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At the Library

with Glenda Mulder

January 5, 2011

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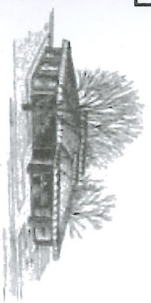
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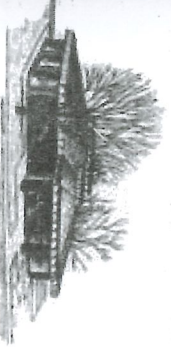
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WOO HOO! It's finally here! Our much anticipated library catalog is now online and searchable from you have an Internet connection! This software is one of the major projects funded by Laurens Public Foundation Fall Fundraiser. Congratulations to Jerry for letting me know she liked them – she discovered less than an hour after I put them up! I put the link the library website – on the side link bar & on the & What's New Page – just go to www.laurenspublic and check it out! So, when you're wondering if there's a certain book or movie or if it is currently available, just a click away. It can be searched by Keyword, Subject or Series. I will be doing a bit of personalization the basic format will remain the same. But please still call the library any time if you prefer to do it! Remember to sign up for the beginning Genealogy that will start February 1 at 6:30 pm. This is for those who really know nothing about genealogy or their family history! Join us and see if we can help you find some in your closet!

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Glenda Mulder, Laurens Public Librarian, presents a puppet show to area children, one of many programs that receives funds from the Pocahontas County Foundation.

Pocahontas County Foundation presents grant awards totalling over \$81,000 for projects in education and the betterment of the county

By Chris Vrba

The Pocahontas County Foundation will take another large step towards improving the quality of life for area residents and communities next week, as it prepares to present its annual grant awards. This year, 22 grants will be awarded, totaling just over \$81,000 - all of which will be used on projects that focus on education and betterment for county.

"Our mission is philanthropy," commented foundation and Pocahontas Economic Development Commission president Roly Svoboda. "It's been a great thing to be a part of."

Since its first set of awards in 2006, the foundation has awarded over \$340,000 non-profit organizations in the county. The foundation was established in 2005 by legislative act as a venue to distribute state gaming proceeds to localities without a casino or other source of direct gambling revenue. More importantly, Pocahontas County sees a greater share of proceeds per capita from games of chance, as the total amount of annual awards is divided up evenly amongst all counties without gaming houses.

In the past, the foundation has given out awards that have topped the \$10,000 as well as having shown bits of benevolence, sponsoring smaller awards, sometimes totaling as little as \$400. Regardless of size, all of the funds doled out have gone a long way to helping out the people of the county. More importantly, the foundation strives to spread the money around - every city has received at least one award - and the group tries to give money to each community each year. Of course, that means each town or a qualifying group from each town must apply each year.

COUNTY LIBRARIES HAVE BEEN primary beneficiaries of the foundation's funds. Svoboda pointed to awards at the Plover Library that have led to improved access for the town's residents, many of whom are elderly. He explained that one award allowed the library to install a motorized chair that traverses up and down the stairs. The library is located in the basement of an old church, and patrons must navigate a flight of stairs to get to it.

"A lot of people really enjoyed being able to use the library," he remarked.

Glenda Mulder, director of the Laurens Public Library, explained the importance of the awards her facility has been awarded in the past. Several of the grants have helped expand access for patrons, as past awards have helped to purchase two computers and multimedia projector. Mulder remarked that the projector has proven popular, as many people and organizations borrow the device for use at meetings, gatherings, and other events. She also

additional four patron computers.

Mulder further explained that many of the items the Laurens library has purchased with its grants are items that the facility otherwise would not have been able to attain.

"They're projects that are kind of like the frosting on the cake," she mused. "They're things that normally don't fit on the budget line."

A PERFECT EXAMPLE WOULD be the puppet theater purchased for town's children several years ago. Mulder commented that the puppets and set have been quite popular with the kids and, more importantly, have sparked creativity, among the young ones.

She fondly recalled how oftentimes boys and girls will be inspired by a book and come up with a full-blown puppet performance. Seated on the Dewey decimal rug, another grant purchase, the kids will then put on quite a show for their folks and anyone else within eyeshot.

"It lets the kids use their imaginations. They'll get a book, get the puppets out and do it for their parents. It's been a lot of fun!"

At the Fonda Public Library, director Carla Pristick, echoed Mulder's sentiments. Over the years, the facility has used its funds to purchase a new computer table, which allowed the library's two computers to be placed in the same area.

Other awards have been used to upgrade its video collection to DVD, as well as purchase new shelving to house its expanded collection. Another award was used to create an online card catalog, which Pristick said has helped many people find a book or video before having to come to the library.

The online catalog "makes it a lot handier for everyone," she commented. "People are very appreciative of the service."

In a truly altruistic act that captures the spirit of community betterment so perfectly, the Fonda Library declined to apply for an award this year, because it had no immediate needs. The board decided that it'd be better to have the award money go towards another group with pressing projects. In a letter to the Pocahontas County Foundation, Pistick explained the reasoning:

"We decided that our library is not in great need of anything at this time, largely due to your generosity in awarding grants...so we will not be applying this time to allow others a better chance to receive needed funding. The Board of Trustees asked me to send a letter to let you know this and how greatly we appreciate your help in funding library projects."

FOUNDATION TREASURER NANCY JENSON explained that a primary focus is to encourage

focus. On multiple occasions, the foundation has supported an "Arts in the Schools" project, which brought playwrights and authors to PAC and Laurens-Marathon for May Term classes. In one example, students wrote, directed, and performed an original play, which focused on the problems of bullying and sexual assault. The program was co-sponsored by D/SAOC.

The foundation, along with several local service groups, brought touring music group Tonic Sol Fa to the Riatio Theatre, another foundation beneficiary. All students were given free admission, and the group also gave a mini-concert at PAC for any students who could not attend the main event. The foundation also contributed to the cost of a Buena Vista University film documenting the Fonda Museum.

The screening played to a packed house at the Fonda Arts Center this past summer. In fact, turnout was so large that the film had to be played twice. The PAC has also received a large share of support from the foundation. Svoboda commented on the importance of helping establish such projects, reasoning that such places that bring people together help improve the collective community psyche.

Places like the Fonda Arts Center "give the community something to be proud of," he concluded.

FOUNDATION HAS ALSO provided assistance for a litany of projects that are truly lifesaving. The group has largely helped fund a rather unique project in Varna. Because many of the town's firefighters reside in the county, it was inefficient for members to drive to town, change into gear, and then head back out to the county to respond to an emergency call. Members came up with a creative solution - converting an old MIDAS bus to mobile storage unit. The bus contains all of the equipment firefighters need. Instead of coming to Varna, firefighters head directly to the scene, minimizing response time, which is worth more than gold during an emergency.

The foundation has also assisted with purchasing new interior furnishings for the Fonda fire station as well as safety vests for the Gilmore City fire department.

Foundation funds have also played a role in helping area residents recuperate following a traumatic health event. The Pocahontas County Health Department routinely uses foundation awards to supply its loan closet. Some of the recent purchases have included wheelchairs and four-pronged canes.

"Those things are just as important to those agencies and the clients they serve as some of the more expensive projects," explained Jensen

the PAC and L-M schools last year. The foundation targeted funds that would go to projects at each school and initiated a student-driven process for allocating the monies. Each class elected representatives, which helped determine how the grant money would be spent. The panel would then discuss the relative merits of each project, took a tiered vote and ultimately worked together to come to a solution that would benefit all of the students.

PAC used their award to help pay for the new video display sign along Highway 3. L-M students spread the money around, funding a new bench in front of the building, stage lights, microphones and other equipment in the auditorium, archery equipment for the physical education department and a TV and DVDs for the weightroom.

"It was a nice learning process that taught the students leadership and how to write a grant," Jensen concluded.

MOVING FORWARD, SVOBODA ACKNOWLEDGED that there are many other worthy county projects that go above and beyond the ability of the foundation's limited gambling revenues.

"We have ideas on how we can help our county," he said, adding, "If we want to make Pocahontas County a better place to live, we're going to need more money to distribute."

He explained that the Pocahontas County Foundation also accepts private donations. With an unprecedented transfer of wealth set to occur one the next couple of decades as Baby Boomers continue to grow longer in the tooth, the opportunity to lifelong residents to have an appreciable impact on their neighbors is manifest.

"It's investing in Pocahontas County. It's a direct benefit to Pocahontas County," Svoboda said.

Moreover, any person who chooses to leave a gift with the county foundation can specifically direct how their gift is applied. If they want to see it go towards the schools, the foundation will earmark those funds to a school or schools of their choice. Likewise for any other type of program a person wishes to support with their generosity.

"What better legacy for someone to have than to leave their money with the foundation and let us better the county on your behalf?" he rhetorically asked.

The Pocahontas County Foundation will host its award ceremony on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Riatio Theatre in Pocahontas. The ceremony will take place immediately following the keynote address of Iowa's Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey. The event is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Attendance is free, and food and refreshments will be provided.

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How cool is that? We naturally
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differences have been nothing but
positive. Thanks for your patience
with us during this transition period.
Brrr! It's a great time to curl up
with a good book and a nice soft
blanket. New books to keep you
warm this week include: *Emperor's*

Tomb by Steve Berry, *Lake of Dreams*
by Kim Edwards, *Left Neglected* by
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going to the finish line



Alaya Arends getting ready
with help from Sierra Brazel
& Megan Hertz



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Courtney Post & Shaanon
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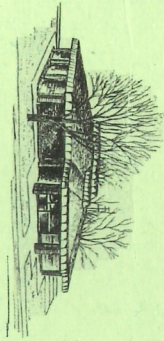
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Michelle Anderson, Kallyn Stumbo, Delaney Elm, Max Braun
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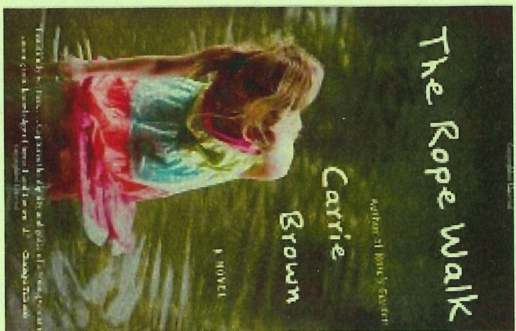
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VISION OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY'S PRESENT AND FUTURE

Ag. Secretary Northey talks of rural opportunity

By Chris Vrha **Laurens Sun**
Coming less than 24 hours following a State of Union Address in which President Obama urged the nation that we have collectively reached another Sputnik moment, it was only appropriate that the Pocahontas County Economic Development Commission took up the topic of job creation and economic growth in northwest Iowa at a public event at the Rialto Theatre Jan. 26.
The previous evening the President outlined a series of goals that put rural Iowa at the epicenter of 21st century American prosperity. A doubling of exports in two years, one million new electric cars on the roads in three, and 80 percent of fuel from domestic sources by 2035 – all of those lofty, but achievable goals screen Iowa, Iowa, Iowa.
Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey was on hand to deliver a keynote address that laid out possible ways in which agriculture and rural Iowa can assist with the President's grand question: "How can we win the future?"
"It starts with local communities working and caring for the future," Northey offered.

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HE EXPLAINED THE ESSENTIAL role agriculture plays in state's economy as well as for the people of the United States and world. He alluded to the aspirations of the area's early European settlers before diving into almost hard-to-fathom ag economy.
"When they came across the river and saw that tall prairie grass they said 'We have to start growing crops.'" Northey remarked.

Foundation awards over \$801

By Chris Vrha **Laurens Sun**
The future of Pocahontas County looks a little brighter as the Pocahontas County Foundation presented over \$80,000 to various projects focused on quality of life or education improvements in the immediate area. A crowd of about 70 gathered at the Rialto Theatre in Pocahontas Jan. 26 to participate in the awards ceremony.
With over \$240,000 worth of project applications, the foundation did its best to identify projects that would be immediately beneficial or go towards long-term



Pocahontas Supervisors consider a proposed ordinance to ban weapons in Courthouse

By Chris Vrha **Laurens Sun**

A proposed ordinance that would ban weapons in the courthouse was considered at the just recent meeting of the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors Jan. 25.

