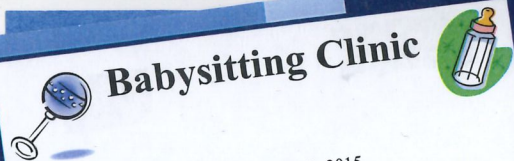


2015



Babysitting Clinic

When: January 12, 2015
3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Where: Laurens Public Library
(273 N 3rd St. Laurens, IA)

Who: 5th & 6th Graders

Cost: \$10.00/person (includes snacks, drink, & materials)

Registration deadline is ~~December 19, 2014~~ **Jan 7, 2015** at the
Pocahontas County Extension Office

305 North Main Street
Pocahontas, IA 50574
(712) 335-3103

* Registration form and
agenda on back



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Extension and Outreach

The fees for this service will be used to off-set direct
expenses and to support Youth Development County
Extension Program.



Babysitting Clinic by ISU extension
Passing out packets to each
Kid



First aid + emergency training.
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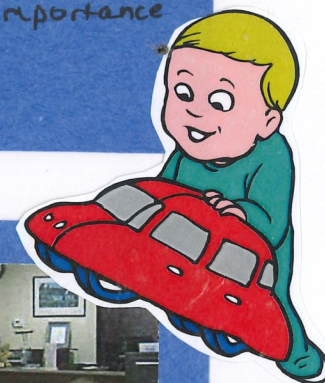
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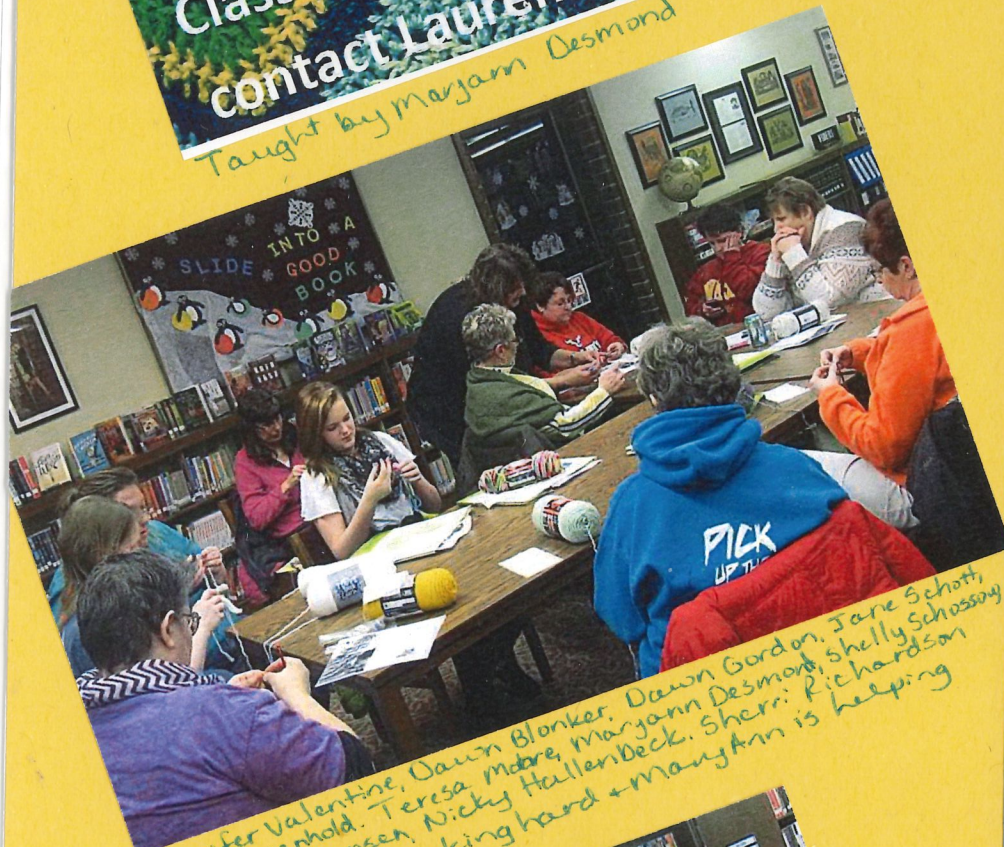
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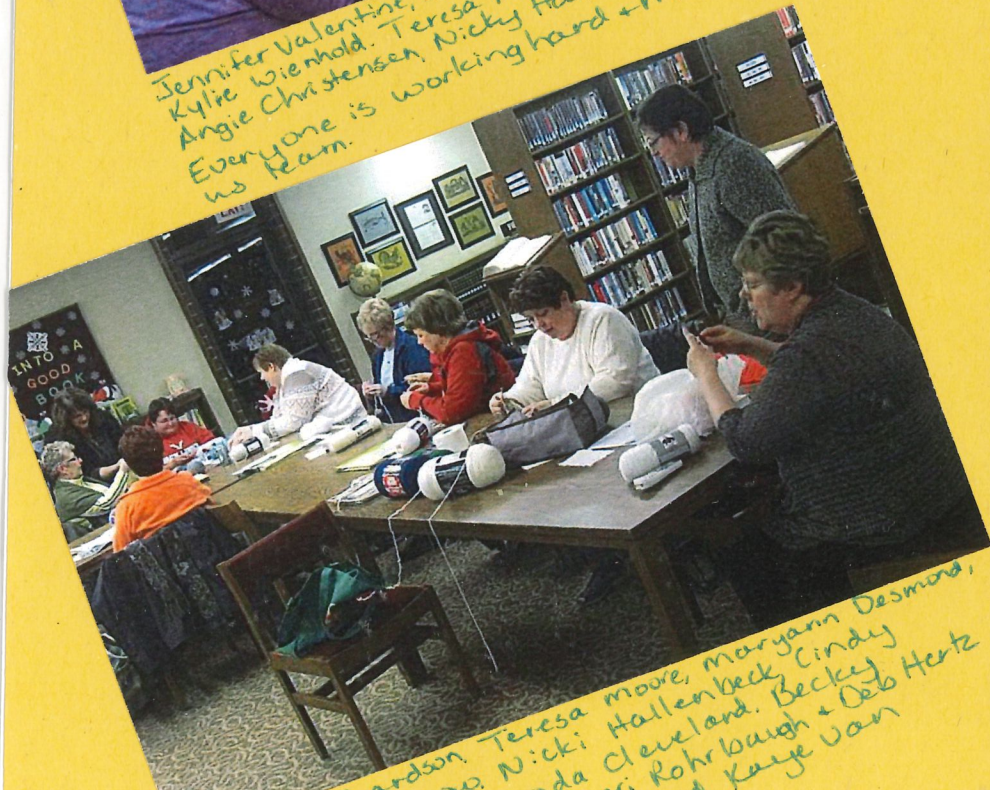
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Supervisors Weekly Reports: Supervisor Stauter attended the County Conservation Board meeting as liaison. Supervisors Peters and Siepker attended the ISAC New Officers. Ives had no meetings.

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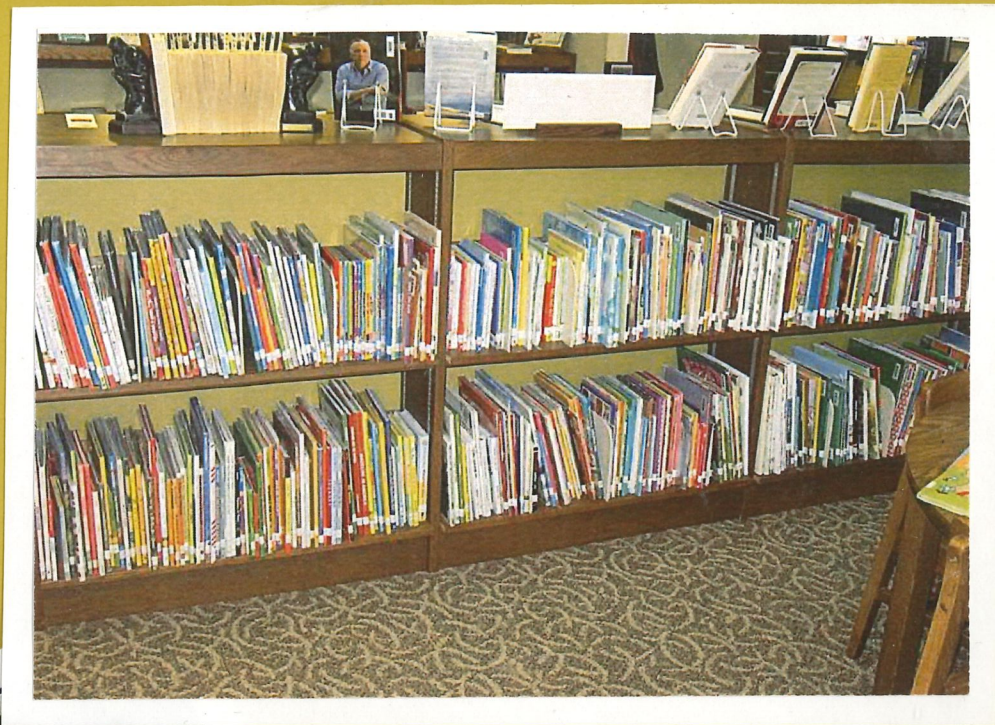
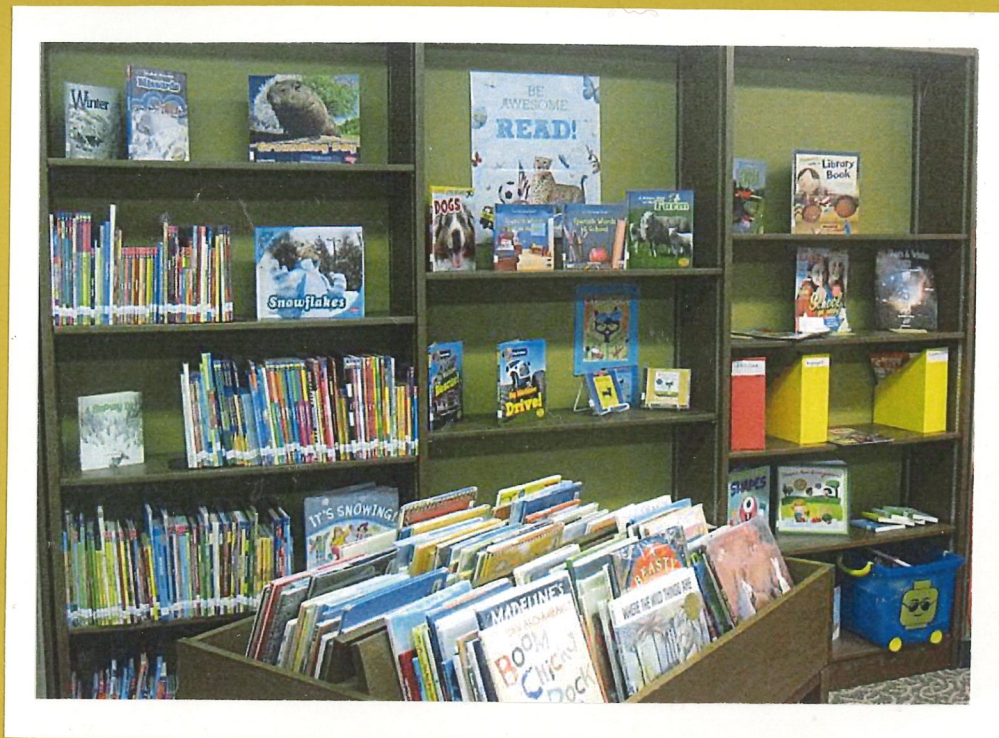
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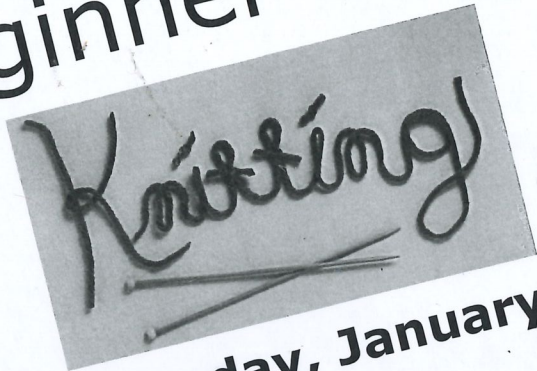
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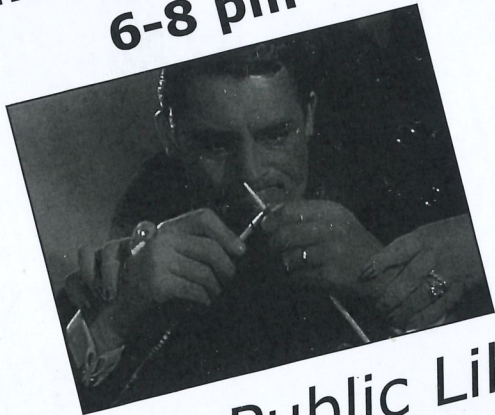
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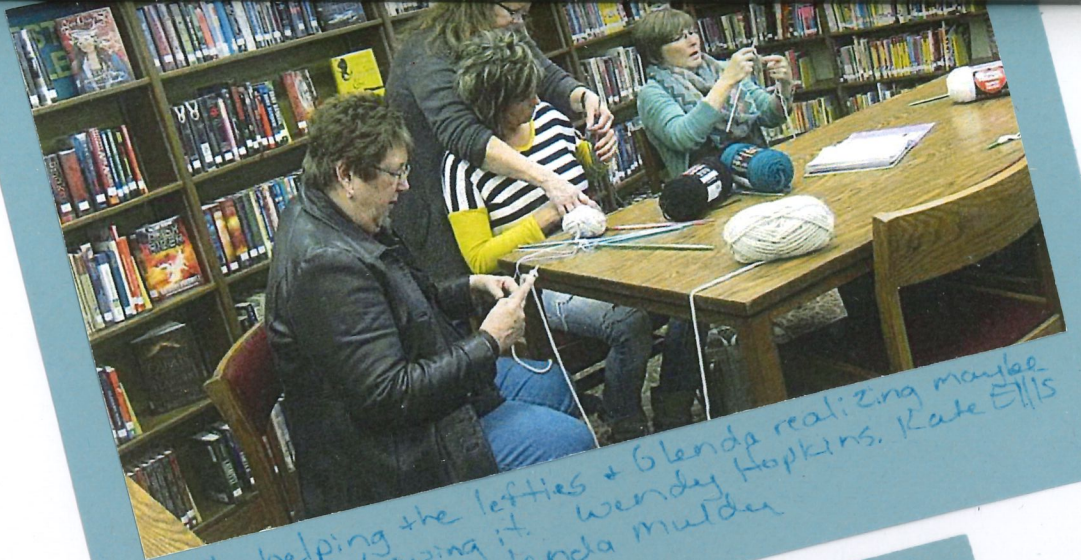
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Class size limited - please preregister!

Taught by Kate Ellis + Donna Sindergard



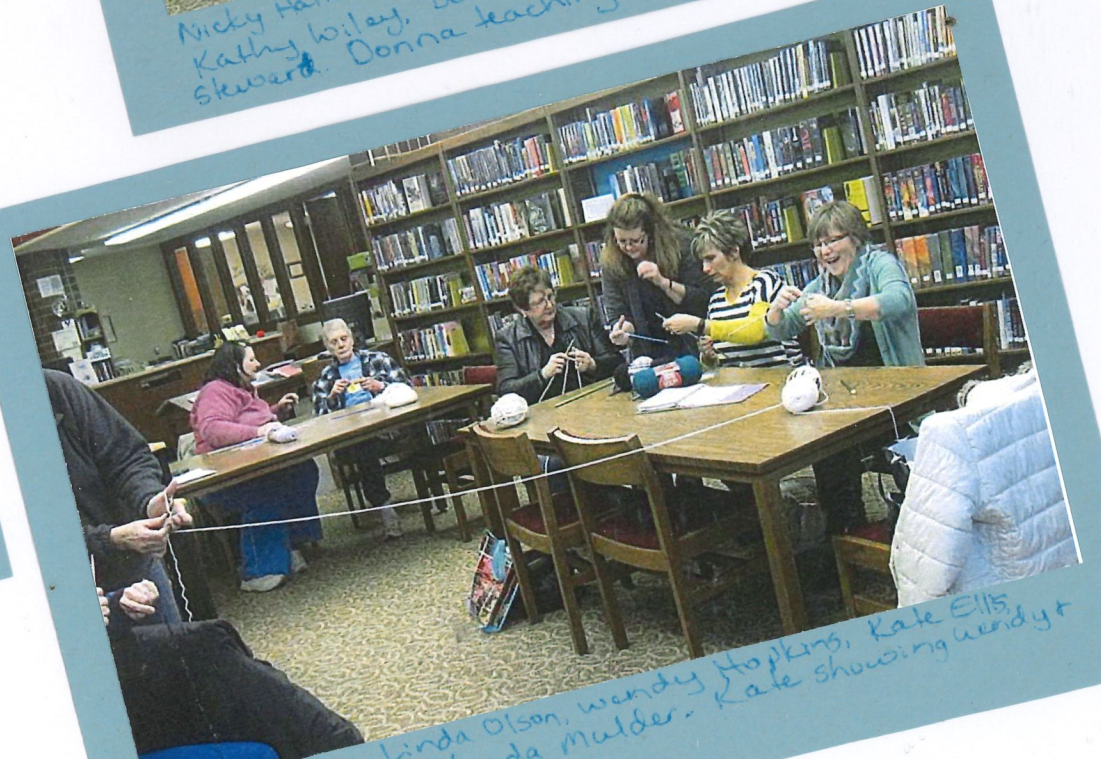
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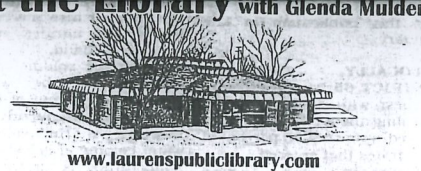
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By Chris Vrba

On Wednesday afternoon representatives from a host of nonprofits across the Princess County gathered at the Rialto Theatre as the Pocahontas County Foundation awarded nearly \$90,000 for projects and improvements in each of the nine communities.

"First off, I'd like to thank the gamblers. That's where the money comes from," began Dennis Hallberg as he accepted a \$2,200 award that the Palmer Hometown Pride Committee will use to place new picnic tables made from recycled grocery bags in Panther Park, where the group has focused the bulk of its efforts.

Hallberg, of course, was having a good rib, as much

of the Pocahontas County Foundation's funds come from gambling profits allocated around the state.

