irish spirit this month?

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At the Library

with Glenda Mulder

March 10, 2010

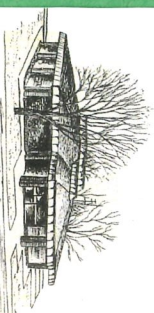


I feel like I've gone back in time and landed in Ireland as I read Frank McCourt's **Angela's Ashes**. You've still got plenty of time to read it - Book Club doesn't meet until Monday evening, March 22nd. So stop in & get your copy and let your Irish out. It's a little gloomy, but I think it's starting to bring out the Irish in this Dutch girl!

We got lots of new books this week! The latest fiction includes: **House Rules** by Jodi Picoult, **Silent Sea** by Clive Cussler, **The Postmistress** by Sarah Blake, **Frame Up** by John Dobbyn, **The Wife's Tale** by Lori Lansens, **Weeping Underwater Looks A Lot Like Laughter** (Is that a great title, or what?) by Michael White, **Hell Gate** by Linda Fairstein, **Wild Zone** by Joy Fielding, **Ask** by Sam Lipsyte, **Wench** by Dolan Perkins-Valdez, **Blood Vines** by Erica Spindler, **Deep Shadow** by Randy Wayne White and **Unnamed** by Joshua Ferris. New nonfiction titles are: **Switch: How to Change When Change is Hard** by Chip Heath, **Making Toast** by Roger Rosenblatt, **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks** by Rebecca Skloot, **Making Rounds with Oscar: The Extraordinary Gift of an Ordinary Cat** by David Dosa and one biography, **Willie Mays: The Life, The Legend** by James Hirsch.

This month my L-M Elementary Brown Baggers are hearing a story about a boy who so badly wants to be a magician. He actually meets Houdini at one point. This fiction book is based on events in Houdini's life. Nancy, our Children's Librarian, did a great magic trick for the 3rd grade. Unfortunately I'm not as magical as she is, so only the classes that come on Mondays or Tuesdays will get that treat!

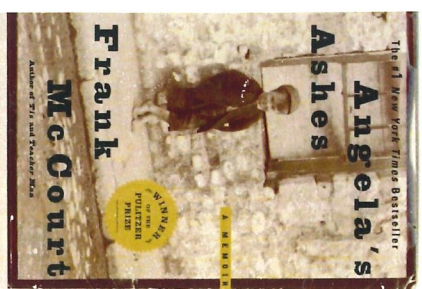
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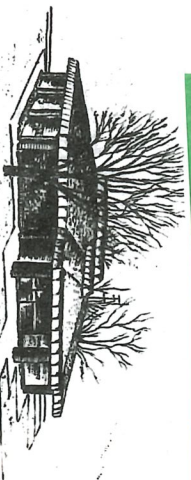
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Our display cases have all new collections in them. Julie Wurt's corkscrews now inhabit the horizontal case in the center of the Library. Some of the bells from Becky Black's collection are in one of the north display cases. I have a promise for the other north display case, but I've learned not to put it in print until its actually here. I'll keep you updated!

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The Laurens Genies purchased *Jesse James: Last Rebel of the Civil War* in memory of Bonnie Heetland because he was a black sheep in her family tree! Fred and Sandi Neary donated the following: *Our Country's Presidents* in memory of Harvey Burnham, *Design Ideas for Bathrooms* in memory of Marilyn Runneberg and *Design Ideas for Kitchens* in memory of Bonnie Heetland.

My plan to fill the other north case came through without a hitch. Shot Glasses that Tracy Reese has collected in her travels now fill the other display case. What fun it is to have all our cases filled again. Thanks girls!

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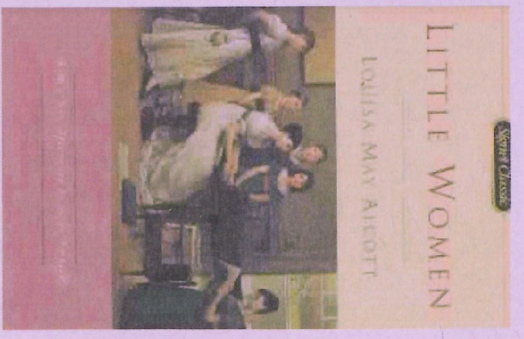
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We have another unusual request for you. Deb & Nancy are cooking up plans for this summer's kids' reading program. The theme is Make a Splash, Read! Naturally, they have fun ocean and beach ideas. One of these ideas involves LOTS of CDs. They want to make a giant rainbow fish for a display and maybe have the kids make smaller ones if we find enough CDs. So, if you have any old music or computer CDs or any DVDs that don't work or you no longer use, please bring them in to the Library.



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Kids listening
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Jordan Saunders, Orion, Lily, and his mom & sister are all flying their kites during the weekly Wednesday



Gabriel and Eric playing in the library



Kennedy Tate & Jordan Saunders trying to get their kite airborne.



Glenda Mulder & the puppets



Jonathan Kusch, Anthony Jordan, Payton Relling making kites.



Kennedy Tate, Jordan Saunders & Victoria Wilson

WEDNESDAY

At the Library with Glenda Mulder April 28, 2010

Well, we're finally done reading *Little Women*. Don't get me wrong, it's a great book. I enjoyed it the previous two times I read it. It just apparently was not what I was in the mood for this month. Funny how a mood can change a person's perception of a book!

Our May book is one I really enjoyed, *Those Who Save Us* by Jenna Blum. There is a resurgence of interest in books set during WW II, and this is just such a book. Stop in to pick up a copy, and then join us at 7 p.m. Monday, May 24th for our

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Mrs. Ehn brought a couple classes down to the Library last week so each student could choose a children's book that they will present to the class for a story telling assignment. What fun we had selecting our favorite books for them to look through! We enjoyed watching the teenagers pick up a book they remembered from their childhood. It was also interesting to see if they chose a familiar book or something that was new to them. I hope they have as much fun with this project as we had helping them with their choices!

If you need a new novel to read as you sit on your porch or deck, try

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Earth Day at the Library

Earth Day 2010 was celebrated a day early at the Laurens Public Library last week. Kennedy Tate and Jordan Saunders are flying the kites they made out of recycled items. We made out of our brothers made. Victorie Wilson is twirling the kites that both of her brothers made, made read books, had a snack and drew on our kites, had a snack and drew on the sidewalk with sidewalk chalk. What a perfect spring afternoon we had!

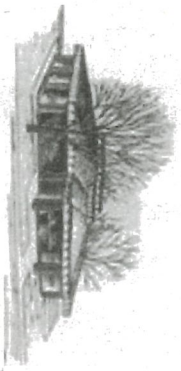
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What a diverse group of novels we got in this week! If you can't find something interesting on this list, you're just being difficult! Here are most of the titles: *Fever Dream* by Lincoln Child, *A Thread So Thin* by Marie Bostwick, *Bride Collector* by Ted Dekker, *Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok, *Lost* by Alice Lichtenstein, *Season of Second Chances* by Diane Meier, *Fragile Beasts* by Tawny O'Dell, *Miss Julia Renews Her Vows* by Ann B. Ross, *One Good Dog* by Susan Wilson, *The Heart of the Matter* by Emily Giffin, *Hannah's List* by Susan Wilson, *The Heart of the Matter* by Emily Giffin, *Hannah's List* by Debbie Macomber, *Strip* by Thomas Perry, and *Innocent* by Scott Turow. Just one nonfiction this week: *Triumph: Life after the Cult*, *A Survivor's Story* by Carolyn Jessop.

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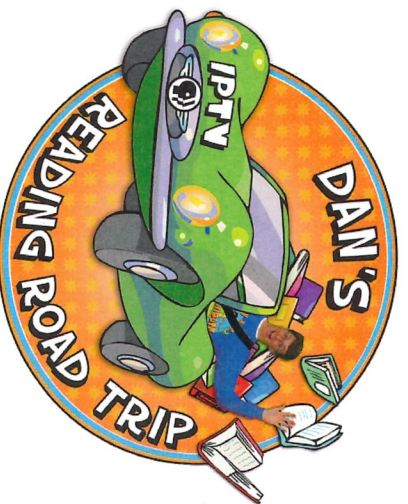
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IPTV Announces Fourth Annual Reading Road Trip

Iowa Public Television recently announced the network will embark on another ambitious tour of Iowa libraries during the fourth annual



summer Reading Road Trip. Dan Wardell, popular host of the IPTV KIDS Clubhouse, will welcome kids and families in communities across Iowa throughout the summer.

Iowa Public Television is partnering with libraries to promote summer reading, and the Reading Road Trip is tied to this year's summer reading

theme, "Make a Splash at Your Library." Wardell will tell an original story at these free events, and kids will receive inflatable beach balls to take home as souvenirs of the event. "Every day, Iowa Public Television works to educate

and entertain Iowans, and this trip is a great opportunity to do both for thousands of Iowa families in their own communities," said Daniel K. Miller, general manager and executive director of Iowa Public Television. "This tour of Iowa truly showcases our commitment to serving all parts of the state." In the last two years, more than 39,000 people have attended Reading Road Trip story times throughout the state.

In addition to the scheduled story times at libraries across Iowa, Wardell will keep an online journal of his fun on the Reading Road Trip with pictures, an interactive map, video, and more. Families can follow Dan online at www.iptv.org/dantrastic.

Dan will visit Laurens on Thursday, June 24th at 2 p.m.

At the Library with Glenda Mulder May 19, 2010

The Pop

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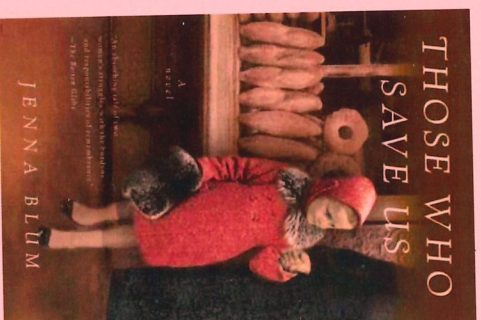
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At the library

May 27, 2010
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Spelling out thanks
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Brown Bag Kids

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At the Laurens Library

May 27, 2010

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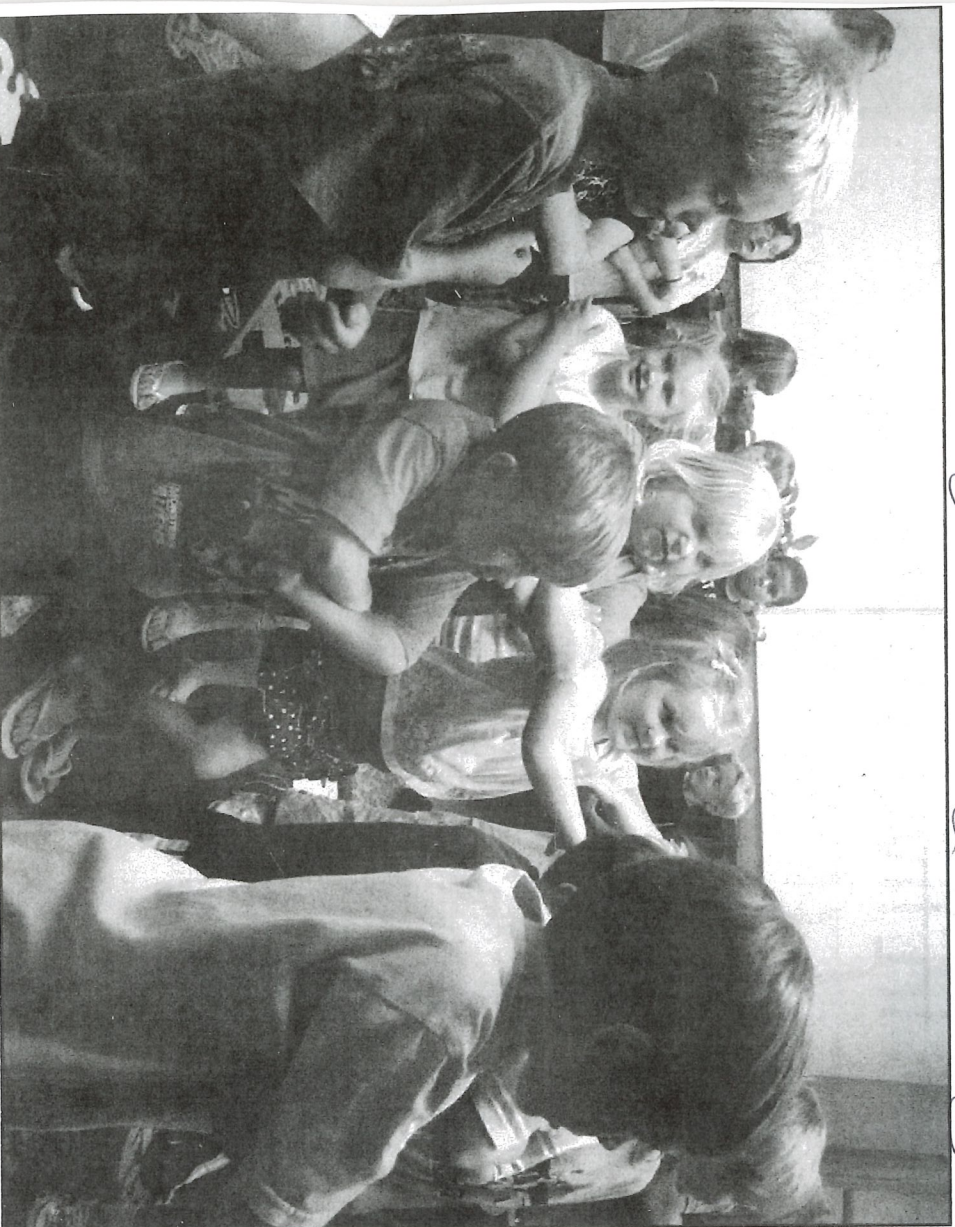
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Laurens-Marathon Elementary School



Being Grumpy

Children at the latest Laurens Public Library's story hour were trying to look grumpy. The theme of the story hour was moods, and "grumpy" was the children's favorite. The children sang, "If You're Grumpy and You Know It." As they sang

the song, they crossed their arms, snarled and stomped their feet. The children also read books and a poem, made masks for the different moods and ate cookies.

Grumpy at the Library

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May 2010
Last Backyard Library
of 2009-2010
Theme: Grumpy



Riley →
consider-
shoving
her grumpy
face.



The kids
making
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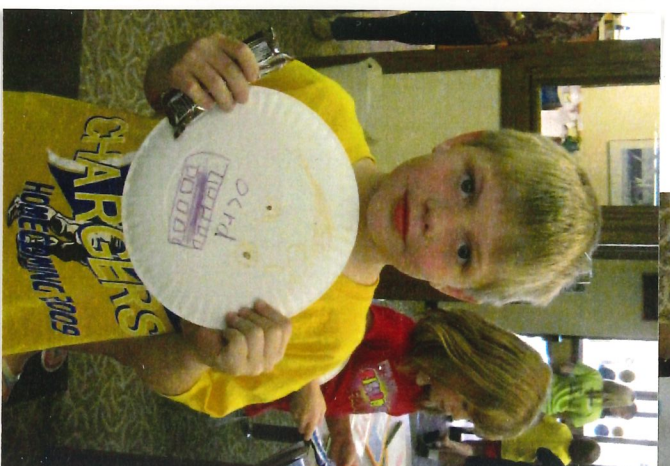


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Ethan Runnberg
showing off his
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Grumpy Craft Time



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Elizabeth Runneberg,
Sydney Harold, Tori
Reese.



Above: Kadence Madsen,
Aisha Tehr, Madison Enger
& Jack Pehlman



Right: Kylea Tehr, Bekka
Madsen, & Glenda Mulder



Below: Breven, DeWayn Em, Kallyn Stenke,
Chandler Todd



Cole Runneberg, Ethan Runneberg, Trevor
Auld & Payton Keling



Madison Enger



Trevor Auld



Tori Reese

At the Library with Glenda Mulder

June 2, 2010

It's time
for our
Kids
Summer
Reading
Program
to start!
Our kick-
off will
be next



Tuesday, June 8th at 1:30 p.m.

The Laurens Public Library Foundation has hired Mike Presby to entertain us. His show, "Make A Splash! Read!" is a fast paced, non-stop comedy magic and fun show perfect for children and families of all ages! It takes the audience on an amazing journey to discover the treasure found in the library and in reading. This 45 minute magical & interactive presentation includes comedy magic & illusions, (like live fish appearing from no where!) fun stories, (like the Tale of Dead Eye Duck! & Oscar the Oyster!) puppets, music and of course live animals like "Ernie" the live duck and a lot of audience participation that will leave our kids excited about the library and reading! What more could we want? Regular "Make a Splash Read!"

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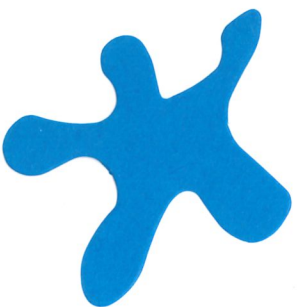
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Lila Galloway has

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Make a Splash Magic & Fun Show!

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On Tuesday, June 8th at 1:30 p.m. Master Magician and Family Entertainer, Mike Presby will entertain at the Laurens Public Library with his unique blend of family fun, comedy magic & audience participation! This show has been seen by audiences throughout the upper Midwest and is sure to enchant all that come out to enjoy the 1:30 p.m. show. The show will focus on the importance of reading and feature a lot of water themed illusions and stories, all to tie into this summer's reading program, "Make A Splash - Read!"

Mike Presby, a professional magician since 1980, has been performing all across the upper Midwest sharing in schools, libraries, community events, fairs and a host of other public & private venues. He will have his Puppet Alligator "Al Sir Chomps A Lot" joining him as he presents various stories like, *The Tale Of Dead Eye Duck*, *Oscar The Oyster* and *Percy the Dishonest Parrot*! Mike will even make Ernie, the Live Duck, appear and much, much more during the 45 minute program.

All of the children will be able to help "make the magic happen." FREE magic jumbo dollars filled with

magic tricks will be given to all when they meet the magician after the show! Mike will also have copies of his new magic book for kids available and will sign autographs, too.
"I love doing this show," says Presby, 46. "It energizes me every time I present it. I have the best seat in the house because I get to see all of the kids' faces as they awe in amazement and laugh hysterically. It is purposely designed with the entire family in mind and the parents typically have as much, if not more, fun than their children!"

Mike Presby appears at about 200 events annually.

In addition to appearances at fairs, festivals, libraries, schools and corporate events across the five

state area, he's highly respected in the magic community as one of the countries leading family magicians. He is also the author of a children's magic book, "Magic Tricks To Fool Your Friends!" He also has a new DVD for kids as well!



