

At the Library with Glenda Mulder

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Our friend



Corinne shows what she has & passes around

January 11, 2012



Wacky Wednesday



Fun activity for kids Orion Lively & Justin Sieler



Naturalist, Corinne Peterson



Boy does Corinne have the kids attention.

More Wacky Wednesday. January 11th



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6. *Secretariat*
7. *Dear John*
8. *Despicable Me*
9. *Megamind*
10. *The A-Team*

A few of the top kids' picture book titles surprised me. Some are new titles, but a couple are old favorites. Here's the list:

1. *Grumpy Cat* by Britta Teckentrup
2. *Rattletrap Car* by Phyllis Root (a personal favorite!)
3. *Ryming Dust Bunnies* by Jan Thomas
4. *Silverticious* by Victoria Kann
5. *Fancy Nancy Splendiferous Christmas* by Jane O'Connor
6. *Swim! Swim!* by James Proimos
7. *A Flock of Shoes* by Sarah Tsiang
8. *Goodnight, Little Monster* by Helen Kerreman
9. *Millie Waits for the Mail* by Alexander Steffensmeier
10. *Press Here* by Hervé Tuller

OK, that's enough reflecting on the past! Onwards in 2012 – let's make it another great year at the Laurens Public Library! Join us Monday, January 16th at 7 p.m. for "Our Prairie Heritage", The Pocahontas County Naturalist, Corinne Peterson will share a few artifacts from the current exhibit at the Nature Center, tell of an

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Prairie Heritage Program at the

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Learning about the lay of the land Laurens Sun 1/25/12
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Mackenzie Brown, Darva
Harris, Jacob
Harris, Micke + Grant
Evans



Mackenzie Brown, Kylea
Harris, Samantha Stone



Shaking the snow-ice to make
ice cream
Samantha Stone, Tori Reese, Alycia Vick, Sierra Brown, Sydney Harr, Heidi Wisson



Enjoying the ice cream
Parker Pierce, Yumi

Supervisors hear county libraries report

By Robert Fisher
Laurens Sun

Glenda Mulder of the Laurens Public Library presented the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors with an annual update for county libraries at the Jan. 17 Board meeting.

"We appreciate the steady increases to the county libraries from the Board, especially when our state funds have been cut by 25 percent over the last five years," related Mulder.

It was noted that county funding for public libraries had increased from 14 percent to 19 percent of the libraries' total budgets.

"During the last five years the county's total circulation has risen by over nine percent," Mulder informed. She continued, "Libraries tend to see an increase in use in a poor economy."

Five years ago the total circulation for the county's public libraries was 89,463 pieces of material checked out. In 2010, the number had risen to 96,803.

There are eight libraries in the county that are open a total of 9,516 hours annually.

It was noted that among the eight county libraries there are nearly 100,000 items that are available for check out. Mulder also informed the board that there had been 5,885 pieces additional pieces added this year.

"The monies provided by the county have pretty much paid for all of the new materials for each library," imparted Mulder.

She also informed the Board that there had been a total of 8,668 total patrons that had attended library presented programs over the last year.

She then thanked the Board of Supervisors for all of their dedicated work to the libraries in the past and of the excitement of working with them in the future.

Following the annual report of county libraries each librarian provided an update of their community's library.

Mulder informed the board that the Laurens Public Library is going through a digitization of papers and materials. The library is also now utilizing the WILBOR digital service for downloadable books.

Lola DeWall of the Pocahontas Library informed the Board that they are also fully utilizing the WILBOR service. "We are seeing quite a trend with patrons bringing in digital readers (Nook and Kindle) to have materials put on them. It is a learning experience for

all of us," she informed. She also informed the Board that this is the 80th year of service for the Pocahontas Public Library. "We will be doing special things for the anniversary over the next year."

She informed the Supervisors that there are currently over 19,000 books available for check out. It was noted that there were over 5,000 materials checked out from rural patrons as well. This figure equates to roughly one-fifth of the library's total annual circulation.

We provide many services and offer an online catalogue," concluded DeWall. Fondra Public Library Director Carla Pistick provided an update for the City of Fondra's library. She noted that the library has also begun using the WILBOR services.

She noted that over the last few years the library has been inexpensively re-decorated. "We made the place into more of a comfy area," she recalled. She concluded, "We have been complimented often on our use of limited space."

Darla Johnson spoke on behalf of the Plover Public Library. She noted that the monies received from the County Board of Supervisors is used towards the purchase of buying new books and DVDs for the library.

"We are also working to increase our children's programming," she informed. She also mentioned that the Plover library had hosted a successful wine tasting, and is in the works of putting together a coffee tasting, as well as other adult programming.

Lana Lewis spoke on behalf of the Gilmore City Public Library. "We have updated our computers and have added area programming, and have placed more attention on adolescent programming," she informed.

Ramona Miller presented the update for the Palmer Public Library. "We are looking forward to continuing our children and young adult programming," she related. She added that the Palmer library is in the works of getting a teenage program going. She informed the Board that the library is looking to get it's services automated as other area libraries have done.

Gloria Gunderson provided the update for the Rolfe Public Library. She informed the Board that the "Coffee Hour" presentations are still a big hit as well as the book discussions that are offered.

"We are planning on hosting a water color class for both adults and children," she related. She continued, "We also have an after school program where kids read to adults."

Gunderson also informed the Board that the Rolfe library has received a movie license to be able to show movies to patrons.

"We stretch this money as far as we can," related Gunderson.

Chairman Paul Benke related, "You all do really well for our communities."

The Board was also informed that there are many more people using the workforce development portals offered through the public libraries.

Following these reports, Supervisor Jack DeWolf voiced concerns of no reports submitted from the Havelock Public Library.

"I am concerned when these reports aren't filed so that we may know where this money is spent." He added, "I find it hard to justify to the taxpayers to fund this library if we are unsure of where this funding goes."

County Engineer Jack Moellering updated the Board on the closure of a bridge located in Cedar Township. "Not a whole lot of this bridge is a keeper. A temporary fix is not worth the effort that will be needed to maintain it. We won't get that much additional time from a quick fix," he replied. "I doubt that it is repairable, at least not for a reasonable amount of money."

It was noted to the board that other options would be looked into further. The board has also re-examined the early retirement agreement presented in early December of 2011.

Supervisor Ed Dewey noted that this agreement is a good option, which will, in-turn save the county money.

The proposed plan would allow early retiring county employees to use accumulated vacation to pay for insurance. The issue discussed was whether there would also be an administrative fee for services provided. "This plan would be similar to the existing county flex-plan," related Dewey.

County Assessor Brian DeWall, also in attendance, informed the Board, "This agreement would be a win/win for both the county and its employees."

Supervisor Louis Stalter related, "If this is going to save the taxpayers and county money, it's worth looking into."

County Auditor Margene Bunda noted that vacation time does not pay FICA, IPERS, or insurance, but rather that it would be deposited into an insurance account.

The vacation program is more commonly used in schools and cities, but had been presented to the Supervisors for approval.

Following much discussion, the Board had approved the early retirement agreement with no administrative fee.

Pocahontas County Economic Development Director Tom Gran presented the Board with a revised copy of the 2012-15 strategic plan of the Pocahontas County Economic Development Commission (PCEDC).

Gran informed the Board that Rand Fisher of Iowa Area Development Group worked with PCEDC and compiled the strategic plan at no cost.

"Every community has a representative that worked together ending in the culmination of a four-point strategic plan that will be used to

inform the public and sponsors, advance the mission, and strengthen the PCEDC organization," related Gran. "We took a look at where we are at, what we need to do, and where we need to go."

The first point of the strategic plan is to support existing business and industry.

"We need to initiate a formal business and industry call program, leverage and support the Pocahontas County Leadership Development Program, and expand the scope and efforts of the Housing Corporation of Northwest Iowa," Gran informed.

It is the plan of PCEDC to work with businesses, industries, and organizations to identify opportunities and address challenges. Business succession and transfer, new investment and job creation are top priorities.

"This is one thing to say, another how to do through action," he stated.

"Secondly, we need to identify and prepare for new economic opportunities."

It will be the focus of the PCEDC to create a county value-added agriculture plan, support county tourism and marketing efforts, and market and utilize the Pocahontas County Revolving Loan Fund.

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The third point of the strategy plan state puts an emphasis on the need to enhance community and county attractiveness and quality of life.

"We need to host education events, forums and seminars. We need to initiate Keep Iowa Beautiful relationships, and also need to help Pocahontas County communities with special projects," Gran informed. He added, "We are turning a corner and seeing many young people come back to the area."

It was also noted that area community colleges would be willing to come to the county to do community-specific training if there was a great enough interest.

The fourth point of the strategic plan was to look to strengthen the future success of the commission.

"We need to focus on getting the PCEDC web site launched, expand PCEDC Board participation, and partner with the Pocahontas County Community Foundation," Gran imparted.

A complete copy of the PCEDC Strategic Plan can be reviewed by stopping in the PCEDC office in Pocahontas or by contacting one of the board members.

The Board of Supervisors have approved the County Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report, Statement of Condition, as well as the Semi-annual Report. Quarterly reports of the offices of the Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff, and Clerk of Courts were also approved.

The Board has also accepted the resignation of Jane McCormick from the UDMO board. In doing so they wished to thank her for her many years of service.

The County Supervisors have also approved the signing of a 28-E agreement that would allow them to choose which service area they wish to join for mental health services. Without this agreement signed, the state would be allowed to make the decision.

The Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors meets regularly every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., in the boardroom of the courthouse.



Samantha Stone, Tanner Nagengast



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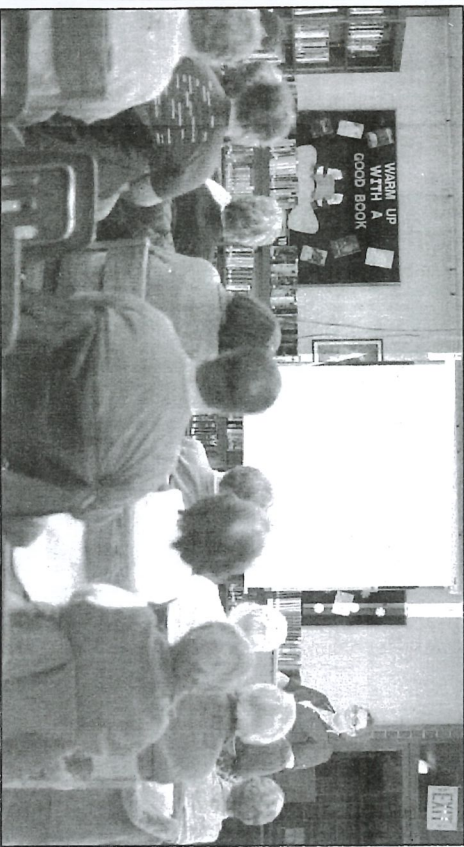


Ashley Dvorak Talks About Trip to Laurens, France

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Area residents who gathered at the Laurens Public Library on Tuesday evening, January 31st, were transported to Laurens, France, as Ashley Dvorak told of her experiences when she visited there last fall as a student ambassador from our city. Ashley, the daughter of Lisa and Mike Dvorak, is a senior at Laurens-Marathon High School. She was accompanied on her trip by Kelly Van Sickle of Laurens. Ashley and Kelly stayed



The country changed, but the name stayed the same as L-M senior visits Sister City



L-M senior Ashley Dvorak is informing a packed house at the Laurens library about her trip to the sister city of Laurens, France, on Jan. 30. After a long flight, Dvorak was treated to beautiful beaches, warm hospitality, and world-class food, as well as a short stint in a French school. Photo by Whitney Photography.

By Nikl Whitney

"Breakfast over Ireland, lunch in Amsterdam, dinner in France. How can you beat that?" This was Ashley Dvorak's Facebook status after her first day of her week-long trip to the Sister City of Laurens, Laurens, France.

In September, Dvorak traveled across the pond for a week, through the Sister City Commission. Laurens, France is of comparable size to our Laurens. Though, there isn't a grocery store in town. Residents need to drive a half hour to get to a big grocery store, but they do have smaller shops, such as a bakery, cheese store and an outdoor market.

Ashley Dvorak is currently a senior at the Laurens-Marathon Schools. At the beginning of the last year, the Sister City Commission of Laurens was looking for a Student Ambassador to travel to France for a week. For the student to apply, they had to write a 500-word essay, and have written personal references. Once she heard that she was accepted as the Student Ambassador, she applied for a passport and started saving all of her money for spending and to buy new clothes because, "A girl's gotta have new clothes for a new country."

The day of her departure,

her family took her out to dinner at the Bowl-a-Drome, which is a local bowling-type game alley. Her host family failed to mention to her that she was going to be meeting the Sister City Commission, and she went in her PJ's as she was very tired from the long trip. Even though this wasn't the best first impression, no one in the Sister City Commission held it against her.

Her first full day in France, she spent on the beach. The name of the beach was Vile de Valras Plage in Beziers. She said it was a very beautiful beach. Lelu, her host sister, spent most of the time at the beach, but it wasn't uncommon. "The beaches there were kind of nude beaches, but it was mostly women. I didn't see any, ugh, men," Ashley groaned.

She did spend a couple days going to school with Ines. They took a charter bus to get to school in Beziers. They took the wrong bus, but the bus driver still took them to their school. They were a little late, so the gates were locked but a nice person that happened to be outside let them in. She spent a day-and-a-half in class. The classes she had to were mostly in French, so she had a hard time not being able to talk to anyone. She was able to spend time in two English classes. The classes were taught by different teachers, one of which was very strict, and yelled at a student who obviously didn't have his homework done. In one of the English classes, the teacher asked if she could come up front and do a speech. Her fellow students asked her to slow down, because she spoke too quickly for them to understand.

On her full day of school, she went out to lunch with Ines and her friends. Their lunch period was two hours long, so they could go to an outdoor restaurant. At the restaurant, Ines and her friends were smoking cigarettes and were drinking beer, which surprised Dvorak very much.

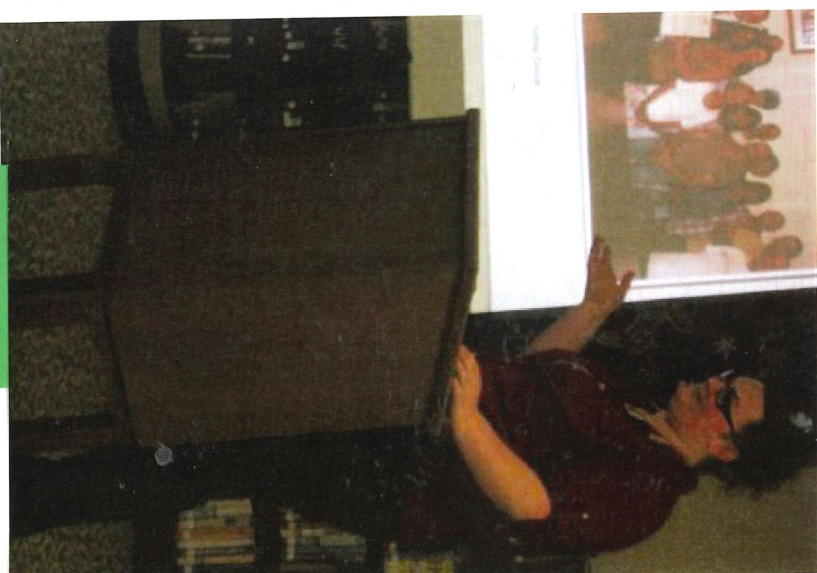
When she asked, she found out that they are able to buy alcohol and cigarettes at age 16. But Dvorak made them jealous because they have to wait until they are 18 to drive.

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with families in Laurens and were treated like royalty by local residents. While in Laurens, Ashley attended the high school, located in the nearby town of Beziers, with her host "sister". The audience enjoyed hearing about travels around the Laurens area, the delicious meals that were served, and stories of the wonderful residents of our sister city.

Members of the Laurens, Iowa Sister City Commission treated attendees to Laurens, France style refreshments, including olives, fresh grapes, several varieties of cheese, and other sweets (this was the Laurens, Iowa portion of the treats) Sparkling grape juice from an Iowa winery was also served.

Ashley thanked the Laurens, Iowa residents for making her trip a possibility, and stated her hope that community support of the Sister City Commission and student "travelships" will continue so that more students can enjoy this opportunity of a lifetime. The Sister City Commission's travelships are partially funded by the annual Laurens, Iowa Wine Festival, held in conjunction with Celebrate Laurens!



SISTER: Dvorak reflects on visit to Sister City

From Page 1



A fine spread of French food was presented at the Laurens Library. Sparkling grape juice, and crackers, cheese, and olive hors d'oeuvres were served to the crowd. Photo by Whitney Photography.

On her half-day of school, Marie Claude took her to lunch at a buffet restaurant near the ocean, where she was able to try new seafood. Her favorite food was raw oysters on the half-shell. "Raw oysters are so good! Don't knock it 'til you try it," explained Dvorak. She also tried escargot, which is cooked snails, which came with many types of utensils to get the mollusk out of the shell. She also tried a whole crab, but commented that it was "very difficult for very little meat."

She did go shopping with Ines one of the days she was there. The mall and shops were all outdoors and some were open-air markets. In the center of the mall was a beautiful fountain, that she later found out was built by Ines' grandfather. She had a great time shopping, but wasn't able to buy much because \$100 dollars doesn't go far. She didn't realize

they all went to Pesnas, which is an outdoor market. Dvorak observed that you could buy just about anything there.

