

2016

Change at Laurens Public Library

The Paper 1/6/16
There was a big change at Laurens Public Library on Monday, January 4th. It was Kayla Graff's last day as Children's Librarian & Lori Madsen's first! Unfortunately, we forgot to take pictures of the story time - ugh! A picture of some training at the circulation desk will have to do for now. Please welcome Lori next time you are in the Library.



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This time of year I like to reflect back on the year. Here are some of the highlights of 2015 at LPL. The change I think you would first notice when you come into the Library is the new upholstery on our chairs and the new cushions in the Pat Harms Activity Center. Our Top circulating kids' book is, no surprise, *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons*. It was followed quite closely by a few classics: *Pinkalicious*, *My Truck is Stuck* and *The Recess Queen* as well as many superhero books that went with our Summer Reading theme. Top DVDs were *The Giver*, *Scooby Doo 13 Spooky Tales*, *Big Hero 6* and *Guardians of the Galaxy*. Top titles in adult fiction include: *The Nightingale*, *At the Water's Edge*, *Go Set a Watchman*, *The Stranger*, and *Girl on the Train*. Our best attended library program was the Halloween magician with 171 people here!

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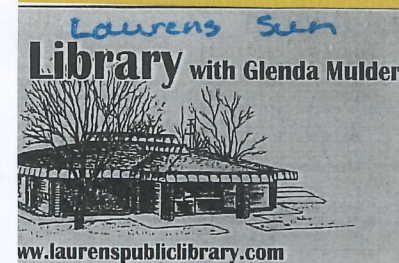
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Please join us for
Winnie the Pooh Day
 at the Laurens Public
 Library

January 18th, 2016

10:00 a.m. - Tot Time
 2:00 p.m. - Winnie the Pooh Stories
 Coloring sheets, craft, activities, snack



Dad helping Uriel



Making Pooh Bookmarks
 Kaelene, Rayne + Ateya



Time to decorate bear cupcakes



Spreading on frosting



Keiannah ready for bear
 cupcake



Wendy shows off her craft + cupcake

with Glenda Mulder
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Sign up for a FREE Smart investing@your library® class at Laurens Public Library, and learn about your investment options.

After an in-person orientation, take the online course at your own pace, focusing on the financial issues that matter most to you.

Class Orientation: January 19th @ 6:30pm
Laurens Public Library
Online Coursework: 1/26/16 thru 2/9/16
Wrap-Up Session: February 16, 2016 @ 6:30
Laurens Public Library

Registration is required. To sign up, call Laurens Public Library 712-841-4612

This free course is taught by Iowa State University Extension specialists and the Director of Investor Education for the Iowa Insurance Division.

This program is made possible through a grant received by Iowa State University Foundation and the American Library Association. Watch for more Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Iowa Library Services!

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Please return this
book by our discussion

Monday

1/25/16



Laurens Public Library Director Glenda Mulder was on hand at the Jan. 26 meeting of the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors and apprised the board of programs held at the library in the past year. Photo by Jamie Whitney. *Laurens Sun 2/3/16*

Pocahontas County librarians thank Supervisors for continued support

By Chris Vrba

Librarians from around the county turned out in full force Tuesday at the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors meeting. The women who oversee the book repositories were there to thank the board for their continued financial beneficence while heralding the page-turning events and activities going on at each site.

"Behind every great community is a great library," offered Glenda Mulder, who is

the director in Laurens.

She was pleased to tell the board about an exciting program coming later this year, when Tall Corn State author Linda McCann will barnstorm the county by giving presentations about the Prohibition era and Civilian Conservation Corps in Iowa at all nine libraries.

"We want to raise awareness among the people of our county

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BOARD: Laurens library to host Wardell again

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about what our libraries can do for them," Mulder concluded.

Specifically, in Laurens, "circulation is through the roof" she said and pointed to circulation figures that topped 40,000 in 2015. "It's always busy, there's always people there," she concluded.

Additionally, Mulder said Laurens will be one of 75 lucky libraries to host IPTV's Dan Wardell on a summer reading tour.

Technology was a big topic among all the librarians, with all of the institutions talking about how they are catering to their patrons' increased taste for digital offerings.