At the Library with Glenda Mulder

June 9, 2010

Well, its officially summer – our Kids' Read! EAD!" at 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday through PTV's Dan Wardell will be stopping at our then on July 19th Des Moines' Blank Park lanned, we shouldn't even call it "going to ' New novels this month include: *Leaving* y Ben Fitzpatrick, *Death Echo* by Elizabeth e *Shadow of the Cypress* by Thomas Steinbe lter. New DVDs include: *Invictus*, *Toy Sto* ack. They said it would ship in about 3 we I've been hearing good things about this y John Boyne is a fast read, but it is a bit h e better than that! I'll wait until the last n pm June 28th.

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MAKE A SPLASH AT YOUR LIBRARY!

Join Captain Mike Presby on an adventure of magic, puppets of comedy and story telling as we discover the treasures found in reading!

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Laurens librarians honored by UDMO

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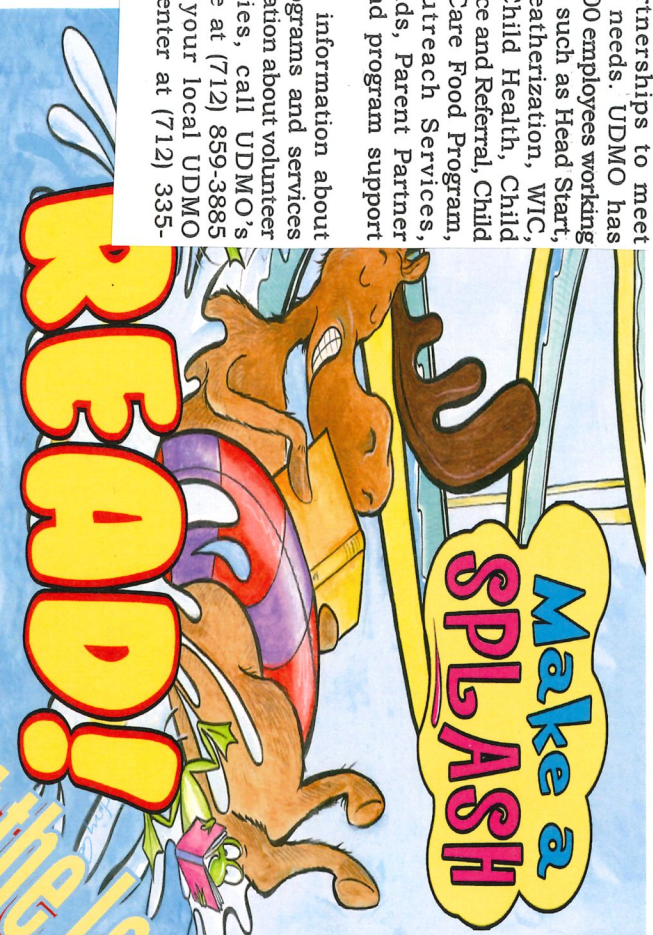
Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. (UDMO) recently held its Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, honoring volunteers and community partners who have made a difference in UDMO's programs and in the lives of those the agency serves. In addition to many others throughout the 12-county service area, UDMO honored the Laurens Public Library and librarians **Nancy Walker and Glenda Mulder** for their work with the Laurens-Marathon Preschool.

The Laurens Public Library does a lot for the students of Laurens-Marathon Preschool. Programs and events they offer include: Wacky Wednesday, summer reading programs, Halloween magic shows, brown bag lunch days, and displays of children's artwork and science projects. The preschool children are able to visit the library twice per month for story time. Laurens librarians Nancy Walker and Glenda Mulder help the students select books based on a particular theme or letter that is being studied by the class.

UDMO Executive Director Ron Ludwig states, "The Laurens Public Library and librarians Glenda and Nancy have been great community partners for our preschool program. We look forward to their continued involvement for many years to come."

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc., is a private non-profit 501(C)3 organization and one of 18 community action agencies in Iowa. UDMO's service area includes these 12 Northwest and North Central Iowa counties: Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Hamilton, Humboldt, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Webster and Wright. Since 1966, UDMO has been assisting low-income individuals and families with a wide variety of programs and services. The agency prepares children for life-long learning, helps families achieve self-sufficiency, and develops unique partnerships to meet community needs. UDMO has more than 200 employees working in programs such as Head Start, LIHEAP, Weatherization, WIC, Maternal/Child Health, Child Care Resource and Referral, Child and Adult Care Food Program, FADS, Outreach Services, Lifetime Dads, Parent Partner Program, and program support areas.

For more information about UDMO's programs and services or for information about volunteer opportunities, call UDMO's central office at (712) 859-3885 or contact your local UDMO Outreach Center at (712) 335-3335.



at the Laurens Public Library

Please join us on Tuesday, June 8th when Captain Mike Presby will take us on an adventure of magic, puppets and comedy.



Join us Tuesdays at 1:30 pm

June 8th ~ Captain Mike's Fun & Magic
June 15th ~ Wonders of Water
June 22nd ~ An Ocean of Fun
June 29th ~ High Sea Adventures
July 6th ~ Splish Splash
July 13th ~ Fresh Water/ Wet Lands

Extra Days of Fun

Thursday, June 24th @ 2:00 p.m. ~
Dan's Reading Road Trip
Monday, July 19th @ 3:00 p.m. ~
Blank Park Zoo Babies

Join the fun at the library

Please help us fill our Treasure Chest. For every book read you can add a coin.



Captain Mike Kicks Off Summer Reading Program

Captain Mike Prestby helped the Laurens Public Library kick off their Kids' Summer Reading Program. He entertained an audience of approximately 120 people with puppets and magic. He encouraged the kids to look for the treasures that can be found in books and at the Library. We will continue to "Make a Splash - READ!" Tuesdays at 1:30 through July 13th.



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to look for treasures found in books and the library. Over 120 youngsters attended the first day of the program. The event is every Tuesday through July 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the library. — Submitted photo
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Look @ all the volunteers



Look @ all the kids



CAPTAIN MIKE PRESTBY



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MAKE A SPLASH AND FUN SHOW!

Brenda Bargar
helping Captain Mike

Summer Reading Week 2. June 15th - 'An Ocean of Fun'



Librarians - Nancy Walker, Glenda Mudder & Beth Herz



Approx. 85 kids in attendance



Librarian Glenda Mudder & Librarian Nancy Walker running puppets



Working on the 'CD Fish' craft.
Kallyn Stumbo, Delany Ehn, Michelle Anderson, Anthony Gordon, Grant Evans & Trey Dehleritz



Librarian Beth Herz helping with craft.
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At the Library with Glenda Mulder June 16, 2010

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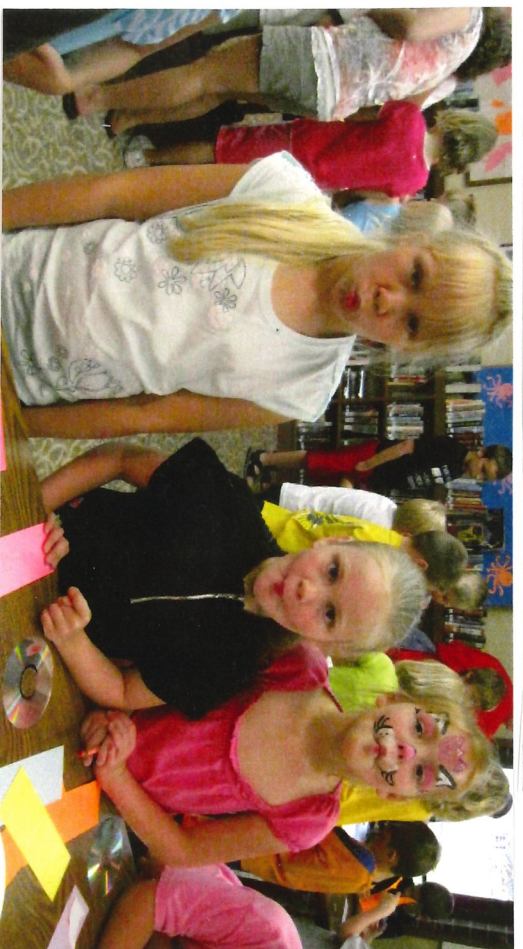
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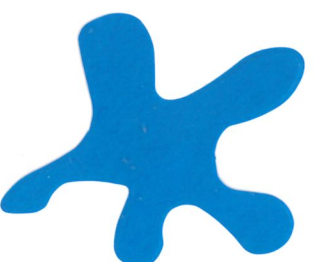
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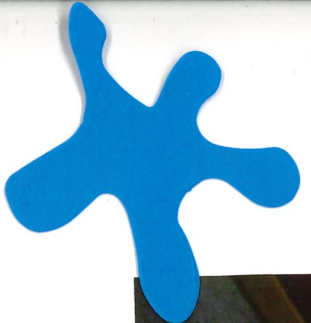
Showing off CD-fish cousins
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making fish faces.



Librarian Nancy
Walker helping
with the craft.
Noah Vickery, Tyler
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Albright, Trey
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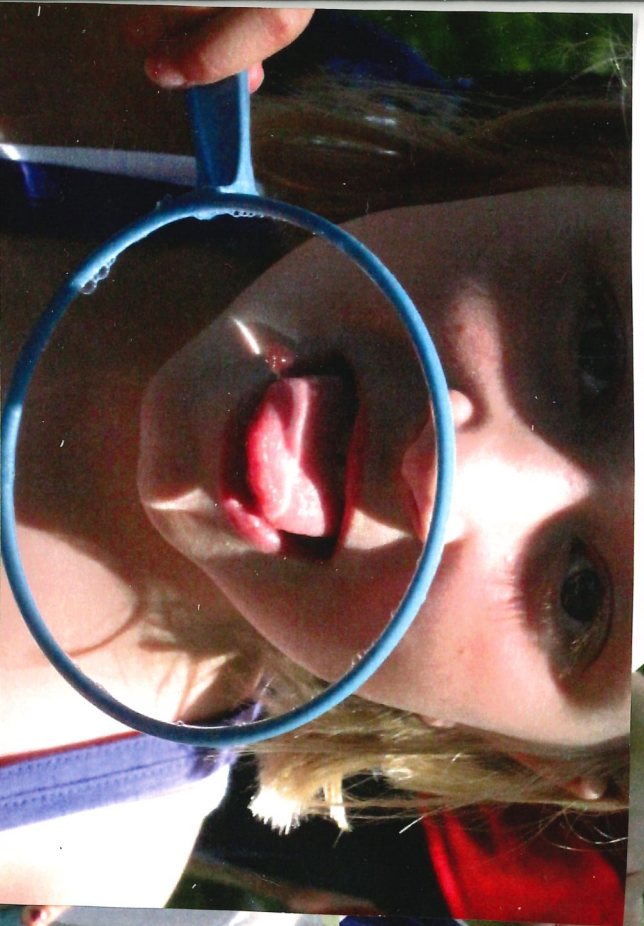
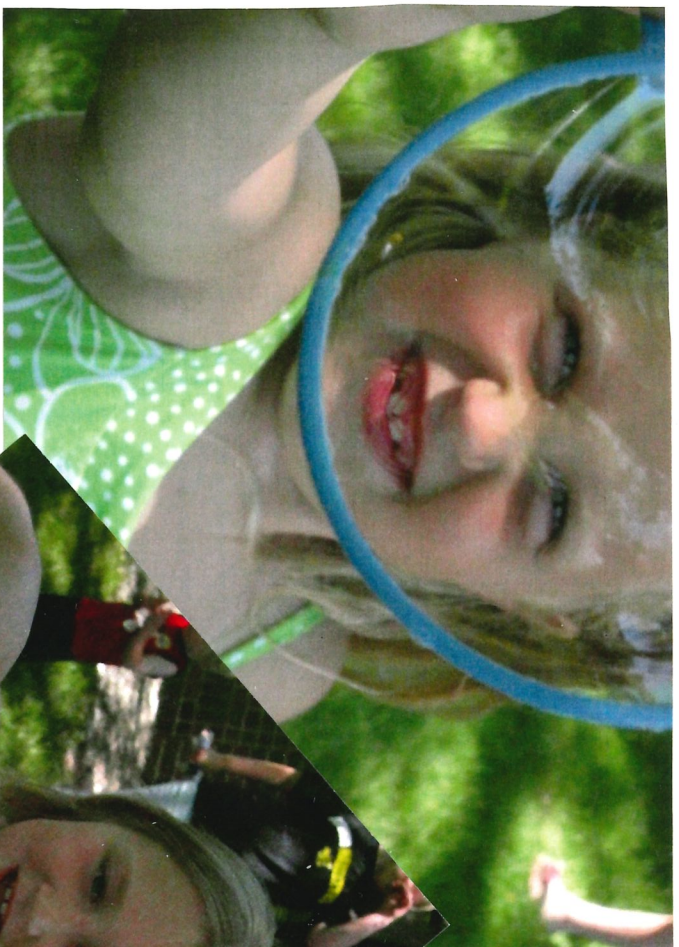
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Make a Splash
June 22nd
"Wonder of Water"
The kids fish &
hunt for snacks
lobsters for snacks



Out to the Park
for bubble fun



Top Left: Cole Runnelberg
Top Right: Ataya Arends, Spencer Griffin
Middle kids: Bottom Left: Jordan Saunders
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Bottom left: Taryn Oxenrider
Chandler Todd
Bottom right: Logan, Lexi, Daise



Bubbles Can Be So Much Fun!
 Top left: Jesse Elmer
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 Bottom left: Jordan Saunders + Emma Storms
 Bottom middle: Kylea Fisher
 Bottom right: Jenna Saunders

Dan Wardell to be at Library

The Paper 6/23/2010



Dan Wardell, popular host of the IPTV KIDS Clubhouse, will welcome kids and families at the Laurens Public Library at 2 p.m. this Thursday, June 24th. Iowa Public Television is partnering with libraries to promote summer reading, and the Reading Road Trip is tied to this year's summer reading theme, "Make a Splash – READ!" Wardell will tell an original story (his blog hints of Medusa hair, an Atomic TunaFish & troublemakers walking the plank!) at this free event. Wise Advice from the Roadtrip so far: For extra "Walking the Plank" fun add a few banana peels and a blindfold. Kids will each receive an inflatable beach ball to take home as a souvenir.

"Every day, Iowa Public Television works to educate and entertain Iowans, and this trip is a great opportunity to do both for thousands of Iowa families in their own communities," said Daniel K. Miller, general manager and executive director of Iowa Public Television. "This tour of Iowa truly showcases our commitment to serving all parts of the state. In the last two years, more than 39,000 people have attended Reading Road Trip story times throughout the state."

As I pulled into the Laurens Public Library, the sidewalk chalk artists were busy at work.



To say the town was excitable was an understatement.



The library had one simple rule, "No bare/bear feet in the library."



Librarians Glenda & Nancy
Kicking back w/ Dan

After a full week of story times it is now time to kick back and relax.



Dan + Teepee, Dan + W.
Mandy Barzel, Hailey Breese +
Alyssa Kowalski

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and adventure at the
Laurens Public Library!
June 24 at 2 p.m.**



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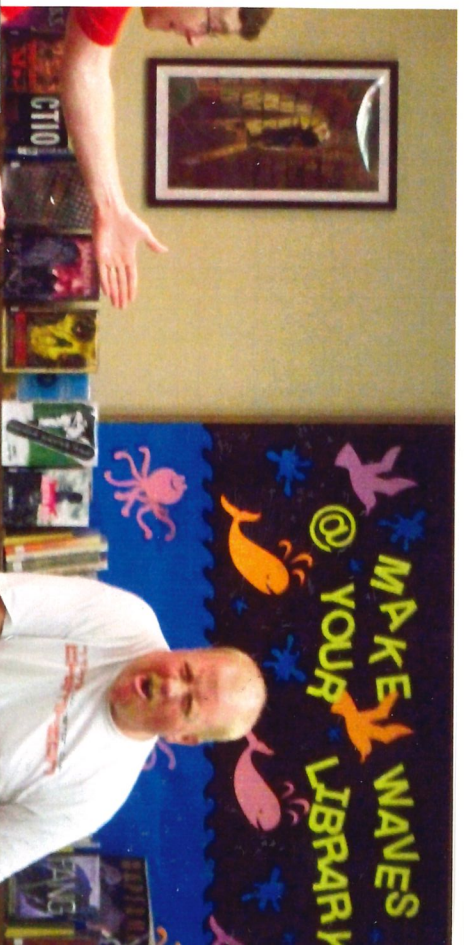


Kennedy + Landryn Tate w/
Dan Wardell



To night:
~~Sharon~~ Danika
 Keene with
 Dan Wardell

Dan Wardell
 Elizabeth R.
 Delaney E +
 Kadhyns.
 Right: Drake
 Gury



Kids corner kids above
 To Right: Librarian's Catting Jensen,
 Dan Wardell, Nancy Walker +
 Janet Runaburg
 Below: Dan holding up a coin
 with Matt Beckley



+ Kylie
 Werthold, Chandler
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At the library

Laurens Sun

June 30, 2010
By Glenda Mulder

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Library visitor

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Laurens Sun



Master story teller

Don Wardell from the Iowa Public Television Kids' Clubhouse program was the guest story teller at the Laurens

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Dan Wardell Entertains at the Library

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The Perfect

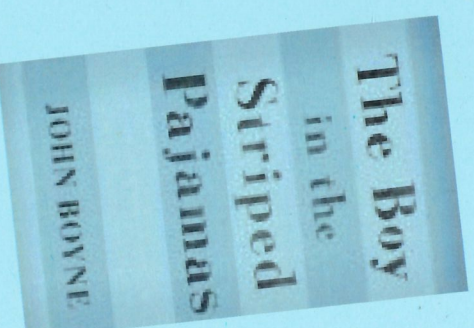


High Story Time - June 29th,
Bottom. Older kids putting on
English Paperclips show.
Last Delbert's of Pirate



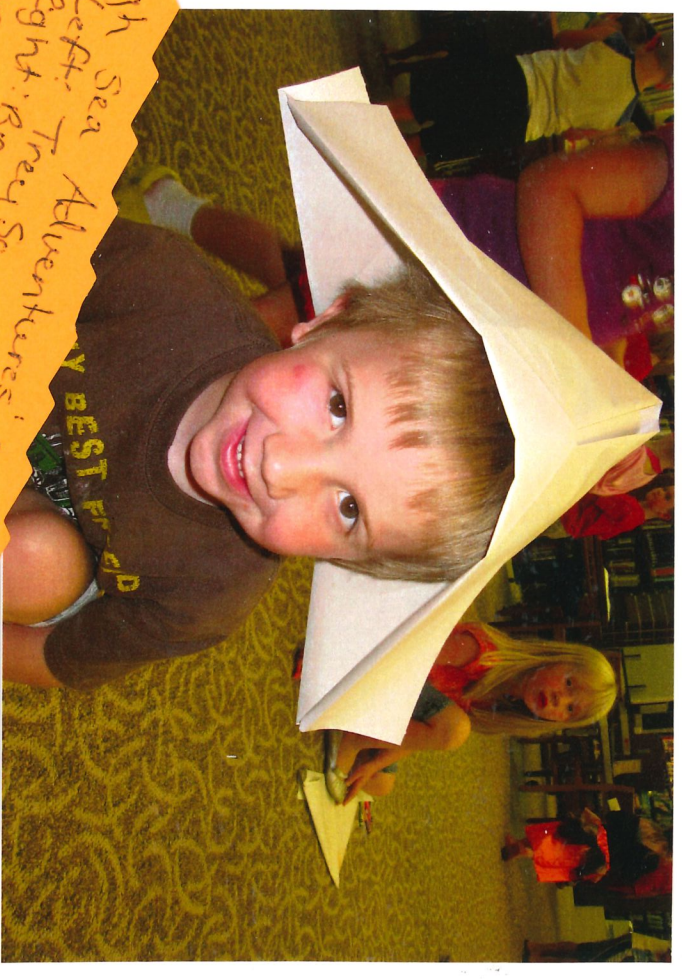
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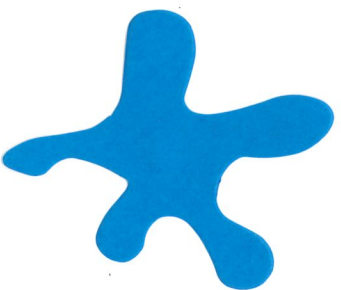


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your book by
our discussion
June 28th
@ 7:00 pm





High Sea Adventures! ~ June 20th
 Top Left: Treys Sandog & Dale tota Kenz
 Top Right: Breanna Storms are showing off
 Bottom: Everyone Spread out to make



With Jordan
 The kids created
 birds out of trees
 Jordan got a display
 for her bird.