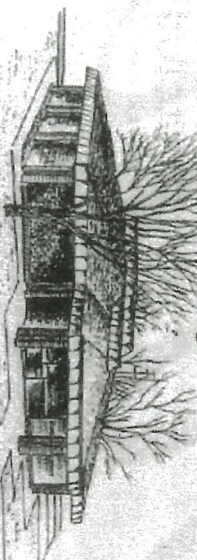
"The market had oysters, fresh fruit, clothes, entertainment, and jewelry. It was really crowded and congested," explained Dvorak.

Of all the things at the market, Dvorak kept coming back to a gorgeous handmade black beaded necklace. Jessi, her host mom, bought it for her; she was so excited about it. While she was there, Dvorak was a little tired and run down, so she had a cup of coffee. But coffee in France is nothing like coffee here. The cups are very small, almost shot size, and the coffee is textured with actual coffee grounds in the cup.

On her way home, Dvorak and Vansickle got stuck in Customs in Amsterdam for quite a while. Dvorak had a large bag of sand with seashells in it. The Customs Agent had to go through the entire bag, sitting through the sand to make sure there were not any illegal things hidden in it. Vansickle thanked the agent for doing such a good job, but he thought she was being sarcastic and gave her a little attitude back.

Dvorak imparted in closing comments that she really enjoyed her trip and thanked the Sister City Commission for the amazing opportunity. She did recommend some advice for the next student who is given this opportunity: learn as much French as possible. Dvorak related she hoped she made a great impression on the people of Laurens,

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February read of the month is "*13 Reasons Why*" by Jay Asher. In this book 13 cassette tapes are delivered to Clay after a high school classmate commits suicide. He spends the night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death. This book will make a great discussion when we meet on February 27th!

Upcoming Events

Date to be announced: "Who Am I?" with Ruth Steinkoenig February 23 @ 7 p.m.
Visiting the Beyond: Paranormal Presentation by Curt Strutz of Paranormal Generation February 27 Book Club "13 Reasons Why"
March 6 @ 7 pm Little House on the Prairie by Connie Dallenbach
March 24 at 10 A.M. Couponing Class with Katie Kitterman

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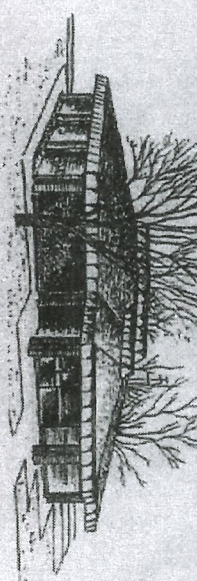


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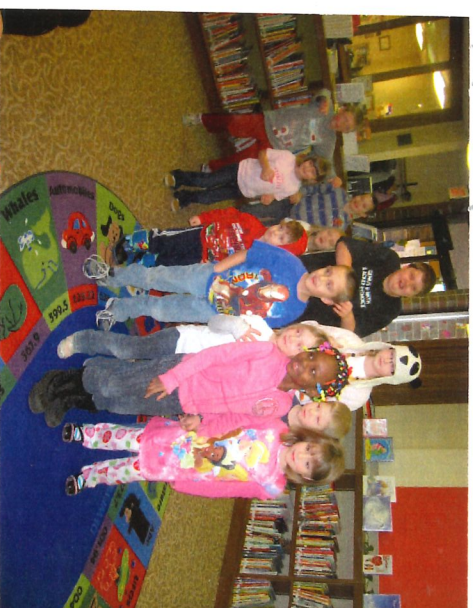
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Monica Sweeney & Trinity Brazel making valentines



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More Wacky Wednesday Crafting time for home



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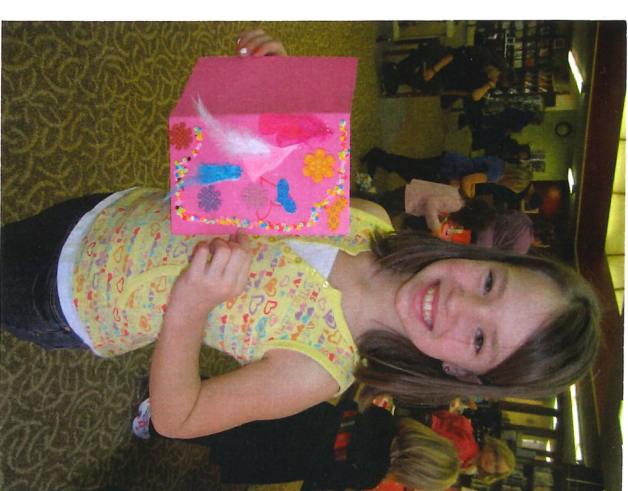
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Erika Boer with her Valentine

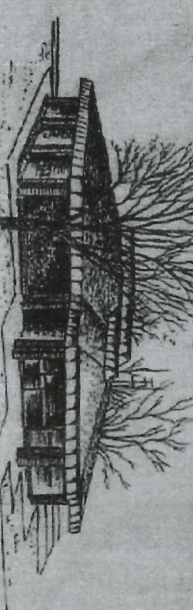


Lyla Bailey shows off
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Tori Reese holds up her
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"Who the Heck Am I?" at the Library

The Paper

Ruth Steinkoenig really let the artistic side of her personality show during "Who The Heck Am I?" at the Laurens Public Library recently. Throughout the program, she wove stories of growing up in Lake City and her many different career and life changes. She told how the six different personality traits effect people's career choices and their social interactions.

We then had the opportunity to evaluate our own traits and share the results with the rest of the participants. Here's a breakdown of the different personalities.

"Artistic" people are innovative, sensitive, original, independent, non-conforming, excitable, creative, positive & changeable. They rely on feelings rather than facts.

People with "conventional" traits are practical, neat, organized & disciplined. Their motto might be, "There's a place for everything and everything better be in its place!"

"Investigative" personality traits include being disciplined, curious, logical, likes quality, a thinker, intelligent, humble. As a small child they probably took their toys apart to see how they work - as an adult they sometimes still do!

The "social" personality is enthusiastic, generous, cooperative,

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insightful, understanding, cheerful, and sensitive. This person always has that bottle of aspirin, cough drops, snack foods, etc on hand just in case someone needs it.

The "Enterprising" person is adventurous, dominant, persuasive, action oriented, logical, a perfectionist, professional and popular. They are the born leader and love to argue an issue.

"Realistic" personality traits include shy, frank, modest, moderate, well-liked, cordial and does not ruffle feathers. They deal with things more than ideas or people and are very comfortable in their own skin.

Many thanks go to "Beverly Ruth" for sharing her time and talents with us!

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Laurens Public Library
Monday, February 18 at 7 pm



Ruth Steinkoenig sharing about personalities
Jan Herson, Shirley McKenna, Bob Dallenbach, Ann
Walstad & Connie Dallenbach



Taking our evaluations of our personalities
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Ruth playing the piano.



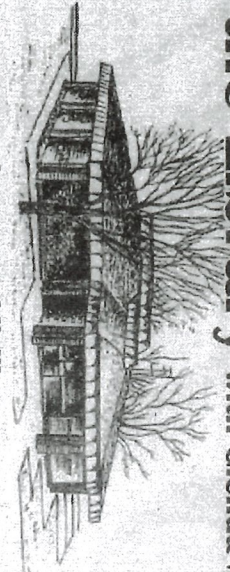
Ruth reading examples of personalities



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Our current budget comes from the City of Iowa, the same dollar amount as in 2006. Ten percent of that goes to the County, from whom we've seen a steady increase. Just five percent of our budget comes from the City of Iowa. That's a 13 percent decrease in five years. Rent for our building is 13 percent of our total budget.

We had 101 Children's Programs monthly elementary Brown Bag lunches, Story Times, Tot Times, Halloween Mag with a total attendance of 2,628. Adults attendance of 758. I have a goal to increase attendance with the Kiwanis that I am a member of. I shared with the Kiwanis that I am a member asked me how many of Iowa's libraries didn't know the answer. So naturally, we didn't! Here's the answer: Of the 543 accredited. That's just 64 percent. Ninety 35 are at Tier 1, which means they meet some State funding. Sixty-six libraries OK, did any of you fall asleep while happy to report that only one Kiwanian died of a heart attack in the morning, so I can't really blame them.

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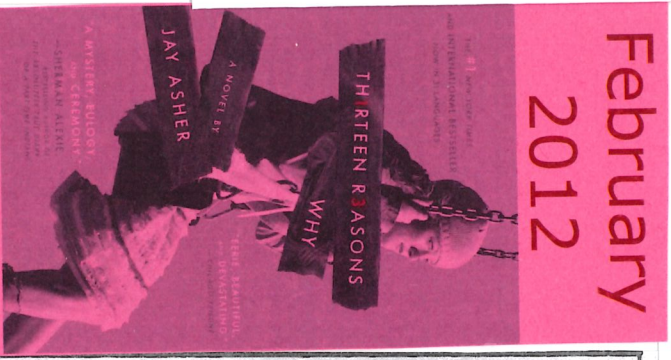
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Please return your book by our discussion
2/27/12 @ 7:00 pm

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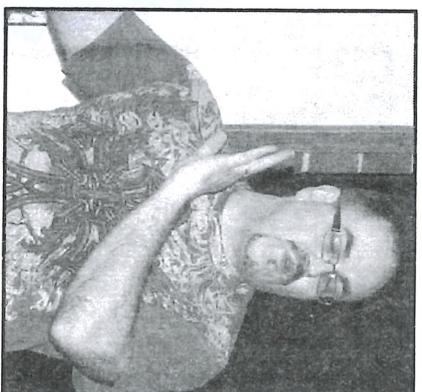
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A talk through the unexplained



Curt Strutz of Paranormal Generation fills the air with ghost stories at a recent presentation. Photo by Robert Fisher. 3/7/12

By Robert Fisher

On an evening when the threat of a winter storm loomed overhead, the only white on the minds of many was of a spectral nature. People were more interested in a presentation of personal paranormal experiences from Curt Strutz at the Laurens Public Library on Feb. 23. Since the sixth grade, Strutz has had an interest in ghosts and the paranormal. His intrigue of events outside the realm of the explained has led to a career as a paranormal explorer.

He has traveled the country visiting locations that have had various reports of the unexplained. Documenting his observations along the way and picking up a few similar-minded individuals, Strutz formed Paranormal Generation.

The intent of the forming of the group has been to create television and digital media programming that remains 100 percent "true-to-life" paranormal investigation. "We want to do this without the aid of Hollywood tricks, imagery,

be a blue lady either floating around or sitting on the bed. Guests had also made note of various locked linen closet doors opening and closing, unaided. "Shadows can be seen moving across the room too."

The next ghostly visit was to the lands of central Iowa to the Farrar schoolhouse, located northeast of Des Moines.

and special effects," related Strutz. "Everything we have has to be recorded on a device."

Paranormal Generation is now a television show gaining popularity on multiple local access stations and on the internet.

As the frozen flakes fell, the lights were lowered. It began... "I once took my wife to Deadwood for a vacation. We stayed in the popular Bullock Hotel." Strutz proceeded to inform the group of one of his first paranormal experiences.

"We were able to reserve the exact room where it was reported that the builder had passed. When we got there it was pouring, we got inside and into our room on the third floor and there was a stream of water pouring in. She asks, 'What next, the fire alarm?'"

No sooner that the words escaped her mouth the fire alarm in the hotel/casino went off, sending all of the guests out into the pouring rain. "We both thought this was a strange occurrence. Upon our return we found it was rated in the top 25 haunted hotels in the country."

Continuing, he described experiences that were noticed in an apartment that the family had previously lived in. "We had this one corner in a room of the apartment that we began seeing activity more frequently. If toys were near that corner they would go off, untouched. Orange lights would appear in photos taken near there."

He even spoke of a cup of markers that were in a cup on a shelf, had crashed to the floor. The cup of markers were picked up and put farther back on the shelf, just to come crashing back to the floor within a half an hour. "Lights in the place would go on and off. We soon

"Construction began on the school house in 1921, despite a high amount of unfavor from the community," related Strutz. Holding classes until a decade ago, many students, faculty, and visitors had complained of unexplainable events in the building.

Since closing in 2002, the building has sat mostly empty for 10 years. Of recent, private investors had purchased the old school to be converted into a private residence. Since moving in, many residents have also experienced paranormal activity. It has been told that there have been sightings of a featureless child sitting on the stairs. There have been reported incidents of giggling near the girls bathroom on the third floor as well as many other various reports of activity near the old stage. As Strutz continued with the presentation, the real reason for community concern became apparent. The location for the building was set in an open field, directly across from the local cemetery.

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Self-Proclaimed Paranormal Explorer Shares Experiences

After his presentation, Curt Strutz answered audience questions about places he has visited while researching for the TV Show Paranormal Generation. A self-proclaimed Paranormal Explorer, he told us that he has had ghosts and the paranormal since he was in 6th grade. As an adult, he has traveled the country visiting and exploring haunted landmarks. He especially loves haun-

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Before leaving, the family inquired to see if there had been previous complaints about the apartment. It was then related that there had not, but that some time prior a gentleman living a flight below had hung himself from ceiling pipes near that area.

"Most cases of paranormal activity are seen around areas that have a high concentration of emotional energy. All life is comprised of energy. If energy can't be created or destroyed where does it go?" he pondered.

Strutz has traveled mostly across the Midwest in search of that which standard science can not explain.

Told through pictures, Strutz entertained participants as they discussed paranormal activity in Indiana, Iowa, and West Virginia.

The first stop was an evening in the Story Inn located in the Hoosier Forest near Brown County State Park in Indiana. "This one-building town once served as a popular tourist attraction prior to the arrival of the interstate," he related.

This is one of those locations where activity has been seen and documented on many different occasions. The original owners of the inn have kept guest books in each room. Writings in visitors books over the last 90 years have made many mentions of paranormal activity.

"We went to stay here and document any activity that could be found. Just entering the old building had a fun house effect as the stairs were old and uneven."

He noted that numerous guests have reported seeing what appears to

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As per participants' request, Strutz also told of various experiences that he had seen at the Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum in West Virginia. "This place had a lot of emotional energy," informed Strutz.

"Designed to house 260 patients, the facility once held over 2,000 people at once," Strutz continued, "This facility has some of the more violent action that has been reported."

Although he had an extensive list of places that could be looked into, time put the ghost stories to bed. He did inform that episodes of Paranormal Generation could be seen on YouTube.

Looking into the area further, it was found that the Laurens Public Library has many books on the paranormal, one of which deals with reported activity, even right here in Northwest Iowa.

"The Iowa Road Guide to Haunted Locations" by Chad Lewis and Terry Fisk can be used to take you on your own local ghost hunt if you so dare. Locations include the Abbie Gardner Cabin in Spirit Lake, Gypsy Cemetery in Algona, American Theatre in Cherokee, to a well known vacant lot on the eastern edge of Emmetsburg.



Prairie Presentation March 14, 2012 *Laurens Sun*
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Little House on the Prairie

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Connie Dallenbach reading excerpts from "Little House on the Prairie" book.



Kendall Evans, Lexi Davis, Emma Storms & Logan Davis looking & trying Connie's show & tell items

At the Library

with Glenda Mulder

March 7, 2012

The Paper

I was exploring our library computer operating system the other day and found something



I thought was

interesting. There's a report called "Library Snapshot." When I clicked it a page came up that told me we currently have 26,402 copies in our collection, of which 1227 are checked out and 200 are overdue. I'm starting to enjoy these random statistics....

well, except for the overdue part, those drive me crazy. So, if you're one of our 1,687 patrons, (yes, this number was also on the report!) please get your books back on time or call to renew them. This would also probably be a good time to remind you that our catalog is online so you can check if that item you want is in our collection, and if it's currently available. The link is on our website www.laurenspubliclibrary.com.

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Upcoming Events

March 13 6 p.m. - Page of the Month Scrapbooking with Holly Storms & Kristin Fansega

March 24 10 a.m. - Couponing Class with Katie Kitterman

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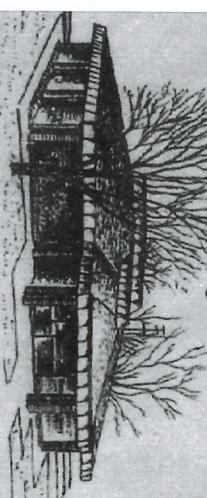
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Page of the Month begins 6 pm Tuesday, March 13
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\$25 includes all supplies needed to make this beautiful two page spread.
All you need to furnish is the pictures!
Space is limited - advance registration & payment required by March 7th

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March 21, 2012

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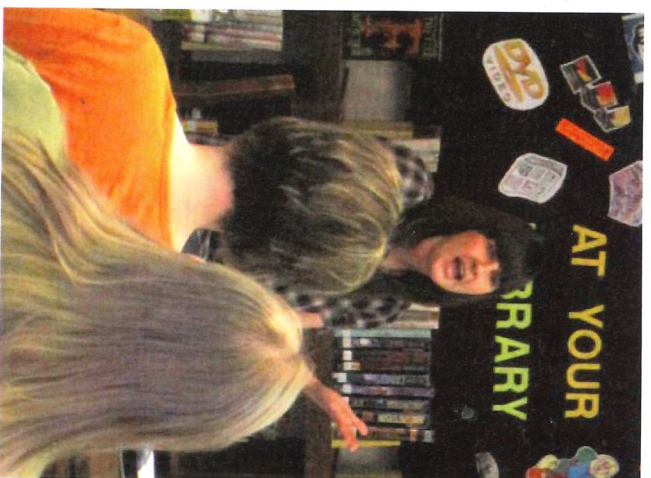
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Couponing Class Held at the Library

March 28, 2012 The Paper

Katie Kitterman of Iowa Couponing was at the Laurens Public Library recently. She shared her tips and techniques for finding coupons and making the most of the ones you have. She shared her personal experiences and told of store policies that couponers should be aware of. She gave us a list of her favorite websites to find coupons. This girl is organized! She shared her methods and showed us her 3 ring binder and also told of other ways to organize coupons as well as shopping trips. She also explained a bit about the coupons themselves. She informed us that most things go on sale in a cycle of 3-6 months, so this is a good thing to know when deciding how many of an item your family needs. At the end, Katie outlined things NOT to do as a couponer including copying coupons (which is illegal!) clearing the shelves, buying things you don't use just because it's a good deal, etc.