At the board's previous meeting sheriff Bob Lampe presented draft version of the ordinance which would impose nominal penalties and potential jail time on any person that would bring a weapon into the courthouse.

The new rule is similar to ones already drafted by many other municipal and county governments throughout Iowa. Recent easing of firearms restrictions have led many governments to examine possible ways to ensure the safety of their buildings, especially where law enforcement and court rooms are located.

State legislators, especially the House of Representatives, have put forward a series of bills that continue to remove restrictions on citizens obtaining and carrying firearms. One piece of proposed legislation currently before the House Public Safety Committee would deny all governments from adopting rules that add restrictions to firearms. Another bill would do away entirely with firearm penalties, which have traditionally been in the purview of local law enforcement.

In the past, Lampe has expressed reticence removing weapons permit restrictions, citing that local law enforcement officers have a better feel for individuals more likely to pose an increased risk to public safety. Current permit changes that took effect Jan. 1 drastically limit the sheriff's ability to deny firearm requests.

Both Lampe and county attorney Anne Beneke, who drafted the proposed ordinance, have expressed their support for its adoption.

THE SUPERVISORS AGREED WITH the intent of the ordinance, but said the definition of "county building" was questionable; as they were concerned it could pertain to county parks and other hunting areas. They believed the focus of the ordinance should pertain to the inside of the courthouse only.

Citing the presence of a jail and courtrooms with active trials on site, supervisor Louis Stauffer said it is important the board consider the ordinance's adoption.

"It's very important that we do something. We want to do it right."

County assessor Brian DeWall was in attendance. He explained that given the recent tenor of discourse and expanded access to weapons, there is increasing safety concern among many courthouse employees. He felt adding emergency buttons, which are located in each of the courthouse's offices, could help protect workers in addition to the ordinance's adoption.

"We've all had it happen where

people have come in irate."

The board moved to table the ordinance, citing the need to clarify its definition of county building.

"If we want to pass something, we want to pass something that fits our needs," concluded county auditor Margene Bunda.

LIBRARIANS FROM ALL OVER the county presented their annual reports to the board. Circulations throughout the town libraries increased in 2010, remarked Pocahontas library director Lola DeWall.

"We provide a lot of services to the communities."

Each librarian in attendance provided highlights.

"We're a little library, but a well-used library," remarked Palmer's Sally Butcher. She explained the success of the adult reading program. Attendees met weekly, and have contributed to improvements, such as purchasing new curtains. She also said that book delivery is available. "If you can't make it to the library, I will deliver."

Fonda's Carla Pistick said the addition of DVDs and a similar monthly adult book discussion have proven popular with patrons. He added that the Harvest Celebration was well attended and that the library will have downloadable audio books soon.

Glenda Mulder of Laurens was proud to announce that all editions of the Laurens Sun as well as the library's card catalog have been digitized and are now

available online. She added that the monthly brown bag lunch program for elementary students have been a great success. She remarked upon the uptick in circulation, saying it was amazing that over 44,000 items were checked out in a town of only 1,400 people.

Penny Tilden of Rolle touched upon continued community support. She said the Friends of the Rolle Library group had been busy organizing activities for the library and adjacent community center. She highlighted the recent holiday celebration that featured a "kids-only" gift mail in the library. "They are wonderful people."

Plover's Darla Johnson commented upon the success of the after school gaming sessions and summer reading program, which draws in rural youth. She also said she's had several recent requests from former Plover High School students who wish to use the library's collection of school trophies, annuals, and other memorabilia for class reunions. "That has been a big plus for remembering little old Plover."

In other news, the board of supervisors unanimously approved the earlier recommendation of no increase in the salaries of elected county officials. The Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors regularly meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom of the courthouse.

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The future of Pocahontas County looks a little brighter as the Pocahontas County Foundation presented over \$80,000 to various projects focused on quality of life or education improvements in the immediate area. A crowd of about 70 gathered at the Rialto Theatre in Pocahontas Jan. 26 to participate in the awards ceremony.

With over \$240,000 worth of project applications, the foundation did its best to identify projects that would be immediately beneficial or go towards long-term projects that could be furthered within the year. The foundation strives to spread the wealth to all towns, but this year, not every community had an applicant. A total of 22 grants were awarded to nonprofit and municipal groups wishing to do work focusing on community betterment.

Though the size of the awards ranged from as large as \$15,000 to as little as \$405.62, it is not to be taken for granted that all will better the lives of the people of Pocahontas County in their own ways.

THE CITY OF PALMER was the biggest beneficiary of the foundation's benevolence. Its award of \$15,000 will be used to convert the Palmer school building to a fire station and city hall. Accepting the grant was Dennis Hallberg, who expressed his deep appreciation to the foundation, noting the grant would help accomplish the goal of replacing city hall's "cramped quarters" and the "antiquated fire station." The renovation is estimated to run about \$53,000. The city has also received \$26,500 of matching aid.

Capturing the spirit of the foundation's efforts, Hallberg concluded by saying, "Iowa, Pocahontas County, Palmer. That's my home!" to a large round of applause.

The Laurens Parks and Recreation Board was the recipient of a \$10,000 grant to help with

the construction of an \$83,000 Memorial Lane Park located in the heart of the city's retail district. To help fund the project, commemorative bricks are being sold.

Tyran Jolliffe said he was "very appreciative," of the support. He added that the park has been of great interest to many residents. "It really seems to have captured the heart and soul of the Laurens community."

TWO FONDA GRANTS GO directly towards quality of life and education. Character Counts! will now be the town's mantra. The city received an award of \$4,500 to purchase materials and provide training for the comprehensive character education program.

Phyllis Wenke explained the program would work with area youth to teach about the importance of good character and as a way to engage with the community. She also extended an invitation to the other county towns to participate.

"The program we're doing would not happen without your funding," Wenke said as she accepted the foundation gift.

The Fonda Arts Center will use their \$845 award to install a permanent wooden sign in front of the repurposed church. Currently, there is no easily visible sign guiding visitors from both near and far to the center. It will also list upcoming events, which director Anne Reiff said were frequently filling the city's sign.

The Rolle Enrichment group received \$3,060 to help construct a gate for the newly established Heritage Park. A group of local residents have diligently worked to make the park a Thursday evening hotspot during seasonable months, as a large crowd gathers for the weekly farmers' market. Renovation of the downtown lot is part of a larger, locally-driven town beautification project.

A SMALLER AWARD FOR a Pocahontas project will touch the lives of virtually every grade-schooler in the county. The Poca-

hontas spring soccer program received \$686 to improve the "Snack Shack" located on the soccer field grounds. The program is an unmitigated success – drawing over 600 young players from every town in the county as well as a few neighboring towns too.

"The equivalent of Pocahontas comes to Pocahontas every Saturday we place soccer," explained Jeff Smith. And, of course, with all of the pint-size traffic in town, so too come the requisite caravan of soccer moms, dads, grandparents, and many others. The added visitors get gas or groceries, grab a bite to eat, run errands and shop. Smith added that many businesses have commented that their sales spike when spring Saturday soccer is kicking.

Another grant went to, perhaps, the noblest project of all. Nearly \$4,200 was presented to Pocahontas Congregate Meals for new kitchen equipment, including a steamer that will help prepare more nutritious meals for its patrons. Clint Fogde remarked that last year, over 10,000 meals were served in Pocahontas, half of which were delivered to homebound residents. He noted that Congregate Meals relies upon donations for a quarter of its operations. Though it caters to a primarily experienced clientele, Fogde said, anyone who wishes to have a meal will be served. And nobody will be turned down for lack of offering.

The foundation receives the majority of its funds from statewide gambling revenue. However, private contributions are accepted and encouraged. Gifts can be made to the foundation's general endowment or they can be directed towards specific uses, such as art or education. With nearly two-thirds of project applications unable to find funding, it appears there's ample opportunity for area residents help better the quality of life enjoyed by so many in Pocahontas County.



PCF grants winners from Laurens from left: Dwight Van Genderen, Tjeran Jolliffe, Glenda Mulder, Michelle Sandvig, Jillian Krieg, Connie Dallenbach, Peggy Milton, and Grace Hertz.

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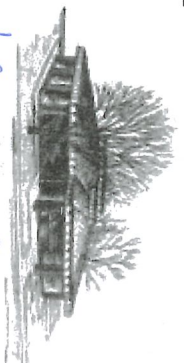
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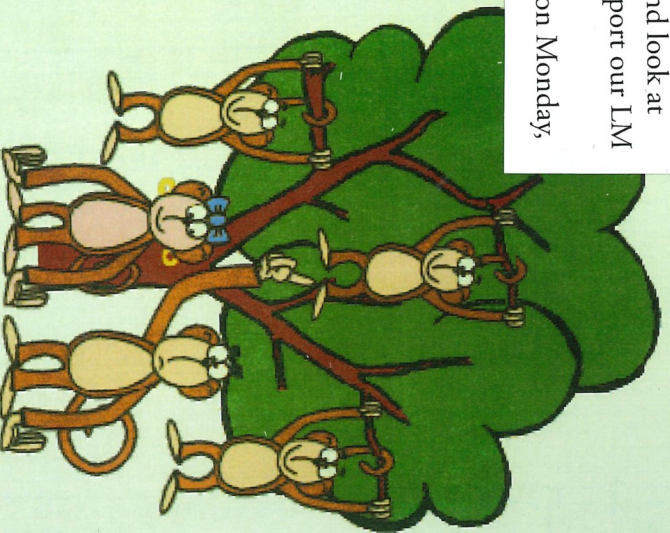
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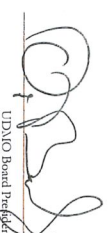
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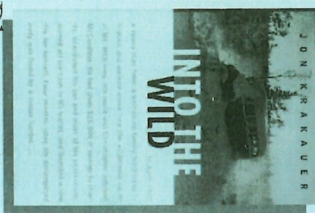
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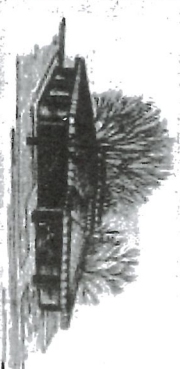


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Showing off our cheeseball faces.

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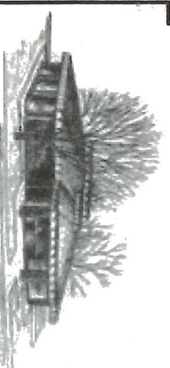
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nonfiction collection and is now on the best seller list. New DVDs include:

Temple Grandin, *Beverly Hills Chihuahua II*, *Unstoppable* and *You Again*. Also in DVDs, Bill & Julie Wurr donated *Megamind* in memory of Bob Braesch and *Get Low* in memory of Gloria Newell.

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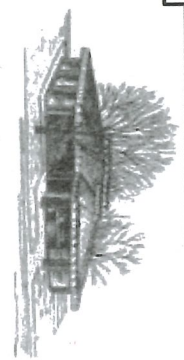
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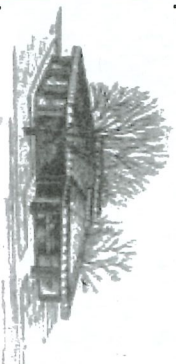
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Hailey Brazel, Elizabeth Runnberg, Riley Oxenider, Jordan Saunders + Kaitlin Schuber ~ ~~Acting~~ Acting Spring poem



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Cousins Hailey + Sierra Brazel making flower wreaths

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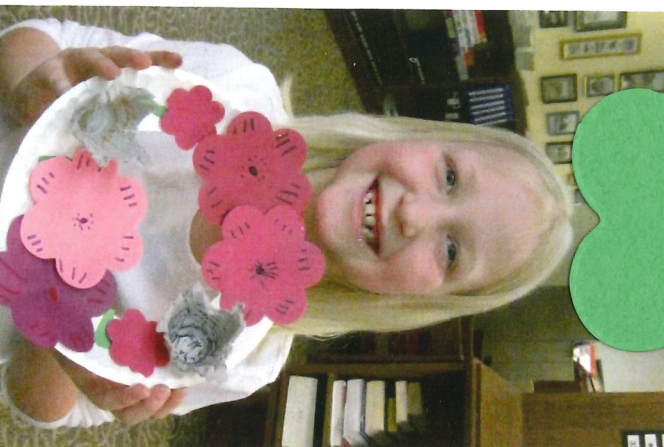
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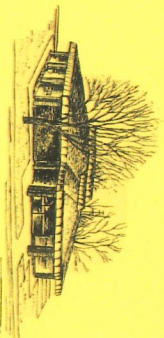


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Monday's town meeting in Laurens was the third stop of the day for Grassley, who will be holding 19 town hall meetings in all in the coming days.