What's happening at the Laurens public library

July 7, 2010 *Laurens Sun*

By Glenda Mulder

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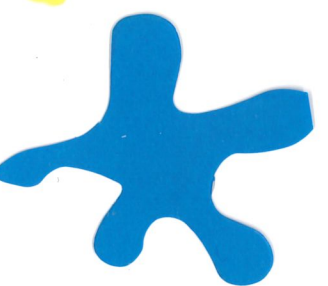
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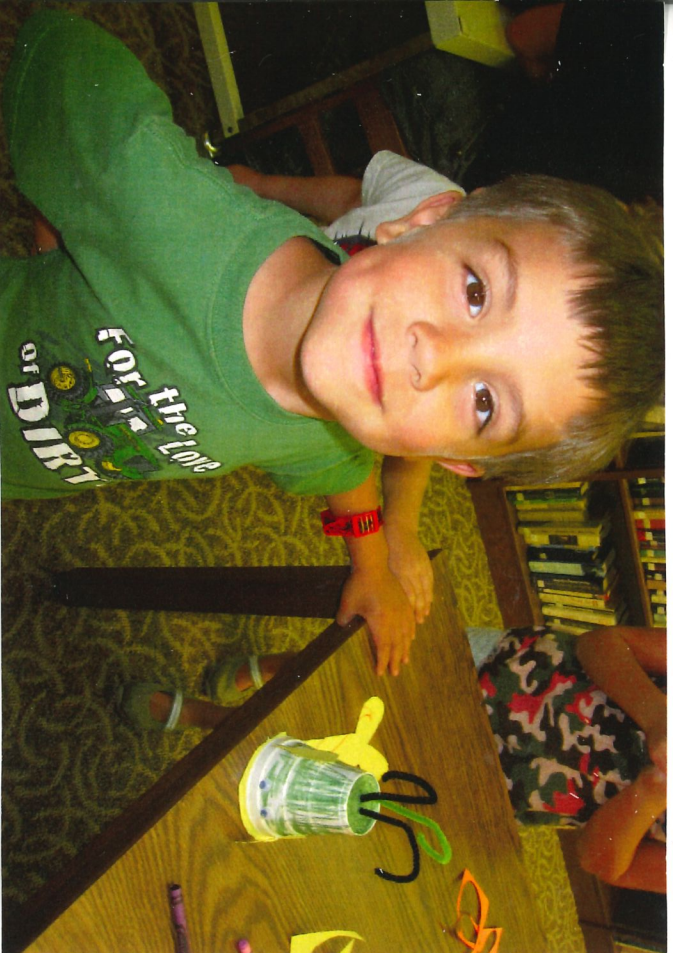
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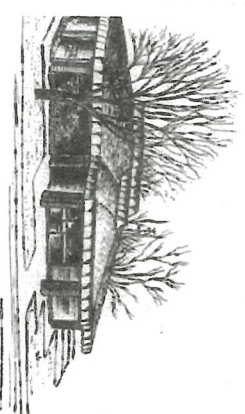
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July 13th



Isaac Schreiner smiling for us



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July 14, 2010

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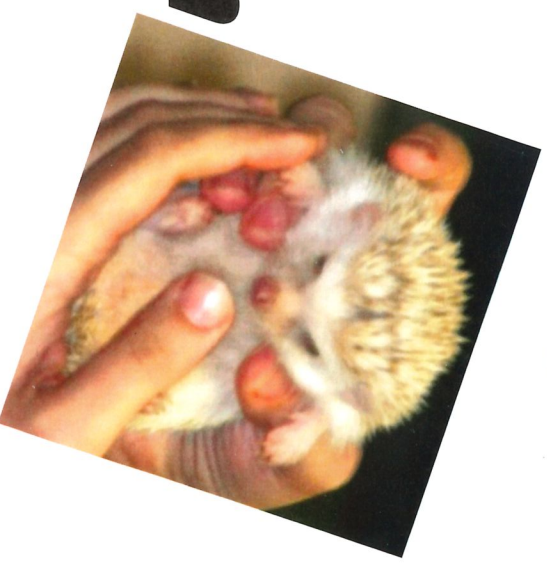
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At Laurens Public Library

3 o'clock

Monday

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Zoo Babies!
July 19th



Above: tortoise
Beside: ferret
+adults
165 kids in
attendance

July 19, 2010



Alaina Thompson touching the hedgehog.
Granddaughter of librarian Janet Runelburg



Josiah DeYoung looking at the hedgehog



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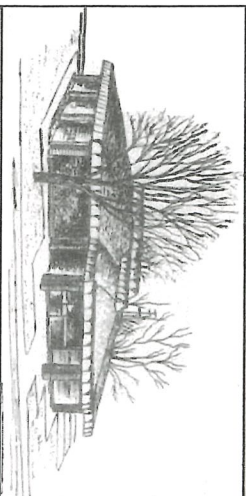
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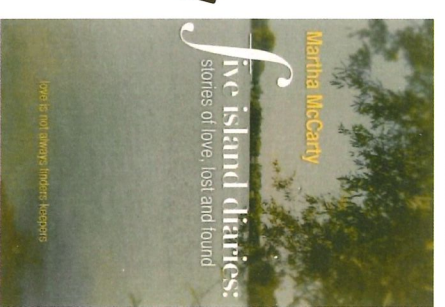
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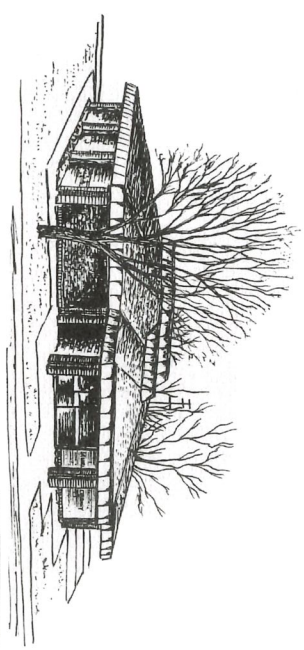
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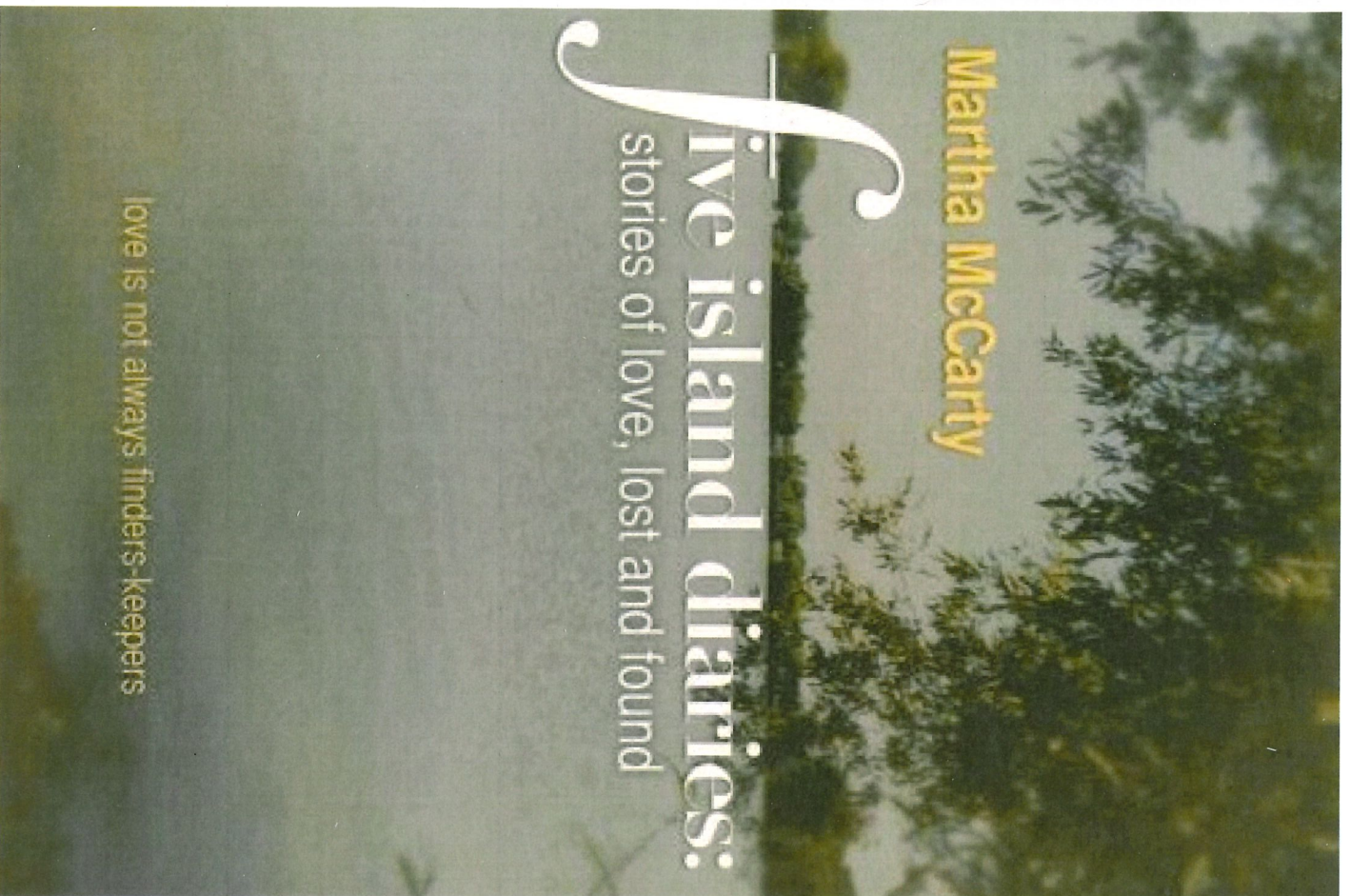
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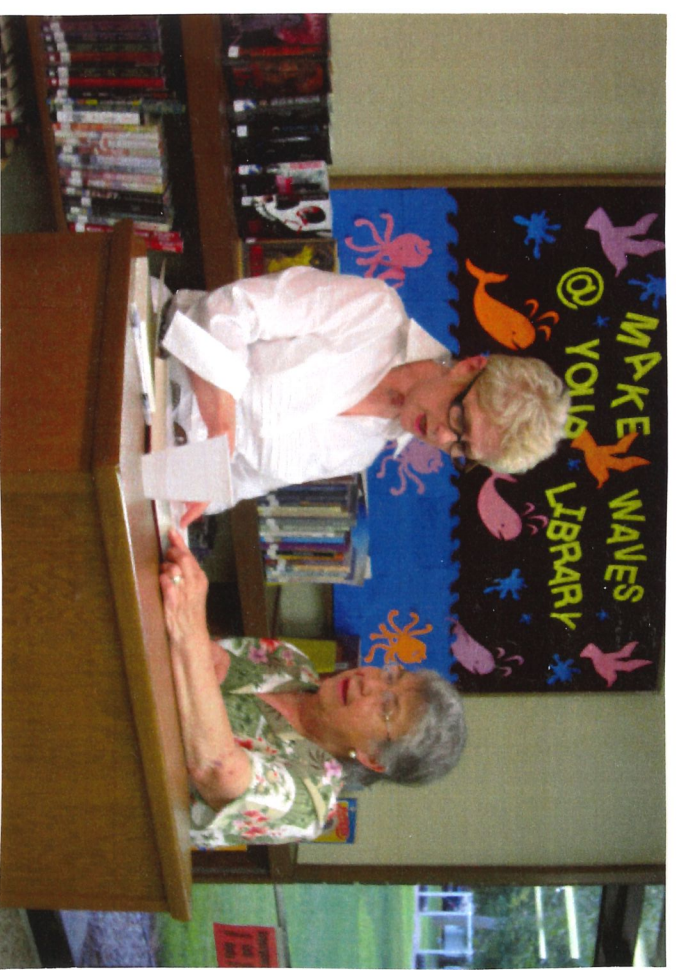
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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

August 4, 2010

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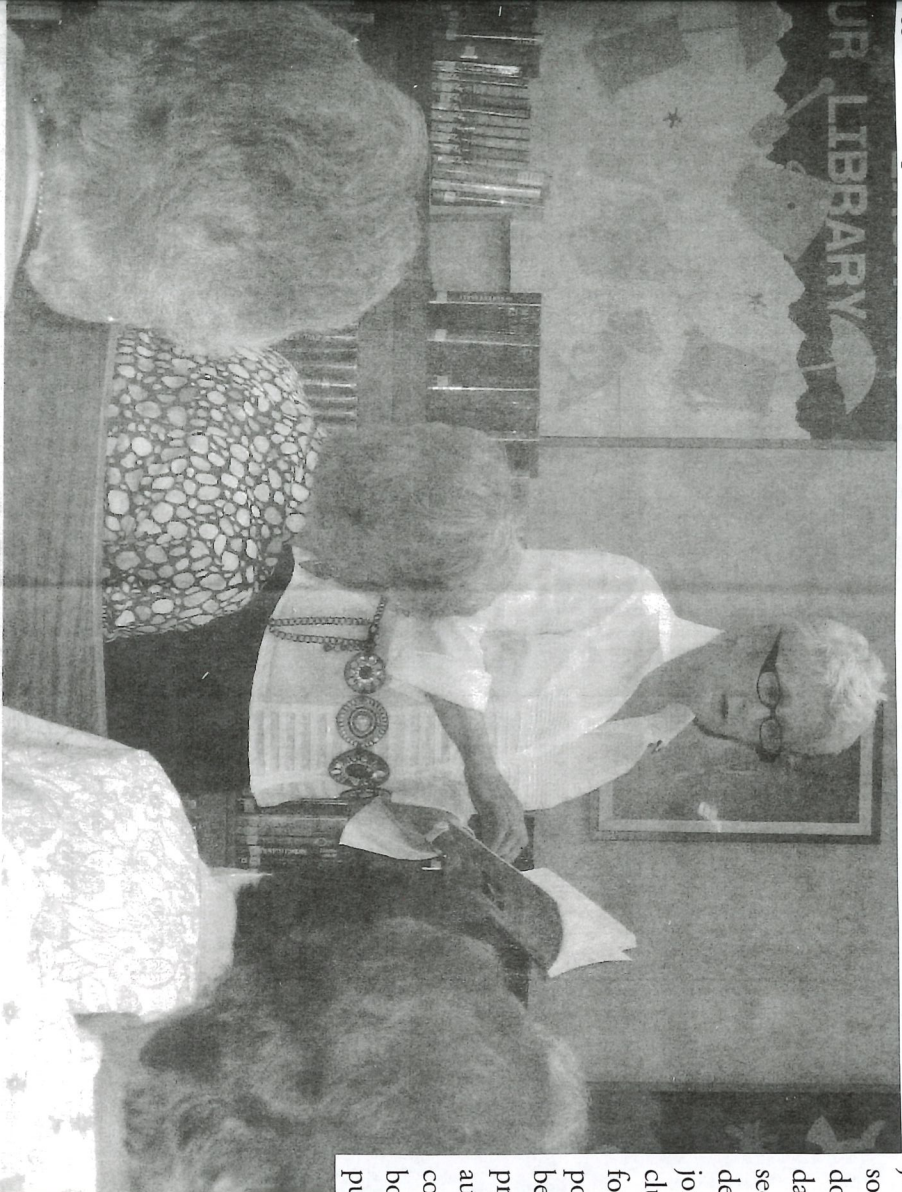
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Biggest Little Paper In Town!

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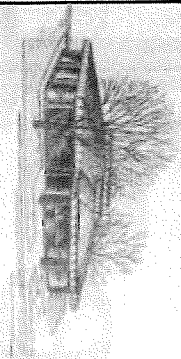


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Any ideas?

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder August 18, 2010



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It's hard for me to believe its time for back to school. I think most of the kids are ready - not all will admit it though. I'm not so sure if the teachers are ready! We'll be working to set up schedules for Brown Bag lunches, story times & middle school book talks. The freedom of summer is good, but the routines of the school year are also a comfortable thing.

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Newlyweds Visit Laurens

By: Pat Boughey August 25th

Just by chance, on a "lucky" Friday the 13th, I happened to arrive at the Laurens Public Library shortly after the arrival of newlyweds, Jamie and Gil Walzer from Newton, MA, which is near Boston. Glenda Mulder introduced us because of my connection with The Straight Story lawn mower ride. They were journeying on a month-long, cross country honeymoon, and Laurens was a destination stop for the young couple because of their interest in the background for the movie *The Straight Story*, and they were eager to see the film site and the Laurens community.

They had great admiration for the The Straight Story movie based on the lawn mower trip from Laurens to Wisconsin by Laurens resident, the late Alvin Straight, to visit his estranged brother who was seriously ill. They spoke very highly of the values of the life and family lessons portrayed in the movie that characterized the determination of Alvin Straight to mend the relationship with his brother and his



At the Library with Glenda Mulder August 25, 2010

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today's the
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I think that is amazing! It's the equivalent of every man, woman & child in Laurens checking out just over 30 things last year. No wonder it felt like we were always busy!

