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these materials, such as the high school year books, genealogy and some Iowa History books, are only used in the library so they really shouldn't count. So anyway, I look over each book trying to decide if it's a hidden treasure, or if it just needs to find a new home. If I decide it needs to be withdrawn, it goes to the cataloging staff. They look it over again and also check how many libraries in Iowa have it. If they agree with my opinion, the book is withdrawn from our system and the State Library's interlibrary loan system. It then goes to a table in the library where our patrons can look over the books and take them home for just a donation. So look them over next time you're in the library and help us clean house! This project will be ongoing for awhile, so check back often!

Speaking of our ever-expanding large print department, we received a new shipment last week! It is an interesting assortment. There's something for everyone here from western to general fiction and even a few mysteries thrown in. Most of these books are memorials, so look inside the cover to see the donation labels. These are some of the familiar names

you will see: Joyce Suddall, Connie Johnson, Sally Ferguson, Mary Casen, Elmer Culbertson and Edna Ryan. A few more were purchased with donations from Jeanette Peterson and Jerry & Mary Dean. Thanks for these donations - they keep our large print one of the fastest growing and highest circulating departments in our library!

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In addition to Mulder, representatives of the Fondre, Rolfe, Gilmore City, Palmer, Varrina, Plover, Laurens, and Pocahontas libraries were also in attendance. "We appreciate the support you have given us in the past. With your financial help, we will continue to enrich the lives of the people of the community in many ways," remarked Mulder.

In addition to highlighting some of the technologies and cultural programs available at the county libraries, Mulder hoped the board would continue to show its financial support in the coming year. "Here's what your libraries will do for the people of Pocahontas County next



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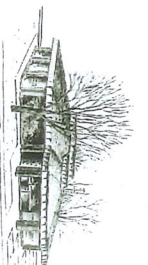
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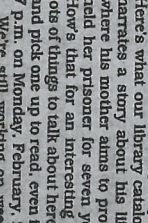
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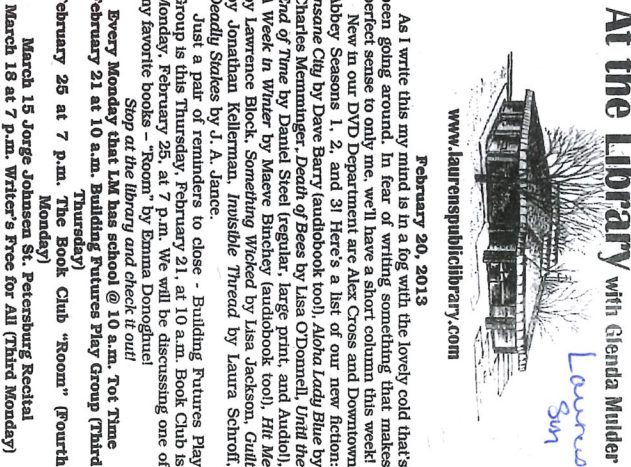
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## Kill-a-Watt Program at Library

George Tuttle is shown explaining the difference in light bulbs to the interested patrons at the Laurens Public Library recently. He educated us as to the different types of light bulbs.

First, of course, is traditional incandescent. Halogen incandescent looks like the older bulbs, but use 25-30% less energy and are estimated to save you \$3 over it's lifetime. Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) use about 75% less energy and last up to 10 times longer, saving you up to \$50 over the bulb's life. Light-Emitting Diodes (LEDs) cost about \$25 a piece right now, but are estimated to last up to 25 years, based on 3 hours a day usage. It is estimated one LED will save about \$150 in energy costs over it's lifetime! The prices of LEDs are expected to come down as they become more common.

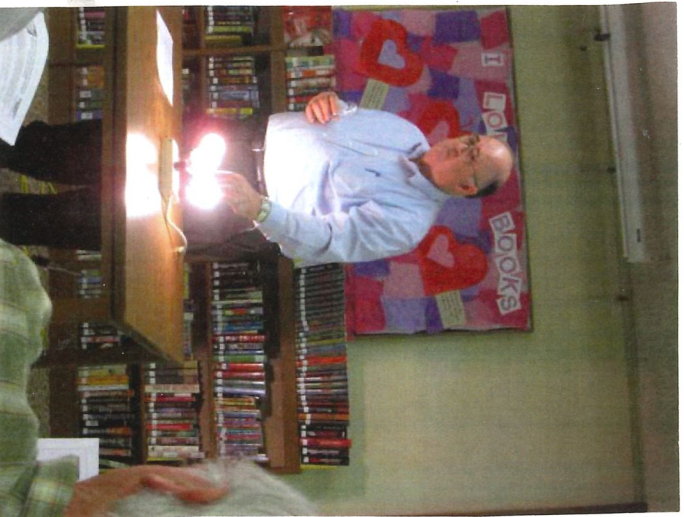
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Chad then gave us a brief overview of the incentives for building a new all electric house. This can be found at: [http://laurens-ia.com/local\\_government/documents/NewHomeIncentiveProgram013.pdf](http://laurens-ia.com/local_government/documents/NewHomeIncentiveProgram013.pdf)

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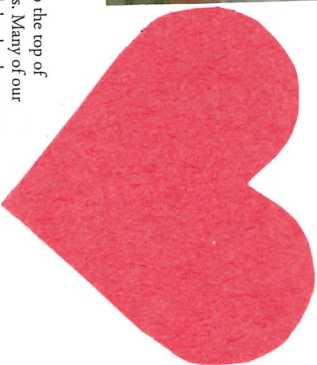
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Don Hertz receiving a prize (mug, book, mints) for the check-out contest. Same number as the number in our collection 2-25-2013

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Good luck!









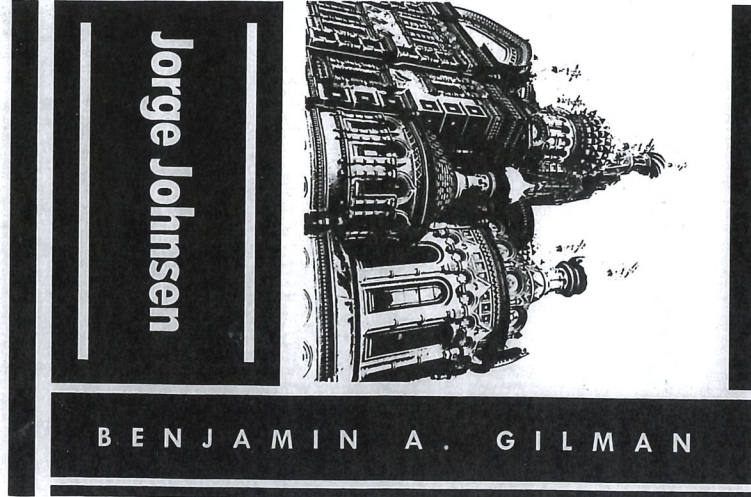
Jorge Johnsen in concert at Laurens Library

ST. PETERSBURG

A Travel and Piano Concert

March 15, 2013

7 pm



Program

Prelude in C-sharp minor

Sergei Rachmaninoff

"Laurens, Luther College, and Russia..."

Sonata No. 3 Op. 46 in F Major

i. Allegro con moto

ii. Andante cantabile

Dmitri Kabalevsky

—Intermission—

"From St. Petersburg to Kiev"

Sarcasms

i. Tempestoso

ii. Allegro rubato

Sergei Prokofiev

"Living in St. Petersburg"

Berceuse

Mily Balakirev

Russian Scherzo Op. 1, No. 1

Peter Tchaikovsky



Jorge talking about living in Russia



Playing the piano.



Nice crowd for Jorge Johnsen 'A Travel + Piano Concert



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Mrs. Noonan helping kids measure ingredients for ice cream



Mrs. Stewart helping kids



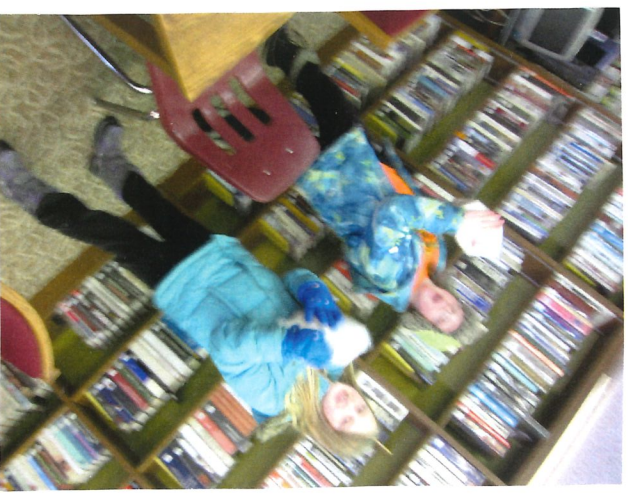
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I Scream!

The L-M 5th graders enjoyed a fun time at the library on Tuesday, March 19. Cienda read to the L-M 5th graders from "Farmer Boy" about harvesting ice in the winter and storing it to use the rest of the year. They talked about tools used for this - the cross cut saw & the ice tongs. Cienda had pictures of the tools and of an ice box to help explain. Then they made ice cream in a baggie. Here's the recipe: 1/2 cup milk, 1 Tbsp sugar, 1/2 tsp vanilla. Put the ingredients in a small zip top baggie. Fill a gallon zip bag 2/3 with snow, add about 1/3 cup rock salt & mix it up a bit. Put the little baggie (still zipped shut) in the big bag with the snow mixture & shake, shake, shake for 5-10 minutes. Be sure to wipe the baggie off to remove the salty snow before you open it. ENJOY!

This recipe is most fun when shared with your favorite kids!



Delaney Ehn + Jordan Saunders shaking to make ice cream.



Samantha Beyer + Brianna Washington shaking!