In Palmer, Ramona Miller talked about how the library can now offer free downloads of eBooks to its cardholders. "I've been taking phone calls left and right," she said, adding that she's even traveled to residents' homes to help folks utilize their new technology.

Programming was on the table of contests for the librarians as well. Terri Kipfer of Rolfe gushed about the hiring of a children's librarian - Cassandra Lenz - who was been active in starting both a children's and teenage reader's club, along with a monthly movie night.

Similarly, Gilmore City is working on a Wednesday afterschool program. Plover, too, had started a Saturday morning group, and hopes to begin an adult reading club and, possibly, a Bible study.

In Fonda, Linda Mercer said local police chief Alex Leu has been running a computer education course for adults with great success. She also plans to increase programming geared for children after Newell-Fonda was listed as a School In Need of Assistance (SINA) in reading by the Iowa Department of Education.

"We need to get reading scores higher for the kids," Mercer related, and added that the library's activities don't stop there, as she's working on a program geared to residents of the Fonda Care Center as well as other elderly residents in the community.

"There are so many things we can do for our community," she stated. "We just need to see them and reach for them."

Havelock sits at the nexus of both technology and educational programming. Director Melissa Hoyt detailed how she's working with parents in the community to expand services for the town's youngest residents.

"We're focusing on kids in our town," Hoyt said. "We want a warm, safe place for our kids to go."

To do so, she said she's undertaken a sweeping overhaul of the library's collection, with an emphasis on children's literature. That'd be because, according to Hoyt, 90% of Havelock's circulation is made to the preadolescent-and-under set.

"We're focusing on getting books for them to read, because they love to read!" Hoyt was pleased to report.

Moreover, she's hopes to start a "story time" program for kids who haven't yet learned to read. On top of that, Hoyt said the library secured a grant to purchase two iPads, which marked the library's "first new technology in years."

"I wish everyone in the world was as enthused about their jobs as you ladies," remarked supervisor Louis Stauter, an expression of appreciation to which the entire board concurred.

"Sometimes it takes people to go above and beyond, but that's what it takes to make small town America work," Mulder concluded.

GRANTS: More than \$100,000 allocated for various civic projects around Pocahontas County

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of what that's like," Hohensee related. "How about I give you my sweaty ballcap after wearing it for a couple of hours?" "It's not very pleasant," Shearer finished.

Libraries across the county, too, will receive funds for projects, many of which focus on incorporating technology into patrons' routine use - a big boost for the facilities and

'Straight Story' mower to get permanent home, thanks to Pocahontas County Foundation Grant

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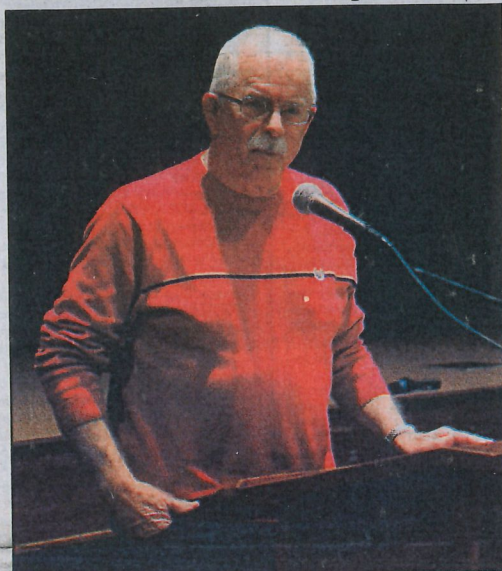
Over \$100,000 was awarded to service organizations and non-profit groups throughout the county last week as the Pocahontas County Foundation held its annual awards ceremony at the Rialto Theatre in Pocahontas.

All told, 31 projects were the beneficiaries of a combined \$102,292.88, with the funds being dispersed in all nine county communities.

In Fonda, Mary Mohr talked about how her grant will be used to complete upgrades at the Fonda Arts Center. "We've heard reports from other countries about what's going on at the Fonda Arts Center," she marveled.

A project in Laurens will help the community promote one of its biggest attractions - the Straight lawnmower.