One other thing that jumped out at me on the report was that for the last two years, we've added almost twice as many materials as we've taken out. So now I've got the bug to start "weeding" our fiction collection. Be sure to check the withdrawn table when you visit the library. There will be an ever changing selection of novels for the next few months. Some of these might be old favorites that you haven't thought of for years or something you intended to read. Please take them home with you! There is a can on the table if you'd like to make a donation.

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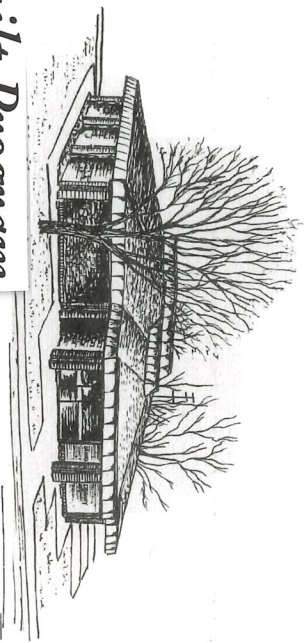
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Rich History...Community Pride...Rural Beauty

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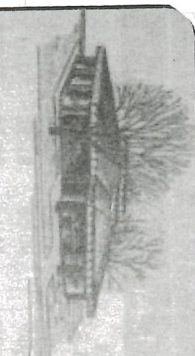
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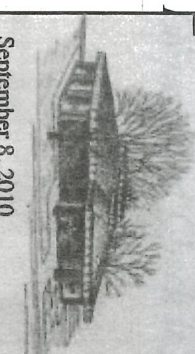
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Beginning

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At the Library:

With Glenda Mulder

September 15, 2010

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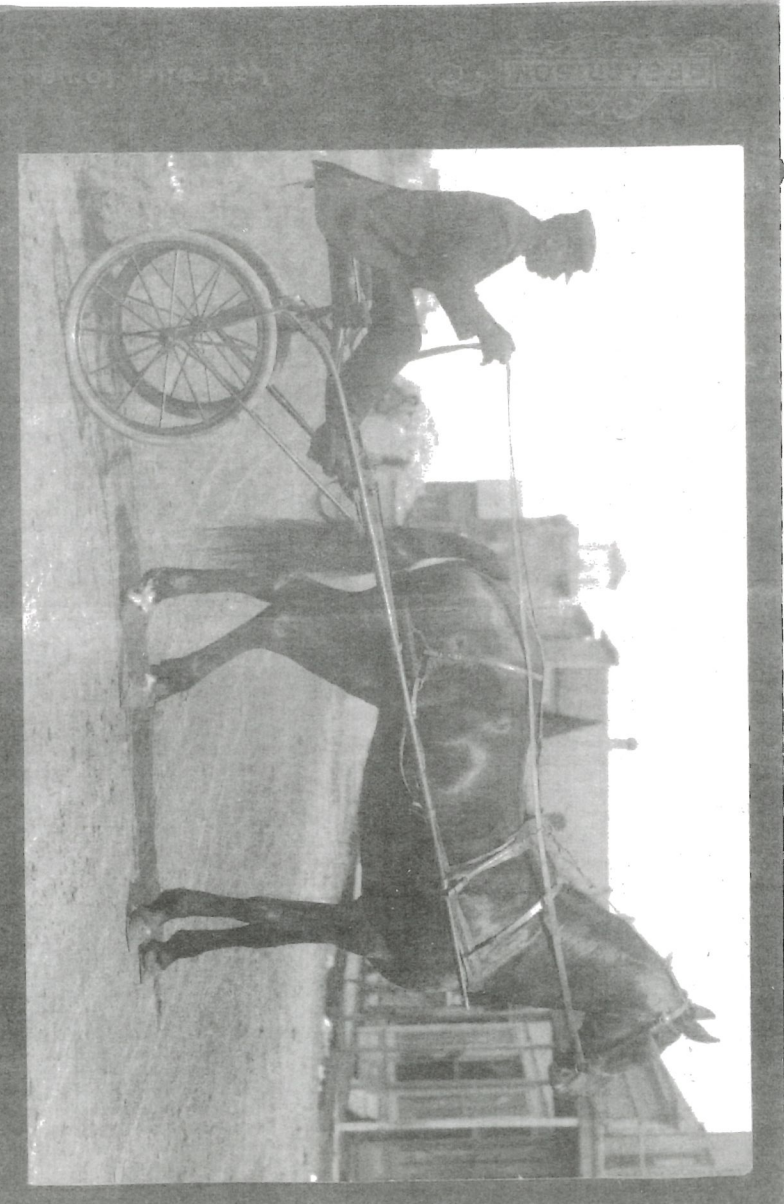
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Do you know anything about this photo of Laurens?

Laurens Sun 9-15-10



This photo came in the mail to the Laurens Public Library earlier last week. It shows the downtown area of our wonderful city before the streets were paved. The belief is this picture was taken circa late 1880's. However, no further information was provided. The Laurens Sun, as well as the Laurens Library staff are deeply interested to know if anyone in the community could offer any further information about the mystery behind this wonderfully taken photo and provide a little history to it. If you have anything to offer regarding this shot, please contact the Laurens Sun at (712) 841-4541 or Glenda Mulder at the Library.

Theme: Breakfast



For Crafts, the kids made cereal necklaces or bracelets.



Cage Animals running the relay



Payton Kelling + Hannah Hubbell
enjoying cereal bars

for the Library today! Since L-M has an Open House Day of the school year. Since I read my book during breakfast will be our theme.

I want to tell us about his book, "Gladys Black: The Story of a Girl Who Became a Regular at Our Library's Collection We Have 2 Books by Gladys Black. She also had a regular place where she became a colleague of Larry and me." This book was written by Jodi Picoult. It made such an impact on me that I bought it for sale tonight!

with Glenda Mulder

The Paper
September 22, 2010

We have a variety of fun planned for the Library today! Since L-M has an early out, this is our first WaCKy WeDnESDay of the school year. Since I read that September is All-American Breakfast Month, breakfast will be our theme. Then at 7 p.m. Larry Stone will be here to tell us about his book, "*Gladys Black: The Legacy of Iowa's Bird Lady*". In our library's collection we have 2 books about birds of Iowa that were written by Gladys Black. She also had a regular column in the Des Moines Register, where she became a colleague of Larry Stone. Of course there will be copies of the book for sale tonight!

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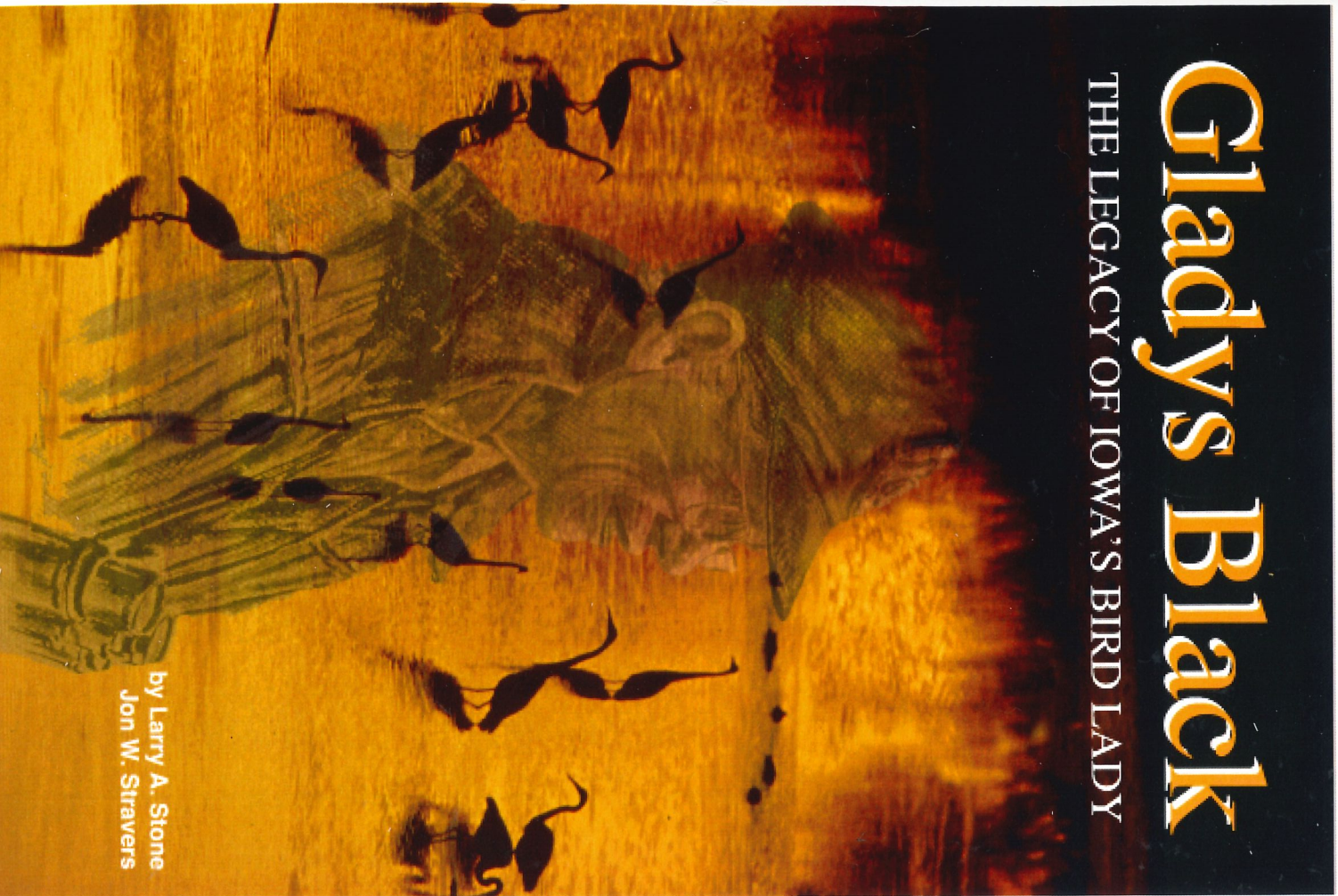
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Laurens is celebrating a Fall Festival the weekend of October 2 & 3. There will be City-wide garage sales, vendors on the streets and visiting artists in a couple stores. We thought this was a great time to ask mystery author Mike Manno to visit Laurens. Mr. Manno has had a varied career: newspaper editor, real estate broker, politician, lawyer, writer and editor. Currently a practicing attorney in central Iowa, he has parlayed his life-long desire to write with his legal background to create the character Parker Noble. We have a couple of his books if you'd like to read one before his visit, but I'm sure he'll also have books available to purchase. He will have a program at 10 a.m. at the Library. Goodness, I'm full of news today! But I just can't end without telling you about a few of our new books! Here's a list of the novels we received this week: *Safe Haven* by Nicholas Sparks (reg & LP), *Juliet* by Anne Fortier, *Heaven's Fury* by Stephen Frey, *Ape House* by Sara Gruen (author of *Water for Elephants*), *Last Night at the Chateau Marmont* by Laura Weisberger, *Blood Harvest* by S. J. Bolton, *Bad Blood* by John Sanford, *Santa Fe Edge* by Stuart Woods and *My Last Daughter* by Nancy Rosenberg.

Check back next week, I've got more to tell you....but I'm saving some of it!



Gladys Black

THE LEGACY OF IOWA'S BIRD LADY

by Larry A. Stone
Jon W. Stravers

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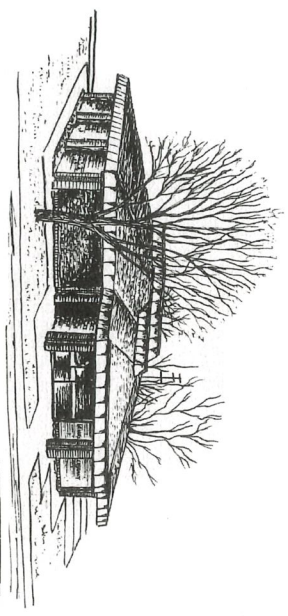
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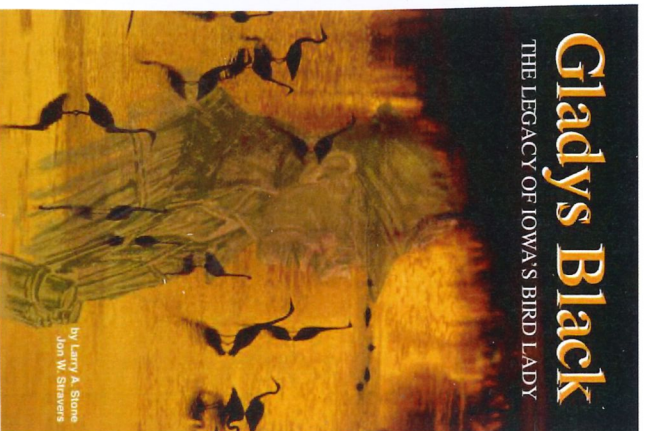
Gladys Black: The

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Adored by a generation as "Iowa's Bird Lady," Gladys Black introduced thousands of people to the wonders of birds. Her newspaper columns lured readers not with textbook descriptions but with folksy anecdotes. Her focus was always the same: protect our birds and their environment.



taught respect for the Earth. Countless Iowans phoned or wrote her with their birding questions.

Outspoken and passionate, Gladys chastised bureaucrats, politicians, developers, or anyone whom she believed was harming the environment. She also spoke at public meetings or to smaller groups, and regularly wrote letters to the editor.

When Gladys died in 1998, the state lost not only an ardent bird lover and conservationist, but also a mentor who had touched hundreds of lives. Larry Stone and Jon Stravers knew Gladys for more than 20 years. Their book and their program share stories of Gladys and her place among Iowa conservation legends.

To order *Gladys Black: The Legacy of Iowa's Bird Lady*, go to www.LarryStonesIowa.com.

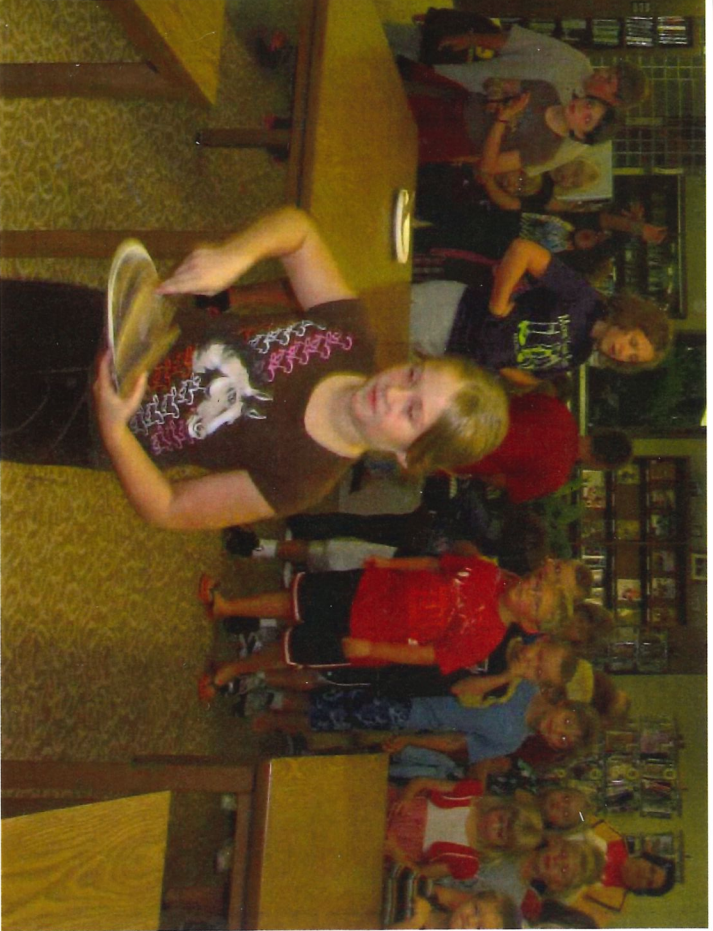
Here is a list of Stone's upcoming programs:

- Sept. 22 – Lake Park Library, 1 p.m.;
- Sept. 22 – Laurens Library, 7 p.m.;
- Sept. 23 – Milford Library, 1:30 p.m.;
- Sept. 23 – Storm Lake Library, 6 p.m.;
- Sept. 24 – Sac City Library, 10 a.m.