Cage Arends



Kennedy Tate, Cadey Hayes, Mia Shannon, Angelica France



Conner Hiett enjoys his ice cream



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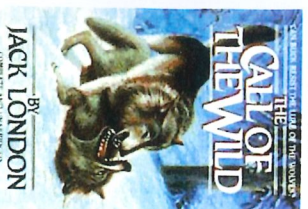
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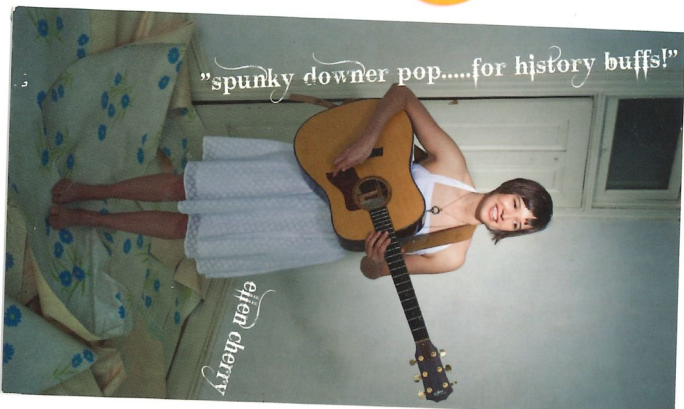
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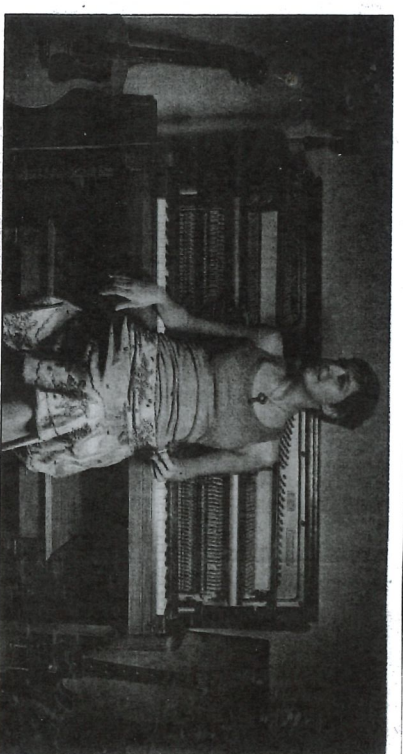
"spunky downer pop.....for history buffs!"

ellen cherry

## The Lucky Break Tour: Baltimore Based Musician ellen cherry Survives Car Wreck and Continues to Tour!

Six weeks ago, Baltimore based singer/songwriter ellen cherry's low-budget, letters are intentional car was struck by a drunk driver while she was on tour through Texas. After a few nights in the ICU, a surgery to repair her broken collar bone, and many weeks back in Baltimore recuperating, she is hitting the road again for a very short, very special tour of the Midwest that she is affectionately calling the "Lucky Break" tour.

Cherry's music has been labeled "eloquent, intimate, elegant pop music for sunny parties" and her shows include hilarious banter between heartwarming ballads that reveal a whimsical and curious mind. On this tour, she'll be playing a series



The Emmy nominated Baltimore artist ellen cherry (above) was struck by a drunk driver earlier this year. She is now hitting the road after recovering from surgery to perform songs from her albums "Don't Sell the Piano," and "(New) Years" on her "Lucky Break" tour. cherry will perform at the Pechonias Public Library on April 17, at 7:00 p.m., the Laurens Public Library on April 18, at 7:00 p.m., and at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City on April 19, at 7:00 p.m. 4/10/13

## CHERRY: Artist brings "Lucky Break" tour to Laurens

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collaboration of more than 40 musicians to share their take on Pink Floyd's seminal album, *Dark Side of the Moon*.

"We're using the masterwork as a guide. It's not a cover album," expressed cherry.

An incredible variety of artists are adding their talents to the project, including opera singers, jazz musicians, and bluegrass players.

In the project, which is still in the works, cherry and others are taking a 40-year-old English rock masterpiece and giving it a Baltimore makeover.

Her adopted home is infamous for crime and crippling poverty, but cherry hopes people will think about Baltimore more as the city that produced Edgar Allan Poe, and less than the setting of much-heralded HBO crime drama *The Wire*.

"When I tour throughout the country, people talk about Baltimore as this scary place with shootings and drugs," she said.

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for an Emmy for her songwriting and was also awarded the UNIMA USA Citation of Excellence, the nation's highest puppetry award for her work on a shadow puppet piece called "Alonzo's Lullaby." She recently was awarded a Washington Area Music Award for her most recent album.

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ellen cherry @ The Laurens Library Thursday. April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.



The sound man.



Fans purchasing CDs + chatting with ellen cherry following the concert



## ellen cherry Performs at Laurens Public Library The Paper 4/24/13

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Erin Olson & Allison Barnhardt recently organized a Saturday morning Coupon Swap at the Laurens Public Library. Lots of coupons were sorted and exchanged, along with tips of where to get coupons for the products you use most often. Erin found an address of where to send extra and expired coupons to military personnel for their use. Coupons that were left at the end of the day will be sent there.

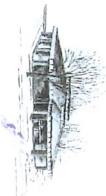


April 2013

10 am Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Laurens Public Library

Bring the coupons you won't use and swap them for ones you will use!



From: Aislin  
To: Librarians  
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1st coupon swap on Saturday, April 20th  
Monthly event at the library. As word gets out, more couponers will show up to take advantage of the swap.





## Quiet in the library?

Baltimore-based singer-songwriter **ellen cherry** (flower cense spelling intentional) performed at the **Laurens Public Library** last month as part of **National Libraries Week**. While libraries are often a place of quiet reflection, cherry remarked that she loves performing in them, as much of her music is inspired by literature. Submitted photo. *Laurens Sun April 24th*

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April 24, 2013 *Laurens Sun*

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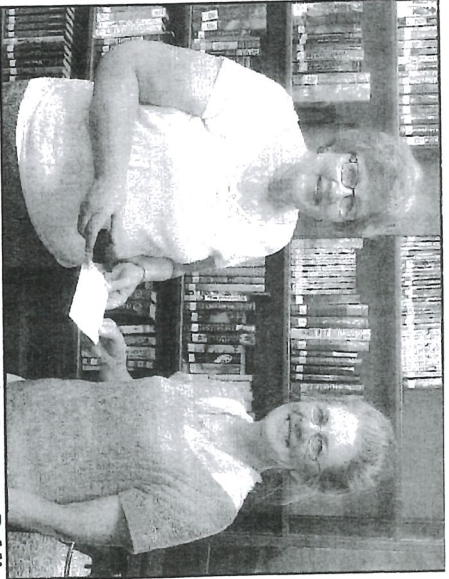


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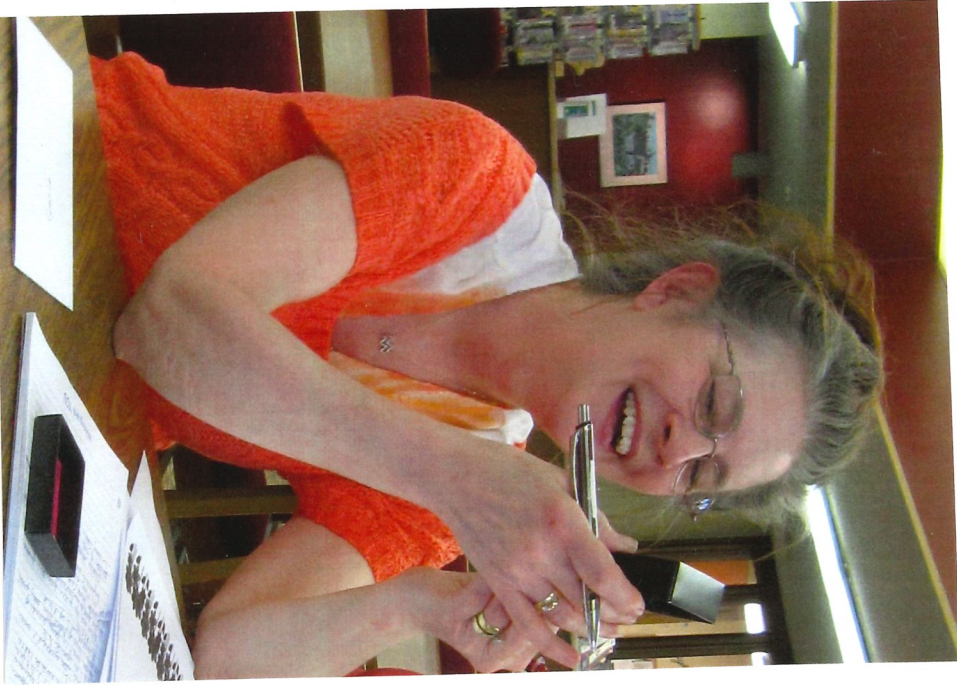
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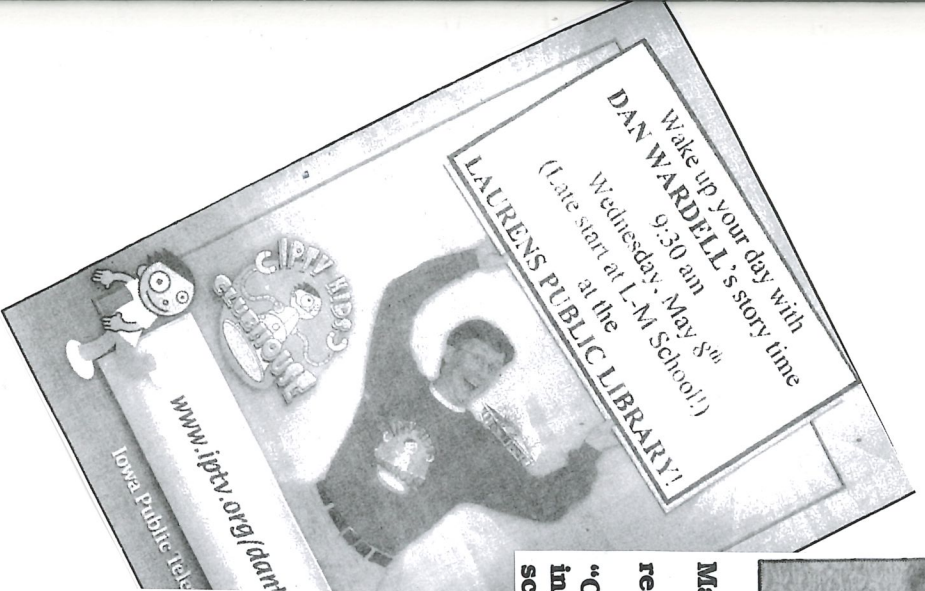




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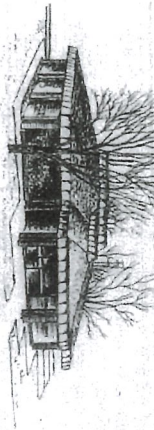
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Nancy and I were invited up to the school for the end of the year Reading Awards. We were very impressed with the number of books the K-2 kids read and the minutes the third through fifth graders spent reading outside of school was astounding! Good job kids! (And the parents deserve a big pat on the back also, since they're the ones encouraging this and keeping track of it!) Then they gave us a few minutes to introduce our Summer Reading Program, "Dig into Reading." I hope our kids will continue to be good readers through the summer and join the fun at our library! Next time you're here, be sure to notice the bulletin boards and display cases that give a hint of the fun in store. Be sure to note that Summer Reading isn't just for kids - Deb as some fun planned to get our adult readers to "Dig into Reading" also!