"We've had guests from places like Belgium and Germany call and ask where they can see the mower," said Barb Smith, who accepted an award of \$4,100 on



John Pohlman speaks about the accomplishments

used to build a "viewing garage" for the famed mower.

Smith said when a call comes in to see Straight's ride "a phone tree begins. "One business calls another business to find out where the mower's stored, and then someone takes (the visitor) to see it," she finished.

With the completion of the viewing garage, interested passers-through will just be able to go see the mower without having to hope they make the right connection in the Busiest Little Town.

Fire departments in Gilmore City, Havelock, and Pocahontas all received grants that will be used to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatuses and air packs.

Princess City firemen Jeff Shearer and Eric Hohensee explained how the equipment will help the people of the volunteer units.

"Currently, our guys have to share the masks," Shearer offered.

"Let me give you an example,

2016 Grants Pocahontas County	Project	Amount
Discovery Daycare	Playground and center equipment	\$2,011.10
Fonda Arts Center	Landscaping	\$1,240.00
Fonda, City & Hometown Pride	Showers at Straight Park	\$9,000.00
Fonda Public Library	iPad, frame, headphone for child center	\$594.00
Gilmore City Hometown Pride	Sunset Park Phase I: Rain Garden	\$4,241.00
Gilmore City Fire Dept.	2- SCBA (Breathing apparatus)	\$5,884.00
Havelock Public Library	2 iPads, cases, club chairs, software	\$1,540.00
Havelock Fire Dept.	4 Air packs	\$9,970.90
ISU Extension & Outreach	Robotics equip: Laptops, bags, software	\$1,040.00
Kids Korner Daycare	Playground equipment	\$2,267.00
Laurens Chamber of Commerce	The Straight Story Garage	\$4,100.00
Laurens Hometown Pride	Sportsman Park playground Equip	\$9,770.00
Laurens Public Library	Maker Space equipment	\$1,521.00
Palmer Hometown Pride	Table, chairs, flag pole, bike rack	\$4,387.00
Palmer Public Library	Library Equipment, Materials, chairs	\$2,612.86
Plover Hometown Pride	Table outside Library	\$1,439.00
Plover Public Library	Circulation desk, counter, shelves	\$1,200.00
Pocahontas American Legion	Chair Lift	\$3,595.00
PAC School Foundation	Elementary School Security Cameras	\$3,470.00
Pocahontas, City	Move historic Log Cabin to Princess Park	\$3,000.00
Pocahontas Co Conservation	Interpretive Signs at parks	\$2,180.00
Pocahontas Co Library Association	County Library Marketing	\$790.00
Pocahontas Firefighters Assoc.	Self-contained Breathing masks	\$3,840.00
Pocahontas Healthcare Foundation	Carbon Monoxide Detection Equipment	\$5,565.00
Pocahontas Hometown Pride	Princess Park edgers/walkway	\$540.00
Pocahontas Public Library	Projection screens projector, cables	\$1,250.00
Rialto Theatre	Stage Lights	\$5,000.00
Rolfe, RAM Event Center	Digital Projector, LED stage lighting	\$2,500.00
Rolfe Hometown Pride	Light posts	\$1,388.00
Rolfe Public Library	iPad, cover, frame, sign holders	\$698.02
Varina Hometown Pride	Fence, Fountain, Tables, Trash Can	\$5,660.00
Total amount funded:		\$102,293.88

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In Memory Of Mia Faith Stoullil



New Giggle Mirror at Laurens Public Library The Paper 2/10/16

Library Director Glenda Mulder's nephew Bryce and niece Logan are pictured checking out the Laurens Public Library's new giggle mirror!

This was purchased with donations in memory of their little sister Mia Faith Stoullil.

This new item at the library should provide entertainment for many of the library's young patrons. Maybe some young at heart patrons will enjoy it, too!



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February 10

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I Love My Library Because...
We have The best librarians



TOT Time 2/15/16

Addy, Amy, Lucy, Lori + Evelyn making 'Love Monsters'



Evelyn is showing off her treat 'The Love Bug'

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I can read and Hug
with my friends
Love Jackie



Lucy looking at her 'Love Bug' + Taelyn coming to check them out.