Nice crowd for Katie Kitterman's couponing class



At the Library with Glenda Mulder

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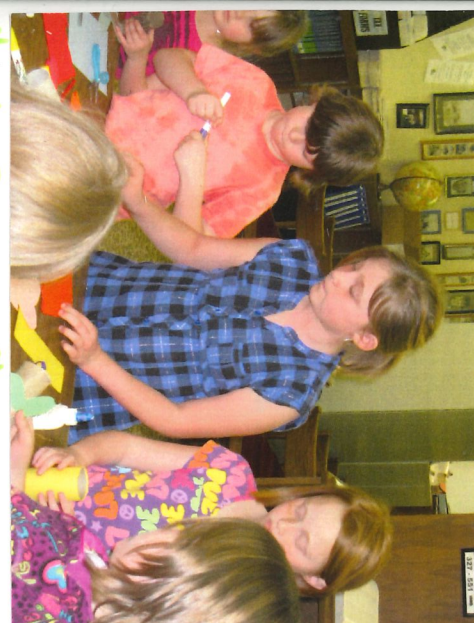
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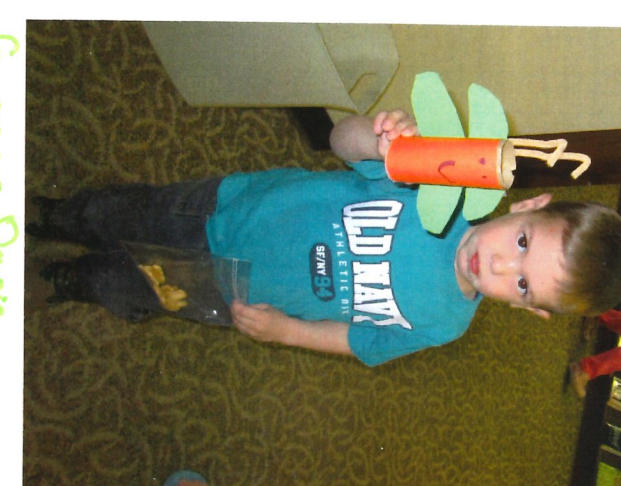
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March 28-29-30
Stories about animals
Crafts with paper and
snacks - animal masks



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Hailey Brazel



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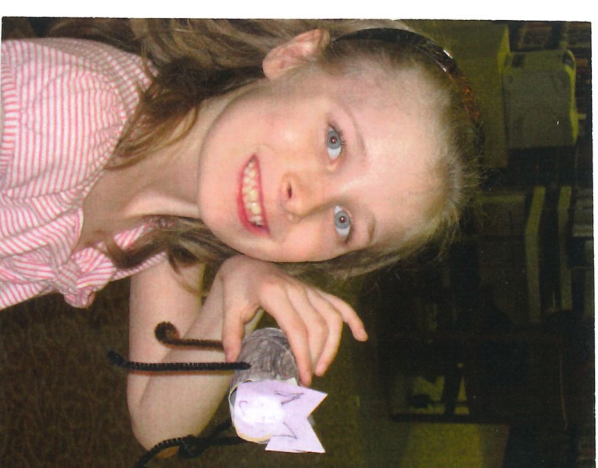
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At the Library with Glenda Mulder April 4, 2012

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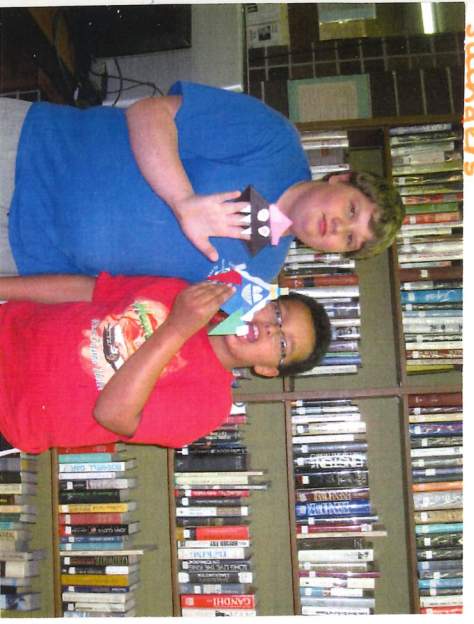
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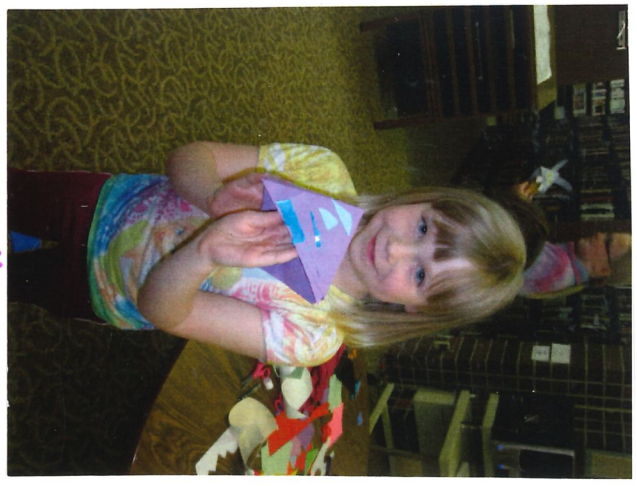
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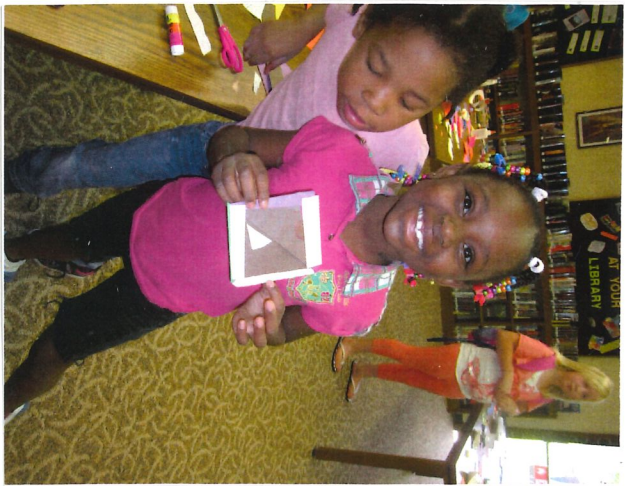
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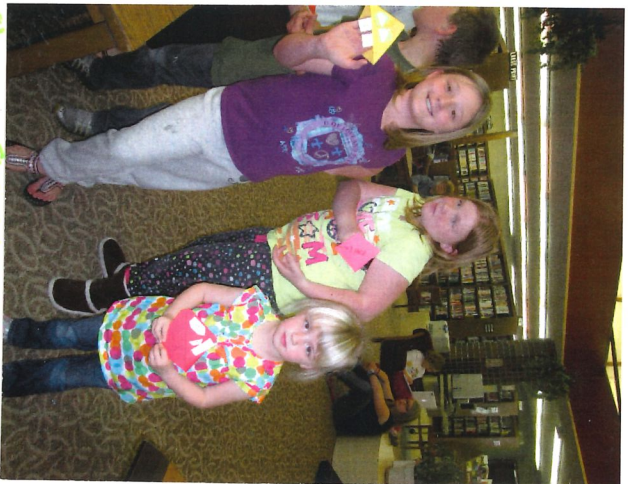
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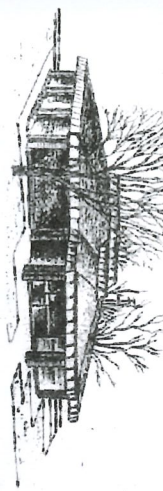


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April 18, 2012

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I got an e-mail this week from Mary Wegner, the State Librarian, asking if we would be one of 450 libraries nationwide including just 32 libraries in Iowa to join the Edge Initiative to help test technology benchmarks and indicators in America's libraries. This national coalition includes the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the American Library Association, Office of Information Technology Policy, and the International City/County Management Association. Well, of course I immediately said yes! Imagine my surprise when about ten minutes later I received a 75 page form I got to fill out along with an invitation to a webinar to learn more about doing just that! This made me wonder just what I'd gotten myself into. Well, the webinar made me realize this wasn't as daunting as it first appeared. We will be answering questions on technology for staff and patron use, and then answering questions about the clarity and ease of answering these questions, so the coalition can revise these benchmarks as needed before releasing this to the general library population. It's fun to me that we were selected to be on the ground floor of this project!

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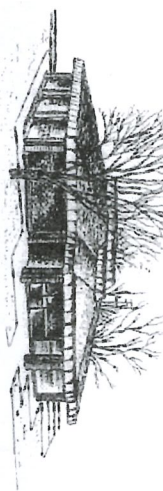
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April 25, 2012 *Laurens Sun*

We're starting to work on our plans for the summer and came across what we think is a fun idea. Lego Days! This is what we'd like to do: Designate a certain day of the week as Lego Day. Every week we will break out the Legos and issue a challenge such as machine, building, etc. Anyone (because you're never too old to play with Legos!) or any team can build a project that will be displayed for the week. Then the next week we'll break them down and start all over again. OK, now comes the fun part. WE NEED LEGOS! If you've got some setting around your house that you'd be willing to donate to the Library, please drop them off, or give us a call.

New fiction books this week include: *By the Iowa Sea* by Joe Blair, *The Last Boyfriend* by Nora Roberts, *Sunrise Point* by Robyn Carr, *Bitterblue* by Kristin Cashore, *True Sisters* by Sandra Dallas, *Wind through the Keyhole* by Stephen King and *Breaking News* by Fern Michaels. Nonfiction includes: *Confessions of a Scary Mommy* by Jill Smolker and *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: from my frontier* by Ree Drummond.

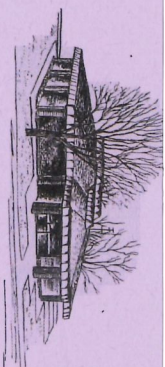
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Our display cases are filled once again! Iner Joelson is sharing his carving projects with us. It amazes me to look at all the pieces and realize he started this hobby (or is it an obsession?) about five years ago. I love the expressive faces he creates - especially on the animals. Oh, and if you've ever wondered what's hiding inside your golf ball, come take a look!

Speaking of the display cases...our summer reading theme is "Dream Big" and it focuses on the night time. One of the things we will be talking about is nocturnal animals, which leads me to this question. Do you have an owl collection that you would be willing to show off? If so, please let us know!

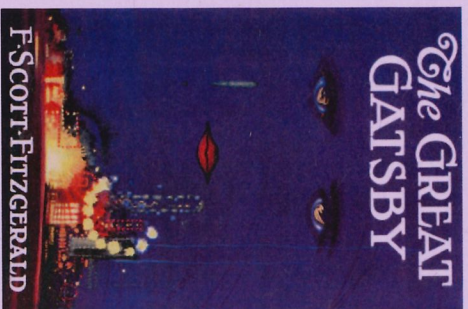
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I've got lots to tell you this week, so no fanfare here. New DVDs include: *We Bought a Zoo*, *Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked*, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, *The Great Gatsby* and *War Horse*. New adult fiction includes: *Calico Joe* by John Christian, *Blood Red Road* by Moira Young, *Carry the One* by Carol Anshaw, *Doll'd up for Murder* by Jane Cleland, *Defending Jacob* by William Landay, *The Lightboat* by Charlotte Rogan and *Come Home* by Lisa Scottoline. We also got 10 paperback copies of our most requested book - *The Hunger Games*. There are actually a couple on the shelf right now! New adult nonfiction includes: *Wildt: from lost to found on the Pacific Crest trail* by Cheryl Strayed, *India Becoming: a portrait of modern life in India* by Akash Kapur, *Making pie: a memoir of love, loss, and pie* (yup, I'm a sucker for anything about pie!) by Beth Howard and *Soldier dogs: the untold story of America's canine heroes* by Maria Goodavage.

I got an e-mail this week from Mary Wegner, the State Librarian, asking if we would be one of 450 libraries nationwide including just 32 libraries in Iowa to join the Edge Initiative to help test technology benchmarks and indicators in America's libraries. This national coalition includes the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the American Library Association, Office of Information Technology Policy, and the International City/County Management Association. Well, of course I immediately said yes! Imagine my surprise when about 10 minutes later I received a 75 page form I got to fill out along with an invitation to a webinar to learn more about doing just that! This made me wonder just what I'd gotten myself into. Well, the webinar made me realize this wasn't as daunting as it first appeared. We will be answering questions on technology for staff and patron use, and then answering questions about the clarity and ease of answering these questions, so the coalition can revise these benchmarks as needed before releasing this to the general library population. It's fun to me that we were selected to be on the ground floor of this project!

This month's Book Club choice is *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. This classic is set in New York City during the times of WWI & Prohibition. I'm ready to dive into it now - I hope to have more time to read this week! We now have the DVD starring Robert Redford, so after you're done with the book, you can watch the movie and compare the two. Join our discussion April 23rd at 7 p.m.

Lots of scrapbookers must like parties! There are just two spots left, so if you want to give it a try, call or stop at the Library soon - preregistration and payment are required. The cost for this month's page is just \$10! We're meeting at 6 pm on April 25th, a Wednesday night this time. If you can't join us that evening and would just like to buy the materials, that's fine too!

At the Library with Glenda Mulder

April 25, 2012

The Paper

We're starting to work on our plans for the summer and came across what we think is a fun idea. Lego Days! This is what we'd like to do: Designate a certain day of the week as Lego Day. Every week we will break out the Legos and issue a challenge such as machine, building, etc. Anyone (because you're never too old to play with Legos!) or any team can build a project that will be displayed for the week. Then the next week we'll break them down and start all over again. OK, now comes the fun part. WE NEED LEGOS! If you've got some sitting around your house that you'd be willing to donate to the Library, please drop them off, or give us a call.

New fiction books this week include: *By the Iowa Sea* by Joe Blair, *The Last Boyfriend* by Nora Roberts, *Sunrise Point* by Robyn Carr, *Bitterblue* by Kristin Cashore, *True Sisters* by Sandra Dallas, *Wind through the Keyhole* by Stephen King and *Breaking News* by Fern Michaels. Nonfiction includes: *Confessions of a Scary Mommy* by Jill Smolker and *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: from my frontier* by Ree Drummond.

Remember that I told you the Library Foundation was going to be purchasing CD Audiobooks instead of leasing them? Well, we got another shipment of them this week. We have added the following recent best sellers to our collection: *Defending Jacob*, *What Doesn't Kill You*, *Catching Fire*, *Last Years*, *Calico Joe*, *Crystal Gardens*, *Witness*, *Betrayal*, *Unnatural Acts* and *Innocent*. If you have ideas of books you would enjoy listening to, please let us know and we'll see what we can do!

Our display cases are filled once again! Iner Joelson is sharing his carving projects with us. It amazes me to look at all the pieces and realize he started this hobby (or is it an obsession?) about five years ago. I love the expressive faces he creates - especially on the animals. Oh, and if you've ever wondered what's hiding inside your golf ball, come take a look!

Speaking of the display cases...our summer reading theme is "Dream Big" and it focuses on the night time. One of the things we will be talking about is nocturnal animals, which leads me to this question. Do you have an owl collection that you would be willing to show off? If so, please let us know!

Thanks for your patience in getting to the end! My English teachers would probably be horrified at my ramblings, but I write the way I talk and I guess this is just a rambling sort of day!

Stop at the Library & Check it Out!



Join us for a program featuring
Laurens Marathon Middle School
trip to Washington D.C.

7 pm, Tuesday,
April 24, 2012

Laurens Public Library



The crowd for the program

April 24, 2012



The kids that went on the trip



Kelly Tate + Hannah Runberg



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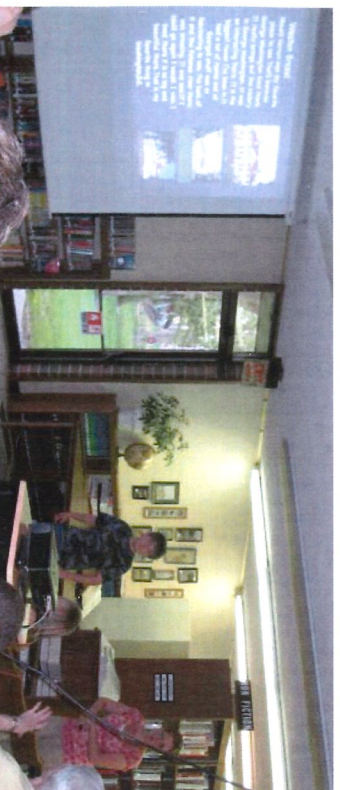


Bethany Hubbell + Kelly Tate

Washington D.C. Program

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Weston Brazel + Kelly Tate



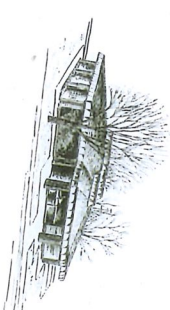
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Attention Scrapbookers!