Grassley started the meeting by letting everyone know that they could go to his website and look up his voting record while in the Senate, along with transcripts of speeches he's done while in Washington, D.C.

The first question came from a retired citizen of Laurens, who spoke of "political pork," which Grassley gently rephrased as "earnmarks."

The retired veteran told his story of being promised a pension and 100% medical coverage for the rest of his life because of his military service.

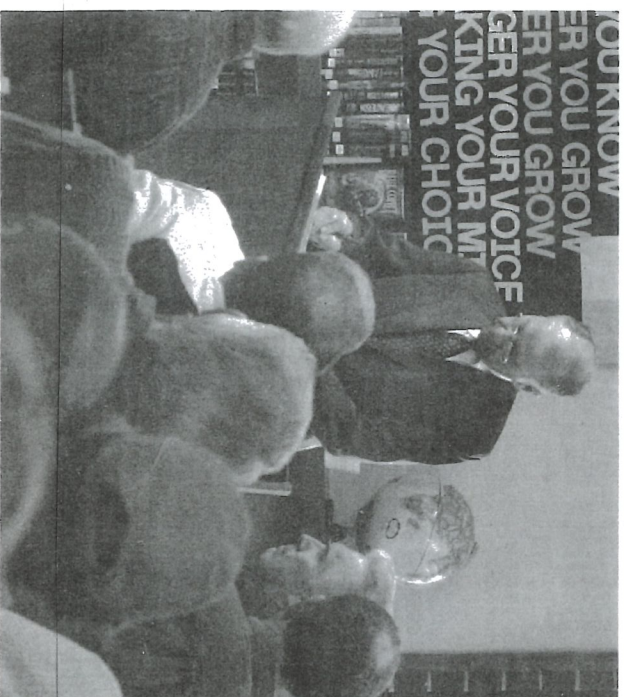
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The man said that the only type of pork he can afford right now is pork flavored Ramen noodles, as he pulled a package of them out of his coat pocket.

"Out of the \$32.00 that my taxes went up, I don't want a dime of it going to parties that waste money. I'd ask you to take this package of Ramen to the President if he needs pork so badly, but frankly, I don't want to share my dinner with him," the man stated.

The Senator said that Congress, both Republican and Democratic caucuses are not going to put any money toward "earnmarks" from now on in their appropriation bills.



Sen. Chuck Grassley at Laurens Public Library

Other questions were asked about the EPA and clean air acts. Grassley stated that regulations passed 20 years ago, called the "Fugitive Dust" ruling, is kind of crazy because in the bill, it states that in general, farmers and others whose work stirs up dust must keep that dust on their own property.

Several questions were asked concerning the recent tragedy in Japan, especially the fact that their nuclear plants were now posing a danger. Citizens wondered about the nuclear plants in this county, especially those in and very close to Iowa.

Grassley also addressed "CO2" aka carbon dioxide. The EPA has laws about how much CO2 that businesses are allowed to emit. However, Grassley stated that China emits more than the United States does. He believes that there needs to be a world-wide agreement about what a safe and acceptable level of CO2 emissions would be.

Citizens asked questions about health insurance rates going. Grassley stated that it was one year ago today that President

Obama's Insurance bill was signed into law. However, he said that as of yet, those issues that the President's bill covered hadn't come to fruition.

Laurens-Marathon School Superintendent Iner Joelson asked about "no child left behind" and wondered how Grassley felt about allowing local schools to have more control over the curriculum and other standards in schools, as opposed to allowing the state to regulate all Iowa school districts. Grassley said there is a bill coming up that would allow states to govern their own schools. The school could either follow the Federal guidelines or adopt their own state guidelines. Either way, the schools would be in compliance with the law.

Grassley believes that we need coal to continue to produce energy. "Look forward, keep asking questions, but if you don't have nuclear, you need to do something. Japan builds a new coal plant every week. We haven't built a new one in ages."

Grassley stated that the President is now willing to give state's more lee-way in regulating their

own health care programs. Another citizen, an insurance dealer, asked about the fact that the insurance rates for people are doubling quite quickly, within 3 to 4 years.

The man stated that the average rate increase in insurance was around 10% to 11%.

A business man from Pocahontas stated to Grassley that he was trying to bring new businesses to Pocahontas County, but the gas company there is unable to provide the needed supply that the new business would need.

The citizen stated that he is worried that situations like this are the main reason that the areas and surrounding counties are not seeing very much economic growth.

Grassley directed his staff member who was on site to get the gentleman's name and number, and to also give the citizen the name and telephone number of the Senator's economic aide who would like to speak to the gentleman about the economic and business situation.

Another local citizen quoted a television show that he had watched as saying that 80% of businesses don't pay taxes, such as GM. Grassley corrected the man, stating that big companies like GM may not pay taxes every single year, however, they do pay the taxes eventually.

Grassley said that as for other business, mainly small businesses, that try to get away with not paying taxes, the law and the Government will eventually catch up with those places and they will be required to pay the back taxes.

Several other citizens and residents of Pocahontas County asked varied questions, and many people at the meeting personally thanked the Senator for coming to town and talking to them.

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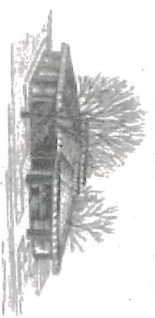
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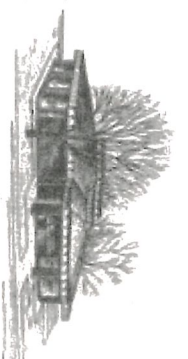
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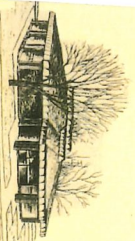
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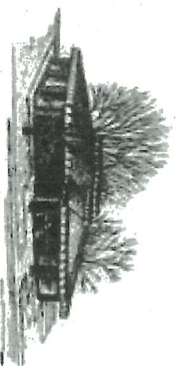
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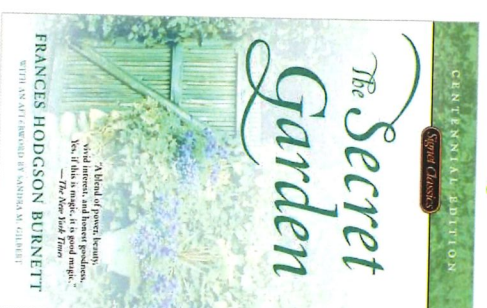


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Max Brown flinging boxer
Shorts at the box



The books read for Wacky Wednesday + box for boxer fling



Kids listen as Head Librarian Glenda Mudder reads 'under pants' stories



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Craft time: made underwear



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And that brings me to my all time favorite:

Glenda has read all the books in the Library. This seems to be a popular one with the kids. I do confess a true love of children's books, so I have read quite a few of those. Unfortunately there just aren't enough hours in my day to read or watch all 26,486 of the things in our collection....and that's not even considering the average of 100 new items that come in every month!

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Laurens Sun ~ May 18, 2011
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Tim Leith got involved. What a great sport!

Kids are really enjoying Dan.



Boy are the kids enjoying their time with Dan.

Look at all the kids who came to see Dan Wardell.



Looks like we are all having fun moving around to Dan's stories.



Jadelyn Richardson is waiting to get Dan's autograph.



London Kennedy Tale with Dan

Kennedy Tale in the back & Morgan Leith in front.

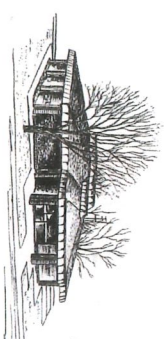
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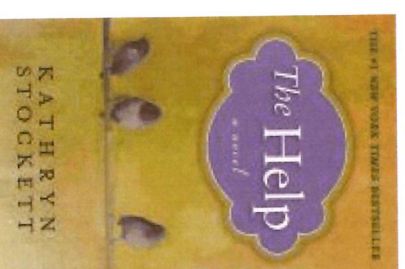
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Thank you so much for volunteering
your time to read to us and
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We appreciate everything you've
done for us and can't wait to see
you again next year!!

Mrs. Roewe's Class

Coming to the Laurens Public Library

May 25, 2011

The Paper

Traces Bus-eum is pulling into the Library on Wednesday, June 8th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The exhibit is entitled "Held on the Homefront." This is a traveling exhibit on the German POWs in the U.S. from 1943-46.

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Were German POWs generally treated well or poorly while held captive in the United States? How has the treatment accorded to enemy POWs during the Second World War impacted the standing of the United States both in Europe and in the world at large? In which contexts and settings did German POWs encounter Americans? Were those encounters generally positive or negative? For which side—and what were the lasting impacts of those encounters?

What role did art play in the POWs' experience?

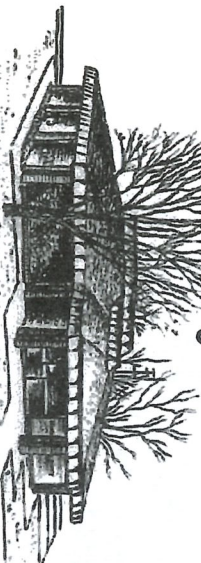
How did the POWs' perceptions of the United States, of Americans

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How did the German POW experience affect German-American relations, both immediately after the war and for the half century thereafter?

The exhibit is free to the public to walk through and will be parked in front of the Pocahontas Public Library for only 3 hours. So mark your calendars and come visit the BUS-eum on Wednesday, June 8th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

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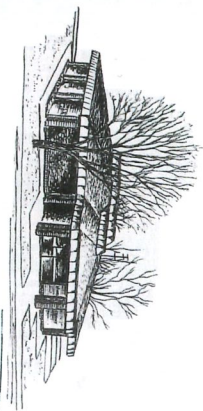


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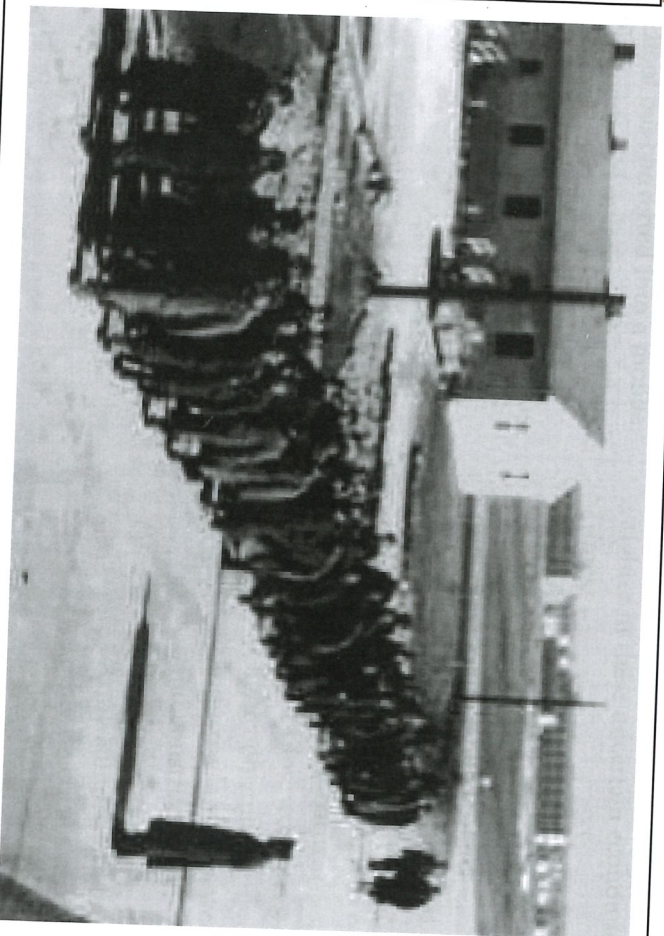
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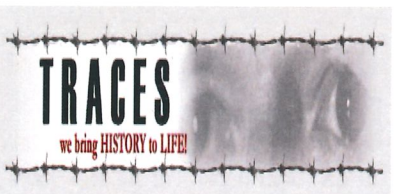