Still, he, along with many other attendees, were grateful for the benevolence of the Foundation, which has utilized the funds to disperse about \$1 million throughout the county over the last decade.

"Without this group, the things we're doing in Palmer would be a pipe dream," Hallberg concluded.

Two of the Foundation's larger awards went to historic preservation efforts in the county. One grant of \$10,000 went to the City of Laurens which will use the funds to make repairs to the basement of the Carnegie Library, which

serves as the storehouse for the Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum.

"This will help us put a waterproofing system in the basement to help preserve artifacts," relayed Barb Smith.

Another award went to Pocahontas County Conservation who will use its \$7,400 to move the old schoolhouse to a new location on the Wiegert Farm grounds.

"I'm very excited to do something really important," Marcia Leu exclaimed upon accepting the award. "We're going to move the school out of the damp spot onto a new spot behind the church. This will make (the school) more

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Pocahontas County Foundation award recipients

Organization	Project	Award
Fonda Hometown Pride	Central Park updates	\$5,705.00
Fonda Public Library	Library drop box	\$2,819.15
American Legion Post 239 - Gilmore City	Service grave markers	\$1,018.50
Gilmore City Hometown Pride	Park trash receptacles	\$3,010.00
Havelock Hometown Pride	8-foot tables	\$1,416.00
Kids Korner Daycare - Laurens	Train set and table/storage unit	\$942.02
Cub Scouts - Laurens	Pinewood Derby track and timer	\$1,831.00
Laurens Care Center	Soft Serve ice cream maker	\$2,500.00
City of Laurens	Carnegie Building Historical preservation	\$10,000.00
Laurens Hometown Pride	Movie in the park and landscaping	\$4,745.13
Laurens Public Library	Author/speaker	\$2,155.60
Palmer Public Library	Circulation desk	\$3,930.00
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Plover Hometown Pride	Barn quilt, city signage	\$1,300.00
Plover Public Library	2 rocking chairs, rug	\$559.98
Pocahontas County Conservation	Schoolhouse preservation	\$7,400.00
Pocahontas County Health Dept.	Assistive equipment: knee walkers	\$608.00
Poc. County Historical Society	Museum display, document preservation	\$740.00
Pocahontas Fire Department	Truck/service vehicle	\$5,000.00
Pocahontas Hometown Pride	Signs in community	\$3,747.00
Pocahontas Public Library	Color printer for public use	\$3,000.00
Pocahontas Swimming Pool	ADA Chair Lift	\$3,747.00
Rialto Theatre	Screen and auto-starter	\$4,500.00
RAMS Events Center	TV	\$1,700.00
City of Rolfe	Tornado siren	\$5,000.00
Rolfe Hometown Pride	Signs, lamps, lighting, tables, bike rack, landscape	\$3,588.00
Rolfe Parks and Recreation	Picnic tables	\$2,124.00
Varina Hometown Pride	Park fence, landscaping, tables, trash cans	\$4,083.00
Total		\$89,354.36

AWARDS: Grants go to 28 civic groups

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sustainable. The location is perfect - cozy and comfortable."

In Gilmore City, American Legion Post 239 will use its award of just over \$1,000 to mark the final resting place of 30 service members.

"We're going to replace and add brass grave markers for veterans in our cemeteries," remarked Don Trexel. "Two have not been marked from the Civil War and we've got numerous others."

The venue for the award

prefaced Rialto manager Greg Fritz. "Well, we've converted to digital projection, and the screen is more than 20 years old, and they've made a lot of improvements."

Fritz said the new screen, which will likely be installed while the theater is closed for the annual PAC swing show next month, will provide a sharper picture and moviegoers will see an image that's twice as bright as before.

"You'll definitely see a big

Committee have been hard at work making their city park better. With new equipment all around, it hardly resembles what it was before.

This year, the group will use its award of about \$4,000 to install a fence at the basketball courts, and add some landscaping, tables, and trash cans.

And in the community, Kim Dewey reports, friends and neighbors have come out of the woodwork to lend a hand.

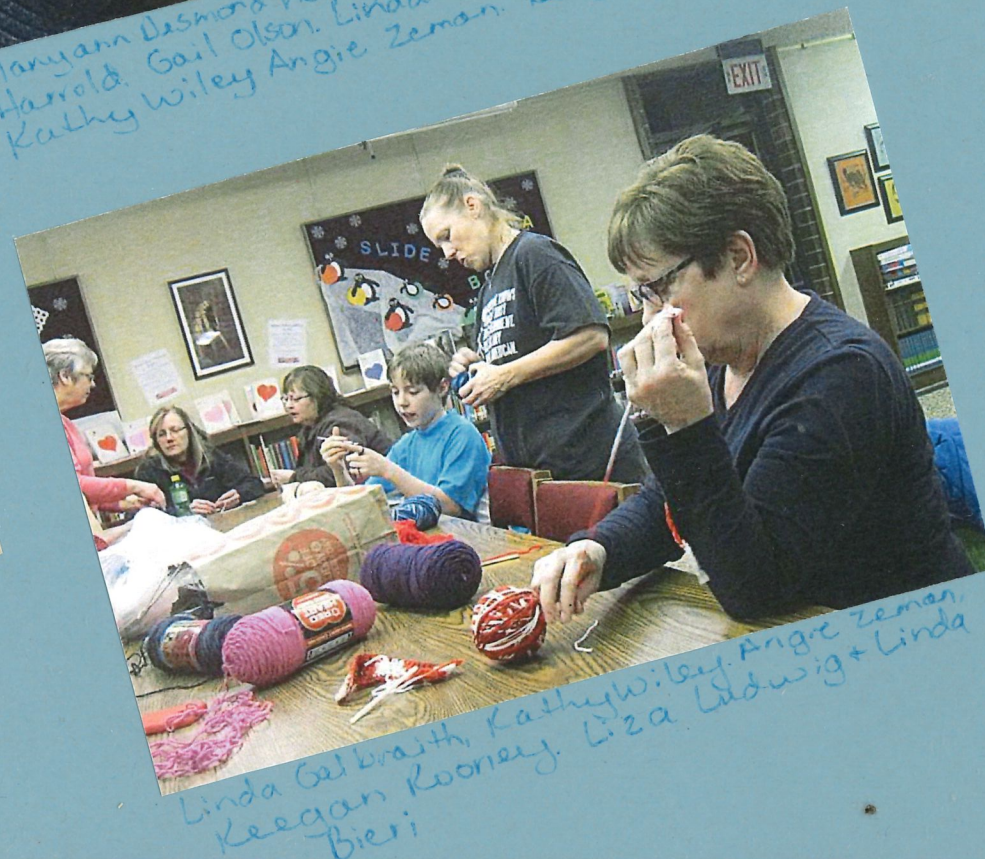
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Maryann Desmond helping Marilyn Pohlman, Emily Harold, Gail Olson, Linda Galbraith, helping, Kathy Wiley, Angie Zeman, Keegan Rooney



Kelly VanSickle helps Julie Wurr cast on
 Marilyn Pohlman is being helped by
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Blind Date w/ a book



Blind Date with a Book!
 Just pick up a wrapped book, check out
 and wait until you get home before you
 open and see what treasure you have.
 When you check out the book,
 you can sign up for the prize.
 Prize will be drawn for on
 Friday, February 27th.

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Brenda Cleveland sharing tips about the cricut. Holly Storms, Brenda Cleveland, Peggy Peterson, Marilyn Pohlman & Kelly Gordon



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Looking at eh cricut cartridges the library has to check-out Laura Todd, Julie Wurr, Deb Hertz & Milissa Frerichs



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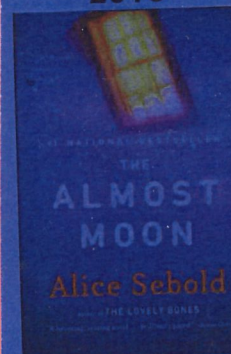
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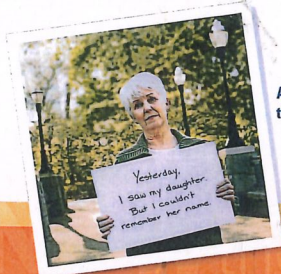
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Know the 10 signs.

If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. Early detection of Alzheimer's disease gives you a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future. This interactive workshop features video clips of people with Alzheimer's disease.

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EARLY DETECTION MATTERS

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24/7 Helpline 800.272.3900

Time: **7 p.m.**

Date: **Wednesday, March 4, 2015**

Location: **Laurens Public Library - 273 North 3rd Street**

If you are concerned about you or a loved one and want to attend this workshop,

10 SIGNS EARLY DETECTION MATTERS

- 1 Memory loss that disrupts daily life
- 2 Challenges in planning or solving problems
- 3 Difficulty completing familiar tasks
- 4 Confusion with time or place
- 5 Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
- 6 New problems with words in speaking or writing
- 7 Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
- 8 Decreased or poor judgment
- 9 Withdrawal from work or social activities
- 10 Changes in mood and personality

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Celtic Guitarist Jerry Barlow Featured Laurens Public Library

The Laurens Public Library is pleased to welcome acclaimed Celtic fingerstyle guitarist Jerry Barlow for a special Concert. The event will be held on Monday, March 9th at 7:00 PM the Library, 273 N. Third St. in Laurens. The program is free to the community.

Barlow is a warm, accessible performer and storyteller. His unique and skillfully delivered repertoire incorporates favorite traditional pieces as well as his own Celtic-inspired compositions. His expressive arrangements of lively jigs, spirited reels, and haunting airs is described as music to soothe the soul, warm the heart and lift the spirit.

"In concert, Jerry brings traditional Celtic tunes alive by sharing the history, humor, and legends behind the music. "Jerry Barlow ... a performer who is skilled, funny and riveting. Out of the many musicians performing today, the vast majority are skilled in either performing on their instrument or in entertaining an audience. It's very rare and extremely enjoyable to see a musician at the very top of his craft in both areas," says Scott

The Paper

At the Library with Glenda Mulder March 4, 2015

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Beach, Director of Colorado Celtic Entertainment.

Barlow's latest CD, 'Twas THE NIGHT, Songs of Christmas, was released in early December of 2013 to excellent reviews. His 2011 recording, FIELDS AND FENCES, was one of five nominees for Instrumental Album of the Year by the Independent Music Awards.

Music from all of Barlow's recordings can be heard regularly on National Public Radio stations.

He has been featured in Fingerstyle Guitar magazine, and was profiled in the February, 2011, issue of Celtic Connection. He has performed in the Gates Auditorium for the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music, the Arvada Center for the Performing Arts, and is a favorite of High plains Public Radio's Living Room Concert Series in Amarillo, TX.

For more information contact the Library at 712.841.4612



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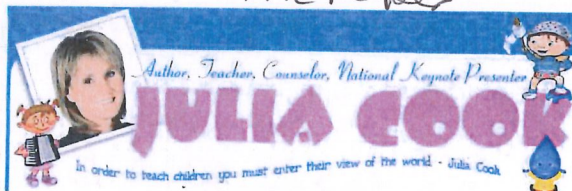
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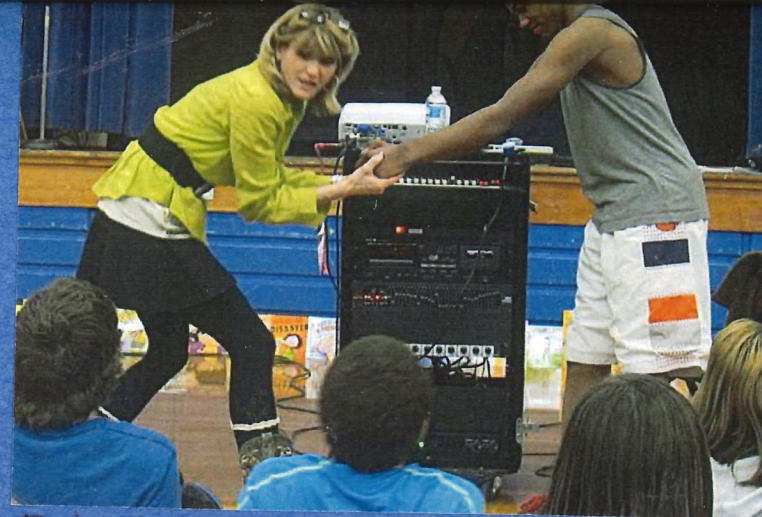


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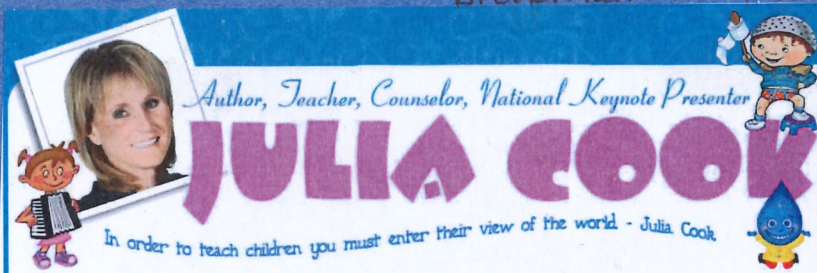
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No don't get close to that scooper even if they have a really cute dog like Kirby. Alexander Price & Brookman & Pat Reese



Julia trying to get Oad'ontee Williams to cave under peer pressure.



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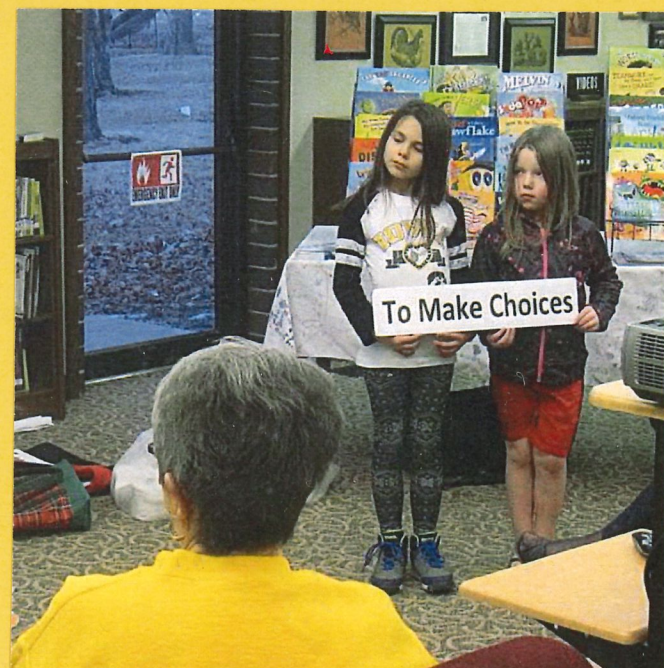
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Now it's Alyssa Klatts turn with the tooth paste. What a great visual to teach that our words can't be taken back once they are out.



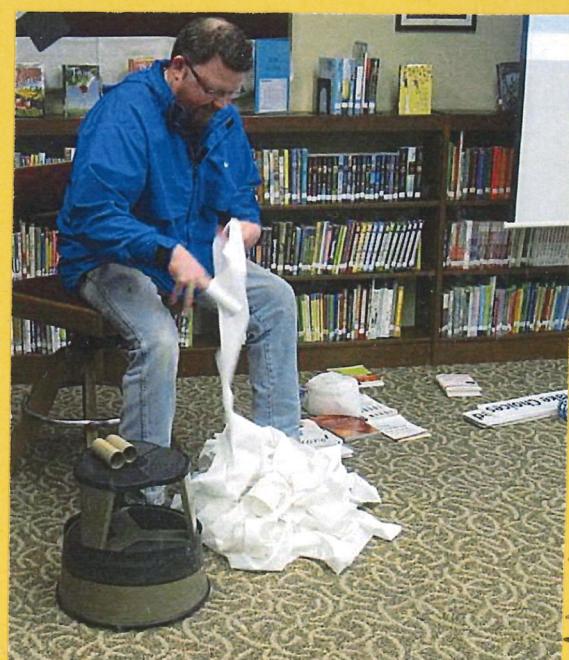
Learning when it's appropriate to talk to strangers - it's safe when you're with an adult. Addison Olson & Mrs. Behrens



One of our 5 Basic Needs. Katie Fansega & Ava Runneberg.



The 4 Basic Needs. Isaiah Schossaw, Riley Lane, Jackie Nehring & Rayne Mielke



Brian Runneberg being motivated to do it better & faster by promise of a reward.

At the Laurens Public Library when they are motivated.

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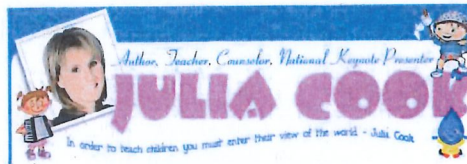
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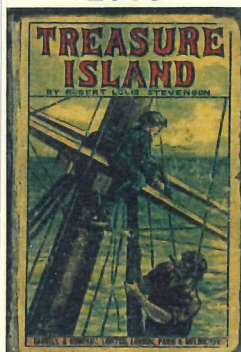
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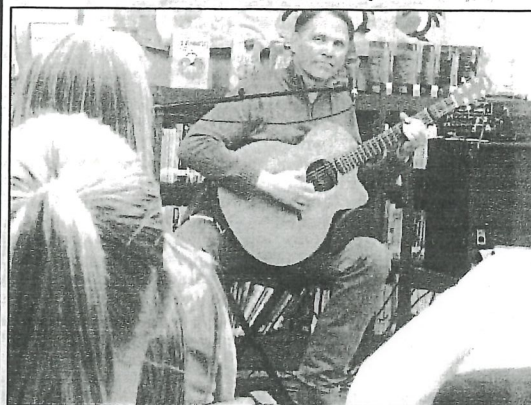
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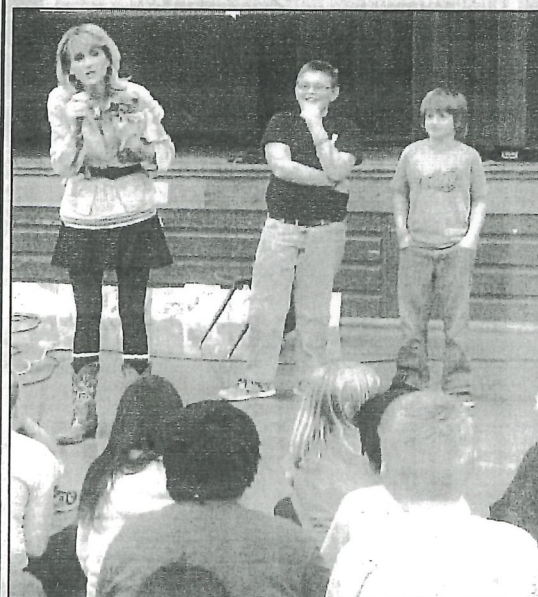
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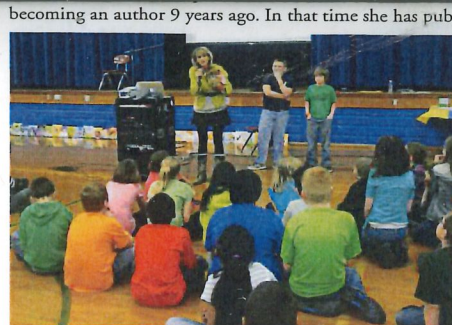
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Working on their bunnies. March 27th Evan Brent, Wesley, Hannan, Kable Graff + Amari Olsor



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New novels at the library this week include: *Normal* by Graeme Cameron, *At the Water's Edge* by Sara Gruen (author of *Water for Elephants*), *Hush*, *Hush* by Laura Lipman, *Miracle at Augusta* by James Patterson, *Angel Court Affair* by Anne Perry, *Lacy Eye* by Jessica Treadway, and *The Stranger* (loved it!) by Harlan Coben (Audiobook too!).