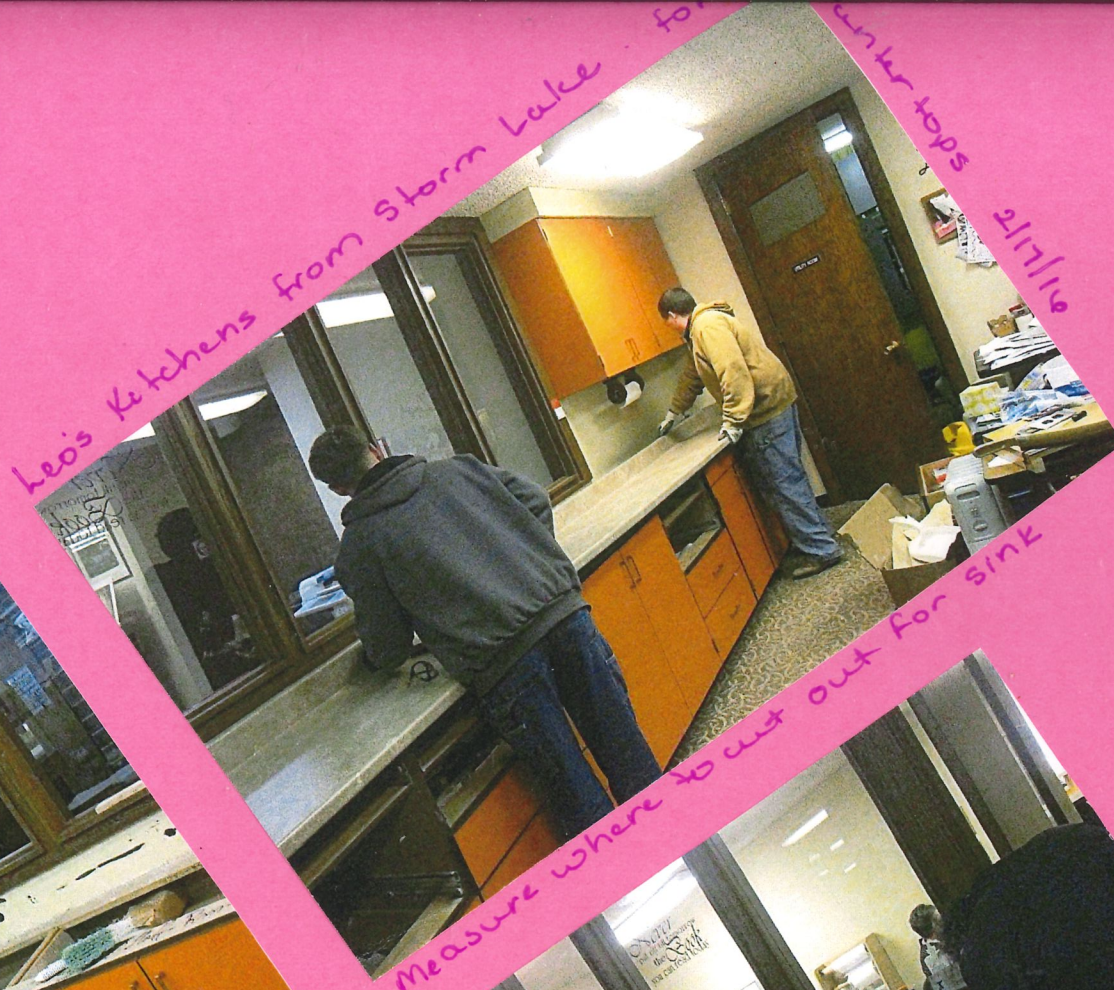
The Big Hearts are
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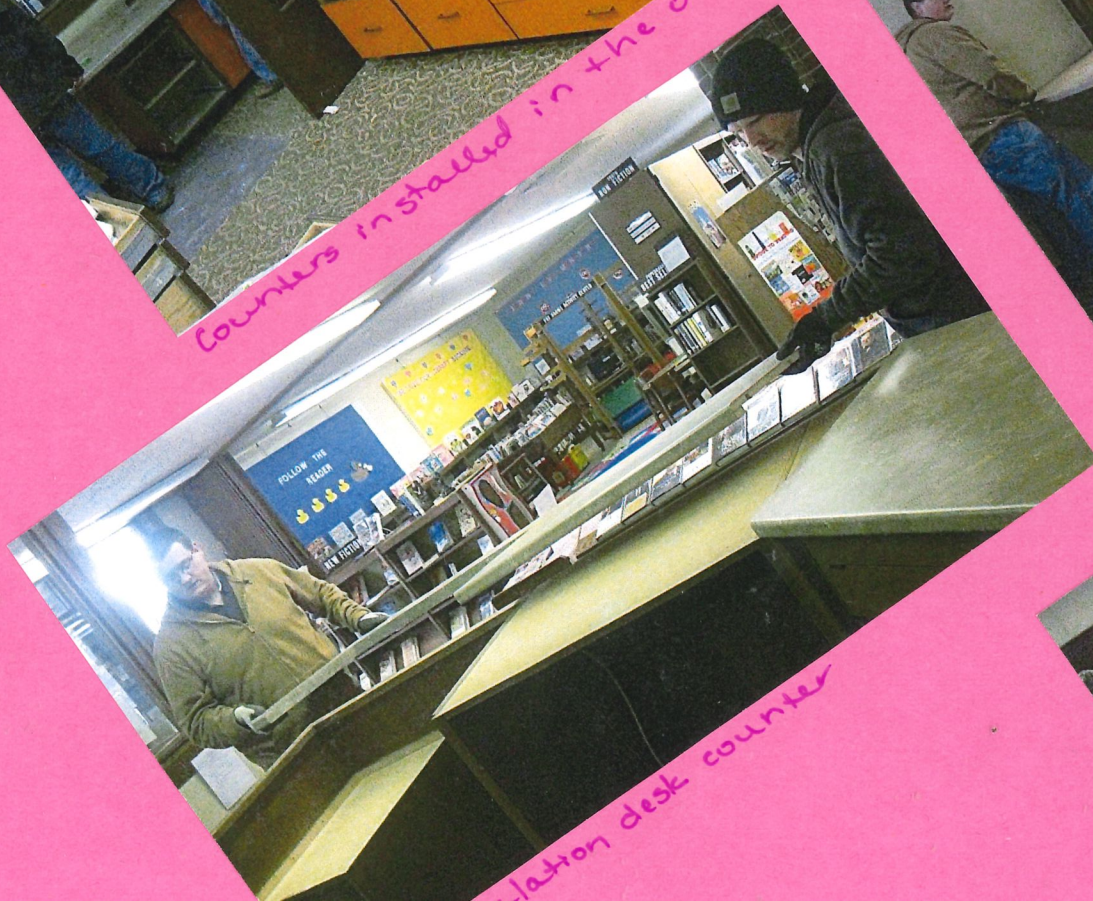