Author Larry Stone



Larry Stone, who knew and worked with Gladys Black during his 25-year career with the Des Moines Register, will recount the legacy of "Iowa's Bird Lady" in a series of programs in northwest Iowa Sept. 22-24. Stone and coauthor Jon Stravers, who also was a close friend and associate of Gladys, have published a new book, *Gladys Black: The Legacy of Iowa's Bird Lady*. It's a story not only of Gladys's work with birds, but of her pioneering efforts in outdoor education. Gladys led kids and adults on nature hikes, sounded the alarm about pesticides, and

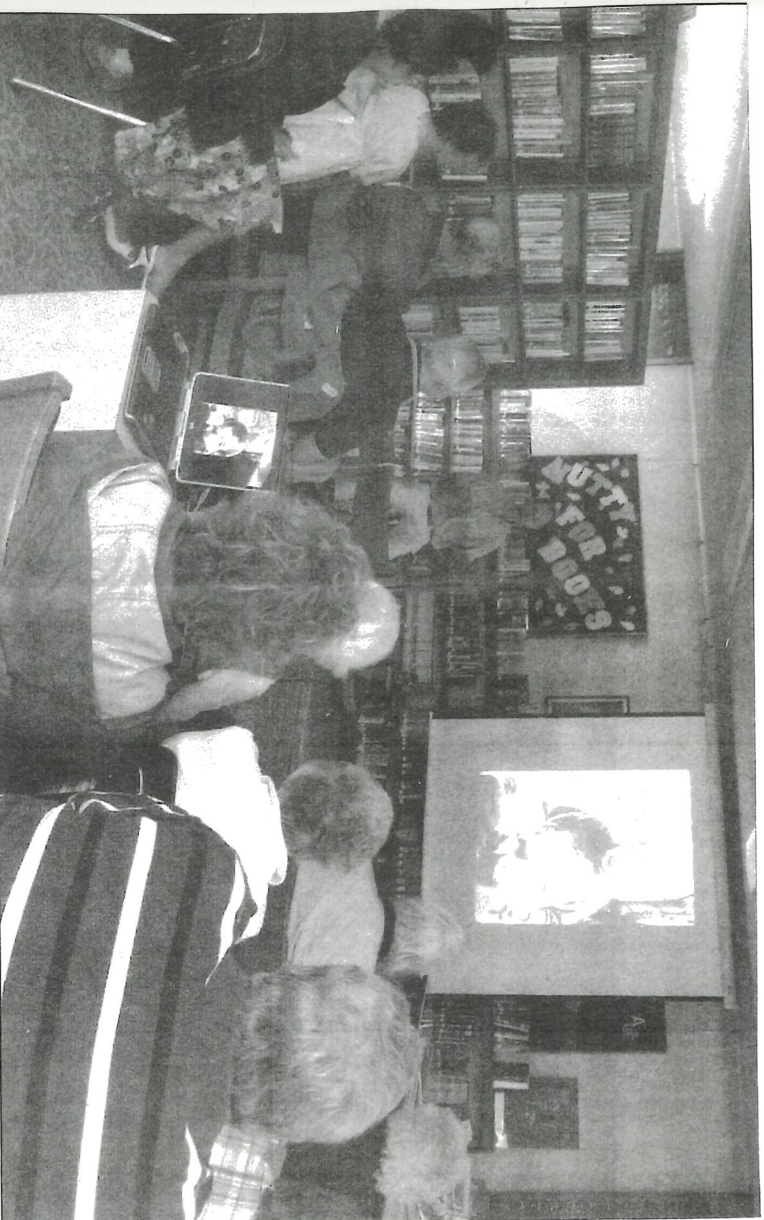
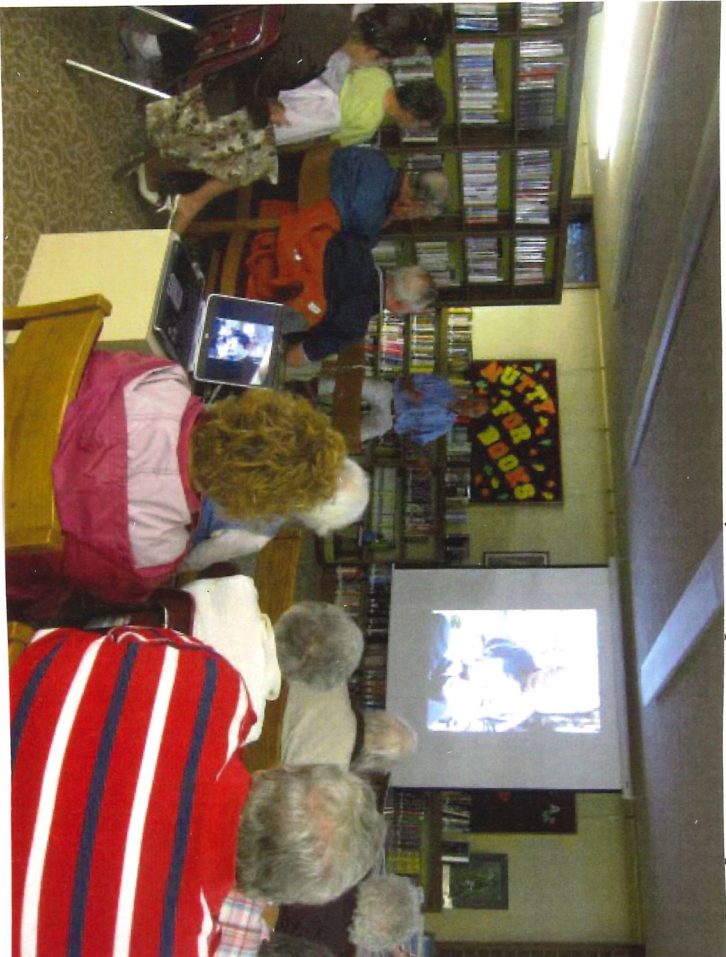


Wacky Wednesday Sept 22nd

Last Wednesday the Laurens Public Library hosted their first Wacky Wednesday of the school year. The theme was "September is All American Breakfast Month. Sami Stone is shown racing to get a pancake on her plate as the other kids cheer her on and wait for their turn. After the pancake relay, we read a few books (of course "Green Eggs and Ham & "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" were included!) read a poem about pancakes, we made bracelets & necklaces out of cereal and ate cereal bars for a snack. It was hard to tell who had more fun - the kids or the librarians! Be sure to send the kids to the library for the fun when LM has an early out for professional development.

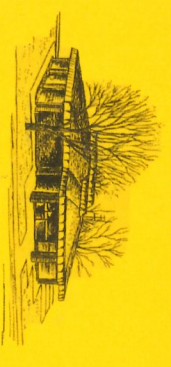
Larry Stone Visits the Library 9/29/2010 - The Paper

An interested crowd gathered at the Laurens Public Library on Wednesday, September 22nd. Author Larry Stone shared stories and information he learned in researching his book, "Gladys Black: Legacy of Iowa's Bird Lady." Of local interest: it was shared that Gladys Black was a bird banding mentor of Dr. Ron Harms.

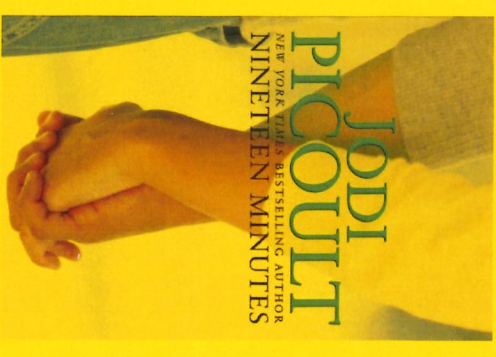


Larry Stone gives presentation on Gladys Black at Laurens public Library Thursday

Larry Stone visits Laurens Public Library last Thursday to sneak on "Iowa's Bird Lady," 9/29/10

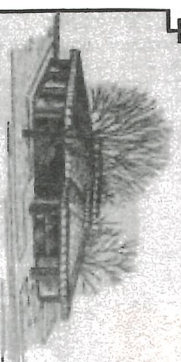


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At the Library:
With Glenda Mulder



September 29, 2010
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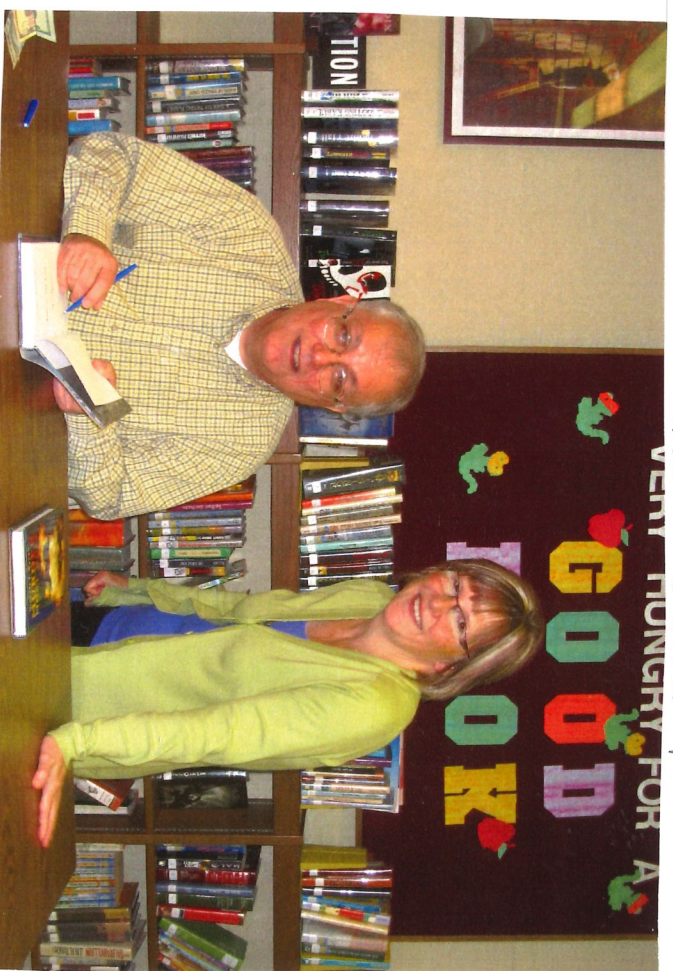


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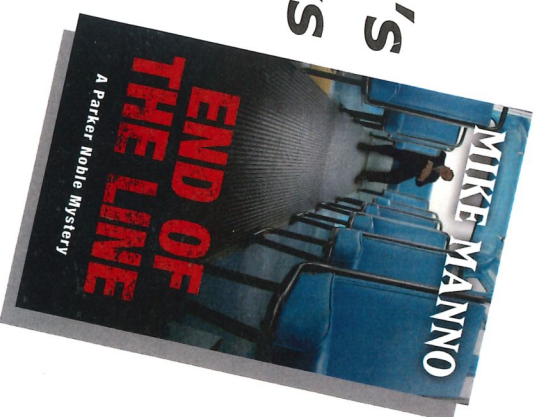
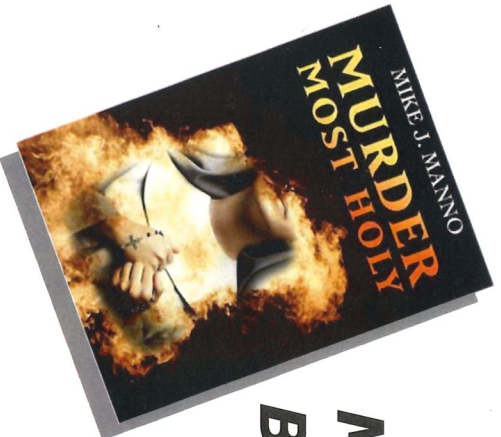
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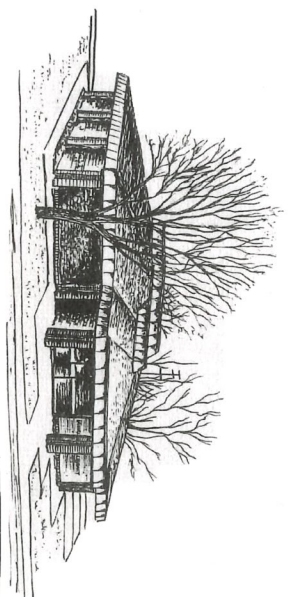


Mike's Books

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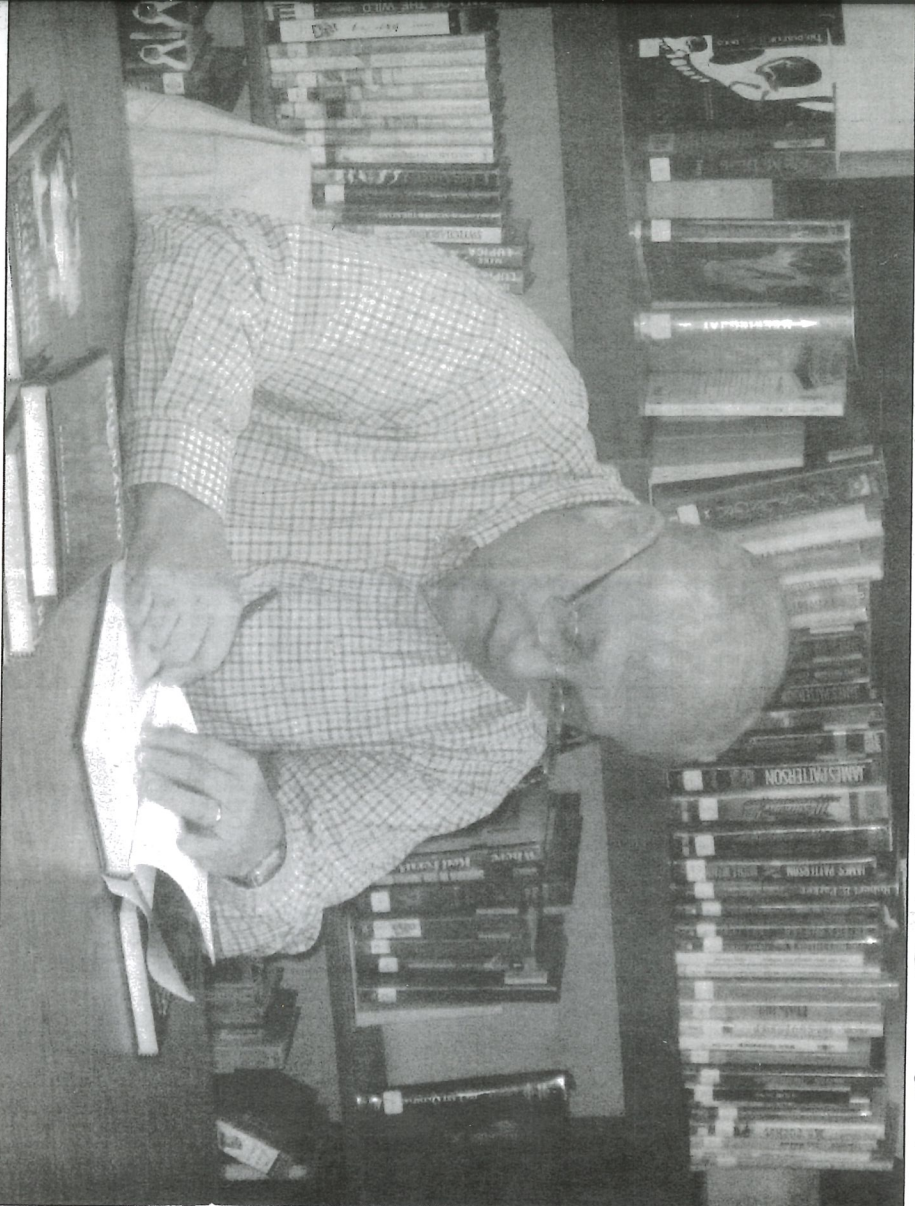
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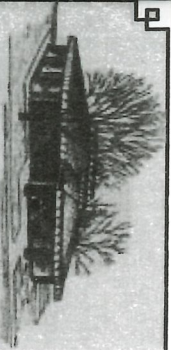


Author visits Laurens Public Library introducing new book, book-signing

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Author Mike Manno visited the Laurens Public Library during Fall Fest. He entertained his fans with descriptions of his "day job" as a lawyer and his other job teaching college law classes for Upper Iowa University. He then told how all the different facets of his life have drawn him to become a writer. He introduced patrons to his main continuing characters in his books because he feels that having strong, believable characters is even more important than the plot of a book. He then answered questions from the audience and autographed books for everyone.



At The Library: with Glenda Mulder

October 6, 2010

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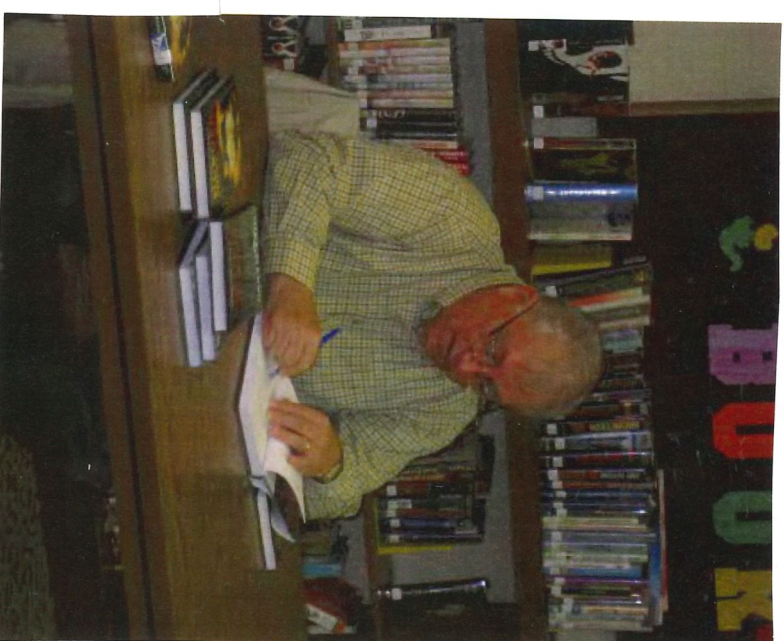
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At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
October 13, 2010



Team (IPART). Learn just what it is that paranormal investigators do. Come to the Library at 7 pm Monday with an open mind and all your questions!

The Laurens Public Library Foundation will be continuing our Halloween tradition. Magician Larry Dunbar will entertain all the ghosts & goblins at 6:30 p.m. after they have had their fill of Trick or Treating. Everyone is invited to help me try to figure out just one trick this year!

Our display cases have a new look. The horizontal case features some mini tea sets from the collection of Tiffany Dallenbach. In commemoration of National 4H Week the first week in October, the big wall cases now house a display by Golden Horizons 4-H Club. These are the same wonderful kids who volunteer their time to help with our Wacky Wednesdays. Check these out next time you're at the library!

New fiction this week includes: *Promise Me* by Richard Paul Evans, *Mini Shopaholic* by Sophie Kinsella, *Getting to Happy* by Terry McMillan, *Trail of Blood* by Lisa Black, *Secrets Kept* by Tatiana De Rosnay, *Atlas of Love* by Laurie Frankel, *False Friend* by Myla Goldberg, *Crossing Places* by Elly Griffiths, *Then Came the Evening* by Brian Hart, *Dead Path* by Stephen Irwin, *Vermillion Drift* by William Krueger, *Dexter is Delicious* by Jeff Lindsay, *Bound* by Antonya Nelson, *Bury Your Dead* by Louise Penny, *Nemesis* by Philip Roth, *On the Line* by S.J. Rozan, *Curable Romantic* by Joseph Skibell, *Waking Up in Dixie* by Haywood Smith and *Bitter in the Mouth* by Monique Troung. New in nonfiction: *Dewey's Nine Lives* by Vicki Myron, *Pinheads & Patriots* by Bill O'Reilly, *Obama's Wars* by Bob Woodward and *Even Silence Has an End* by Ingrid Betancourt.

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Letter to the Editor
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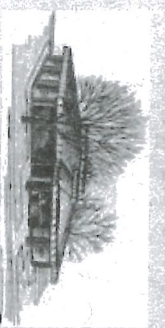
Each week I enjoy reading Glenda Mulder's column about the activities at the Laurens Public Library. My fond memories of our library include Mrs. Cook behind the check-out desk, story hour in the summer, and stopping on my way home from school. Because of supportive parents, excellent teachers, and access to a great library, reading is my passion.

All voracious readers appreciate recommendations for a "good read". So I decided to write to you about the Kalamazoo Public Library and its annual selections for the Community Read. The 2011 selection is "*Strength in What Remains*" by Tracy Kiddler. In previous years, the selections were "*Ana's Man*" and "*All Over But the Shouting*" by Rick Bragg; "*Animal Dreams*" by Barbara Kingsolver; "*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*" by Mark Haddon; "*The Things They Left Behind*" by Tim O'Brien; "*The Color of Water*" by James McBride; "*Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*" by Barbara Ehrenreich; and "*Fahrenheit 451*" by Ray Bradbury. My personal favorites are "*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*" and "*The Color of Water*".