I've started something new at home. I decided to multitask and work out my mind and body at the same time. I checked out the large print version of this month's book club choice, *"Killing Lincoln"*, and have been reading it for a half hour a night on our exercise bike. The first night I wasn't so into it because they were kind of setting the scene and talking about the battles, (and I hadn't been on the bike for a while either, so that may have had something to do with it!) but after that it's moving right along. Grab a book and join our discussion Monday, April 27. You can just read it sitting in your chair if you'd rather!

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New fiction this week includes: *The Pocket Wife* by Susan Crawford, *Holy Cow* by David Duchovny, *Love Letters* by Beverly Lewis, *NYPD Red 3* by James Patterson, *Cavendon Women* by Barbara Taylor Bradford, *Someone is Watching* by Joy Fielding, *The Buried Giant* by Kazuo Ishiguro, *Cuba Straights* by Randy Wayne White, *One Step Too Far* by Tina Seskis, and *The Precious One* by Marisa De Los Santos.

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April 8, 2015

The Paper

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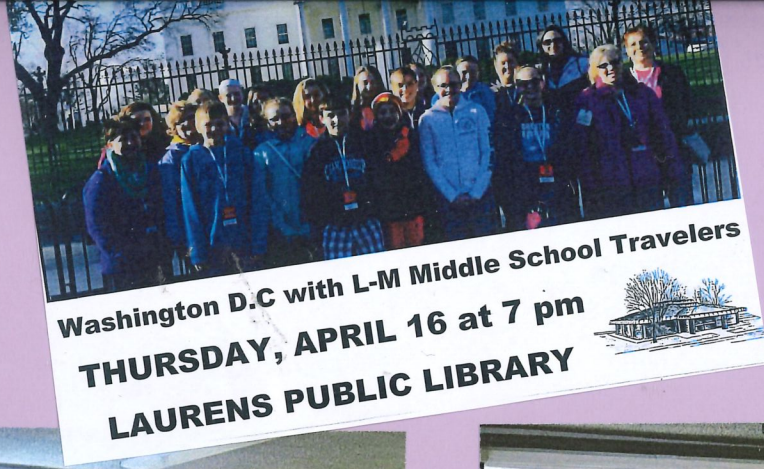
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Mrs. Tate tells her favorite things to see in Washington D.C



Elizabeth Runneberg



Sydney Harrold



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Mrs. Tate + the Middle School travelers

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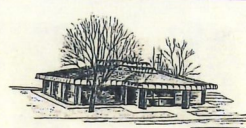
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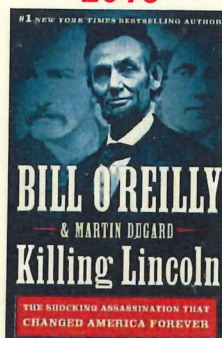
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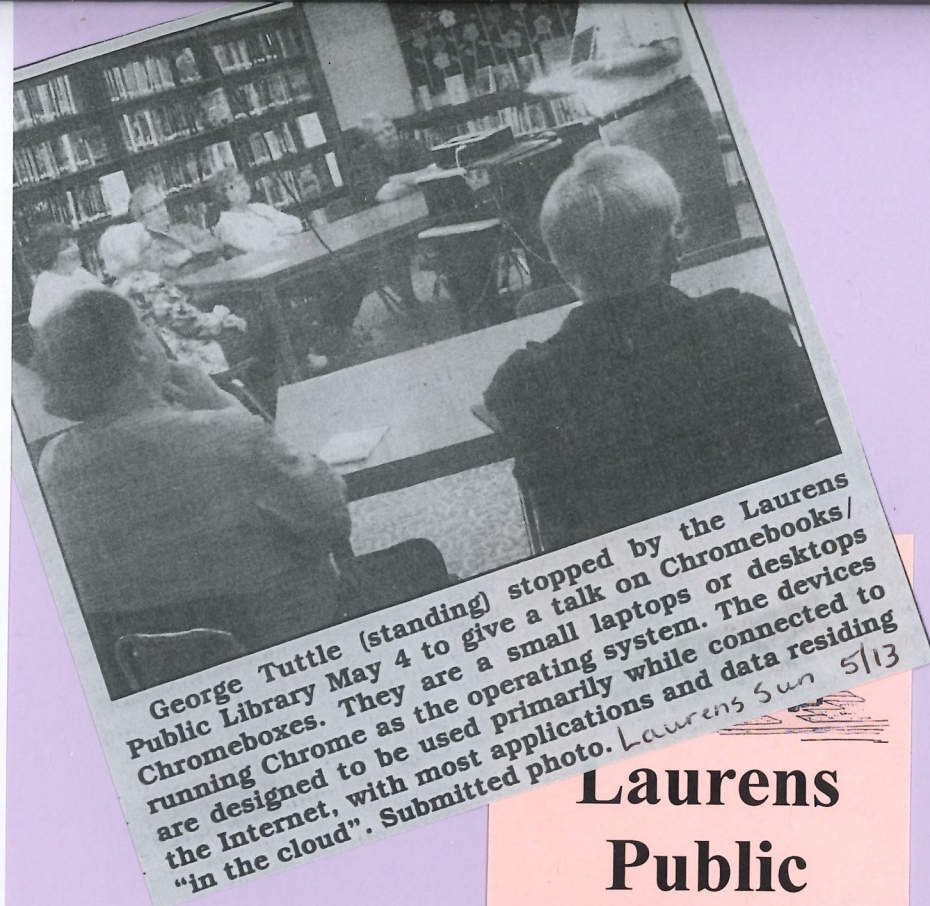
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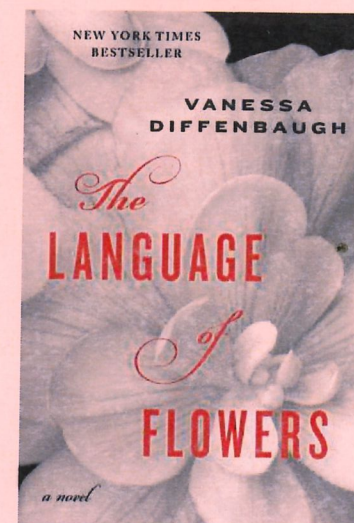
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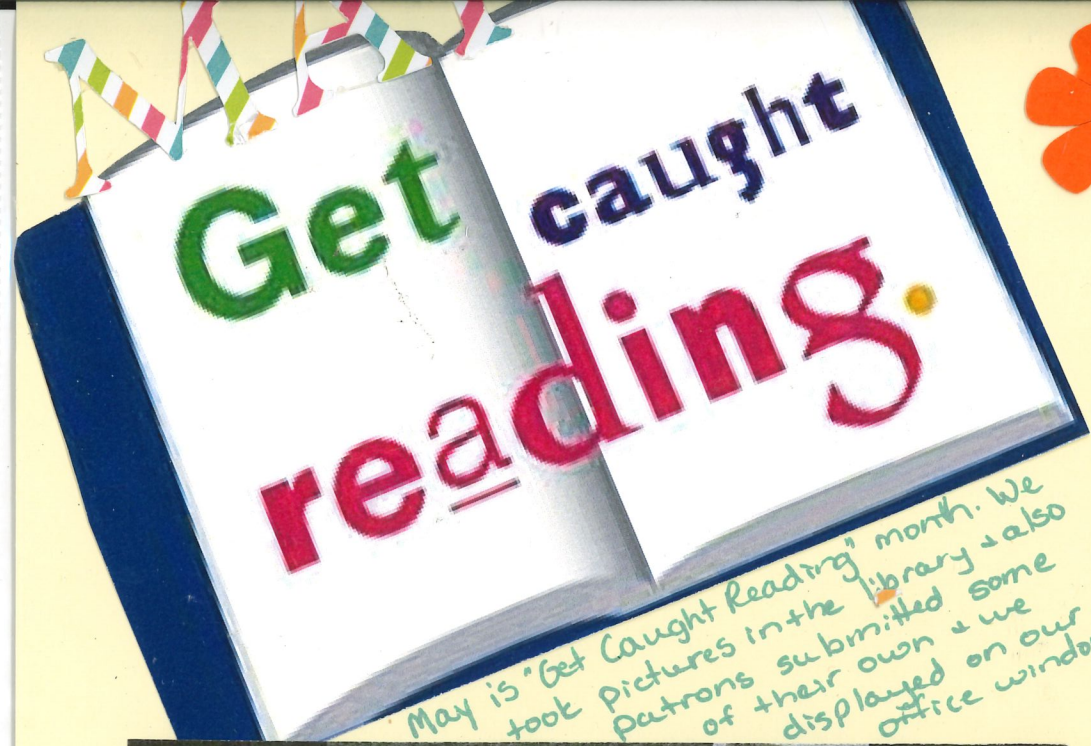


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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

May 20, 2015

How many DVDs can you watch in 3 days? How many books can you read? Hurry in to gather your library materials because we will be closed all 3 days of the coming Memorial Day weekend!

What fun we've had with "Get Caught Reading" month! We've caught quite a few readers right here in the library and had some submitted to us too. Take a look at them next time you are in the Library or see them on our Facebook page.

Our May Book Club choice is Vanessa Diffenbaugh's *The Language of Flowers*. The main character spent her childhood in the foster-care system. She is unable to get close to others, her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings. Victoria realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them. But an unexpected encounter with a mysterious stranger has her questioning what's been missing in her life. Due to the holiday, we will meet on Tuesday, May 26 at 7 p.m.

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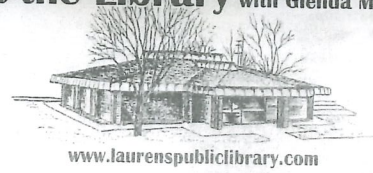
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Starting June 6, the Laurens Public Library (above) and the Marathon Public Library will be the distribution sites for free sack lunches for children toddler age up to age 18. The meals are provided at no cost, and are the result of the Laurens United Methodist Church committee to provide supplemental meals for kids on weekends this summer. Photo by Jamie Whitney.

Laurens United Methodist Church launches Saturday lunches for youngsters

Six members of the Laurens United Methodist Church have formed a committee to begin a supplemental food program for kids in need in the Laurens-Marathon communities. During the summer months, the school serves a noon lunch for students. However, some students may not get a nutritious meal on the weekends. The summer sack lunch program would help fill that gap.

The program will offer sack lunches to students in need in the L-M communities on Saturdays from June 6 through August 15. Officials from the school have told us that they serve up to 80 meals for Laurens students and 20 to 25 students from Marathon during

the week. The sack lunches will be distributed each Saturday at the community libraries from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Anyone one from toddler age up to 18 years of age is welcome to the free meal.

Plans are to include individually wrapped, non-perishable items like meat sticks, cheese, peanut butter, fruit cups, puddings, granola bars, pretzels, and a drink pouch.

The committee envisions this as a community-wide effort, and hopes that it can continue year round. To become a community mission, the group is seeking community volunteers to pack

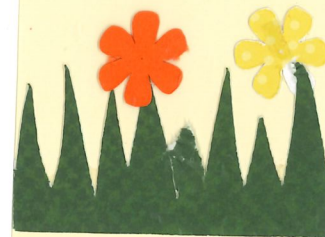
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and distribute the lunches, as well as financial support for purchasing food items.

The project welcomes organizations, groups, businesses, and individuals to join this community mission to help those in need. You will find collection lunch sacks in churches and businesses within our two communities, or you may send contributions to Thaine Hopkins at 526 W. Arthur St., in Laurens. Please make checks payable to the United Methodist Church with "sack lunches" noted in the memo line. Volunteers may call Thaine or Wendy at 712-841-2439 to select a day for packing and distributing lunches.

Steering committee members are Michelle Rubel, Jean Murray, Doc Van Genderen, Thaine and Wendy Hopkins, Karen Johnson, and Pastor Jim Turner. They would be happy to talk with you about this project.



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Apparently the tree is a 'New' Bike Rack.



Samuel Jones together puzzle



LAUREN
SUMMER READING
MONDAYS AT 1:30



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- June 15: Bam! Pow! Read! Superhero Camp
- June 22: Cape-less Heroes
- June 29: Superheroes to the Rescue!
- July 6: Spectacular Sidelicks
- July 13: Undercover Agents
- July 20: Fight against Evil
- July 27: Pockets Full of Fun Puppets: You Might be a Hero!

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SUPERHEROES TO THE RESCUE!

THE SUPER LIBRARIANS NEED YOUR HELP!
THAT VILE VILLAIN DR. PAGERUPPER HAS
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HELP ASSEMBLE A SUPER TEAM
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FIND 5 SUPER HEROES HIDDEN THROUGHOUT
THE LIBRARY AND ENTER THE DRAWING AN
EXTRA TIME!



Kaitlyn Schuler & Jacey Braunsweig are demonstrating how far an eagle can see. That is a long way too see.



An armadillo can jump 4 feet straight up in the air



Jacey Braunsweig trying for 4 ft.



Siena Schultz attempts 4 feet



Brennen Storms jumps.



Big crowd for the zoo



First is Smily. the fox snake.



Kennady Cooper pets Jack the ferret



Jack makes his rounds.



Taxidermy Toad



Knotch the alligator is introduced.

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Everyone had a great time at the program and we hope to see everyone back next Monday for our Superhero Camp!
-Kayla Graff, Children's Librarian



Siena, Michelle, Marcus, Jenna, Trinity, Landen



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Anyone who wanted could touch Knotch

June 15: Bam! Pow! Read!

Activity: Obstacle course, villain bean bag toss, and Superhero name generator (have on each table)
 Super Hero Training Academy Certificates handed out as they leave
 Prize: Hand out bags with bookmark, pencil, tattoo and reading logs.
 Snack: Ritz Cheese and Crackers



Kayla Graff, Children's Librarian leading 'Superhero Day' song with actions



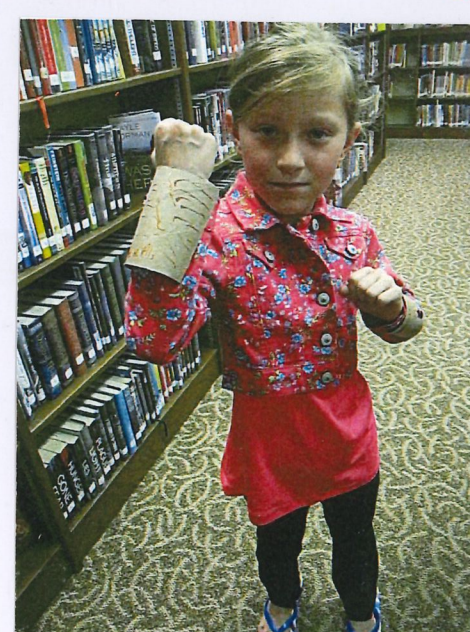
Kayla Graff reading Superhero books.



Kids listening to Kayla reading to them



Isaiah, Ali, Michelle, Kyler making 'Superhero Cuffs'.



Ali Hanson modeling her superhero cuff



Awesome bunch of Superheroes!



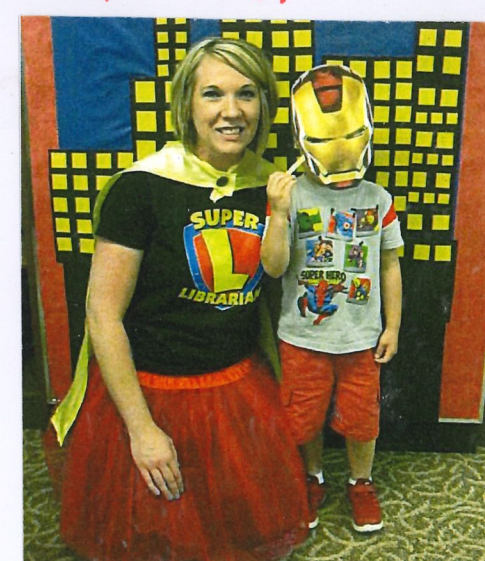
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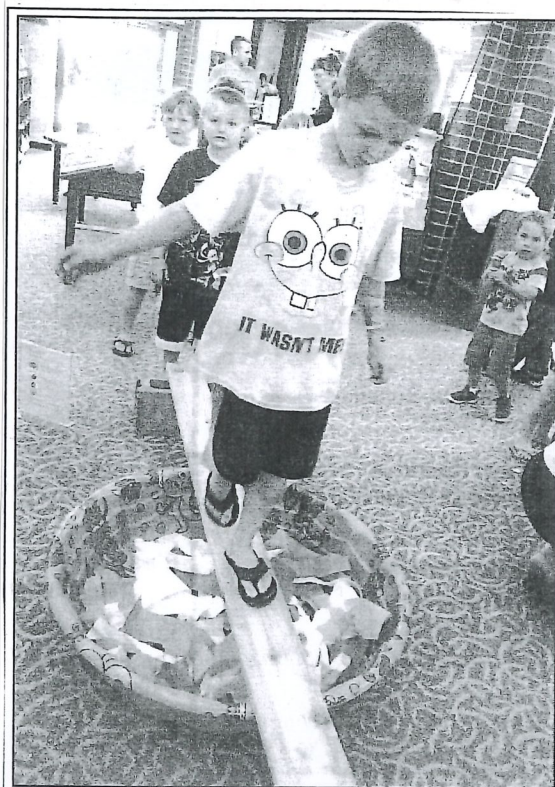
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More Super Heroes



Super Librarian Kayla + Son Kaleb Graff (Iron Boy)



Future super heroes!

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Kyler & Brayton Tendal showed amazing SuperHero skills as they leaped tall buildings.