Leo's Kitchens from Storm Lake for
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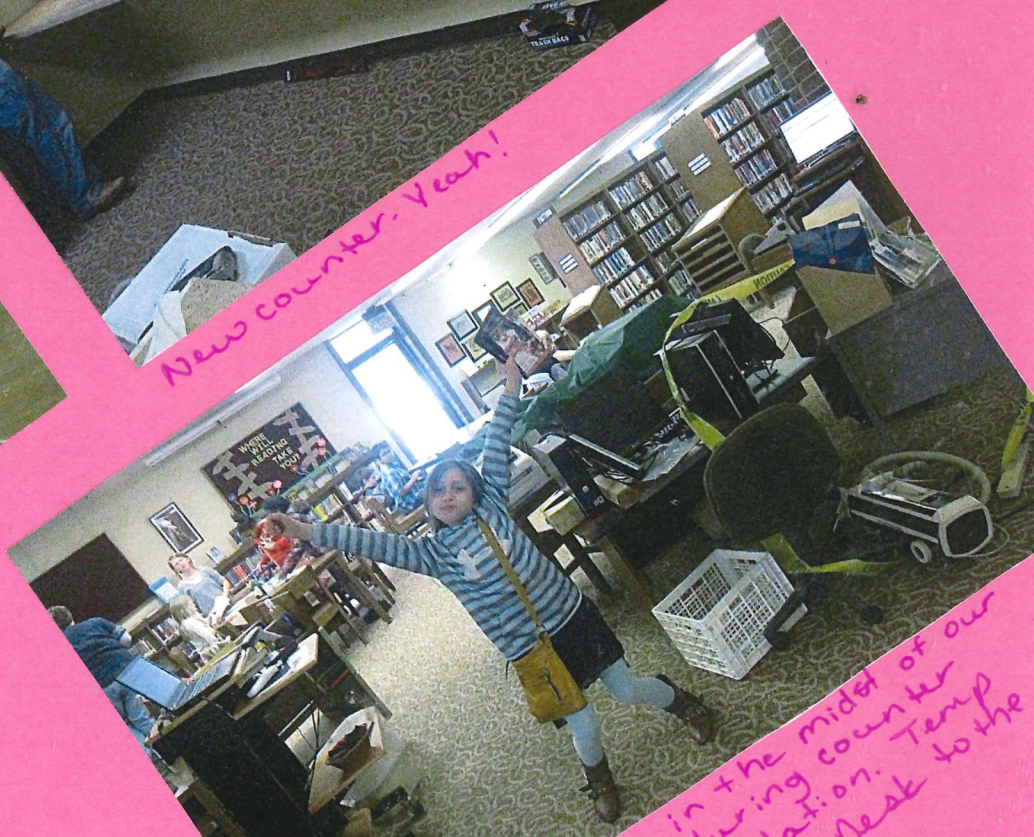
Counters installed in the office