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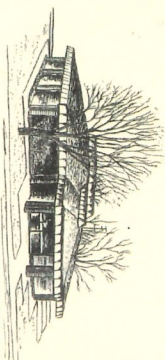
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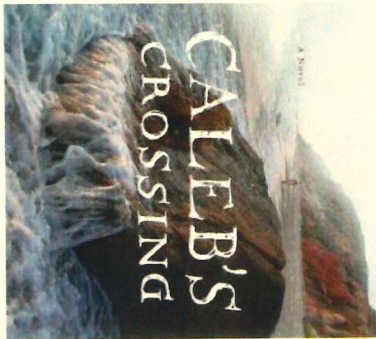


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MAY  
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Geraldine Brooks

author of PEOPLE OF THE BOOK



Please return your book by our discussion 5/ / 13 @ 7:00 pm

## At the Library with Glenda Mulder

May 29, 2013

I'm really looking forward to our concert Monday, June 10th. Remember what a great show Danny Santos put on in 2009? His bio says, "Singer/songwriter Danny Santos melds the inspiration of his Chicano heritage, a musical legacy ranging from Hank Williams to the Beatles, and a Texas-sized determination to create a unique mix of country/folk tinged with bluegrass and the blues. His songs illuminate the joys of true love, the woes of love lost, and the weary longing of those still searching for love. It's a style forged from maturity, grit and drive. Danny possesses a strong, expressive voice and a compelling on-stage presence. Born in South Texas, Danny began playing the guitar at age thirteen. Singing and songwriting seemed to naturally follow soon after. Heavily influenced by the likes of Townes Van Zandt, Guy Clark & that whole Texas singer/songwriter genre, he continues to create his own brand of quality Texas music." How could you not want to come join the fun June 10th?

Nancy and I were invited up to the school for the end of the year Reading Awards. We were very impressed with the number of books the K-2 kids read, and the minutes the 3rd-5th graders spent reading outside of school was astounding! Good job, kids! (And the parents deserve a big pat on the back also, since they're the ones encouraging this and keeping track of it!) Then they gave us a few minutes to introduce our Summer Reading Program, "Dig into Reading." I hope our kids will continue to be good readers through the summer and join the fun at our library! Next time you're here, be sure to notice the bulletin boards and display cases that give a hint of the fun in store. Be sure to note that Summer Reading isn't just for kids - Deb has some fun planned to get our adult readers to "Dig into Reading" also!

Our Summer Reading Program begins Tuesday, June 11. We're having a lot of fun with this year's theme, "Dig into Reading." Our regular story times will again be Tuesdays at 1:30 until July 30th. There is just one exception to this time - Blank Park Zoo is returning with some animals for a visit. That program will be at 3 pm on Wednesday, June 12th. Please mark these days on your calendar so you can join the fun.

I'm sure you've heard that our Children's Librarian, Nancy Walker, will be leaving us right in the middle of all this fun. Hers will be some amazingly big shoes to fill, but I'm pleased to tell you that Allison Price has agreed to step up to that challenge! Nancy and Allison will be working together the first couple weeks, and then Allison will be implementing all Nancy's well-laid plans with just a little help from the rest of us. So, look for Allison's smiling face to be showing up at the Library on one of your visits soon.

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Thank you Glenda! Mary, we appreciate ALL that you do at the library that we appreciate! We love reading time! It's so important to make reading visits a special! The Hoffman kids  
To: The Laurens Public Library ladies & Fr. Hoffman Family  
Trevor, Melia & Joshua Hoffman



At the Library

with Glenda Mulder  
June 5, 2013

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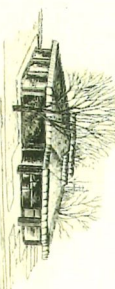
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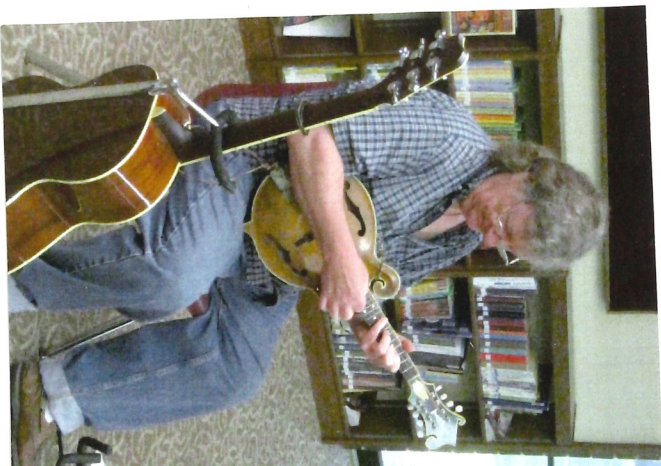
Danny Santos

Monday, June 10th

at 7 pm



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Danny Santos June 10th Concert  
The crowd enjoyed. Everyone enjoyed treats after the concert.

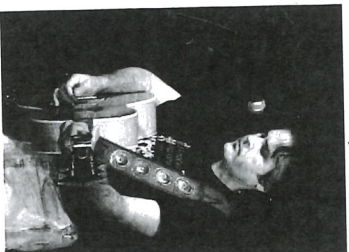
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@ the Library

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Danny Santos at the Laurens Public Library

A small, but appreciative audience enjoyed a concert by Danny Santos accompanied by Wes Green at the Laurens Public Library. The guitar (and sometimes mandolin) playing duo took credit for bringing the clear air and sunshine to our area. Let's hope they leave it here as they head to eastern Iowa for their next engagement! The Paper





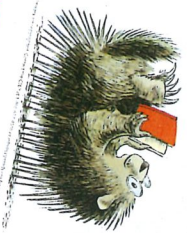
# Dig Into READING



**Summer Reading 2013**  
Laurens Public Library  
Tuesdays 1:30 pm  
June 11<sup>th</sup> - July 30<sup>th</sup>



June 11<sup>th</sup> - Dig Into the Past  
June 12<sup>th</sup> (Wed) - Blank Park Zoo 3pm  
June 18<sup>th</sup> - Digging Up Trouble  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Under the Earth  
July 9<sup>th</sup> - Just Dig It  
July 16<sup>th</sup> - Pockets Full of Fun - Puppets  
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**Can you 'dig' it?**  
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Summer 2013 reading  
Top: Summer Schedule Reading  
Books to record for reading  
Middle: Articles from Laurens Sun - The paper  
Bottom: Left - Bulletin Board done by Mary Cunningham  
Right - Displayed cards for prizes donated by the world





# Vig into Ki



# Dig Into Reading!

A vertical illustration featuring a green frog with a large yellow eye, a blue book, and a brown textured background with a large red 'n' and 'o'. The frog is positioned on the left side, looking towards the right. The book is open and lies flat. The background is a solid yellow color. The brown textured shape at the top contains the letters 'n' and 'o' in a stylized font. The bottom of the illustration shows a brown textured shape with a small white oval and a black outline.





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Blank Park Zoo  
Dig Into  
READING  
June 12th - Wednesday

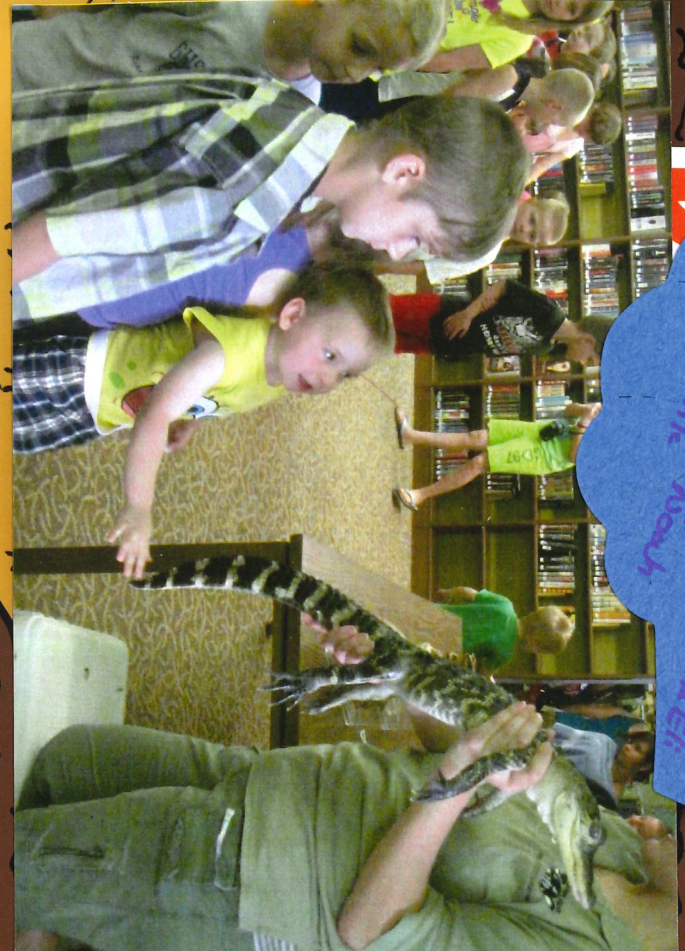




Blank Park Zoo  
June 12th

All getting turns to touch the Alligator.

Left top: Jessica Victory.  
Left bottom: Grace Victory.  
Right top: Sue, Bobby.  
Right middle: Allison, Marissa.  
Right bottom: Payton, Eli.  
Line: Noah.



It was a full house last Wednesday at the Laurens Public Library as kids and parents turned out in droves to see the animals brought to the Busiest Little Town in Town by Samantha Dunn from the Blank Park Zoo. Dunn (above, standing) holds a cane toad. Attendees learned that the amphibian, native to Central and South America has become an invasive species in Oceania. Photo by Jennie Whitney.