Marcus Price and Ava Tendal crawl under the burning buildings.



The star of this photo is Gus Slama, caught in mid-air as he evaded the lasers.

SuperHero Training Camp

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Oh, how I enjoyed reading "The Hobbit" for book club! Why have I never read that before now? Now I want to read the rest of the series...or at least watch all the movies again! If you've not read the book or seen the movies, I encourage you to put them on your list! Our July Book Club Choice is the nonfiction "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand. Another great book that has been made into a movie! You've got plenty of time to read this one, our discussion is Monday, July 27 at 7 p.m.

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Hunter Valentine crawl under burning building

Sawyer Storms - fire pit



Marcus Price picking out books



At the Library with Glenda Mulder



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June 24, 2015

Oh, how I enjoyed reading "The Hobbit" for book club! Why have I never read that before now? Now I want to read the rest of the series...or at least watch all the movies again! If you've not read the book or seen the movies, I encourage you to put them on your list! Our July Book Club Choice is the nonfiction "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand. Another great book that has been made into a movie! You've got plenty of time to read this one, our discussion is Monday, July 27, at 7 p.m.

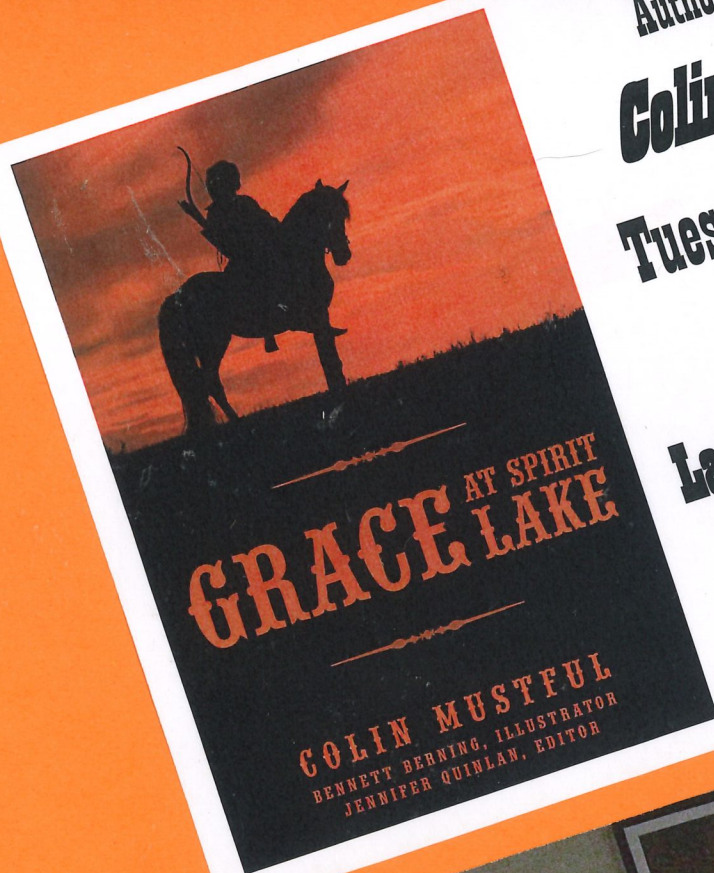
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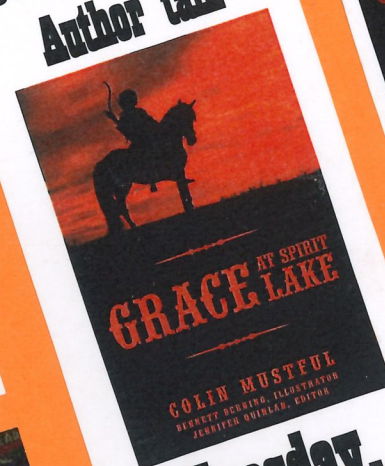
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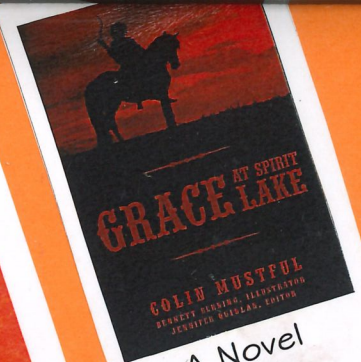
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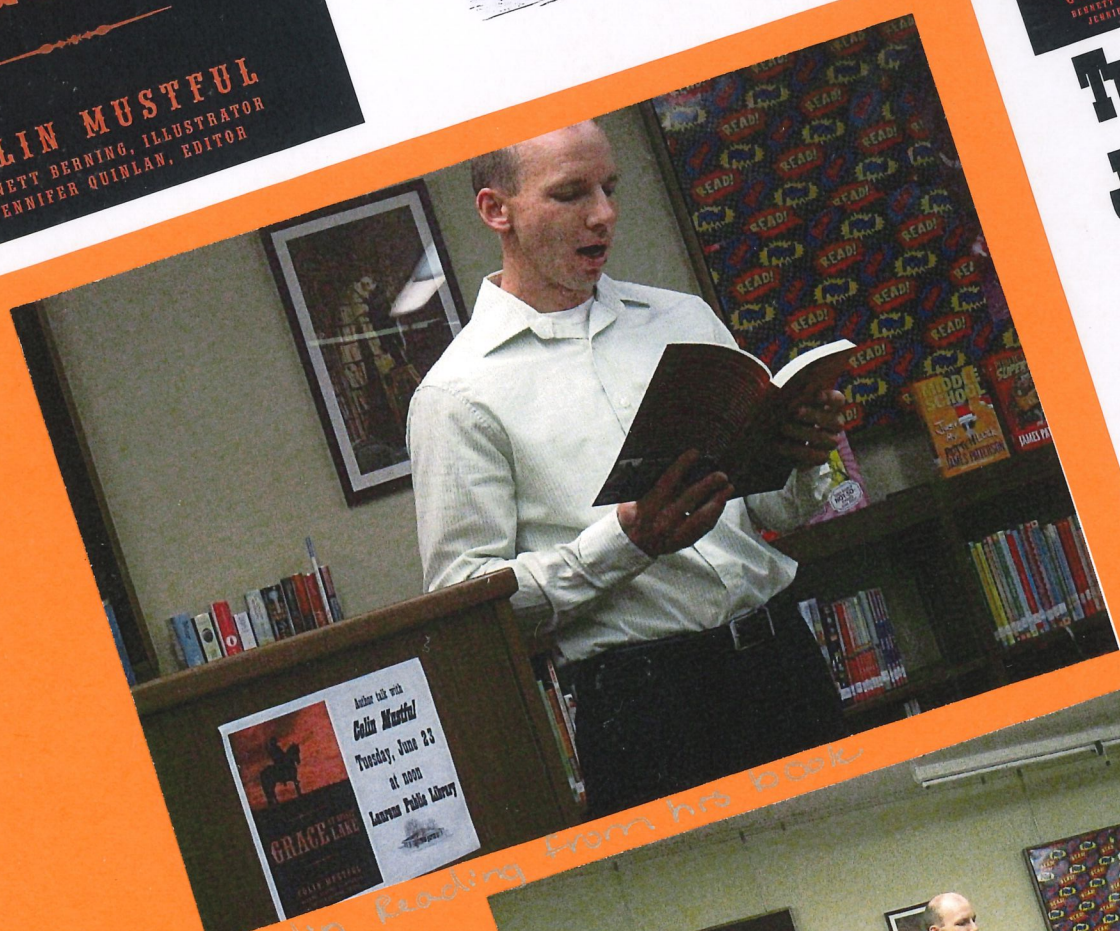


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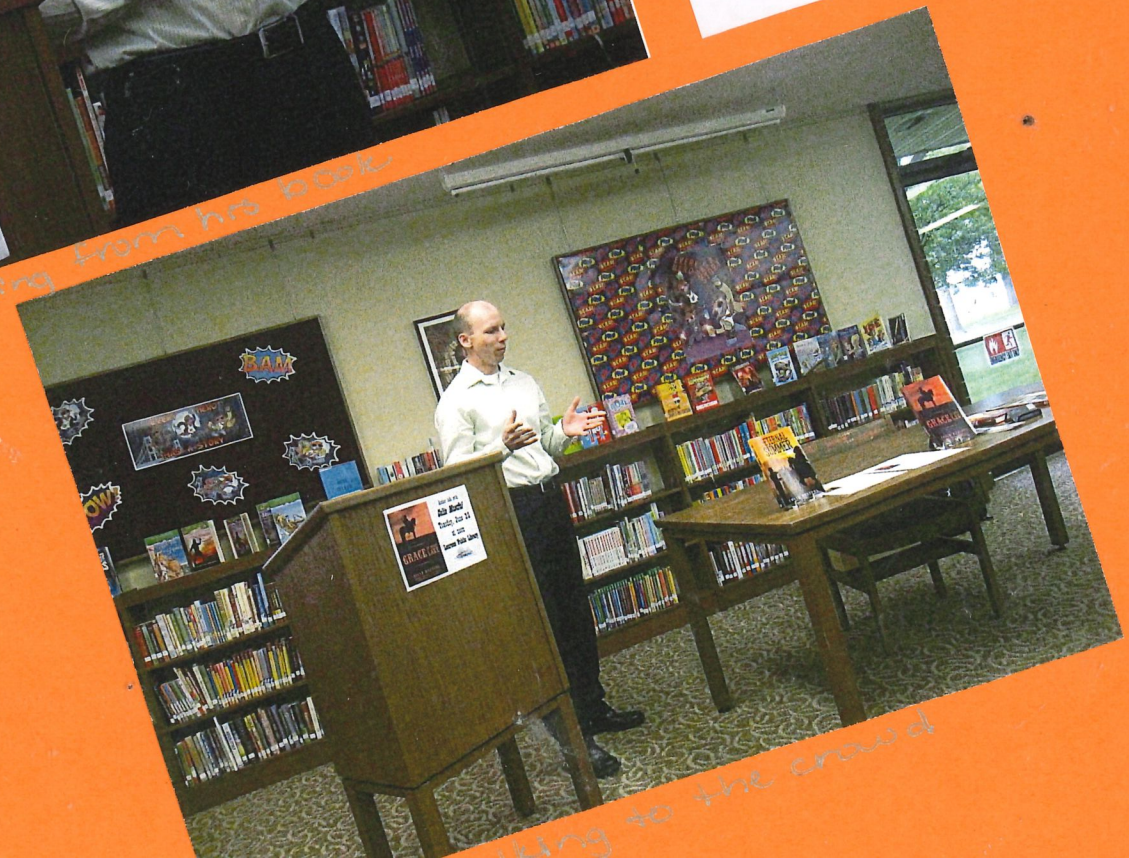
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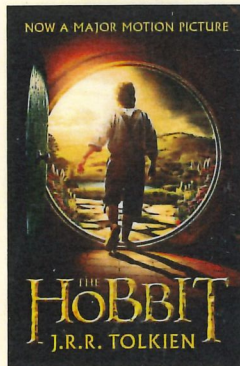
Colin Reading from his book



...ing to the crowd



**Laurens
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 June
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Please return
 this book
 by our
 discussion
 Monday
 6/22/15
 @ 7:00 pm

June 22: Cape-less

BAM!

Craft: Paper Plate fire hats. With printable badges
Activity: "We are all Heroes" filling in together
Snack: Famous Amos Chocolate Chip Cookies

Firefighters! Speeding! Spraying! Saving! Patricia Hubbell
I Drive an Ambulance, Sarah Bridges

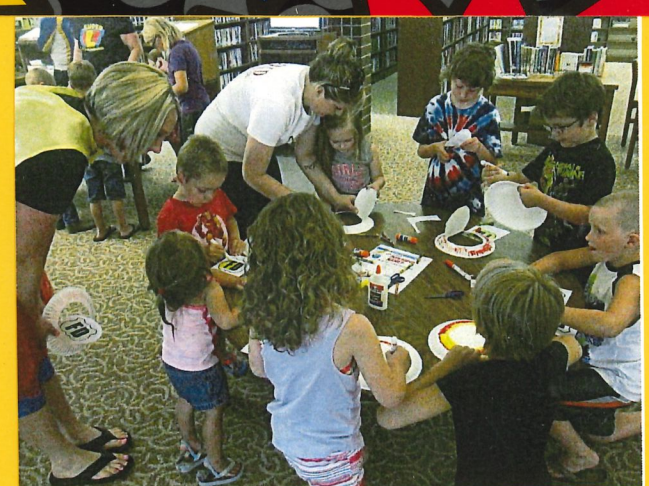
POW!



Super Hero song



SuperKayla reading a book about firemen.



Short table with the youngest making firemen hats



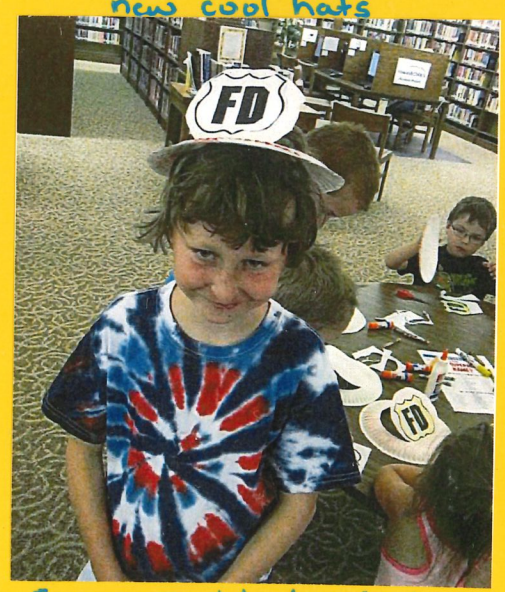
Kaden + Braxton showing off their new cool hats



Making firemen hats



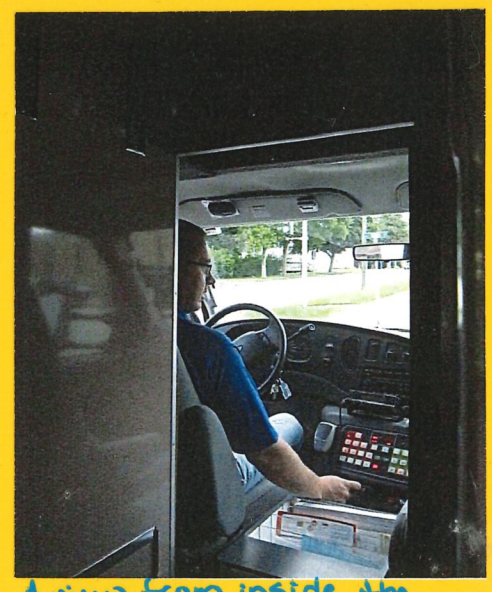
Kids getting creative



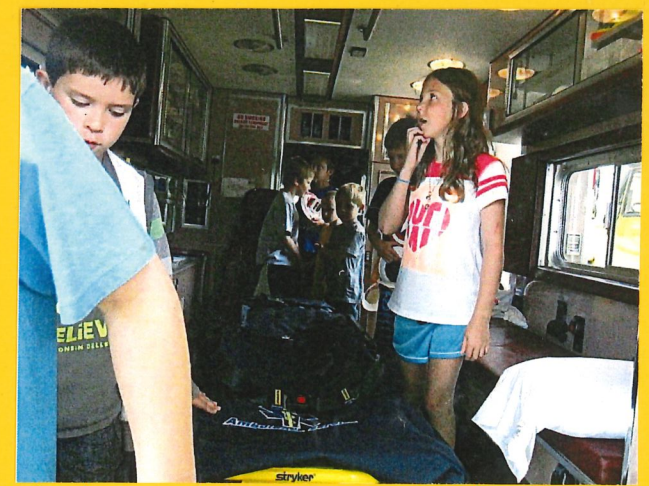
Jenna models her hat.



They got to go into the fire truck to check out.



A view from inside the Laurens Ambulance
Adam Braunsweig



Best question of the day. "Is that a microwave?" Emma Storms



Chief Toner from Laurens Police Department let kids climb in



Tried to get Marcos to look mean, but he couldn't quit smiling.



Firemen Matt Tate explains the fire equipment super khula joined the fun!

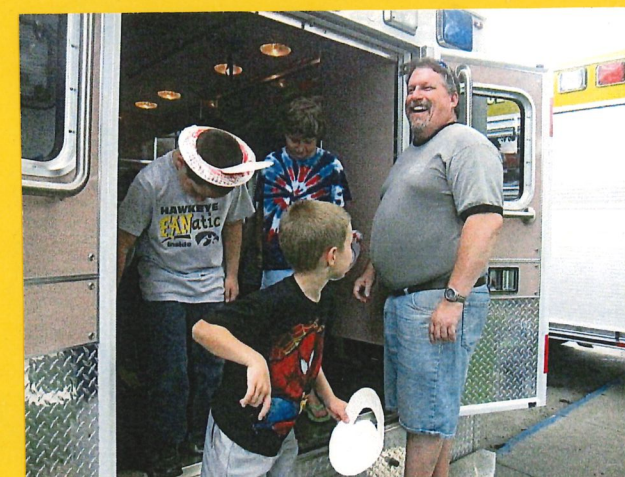


Laurens Sun 7/1/15

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Adam & Brooks from Laurens Ambulance Service showed the kids inside



Capeless Heroes

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The Paper 7/1/15



Lucky Kable Graff has two uncles (Matt Tate & Jake Graff) who are firemen! Look how excited he is to show Uncle Jake his fireman hat. Thanks Cory Bailey for putting on all the fireman gear on a hot day.



Some of our capeless heroes visited the library for the summer library program.

SUPERHEROES TO THE RESCUE!

THE SUPER LIBRARIANS NEED YOUR HELP!

THAT VILE VILLAIN DR. PAGERIPPER HAS OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS AND WE NEED TO GET THEM BACK! HELP ASSEMBLE A SUPER TEAM AND BRING THAT EVIL DOCTOR TO JUSTICE!

FIND 5 SUPER HEROES HIDDEN THROUGHOUT THE LIBRARY AND ENTER THE DRAWING AN EXTRA TIME!



June 22nd: More Capeless Heroes

June 29: Superheroes to the rescue!

Craft: Thor's Mjolnir. With Bakery Boxes, and PT Rolls, color/decorate as they wish.
 Activity: Fill in the Blank Superhero Story, Pg 193
 Super Powers Guessing Game. Just ask them as a group.
 Snack: Fruit Roll Ups as capes!

The Mighty Thor, an Origin Story, Rich Thomas
 Mighty Mo, Alison Brown
 Do Superheroes have Teddy Bears? Carmela LaVigna Coyle
 Ready for Action! Victoria Taylor (ER)



Silly SuperHeroes before story time.