Measure where to cut out for sink



replacement desk counter



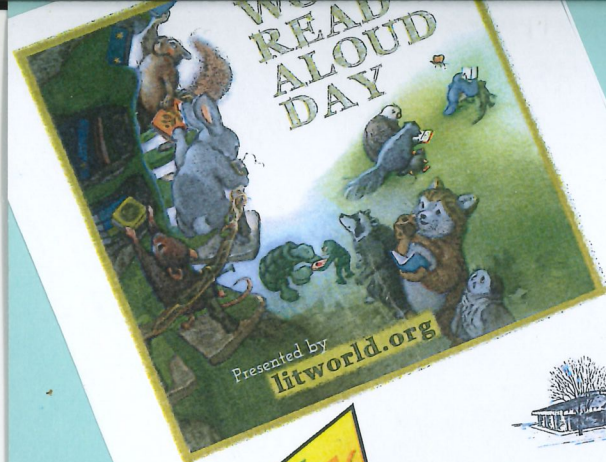
New counter. Yeah!

in the midst of our
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*Mrs. Lincoln's
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**Monday
1/22/16
@ 7:00 pm**



**1:30 at
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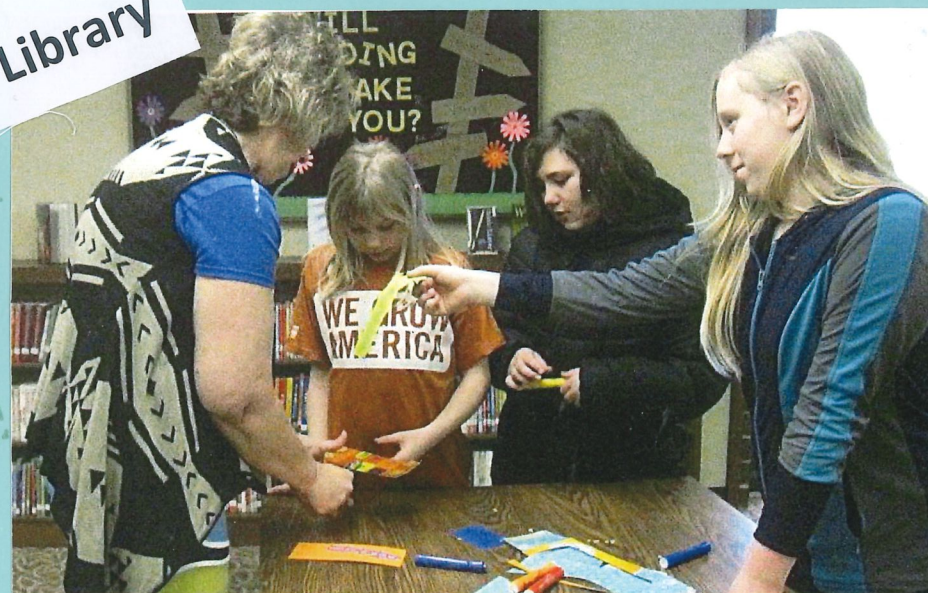