The Community Read activities in Kalamazoo are informative and diverse. If possible, the authors are booked for lectures and workshops. Several discussion activities are hosted. For example, because "*The Curious Incident...*" is about a boy with Asperger's Syndrome, the library presented discussions about autism.

James McBride, the author of "*The Color of Water*", is a jazz musician as well as a writer, and he performed a magnificent concert in addition to his lecture. Tim O'Brien, the author of "*The Things They Left Behind*", spoke about the Vietnam War, and Tracy Kiddler, author of the 2011 selection, will be our guest presenter in March. The authors also prepare workshops to discuss their creative process, work schedule, and editing procedure. In addition, the selection is announced well in advance so high school literature teachers can incorporate the book in the curriculum. In our highly technical, computer-based culture, there is still nothing more relaxing than settling-in with a good book. Thanks, Laurens Public Library, for your service to the community.

Sincerely,
Jan Peterson Mustain
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At the Library
With Glenda Mulder
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October 13, 2010

Last week I realized October 18 is a full moon. Could I have picked a better date for our paranormal program? I don't see how! Join us for an interactive experience to learn more about paranormal activity. Video, audio and photographic evidence will be shared as well as tools, equipment and personal experiences of Iowa's Paranormal Advanced Research Team (IPART). Learn just what it is that paranormal investigators do. Come to the Library at 7 pm Monday with an open mind and all your questions!

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Our display cases have a new look. The horizontal case features some mini tea sets from the collection of Tiffany Dallenbach. In commemoration of National 4H Week the first week in October, the big wall cases now house a display by Golden Horizons 4H Club. These are the same wonderful kids who volunteer their time to help with our Wacky Wednesdays. Check these out next time you're at the library!

New fiction this week includes:

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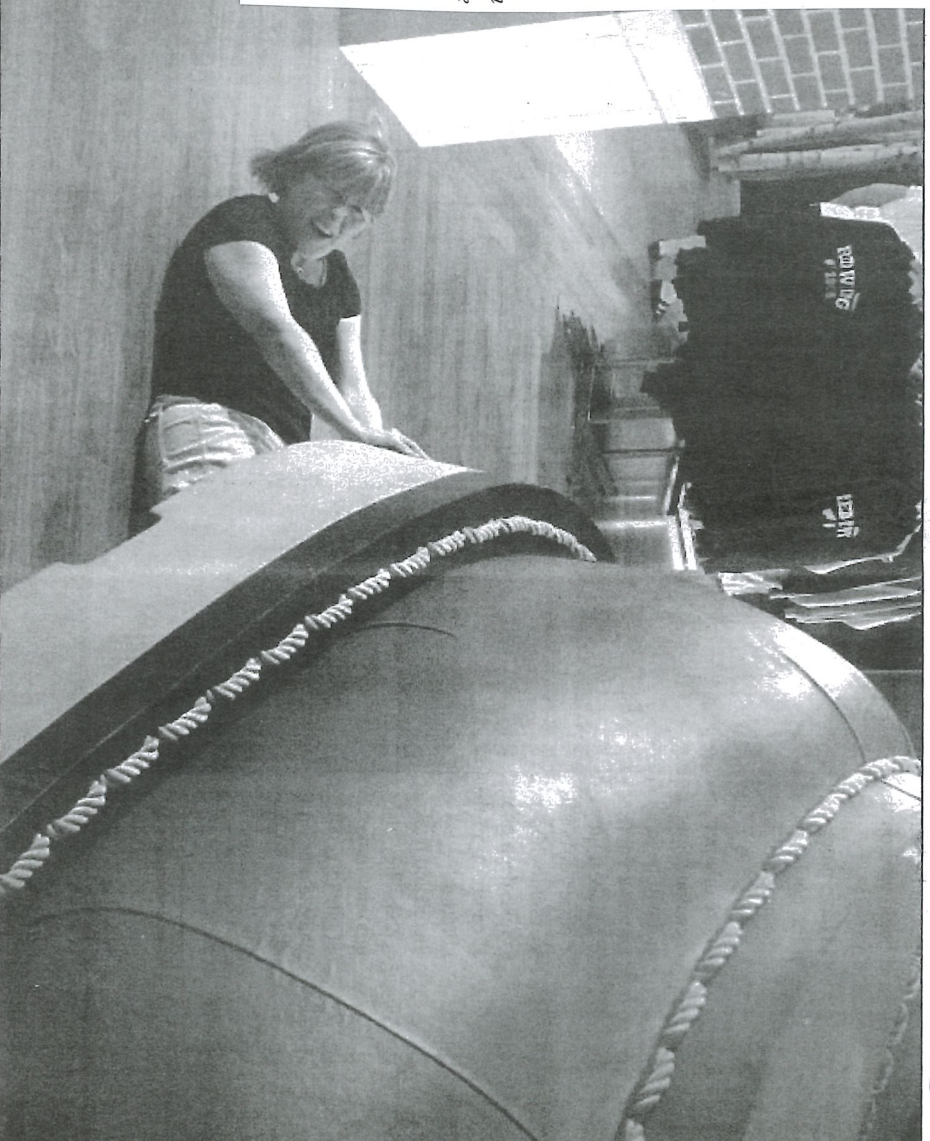
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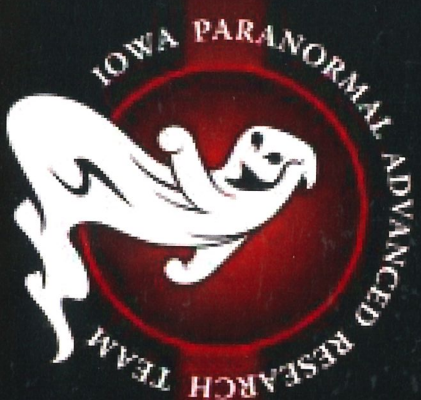
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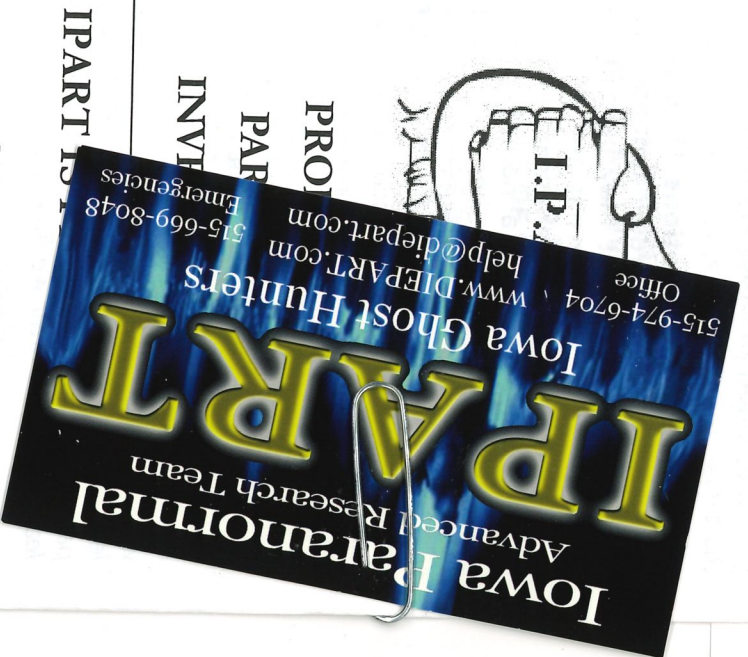
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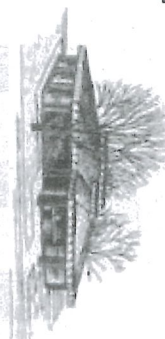
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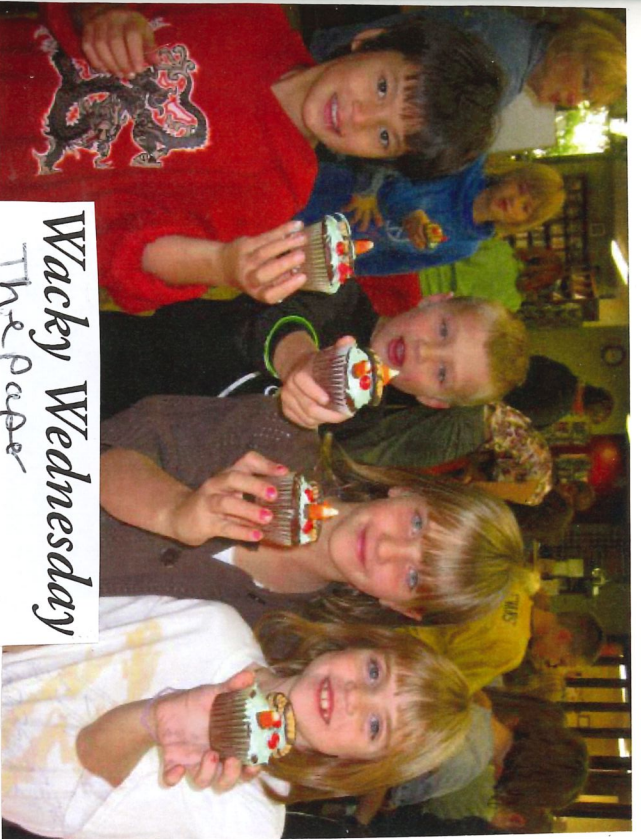
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IPART Team

Visits the Library

Jennie & Brandon Jordan of the Estherville IPART team tell about their team to an interested audience at the Laurens Public Library. They also described the different tools they use in an investigation. They gave examples of things that people thought were paranormal, but were quite easily explainable. They showed video from a hidden camera that showed an attempted hoax. As they played EVP files - actual recordings taken at the scene of paranormal activity - the audience could be seen to shiver a time or two.





Wacky Wednesday The Paper

These enthusiastic kids want to show off the witch cupcakes they made at Wacky Wednesday at the Laurens Public Library. We started the day making Halloween decorations on the sidewalk with chalk. Then we played The Witch Says (like Simon Says), read a handful of books, danced the Witch Hokey Pokey, then decorated and ate our cupcakes. Shown are the bewitching Allyson Chanhavysouk, Trey Oehlertz, Mia Shannon, & Kennedy Tate.



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Glenda Muller read the "56 kids + adults stories about 'witches'.



Glenda leading a game of 'Witch Hokey-Pokey' + also 'Witch says'.



They made witches hats with cupcakes, green frosting cookie + candy. Brooke Bouska, Sydney Harrold, Sheri Brazel, Robbie Williams, Jordan Saunders Michelle Anderson + Riley Oxenider



Eli Poling, Hannah Hubbell + Payton Poling
acting their witch dresses hats



Jenne and Brandon Jordan, founders of IPART (Iowa Paranormal Advanced Research Team) visited the Laurens Public Library on October 18 to show some of their spooky pictures, voice recordings and experiences. The husband and wife team g about the northwestern portion of Iowa investigating reports of hauntings and have experienced many unexplained occurren as part of their travels and "ghost hunts".

IPART visits Laurens Public Library just in time for a Halloween scare

By Nancy Verzich

This is the month for spooky happenings, and October 18 was no different as IPART (Iowa Paranormal Advanced Research Team) came to the Laurens Public Library to tell of their haunting experiences and show examples of the scary things they've seen and heard while 'ghost hunting'. Jenne Jordan, manager of IPART, and her husband Brandon, Assistant Manager of IPART, are the leaders and founders of IPART.

They travel around the state, mostly the northwestern areas, educating people about ghosts, hauntings, poltergeists and other types of entities. They also explain all the tools that ghost hunters use in their goal to capture paranormal events on either video, in photographs, or on audio tape. IPART is actually a part of DIPART, which is based in Des Moines. The founder, Dan Berger, still runs the DIPART team from Des Moines, but found that the requests for investigations in the northwestern part of Iowa was just too much for him and his team to handle. Jenne and Brandon Jordan joined DIPART in 2004, mainly due to their own paranormal experiences.

They are still part of DIPART, but have since taken over the northwestern region of Iowa in the ghost hunting business. IPART is a 'family member' of TAPS, The Atlantic Paranormal Society. To become a family member of TAPS, the team must demonstrate professionalism, knowledge and experience.

Being a TAPS family member allows IPART to request help from the TAPS team if they run into a haunting that they need more help with, and it also allows TAPS to assign certain cases to the family members who are closer to the haunting. IPART is the only TAPS family member in the state of Iowa. The Jordan's explained that people who believe in the paranormal aren't 'crazy'.

They come from all walks of life, from professionals right down to blue collar workers. When someone experiences something in their home (or anywhere else for that matter) that can't be explained, it's a natural thought to wonder if it could be something paranormal. Many who have paranormal experiences even try to rationalize them away. "It was my imagination," or some other way to put something they fear and the unknown

into perspective. People can become members of IPART but only after they've gone through many hours of training on how to set up the equipment, what the proper conduct is on an investigation, and learning how to recognize EVP's (Electronic Voice Phenomenon). The people who join IPART are all volunteers, and there is no charge for IPART to come, and investigate what may be a haunting. The organization is a non-profit organization which runs mainly on fund-raisers, donations, library demonstrations, and membership dues from those who become part of the team.

The IPART team has three goals in mind when they go to do an investigation. First of all, they are always professional, wearing a uniform especially made for them. However, if the client doesn't want neighbors to know that a 'ghost hunt' is on at their house, the team will wear regular street clothes. Privacy and confidentiality are of the utmost importance to IPART. Secondly, the team always respects the client's home and property. If something needs to be moved to place equipment or for some other reason, the team will put everything back in the same place that it was before they arrived.

Finally, the IPART team will help the client to understand what is actually going on in their home or business. They will discuss with the client whether what they are experiencing is mechanical in nature, or just a natural occurrence. The paranormal research itself can be very complicated, using a number of different technologies to determine what is being seen or heard by the clients. The group sets up a 'hub' or headquarters, where they place laptop computers and other things needed to help with the investigation. Usually one person stays at the computer and monitors the different cameras that have been placed throughout the house. They also keep in radio contact with other members of the team, to be sure that everyone is safe and accounted for.

Before the IPART team begins an investigation, they try to determine if there is a natural or 'fake' reason for the experiences the client are having. Many of the ghost pictures that we can see on the internet are actually hoaxes, set up to look like a ghost walking or a shadow

moving about. Most of these photos can be explained away because of incorrect shutter speed on the camera or floating particles of dust or bugs getting into the camera view. However, some photos do not have a rational explanation and can therefore be thought of as 'paranormal'.

The IPART team, when doing an investigation, try to be neutral when going into the situation. They are trying to actually prove that there is a rational explanation for what the client is experiencing. This is called debunking. If nothing natural can be found, then it may be a haunting. Many times, the result can be caused by a phenomenon known as 'matrixing', which is when the human mind has a natural tendency to find familiar shapes in unfamiliar objects, such as with cloud formations.

The team also uses parabolic microphones, which collect sounds onto a receiver, much like a satellite dish does with radio waves. The team also uses laser thermometers to test temperature ranges, since spirits are supposedly able to change the temperature level when they are around. EMF (electro-magnetic field) Meters are also very helpful. Many believe that spirits are actually just energy in a different form. EMF devices record the electromagnetic field which measures energy in a particular place. The higher the level, the more it is believed a spirit is present.

IPART uses video cameras, both still and portable, to possibly catch anything that the human eye can miss. They also use a Digital Audio Recorder, which can record sounds at frequencies that can not be heard with the human ear. It is said that spirits speak on a frequency that we can't hear, however, when played back, the voices of the spirit can be heard on these devices.

Motion sensors are also put in place in rooms where there will be no live person. This allows the cameras to catch any movement that would otherwise not be seen. The IPART team brings night vision equipment so they can see and record in the darkness, and also bring along red-lensed flashlights. One thing they bring many extras of are batteries. It is said that when a spirit is trying to show itself, it drains energy from wherever it can get it, including from humans and

electronic equipment. There have been many instances of new batteries being installed into electronic equipment, only to have it totally drained when the ghost hunt starts. Paranormal activity or just a bad batch of batteries? You decide.

There are several different types of encounters one may have. Capturing small, moving balls called 'orbs' is common, however, most can be explained away by dust, moisture, bugs, fine lint, or snow flakes. One may see shadows, or an actual 'ghost' looking figure, but the eyes can always be fooled.

Brandon Jordan explained there are three kinds of hauntings. First is a residual haunting, which is caused when the surroundings absorb the energy created by the spirits and is imprinted into the house or building. These types of hauntings are generally a playback of times past, with no interaction with humans. The second type of haunting is an intelligent haunting. In this type, the spirit knows that you are there, and it may possibly interact with humans. A poltergeist would be an example of this. They may move objects or seem playful. Sometimes, they can even appear violent, although they are not harmful to humans.

The third and most rare type of haunting is a demonic haunting. These are violent and can cause harm, possession, or even death to humans. These are the rarest of the rare and in all of their years, the members of IPART have never actually been witness to one of these types of hauntings. Finally, the IPART team gives a final word of advice. If you are interested in 'ghost hunting' or exploring the paranormal, never do it on your own. Since the paranormal is considered 'the unknown', it is true that the unknown can possibly happen.

Keep yourself safe. If you feel you have a presence in your home, call on the experts such as IPART or DIPART to help you figure out what is causing your issues and allow them to help you figure out your next step. For more information on IPART, go to their web site at www.DIEPART.com, which is the home base for the Iowa paranormal Research Teams.

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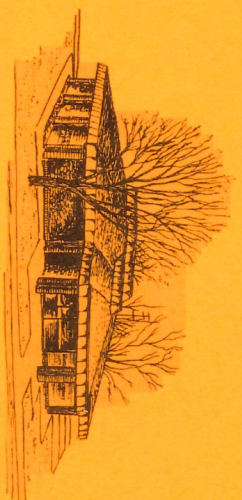
Volunteer fireman to the rescue

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The Magic of Larry Dunbar & Company



Sunday, October 31st @ 6:30

Sponsored by the Family & Friends of Bob Braesch



Group participation

Magic at the Library brings in trick-or-treaters for an evening of suspense



Magicians from Larry Dunbar and associates visited the Laurens Public Library Sunday evening for a night of magic and fun and performed to a full house. *Laurens Sun 11-3-18*



Kellyn Stumbo is assisting in the magic show



Super women Kendall Evans and Lexi Ross helping the magicians.



Dallas Nelson steps up to help the magician.