Super Kayla telling the kids what they will be doing today



Look at her cap fly as she tells them how to make their own Mjolnir (Thor's hammer)



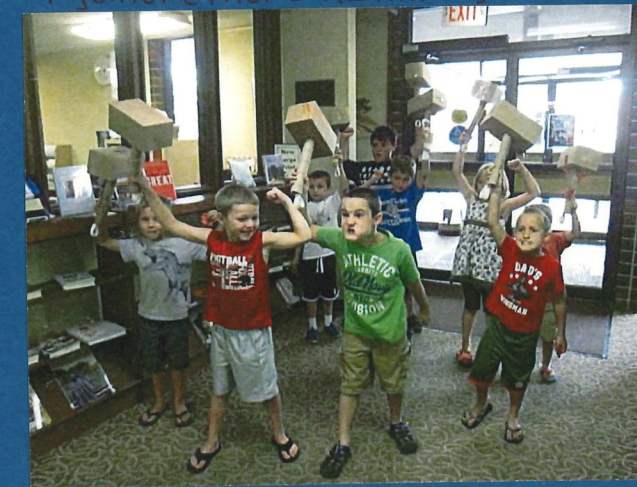
What a bunch of artistic kids! Thor (Davion) is ready to save the city!



Thor (aka Logan) + his new Mjolnir



Look at these bunch of SuperHeroes



Look at the crazy bunch getting ready to go back to Kids Kome!



POW!

Books:

The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man, Michael Chabon
Super Duck, Jez Alborough
Chick 'n Pug, Jennifer Sattler
Stick and Stone, Beth Ferry

Craft: Letter Sidekicks. Pg. 238 have them decorate and name their sidekicks.

Activity: Letter Lists, do together as a group. Do a couple different letters.

Snack: Rice Krispy Treats



Kwynn thought this looked like fun!

Courtney had some pretty fancy "C's"!



SuperHero song!



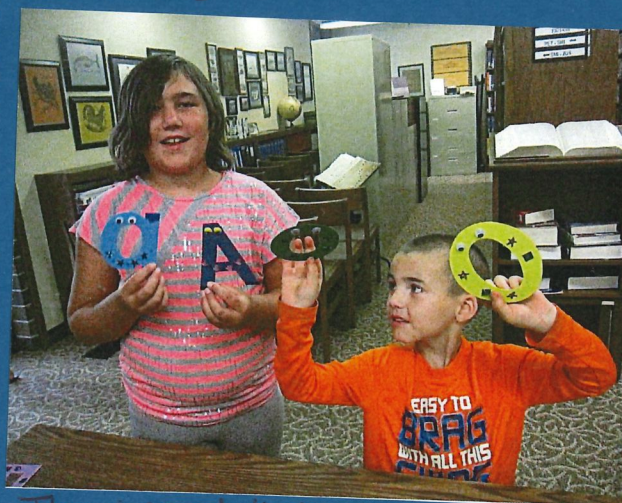
Making SuperHero Letters + their sidekicks



Marcus was very intent on his "M". Notice the one to the left.



Alea + Michelle did a great job!



The Wood Kids showing off their letters



Brennan has a great imagination!

Deonte's "T" has some crazy dangles



Jayden chose "J"

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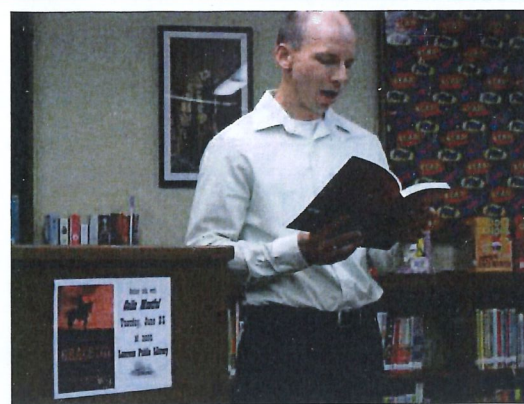
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The fun of "Every Hero has



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Samuel Jones with very own library card. He was pretty excited! :)



July 13: Undercover Agent

Books:
Midnight Superhero, Anne Cottrill
My Grandma's a Ninja, Todd Tarpley
This is Not a Good Idea, Mo Willems
Duck! Rabbit! Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Craft: Masks
Activity: Super Sleuths' Eye Training, Page 217. AND Super-Secret Identities. More of a take homework together thing.
Snack: Welch's Fruit Snacks



Everything starts with a story or two.



Then we made SuperHero masks!



Ms. Lovely + her brother



Showing off your skills.



Landen got creative & cut second mask in half to make ears.



Face off.

SuperHero's at the Library

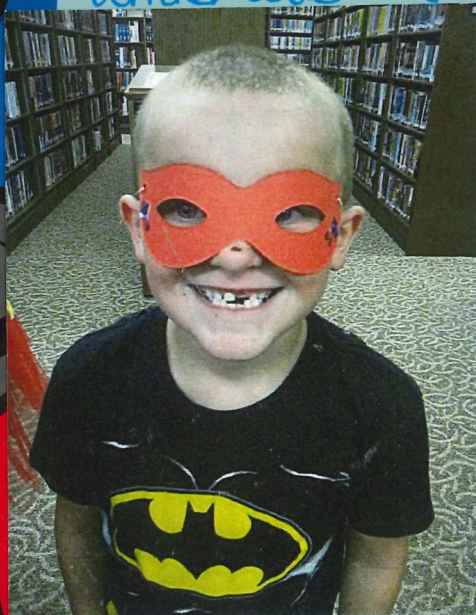


Fan Man!



I think the library's safe w/ these girls!





Batman - Aiden



Karsyn wore her cape today- it's like she knew what we were doing



Clam Girl- Gabby.



Take my picture - I am batman



Striking a pose - Ava



Awesome Man Kable

SUMMER FUN

Fun Times @ the Library!



The guys found a monopoly game to play with Austin Sieler, Anthony Jones. Anthony Gonzalez + Teddy Walker



Kylie Wienhold is teaching the girls to to crochet. with Jackie Nehring. Kylie Wienhold + Courtney Hapes

July 20: Fight against

BAM!

Books:

The Three Little Aliens and the Big Bad Robot, Margaret McNamara
 Super Villains, Victoria Taylor (ER)
 The Three Ninja Pigs, Corey Rosen Schwartz
 The Recess Queen, (Elsie)

POW!

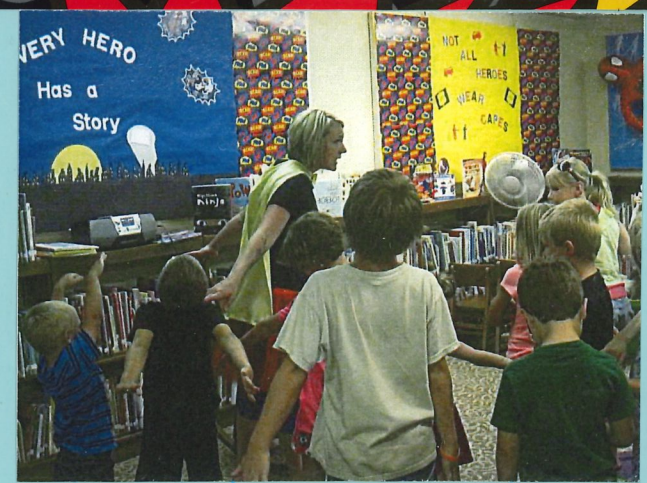
Craft: Create your own villain with guided directions
 Activity: Disney Villain Trivia, Marvel Trivia
 Kryptonite Hot Potato, with bean bags. Use tie-dye ones. Divide into groups, have music playing then stop. Whoever wins gets a prize
 Snack: Goldfish



Kable



Super Hero Song



Kids really liked the Super Hero Song



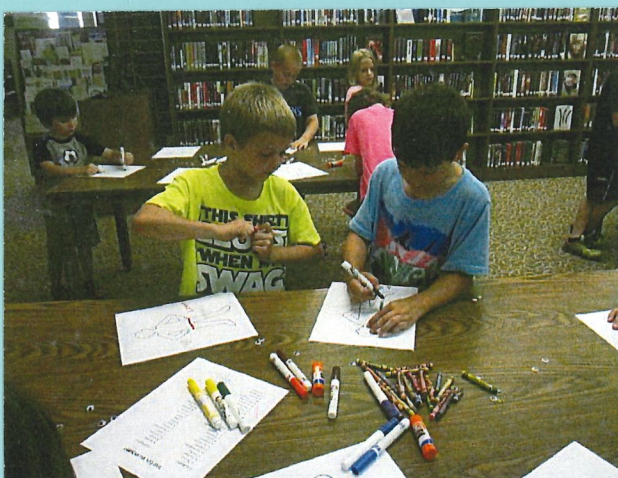
Super Kayla reads "The Three Little Aliens + the big bad Robot".



The "Little" Table.



Jaydon + Shawn creating their Super Villains.



Logan + Kaden making their villains



Kaia looks like she is up to



The little. hard at work.



Determined little ones.



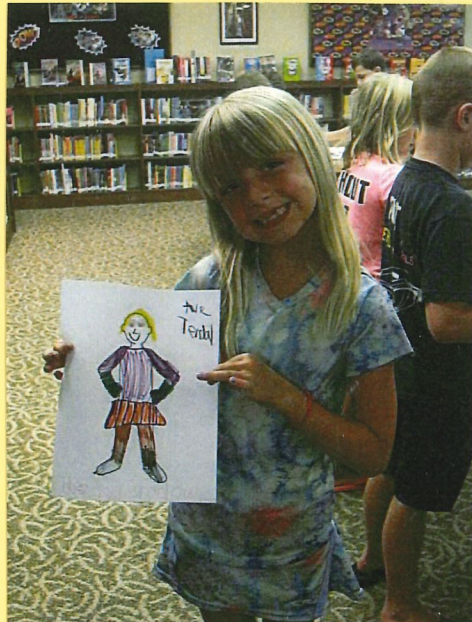
Denise is such a good helper during craft time.



Kacy was a little tired out from her fun few days with Super Great Aunt GG!



Trinity and her super villian



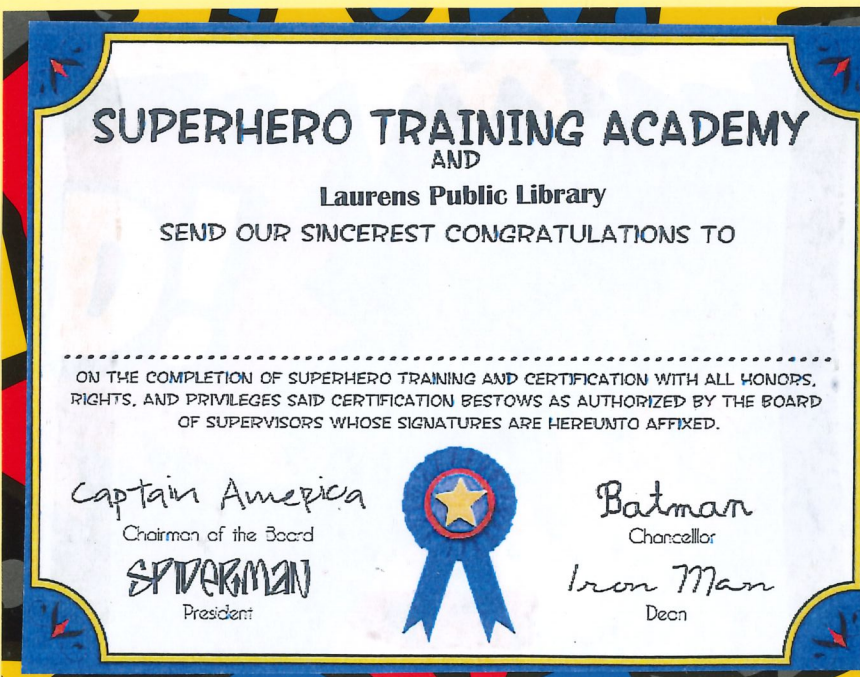
Ava + her super villian



Marcus and his creepy super villian!



Jenna made her super Villian. Glenda!



All the Superhero kids got a certificate to take home



Join
You Might Be a HERO!



Join Lisa Laird and her friends from Pockets Full of Fun to
discover how YOU can be a HERO!!

Monday, July 27

Show at 1:30; Workshop following!

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You Might Be a
HERO!!

Lily
Miss Sapphire
Lisa
Shiloh
Julius
Jemimah



Draw yourself as a HERO!

What makes a HERO?

C E Y O L I S T E N
A R E S P E C T C D
R E F R I E N D L Y
I V A E N H L F E P
N A R R O U A F R S
G R I N F I E C U E
C B E P R S K I N D
E S L P R O T E C T
T E H T N L J U S T
H E O S H A R I N G

Word List:
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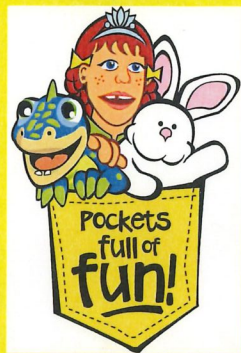
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Lisa Laird + her puppets came to Laurens Library.
Gave a wonderful show + then had a
workshop for the kids. The kids of
all ages loved her. She gave some
handouts also. All on this page.

SUPER HERO RULES:

- Help others by sharing and caring
- Use kind words
- Be a good example
- Show respect
- Protect those in trouble
- Say please and thank you
- Share a smile with others



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Lisa Laird of 'Pockets of Fun' warming up the crowd.



You are a Hero! Not a zero! Her theme phrase for the puppet show.



Introducing Lily. She is a new hero, she is a Glam Ambassador. Because Glam stands for G-l-i-t-c-h-er favorite color). Love, appreciation + manners



Trinity is helping. When you help people out you make the feel 'a l: He grater (greater) w/ Super Shiloh



Landen is supposed to be - stubby - the Dog Hero.



Lots of choices. first Spiderman then Teenage mutant Ninja Turtle, + finally the Wonder Woman! But that wasn't right either w/ Landen.



When you encourage someone you can make them smile. Making Kids smile gave Julius the courage to become the hero he needed to be!



Glenda with her great nephews, Bryce + great niece, Lolo. They were enjoying the puppet show.



Miss Sapphire is a librarian + she brought a book + a DVD to add to our collection. She also taught us that Every day is a good day to show Kindness to others!



Jerimah. she thought she needed to be able to fly to be a hero.



Lisa read a story she + her puppets wrote called "You might be a Hero."



Organized chaos!



Finding just the right pieces to add to their puppets.



Trinity. Ataya. Marcus + Zagkhi volunteered to help- Lisa.



Craft time - We made puppets out of large spoons.



Look at the fun things to stick on their capes!



Thanks Lisa for your awesome performance! 😊



Each has a letter representing what a hero is. H- Helpful, E- Encourage, R- respectful O- to others.



They got to choose their spoon, a Cape, arms, hands + the got to decorate.



Picking their eyes + noses! In a good way!



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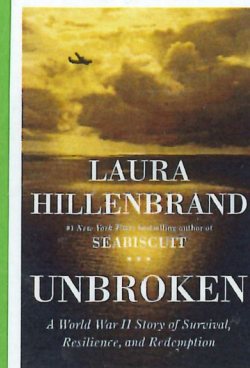
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Sorting for the perfect lego!



Kara & her creations.

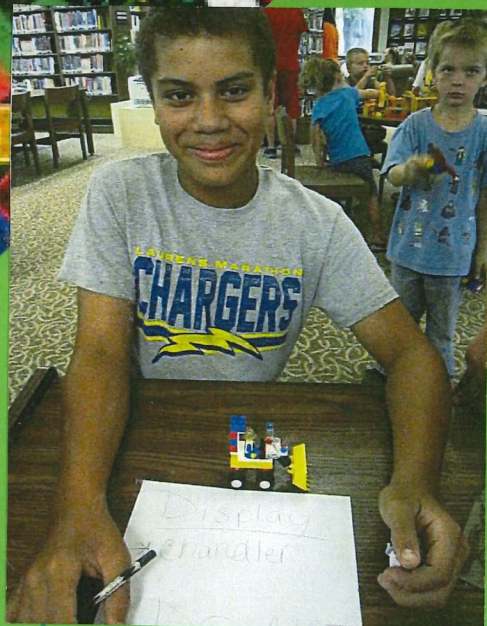


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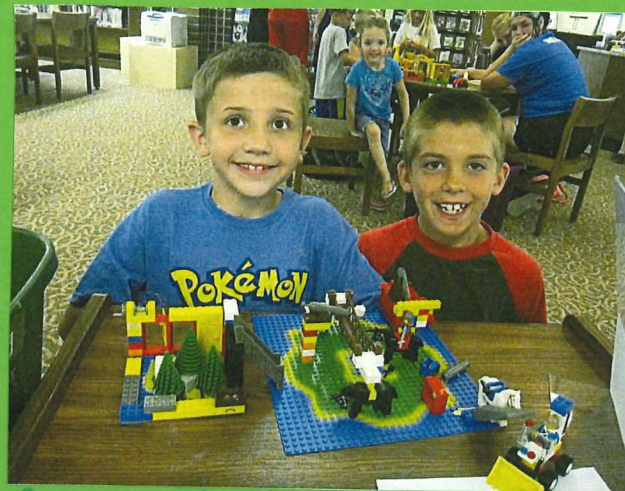


Lots of kids, lots of Legos!

LEGO Mania every Wednesday



Chandler setting up a display table for all lego creations.



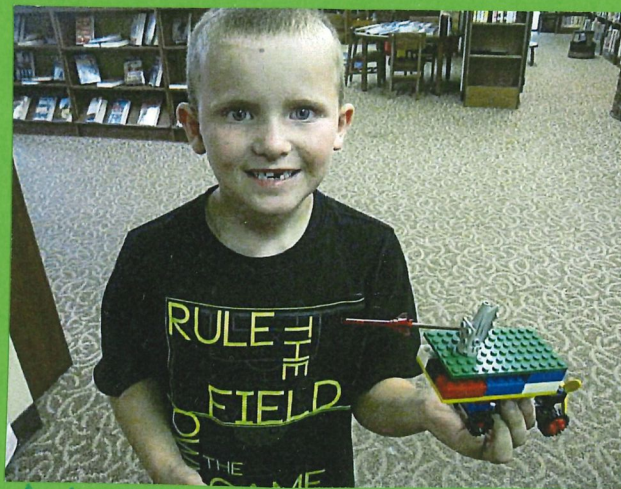
Brenner + Caleb are proud to pose with their works of art



Samuel pretty proud to show-off his creation.



