

January 11, 2011

- The Library received a \$4,000 grant to be used to purchase patron use computers.
- We changed Library Operating systems to Destiny by Follett. We no longer have to maintain a server, everything is hosted off site. Our card catalog is now online and is accessible to anyone with internet access.

February 8, 2011

- Grace Hertz will be teaching a "Beginning Genealogy" class.
- Board voted to keep our current slate of officers: Pat Boughey President, Dwight Van Genderen Vice President, Connie Dallenbach Secretary.

March 8, 2011

- We were informed by the City that our 2011/2012 budget allocation would be \$75,000, rather than the \$85,000 requested. Library Board approved a new proposed budget of \$111,225.
- Senator Chuck Grassley hosted a Town Hall meeting at the Library.

April 12, 2011

- Purchased 4 all-in-one patron computers with a Pocahontas County Foundation grant. We have a new computer use area, constructed from what was formerly the reference table.
- New record for monthly circulation; 4344
- "Organize It" program with Nancy Jensen
- County Funding will again increase almost 5% next year.

May 10, 2011

- IPTV'S Dan Wardell entertained a big group at the Library
- Library Board Meetings will now be held at 5:30 pm to better accommodate the Board members' schedules.

June 14, 2011

- Ebooks and Audiobooks are now available from our library online with the Wilbor consortium from the State Library of Iowa.
- New all-in-one computer was purchased for the Circulation Desk.
- Approximately 50 people toured the TRACES Bus-eum "Held on the Homefront"
- Summer Reading theme is "One World, Many Stories" Special programs will be by Fax Gilbert and the Star Lab.
- Due to budget cuts, wages will remain the same for the coming year.

July 12, 2011

- “How Baseball came to Iowa” program
- Farm rent is currently \$200. Councilman Jesse Newgard recommends raising it to \$225 per acre, based on the Iowa State Extension’s Rent Survey. Board approves this, later in the month a joint meeting with the Bethany Lutheran Church Council agrees.

August 9, 2011

- Grace Hertz has begun a monthly Not-So-Basic-Genealogy-Class.
- Annual Report has been submitted to the State Library of Iowa.

September 13, 2011

- New story time at the Library; Tot Time will be at 10 am Mondays during the school year.

October 11, 2011

- 6th Graders held a Bake Sale, Halloween Magician Larry Dunbar performed after the kids were done Trick or treating, and Elderbridge Agency had a representative here to talk about Medicare Part D.

November 8, 2011

- Library patrons were entertained by musician Andy Juhl after the library Foundation’s Pancake Supper fundraiser.
- Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for ongoing Foundation projects and to purchase a bike rack and pour a concrete base for it.

December 13, 2011

- “A Christmas Carol” was presented by the Princess City Players.
- At Festival of Trees, we have “Believe in the Magic” using magician props and pictures from our Halloween show, Wacky Wednesday kids made paper stockings to decorate one, and the Book Club is using this month’s selection “Christmas Jars” as it’s theme.
- Library Board approved the proposed 2012/2013 budget of \$120,540, a 5% overall increase. Requested \$82,573 from the City. This will be sent to City Council for their approval.