Big Info  
READING

## Zoo at the Library

Sam from Blank Park Zoo came to the Laurens Library on Wednesday, June 12th.  
The turtle is one of the animals she brought. Sam entertained over 140 kids & adults. The highlight for the kids was being able to touch the alligator. [Click 13 - The Paper](#)











Nancy was here making  
books for the library  
Ginger was helping



**Dig Into  
READING**

Activity: Dig Into  
Reading  
Craft: Wee Folk Figures  
Snack: Wee Folk Figures  
(pretzel dipped in white  
chocolate w/ sprinkles)  
Prize: Pirate Prisms

Dig Into  
June 18th  
Reading  
Up  
Trouble



Nathan Hoffman helping  
Melia, Bremen Stormo & Jordan Saunders  
Cathy Jensen w/ her grandkids  
Marissa Price

Li Amy Whiskey helping  
Autney, Maria Price,  
Landon Tate & Alex Price  
Jack Steyer & Sarah  
DeYoung

Jeff & Lori, Megan, Nancy, Allison  
Shonda - helper Casey Cox  
Pride: Making Wee Folk  
Figures  
Prize: Haley Brazel



## At the Library with Glenda Mulder June 26, 2013 *The Paper*

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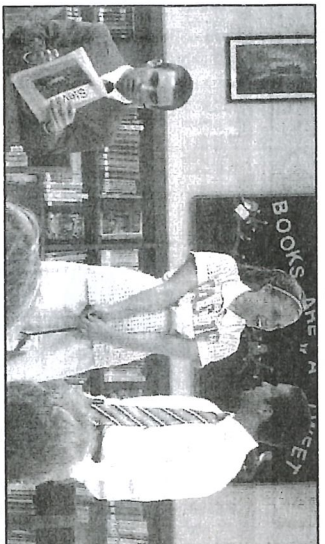


## "Leading Ladies" to benefit L-M Speech program

In "Leading Ladies", set in the 1950s, two Shakespearean actors, Jack (Will Cleveland) and Leo (Matt Cleveland), find their careers in a rut. They are currently performing "Scenes from Shakespeare," on the Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. However, when they hear that an old lady in York, Pa., is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost relatives, Max and Steve, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash.

Hilarity ensues when it turns out the relatives are actually nieces and not nephews. Things get even more complicated when Leo falls madly in love with the old lady's vivacious niece, Meg (Kristen Altschell), who's engaged to the local minister Duncan (John Stumpf).

Ben Kenobble, Courtney Post, Addy Boettcher, Jordan Gunnarson, Rachel Potter, Lauren Link, and a few other surprise guests round out this talented cast. See the play in its entirety at the school and show your support for L-M's Speech Department. This fundraiser for the Laurens-



Laurensians got a sneak peek of "Leading Ladies". Come see the full production this Saturday at the L-M school. Funds raised at the June 29 event will be used for contest entry fees for the L-M speech program. Matt Cleveland (left) and Will Cleveland (right) play Shakespearean actors who meet Audrey, played by Addy Boettcher (center). Submitted photo.

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July 2 at 1:30 Dig into Reading Summer Reading

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July 16 at 1:30 Dig into Reading with POKERS FILL UP FUN PUPPETS AT Summer Reading

July 22 at 2 p.m. The Book Club "Waiting Beans Wren't"

July 23 at 1:30 Dig into Reading Summer Reading

July 30 at 1:30 Dig into Reading Summer Reading

# READING

## SNEAK PREVIEW!

at the Laurens Public Library



Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
at 1 o'clock

The Laurens-Marathon Speech Department Presents



Ken Ludwig's  
*Leading Ladies*

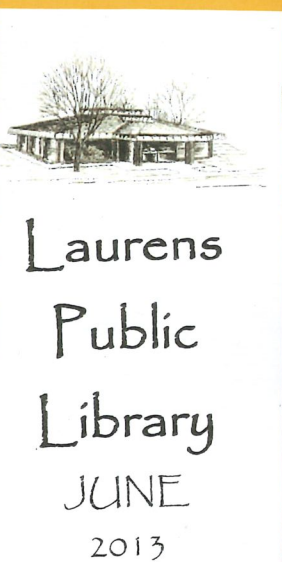
A Play in Two Acts  
Samuel French, Inc.

## Sneak Peek of Leading Ladies at the Library!

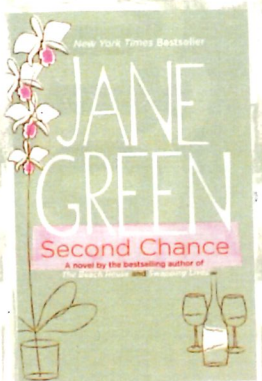
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*The Paper*



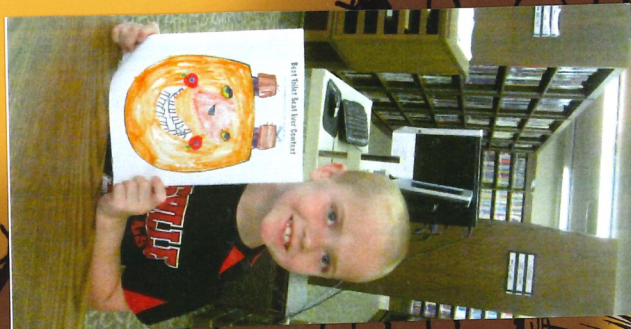
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@ 7:00 pm







Gus Slamed coloring wall cave  
Brielle wernimont-scary  
Doing crafts  
Landon Tate showing his craft

Cynthia Hoffman w/ kids  
Joshua, Melia + Trevor  
Making Toilet Seats  
Hunter Valentine + Joshua  
Hoffman

Allison Pride shows back  
BL: Activity time  
C: Peeking out of cave  
R: Gas slamauldinosaur  
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Books: Bright Starley &  
the Cave night  
Fisle & the Sister's Rain  
Activity: Caves & Honeycomb  
Craft: Bear Toilet Seat  
Shack. Suckers  
Prize-tattoo

# Dig Into READING





Top 2: Allison Price reading



Middle: Camie Owen Brent + Joshua Hoffman  
Next: Brennen Storms  
Bottom: Aidan Saunders

Dig Into  
READING



Top: Camie + Next: Jordan Saunders, Alex  
Price +  
Next: Making flower gardens  
Bottom: Morgan Griffith

Books: Dig Into  
Craft: Tops & Bottoms  
Snack: Flower gardens  
Pre: Flower Spinkies  
Stickers

Dig Into Reading  
Just Dig It



Top: Cupcakes are so wonderful  
Middle: Flower garden craft  
Bottom: Sawyer Storms



## At the Library with Glenda Mulder

July 3, 2013

### The Paper

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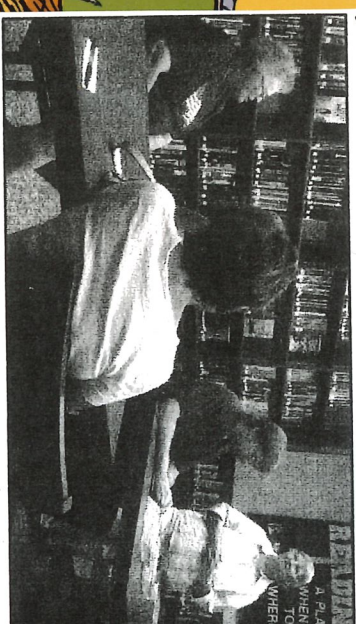


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### Moped class Aug. 9

If there is enough interest the Pocahontas Police Department will offer a Moped Class on Friday, August 9, 2013, at the Pocahontas Public Library from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. There is a cost for the class. If you are interested, please call the Pocahontas Police Department at 712-335-3536. You do not have to be 14 years of age to take the class. The completed certificate can be held for a period of time and then applied to the instruction permit when you turn 14.

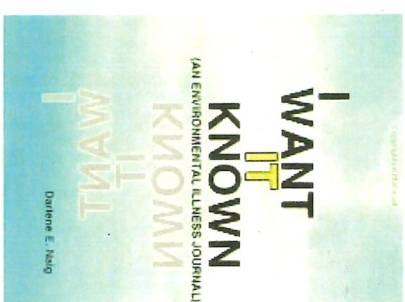


Darlene Naig of Emmetsburg tells her story of overcoming her food and environmental allergies. She told of the adaptations necessary in her home, wardrobe, diet and other lifestyle changes she made to regain her health. If you missed her author talk, you can check out her book, *"I Want It Known"* at the Laurens Public Library. Photo submitted by Glenda Mulder.



## Laurens Public Lib

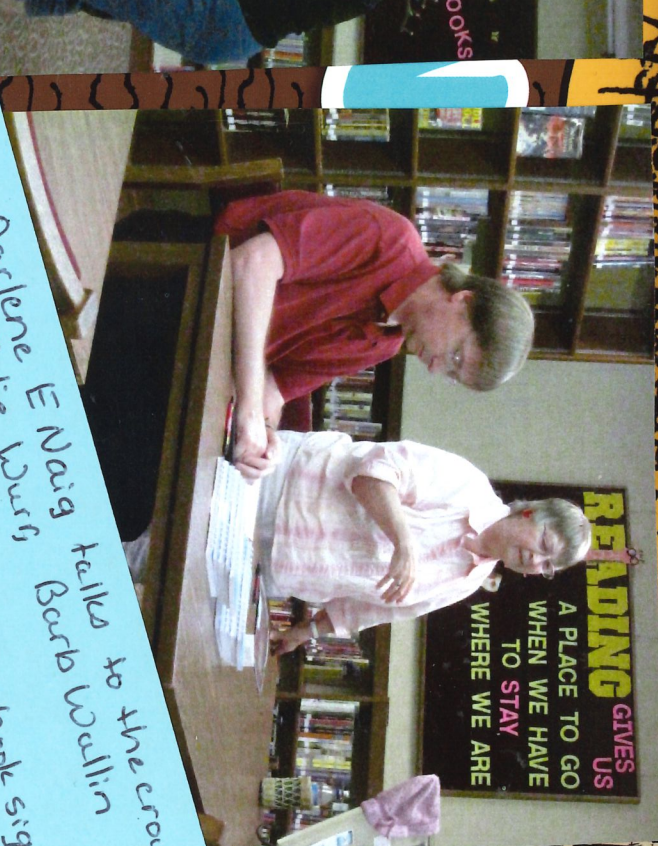
presents



Author talk & book signing  
by Darlene Naig of Emmetsburg

7 pm Monday,  
July 8, 2013

**I Want it Known**  
An Environmental Illness Journal  
by Darlene E. Naig  
This is my story about how it took ten years of changing my lifestyle to overcome chemical and food allergies. Due to a calling Clinical Ecologist my life was spared.  
Bookmark



## Author Talk at Laurens Pubic Library

Darlene Naig of Emmetsburg tells her story of overcoming her food

Too: Author Darlene E Naig talks to the crowd  
Dale Rooney has + Michelle Lund getting her book signed  
Bottom left: Lynn Lund getting her book signed



"Pockets Full of Fun"

July 9th



# READING!



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DIG INTO BOOKS!!