Jacob Hamilton, age 14 of Ft. Dodge, is one of Larry Dunbar and Associates youngest magicians. Jacob amazed the younger crowd with wonderful tricks of slight of hand and other illusions. On the right above, Larry Dunbar took the floor for his magic act, frequently pulling volunteers from the audience. Mixing comedy with magic, Larry had everyone in the library on edge, even Glenda who was desperately trying to figure out at least one trick. Did you figure one out Glenda? *Laurens Sun*

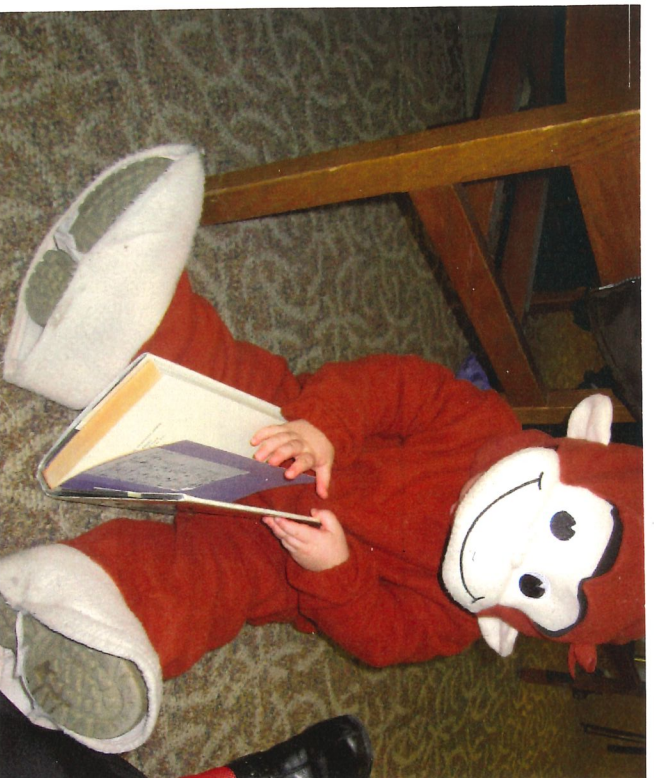


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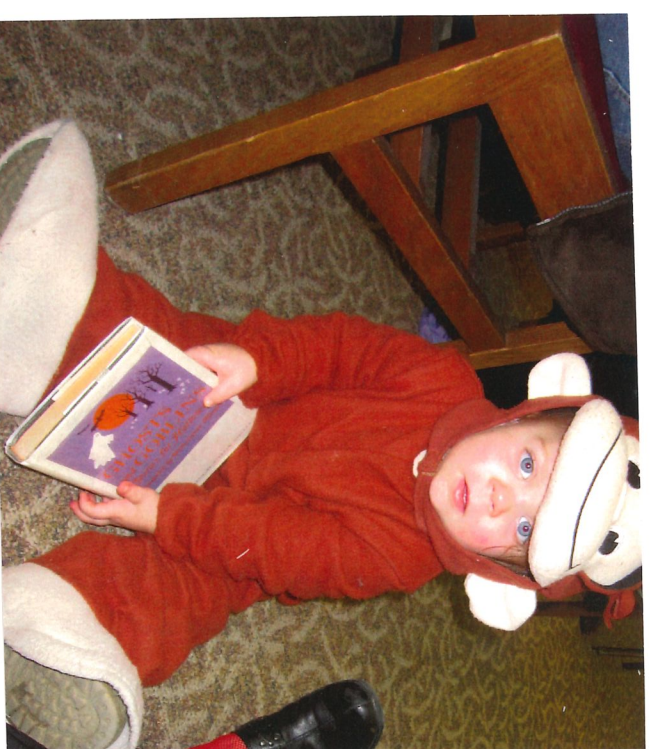
Halloween Magician

Dallas Nelson bravely risks life and limb - he holds an orange as Magician Larry Dunbar gets ready to throw the machete to slice it in half. The magician decided that throwing the knife in the library with approximately 120 people in it wasn't such a good idea. Dallas willingly handed over the orange, which Dunbar then cut in half to reveal the rest of Dallas' card.

Larry Dunbar & Company this year consisted of seven magicians and assistants from the Fort Dodge area. New tricks and illusions were mixed in with ones we've seen before and are still trying to figure out. This annual Halloween tradition was sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation with a gift in memory of Bob Braesch from family and friends.



Curious George is reading a book



Morgan Leith is Curious George with the book.



Magicians from Larry Dunbar and associates visited the Laurens Public Library Sunday evening for a night of magic and fun and performed to a full house.

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Laurens Sun

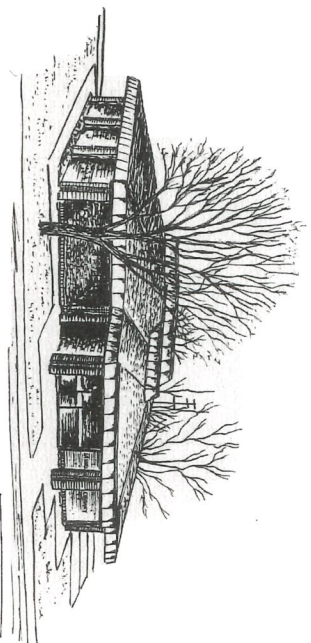
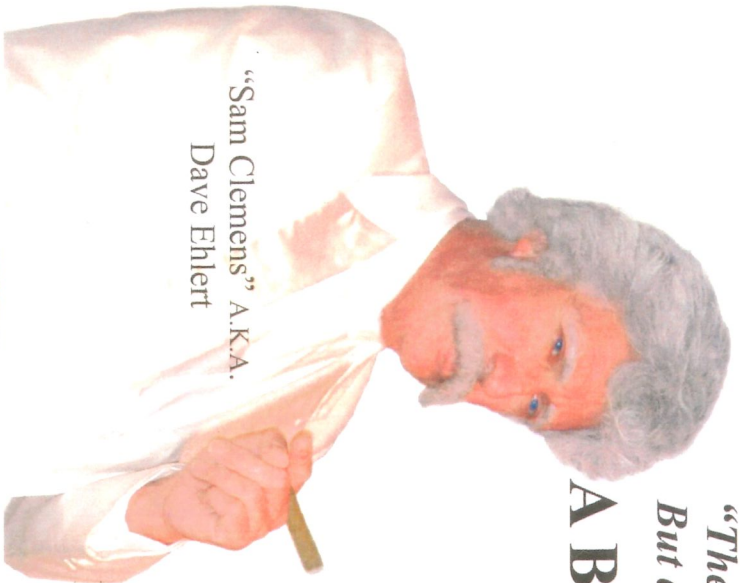


Mark Twain 100 years Later

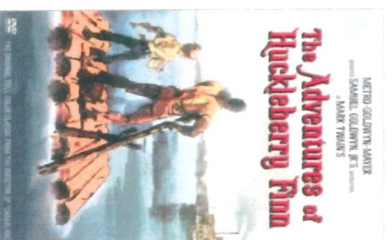
*"The only sure things are Death and Taxes...
But at least Death doesn't get worse every year!"*

A Branson, MO Favorite for years,

7 pm Monday, November 1st Laurens Public Library



Twain's Life Story wound around all his famous quotes with a strong emphasis on the importance of Literacy. *"One who can read but won't, has no Advantage over one who can't!"*



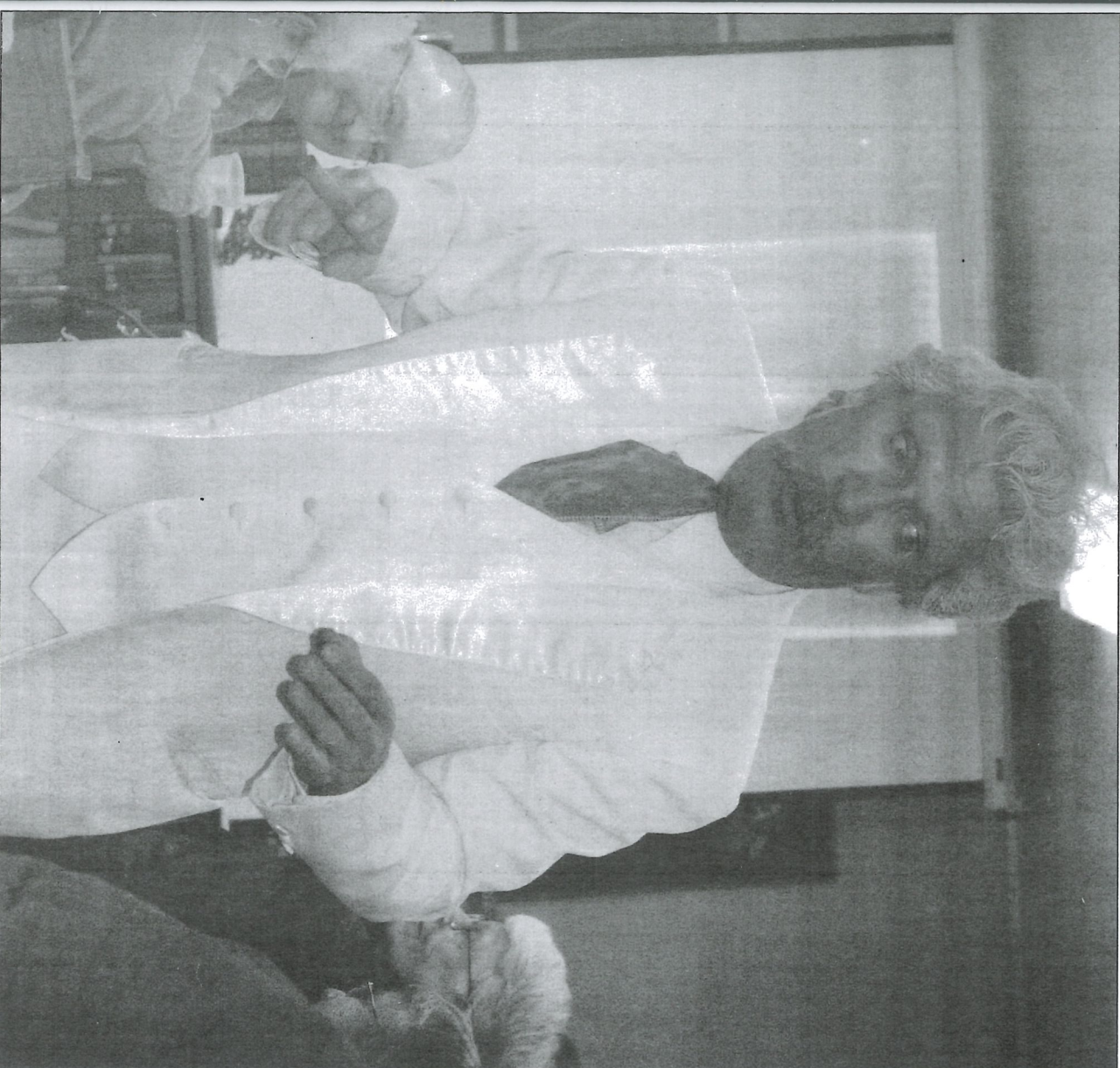
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Librarians Deb Hertz, Glenda Mulder + Nancy Walker posed with Mark Twain.

crowd at Laurens Public Library

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"Mark Twain, 100 Years Later" was the title of a special program hosted by the Laurens Public Library Foundation last week which entertained a full house of residents and enthusiasts Monday, November 1. Dave Ehler, who portrays Mark Twain, said he dedicates his performance to his father. Ehler and his crew travel the United States playing in libraries and other venues to packed audiences. Ehler said they have performed the comedy/biography show in over 30 states, but plans to take it to all 50 states.

"We just came from West Virginia, Kentucky and Maryland to the mid-west including Ohio, Illinois and Indiana," Ehler said. "We are heading continually west, the next stop is Nebraska, then Colorado, Texas, and into California."

Ehler brings the history and life of one of America's most profound writers to life, injecting the humor of Mark Twain into every performance. He began his performance career in a very different character, starting in 1967 as Elvis Presley.

It was the longest running "Elvis Tribute Show" in history, covering more than 33 states, as well as locations in Mexico, Canada and aboard cruise ships in international waters. His act also began to include other great performers throughout time, including Liberace, Willie Nelson, Conway Twitty, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Nat King Cole, Ray Charles, Hank Williams and many more.

However, in 2004 he was asked to perform Mark Twain when the previous Twain was unable to attend the performance. In one week Ehler gathered all his research and background information of Mark Twain and has been entertaining folks as Twain ever since.

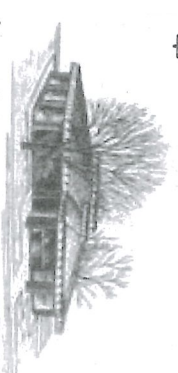
Ehler performs under a company out of Branson, MO called Branson Superstars. More information about his show and other shows the company performs can be found on their website: www.bransonsuperstars.com.



Judges for the Chili Cook-off were divided into two categories, traditional and hot and spicy. Left are hot and spicy judges Keith Hoffman, Doc VanGendern and his wife Kaye. Traditional judges were Mike Elm, Glenda Mulder and Ron Hersom.

Mark Twain Program Held

The patrons of the Laurens Public Library were invited to take a step back in time the first evening in November. Dave Ehler presented a hilarious portrayal of Samuel Clemens aka Mark Twain. Timeless humor and nostalgic images were featured throughout the show. We were invited to look at life through the eyes of Huck Finn as he floated down the Mississippi on a raft with Jim, an escaped slave. He told of the personal and private life of Mark Twain. He reminded us, "I don't exaggerate. I just remember big!" This program was sponsored by The Laurens Public Library Foundation.



At The Library:
with Glenda Mulder
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November 3, 2010

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Part D choices have you confused?

Information You Need to Help Choose a Medicare Part D Drug Plan

Barb Erickson from
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will be at the

Laurens Public Library
Wednesday
November 10
10 am

This program is open to everyone and is free of charge.

Sponsored by

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Personal appointment times after the program are now filled



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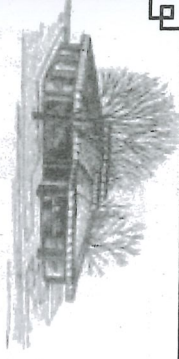
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Elderbridge to be at Library

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Actual enrollment in the drug plan is not until November 15 – December 31, however a lot of work and decision making can be done prior to the actual enrollment period. Plan to attend this FREE program at the Laurens Public Library on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 to gather the information you need to make an informed decision. Sponsored by the Laurens Public Library and Elderbridge Agency on Aging.



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Laurens, Ia

November 10, 2010

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I've had a new experience this school year. Mrs. Tate & Mrs. Weber asked me to talk about books to their 6, 7 & 8th graders once a month. I said, "Sure!"...then the more I thought about it, the less sure I was about it...I like my elementary age kids, but once they get taller than me, I wasn't so sure. But it has been really fun! November selections were mostly my "Read a Great Movie" books. It's great to see the kids light up as I read a description of a book and say they'd like to read it. This month a few of the kids told me about books (yes, plural - BOOKS!) I brought up last month that they had enjoyed reading. Now I am looking forward to it and already thinking of books to suggest next month. I guess middle schoolers aren't so scary after all! New fiction this week includes: *Edge* by Jeffery Deaver, *Rose in a Storm* by Jon Latz, *Christmas Spirit* by Joel Osteen, *Irish Country Courtship* by Patrick Taylor, *Hell's Corner* by David Baldacci and *I Still Dream about You* by Fannie Flagg. Nonfiction includes: *United Cakes of America* by Warren Brown, *Zero Regrets: Be Greater than Yesterday* by Apollo Ohno, *As Always, Julia* by Joan Reardon and *Love, Lust and Faking It* by Jenny McCarthy.

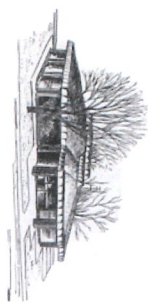
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Laurens Public Library Foundation is to encourage and receive gifts, endowments, and bequests to support the development of library services for the community. It was established as a non-profit corporation under Iowa law in 1992.

Current Foundation Project List

- Programs for Children and Adults
- 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

Recent Projects Funded by Laurens Public Library Foundation Proceeds

- Digitizing of "Laurens 100" & Newspapers - Accessible Online
- TV/DVD for Children's Area
- Digital Photo Frame for Circulation Desk
- Ceiling Mount Screen
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- Kids Summer Reading Program Supplies

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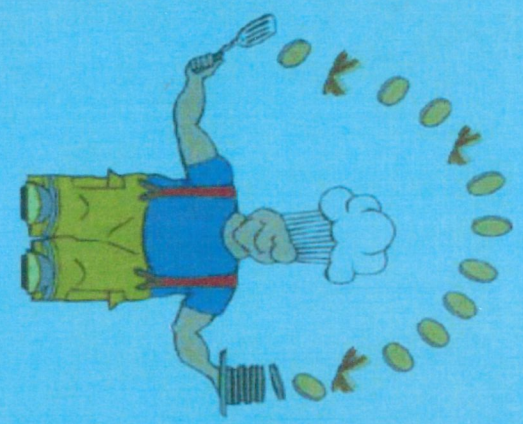
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A gift to the Foundation will not replace tax supported services; it compliments and enhances them.

The local Kiwanis will be flipping pancakes for us!



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Laurens Public Library Foundation Fundraiser PANCAKE SUPPER

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Kiwanis Ed Benz + Tim McKiernan serving pancakes.



Barlene Gerner, Dorothy Sandvig, Liz Anderson, Verlae Miel, Jan Carlson, + Jan Schultz talking after eating.



Look at the fun Mideast House pancake Riley Oxenider has!



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Cage Arends having fun @ the supper



Tami Oxenider helping her son Shawn with his pancake



Dorey + Emily Woakes + Megan Hart

Pancakes!

The Paper

The Laurens Public Library Foundation Pancake Supper was last Thursday evening. The Laurens Kiwanis served up pancakes for the hungry citizens. Money raised will go toward Foundation projects including the addition of downloadable e-books & audiobooks and upgrading the library computer operating system.



Cage Arends and Noah Anderson dig into their pancakes.



Riley Oxenreider gets ready to dig into the pancake the Kiwanis made just for her!

At the Library

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November 17, 2010

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THE INNOCENT

Please return
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Glenda reading stories



Grant Evans Dallas Nelson Trey DeWertz Hunter Cooper Kaydee Hansen
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Glenda reading turkey games

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November 24, 2010

Laura Hansen helping Alexis Davis +
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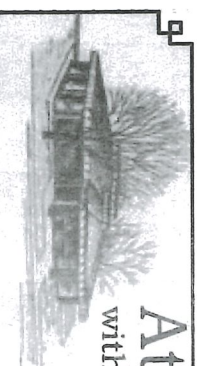
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November
Wacky Wednesday
November 24th
Theme: turkeys



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Alexis Davis, Anna Arnold
Hannah Hubbard pose in the
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Hailey Nissen with her turkey

Music for One Piano, Four Hands

Piano Duets at the Library!

The Paper December 1, 2010
David and Deb Liljedahl entertained the patrons of the Laurens Public Library with piano duets the Friday after Thanksgiving. They played a wide variety of selections starting with classical Spanish dance, to a couple rousing versions of Chopsticks, then on to a couple hymns with David playing saxophone, and ending with Christmas carols. What a fun way to kick off our Holiday Season!