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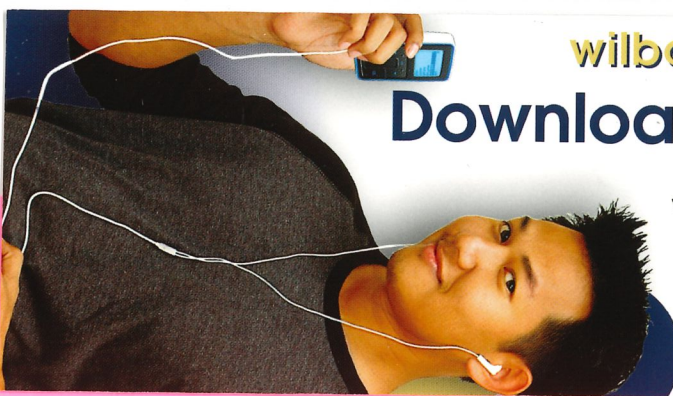
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Brown Bag at Laurens Public Library

By: Sydney Harrold and Robby Williams

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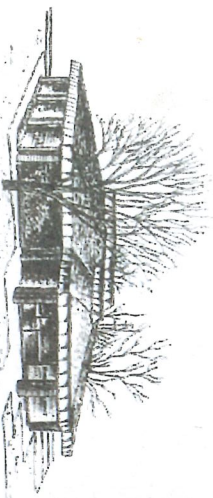
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One World, Many Stories





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June 14th ~ Africa
Craft: face mask
Snack: bag and
prize: book mark
Africa
One World.
Many Stories



Stories from Africa were read.



Matt Cleveland helping with crafts



Bremen Stories



One World, Many Stories



You Are Here' is a Summer program for 4th Graders + up. New this year for our library.



Week 1!
Library
Scavenger
Hunt
& Games

Treat:
100 brand Bars



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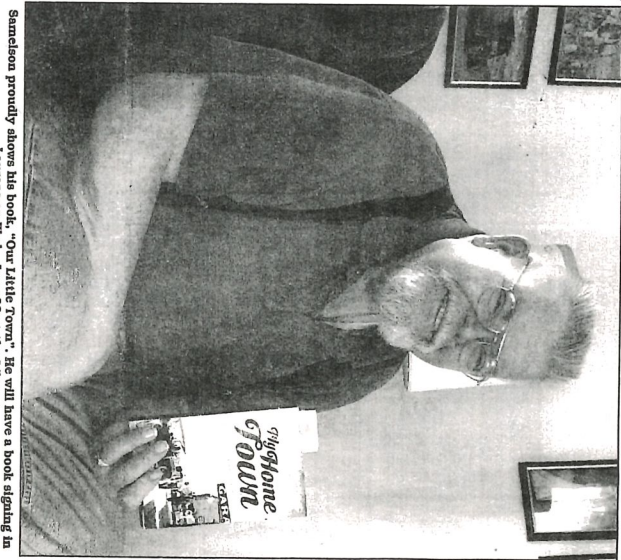
By Robert Fisher

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Samuelson proudly shows his book, "Our Little Town". He will have a book signing in Laurens on Wed., June 22 at the library.

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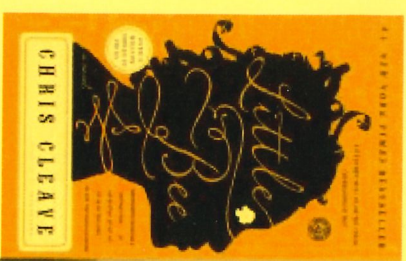
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 Craft: Kimono boy or girl
 Snack: rice cakes
 Prize: reading coin



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G A M E S



Autumn Brazil helping Trinity Jordan Saunders + Kennedy Tate

C R A F T S



Riley Oxenrider



Becca Madgen showing her craft

One World, Many Stories

You Are Here Week 2!
June 22nd ~ origami

Getting instructions: Hunter Storms, Anthony Gordon, Jonathan Kirsch, Tyler Nogak & Kevin Ish Gerdas



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MIME, MASKS & MADALC
with Fat Gilbert
1:30 Tuesday,
June 28



For kids of all ages at the Laurens Public Library



Kids are enjoying Fat Gilbert



Queen Ruby Rolling



all the kids-boy are very

Looking fun.



THE MORE YOU READ!
THE MORE YOU KNOW!
THE MORE YOU GROW!
AFTER YOUR VOICE
PARTNER YOUR MIND
STRONGER YOUR CHOICE
YOUR CHOICE

One World. Many Stories
Week 3: Fat Gilbert
June 28, 2011



Emilee Spangler, Fox Gilbert, Anthony Gordon + Dakota Kunz



Chandler Todd, Fox Gilbert, Jayden Teepe



One World, Many Stories

Everyone is laughing!

You Are Here: Week 3
You're laughing
You're laughing
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Corinne Peterson, Pocatello High School, Idaho



Kylea Jehn, Weston Brazel, Anthony Gordon, Darys Harris, Ellie Newgard + Hunter Storms

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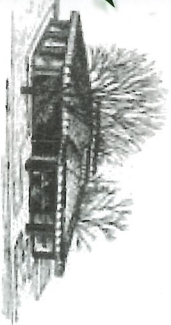
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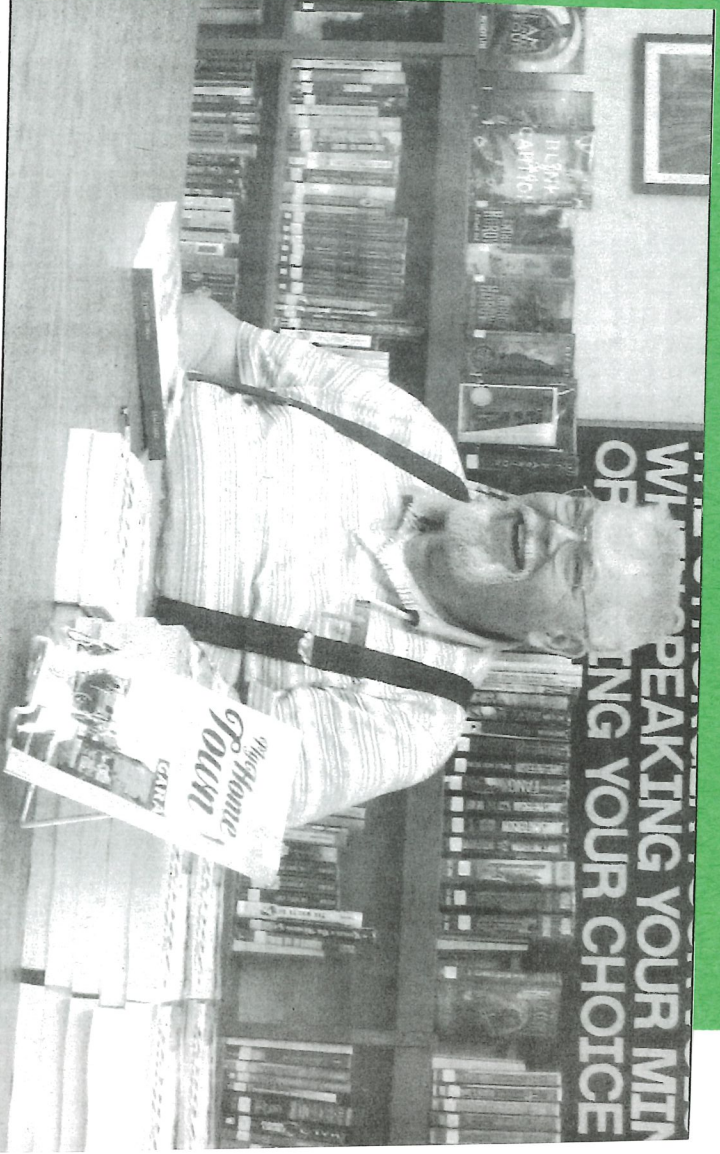
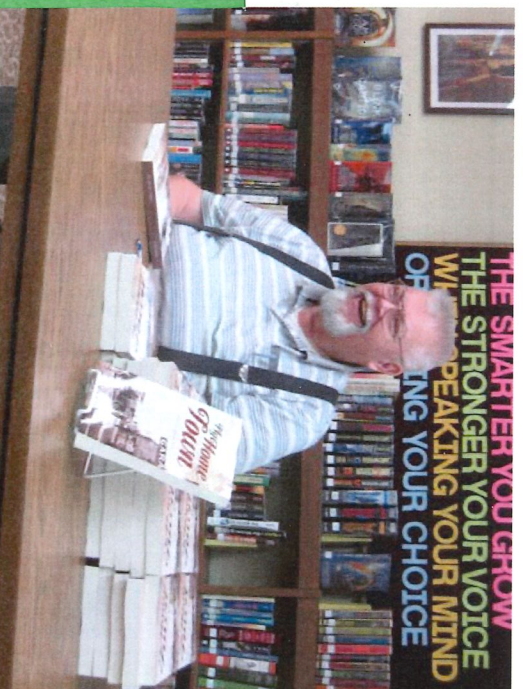
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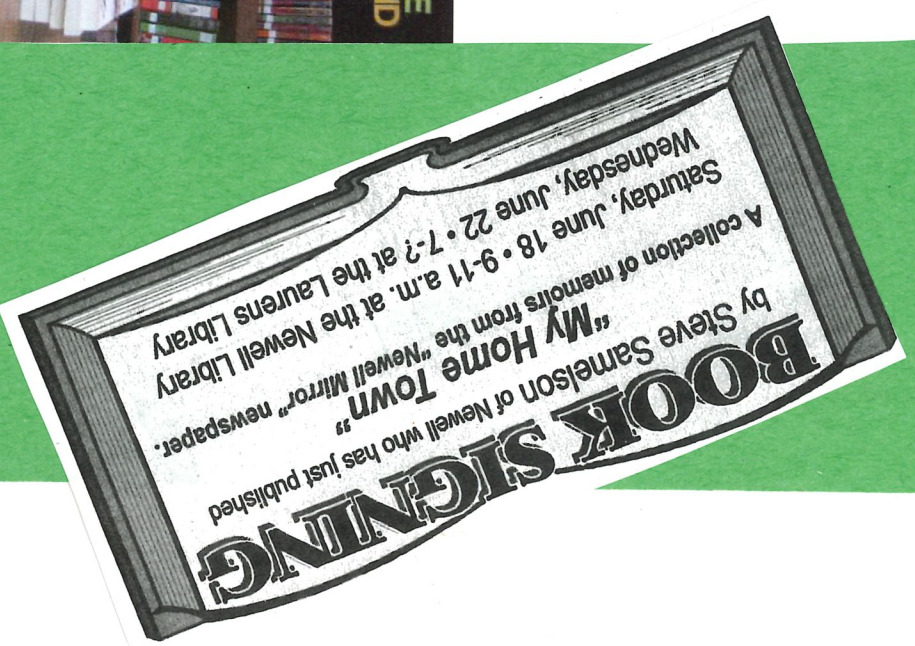
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One World, July 5th

Week 4: Australia
 Craft: boomerang crackles
 Snack: Chocolate
 Prize: pencils
Many Stories



Librarian Nancy Walker
 Stories about Australia



Kangaroo hop game



Kangaroo hop



Ellie Boeve, Dakota Kunz, Delaney Em.



Boomerangs by Ellie Boeve & Tori Reese



Showing off our Boomerangs
 Dakota Kunz, Alyssa Kunz.



Autumn Brazel helping the
 kids with their Boomerang

One World, Many Stories



Chase Boeve, Jadelyn Richardson & Lander Tate making their faces shown.