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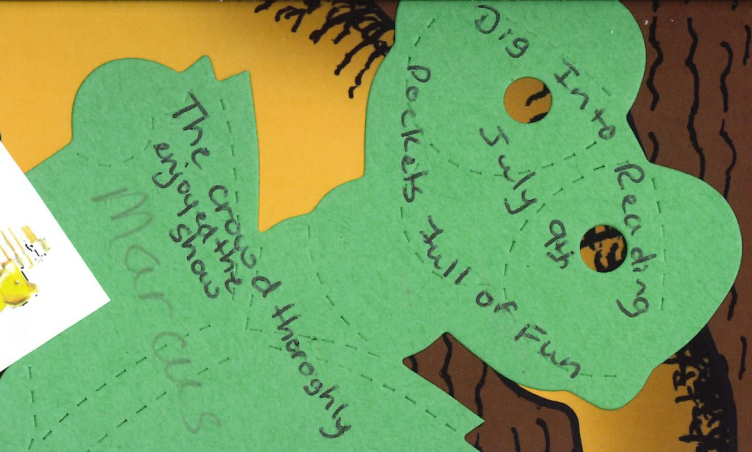
(tune - Twinkle Twinkle)  
Long ago dinos stomped around.  
We've found their fossils in the ground.  
Some were big and some were small.  
Some were fat and some were tall.  
Some could swim and some could fly.  
Some could stretch up very high.

(tune : Hokey Pokey)  
Do the Squirmy Wormy and wiggle till  
you're done! It's always lots of fun!  
1- Head up, head down  
2-Tail up, tail down  
3-Wiggle fast, wiggle slow  
4-Wiggle up high, wiggle down low  
5-Wiggle to your left, to your right



- Learn about ARCHEOLOGY: <http://digonsite.com/>
- Become a ROCK Hound: <http://www.rockhoundkids.com/>
- Have fun with WORMS: <http://urbanext.illinois.edu/worms/>
- Watch this video about Spadefoot toads SPADEFOOT TOADS: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgAGvW4kpo>

Dig Into  
READING







Left: Landen Tate, Olin Link, Hannah Hubbell, Noah Link  
2<sup>nd</sup> row: Taylor Shiftlet + Jenna Saunders  
Middle: Everyone enjoying  
Right: Hannah Hubbell helping with show

Left: Caleb Hubbell helps M. Crowd enjoys  
Right: Trinity Brazel, Ataya Arends, Haley Brazel, Noah Link, Hannah Hubbell, Olin Link, Landen Tate + Jenna Saunders



## Pockets Full of Fun at the Library

Lisa Laird of Pockets Full of Fun is shown with her favorite Dinosaur. Jeremiah enchanted the kids and even taught them her favorite dance! Throughout the program the audience was encouraged to "Dig into Books!" using examples from the Laurens Public Library's collection.

This program was sponsored by a gift to the Library Foundation by the Hertz family, in memory of Bill.

Grace and Don enjoyed the program so much they told us to book Pockets Full of Fun for next year's summer reading, too!

Pocket Full of Fun's Lily is also shown telling Hannah Hubbell about the different stones she could dig up. She then let Hannah use her magic wand to change a lump of coal into a "diamond!"

*The Paper*



# TO READ!



## Laurens Public Library Accredited July 2013 - The Paper

Iowa Library Services has announced that the Laurens Public Library has met the conditions for state accreditation as outlined in "In Service to Iowa: Public Library Standards Fifth Edition."

Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high quality library services. Of Iowa's 544 public libraries, 348 - including the Laurens Public Library - are accredited. The Laurens Public Library has been recognized for its efforts in all areas of library operations including governance and funding, staffing, library collection, services, public relations, access, and facilities. The accreditation is valid through June 30, 2016.

Iowa's accredited public libraries are recognized for being responsive to their communities and for exhibiting excellence in their provision of library services. More than two-thirds of all Iowans have active public library cards. Iowa libraries play key roles in workforce and economic development, lifelong learning and e-government activities. Iowans use their libraries to find jobs, do homework, locate a good book to read, research medical conditions, access government information, and more.

Accredited libraries receive a higher rate of compensation through Iowa Library Services' Enrich Iowa program. They also receive a Certificate of Accreditation signed by Governor Terry Branstad, Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds, State Librarian Mary Wegner, and Iowa Commission of Libraries Chairperson Dan Boice.

Said Wegner: "The director and board of trustees of the Laurens Public Library and the city of Laurens are to be commended for this achievement and their commitment to excellence in public library services for their community."

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## Dulcimer Guy Entertains Children at the Library

Mike Anderson, aka The Dulcimer Guy, entertained about 70 kids of all ages at the Laurens Public Library recently. He is shown teaching the audience how he learned to play the jaw harp. The other picture shows the kids' reactions after he told them what might happen as he prepared to play Yankee Doodle on his nose. Mike told us that he was going to try to do it all in one breath and "I've only passed out 3 times doing that"! He then told the kids that there were just 2 things they needed to know if he did pass out. 1. Show's over. 2. I always fall forward and we should rescue Caleb since he was in line to get squashed! Lucky for all of us he made it through the song just fine.

This program was paid for with your donations to the Laurens Public Library Foundation.

## The Paper



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Dig Into Reading  
Mike Anderson  
Dulcimer Guy  
July 16th



From all the pictures ~ you can tell the audience really enjoyed the Dulcimer Guy Bottom: McKenzie Shipkey & Melia Hoffman were doing the 'Itsy Bitsy Spider'.





Left: Kids are enjoying!  
Right: Jenna Saunders, Hannah + Caleb Hubbell, Logan Gisch, Morgan + Jett Griffin

Left: Kylie Wichold, Jenna Saunders, Hannah Hubbel, Back: Robin Nissen, Logan Shiflett, + Alia Wood  
Right: Dulcimer Guy



Dig Into Reading  
Mike Anderson  
Dulcimer Guy



Front: Aiden Saunders, Caleb Hubbell, Morgan! Griffin + Jett Griffin  
Middle: Dakota Kunz, Taylor Shiflett  
Back: Grandsons of Ruth + Burnie Newgard

Dig Into Reading



Left: Madeline, Emma Storms, Trinity Brazel, Cynthia + Trevor Hoffmann, McKenzie Wichold + Glenda Mulde

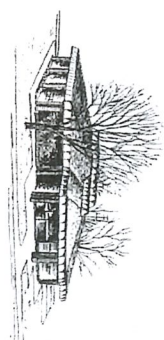


# At the Library with Glenda Mulder

August 15. This is fun for all ages – come by yourself or grab a friend to join the fun! Sign up each week for the prizes that will be awarded August 15th.

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July 17, 2013

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Did you walk beans when you were a kid? Or delessed corn, maybe? (interesting side note – whoever created MS Word's spell check must not be from Iowa because it doesn't think "delessed" is a word!) Come share your insights and childhood stories as The Book Club discusses "Walking Beans Wasn't Something You Did With Your Dog: Stories Of Growing Up In And Around Small Towns In The Midwest." We'll meet at 7 pm Monday, July 22.

We will continue to "Dig into Reading" with story times every Tuesday at 1:30 through the end of July. For kids of all ages (because you really should not outgrow the love of Legos!) we have LEGOMANIA all day on Thursdays from now until August 15. We'll have a weekly theme in case you need inspiration. Sign up each week for the prizes that will be awarded August 15<sup>th</sup>.

A while back I had a friend ask, "What's the weirdest thing available at your library?" Then she sent a link to an article listing:

- A fishing pole
- An energy meter - HEY! We've got 2 of those, thanks to the Laurens Municipal Light & Power!
- Puppets - HEY! We have those and some Seuss characters too!
- Free passes to local attractions
- Garden seeds
- Camping gear
- Snowshoes

Isn't that a great list? I think the fact that we have 2 of the 7 items on the list is pretty cool. It really got me thinking about things people may not know we have available at our Library. Did you know we have a multimedia projector patrons can use? I also once checked out all of the bubble wands we have collected. Stop in and let us know if there's an unusual item you'd like to be able to check out at our library!

New fiction books this week include: *Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman, *Hunting Eve* by Iris Johansen, *Curiosity* by Stephen Kiernan, *Last Word* by Lisa Lutz, *Close My Eyes* by Sophie McKenzie, *Hidden Order* by Brad Thor and *The Never List* by Koethi Zan.

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## The Paper



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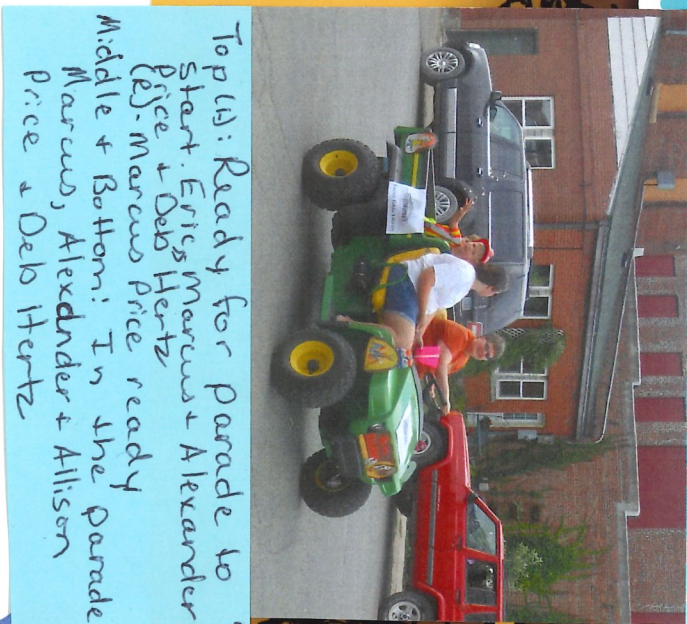
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 Middle (L): Cameron Morgan Leith, ready for band.  
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Books: The Great Honey... Honey... Lion  
 Activity: Bob & Oth & mole frenzy  
 Craft: Honey & mole frenzy  
 Snack: Magic Band honey lion  
 Prize: Ground floor  
 Finger puppets

Dig Into Reading  
 July 23rd  
 Surfers





Alyssa Kunz



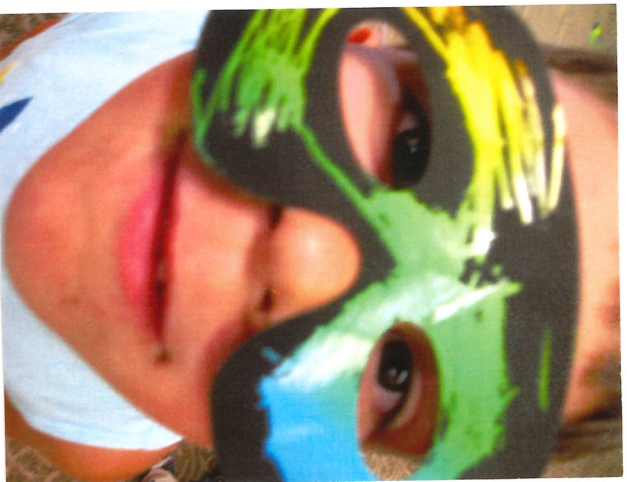
Brennen Storms



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Hunter Valentine



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Dakota Kunz + Shawn Oxenrider



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Soon-to-be 1-M sixth-grader Kaylin Stumbo reads at the Writer's Free-For-All meeting earlier this month at the Laurens Public Library as Ruth Steinkoenig looks on. Stumbo placed in the top ten for a Scholastic writing contest this past school year. The Free-For-All will soon roll out a young writers club. Submitted photo.