Jett + Kyler show their projects



Aiden is proud of his master piece



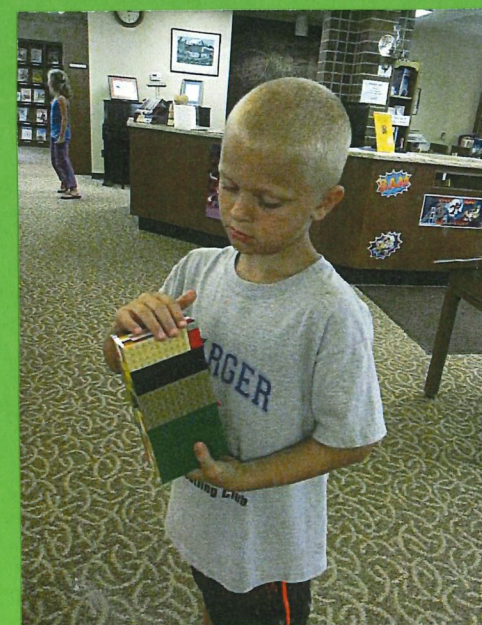
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Gus + his creation



Christopher looks like he is really concentrating on his creation



Jett deep in thought

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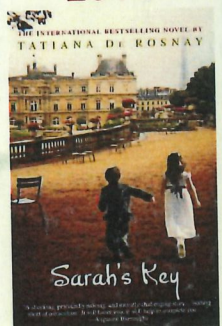
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September also means we will be getting into the swing of the school year and that different schedule. I'll be checking with the elementary teachers to see when they can fit Library visits into their schedules. I also still get to do monthly book talks for the middle schoolers. But one of the things we look forward to the most is restarting our Tot Times. They will again be Monday mornings at 10 a.m. starting September 14th!

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder September 10, 2015

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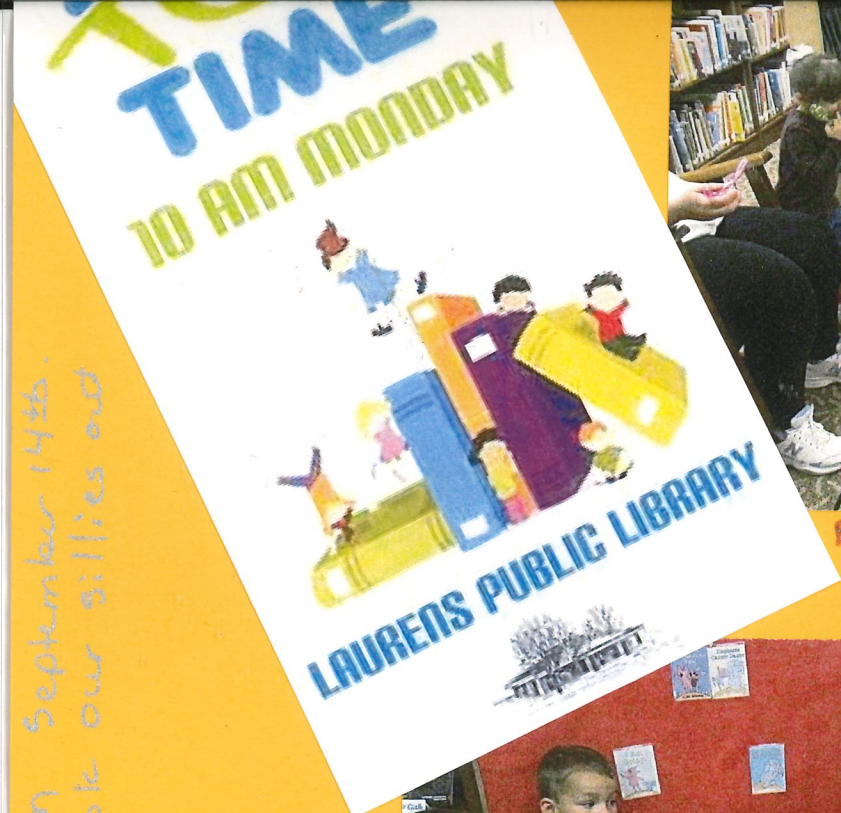
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First Tot-Time for the 2015-2016 School Year on September 14th.
 We played with instruments, enjoyed music, shook our sillies and
 Read books on Super Heroes
 Made Super Hero masks
 Enjoyed cookies



Picking out instruments Kara + Mary Ann Jones, Harley Reese + Raelyn Johnsen



Getting instruments + listen to music Addy + Keegan DeYoung + Zander Christensen



Making Super Hero masks w/ help from Glenda Savannah Dillard, Harley Reese, Raelyn Johnsen + Logan Carlsen



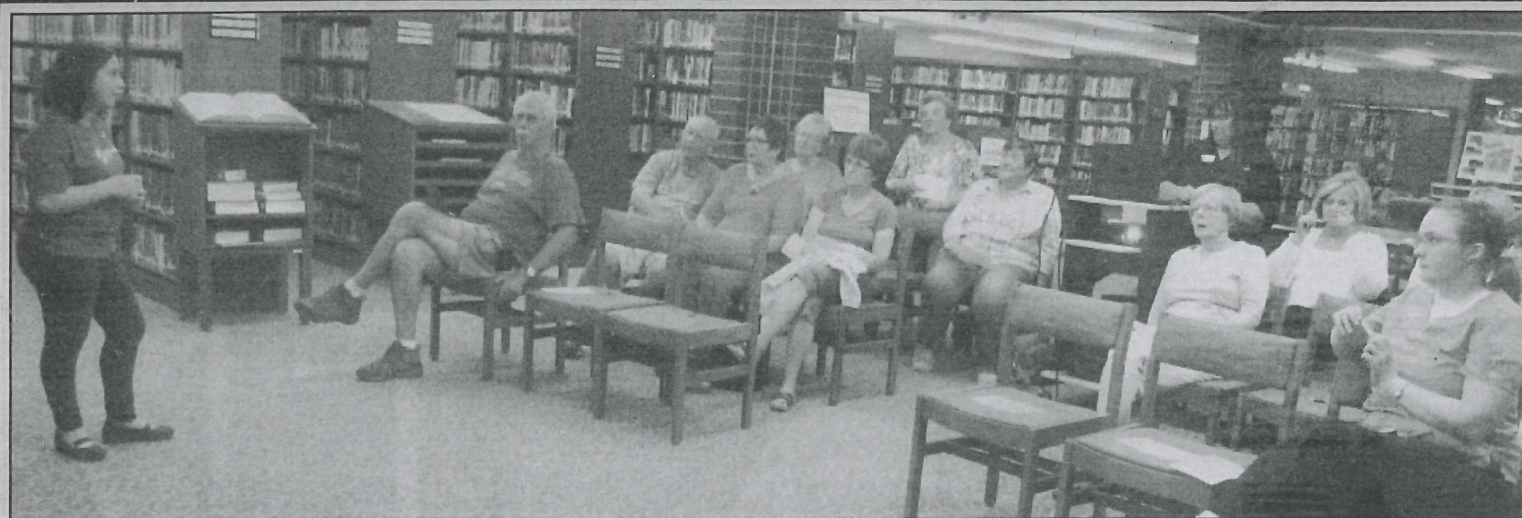
Full House for the 1st Tot time. Kayla read books about Super Heroes. A little bit of our summer fun for the little ones.



Showing off our masks Wesley, Amathest, Addilee + Zander



Kiddos enjoying their cookies in our newly covered cushions in the Childrens Section. Zander, Amathest, Raelyn + Wesley



Kate and Gen from the FoodBank of Iowa came and talked to about 19 people who wanted to learn about hunger in our area at an information session held Sept. 15 at the Laurens Public Library. After they told about their different successes and programs, they discussed current local projects such as our food pantries and the Caring Lunches with community members who were present. There was an exchange of ideas about how FoodBank can help to improve these resources. Contact the Library if you want to get involved - we can put you in touch with the right people! Submitted photo. Laurens Sun 9/24/15



Hunger Program at the Library



The Paper 9/24/15

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with Glenda Mulder
September 17, 2015

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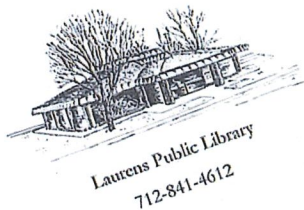
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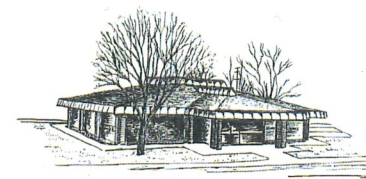
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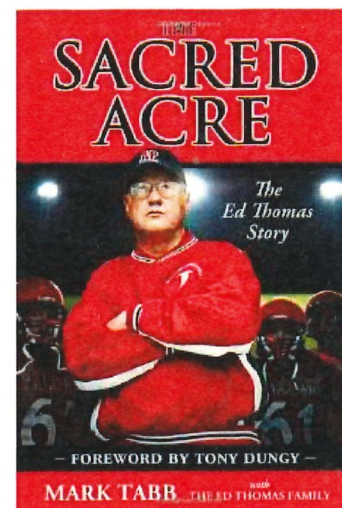
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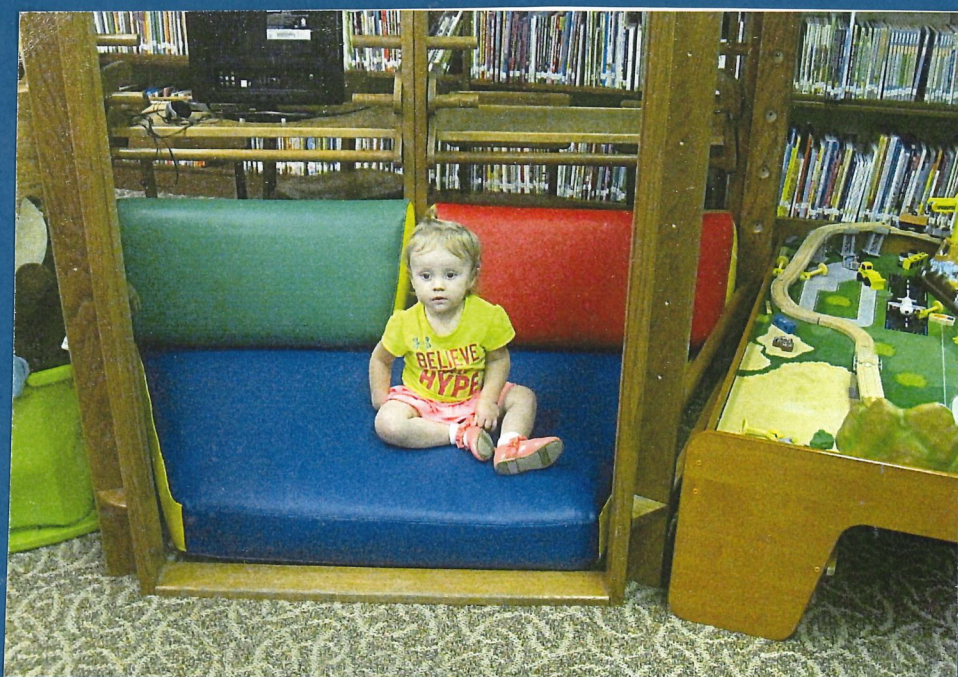
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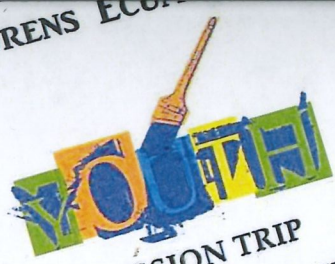


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 9/28/15
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Got the cushions recoved in nice bright primary colors. Laurens Public Library Foundation project very color full & inviting! :)

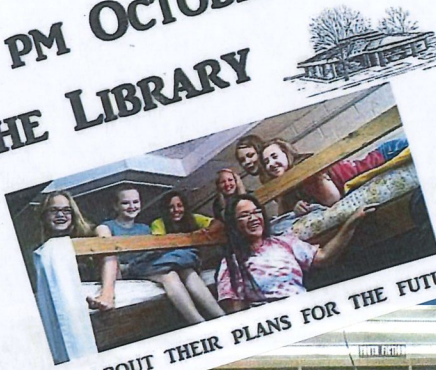
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MISSION TRIP

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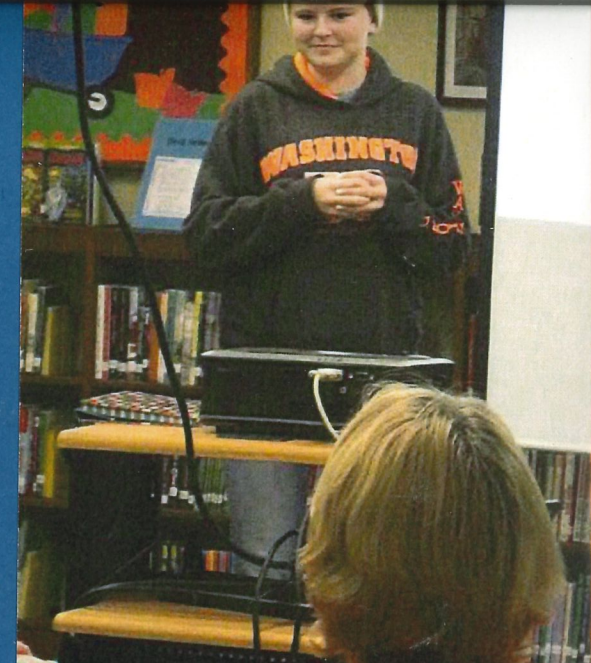
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HEAR ABOUT THEIR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE!



Angie Christensen, Pastor Jim & 8 youth went on a Mission Trip to Oklahoma & are sharing their experiences with us.



Tori Reese tells her experiences as Grandma LuAnn Reese watched.



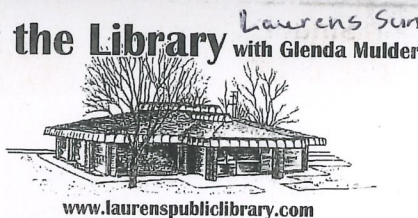
Angie giving an overview of their experiences working on a Home of 2 Native American Brothers



Mari Todd shares her experiences



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October 7, 2015

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Here are some of the new books you'll find on our shelves: *The Secret Chord* by Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks, *See Me* by Nicholas Sparks, *Robert B. Parker's The Devil Wins* by Reed Coleman, *Dashing Through the Snow* by Debbie Macomber (Audiobook tool) *A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms* (3 novellas that are prequel to his "Game of Thrones" series) by George R.R. Martin, *Saturn Run* by John Sandford, and *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart. Nonfiction selections include: *Pitch by Pitch: My View of One Unforgettable Game* by Bob Gibson, *Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear* by Elizabeth Gilbert (Author of *Eat, Pray, Love*) and *Country Living Christmas Joys: Decorating * Crafts * Recipes*. Just one new DVD: *Marvel's Avengers: Age of Ultron*.

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Projects for last years' fundraiser were reupholstering the chairs, lights and glass shelves for the display cases, floor mats by the patron computers and more engines for the kids' train table. Ongoing Foundation projects include purchasing CD Audiobooks, Kids online TumbleBooks, books for new baby packets, Preschool Outreach Tubs, programs for kids and adults, and our Summer Reading Program. This year's selected Foundation projects are: digitizing the Laurens Sun 2009-2014, VHS to DVD converter, charging station for patrons' phones, etc. Please join us at the Christian Church 5 to 7 p.m.,

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The library's Halloween tradition of hosting magician Larry Dunbar will continue this year. Come at 7 p.m. and see all the kids still dressed in their Halloween costumes as we try to figure out the secret to his tricks. He puts on a great show that is fun for all ages!

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Here are some of the new books you'll find on our shelves: *The Secret Chord* by Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks, *See Me* by Nicholas Sparks, *Robert B. Parker's The Devil Wins* by Reed Coleman, *Dashing Through the Snow* by Debbie Macomber (Audiobook tool) *A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms* (3 novellas that are prequel to his "Game of Thrones" series) by George R.R. Martin, *Saturn Run* by John Sandford, *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart. Nonfiction selections include: *Pitch by Pitch: My View of One Unforgettable Game* by Bob

Beyond Fear by Elizabeth Gilbert (Author of "Eat, Pray, Love") and *Country Living Christmas Joys: Decorating * Crafts * Recipes*. Just one new DVD - *Marvel's Avengers: Age of Ultron*.

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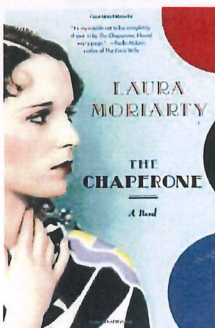
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Please return this book by our discussion Monday 10/26/15 @ 7:00 pm

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Foundation Treasurer Pat Bougley, welcoming the crowd next to our Foundation projects.



Packed house for pancakes.



Doc VanGendern & Mike Ford hard at work. Thanks to the Kitchens for flipping pancakes for us.



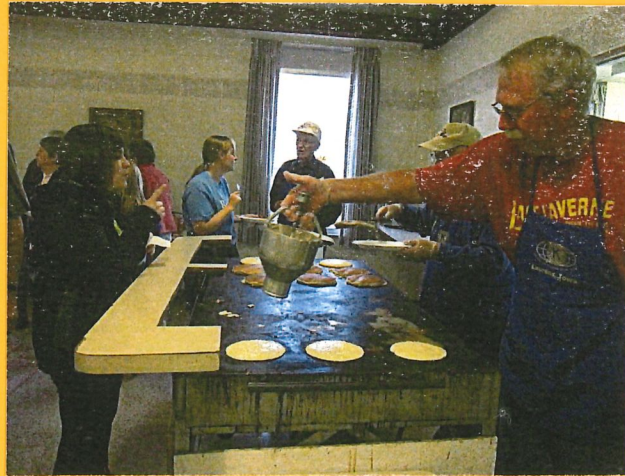
The Laurens Care Center were the early arriving crowd.



A couple of goofballs enjoying their supper Kable Graff & Sierra Schultz



Look at the large crowd.