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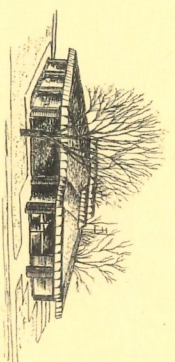
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viewing of the collection

5:00 - 7:00 pm

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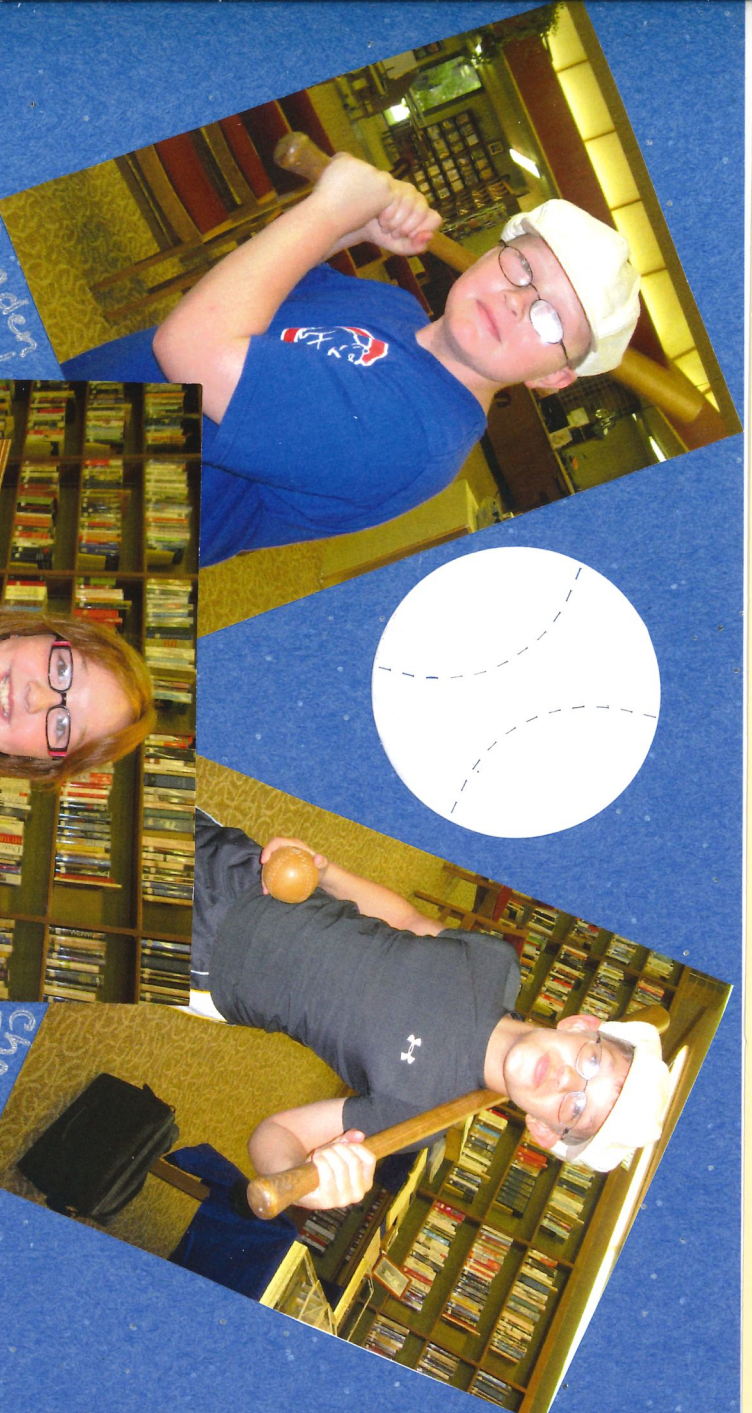
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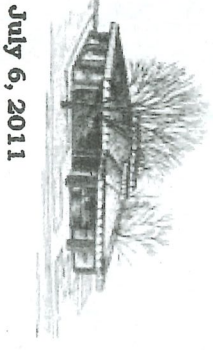
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Garin, Emi, Trish, reading
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One World, Many Stories
Week 5: Europe - July 6th
Book: Windmills, coconuts
Prize: tropical bookmark



European stories



Kristen Davis, Alexander, Ariles,
Nathan, Emi, Riley, Alexander



Gabe, Trish, Garin, Emi,
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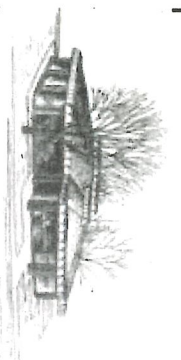
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July 13th



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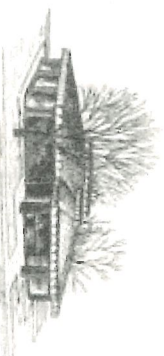
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Many Stories Librarians Glenda Mulder +
Deb Hertz



Back of entry. Deb + Glenda along with
Absent librarians Mary Kurnberg + Nancy
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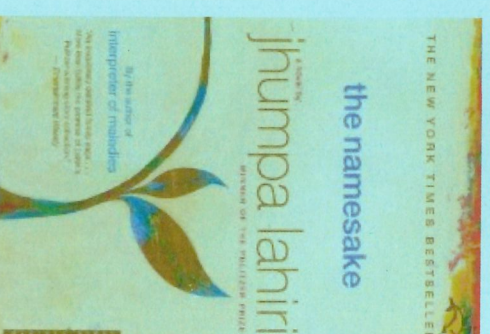
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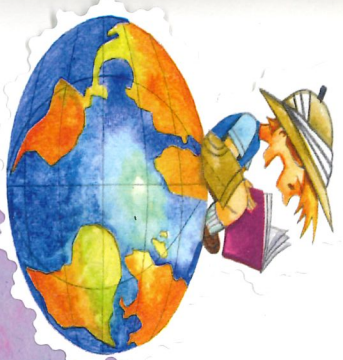


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One World. Many Stories
Week 6: North Many Stories
July 19th
Snack: Mexican Maraca
Prize: Bar-B-Q chips



Jordan says goodnight on the



Althea says: Nancy reading stories about North America.



Silly games time



Alexandra Ahlers + Trinity Brazil making Mexican maraca



Nice Mexican Maraca's Alexandra Ahlers + Hannah Hubbell



Brennan + Emma Storms with maraca's.

One World, Many Stories

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 Week 7: South America
 July 26, 2011

craft: serape
 snack: chocolate cupcakes
 prize: transportation silly bands



Mya Mack, Alyssa Kunz + Kylee
 Fehr decorating Serapes



Hunter Valentine coloring
 his serape



Brayden Hudson decorating



Cameron Pool + Gavin Ehn



Josee Salan eating
 a chocolate cupcake



Alexandra Ahlers + Hailey Braze



July 26, 2011

Storytime for South America



Alia Wood, Jemma Saunders + Isaiah Schossow



Gabe Ehn, Breanna + Emma Storms
 showing their serapes



Joshua + Malia Hoffman -
 Aren't they cute!

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 Week 8: Antarctica - August 2nd
 craft: paper plate penguin
 snack: penguin fruit sharks
 prize: Giraffe bookmark



Librarian Nancy Walker reading stories.



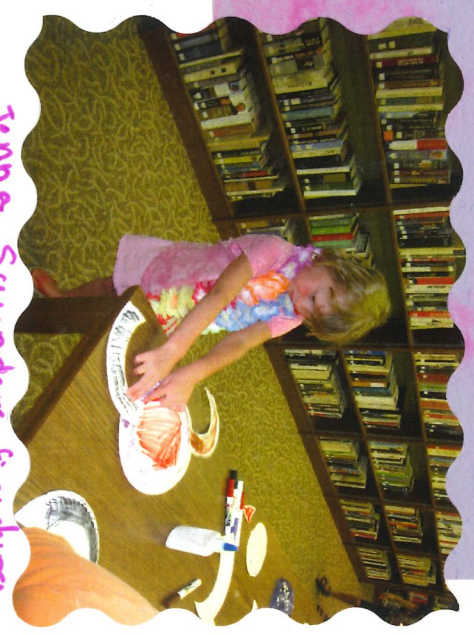
Games with the stories.



Jenna Saunders & Emma Storms making penguins



Kristen & Amanda Davis Kristen helping Amanda



Jenna Saunders finishing project

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

August 3, 2011, 2011

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August 10, 2011

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What could be more welcoming on a dreary winter day (or chilly fall or spring day, for that matter) than a roaring fire in the fireplace?

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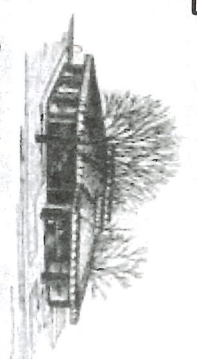
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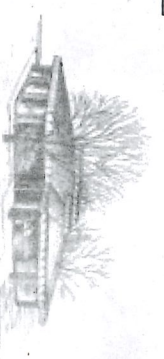
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Laying out the Sky Lab



Inflating the Sky Lab.



Michelle Anderson next to Sky Lab. Look how large the Sky Lab is



Pocahontas County Naturalist, Corinne Peterson talking to the kids.



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Week 9: August Opn
Star Lab with Pocahontas
County Naturalist



London Tate & Josae Slama in awe



Dawson Boughart checking out the mouth & flash.



Jordan Saunders & her cousin Cutting out the craft.



Kallyn Stumbo. Michelle Anderson DeLaney Ehn Creating



Head Librarian Glenda Mueller, reading stories to the kids



Dakota Kunz cutting.



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Star Lab at Laurens Public

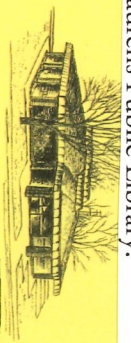
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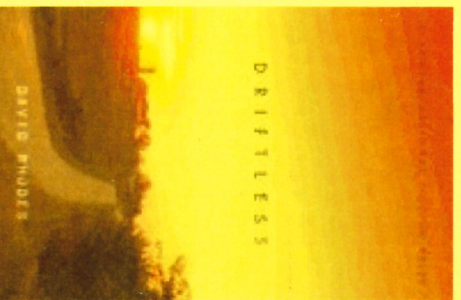
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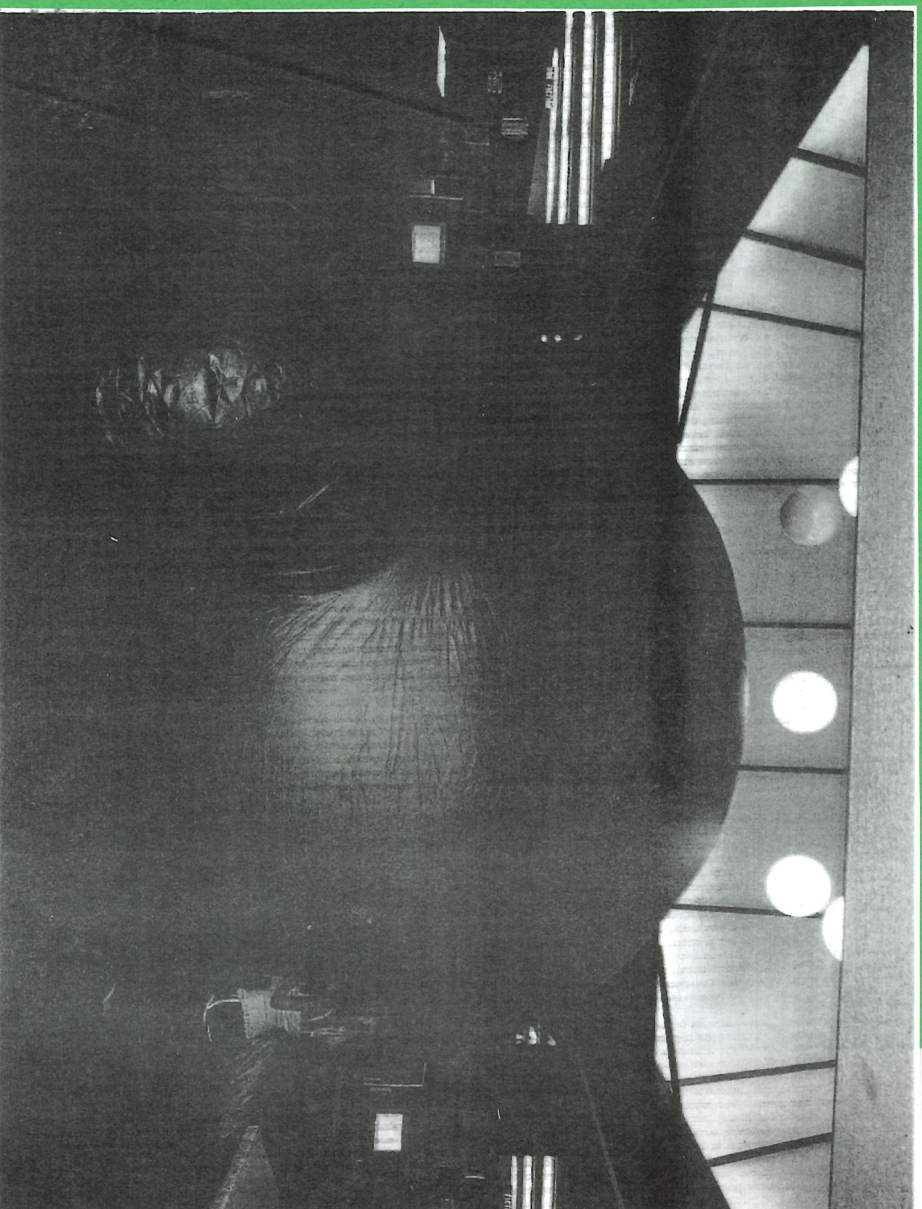