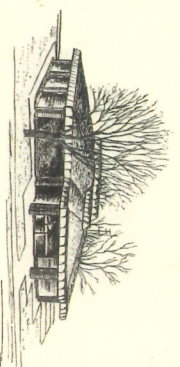
### Come hear personal paranormal stories at Laurens Public Library July 25

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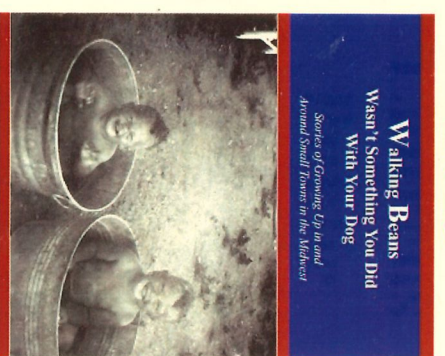


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Reuniting stories written by authors from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Illinois and more.  
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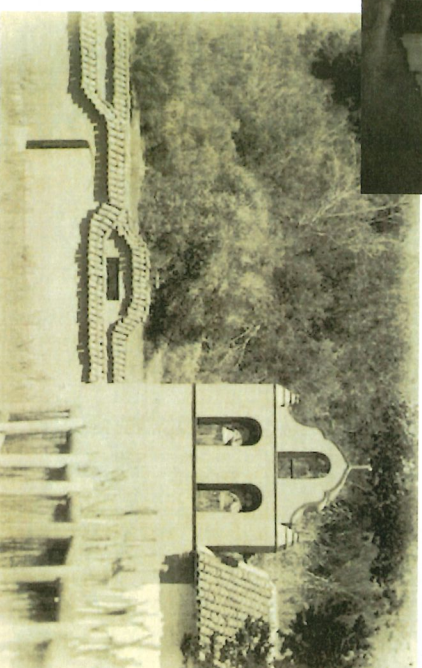
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7:00 pm

THURSDAY  
JULY 25, 2013  
Laurens Public Library



PARANORMAL  
ACTIVITY  
at La Purisima Mission  
in California  
by Steve Schuler-Jones

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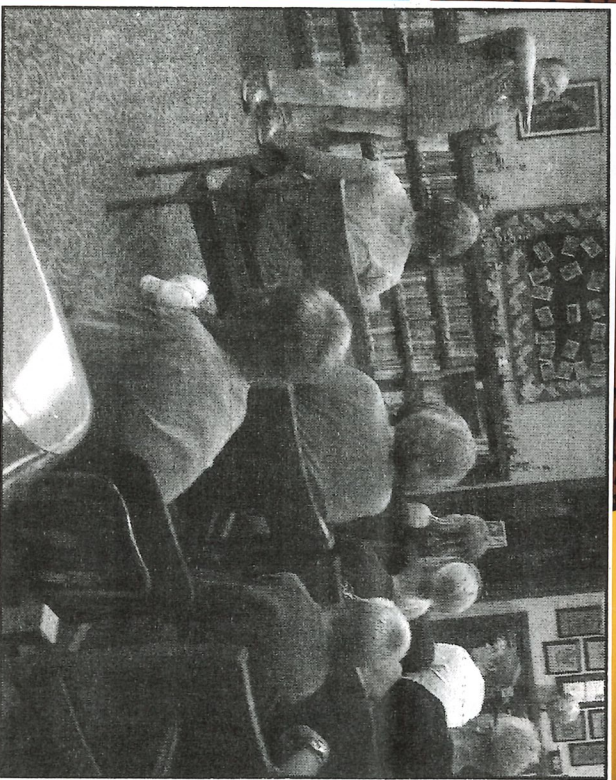
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## Special Program at Laurens Public Library

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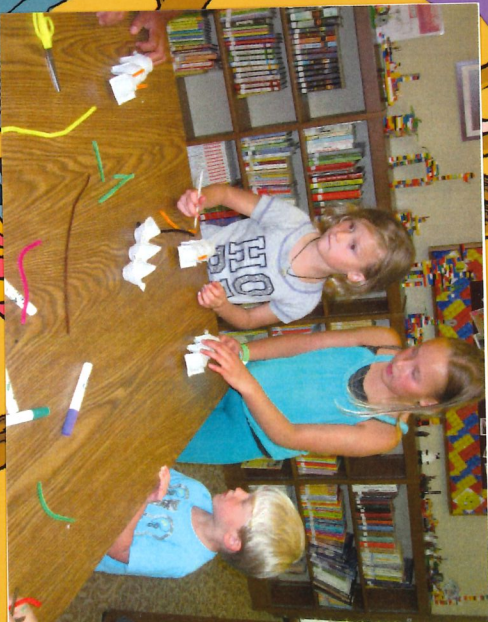
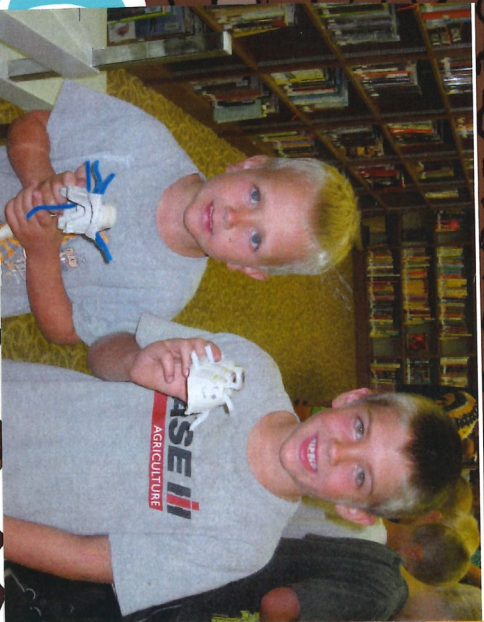
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The audience really enjoyed Steve Schuler-Jones paranormal encounters. Afterwards, ghost sugar cookies made by Connie Dallenbach were enjoyed







Row 1: (l) Allison Price, Librarian reading  
 (r) Jennifer + Hunter Valentine  
 Row 2: (l) Taylor Shifflett, Aaleb Hubbell + helper  
 (r) Ohn Link, Allison Price + Noah Link  
 Row 3: (l) Kadence, Bekka + Bode Mad sen  
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 Row 4: (l) Dakota + Alyssa Kunz  
 (r) Aidan Saunders + Caleb Hubbell  
 Row 5: (l) Lennan Meusburger  
 (r) Cabot Graff + Robin Nissen

**Thank You!**  
 Thank You to the Laurens Public Library for the "Dig into Reading" goodie bag (especially the Blank Park Zoo Tickets) that I won for guessing the number of rocks in the jar! Also, Thank You for taking the time to put on the Tuesday programs, we really enjoyed them!

Sincerely,  
 Hannah Hubbell



Dig Into Reading  
July 30th



## At the Library with Glenda Mulder

July 31, 2013

Left to right: Olin Link, Jennifer + Hunter Valentine, Kadence Madsen, Cabel Graef

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Limit 1 BINGO, per patron.  
BINGO cards need to be turned in by Saturday, August 3rd for the drawing.  
For High School Students & Adults

Fiction	Magazine	Biography	Mystery Fiction	Book recommended by a librarian
Youth	Attend a program @ the Library	Summer Fiction	Read a new author	New York Times Best Seller
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Too! Bingo Card for “Dig Into Reading”  
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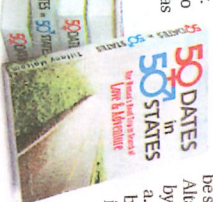
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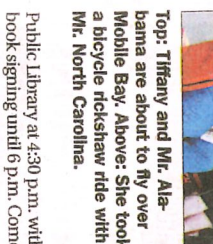
Top: Tiffany and Mr. Alabama are about to fly over Mobile Bay. Above: She took a bicycle rickshaw ride with Mr. North Carolina.



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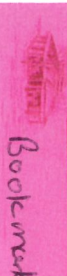
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"It was the adventure of a lifetime!" Malcom says. "I knew I'd have a great time seeing the country, and I was hopeful that I might find a great guy, too. The fact that I'm now married to one of those fifty dates gives you a

Biggest Little Paper in Town!





Tiffany Malcom  
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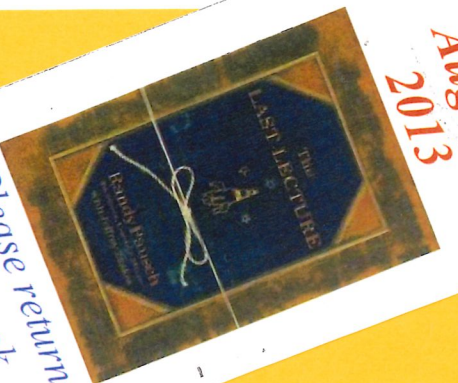
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Set The Paper Aug 14+21  
The coat swap will take place on September 21st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Laurens Public Library. Any patient may BRING THEIR CHILD to the library this one day only and sizes out a coat. We have a variety of coats and we CANNOT guarantee to receive a coat for you, but please come including the child must be present need a winter coat. This is open to including High School students that need a winter coat.  
The coats are free and in great condition. No questions asked, one on and take it home. Our goal is to make sure no child in our community is cold this winter because they don't have a coat! We Thank Everyone Who Donated Coats for This Event!!!!

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Library  
**LEGO**  
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**THURSDAYS**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> – August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**sign up each time you come  
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*Know this, Young Jedi!  
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## At the Library with Glenda Mulder September 4, 2013

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If you look all the way to the bottom, you will notice I added some new dates to our calendar. The Library Foundation's Pancake Supper will be on Thursday, October 24th and our Halloween just wouldn't be complete without our Halloween Magician at 6:30 p.m. after Trick or Treating! Of course, there are some more dates that recur monthly like Writers' & Book Club. Our Preschool Story times, Middle School Book Talks and Brown Bag lunches with the school kids are starting up again this month, too. What fun to fill up our calendar!