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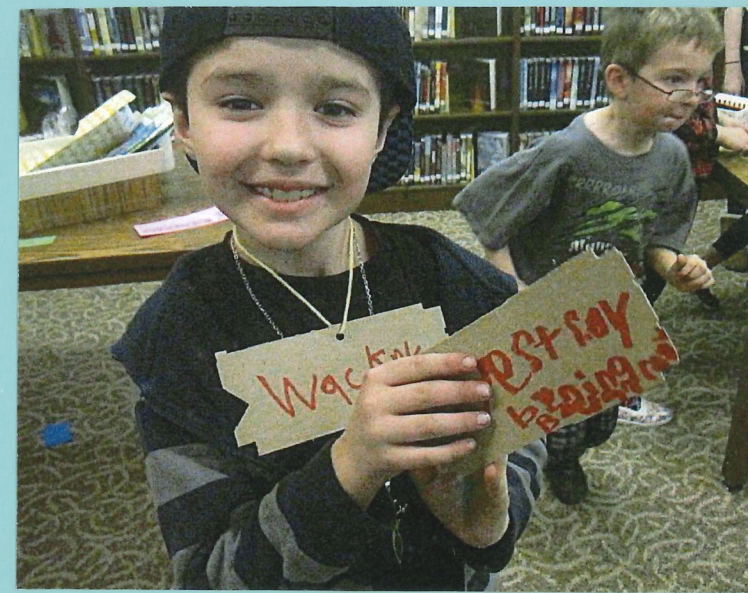
Playing games



Swimming thru jello



Even Big Kids enjoyed making Bookmarks. Lori, Courtney, Alea & Kelsey.



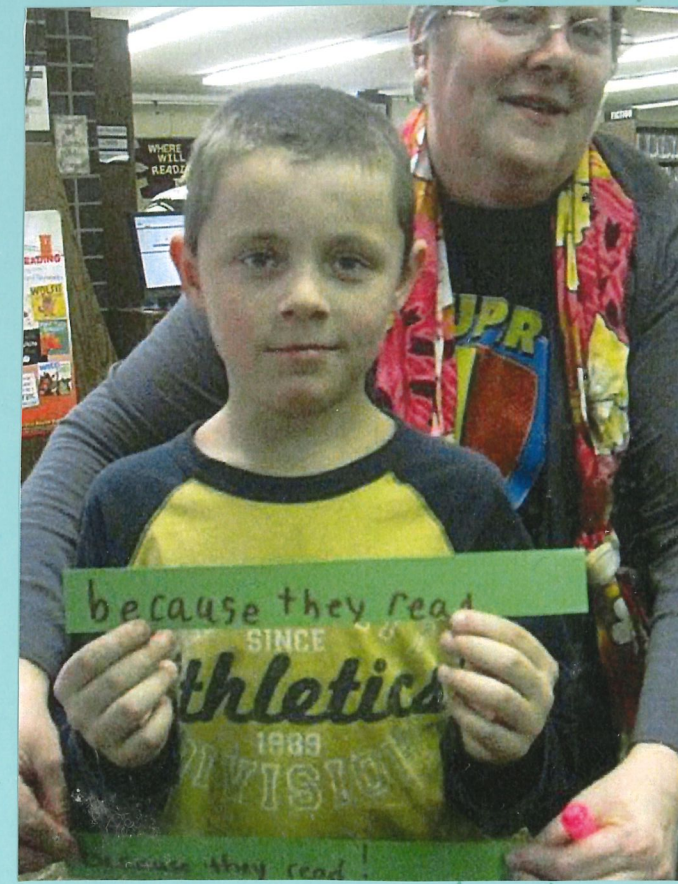
Bookmarks can be worn around your neck when reading - right Jay!