Page of the Month @ Laurens Public Library
6 pm Wednesday, April 25

\$10 includes all supplies needed to make this beautiful two page spread.
All you need to furnish is the pictures!
Space is limited - advance registration & payment required by April 18



At the Library with Glenda Mulder



Laurens May 2, 2012
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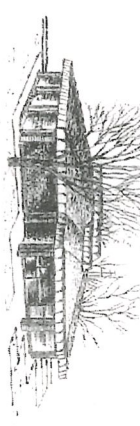
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Laurens May 9, 2012
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Mrs. Kene's class

Caleb Dalton
 Zach
 Olivia
 Michelle
 Brennen May
 Ava
 We appreciate you!
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Library,



Mrs. Rubel's class

Shirley
 Kristin
 Mrs. Rubel
 Tanya
 Alex
 Hunter
 Kaden
 Laney
 Roland

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May 9, 2012 *The Paper*

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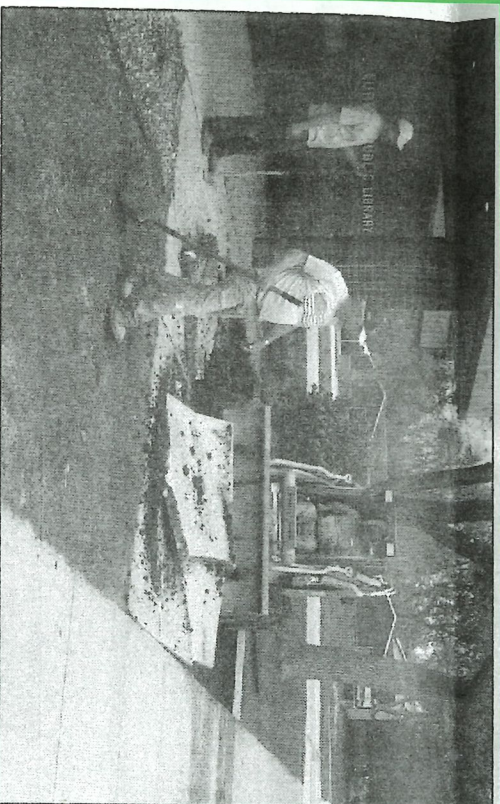
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New Bike Rack! *The Paper*

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New walkway to learning *Laurens Sun*

Demolition began in front of the Laurens Public Library on Friday of the old sidewalk in front. A new sidewalk will be poured, extending further north to make room for a new bike rack to help ease congestion during story hour. This project is being funded by donations from the Laurens Public Library Foundation. Pictured are (l-r) Josh Gunnarson, Pat Bouska and Don Fuchs in the skid steer. Photo submitted by Glenda Mulder.

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Courtney Post and Ciri Gunnarson.



Will Cleveland, Seth Herson, Laina Sullivan, and Trisha Griffin.



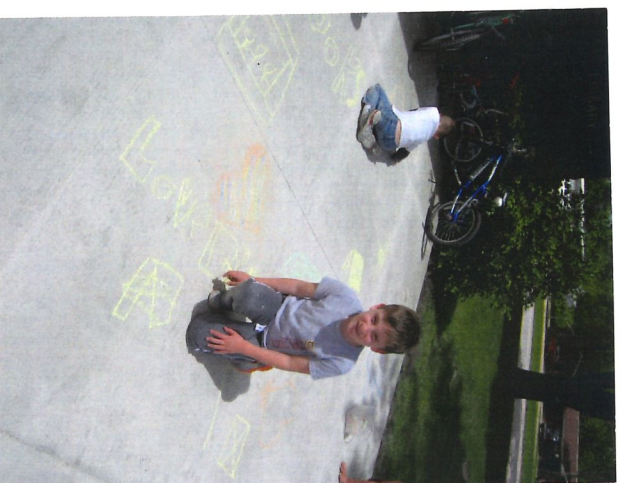
Emily Walker, Megan Dvorak, Justin DaSilva, Tyler Stockwell, and Ben Fuchs.

May 9, 2012

Macky Wednesday theme: Mom's in honor of Mother's Day theme.
 Macky read stories & played games with Mom's theme.
 Glenda had the kids make Mother's Day cards.



Elizabeth Runneberg, Sammy Stone, Kyle Kienhold, Payton Roling, Shawne Fleischfresser



Payton Roling



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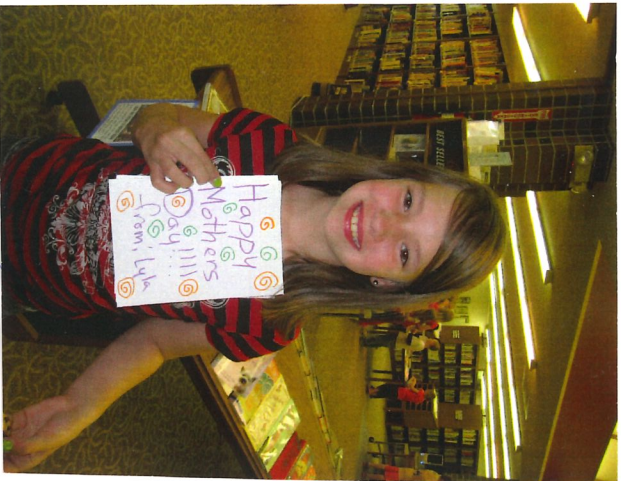
Glenda leads games



more games



Stories about moms read by Glenda Mulder



Lyla Bailey shows off her card for mom

Mommy I Love You
Mommy, I love you
For all that you do.
I'll kiss you and hug you
'Cause you love me, too.
You feed me and need me
To teach you to play,
So smile 'cause I love you
On this Mother's Day.

At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
May 16, 2012

The Paper

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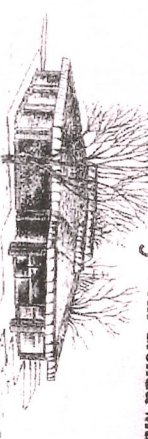


Mary Souba helping kids with cards
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Coming Events!

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7:00 p.m. June 12 "A Whale of a Tale" with Dick Hawes
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1:30 p.m. June 26 Eulenspiegel Puppet Show
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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

May 23, 2012

The Paper

In honor of the Memorial Day Holiday, the Library will be closed for 3 days this weekend - May 26-28. Stop in early to make sure you have plenty of books and movies to get you through the weekend! Because our scrapbookers have crazy summer schedules, the Page of the Month will be going on hiatus until Fall. We'll be sure to let you know when we're starting up again.

I've got lots of new materials to tell you about! In adult fiction we have received: *The Storm* by Clive Cussler, *Road to Grace* by Richard Paul Evans, *Affraid to Die* by Lisa Jackson, *Missing Child* by Patrick MacDonal, *Don't Ever Get Old* by Daniel Friedman, *So Far Away* by Meg Moore, *The Watchers* by Jon Steele, *Last Call for the Living* by Peter Farris, *Lucky Dog Matchmaking Service* by Beth Kendrick, *A Gift for my Sister* by Ann Pearlman, *Cottage at Glass Beach* by Heather Barbieri, *Beautiful Sacrifice* by Elizabeth Lowell, and *Stolen Prey* by John Sandford. In nonfiction we got *Both of Us: My life with Furch* by Ryan O'Neal and *My Extraordinary Life by Sissy Speck*. New DVDs are *Joyful Noise*, *New Year's Eve*, *The Vow* and *The Genesis Code*.

Dave and Jan Evans donated the book *Commissioned in Combat: A Combat Infantryman in the Pacific, WWII* in honor of Ralph (Bud) Reining's 90th birthday. Bud came in this week and checked out the book. He was back the next day & told us that he couldn't put it down. He says the book was very accurate and closely followed his experiences in the 57th Tank Battalion

in the Pacific Theater. So, I guess I'd have to say this book comes highly recommended by a local reader!

Another new book of local interest was donated by its author, Dr. Everett B. Pankuk, Jr. "A Hunter's Heritage" tells the tales of many hunts and is enhanced by it's many photos.

Ruth Steinkoenig has an itch to get something new at our Library - a monthly writer's group! No experience necessary! We're still working on pinning down a name (maybe The Write Stuff, Scripsease, Just Write...or maybe something else entirely - what do you think?) We're also working on a time to meet. If you're interested in this, please give us your input! I'll share more details when we get a few more things pinned (or should that be penned?) down!

Are you keeping the evening of June 12th open? I sure am! I'm looking forward to hearing "A Whale of a Tale" by former L-M teacher, Dick Hawes.

More on that later too, just wanted to remind you!

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Mary: In the early spring when Connie Dallanbach presented her Laura Ingalls Wilder program at our library, I was inspired to begin reading Laura's books. I remember reading one or two of them as a child, but I've never read them in chronological order, as I am now. I'm thoroughly enjoying traveling back in time to an era in our history that has always intrigued me. Laura's stories are heartwarming, and I think her writing style is delightful. One of my favorites so far is *The Long Winter*. Laura's accounts of what she and her family were able to endure are truly amazing!

I was excited to see that our library has 54 books, covering the span of reading levels, written by or about Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family. These range from easy reading books that are excerpts from her "Little House" books, to a cookbook, a songbook, biographies, and, of course, all of the "Little House" books. One book that has me curious is Wendy McClure's *The Wilder Life: My Adventures in the Lost World of Little House on the Prairie*. I'll be sure to read that one!

Are you a LEGO-fanatic? Let me tell you about our super-cool weekly LEGO Mania Challenge! Starting June 14th, you can come in to the library at 1:30 each Thursday and create a masterpiece with LEGOs. Each week there will be a challenge theme, and your creation must follow the theme for the week. For each creation completed, your name will be entered in a drawing to win a chance to see the LEGO "Nature Connects" display at Reiman Gardens in Ames (more on this below). We have two tickets to give away, and each admits one adult or two children.

Our LEGO fun is open to people of all ages. If your LEGO creation requires teamwork, the name of each person on the team will be entered in the drawing. Photos of the masterpieces will be on display at the library. If you can't make it to the library on Thursday, no worries! You can come in any time before the next Thursday to build your prize piece.

Now a little more about the "Nature Connects" display. It opened April 14th and will continue through Sunday, October 28th. Reiman Gardens is the first public garden in the U.S. to display sculptures made from LEGOs. The 14 displays include 27 sculptures built from nearly 500,000 LEGOs! The sculptures, inspired by nature and gardens, range in size from 6 inches to nearly 8 feet. The sculptor, Sean Kenney, is based out of New York, and is one of only eleven LEGO Certified Builders in the world, authorized by LEGO to build on their behalf.

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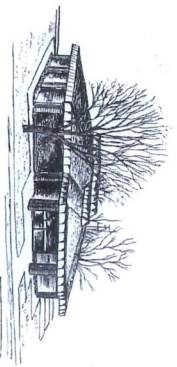
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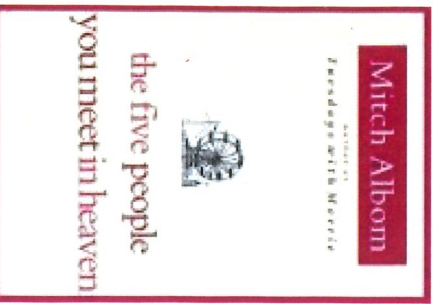
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Dream Big - READ! got off to a great start with our week one theme of Dreams & Wishes. Remember what you wanted to be when you grew up? What dream is still on your list to be accomplished? Nancy always wanted to work around books as a kid....that dream is accomplished...but she's still waiting to fulfill the dream of owning her own horse. Kids, and parents, come join us on Tuesday, June 19 at 1:30pm when the Blank Park Zoo visits with some of their nocturnal animals. Hope to see you there! Mary: In the early spring when Connie Dallenbach presented her Laura Ingalls Wilder program at our library, I was inspired to begin reading Laura's books. I remember reading one or two of them as a child, but I've never read them in chronological order, as I am now. I'm thoroughly enjoying traveling back in time to an era in our history that has always intrigued me. Laura's stories are heartwarming, and I think her writing style is delightful. One of my favorites so far is "The Long Winter." Laura's accounts of what she and her family were able to endure are truly amazing!

I was excited to see that our library has 54 books, covering the span of reading levels, written by or about Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family. These range from easy reading books that are excerpts from her "Little House" books, to a cookbook, songbook, biographies, and, of course, all of the "Little House" books. One book that has me curious is Wendy McCutcher's "The Wilder Life: My Adventures in the Lost World of Little House on the Prairie." I'll be sure to read that one!

Are you a LEGO-fanatic? Let me tell you about our super-cool weekly LEGO Mania Challenge! Starting June 14, you can come into the library at 1:30 each Thursday and create a masterpiece with LEGOs. Each week there will be a challenge theme, and your creation must follow the theme for the week. For each creation completed, your name will be entered in a drawing to win a chance to see the LEGO "Nature Connects" display at Reiman Gardens in Ames (more on this below). We have two tickets to give away, and each admits one adult or two children.

Our LEGO fun is open to people of all ages. If your LEGO creation requires teamwork, the name of each person on the team will be entered in the drawing. Photos of the masterpieces will be on display at the library. If you can't make it to the library on Thursday, no worries! You can come in any time before the next Thursday to build your prize piece.

Now a little more about the "Nature Connects" display. It opened April 14 and will continue through Sunday, October 28. Reiman Gardens is the first public garden in the U.S. to display sculptures made from LEGOs. The 14 displays include 27 sculptures built from nearly 600,000 LEGOs! The sculptures, inspired by nature and gardens, range in size from six inches to nearly eight feet. The sculptor, Sean Kennedy, is based out of New York, and is one of only eleven LEGO Certified Builders in the world, authorized by LEGO to build on their behalf.

Who knows? Maybe you too can become a LEGO Certified Builder. Come into the library and release your inner LEGO maniac!

Deb: For the adults, we will be doing "Between the Covers BINGO". "Between the Covers" is the theme for the adult summer reading program. Come into the library and pick up a BINGO card. We will be challenging you to read different genre. Come read, have fun playing BINGO and win a prize for a completed BINGO.

Another fun event to look forward to, is a fire fly night story time. Plans are in the making, but I guarantee it will be a blast. I have read a lot of really good books this spring/summer, but my favorite so far is "Lone Wolf" by Jodi Picoult. Other recommended books are "The Cove" by Ron Rash, "One Morning, One Morning" by Sarah Rayner, "Home Front" by Kristin Hannah, "Tuesday Night" by Kris Redden and "I just started Little Night" by Louanne Rice and "So Far Away" by Meg Mitchell Moore.

Coming Events!

- 1:30 p.m. June 14 LEGO Mania Challenge
- 1:30 p.m. June 19 Amazing Adaptations with Blank Park Zoo
- 1:30 p.m. June 21 LEGO Mania Challenge
- 7:00 p.m. June 25 Book Club "The Five People You Meet in Heaven"
- 1:30 p.m. June 26 Eutenspiegel Puppet Show
- 3:00 p.m. June 26 Shadow Puppet Workshop
- 1:30 p.m. June 28 LEGO Mania Challenge

Stop at the library and check it out!

Laurens and Marathon libraries: where the wild things are

By Chris Vrba

Kids from around the area are in for a wild time next week, as the Blank Park Zoo will be bringing their traveling exhibit, Amazing Adaptations, to four local libraries.

On Tuesday, June 19, zookeepers and a few furry, feathery, and scaly friends will visit the Pocahontas, Laurens, Marathon, and Albert City Public Libraries.

Samantha Dunn, an education specialist at Blank Park Zoo, said exhibits travel throughout Iowa each summer as part of the statewide summer reading program.

"We hope to spread knowledge and interest about these animals," she offered, and explained, "By getting the chance to be up close and personal with these amazing creatures, children will hopefully

gain respect for all animals and a desire to preserve the planet and all of its resources."

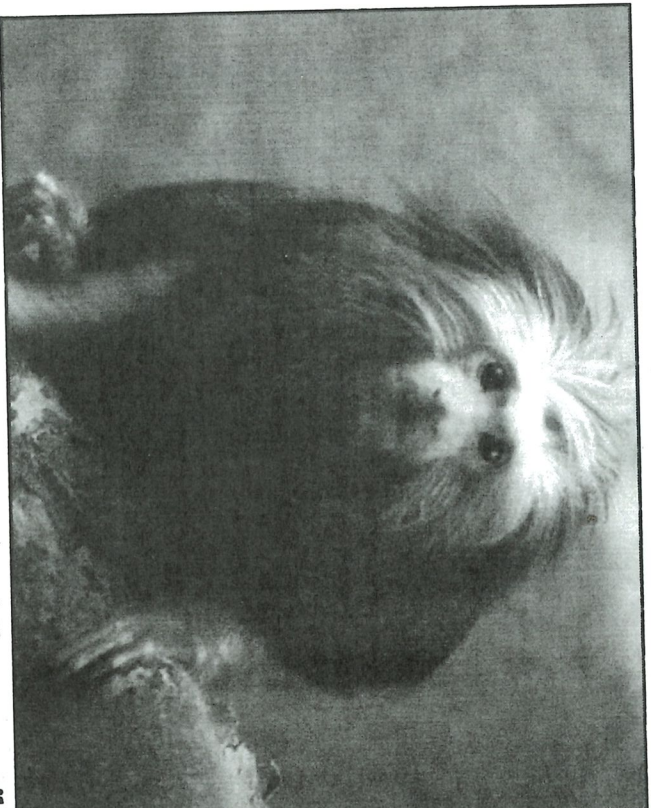
In particular, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about morphology, form, and function. Put another way, how do some birds fly silently? Or, how do those monkeys climb trees so easily?

