

January 10, 2012

- We received a Pocahontas County Foundation grant for \$1550 to purchase a laptop, presentation cart, and programming.
- “Our Prairie Heritage” program by Pocahontas County Conservation
- “Sister City Visit to Laurens, France” by Kelly Van Sickle and Ashley Dvorak

February 14, 2012

- Programs this month included “Who the Heck am I?” by Ruth Steinkoenig and “Visiting the Beyond” with Curt Strutz.
- We have again been allotted \$75,000 by the City of Laurens this year. The proposed budget was amended to reflect this, making the total budget \$112,960
- Election of Officers was held, and the slate remains the same.
- We will again receive a Libri Grant for Children’s books. We have applied for this grant every 3 years, as allowed, and received them.
- Holly Storms and Kristin Fansega will begin a monthly scrapbooking class at the library.

March 20, 2012

- Programs this month included Connie Dallenbach’s “Little House on the Prairie” and a couponing program.
- Scrapbooking Page of the Month has started.

April 10, 2012

- Another all-in-one patron use computer was added.
- Our Library was chosen to participate in the Edge Initiative for library technology assessment. We are one of only 32 in the State of Iowa, 450 nationwide.

May 8, 2012

- All City departments and the Power & Communications are working on the Employee handbook updates.

June 19, 2012

- Former L-M teacher Dick Hawes presented a program about whaling.
- Summer Reading program theme is “Dream Big.” Special programs include Blank Park Zoo & Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre. Also LegoMania every Friday.
- Staff will receive a 4% pay increase beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Because of an accounting change, we only had 11 pay periods this year, so have \$6,500 unspent in our budget. It will be placed in a Capital Reserves Fund.
- The new City Employee handbook has been approved.
- Our front sidewalk approach was widened to make room for a new bike rack to be purchased as a Library Foundation project.
- An iPad was purchased for the Children’s Department

July 16, 2012

- Laurens author Lars Hersom talked about his book, "From a Child's Perspective; Alcoholism."
- In a joint meeting with the Bethany Lutheran Church Council, the library Board set the farm rent at \$270 per acre.
- Library Director began looking at the price of LED lights, grants and rebates available.

August 14, 2012

- Program by Jo Hamilton about her book, "For the Love of Scott."

September 2012

- No meeting, just voted by email to pay the bills
- Tot Time and Brown Bag lunches are starting up again for the school year. Also Children and Families of Iowa will sponsor a weekly "Building Futures" play group.
- Writers Free For All, Ruth Steinkoenig, facilitator, had their first meeting. Meetings to be held the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. We will have monthly writing prompts and are encouraged to share our work with the group.

October 9, 2012

- Sarah Nixon spoke about her recent trip to Turkey.
- The Halloween tradition of Magician Larry Dunbar after Trick or Treating continues.
- Wrap up report was filled with the Libri Foundation for the children's books grant.
- Wrap up was filed for Pocahontas County Foundation for the laptop, presentation cart, and programming.
- 854 VHS tapes have been withdrawn from our collection. We have retained those related to local history.

November 13, 2012

- New host for the Library website is Boji Information Systems. Staff email is also tied to our website, with director, assistantdir, & childrens @ laurenspubliclibrary.com
- We received an estimate for lighting. The bulbs alone would be \$28,898. Light Plant rebates are used up for this calendar year. We will continue to seek alternatives.
- Concert by Mike Langley followed the Library Foundation's fundraising Pancake Supper.
- Money raised at this year's pancake supper will be used for additional iPads for the Children's Department and eReaders. Continuing projects include Wilbor online books, baby packets, CD books, Child Care Tubs, Summer Reading, and special programming.

December 11, 2012

- We had a festive Board Meeting at the home of Lois Jirgens.
- Staff Christmas bonus \$250 for full time employees, \$100 for part time.
- Library Board approved the proposed 2013/2014 budget of \$121,429, with the City's share being \$80,349. This will be submitted to the City.