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Current Project List

- Digitizing Laurens Sun Newspaper 2009 - 2014- Accessible Online
- Charging Station for phones, etc.
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- Children's e-book subscription
- Programs for Children and Adults
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Halloween at the Laurens Public Library

The Magic of Larry Dunbar & Company

Saturday,
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Learning a little magic before the show



Can you guess what kind of book character Glenda is? The Cat



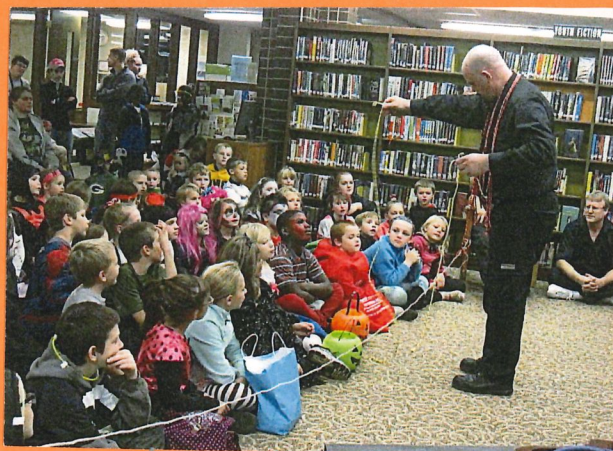
Pre-show - Cool costumes!



One magician looks like she has good news. Karlyn Johnson



Is he really going to saw Corrina in half?



Mike somebrokeb with ordinary rope



Large crowd for Larry Dunbar - 171 people counted



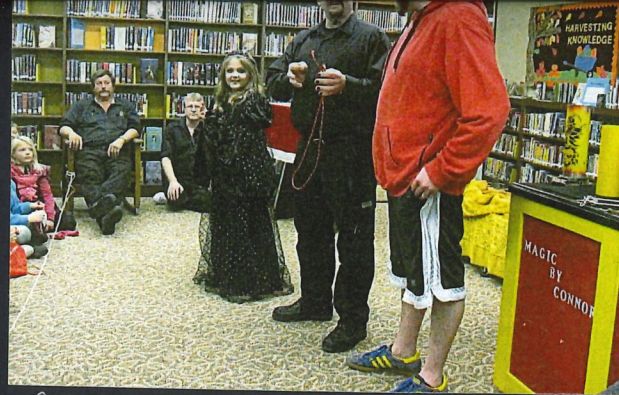
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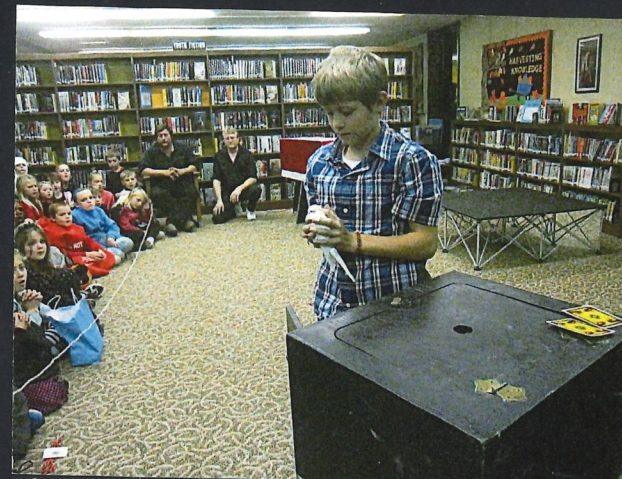
Hot Sauce - London Tabe!



Something is funny!



Mike + Trinity getting ready to tie Jimmy's wrists.



Connor changed a rubber dove into a real one w/ his magic box.



Just one more support to remove and yes Kennedy Copper floated



Everyone wants to help.



our own autograph card.



Keegan in his Day of the Dead get up "going to read Mike's mind."



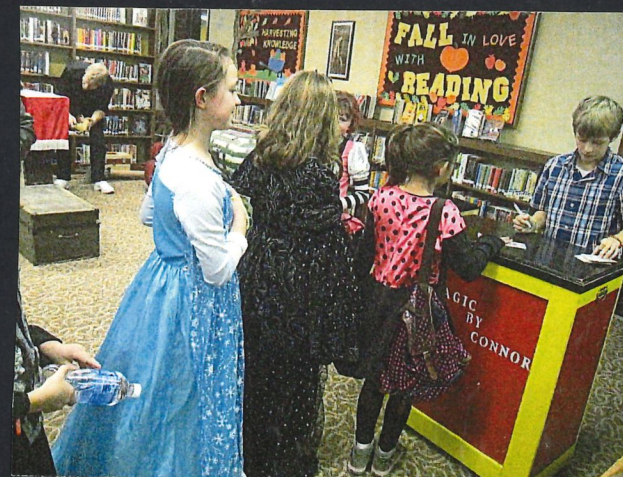
Love the amazement



Hed to give a mean look!



Zombies.



"Connor Thomas Magic Boy" signing autographs after the show

November 4, 2015

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Magician Visits Library on Halloween Night

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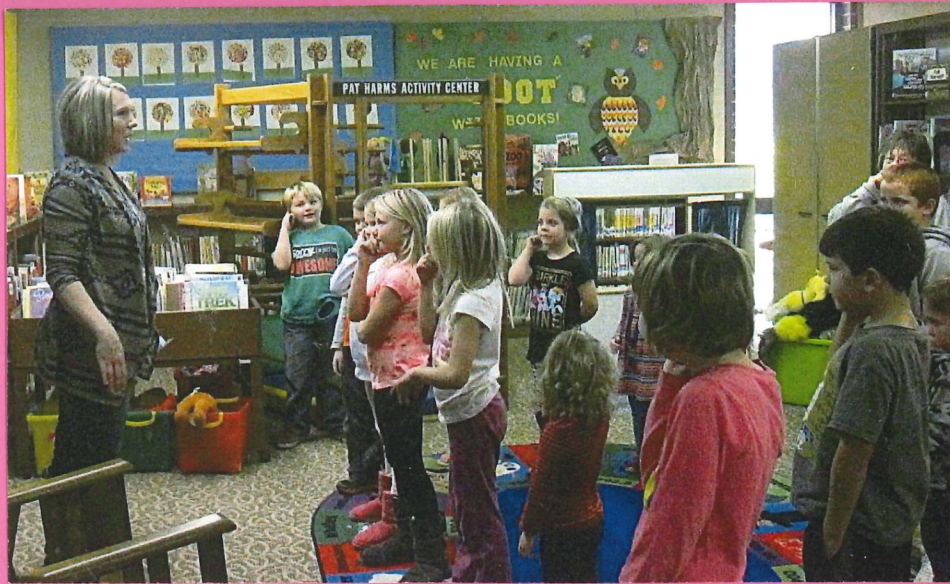
Magician Larry Dunbar, along with his assistant Jenny, demonstrated how they could cut a woman in half. Volunteer Corrina lay very still as her two sons nervously watched along with the rest of the crowd.

An estimated 170 assorted SuperHeroes, Zombies, princesses and some ordinary people enjoyed this 13th annual Halloween show sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation.



Youngsters sit enthralled during a reading last week.

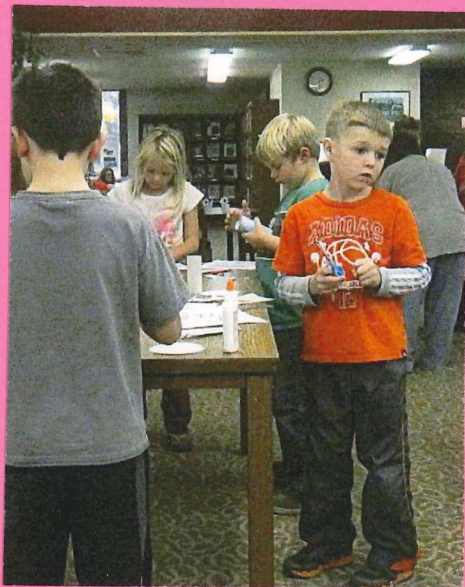
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Playing "Pidgeon Says" just like "Simon Says"



The Kids love Elephant + Piggie!



Logan deep in thought



Harley, Emme, Maddison & Jenna - FUN!



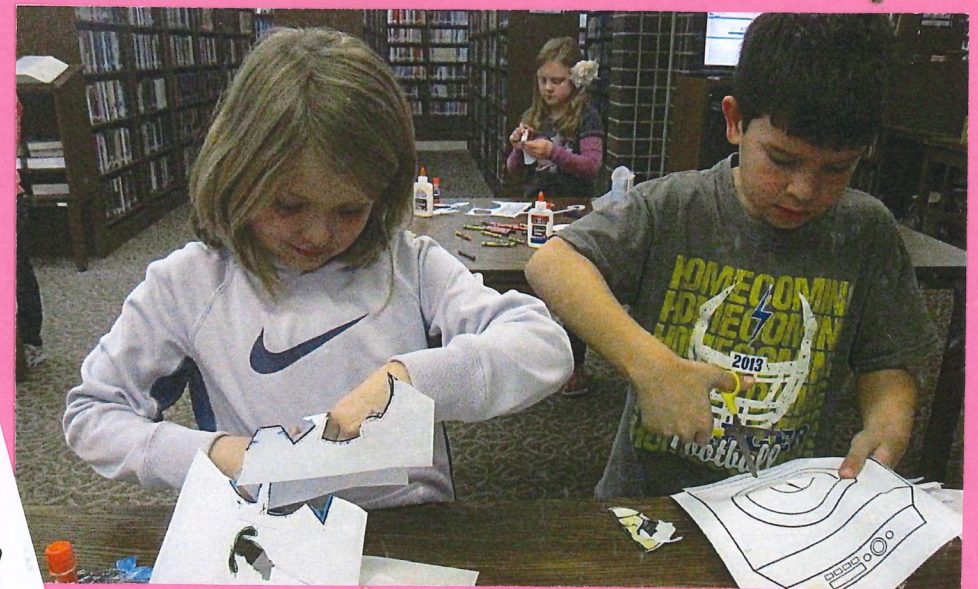
Landen + Teddy working on crafts.

Read

Books, a craft
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from
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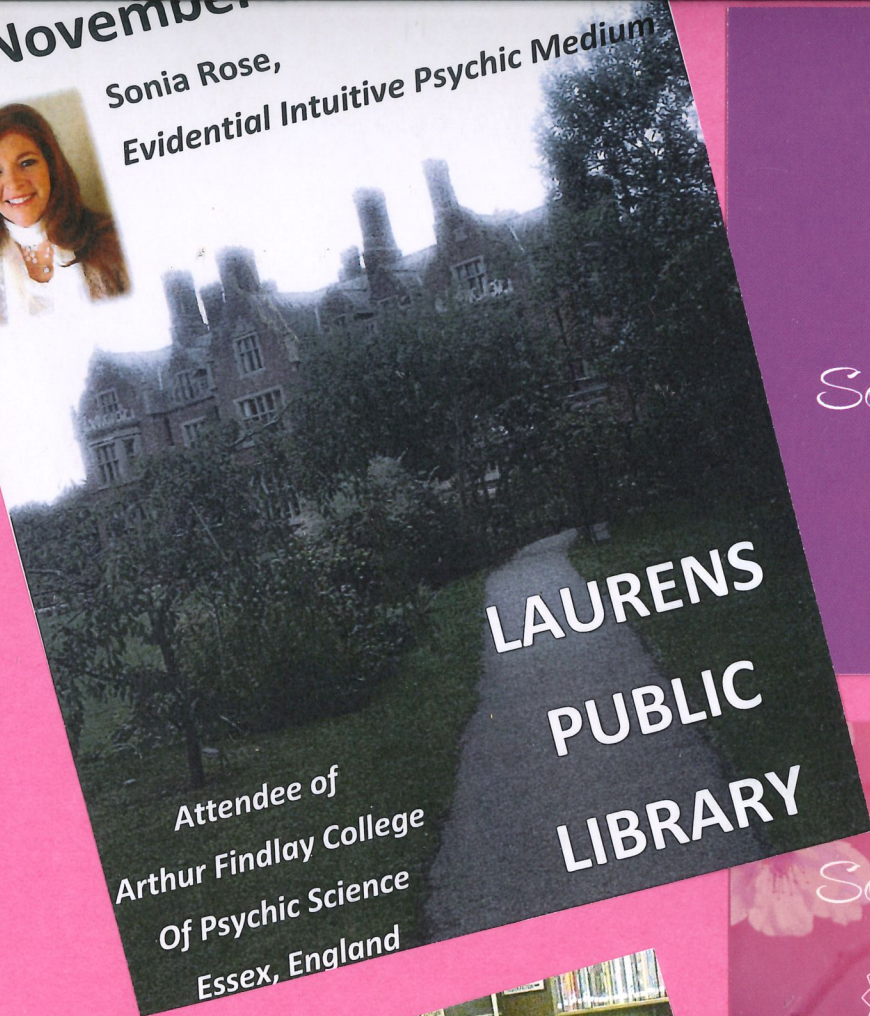
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Olivia + Kaden busy cutting out washing machines.

November

Sonia Rose,
Evidential Intuitive Psychic Medium



Attendee of
Arthur Findlay College
Of Psychic Science
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Sonia Rose



Sonia Rose giving Amber news about her Grandfather.

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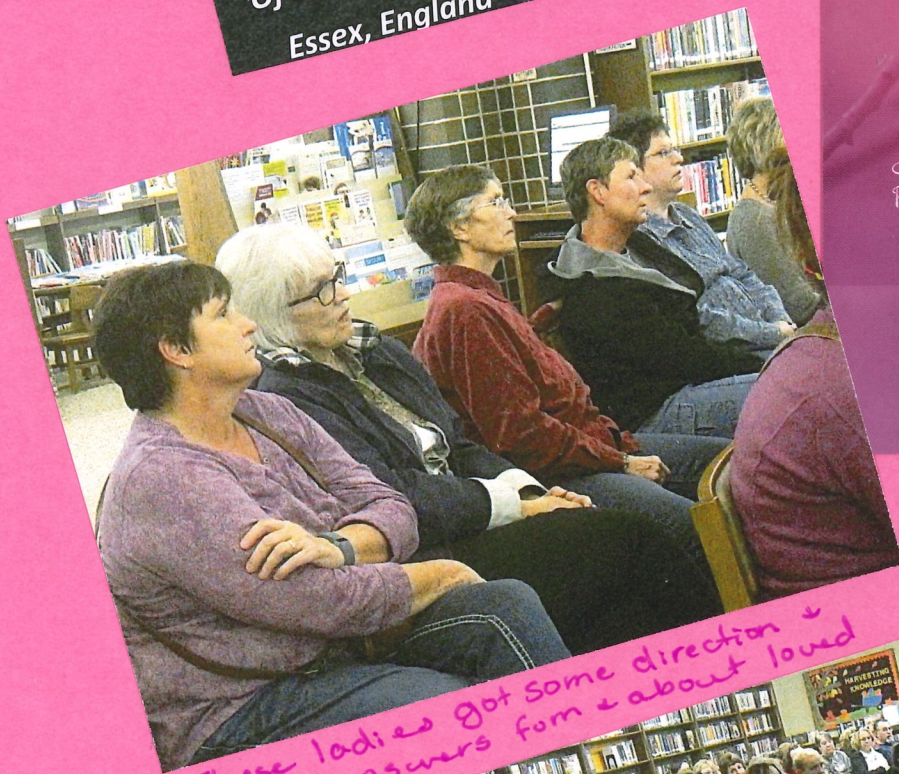
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Answers Sonia gave seemed to give them peace + understanding



These ladies got some direction + some answers from + about loved ones.



Nice crowd to see Sonia Rose.

other reading loved

11/1/10

I have to tell you that LPL's director is certifiable! In a good way, that is. I first became certified by the State Library by taking Public Library Management Classes when I became the Library Director. Now I have to complete 45 hours of Continuing Education classes every three years to recertify. Well, I just sent in my paperwork and I received notice that I am a Certified Public Library Director until January of 2019. So yes, I am certifiable!

What a great program we had last week with Sonia Rose, psychic medium! What was planned as an hour turned out to be a riveting two plus hours for our full house! We learned a lot about psychics and mediums, then got to watch Sonia Rose practice her craft. I enjoyed totally stepping outside my comfort zone and learning about something that I really knew nothing about! Some other quotes from people who were here, "Sonia Rose was very interesting. I loved hearing the people she was connecting with. She is the real deal for sure!" "Thank you so much it was very interesting and a lot of fun." "It was awesome, the time just flew by. THANK YOU!! I feel BLESSED that I attended!!" "I was elated to have my friend get the experience that she did. It gave her a peace that she had been waiting for, for a long time. We all enjoyed experiencing something we may have

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Tot-Time Turkey's



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A couchful of Turkeys!

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What a great program we had last week with Sonia Rose, psychic medium! What was planned as an hour turned out to be a riveting two plus hours for our full house! We learned a lot about psychics and mediums, then got to watch Sonia Rose practice her craft. I enjoyed totally stepping outside my comfort zone and learning about something that I really knew nothing about! Some other quotes from people who were here, "Sonia Rose was very interesting. I loved hearing the people she was connecting with. She is the real deal for sure!" "Thank you so much, it was very interesting and a lot of fun." "It was awesome, the time just flew by. THANK YOU!! I feel BLESSED that I attended!!" "I was elated to have my friend get the experience that she did. It gave her a peace that she had been waiting for, for a long time. We all enjoyed experiencing something we may have otherwise not have had the opportunity." Thanks to the Laurens Public Library Foundation (and your donations to it!) for sponsoring a wide range of programs for our patrons!