Although Dunn was reserved as to the particular creatures that will make an appearance, she did say the program promises to incorporate a bit of hands on education.

"Children will get an opportunity to touch one of the animals at the program," she noted. "It's always a huge hit!"

For Dunn, that aspect is part of what makes the program worthwhile.

"I love that we are able to travel the entire state, because



A rare golden-headed tamarin is one of the many wild critters that can be viewed at the Blank Park Zoo. The zoo will be at the Laurens Public Library at 1:30 p.m. and at the Marathon Public Library at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19 for their Amazing Adaptations presentation.

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there are a lot of kids out there that don't get the opportunity to go to a zoo. It's amazing that we are able to bring a little piece of the zoo to them.

And the best part - that little piece of the zoo is free!

Children of all ages are welcome to attend. The Amazing Adaptations program will last approximately 45 minutes.

The Blank Park Zoo will visit libraries on Tuesday, June 19. Scheduled times are:

Pocahontas Public Library @ 10:00 a.m.

Laurens Public Library @ 1:30 p.m.

Marathon Public Library @ 3:00 p.m.

Albert City Public Library @ 4:30 p.m.

If you will be unable to attend Amazing Adaptations at your local library, or would like to make a trip to Blank Park Zoo, please see this week's edition for a special discount coupon good for one free children's admission.

The admission is sponsored by Pocahontas Ford Lincoln, Community State Bank of Albert City and Marathon, the Pocahontas Record-Democrat, Laurens Sun, and Buena Vista County Journal.

Library LEGO Mania



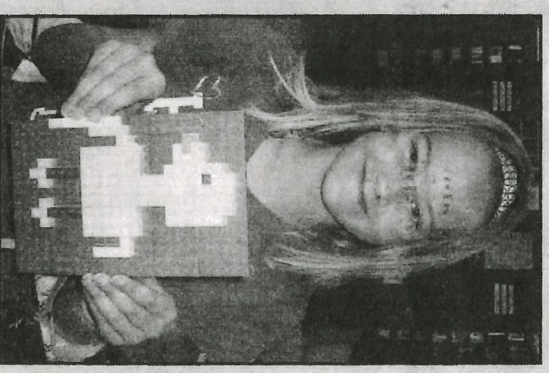
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Dream Big READ!



Morgan Gritter dressed up to represent Carnie's adapting to their environment.



Samantha Dunn - shows the turtle



Jordan Saunders



Alexandra Ahlers



Kids + adults enjoy the Blank Park Zoo animals shown off by Samantha Dunn



The audience loved the alligator



Cage Arends



Trey Sandvig

Dream Big - READ
Week 2 - June 19th
Blank Park Zoo
Animals: Parrot,
Alligator, Turtle +



Logan Schelft



Savvyar Storms & Katie Evans



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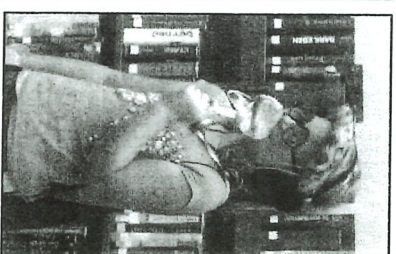


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Summer Reading, Dream Big - READ! Begins!

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June 20, 2012 - The Paper

Dream Big READ!

June 12 th - Dreams & Wishes	July 10 th - Bedtime
June 19 th - Blank Park Zoo	July 17 th - Stars
June 26 th - Eulenspiegel Puppets	July 24 th - Night Shivers
July 3 rd - Night Adventures	July 31 st - Night Owls

Tweens - 4th thru 8th grade

June 26 th - Puppet workshop Time - 3:00pm	July 25 th - Own the Night Time - 1:30pm
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Summer Reading 2012
Tuesdays 1:30pm @
Laurens Public Library

Dream Big READ
Week 1 - June 12
Dreams & Wishes
Stories & Games
Dream Books
Magic Wands - Treat
Snack



Emma & Storms, Jasmine



Dreams + wishes game



Stories about Dreamswishes



Games about 'Dreams wishes'



Kennedy Tate deciding her 'Dreams + wishes'



Lots of volunteers for games.



Momi-Billie Ross, Autumn & Izzy & Kelly Tate enjoy reading while kids are hearing stories



Signing up for prizes before story time -Bucca modern, Alex's Davis, Isaac Nelson - Ataya Arcand



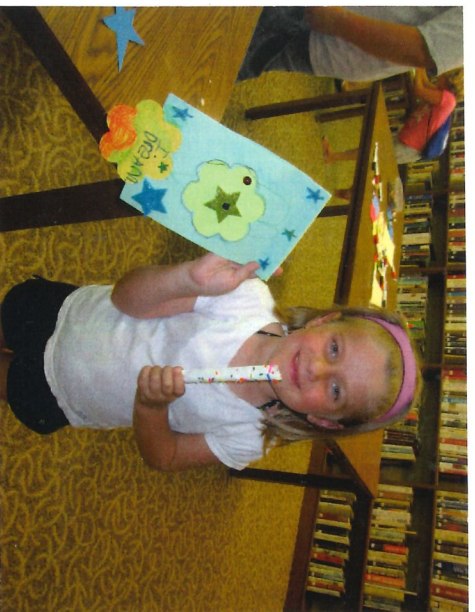
Making 'Dream Books'



Showing off their 'Dream Books' library visitor, Brooke Bouska, Ellice Boese & Delaney Ehn



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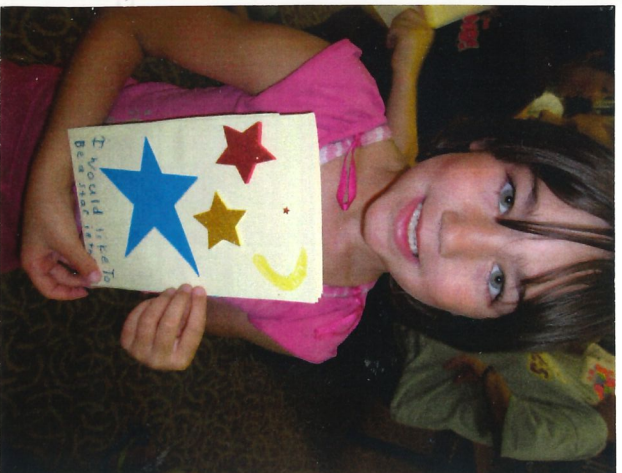
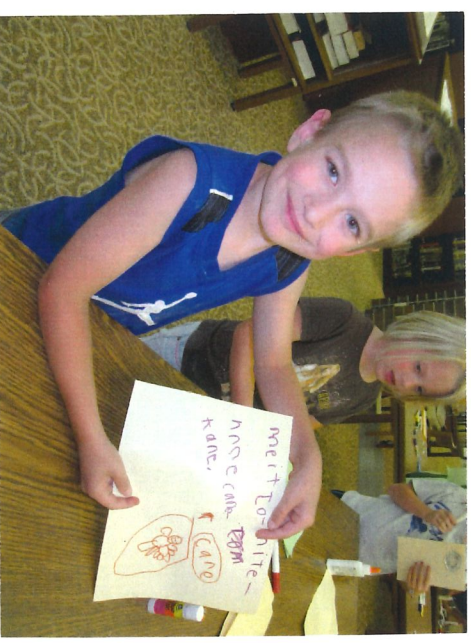
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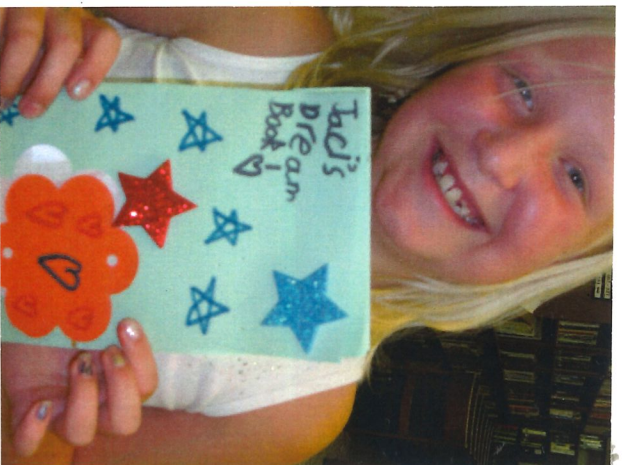
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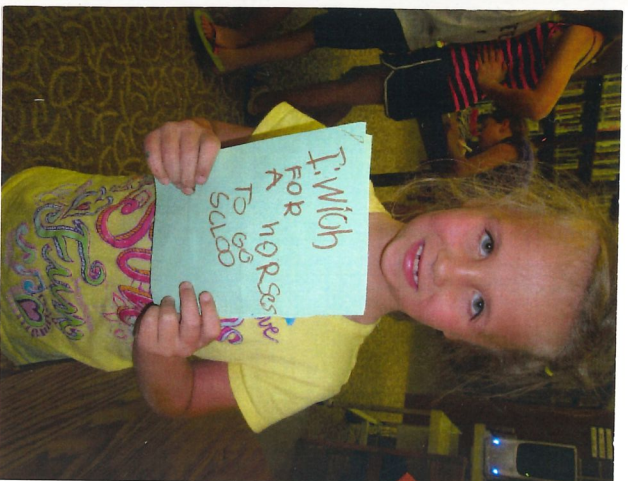
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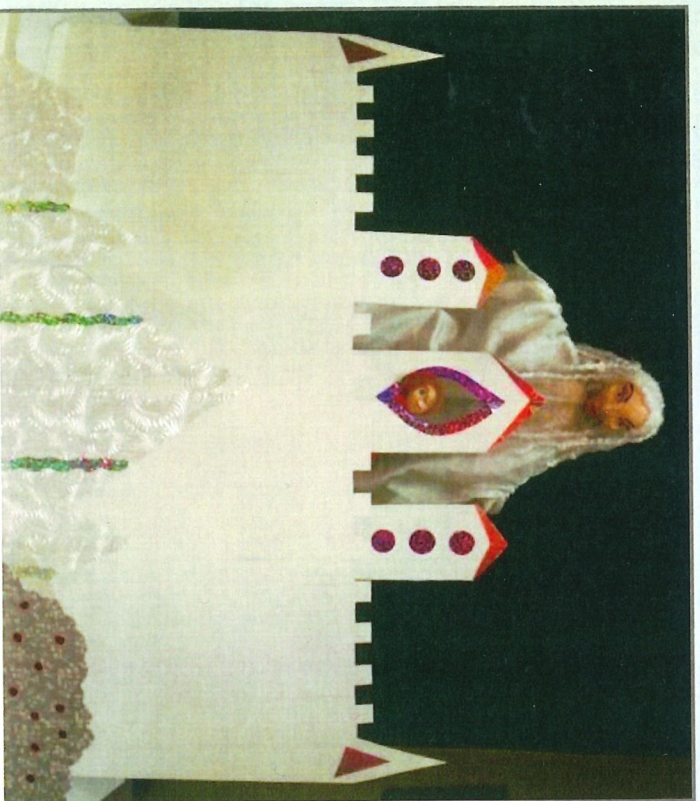
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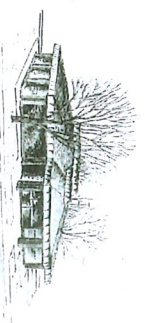
The Snow Queen



TUESDAY,
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at

Laurens Public Library



SHOW at 1:30
for all ages

WORKSHOP at 3:00
4TH graders and older!

Sponsored by
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Dream Big
READ!

Dream Big-READ
Week 3. June 26th
Eulenspiegel puppets
1:30 puppet show
3:00 puppet workshop



The audience is enjoying the puppet show!



Bejourne Washington, Savannah Jordan, Hailey Brazil doing their own puppet show!



Grace Hertz taking pictures, Bobby Don Hertz

Eulenspiegel Puppets at Library

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Laurens Sun-July 4th



Puppet workshop w/ Monica

PUPPET
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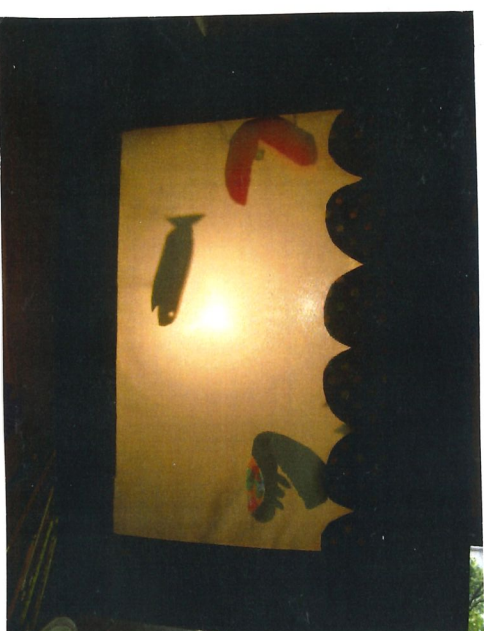


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After the Eulenspiegel Puppet Show at the Laurens Public Library there was an under water shadow puppet workshop. Each of the kids made a shadow puppet of an underwater creature. Then Monica explained how to make a simple tabletop shadow stage out of cardboard. At the end the kids had the chance to show off their puppet using the shadow puppet stage.



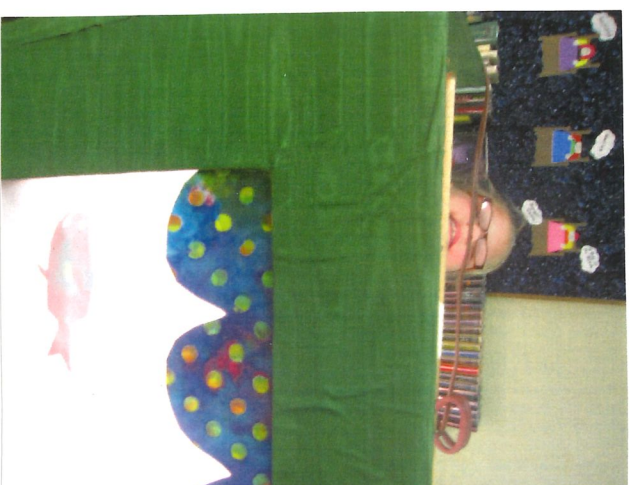
Lining up for puppet show



Jadelyn Richardson, Makenzie Brown,
Tori Reese & Max Brown



Jadelyn Richardson



Gabby Lane



Max Brown

Dream Big
READ!

At the Library with Glenda Mulder

June 27, 2012

The Paper

Well, it's happened...are you ready for this? We got our first Christmas book of the year! It's *A Cowboy Under My Christmas Tree* by Janet Dailey. Can you believe it! A Christmas book in June! Other recent additions to our fiction department include: *Summerland* by Elin Hilderbrand, *Tuesday's Child* by Fern Michaels, *Courageous* by Diana Palmer, *Heartbroken* by Lisa Unger, *Age of Miracles* by Karen Walker, *Risk Agent* by Ridley Pierson, *Heading Out to Wonderful* by Robert Goodrick, *Bonfire of the Vanities* by Carolyn Haines, *Wicked Business* by Janet Evanovich, *Gone Missing* by Linda Castillo, *Canada* by Richard Ford, *Spilled Blood* by Brian Freeman, *Toe Bags and Toe Tags* by Dorothy Howell, *The Innocents* by Francesco Segal, *Summer Breeze* by Nancy Thayer, *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter, *The Last Ones* by Ace Atkins and *Last Kind Words* by Tom Piccirilli (Our local book reviewer really liked these last two!) New DVDs include *Sherlock Holmes: a Game of Shadows*, *Matilda* (remember this oldie with Bill Murray?) *A Little Bit of Heaven*, and *John Carter*.

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July 4, 2012

The Paper

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What a fun summer we are having! Maybe because of our fun theme, "Dream Big, READ!" The kids come every Tuesday at 1:30. We've had so much fun with these night themed story times! We're even thinking of wrapping it up with an evening pajama story time about fireflies - what do you think of that idea? If you're an adult reader, remember to pick up a Reader's Bingo card and join the summer reading fun!

There is a different sound in our Library every Thursday. It's the sound of hands sifting through the Legos, looking for just the right piece. Lego Mania challenges so far have been animals, buildings, and vehicles. This is fun for all ages, but unfortunately we've only had a couple adults join the fun. You NEVER get too old to play with Legos, so stop in Thursday to see what this week's challenge is! When you build the weekly challenge, you can register to win 2 tickets to Reiman Gardens Lego Sculpture display!

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Dream Big
READ!