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September 18

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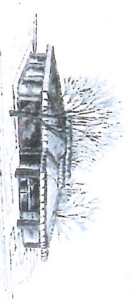
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*Joe: Retaliation.*

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*September  
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7:00 pm @

September 25, 2013

writers get together!

2012. We're hoping to set a new

**The Book  
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## Book List

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September 25, 2013

You just never know what will happen! You just never know what will happen!

thanks to L-M teachers for working this into and to Abby Bell for helping me get it set up!

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This week in our fiction department we received: Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell, The Book of David by James Patterson, Catch and Release by Lawrence Sanders, Significance by Jennifer Chivers, Storm Front by John Sandford, Doing Hard Time by Stuart Woods, The October List by Jeffrey Deaver, Silencing Eve by Iris Johansen, Loss of Innocence by Richard North Patterson, Seaside Christmas by Sherry Woods, Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert, Christmas on 4th Street by Susan Malloy, The Christmas Carol Murder by Leslie Meier, Something Borrowed, Someone Dead by M. C. Beaton, Deadline by Sandra Brown, Single Christmas Wish by Melody Carlson, Doctor Sleep by Stephen King, The Loudland by Jhumpa Lahiri, Kings Mountain by Sharon McCulloch, Bleeding Edge by Thomas Pynchon and First Lady by Cathleen Schine. In nonfiction we received: Kill: A History by Bill O'Reilly, David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants by Malcolm Gladwell, C-2 Summer: America 1927 by Bill Bryson and Butler: A Witness to History by Will Haygood. We also got a handful of new L-M Christmas books - I just couldn't resist!

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## The Paper

## At the Library with Glenda Mulder October 9, 2013

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Last year YOU donated enough money to the Laurens Public Library Foundation to sponsor 4 Musical Programs, the Halloween Magician, the Zoo visit, and a puppet show. YOU also bought an iPad for the kids department, framed some art, provided Themed Tubs to Daycare kids, paid our Wilbur e-book & audiobook subscription, bought books for the New Baby Packets, and sponsored the Summer Reading Program for kids and adults. On top of that, YOU purchased 95 CD audiobooks and 103 memorial books. YOU rock! Thank YOU!

With the donations YOU make to the Foundation this year, we plan to continue these great programs, plus get a diaper changing table and subscribe to "Tumblebooks" which are online kids books that the kids (and their parents) can read themselves or have read to them. See YOU at the pancake supper Thursday, October 24!

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Did you know there is a Curious George book about pancakes? I didn't until I was searching for something new to put on our pancake supper poster! How did I miss that - two of my favorite things combined? Well, I took care of that oversight and ordered the library a copy of "Curious George Makes Pancakes" so we can all enjoy it. It's got those wonderful illustrations that so charmed me as a child - and they still do! You'll see a couple of them on our pancake supper posters for the next week or so. Check out the book if you want to see more.

And speaking of pancakes.... We were out of town and missed the Fremont's Breakfast, so I think they'll taste doubly good at the Library Foundation's Pancake Supper next Thursday! This is our annual Foundation Fundraiser that supports many great projects such as the purchase of CD audiobooks, programs for adults and children, Themed Tubs to daycares, our Wilbur e-book and audiobook subscription, books for the New Baby Packets, and the Summer Reading Program for kids and adults. This year the Foundation plans to continue these great programs, plus get a diaper changing table and subscribe to "Tumblebooks" which are online kids books that the kids (and their parents) can read or have read to them. Hope to see you at the pancake supper Thursday, October 24! If you can't join us for pancakes and still want to support the Foundation, donations can be mailed to or dropped off at the library.

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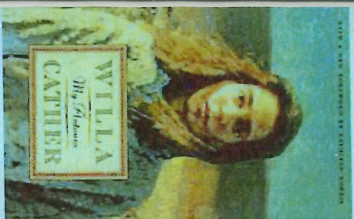
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## Wednesday, October 16, 2013





**Laurens  
Public  
Library**  
*October  
2013*



***Please return  
this book  
by our  
discussion  
10/28/13  
@ 7:00 pm***

*At the Library  
with Glenda Mulder  
October 23, 2013*

Yippee, Pancakes! The Library Foundation's Pancake Supper is tomorrow! Come have supper with us, chat & see what we've been up to. Highlights of Foundation programs this year include programs for adults and children, Themed Talks to Daycares, our Willbor e-book & audiobook subscription, books for the New Baby Packers, and the Summer Reading Program for kids and adults. This year the Foundation plans to continue these great programs, plus a couple more. One purchase will be a diaper changing table with wheels so it can be used in either bathroom. We also hope to subscribe to "Tumblebooks" which are online kids books that the kids (and their parents) can read or have read to them. Hope to see you at the pancake supper on Thursday, October 24! If you can't join us for pancakes and still want to support the Foundation, donations can be mailed to or dropped off at the Library.

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New DVDs include *The Crowds*, *Susan Princess Christmas* and *Steel Magnolias*. Once again, I'm here vowing not to wait until I have such a long list. We'll see how that works out!

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# The Paper

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*Laurens Public Library Foundation's*

Thursday, October 24 5-7 pm  
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**LAURENS  
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**OUR PURPOSE** is to encourage and receive gifts, endowments, and bequests to support the development of library services for the community. The Laurens Public Library Foundation was established as a non-profit corporation for educational purposes under Iowa law in 1992.

- Current Foundation Project List
- Children's e-book subscription
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Larry Dunbar  
Magic Show on  
Halloween



The crowd well entertained



Tanner Nagegast holding the  
orange



Kendall Evans & Trey Oehlert  
getting instructions



Marcus Spar



Larry Dunbar doing tricks before  
the show.



Aiden & Jordan Saunders & Jaci Nelson  
ready for the show to start



Hailey Brazel & Isaac Mino  
helping



Emilee Spangler



Tanner Nagegast



The large crowd for the show



Larry Dunbar & Tanner Nagegast.



Jordan Saunders



Tyler & James Whiskey





Body Madsen



Larry Dunbar Magic Show



The Candy after the show

Annual Library  
Foundation  
Pancake Supper



Marcus Price enjoys  
his pancakes.



John Thumma, Jeanette Korred,  
Lanore Thumma & Dorothy Runnberg  
visit after pancake



Don Usinkler & Carolyn Alstott  
visiting



Joan & Dennis Larson eating  
pancakes



Lots turn out for the  
Pancake Supper





## "Read for the Record" sets another high score as more than 2.4 million read 'Otis'

By Jamie Whitney  
Laurens Public Library Director Glenda Mulder dropped by Laurens-Marathon to read to a group of youngsters Oct. 3 as part of Jumpstart's "Read for the Record."

Nationwide, participants all read the same book on the same day. This year's selection was Loren Long's *Otis*, the story of a heroic tractor who saves his calf buddy from getting stuck in the mud.

"Otis," by Loren Long, is an engaging story that easily kept the attention of all the kids from preschool through fifth grade," explained Mulder.

Last year, 2.3 million people participated in the group reading across the nation, which set the record, and this year, the goal posts were moved even further as more than 2.4 million participated in the event.

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Laurens Public Library Director Glenda Mulder reads *Otis* to some young L-M students Oct. 3 as part of the annual "Read for the Record" event. The Chargers made up some of the 2.4 million who partook in the reading, a new record. Photo by Jamie Whitney.

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Hey, did you know you can make color copies at our library? That's a service that I assumed everyone knew we provided, but one of our regular customers was pleased to learn it last week! We also fax and can scan to e-mail if you ever need those services. Come in soon to learn more of the things we can do for you!

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# The Best Library Meeting in HISTORY

Thursday, November 14 at Laurens Public Library

Social time 5:30

Meal at 6:00

.....and then the fun begins!

Join us for an evening of fun that will go down in History!

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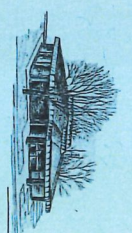
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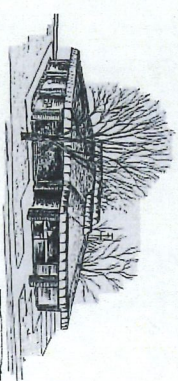
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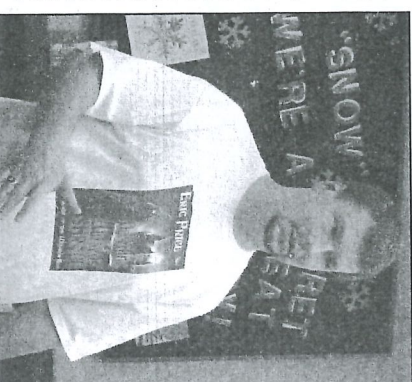
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Busiest Little Town's Eric Price debuts first novel at Laurens Public Library

By Jamie Whitney

The Laurens Public Library had a very special guest last Friday, as Eric Price stopped by to promote his new e-book, "Unveiling the Wizards' Shroud." It is the rural-Laurensian's first novel.



"Unveiling the Wizards' Shroud," is a fantasy novel," explained Price, who has had more than 30 nonfiction articles/columns, four short stories, and a poem published. "All of the short stories I've published have been science fiction. When I read, I tend to stick with the classics in science fiction. Robert Heinlein, Philip K. Dick, Isaac Asimov. A lot of modern sci-fi seems to lack originality. Greg Bear, Timothy Zahn, and Kevin J. Anderson are notable exceptions."

The author noted the fantasy genre has seen a resurgence in recent years thanks to mega-sellers like J.K. Rowling, who penned the Harry Potter series, and George R.R. Martin, who

is the author of the A Song of Ice and Fire series, which was adapted into the hit HBO series Game of Thrones. "Fantasy, I think, is going strong as ever," said Price. "I still read and reread fantasy fans, must have gained the classics. Lord of the Rings, Oz, but the barrier between fantasy and the rest of literature, and voices bring a lot of new ideas." "By the way, the series had on literature until we can reflect on it several decades down the road."