Friday

November 26 2010

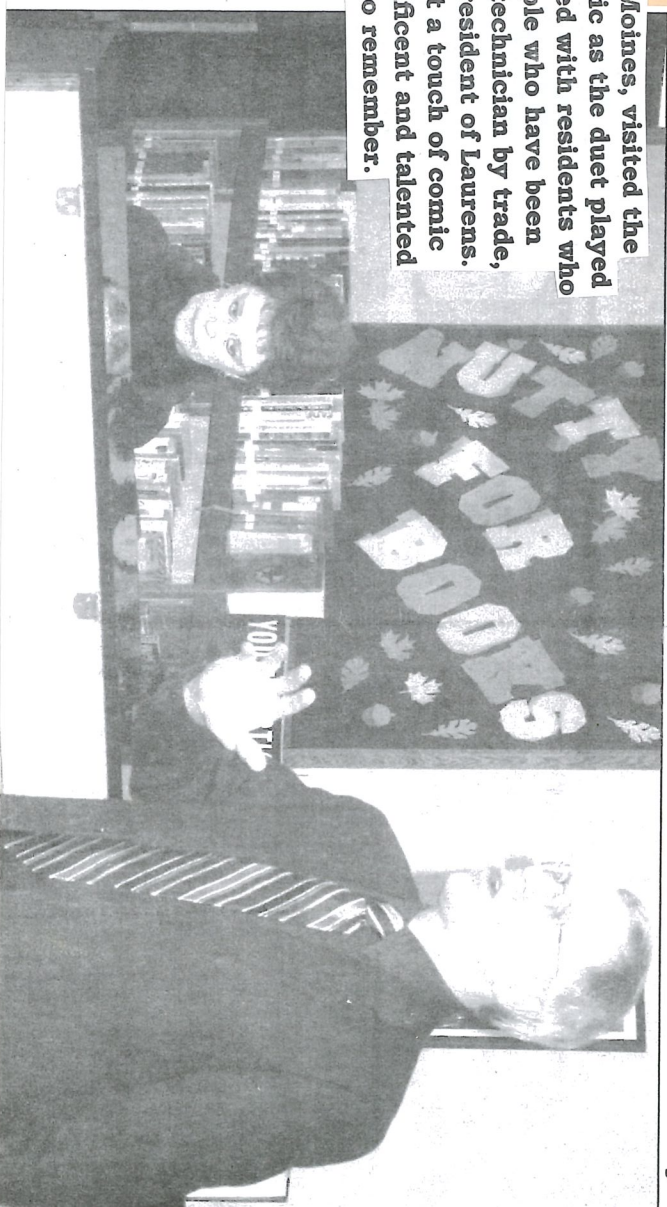
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Piano duet entertains full house crowd at library

Photo by Kevin Verzich December 1, 2010
Laurens Sun
David & Deb Liljedahl, formerly of Laurens, now living in Des Moines, visited the Laurens Public Library Friday evening for a night of beautiful music as the duet played songs from Spanish dances to Slavic classical. The library was filled with residents who came out to hear the beautiful piano music from the married couple who have been entertaining crowds of people all over the state. David is a piano technician by trade, but was once band director here in Laurens. Deb was a long time resident of Laurens. Being a married couple, the two mixed into their performance just a touch of comic relief as they showed their true love for each other and the magnificent and talented manner in which they play the piano side by side. It was a night to remember.

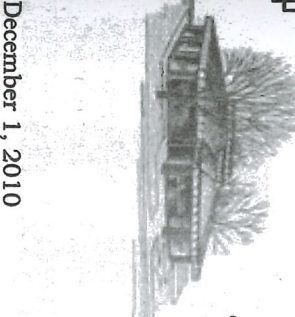


At the Library with Glenda Mulder December 1, 2010

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wrap the gifts. Stop in and let us help you get the most of the
holiday season.

Since December is such a busy month, our book club
selection is a short book – it is only 68 pages long. Even the
busiest among us should be able to fit that in! It's the Charles
Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol." I've heard the tale all
my life, seen many versions of the movie, now its time to read
the original! Plan to join us as we talk about this book at 7 pm
Monday, December 27th.

In nonfiction this week includes: *Post Mortuary* by Patricia Corn-
well, *Midnight Show Murders* by Al Roker, *The Athena Project*
by Brad Thor, *Dead or Alive* by Tom Clancy, *Rescue* by Anita
Shreve and *Skating Around the Law* by Joelle Charbonneau.
In nonfiction we received George W. Bush's memoir *Decision*
Points. We got a big box of DVDs including: *Toy Story 3*, *The*
Goonies, *The Last Airbender*, *Grown Ups*, *Charlie St. Cloud*,
Disney's *A Christmas Carol*, *The Chosen One*, *Ramona* and
Beenzus, *Knucklehead*, *16 Wishes*, *Dogs & Cats: The Revenge*
of *Kitty Galore*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Opposite Day*, *Scott*
Pilgrim vs. the World, and *Coma*.
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Christmas season, whether you
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Show Murders by Al
Roker, *The Athena*
Project by Brad Thor,
Dead or Alive by
Tom Clancy, *Rescue*
by Anita Shreve
and *Skating Around*
the Law by Joelle
Charbonneau.

In nonfiction
we received George
W. Bush's memoir

Decision Points. We got a big box
of DVDs including: *Toy Story 3*,
The Goonies, *The Last Airbender*,
Grown Ups, *Charlie St. Cloud*,
Disney's *A Christmas Carol*, *The*
Chosen One, *Ramona* and *Beenzus*,
Knucklehead, *16 Wishes*, *Dogs &*
Cats: The Revenge of Kitty Galore,
A Streetcar Named Desire, *Opposite*
Day, *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*,
and *Coma*.

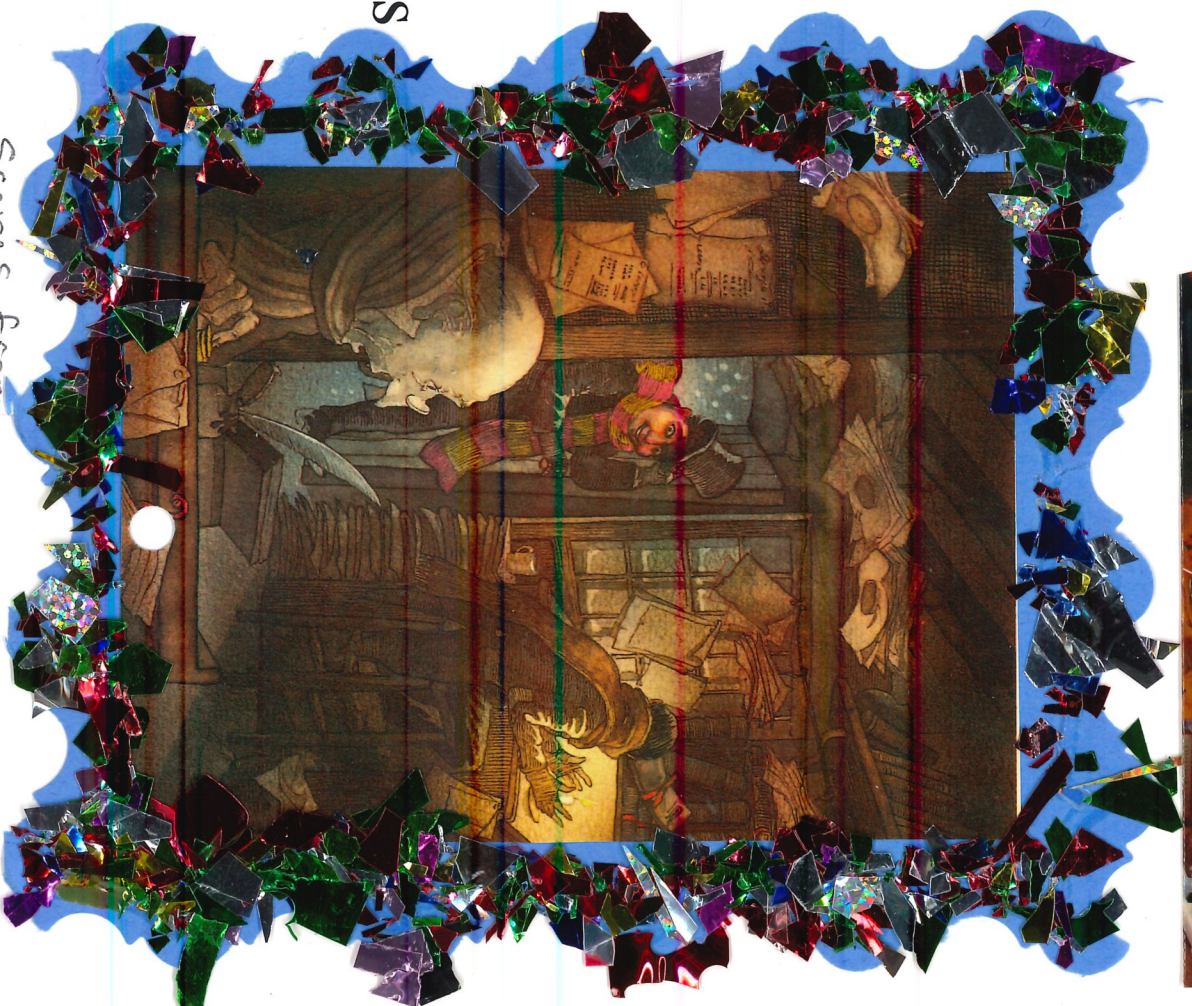
Stop at the Library &
Check it Out!

A Dickens of a Christmas



Book Club Tree

A Dickens of a Christmas Laurens Public Library Book Club



Scenes from



A tree representing
the Summer Reading
Program for 2010. Make
a Splash!

Make A Splash Laurens Public Library Summer Reading

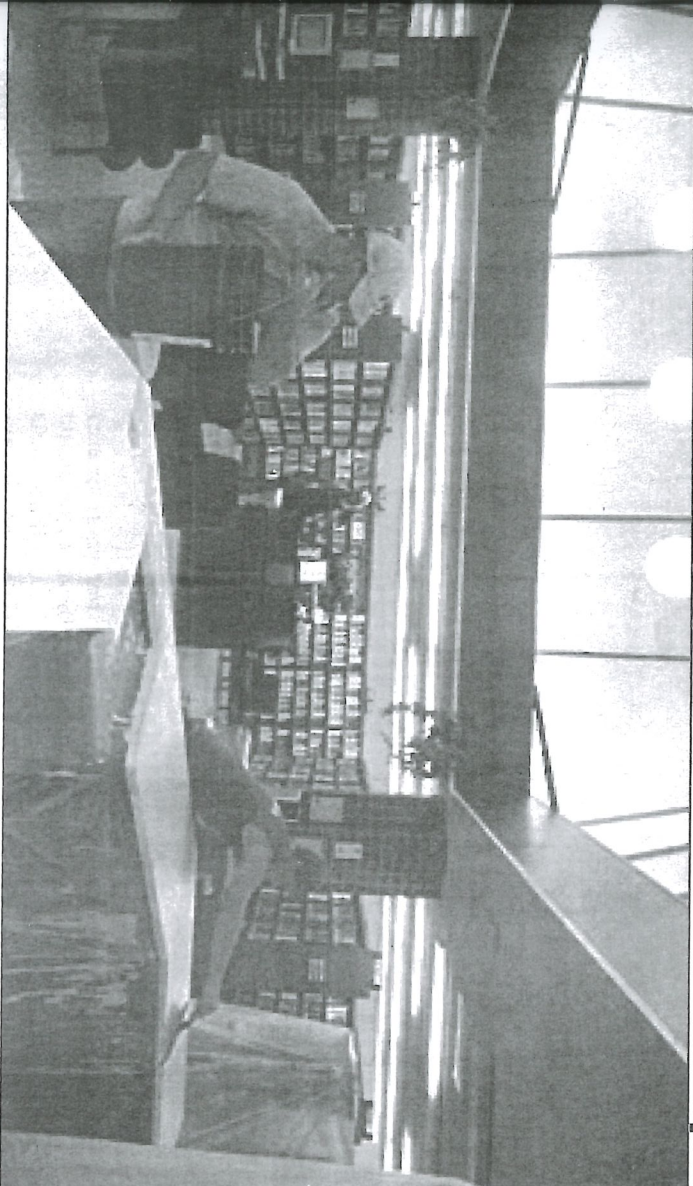


The library tree used all sorts of things we recycled for
the tree like CDs, magazines, packing materials

The New 3 R's Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Laurens Public Library



Laurens Public Library gets new countertops



By Glenda Mulder, Laurens Public Library Librarian

Rob & Andy from J & S Concrete Countertops applied two layers of a concrete mixture right over the existing formica countertops in the work room as well as at the circulation desk.

They found our work room doesn't have great air circulation so everything took much longer to dry in there! The guys wanted to be sure we liked it before they put the epoxy coat on – and let me tell you we approved!

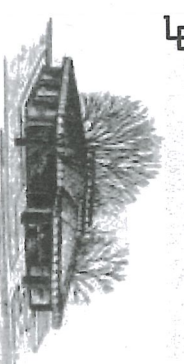
So, after that they put on a coat of epoxy and two coats of a urethane finish. I really wanted to touch them Monday, but kept my hands in my pockets so we wouldn't have a permanent imprint to remind me of my impatience!

J & S Concrete Countertops will be fabricating one more countertop to be installed on the wall between the work room & circulation desk – right where the pile of tools are in this picture. Won't that be great? We can never have too many horizontal surfaces, can we?

This was our make do circulation desk during the renovation. We were open as usual Thursday & Friday as they did the prep work and applied the concrete. We closed on Saturday because of the fumes involved in the epoxy process. We also got to use this lovely set-up on Monday because of the longer than expected drying times between processes.

But really, 3 days of inconvenience is such a small thing compared to the years of use and enjoyment we will all get from these countertops! Stop in and check them out for yourself!

Photo by Glenda Mulder
12-15-10 Laurens Sun



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At The Library!
with Glenda Mulder

December 8, 2010

Stop in to see the change at the library! Andy and Rob from J & S Concrete Countertops are here working as I write this. This is an interesting process to me. They overlay a couple layers of concrete on the existing countertops (this is what they are doing Friday morning as I write this.) Then the color and an epoxy finish are applied. This will give the counters at the circulation desk and in the back room a seamless finish and a much needed facelift. They promise to have us finished by Monday, so pop in and take a look.

If you know me at all, you know I like my daily routine (my husband calls it a rut, but what does he know?) So having the library torn up is a bit of a challenge to me. On the upside of it though, my desk is the tidiest thing in the office right now.... and you know that never happens!

We have a strange assortment of new books I want to tell you about this week. They are both nonfiction: America by Heart by Sarah Palin and Decision Points by George W. Bush. And just to balance things out, we got Barack Obama's children's book *Of Thee I Sing*: a letter to my daughters.

When you're at the Festival of Trees this year, look for three trees decorated by the library. First is the "Reduce, Re-use, Recycle" tree – its covered with decorations made from junk mail, shredded paper & CDs. There is also a tree celebrating our Summer Reading Program using mostly last year's theme "Make a Splash, READ!" but with a hint of things to come next summer when we celebrate, "One World, Many Stories." The last tree is "A Dickens of a Tree" because our book club selection this month is the Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol." Go visit the trees, read the book, and join us for our discussion at 7 pm Monday, December 27th.

Stop at the library and check it out!



Andy & Rob applying the concrete mixture to the countertops.



Making the rugged texture on the edges.



This is how the counter looked when we came up Saturday to check on the progress. What an amazing improvement already! The guys wanted to be sure we liked it before they put the epoxy coat on – and let me tell you – we approved!

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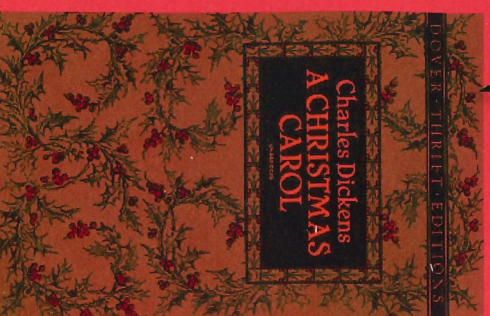
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RETURN YOUR

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@ 7:00 PM



Rob applying the coat of epoxy and two coats of a urethane finish.



Complete!! Looks Great!!



This is the finished product! Notice the seamless finish and rugged edges. J & S Concrete Countertops will be fabricating one more countertop to be installed on the wall between the work room & circulation desk – right where the pile of tools are in this picture. Won't that be great? We can never have too many horizontal surfaces, can we?



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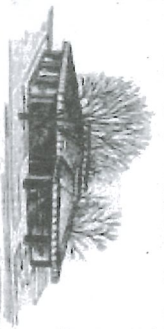
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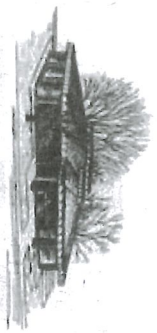
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Staff Christmas party in Spencer. Glenda Nancy Walker Janet Kuareberg Deb Hertz Mulder + Deb Hertz

L-M.H.S. and ICCG graduates Rob Struss and Andy Johnson and Glenda Mulder, librarian, display the new countertop at the Laurens Public Library!



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At the Library: with Glenda Mulder

December 22, 2010

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Librarian Glenda Mulder reading stories to the kids



Hannah Hubbell, Leo Wilson, Jodelyn Richardson, Brooke Bouska, all making Christmas Trees

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Delaney Elm, Chandler Todd, Tyr Wilson, Jodelyn Richardson + Sierra Brazel decorating bags for their trees



Delaney Elm, Sydney Harrold, Shaaron Oxenider + Jaquden Albarrat coloring Christmas trees

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Max Brown + Payton Koling making trees.



Sydney Harrold, Allyson Chanthavouth, Hannah Hubbell + Leo Watson coloring.



Librarian Deb Hertz + Laura Hansen helping the kids with the craft



Ethan Ruenneberg Kennedy Tate, Eli Koling Logan Davis working on crafts



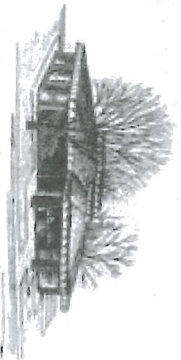
Delaney Ehn w/ her Christmas bag.



Riley Oxenider, Payton Koling + Ethan Ruenneberg

Laurens Public Library 2010 Top 10 Trivia

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Janet Runneberg
helping her
grandson Ethan
Runneberg on
the card catalog.



Janet Runneberg +
Cathy Jensen @
Glenda's house. We
are celebrating
Janet's retirement.



Glenda Muller, Deb Hertz, Cathy
Jensen + Janet Runneberg missing
Nancy Walker.



Janet Runneberg as she
locks the library door
for the last time. Janet
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