Dream Big - 3rd
Weekly- July Tues
Night Adventur's part
stories readin the part
made campfires for
snacks



Prize: Library bag & bookmark

Alexandra Ahlers + Riley Oxenrider

Activity: Campfire songs
Going on a Bear Hunt
Hawai Rhythms



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Making edible campfires

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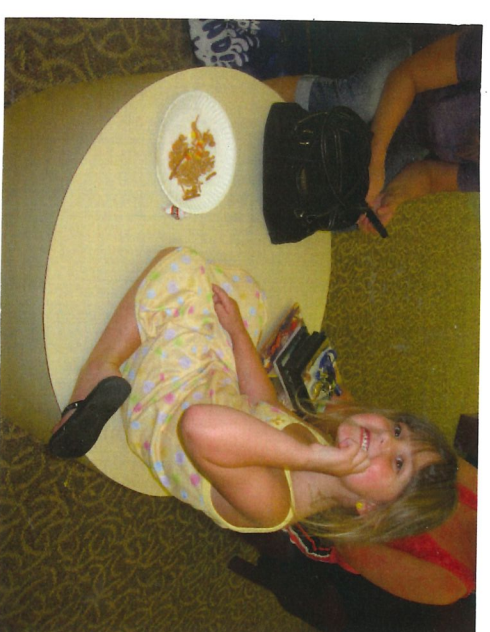
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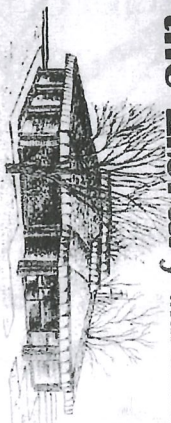


AlyssaKune, Taylor Schmitt



Trinity Brazel eating her campfire

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July 4, 2012

Hey, I have a riddle for you! When is a club not a club? The answer is - when it's The Book Club! The Book Club has no officers, no dues, no mandatory attendance. In fact has almost no rules at all! If you don't get the book read, you can still come just to see what others are reading and what they thought of this month's selection. If you can't come for awhile, that's OK, come back when your life settles down. Unlike any club I've ever been in, disageements are encouraged - they make for a much more lively discussion! This month The Book Club's selection is "The Hunger Games." This is a bit of a stretch from what most of our "members" usually read, so I think it will make for a lively discussion. Even if you've never joined us before, please come Monday, July 23 at 7 pm to see what we're all about!

What a fun summer we are having! Maybe because of our fun theme, "Dream Big, READ!" The kids come every Tuesday at 1:30. We've had so much fun with these night themed story time! We're even thinking of wrapping it up with an evening pajama story time about fireflies - what do you think of that idea? If you're an adult reader, remember to pick up a Reader's Bingo card and join the summer reading fun!

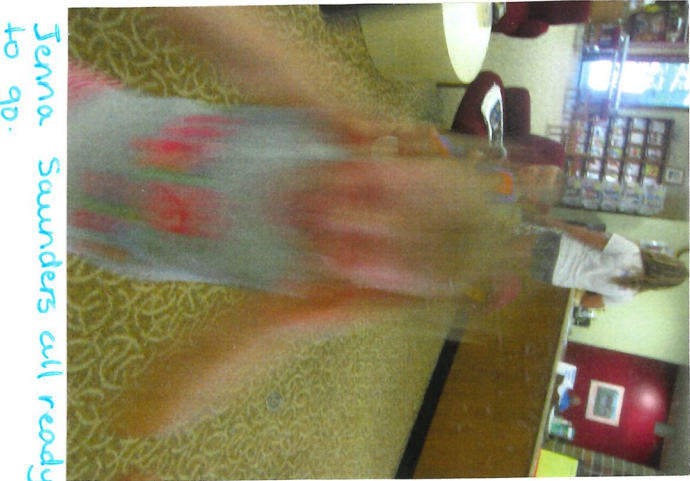
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Week 5 - July 16th
Bedtime & Stars - Theme
Craft: make constellations
Snack: Chocolate cupcakes
decorated w/ blue frosting
& moons & stars.



Jenna Saunders all ready to go.

Prize: tattoo



All ready for story time to start.

Nancy reading Bedtime stories



Craft: stary sky picture (black construction paper, white crayon & star stickers)



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Morgan, Griffin & Stevie Griffin enjoying the moon & stars cup cakes

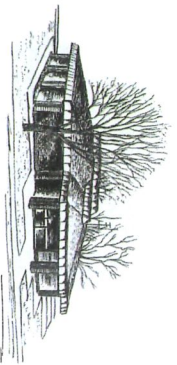


Wallin family cup cake cheers!



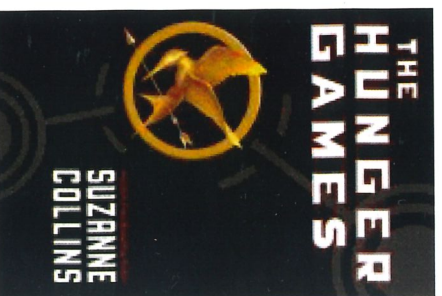
Brennen Storms

Barb Wallin with grandchildren
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Theme: Stars & Space
Craft: Rocket ship or Alien
Snack: Milkyway candy bar
prize-giveaway: rubber duckies
& Book marks



Listening to the stories



Nancy Walker, librarian reads stories to the kids.



Game time



Creating our masterpieces!



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Jayden Teepe, Kayden Yarte & Hunter Valentine



Making Aliens



Monika Sweeney



Jordan Saunders



Kaitlyn Schuler

More maskpieces



Lamar Meusbarger +
Austin Seiler



Joyce Schroeder + granddaughters
having fun at the library

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Alyssa Kunz +
her smiley face



Alien w/ rubber duck +
milky way



Brennen Storms showing his
Creation.



Lego Maniacs take over Laurens Public Library

Every Thursday this summer, Lego Maniacs of all ages take over at the Laurens Public Library. Each week there is a different building theme. These maniacs were showing off their creations of cars and buildings. In the front row (l-r) are Ethan Runneberg, Gabe Ehn and Kaitlyn Stumbo. Delaney Ehn (back) points out her creation as it was too big to hold. Photo by Whitney Photography. *Laurens Sun July 18th*

Town Celebration Parade on July 20th



Library Parade entry - Dream Big Read

downtown Laurens



Head Librarian Glenda Mulder throws out candy
Librarian Deb Hertz drives gator + throws candy

Dream Big READ!

Week 7: Night Shivers-July 24th
Craft: Ugly doll monsters
Snacks: fruit snacks
Prize: glowing eyeballs



Making monster faces



Crafts ugly doll
monsters



Story time



Isaiah Schossow, Tasha Torpe,
Shaunle Fleishfresser



Aisha Fehr showing her
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All kinds of monsters at the library

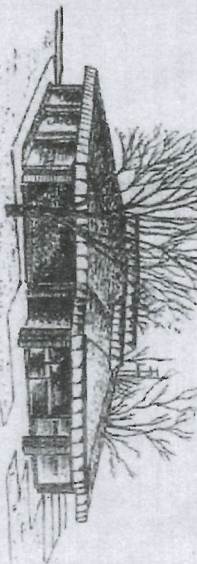


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Writer's Free-for-All at Laurens Public Library

by Ruth Steinkoenig

Recapture all those thoughts that have been dancing around in your head for years and turn them into words.

Glenda says, "Go For It" so we're going to throw "A Writer's Free-For-All" class at the Laurens Public Library this fall. You say you're not a writer! Hey, this is the "Write Stuff"..... you'll just love it and you'll "just Write" in spite of yourself. This is an opportunity for "wannabe-writers" to pen life memories that can be shared with family and friends (just in

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case you have friends and also

in case your family likes you.)

The words will flow effortlessly and eventually turn into your life story, a book filled with blessings

and joys. You'll love this informal

"Scriptcase" class, full of helpful

tips and a laugh or two, taught

by Ruth Steinkoenig, who has a

wordy passion for writing. Who is

more interesting than you? Let's

write about it! Stay tuned for the

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Self portraits in Legos - Laurens Sun 8-25-12

Elizabeth Runneberg, winner of the small Lego kit on Thursday, July 19, poses with the self portrait she made. LegoMania will continue every Thursday, all day, until school starts in August. Each week's winners get their name added to a drawing for a trip to see the Lego sculptures at Reiman Garden at Iowa State University. Submitted photo.

Wednesday, July 25th @ 1:30

Dream Big READ!

Tweens - 4th thru 8th grade
Silent Library meets
Minute to Win It!
Starring Contest/Pretzel diving!
Skittle transfer/Fruit Loops/
Cups to Pyramid/Rock Paper
Scissors.



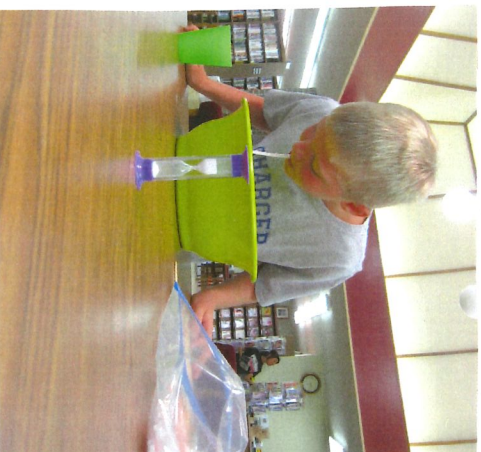
Hailey Farnsega won the Starring Contest



Kennedy Tate won the 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' beating Ethan Runnberg



Shawnee Fleischfusser transfer of Skittles



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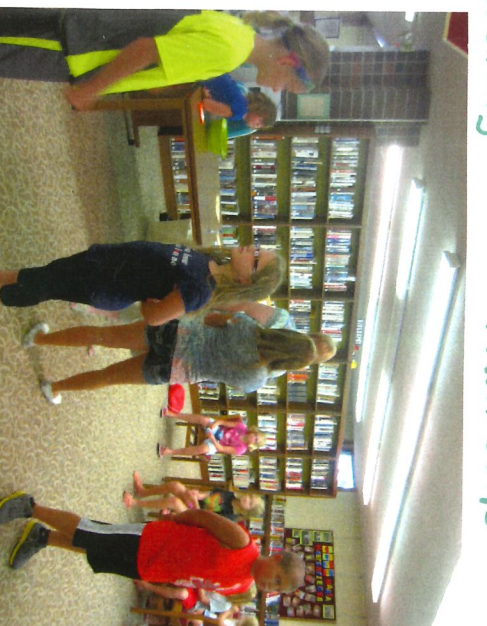
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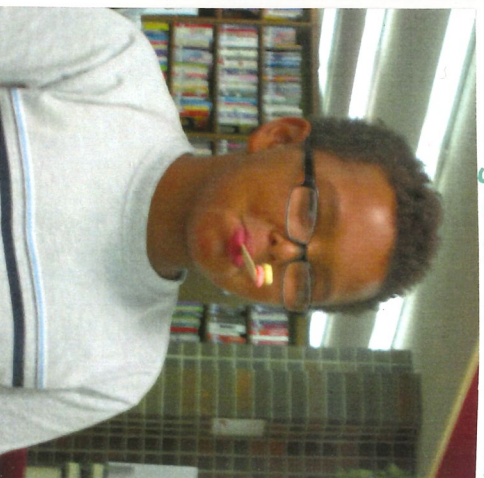
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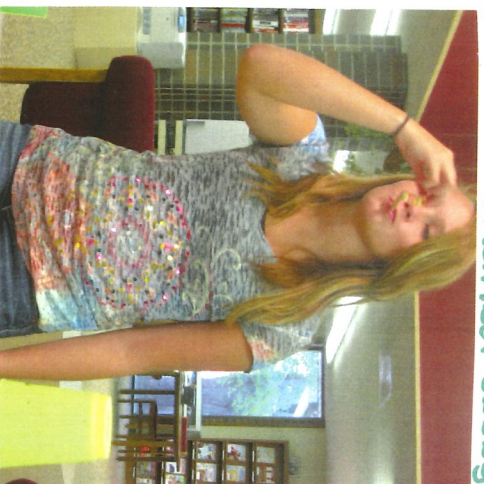
Starring Contest between Kallyn Stumbo + Gabby Lane



Mikenzey Hanzaga - only person to get all 6



Lamar Neuschubger Fruit Loops



Hailey Farnsega - fruit + Loop



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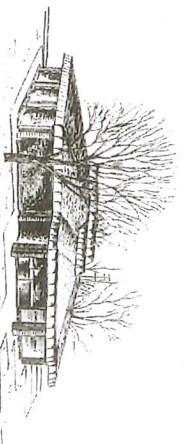
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7 pm
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Lars Herson talking about his book



Lars, Seth & Liz Herson answer questions



The crowd was very interested in the book.



Lars signing books for Angie Behring. Pam Lawman & Rose Tate

Dream Big READ!

Week 8: Night Owls - July 31st
 Craft: Owl masks
 Snacks: Owl smores
 Prize: bat ring



Activities



Making masks



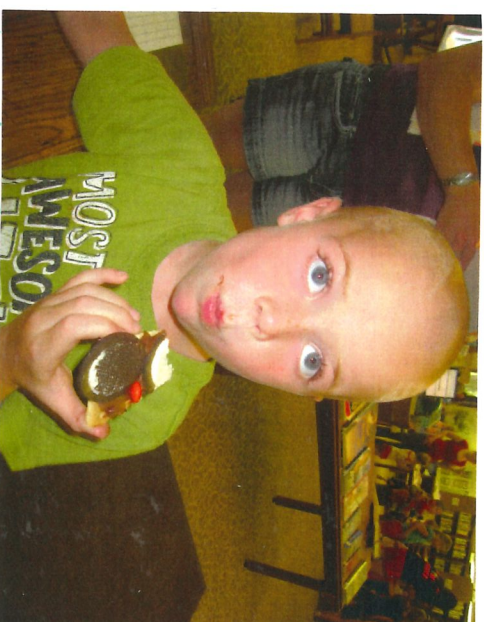
Story time



Logan Shiflett + Emma Storms



Bronte Ellis, Kaitlyn Schuler + Alexa Wood



Landon Tate eating the owl smore he made



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Isaiah Schoessau + Gabe



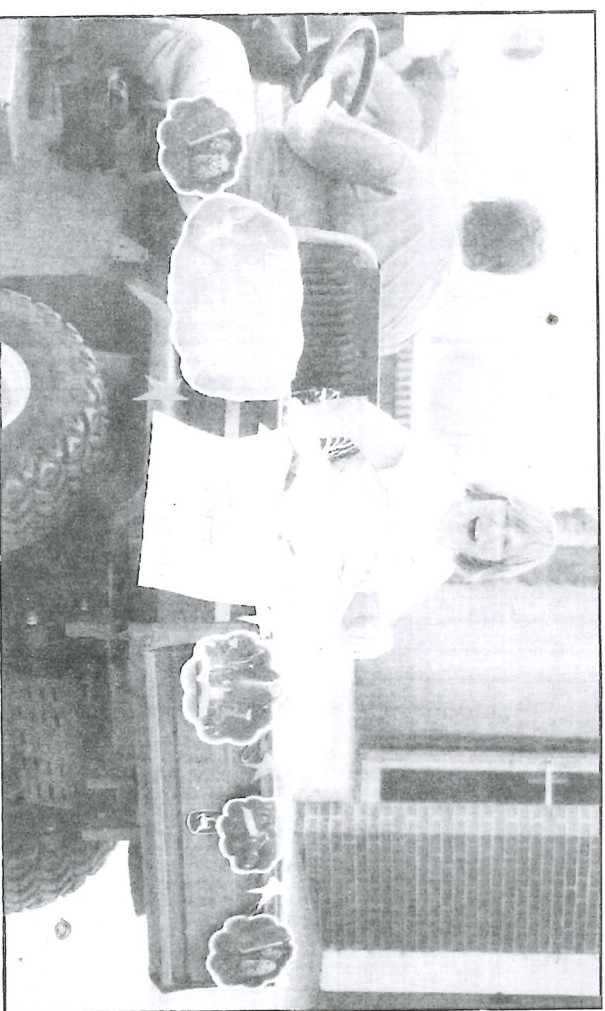
Kaitlyn Schuler + Jema Saunders displaying the owl smores



Making owl masks



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Glenda Mulder has a blast during the 2012 Celebrate Laurens grand parade. Laurens Chamber of Commerce Ashley Alridge noted that parade entries were up 10 percent over last year's numbers. Photo by Whitney Photography.

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We got another kids book in memory of our favorite Mrs. Claus, Mary Ann Orr. Bob & Connie Dallenbach donated "What Does Mrs. Claus Do?" What a fun book!

I know there was more I meant to tell you. But I'm taking off early today to go watch my 5 year old great nephew & 4 year old great niece play t-ball down by Des Moines and apparently my brain is skipping forward to that! I guess I'll tell you next week...if I remember!

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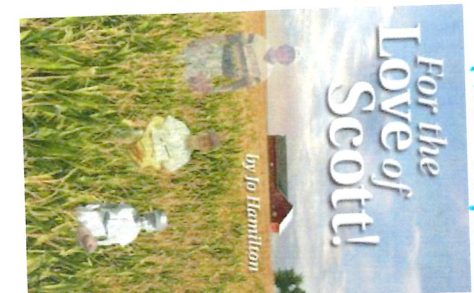
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Patient Advocate Releases New Book "For the Love of Scott!"

The Paper - August 1, 2012



"Jo, you have to tell people what they've done to me. You have to tell them!" pleaded Jo Hamilton's little brother, as he lay writhing in agony.

FALLS CHURCH, VA,

Sept 25, 2011

Jo Hamilton's baby brother, Scott, was a smart, talented and handsome Iowa farm boy whose life was right on track. In an instant, his dreams would

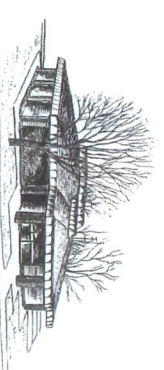
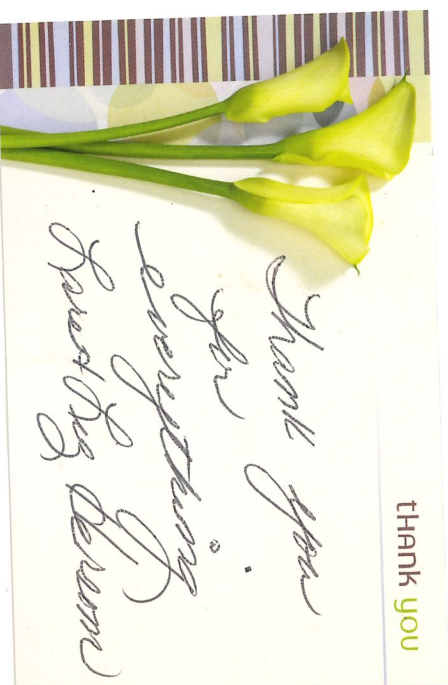
fade into his family's worst nightmare.