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Keep On Reading
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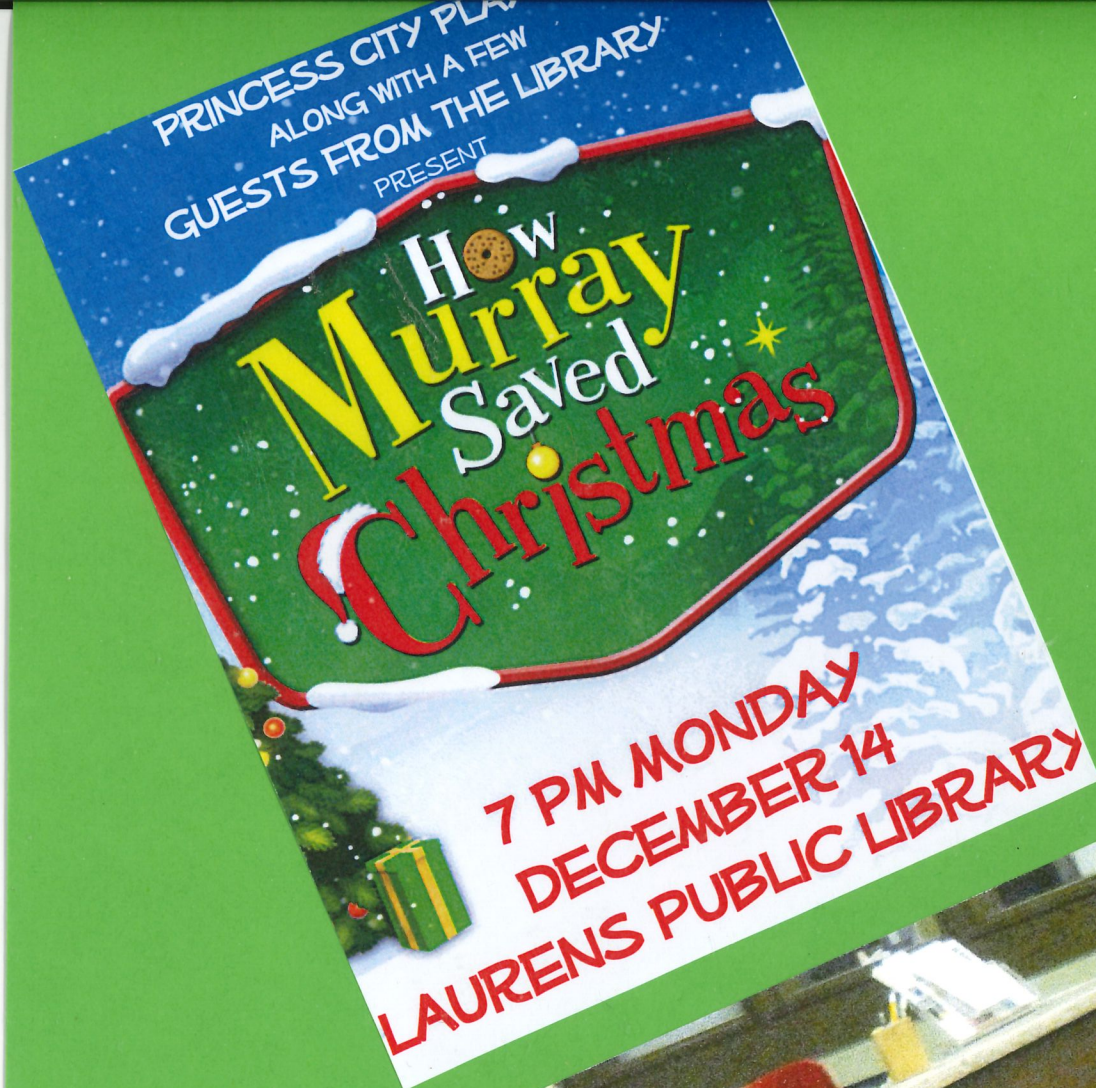
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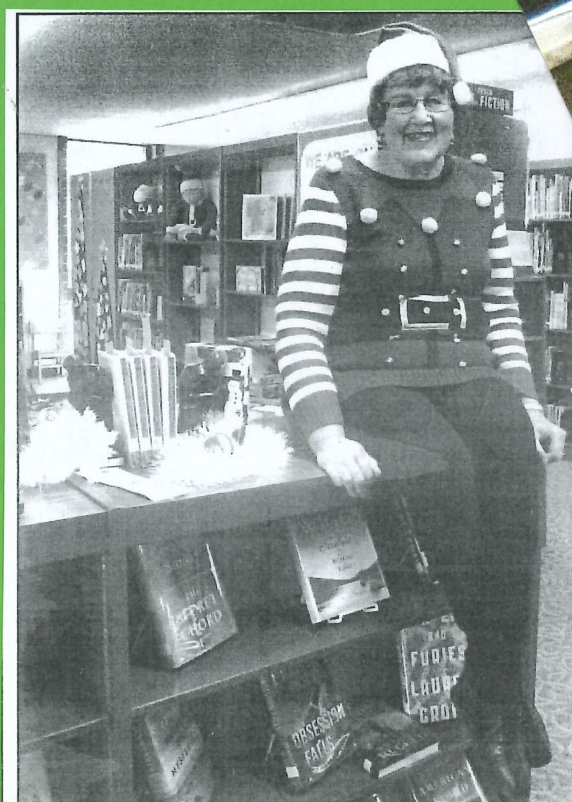




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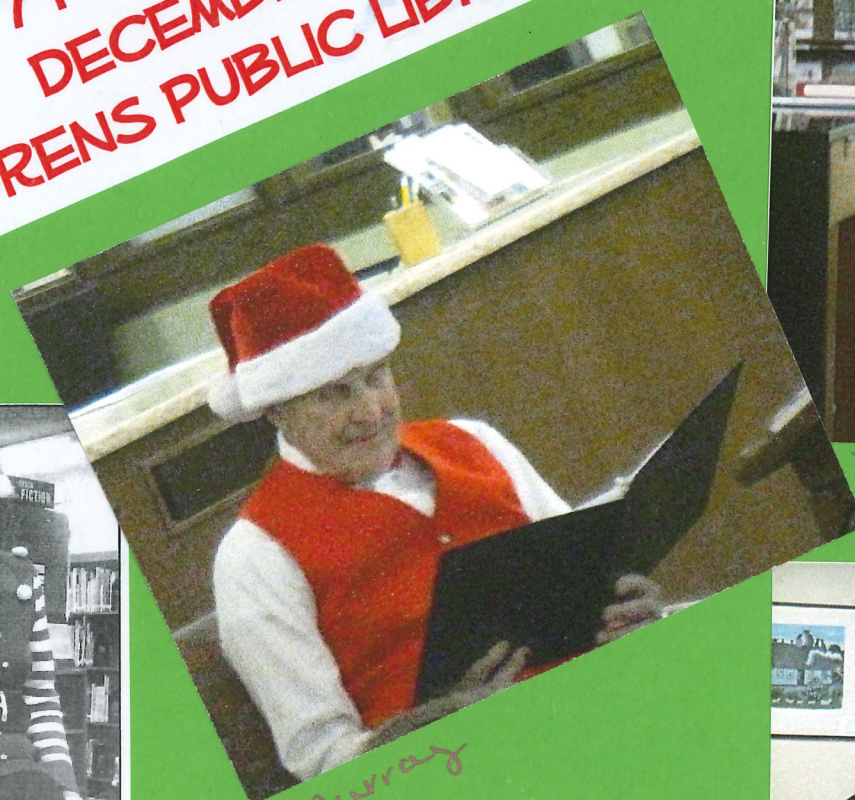


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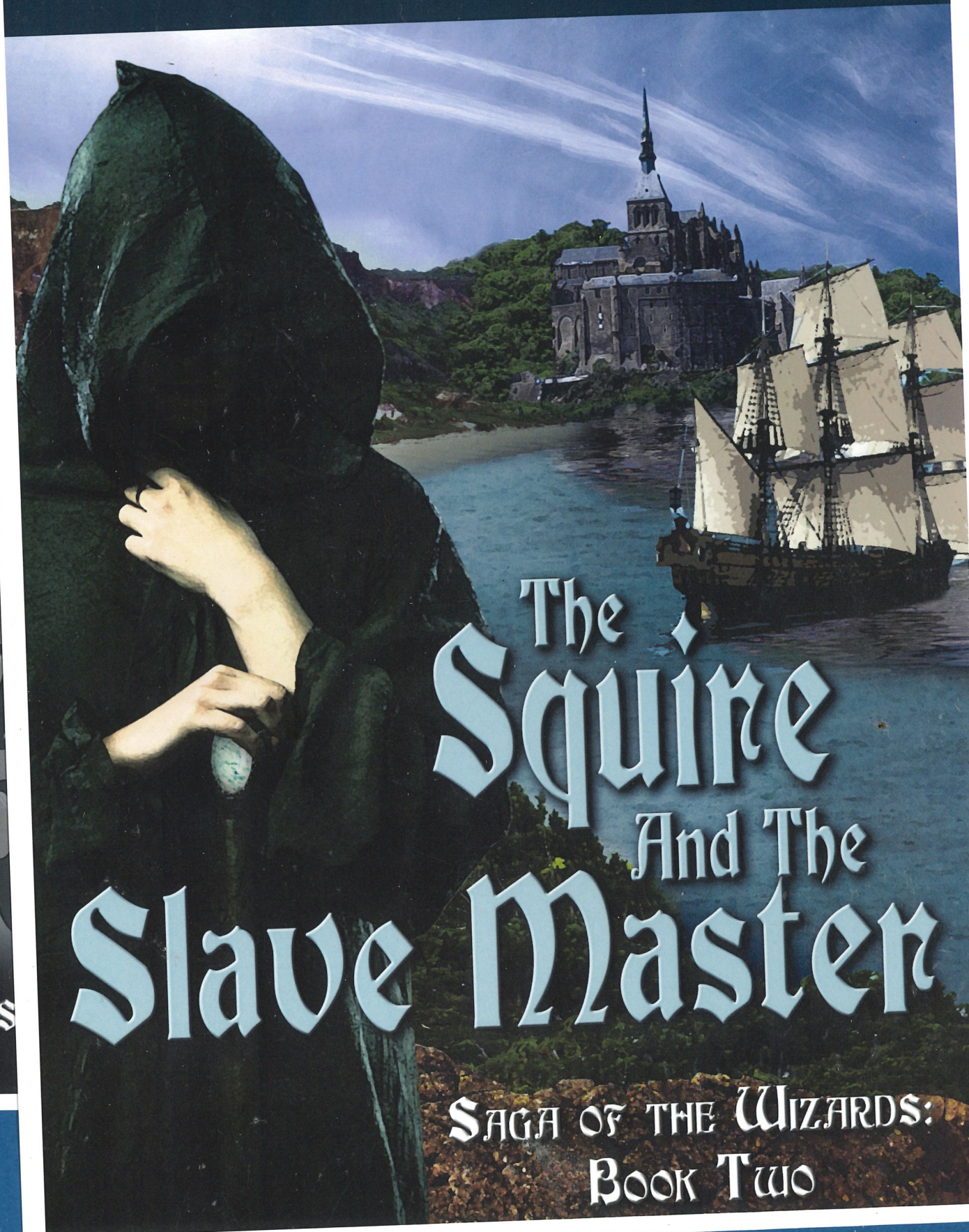
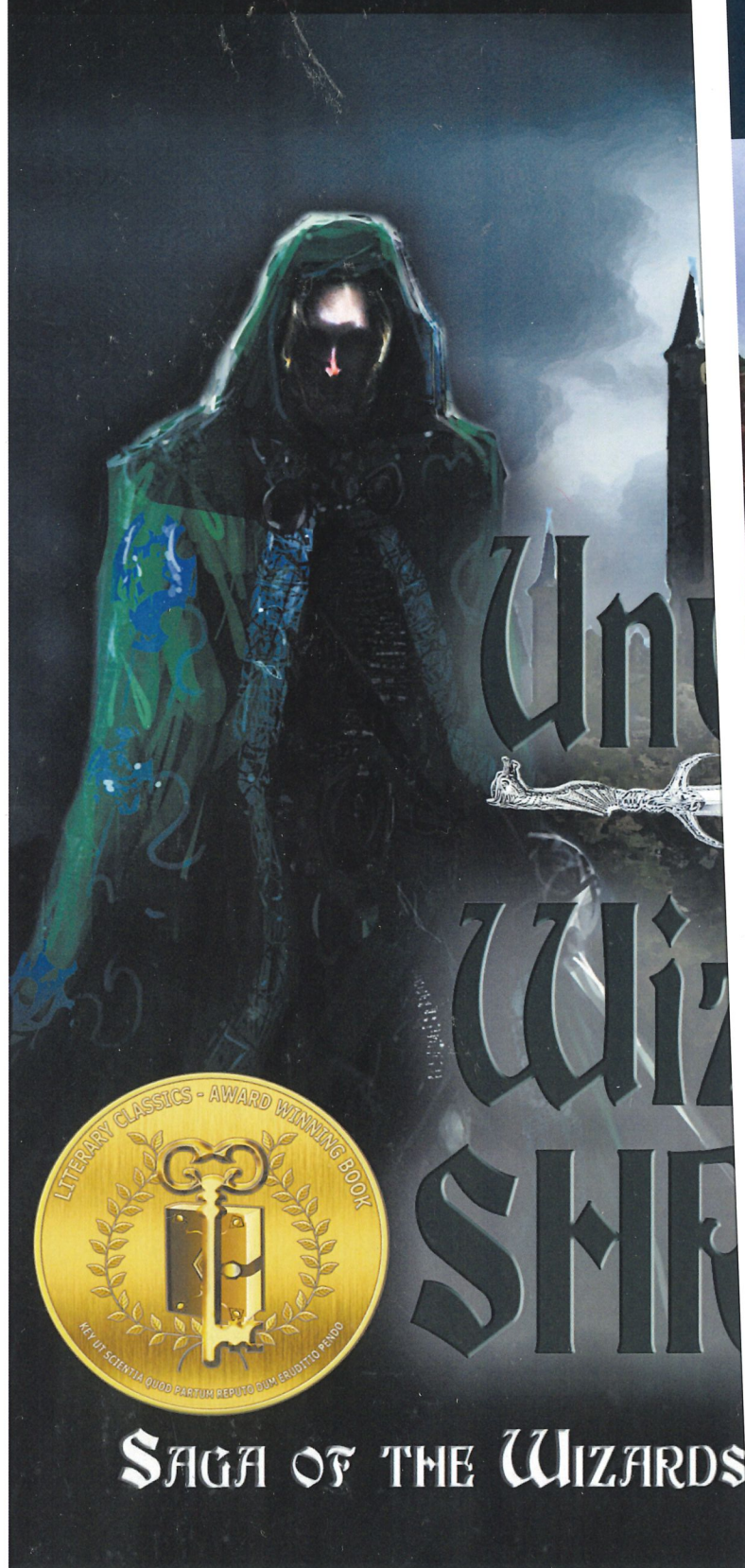


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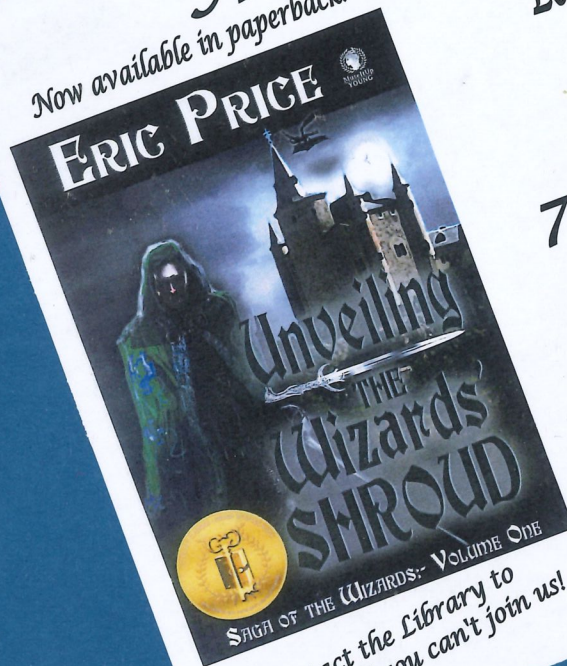
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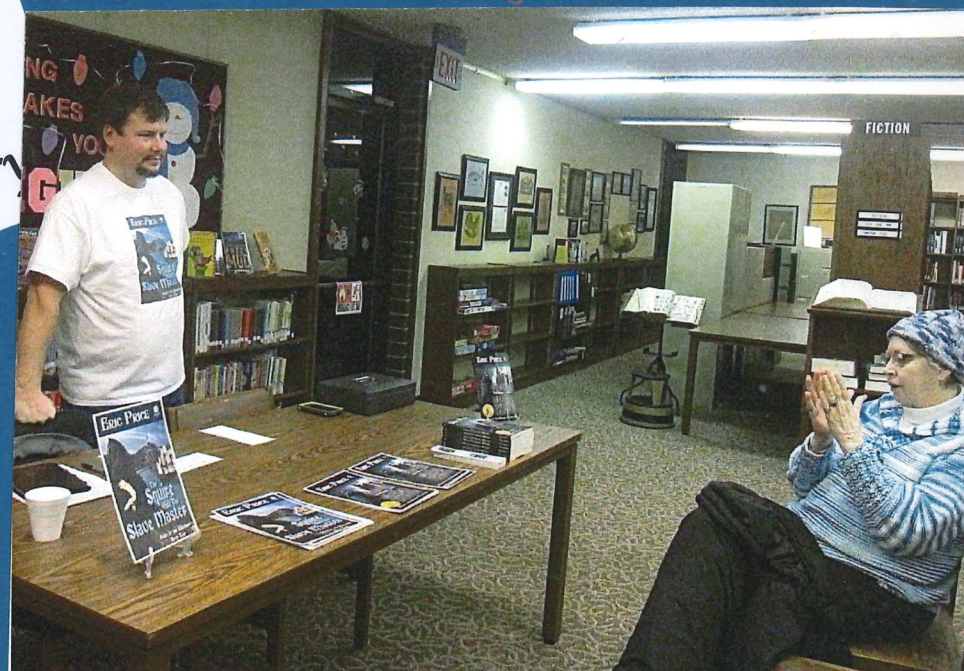
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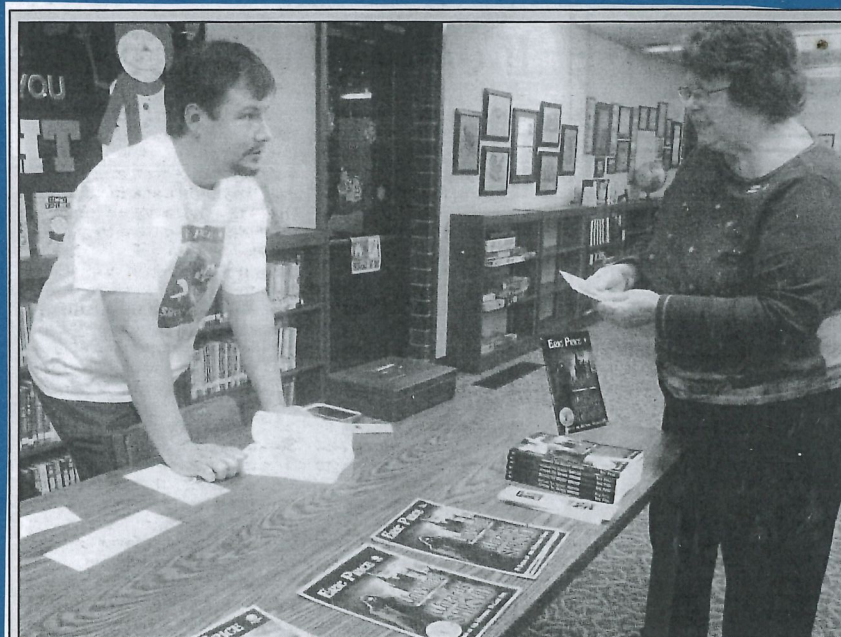


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