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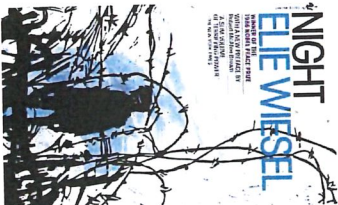
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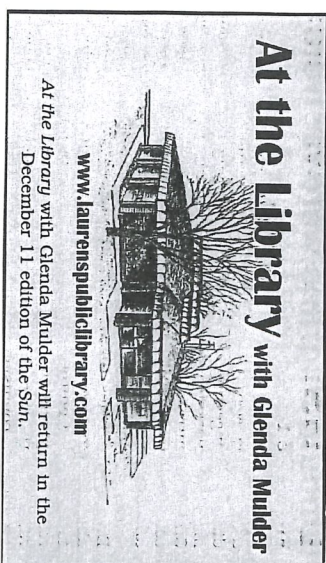
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The Paper



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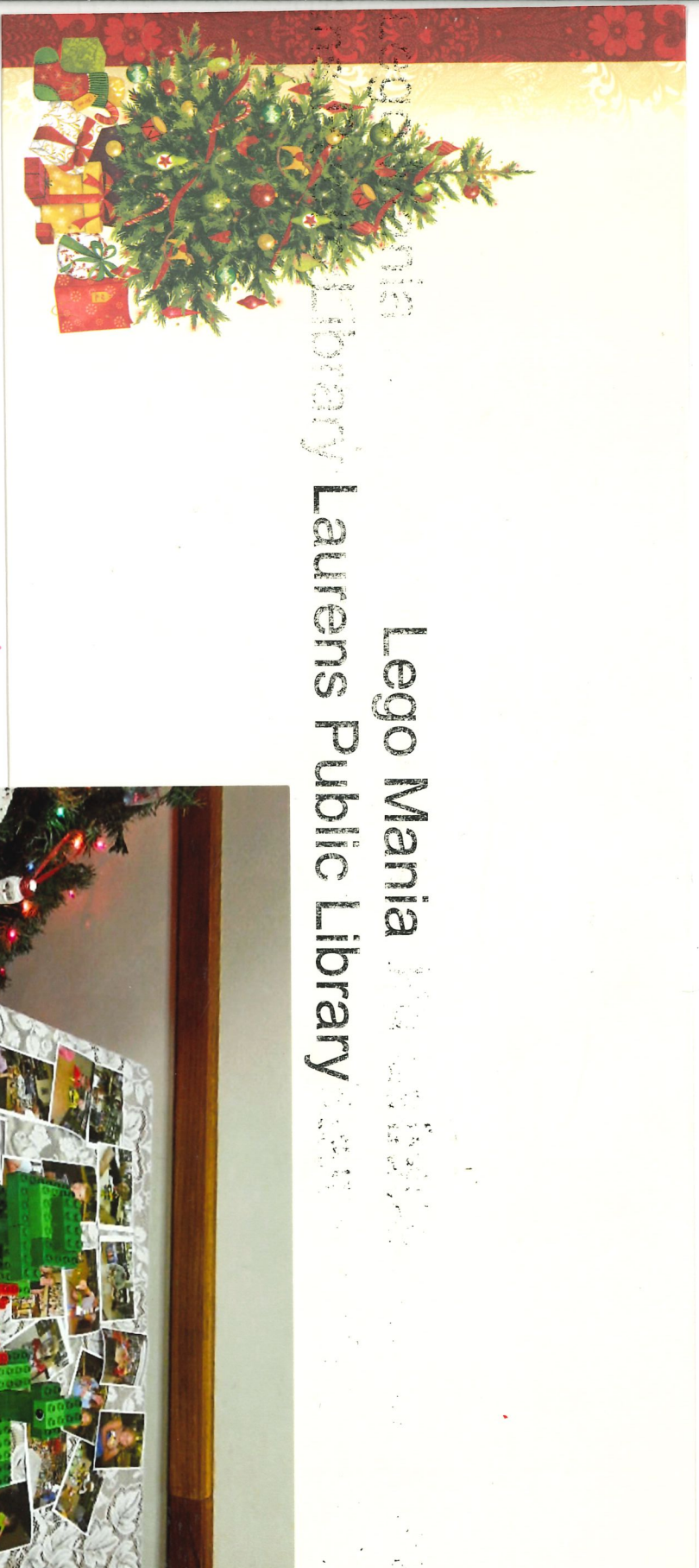
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Festival of Trees @ Methodist Church



Allison Lund's Tot Time Kids made snow globes. Angels & wreaths to decorate the tree.



Pictures from 2013 Summer-Lego Mania. The Lego creation was in place of a tree





2 early-outs + 1 day off - the kids were asked to  
 Come make snowmen. Egg carton snowmen,  
 Toilet paper tube snowmen + glue snowmen  
 were made. Each one very unique Allison  
 Lund + Deb Hertz came up w/ the designs.



Decorated by Glenda Mulder + Book Club Members











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2. *Red 2*, (must be the week of sequel's) *The Waterline* and *Mortal Instruments: City of Bones* (based on the book)

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## Princess City Players at Laurens Public Library

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Helen Benke shared a laugh with Kristen Alstoft about this tool, which is used to make "Färgmannsbakels" the Norwegian fried dough cookie. Helen also shared stories of her Norwegian heritage and traditions. We sang carols, had a trivia quiz and sampled Helen's cookies. We all left feeling charged with Christmas Spirit.



## At the Library with Glenda Mulder January 1, 2014

When the Princess City Players were at the Library, Helen Benke was telling us about Christmas traditions in Norway. Lois Brown was in the audience and shared that they had been there and told of some of the souvenirs she has. Well, she has filled a display case with them, so come take a look. Most intriguing to me are the "hand holding mittens". What fun! Now I want a pair of those – think I could talk Lotin into wearing them with me! It's that time of year where we reflect on the past and look forward to the future. I thought I'd try to highlight the changes in our Library this year. One of our biggest changes has to be in staff. When Nancy moved away this spring, Allison Price became our Children's Librarian. Then this fall when Mary told us she wanted to retire, Kayla Craft came on board. Although we miss our friends Nancy & Mary, we enjoy working with Allison & Kayla and feel they are a great addition to our library.

There have been a couple changes in the physical library. One you don't see at all, it just keeps us all comfortable – new heat pumps! The other one was a major undertaking. Last spring we decided that to make better use of our space and to highlight our most used services, a space reorganization was in order. While we didn't move any of our bookshelves, we did change where a lot of our collections live. We moved our easy nonfiction, juvenile fiction, youth fiction, biographies, paperback fiction, adult nonfiction, regular and large print fiction! When we have an arm workout that was! We like the change and feel it does make the most of our space, but at times we still find ourselves walking to the wrong shelf!

We've recently added a service, thanks to the Laurens Public Library Foundation's Fall Fundraiser. Tumblebooks kids e-books are lots of fun and are a great addition to our other e-books available from the Willow consortium. It would like to know more about either of these services, just ask us!

Now, looking forward.....I've got a few things up my sleeve....you'll just have to wait to see! Happy New Year!



## Tools of the trade

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January 8, 2014

Good news! We received word this week that we will be getting a grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation. This will be used toward a couple new computers and walk up desks for what we call our OPAC Computers. Most people refer to these as our card catalogs – I wonder how many of our patrons remember actual, physical card catalogs that held individual cards in multiple categories for each item in the library? The library user in me is nostalgic for these and I pride I felt when I learned to use them. It was almost like being given a treasure map! However, the librarian in me appreciates the ease the modern computer brings to book cataloging and searches.

We've been doing a bit of organizing for the new year. We've run into a number of "Why are we keeping that?" sort of items. So we set up a tag S/sale area and will continue to add to it as we find more goodies. At the moment it contains a patriotic wall rug, a TV, AV cart, iMac computer, cameras, a scanner and a few more odds and ends. They are marked at "Get Them out of Here" prices, so stop by if you need a bargain!

The Book Club will be reading Garth Stein's "The Art of Racing in the Rain." This book is written from the point of view of a Labrador retriever named Enzo, the family dog of a professional racecar driver. Enzo has an obsession with opposable thumbs, and has gotten most of his education from watching TV and riding the racecar circuit with his master. On the eve of his death, he reflects back on his life and supposes that in his next life he will be reborn as a man. Grab a copy of this book and join our discussion on Monday, January 27, at 7 p.m.

Our Writers Fire for All group will also be gearing up for their new year. Join us at 7 p.m. Monday, January 20, for our first meeting in 2014!

I also would like to remind you that we will be starting another Beginning Genealogy Class soon. Contact the librarian if you'd like to have some help looking for interesting ancestor in your family tree!

One more reminder – Tot Times are 10 a.m. every Monday morning that L-M has school. Play Groups are the first and third Tuesdays, also at 10 a.m. Bring those little ones in and get them used to coming to the library!

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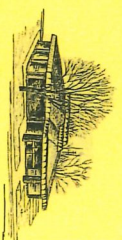
December 25, 2013

I know you're rushing around now trying to fit all your holiday happenings in your schedule. But you know soon those dreary January days and nights are going to start to drag...time to recharge your brain by learning something new! Local genealogy nerd (said in a loving, kind and admitting way) Grace Hertz has agreed to teach a class for beginners. So if you're curious about your family tree but don't know where to start, this is for you! Grace knows lots of tricks and resources to get you headed in the right direction. If you're interested in this, please let us know. Days and times of these classes will be determined by the schedules of those interested in taking them.

Just a few new additions this week. This is the one time of year there aren't a lot of new releases because most things were rushed out in time for Christmas giving! New novels include: *Gods of Guilt* by Michael Connelly, *Someone Else's Love Story* by Joselyn Jackson and *Good Boy* by Theresa Schwegel. New nonfiction includes: *Carly's Voice: Breaking through Autism* by Arthur Fleischmann and *40 Chances of Finding Hope in a Hungry World* by Howard Buffett – which was given by Becky Braesch in memory of Dan Woodin. In DVDs we received: *Despicable Me 2*, *Planes*, *Smurfs 2*, *Red 2*, (must be the week of sequel's) *The Waterline* and *Mortal Instruments: City of Bones* (based on the book).

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## Laurens Public Library Christmas 2013



Please return  
this book  
by our  
discussion  
12/23/13  
@ 7:00 pm

## The Book Club @ Laurens Public Library 2013

1. "Weight of Silence" by Heather Gudenkauf
2. "Room" by Emma Donoghue
3. "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" by Rebecca Wells
4. "Call of the Wild" by Jack London
5. "Caleb's Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks
6. "Second Chance" by Jane Green
7. "Walking Beans Wasn't Something You Did with Your Dog" by Jean Tennant
8. "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch
9. "Plain Truth" by Jodi Picoult
10. "My Antonia" by Willa Cather
11. "Night" by Elie Wiesel
12. "Redbird Christmas" by Fannie Flagg