"For the Love of Scott! How could this have happened," cried his mother.

Due to her education in the health care field, Jo Hamilton became the liaison between her family and the world-renowned hospital treating her younger brother. She taught her family how to read Scott's medical chart and to ask pointed questions, no longer leaving his care to the medical professionals who had overdosed him with drugs to the very brink of death in less than three days.

In *For the Love of Scott!*, the author collects her family's poignant story of love, bewilderment, and lingering frustration when faced with catastrophic medical mistakes. Read the experiences of Scott Hamilton's family members as they struggle through a storm of horrific medical errors that could have been prevented and recognize what you need to do when someone you love is faced with life-threatening circumstances created by health experts.

It took Jo 27 years to put this heartbreaking event down on paper. Writing opened old wounds and required hours of research and documentation. It forced her family to relive a chapter in their own lives that they desperately wanted closed. Yet, they rallied together to help Jo with her mission to keep that promise.

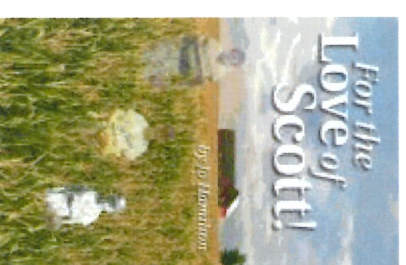


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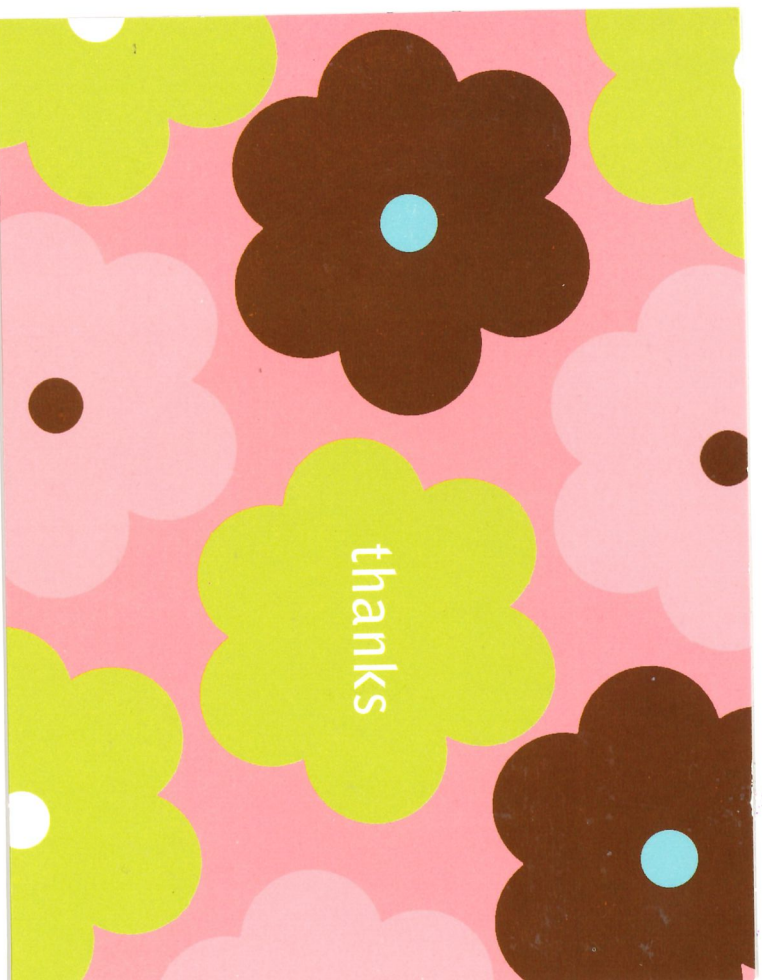
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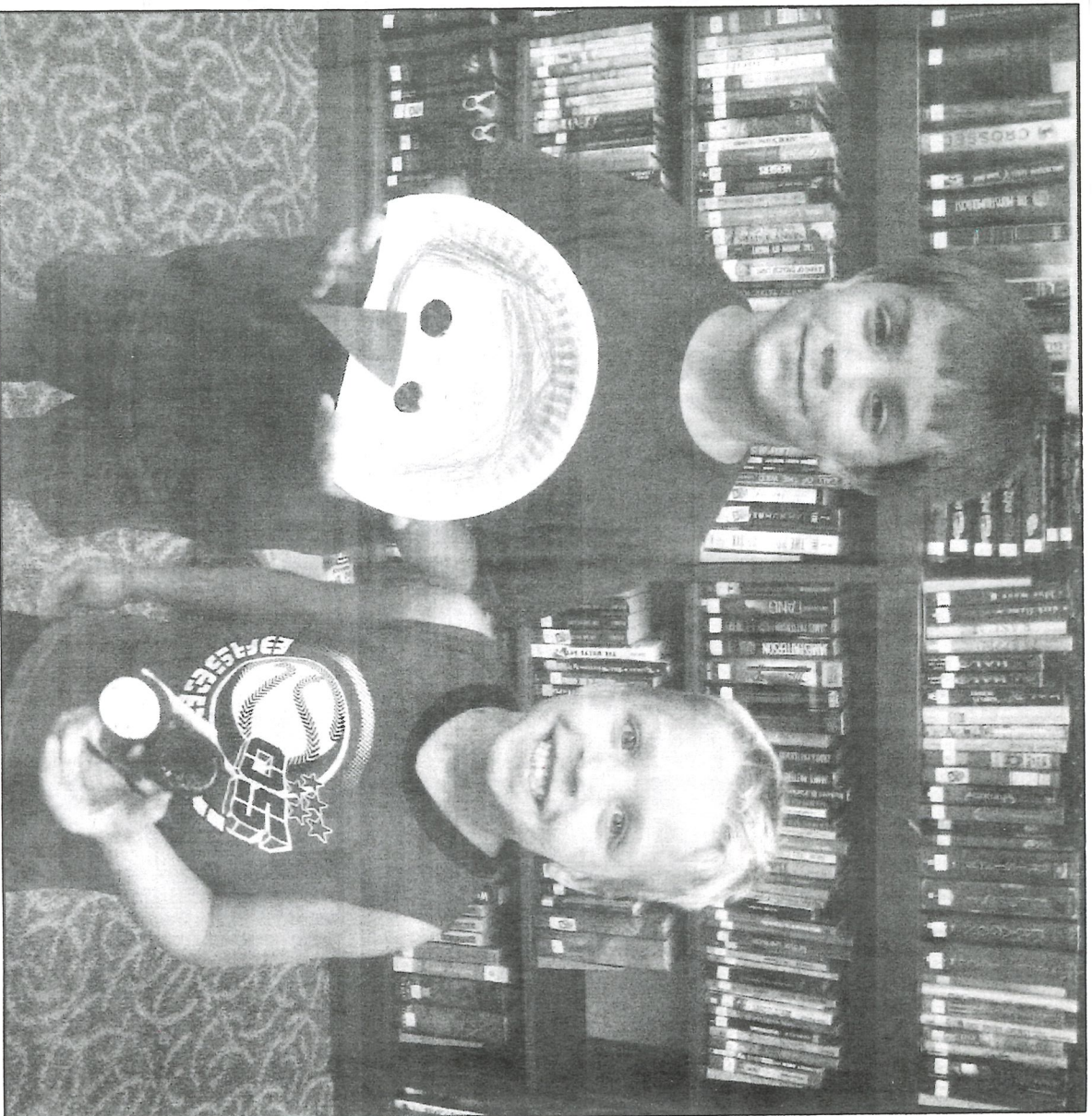


7 pm Monday
July 30th



7 pm Monday
August 20th





Whooooo do we have here? *Laurens Sun. August 1, 2012*
Owls were the topic at the Laurens Public Library's last story time of the summer. Kids made owl masks from paperplates. They also made owl faces out of graham crackers, oreos, and M&M's, all held together with chocolate frosting. Isaiah Schossow is proudly showing us the owl mask he made, while Gabriel Olsen is getting ready to eat his owl snack. We told the kids to go home and tell their parents they ate owl at the library...I wonder how many of them did! The children also learned how to fly like an owl, and practiced it in the activity center. Photo submitted by Glenda Mulder.



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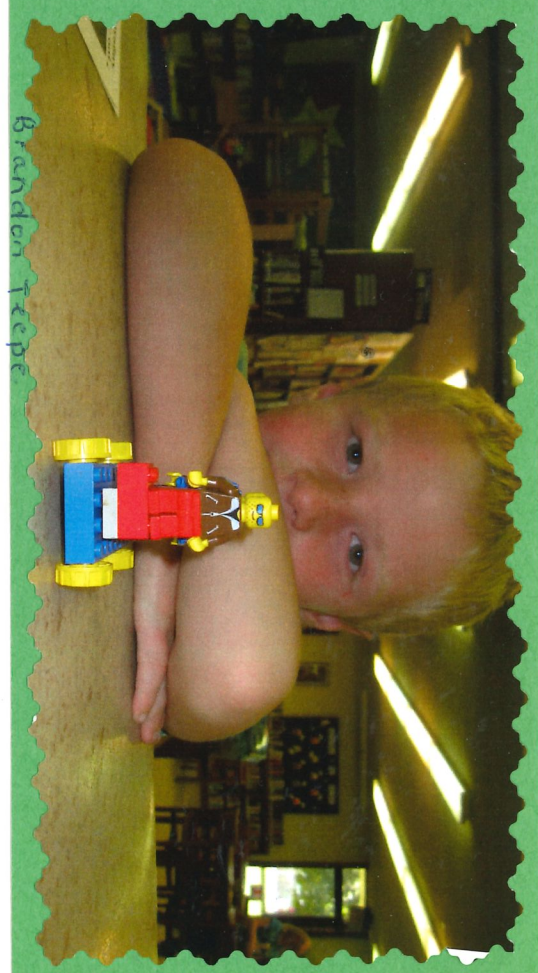
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book*



Legomaniacs
Lego Mania continues at the Laurens Public Library every Thursday until school starts. We're done with the weekly challenges, so you can build whatever you want - join us! We are pleased to report that Legos were more popular on Thursday, August 2, than the library's new iPad. Jayden Albrant was the lucky winner of the tickets to Reiman Gardens to see their Lego sculptures. We're looking forward to hearing about her visit! Photo submitted by Glenda Mulder. *Laurens Sun - August 1, 2012*

Library LEGO Mania

Friday-all day
during summer



Brandon Teepe



Levyas Mues burger shows off



Ethan Runnels

Library LEGO Mania



Grandma Linda Olsen & granddaughter, Austin Scler



Kadence, Madison, Spence, Dremender, Bailey, Madison, Sam, Hudson, Landen, Tate & Clayton Rubel

LEGO MANIA!



OUR CHALLENGE THEME
THIS WEEK IS

A library worker or
A book character

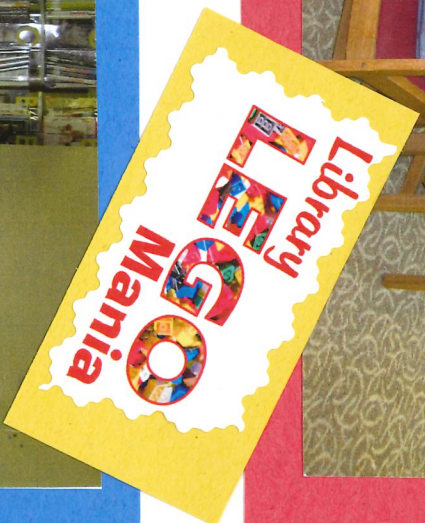
JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY
11 A.M. - 5 P.M.
TO CREATE YOUR
LEGO MASTERPIECE!

Weekly Challenge Theme!

1. Animals
2. Buildings
3. Vehicles
4. unknown
5. Your choice
6. Self Portrait
7. Library worker or Book character



Librarian or Book Character - week 7



Josee Sierra & Kennedy Tate



Your Choice-Week 5



Saannah Ford, Shaelee Fiedtresses, Monica Sawyer, Courtney Harper, & Cody Harper

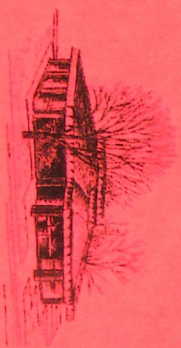


Kallyn Stumbo, Elizabeth + Ethan Kuehnberg, Glenda Mader + Dalany Ehn-on + Lou



Between the Covers

Laurens Library materials and only use a title once.
Please write title in the square with the appropriate genre.
When you have a BINGO, bring into the library for a prize.
For a 'Black Out' enter name in drawing. Expires 8/3/12



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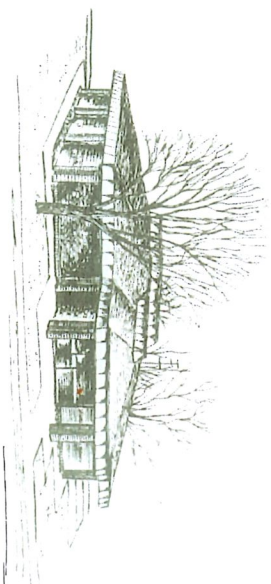


Janice Schultz won the prize for the Bingo game. Top-sample of the Bingo card.



For the Love of Scott!

by Jo Hamilton



Author
Jo Hamilton
will be at the

Laurens Public Library

Monday, August 20
at 7 pm



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Jo Hamilton could no longer leave her brother's care solely to the medical professionals who had overdosed him to the very brink of death in less than three days.

"Jo, you have to tell people what they've done to me. You have to tell them!" pleaded Scott, as he lay writhing in agony.



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discussion
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Author Jo Hamilton Visits the Laurens Public Library

The Paper August 29, 2012

Author Jo Hamilton visited the Laurens Public Library recently to share the story of her brother Scott. The audience was entranced as she detailed the story of the athletic young man's battle with cancer and his tragic last treatment that resulted in the overdose that ultimately killed him. On his deathbed, he requested that his sister Jo tell his story to try to prevent this sort of thing happening to others. Now, 30 years later, she has told his tale and is a health care advocate, advising others of their rights as patients when getting medical treatment.





Front: Clayton Ehlers, Landon Task, Ataya Arends, Hannah Hubbell, Kadence Madsen
Middle: Jayden Albrant, Aisha Teh,
Beika Madsen
Back: Caleb Hubbell + Michelle Gordon



Front: Hannah Hubbell, Kadence Madsen,
Payton Keling + Kendall Evans
Back: Jayden Albrant, Trinity Brazel,
Michelle Gordon, Aisha Teh + Beika Madsen

FIREFLIES

Story Time
at
Laurens Public Library
WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 22 at 2:45



Making fireflies: Beika Madsen, Aisha Teh,
Brianna Washington, Chandler Todd + Cage Trends



Beika Madsen Showing her Firefly + the
treat 'no bake chocolate cookies. Aisha Teh
+ Megan Huntz @ counter

FIREFLIES



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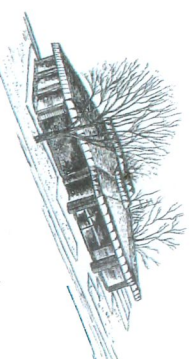


Landen Tate + Kadence Maddsen

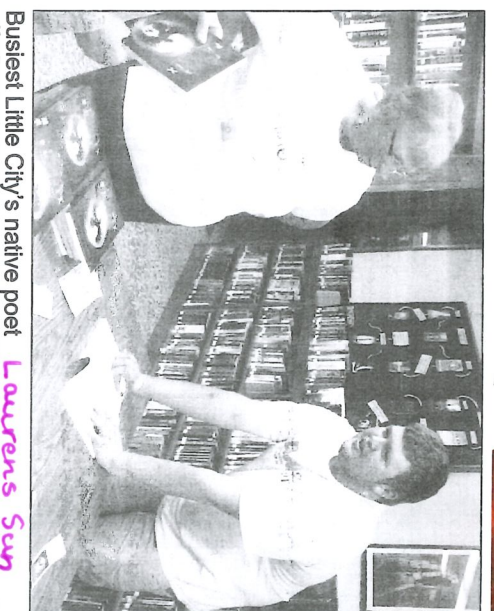


**Author Talk
& Poetry Reading
with
Alex Egertsen**

**7 o'clock
Monday,
September 10, 2012
at
Laurens Public
Library**



**Alex
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7 pm
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9/10/12**



Busiest Little City's native poet Laurens Sun
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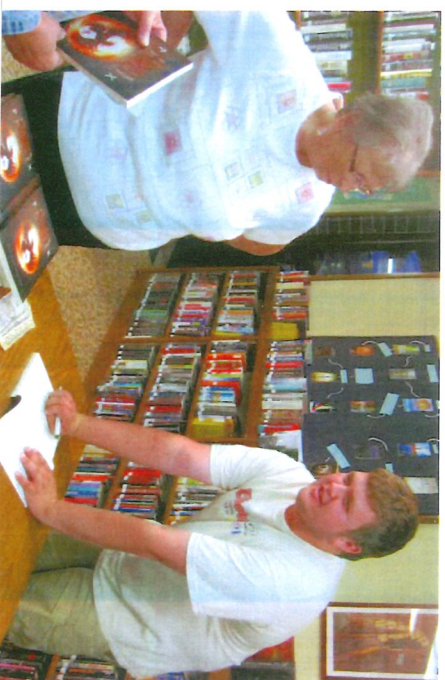
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The Paper



The crowd at Alex's book talk.