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We have a table full of cassette

A photograph of a building with a large tree in the foreground. The building has a dark facade and a prominent entrance. The tree is lush green and partially obscures the building. The image is oriented vertically.

audiobooks
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withdrawn from our
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can use these, stop
up at the Library. If
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make a donation for them, Thank You – we appreciate it: If you can't afford a donation, please take some anyway - get them out of our hair!

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Confession time!

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Stop at the library and check it out!

Back in the middle of July the Operations Director at IowaWORKS (Formerly Workforce Development) contacted the Library, she then came to install their Access Points on our patron computers. These Access Points lead to online services that were formerly available only at their offices.

She told us we were the first library in Iowa to have these installed on our computers. Well, knowing it was coming to most other libraries, I didn't think too much of that. Well, now that local IowaW/ORKS offices are closing, I see all these press releases from other libraries that they have these Access Points and I realize I should have tooted our horn a bit.

So, if you need to file for unemployment, make a resume or cover letter, search for a job, prepare for an interview, pursue further training, etc. stop at our Library and we can hook you up!

Here's the new fiction list for the week: *The Race* by Clive Cussler, *Heartwishes* by Jude Deveraux, *Northwest Angle* by William Krueger, *Mercy* by Beverly Lewis, *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, *What Alice Forgot* by Laine Moriarty, *Kill Me if You Can* by James Patterson (reg & LP) and *The Cut* by George Pelecanos. New DVDs include *Jane Eyre*, *The Gruffalo* and *Something Borrowed*.

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August 31, 2011

Theme: Chocolate



Glenda Mulder. Read
librarian reading, stories
about 'chocolate



Eli Roling. Nathan + Madison Enger.
Betka Madsen, Amada Madsen
Kylie Bailey drawing/coloring
cakes - chocolate of course.



Caleb Hubbard Jordan Saunders. Haley
Nissen. Cadence Madsen + Becca
Madsen frosting chocolate
cupcakes w/ chocolate frosting.



Betka Madsen + Keegan
Rooney coloring cakes



Kennedy Tate, Haley Nissen +
Erika Boer coloring.



Trey Oehlert. Kylie Tahr.
Payton Roling. Trinity Brazel,
+ Chandler Todd. Ughet a face
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Bailey Southall, Lexi Davis, Sierra
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their cupcakes



JadeLyn Richardson. Tori Reese,
Mia Shannon, ^{Smith,}
Shawne Fleischfresser + Eli
Roling.



Ariana Everts, Amanda
Davis, Jordan Saunders +
Caleb Hubbard



Eli Roling showing
his artwork.



Gunnar Ross enjoying
his choc cupcake!



Cadence + Betka Madsen
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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

September 3, 2011

The Paper!

Well, we've hit the ground running with our school kids! We've got the Elementary classes set up for their monthly Brown Bag lunches. This is one of my favorite Library programs that has been going on for many years. The kids walk to the Library and eat their lunch while I read them a new book. I try to pick a nonfiction book that they might not ordinarily choose. I've started a tradition of finding riddles concerning the topic of the day. The younger kids don't usually get them, but as they get older they do – and are even disappointed when I forget! It's fun to see their sense of humor develop. We've also had our first Wacky Wednesday. When the L-M school has an early out for the teachers' professional development, we get the kids for a story time. Last week's Chocolate themed day was particularly wacky (and delicious!) with an attendance of over 60!

Here's the new fiction list for the week: *Burning Soul* by John Connolly, *Prey* by Linda Howard, *Second Nature* by Jacquelyn Mitchard, *Saints Gate* by Carla Neggers, *Leftovers* by Tom Perrotta, *I Married You for Happiness* by Lily Tuck and *Stranger You Seek* by Amanda Williams. Just one nonfiction: *Seal Team Six* by Howard Wasdin. New DVDs include *The Cat in the Hat Knows A Lot about*

That! Tricks & Treats.

Did you know the Laurens Library has a delivery service? Womens Club members have volunteered to deliver books to shut ins every two weeks. So if you or someone you know would benefit from this service, call the Library and we'll get it set up. All we need to know is how many books or movies you need to last two weeks and what types you prefer. This is a particularly good thing to keep in mind as winter approaches and it's harder for people to get out.

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September 21, 2011

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I went to Storm Lake last week for Lakeside Learning sponsored by State Library Services. The theme of the day was "Changing the Way We Work" and highlighted some ways changes in technology could be used to make our work lives easier and also for fun. It was an interesting day. I have to admit to being a bit overwhelmed a couple times. But then, a couple times I felt pretty on top of things. I guess that means I'm pretty well balanced, right? Another part of these sessions that I really enjoy is the opportunity to network with other librarians in the area.

Here's the new fiction list for the week: *Son of Stone* by Stuart Woods, *The Christmas Shoppe* by Melody Carlson, *Lancaster County Christmas* by Suzanne Fisher, *Sanctus* by Simon Toyne, *Remembering Christmas* by Dan Walsh, *American Boy* by Larry Watson, *Goddess of Vengeance* by Jackie Collins and *The Ballad of Tom Dooley* by Sharyn McCrumb.

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I went to Storm Lake last week for Lakeside Learning sponsored by State Library Services. The theme of the day was "Changing the Way We Work" and highlighted some ways changes in technology could be used to make our work lives easier and also for fun. It was an interesting day. I have to admit to being a bit overwhelmed a couple times. But then, a couple times I felt pretty on top of things. I guess that means I'm pretty well balanced, right? Another part of these sessions that I really enjoy is the opportunity to network with other librarians in the area.

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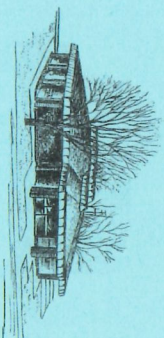
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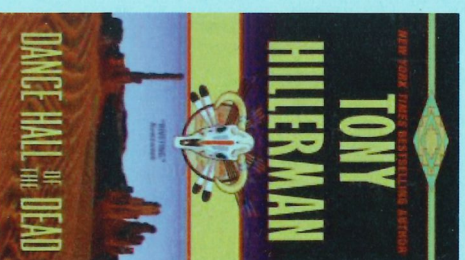
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Side walk chalk before going in for fun. Logan Davis, Kendall Evans & Ataya Arnds



Stories about monkey's & monkey business.



Monkey business games.



Grandma Pat-Bailey helping Kyler Bailey Keegan Rooney



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Ethan Kunnberg & Betka Madsen



Who is the monkey? Michelle Andersen



Wacky Wednesday started w/ sidewalk chalk



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Betka Madsen enjoying a banana

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Craft: Monkey puppets



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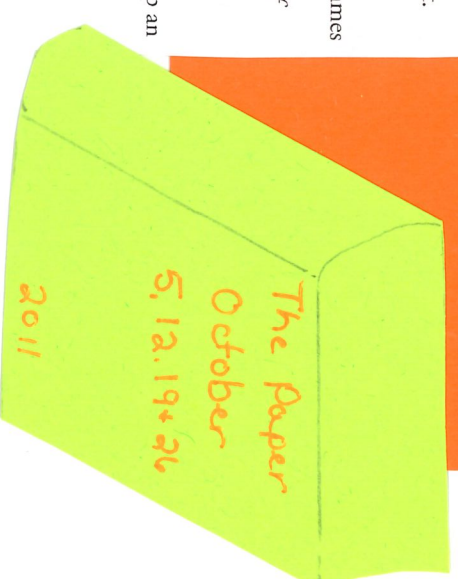
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Storytime for Wacky Wednesday
Halloween theme

WEDNESDAY

October 26, 2011



Michelle Anderson & Kennedy
Take doing the games



Alyssa Kunz, Danya Harris, Sami
Stone, Alycia Vick, Michelle Anderson,
Jadelyn Richardson, Trinity Brazel,
Sierra Brazel, Bekka Madsen, Jordan
Saunders.



Katie Janssge, Mia Shannon
& Carly Corrine creating
Masks.



Ariana Arends, Jade Mickle &
Kendall Evans coloring.



Elizabeth Runenberg, Jayden Albrant,
Savannah, Ethan Runenberg &
Nancy Walker.



Elizabeth Runenberg showing off
her mask. Jayden Albrant,
Savannah,
Ethan Runenberg.



Michelle Anderson coloring &
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Wacky Wednesday

Stories & games
about Halloween

Craft: Paper plate
masks colored &
cut-out eyes, nose & mouth

Snack: Chocolate
cupcakes frosted
w/ orange frosting
& decorated w/ candy
corn by kids



Shaunie Fleischfresser, Kendall
Evans, Mia Shannon, & Jadelyn
Richardson



Jadelyn Richardson, Jade Mickle
& Trinity Brazel frosting & decorating
cupcakes.

