

January 14, 2014

- Board examined the proposed 2014/2015 budget. They approved a total of \$132,166, requesting \$88,285 from the City.
- A \$3,000 gift from GWE & Sylvia Johnson will be used to strip the wallpaper in the bathrooms and repaint the walls. The wall between the bathrooms will be painted with chalkboard paint. We will purchase chair dollies so chairs do not need to be stored in the bathrooms.
- We received a Grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation for walk up stands for our OPAC computers, and for new Chromebox computers to use on them.

February 11, 2014

- Library Board Meeting time has been changed to 5 pm on the second Tuesday of every month.
- A changing station has been purchased with funds from the local Kiwanis. The wheels on it will allow it to be moved to whichever restroom it is needed in.

March 11, 2014

- The City has approved our budget amendments for 2013/2014. We have not received word about our proposed 2014/2015 budget.

April 8, 2014

- IPTV's Dan Wardell returned to entertain us on a day L-M had a late start for teacher inservice.

May 13, 2014

- Book Club, Writer's Free For All, and Coupons Swap continue to meet monthly at the Library.

June 10, 2014

- Marathon native Jennifer Dukes Lee was at the library to talk about her inspirational new book "Love Idol"
- We had a report on the Sister City Commission's trip to Laurens, France.
- Summer Reading theme is "Fizz, Boom, Read!" Special programs include Water Rocks!, Blank Park Zoo, and Pockets Full of Fun puppets.
- Staff performance evaluations were completed and Board approved a 5% raise for all staff beginning July 1.

July 2014

- No meeting or notes

August 12, 2014

- Programs included Flor Johnsen "Reach for the Stars about establishing libraries in the Philippines, Julie Wurr gave us details of her National Retail Association trip to

Washington DC, and we had a Town Meeting with an aide from Senator Grassley's office.

- Allison Price has resigned as our Children's Librarian. Kayla Graff will move into that position, increasing her schedule to 3 days a week.
- Annual Survey has been submitted to the State Library of Iowa.
- In a joint meeting with Bethany Lutheran Church Council, it was decided to decrease the farm rent from \$330 to \$295 per acre, based on the farm rent survey by the Iowa State Extension.

September 9, 2014

- Jean Murray has been hired as a circulation librarian. She will be working 2 days a week.
- Laurens Area Youth Group gave a talk about their recent mission trip.
- Tot Time, Brown Bag lunches and other class visits are gearing up for the school year.
- Card Making classes have started on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Teachers Brenda Cleveland and Milissa Frerichs will provide everything needed to make 3 cards, for a \$5 fee to be paid by each participant.

October 14, 2014

- The Laurens Public Library Foundation again held a Pancake Supper Fundraiser. Funds will be used to install lights in our display cases and purchase more trains for our train table.
- Pocahontas County Library Meeting was held at the Palmer Library.
- Magician Larry Dunbar again entertained our ghouls and goblins after Trick or Treating.
- Thaine Hopkins resigned from the Library Board as he has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the City Council.
- New record high for monthly circulations is 4436.

November 18, 2014

- Tim Leith was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Library Board.
- Library Director Glenda Mulder has accepted an appointment to the Iowa Library Services Advisory Panel and will attend quarterly meetings in Des Moines.

December 9, 2014

- "One Time Pay Increase" for staff; \$250 full time, \$125 part time employees.
- Princess City players presented "Presents through the Decades"
- Board approved the 2015/2016 proposed budget of \$124,495, with the City's share being \$77,022. City will also pay Director's insurance. That is not included in the budget because it comes out of a different City fund. This will be submitted to the City for their approval.