At the Library
with Glenda Mulder

September 5, 2012

The Paper

Alex Eggersten gave us a copy of his book "Flames of the Phoenix, Tears of the Past." As luck would have it, we already have one at the Library, so we're going to give it away to a lucky library patron. We wanted to do something different, so we're having a "Why I Love My Library Contest!" Stop in and write us a short reason why you love LPL and you'll be entered to win Alex's book. Then join us September 10th at 7 p.m. for his author visit! Alex Eggersten tells me that most of the poems in his book, "Flames of the Phoenix, Tears of the Past" were written when he was a Laurens-Marchion student - many of them during study halls! The Library has a copy of his book if you'd like a preview. See you Monday!

We got a few DVDs this week that are not new, but they are new to our collection. If you want a trip down memory lane, come check out *The Aristocats*, *Pocahontas*, *Pocahontas 2*, *The Rescuers* and *The Rescuers Down Under*. New fiction this week includes: *Last to Die* by Tess Gerritsen, *Stuntman* by Anne Perry, *Bones are Forever* by Kathy Reichs, *Liar and Spy* by Rebecca Stead, *Trust Your Eyes* by Linwood Barclay, *The Tombs* by Clive Cussler, *Come by Randy Wayne White*, *Return to Willow Lake* by Susan Wiggs, *The Orchidist* by Amanda Coplin, *A Wanted Man* by Lee Child, *Bridemaid* by Beverly Lewis, *Seven Days* by Dean Meyer, *Zoo* by James Patterson, *In Between Days* by Andrew Porter, *Delusion in Death* by J.D. Robb, *The Other Woman* by Hank Phillippi Ryan and *Beautiful Mystery* by Louise Perry.

We'll be starting our Tot Time story times at 10 a.m. on September 10th. These will continue every Monday that L-M has school. Nancy, our Children's Librarian, has been making fun plans of books to read with activities and crafts that go along with them. So grab a little one and join us - it's lots of fun!

Stop at the Library & Check it Out!

Monday September 10
10 a.m. - Tot Time
7 p.m. - Alex Eggersten, author of *Flames of the Phoenix, Tears of the Past*

Monday September 17
10 a.m. - Tot Time
7 p.m. - Writers Free for All

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At the Library
with Glenda Mulder

September 12, 2012

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When I saw the preview for the book *Tim Gurn's Fashion Bible*, I knew it would be the perfect memorial for Lois Reeve from the Women's Club. Well, it was worth the wait - it came in last week and it is gorgeous and wonderful! New in nonfiction is *No Easy Day* by Mark Owen, *The Second World War* by Antony Beevor, *Descent Team* by Jack McCallum and the *Old Farmer's Almanac 2013*. New fiction this week includes: *Low Pressure* by Sandra Brown, *Seneca Clear* by Stuart Woods, *Winter of the World* by Ken Follet, *Christmas Roses* by Amanda Cabot, *Bad Little Falls* by Paul Doonan (I've heard this is really good!), *The Kingmaker's Daughter* by Philippa Gregory, *The Dog Stars* by Peter Heller, *And When She Was Good* by Laura Lippman, *Beautiful Disaster* by Jamie McGuire, *Echo through the Snow* by Andrea Thalassinos, and *Malice of Fortune* by Michael Ennis. New CD audiobooks include: *The Time Keeper* by Mitch Albom, *One Breath Away* by Heather Gudenkauf, *The Dog Stars* by Peter Heller, *Judgment Call* by J.A. Janice, *Beautiful Disaster* by Jamie McGuire, *My Name is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliveira, *Devote: the Remarkable Life of Julia Child* by Bob Spitz, and *Black List* by Brad Thor. Also the DVD *The Lucky One*, which is based on the Nicholas Sparks book.

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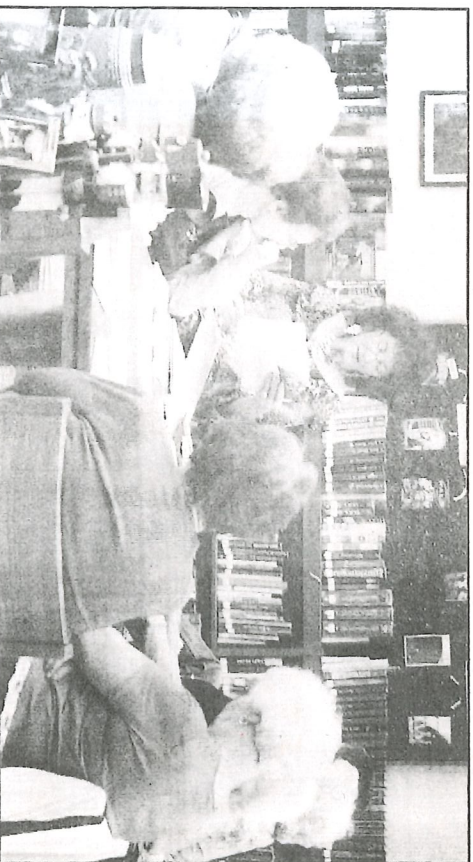
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Writer's Free for All at the Library

Ruth Steinkoenig kicked off the Writer's Free for All at the Laurens Public Library recently. We spent the evening getting to know each other as writers. Some of the participants are experienced writers, some have never written outside of school. Ruth encouraged us to get 3 ring binders to keep our writing and our inspirations all in one place. Everyone is asked to use their favorite method, whether it's pen & paper or on the computer, and write a little something to share at our next meeting. Writer's Free for All will meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Laurens Public Library. Please join us!



Words of wisdom

Ruth Steinkoenig reads from her work at the first gathering of the Writers Free-For-All at the Laurens Public Library. Steinkoenig used some of her original work to show attendees how to relate personal stories to a specific audience at the September 17 gathering. Photo by Jamie Whitney.



**Writer's
Free
for
All**



**3rd Monday of
every month
at
Laurens Public
Library**

writer: *n-ter*, noun
author, one who writes
littérateur, *scrivener*, *penman*, *scribe*
person who composes with language
going to the shop for extra milk
of anything else which gets in the way of quality writing time

At the Library with Glenda Mulder

September 26, 2012

We have a new opportunity to learn about life in another country. At 7 on Monday evening, October 8th, Sarah Hixon will tell of her experiences nannyng a little boy in Turkey for 3 months. She told me, "I was able to travel around on my free days by myself or with people I met, but the family I stayed with also took me around to sight see on the weekends." Come, join us and live vicariously through the experiences of someone else!

As a nod to the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, The Book Club suggested a novel from that era for our October read. In Robin Olivera's "My Name is Mary Surrer" the main character travels to Washington, D.C., to tend wounded soldiers and pursue her dream of becoming a surgeon. Headstrong midwife Mary receives guidance from two smitten doctors and resists her mother's pleas for her to return home. I'm not generally a fan of historical fiction, but I'm hoping this strong lead character will be enough to draw me in! Join us Monday, October 22nd at 7 pm for the discussion.

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We were also very excited by the diverse group that gathered for our Writer's Free for All. Ruth has us all inspired and has challenged us to write "something of interest to us" to share at our next meeting October 15th. If this has piqued your interest, please join us any month it works for you - even if you missed the first meeting. We want this to be much in the same spirit as our Book Club - join us when you can and feel good about that, don't feel guilty when life gets crazy and you can't fit us in that month!

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Kate Tewald, In-home Counselor at Children and Families of Iowa, was very pleased with the turnout at our first month's playgroup for children who don't get to go to school yet. This play group is geared to children ages 0-5 for the mother (or sister!) to spend quality time with the children and to give the kids an opportunity to learn social skills. Put it on your calendar the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Of course, we also have TotTime where Nancy reads to the kids, has a craft, activity and snack every Monday at 10:00 a.m. It's so fun to see our youngest patrons excited to come to the Library! (I also kind of get a kick out of it when the little ones cry when Mom says it's time to leave, but the Moms don't always appreciate that as much as I do!)

We were also very excited by the diverse group that gathered for our Writer's Free for All. Ruth has us all inspired and has challenged us to write "something of interest to us" to share at our next meeting October 15. If this has piqued your interest, please join us any month it works for you - even if you missed the first meeting. We want this to be much in the same spirit as our Book Club - join us when you can and feel good about that, don't feel guilty when life gets crazy and you can't fit us in that month!

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author, one who writes
littérateur, *scrivener*, *penman*, *scribe*
person who composes with language
going to the shop for extra milk
of anything else which gets in the way of quality writing time



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At the Library with Glenda Mulder October 3, 2012

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On **October 4**,
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Ladybug Girl
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Sara Hixon's Travels to Turkey

**At the Laurens Public Library
Monday, October 8 at 7 pm**



Sara Hixon sharing her travels to Turkey



Ciri Gurnerson as Cinderella! gave a sneak preview for High School musical Fri + Sat.



The kids are very excited.



The crowd is really enjoying the show.



Gavin Ehn, Trey Ochleitz, Gabe Ehn-back Jordan Saunders, Kennedy Tate + Kady Unger in front



Kennedy Tate, Monika Sweeney, Kady Unger, Alexander Ahlers, Riley + Shawn Oxenrider



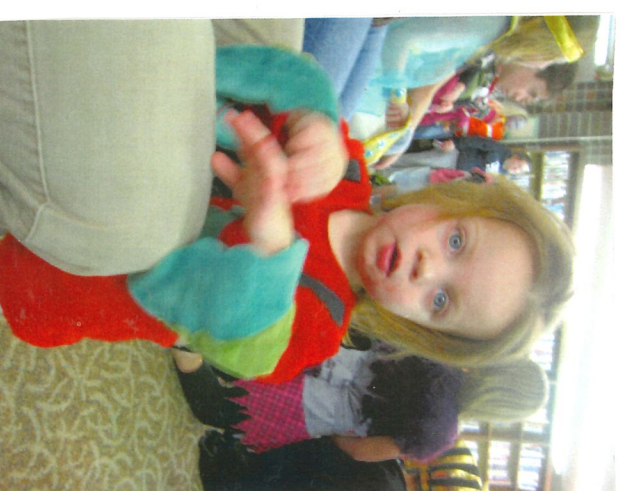
Larry Dunbar getting help from the audience.



Balloon tricks are always a hit.



Hunter Valentine



Morgan Leith



The kids are mesmerized by Magician Larry Dunbar



Mercedes Moore being sawed apart



Kyle Tendam and a little boy sawing a log



Hailey Brazel helps Larry Dunbar



Mercedes Moore



Kendall Evans getting stakes put into arm



Tanner Nagegaast hoisting arm



Kaitlyn Schuler + Jayden Tapp



Michelle Gordon helps start the fire.



Alexandra Ahlers works with Larry Dunbar.



Dallas Nelson sitting for Larry



Sam Smith + orange trick



Grant Evans giving instructions



Trinity Brazel is excited to help



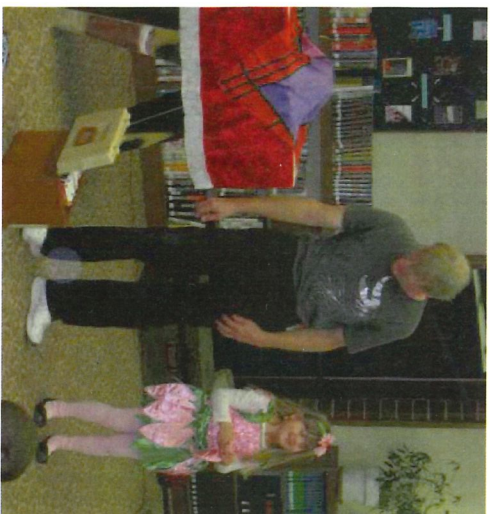
Alex Spangler helping



Monika Sweeney + Alycia Vick

Halloween Fun at the Library

Our best estimate says that over 150 spooks enjoyed The Magic of Larry Dunbar at the Laurens Public Library on Halloween night. We are still trying to figure out the magic in some of these same tricks that he's been performing for us for 9 years...maybe next year!



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Library Pancake Supper a Success

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November 8th at Christian Church

Musician Mike Langley at the Library

Musician Mike Langley entertained at the Laurens Public Library with his original songs and stories of what inspired him to write them. A very diverse audience of over 70 people enjoyed this show, which was sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation.

November 8th @ Library



Huge turnout for Mike Langley

Ms. Mary Wright



Glenda and the group of
workers at the Subway.
Just want you to know
how much I appreciated
getting to be at the
hospital and at home when
I could not get out. This
is just one of the things
you do to keep our library
at the top.

Mary Ann



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At the Library with Glenda Mulder November 21, 2012

Happy Thanksgiving! This time of year is one for reflecting on things we are thankful for. One of the things at the top of my list is that I have a job that I love. It hardly seems like "work," some days! Thanks to all of you for making it this way – and to the Library Board for giving me this opportunity!

Speaking of Thanksgiving - Be sure to stock up on enough books and movies to keep everyone entertained through the long holiday weekend. Stop in soon, because when we lock the doors at 8 p.m. on Wednesday the 21st, we won't open them again until Monday the 26th!

One more thing I'm thankful for - Donations for the Library Foundation's Fall Fundraiser are still rolling in - Thank You!

Have you spotted anything new when you've visited the Library lately? Look towards the south wall and you will see some newly framed pictures. We found these "Decorative Americana Animal Woodcuts" reproductions by Jonathan Fisher in the bottom of a drawer during a reorganization. We put framing them on our wish list. Soon after that, Carol Monsinger stopped in and asked if there were any projects she could do in memory of her mother, Bonnie Hecland. Well, this was a perfect match - I think Bonnie would approve!

New novels include: *The Last Man* by Vince Flynn, *Never Coming Back* by Hans Koppel, *Astory* by Emma Donoghue (She's the author of *Room*). This book is at my house, but we'd be happy to put you on the list for it) and *Eight Girls Taking Pictures* by Whitney Otto.

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How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference
MALCOLM GLADWELL
Please return your book by our discussion
11/26/12 @ 7:00 pm
Bookmark

A Storybook Christmas Tree

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The kids made the little trees like the ones on page Glenda Mulder + Deb Hertz decorated the tree @ the Methodist Church

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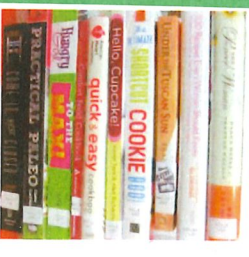
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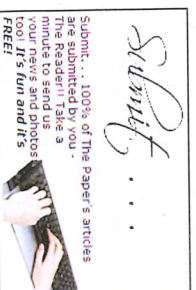
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Book Club's tree at Festival of Trees

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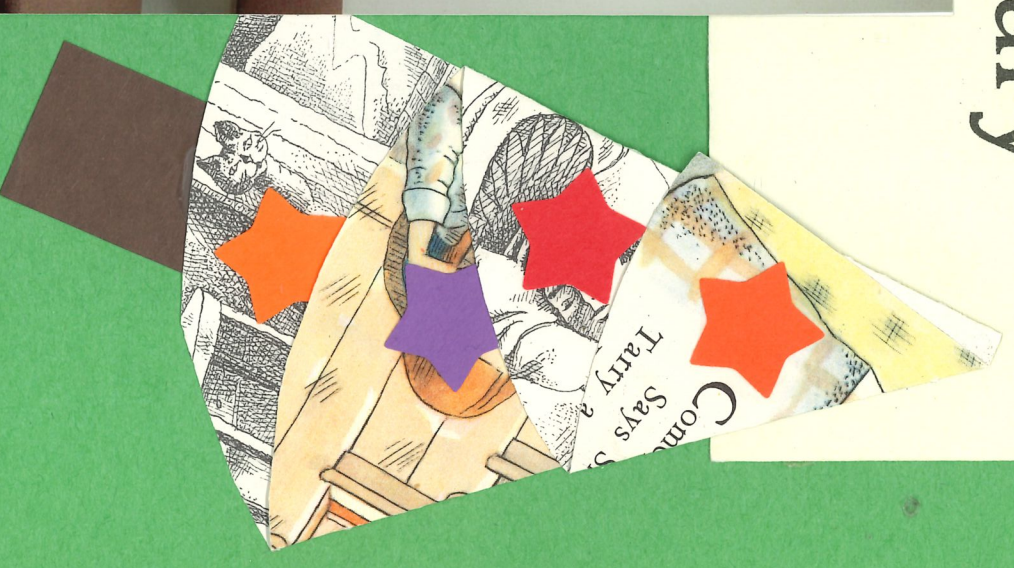
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The kids made the little trees like the ones on page Glenda Mulder + Deb Hertz decorated the tree @ the Methodist Church

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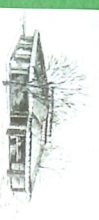
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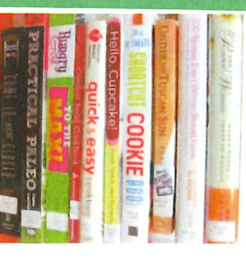
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