10/21/11
Book Club



Pocahontas County Library Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 27th in Laurens



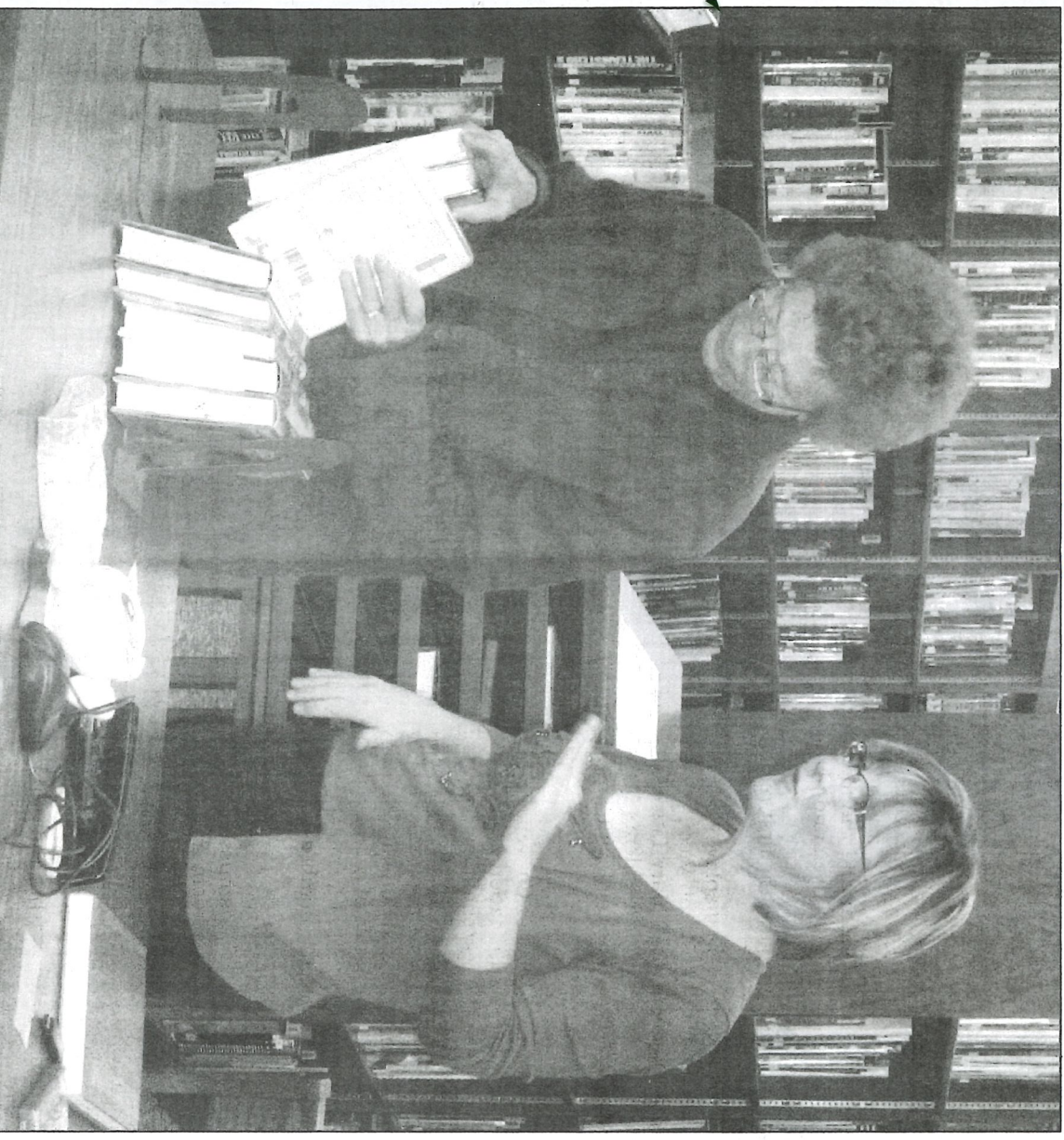
A light supper was enjoyed by the county librarians & county supervisors.



Pocahontas Librarian Lola DeWall playing 'What's in the box' with Laurens Glenda Mulder.



Even the county supervisors wanted to play 'What's in the box?'



Sorting it out Laurens Sun 11/2/11

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Halloween Magic @ the Library!



Head librarian Glenda Mulder introduces Larry Dunbar to our Halloween crowd



Nathan Enger is being a good sport & looks like he might get his head cut-off.



Michelle Anderson helping with a card trick



Jayden Albrant & Mike Mahorney helping Larry Dunbar with a trick



Larry Dunbar talking with kids before the show. Bekka Mathsen, Landan Tate, Kendall Evans, Michelle Gordon & Cadence Mathsen in back



Ataya Arends holding the balloon Larry gave her after the magic trick.



Magician Larry Dunbar playing tricks on our eyes.

Halloween
at the
Laurens Public Library
The Magic of Larry Dunbar & Company
Monday, October 29th @ 6:30



Mia Shannon watches Larry Dunbar make an magic balloons



Larry Dunbar has the crowd mesmerized.

More Halloween Magic @ the Library!



Michelle Anderson helping with the bunny trick.



Magic balloon trick by Larry Dunbar



The crowd gets involved.



Brooke Kunnberg looks a little Skeptical



Larry Dunbar has the crowd's attention.



Jordan Saunders + Cole Kunnberg working magic w/ Larry Dunbar



Kendall Evans having fun with the magician.



Tyler + Alycia Vick, Wyatt Erickson + Alexis Davis getting Halloween candy.



What you get there? Alexandra Ahlers getting some Candy.



Wonder woman (Hannah Hubbell) + Batman (Caleb Hubbell)



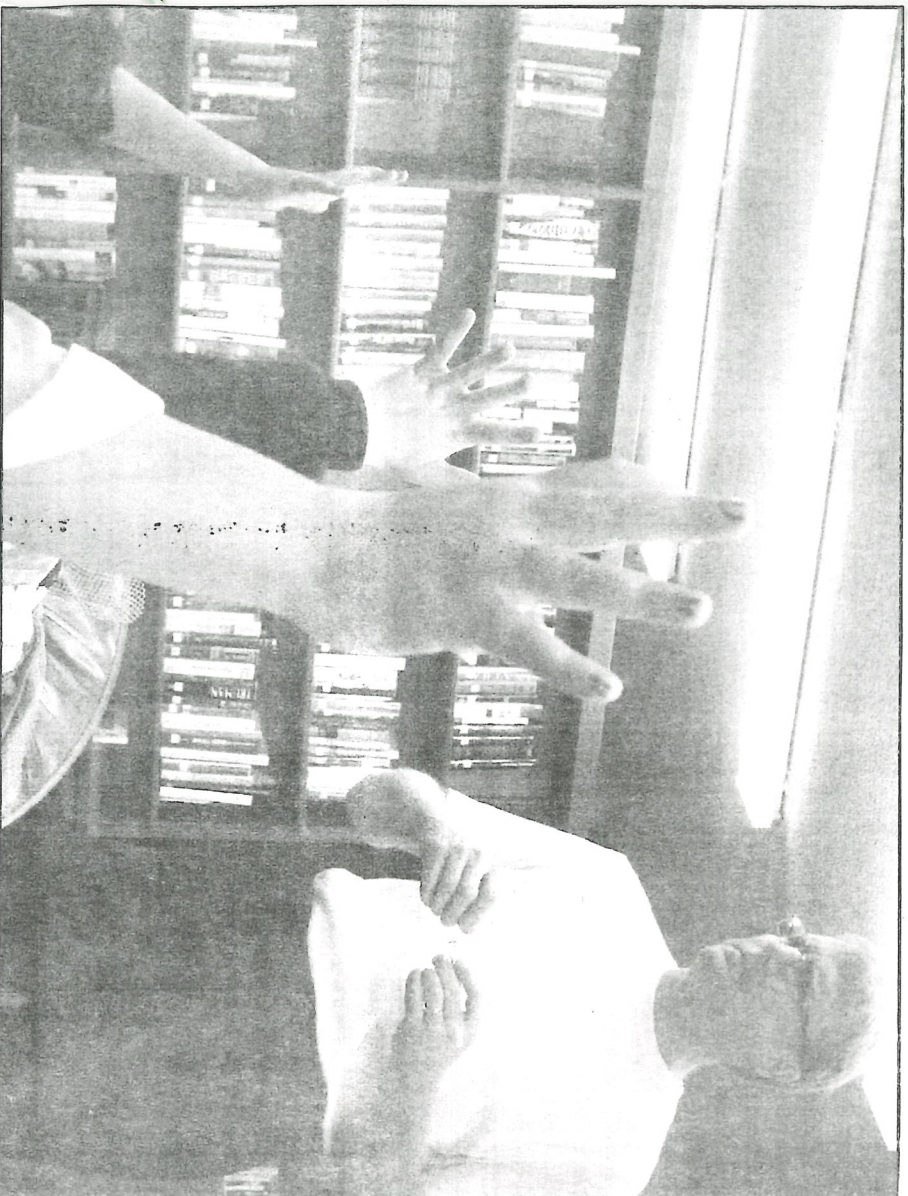
Head Librarian Glenda Mulder trying her magic on Michelle Anderson while Alexis Davis is watching

Elderbridge Visits

Library on October 27th

The Paper 11/21/2011

Barb Erickson with the Fort Dodge based Elderbridge Agency on Aging was at the Laurens Public Library to explain the changes to Medicare Part D. Her main emphasis is that with these changes, it is important to review your policy annually. Her advice was to make an appointment with your pharmacist. They can enter your information in a computer program that will personalize a list of the available policies, ranked according to your medications taken.



For my next trick I need...

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Laurens Sun - 11/21/2011



Halloween Magician at the Library! *The Paper* 11/21/11

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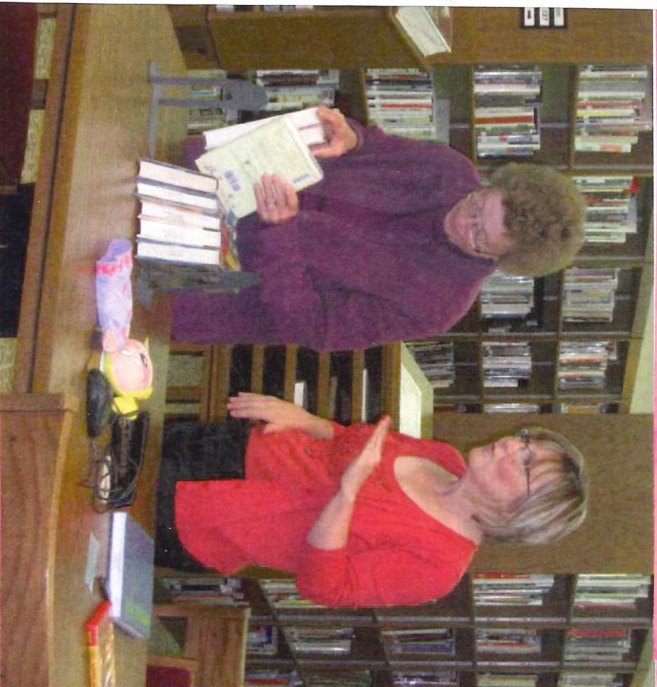
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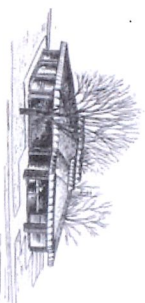
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Andy Juhl.

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Sally Butcher, Palmer Librarian,
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LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION



The mission of the
Laurens Public Library Foundation
is to benefit the community by
raising, managing and distributing
funds to enhance the services and
collections of the library, and to
increase public awareness of
library needs and services.

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.

Recent Projects Funded by Laurens Public Library Foundation

- Wilbor Downloadable Books
- New Patron Computer Stations
- Upgraded Library Software
- Fireproof File Cabinet to House Historic Items
- Digitizing of "Laurens 100" & Newspapers - Accessible Online
- Ceiling Mount Projection Screen
- Digital Camera
- New DVD Rack
- Larry Dunbar - Halloween Magician
- Kids Summer Reading Supplies and Program



Fundraiser Supper



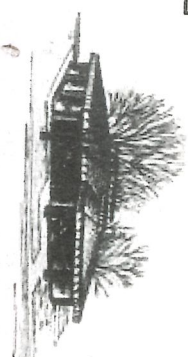
Thursday, November 10

5 - 7 pm

@ the Christian Church



The local Kiwanis members
will be flipping



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7 pm Thursday, November 10

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Annual Fundraiser

Pancake Supper

Thursday November 10th
@ Christian Church 5-7 pm



That Mickey Mouse pancake looks so good to eat! Ken & all Evans



Brennen Storms enjoying his pancakes.



Janice Schultz and Bill + Laura Lee Edmonds eating. Local Kiwanis members flipped pancakes + prepared the supper for the annual fund raiser.



Bob Todd, Bob Schuler, Kelly Kunnberg + John Schuler visiting.



The pancake supper + Andy Iuhl were sponsored by Laurens Public Library Foundation.



Andy Iuhl concert @ the library following the pancake supper



At the Library with Glenda Mulder November 9, 2011

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I'd like so send a big THANK YOU up to L-M School Librarian Billie Ross & her middle school Service Learning kids for stuffing the insets in our Library Foundation brochures. You guys are the best!

One more note about our Pocahontas County Library meeting the other

night. At the end of the evening, all the librarians were chatting about reference questions. We all agreed that the most frequently asked questions in our libraries are: "Where are your restrooms?" and "May I please use your phone?" OK, so they're not really reference questions, but we all got a chuckle out of this shared experience!

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Laurens Public Library Foundation's Fall Fundraiser

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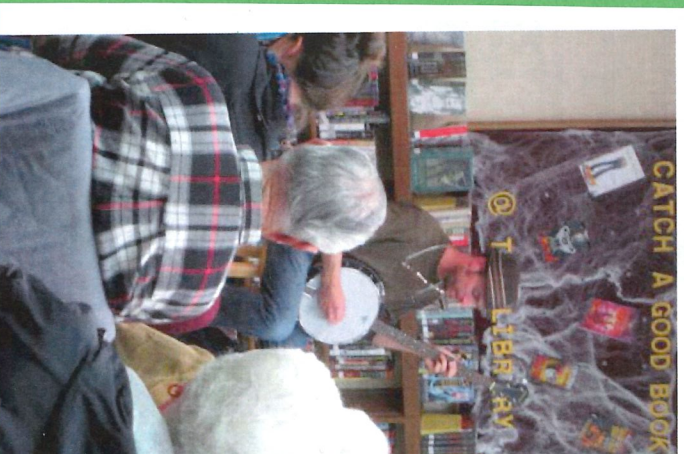
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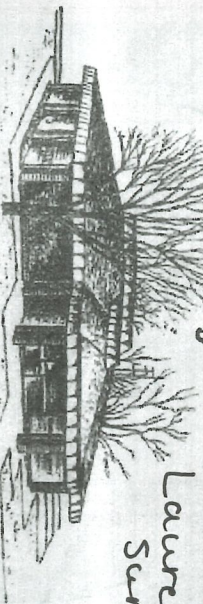
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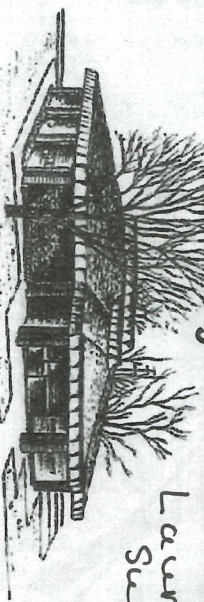
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Middle school students during Wacky Wednesday

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Gavin Ehn is adding his ornament for the relay



Kaydee Fansega holding her ornament

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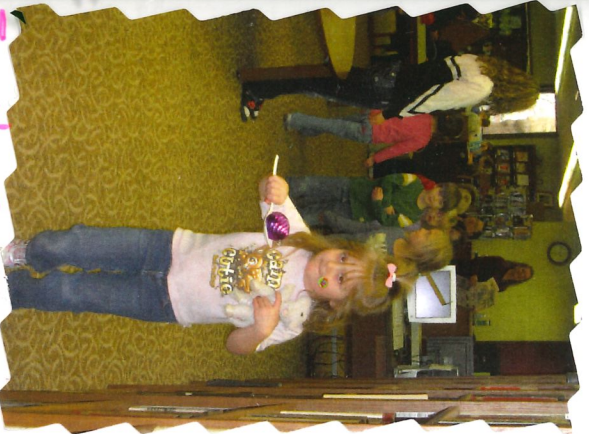
Theme: Night Before Christmas Ornament Relay. Stories, Christmas Conga + decorate Stocking for Festival of Trees. Snacks - sugar cookies to frost + decorate



Michelle Gordon in the relay



Jayden Albright having fun in the ornament relay.



Trinity Brazel hurrys for the relay



Glenda reading stories about The Night Before Christmas



Christmas Conga ~ The kids had a lot of fun.



More Christmas Conga

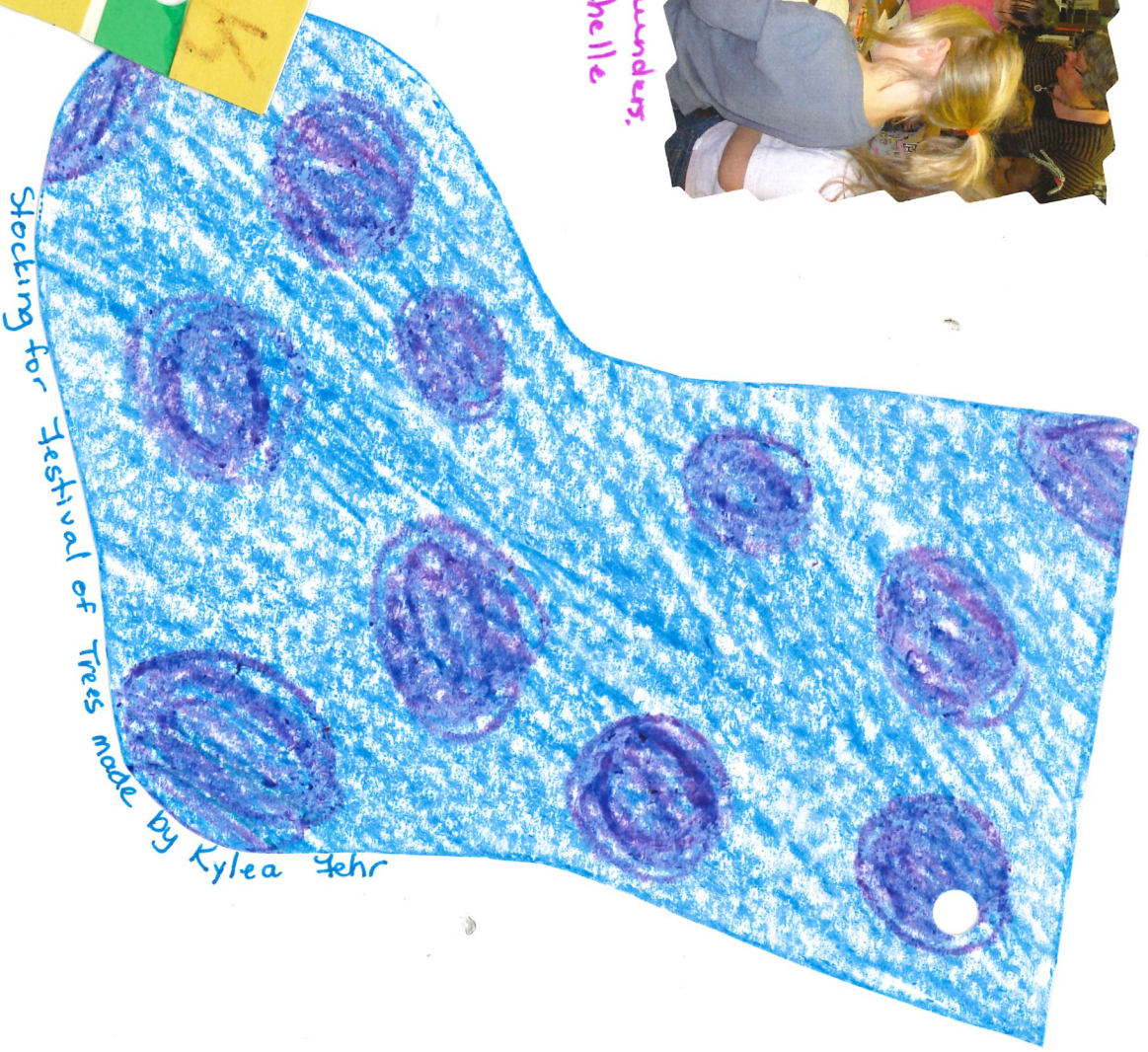




Making Stockings: Hailey Nissen, Rayton Roling, Jade Mielke, Emilee Spangler & Dakota Kunz



Kylea Fehr, Jenna Saunders, Kaitlynn Schuler & Michelle Gordon



Stocking for Festival of Trees made by Kylea Fehr



Stocking for Festival of Trees by Dakota Kunz



Decorating Sugar Cookies w/ frosting & sprinkles

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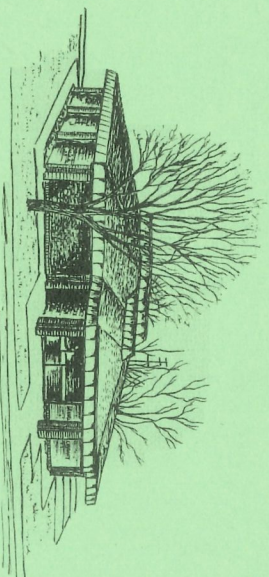


Christmas Jars

Laurens Library Book Club



Join us at the Laurens Public Library



Monday, December 5th at 7 pm
for a local cast performing
an abridged version of

A CHRISTMAS CAROL



Followed by a social time...and Christmas cookies!



Caroling songs & cookies
followed the performance

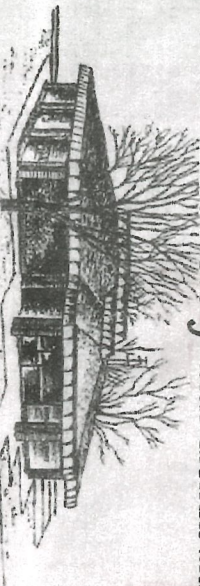
"A Christmas Carol" at the Library

12/14/11 - The Pease

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When the play was done, we gathered around the piano, hot cocoa & Christmas treat in hand, for an impromptu carol sing accompanied by Connie Dallenbach.

At the Library with Glenda Mulder



12/7/11 - Laurens Sun
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Oh, you should see all the wonderful new Christmas books we have! Really, you should. Stop at the Library & we'll show you. We'll even let you check them out! Nothing can jump start my Christmas Spirit like reading a Christmas book - I bet you'll feel the same way. Of course, we've received a few books that have nothing to do with Christmas too. In fiction there's: Red Mist by Patricia Cornwell, Explosive Eighteen by Janet Evanovich, The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman, Dead Man's Grip by Peter James, The Drop by Michael Connelly, Mico by Michael Crichton, The Scottish Prisoner by Diana Gabaldon. In nonfiction we received Gabby: A Story of Courage and Hope by Gabriel Giffords. We also got For the Love of Scotti by Jo Hamilton. It took the author 27 years to put this heartbreaking event down on paper. In "For the Love of Scotti" the author recounts her family's frustration when faced with catastrophic medical mistakes. We are working on an author visit next Spring. She is the sister in law of former Laurens residents Denny & Lynn Hamilton, so we've got a good connection there. I hear her book is wonderful and hard to put down. I'm looking forward to reading it as soon as my patrons let me have my turn! New DVDs include: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2, Beethoven's Christmas Adventure, Pirates of the Caribbean: on Stranger Tides, The Lion King and Larry Crowne. The Peterson/Bresch families donated a cookbook, "Comfort Food Fix" and four children's books in memory of Alice Winkler.

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December 14, 2011

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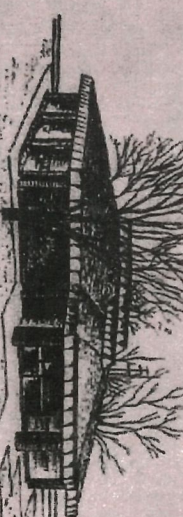
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WACKY WEDNESDAY ~ December 14th

Christmas stories. Games. Ornaments for tree & Candy cane Snacks.



Games



Celsey Hapes



Craft time



Tamia Washington



Hapes



Hailey Nissen & Courtney



Angel Livefy & Aysa Arcene

Craft time for all

More Wacky Wednesday ~ December 14, 2011 ~ Show off time for our crafts



Orion Lively



Austin Bieler ~ Michelle Anderson



Celsey Hages, Sami Stone ~ Danya Harris



Keegan Rooney



Courtney Hages



Monica



Ataya Arends



Mackenzie Brown ~ Jaci Nelson



A.J. Spangler



Mia Shannon ~ Kylea Fehr



Angel Lively ~ Jordan Saunders



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December 21, 2011

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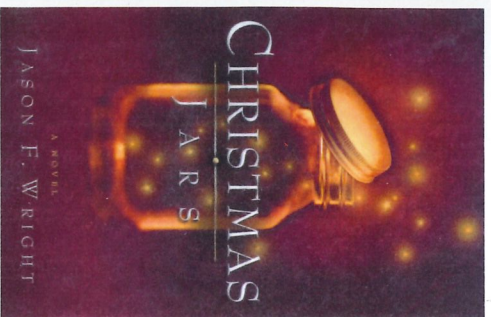
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