Doesn't get much wackier than



Zane & Deb a little bit of a



They agree on reading!

February 24, 2016

The Paper

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Cricut is a brand of electronic cutting machines that can cut out shapes and letters from a variety of materials including paper, cardstock, vinyl, and fabric. They are popular for creating personalized gifts, home decor, and more.

Brenda Cleveland showing
Laura Todd a Cricut
cartridge

Bonnie Stevens learning tips from
Melissa Frerichs on the Cricut



5th Graders came to library + played 'what's in the box'. Jackie describes hers as 'It's metal about 4" long than a circle on top. I learned all kinds of fun

New Addition to Laurens Public Library!

At the Laurens Public Library recently, Dwight Van Genderen showed Jennifer Miller how to work the crocodile marble roll he created for the Children's Department.

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3/2 The Paper

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March 2, 2016

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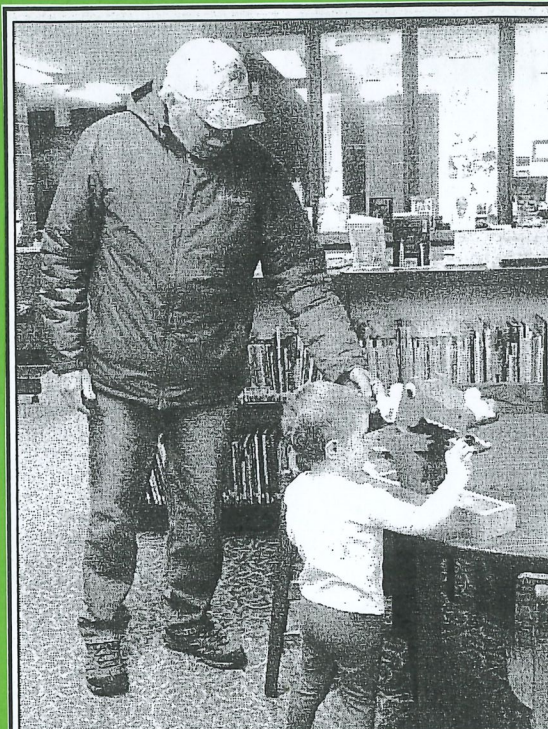
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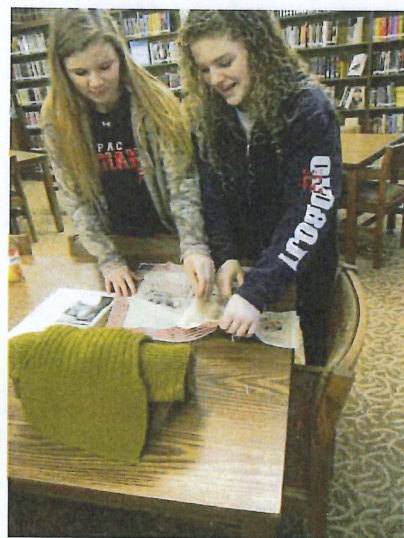
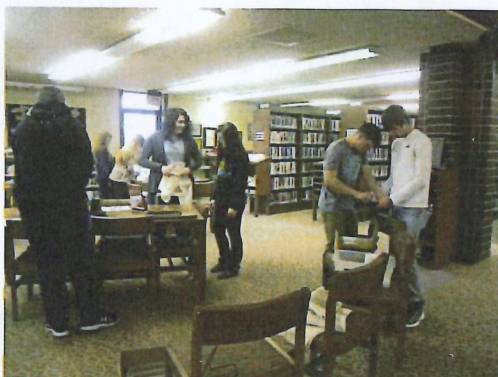
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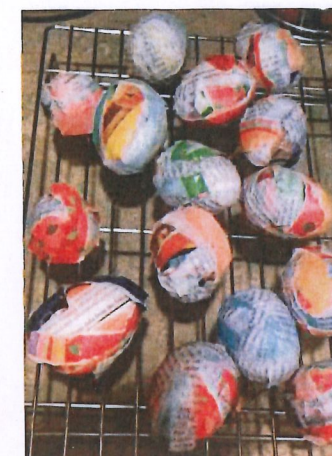
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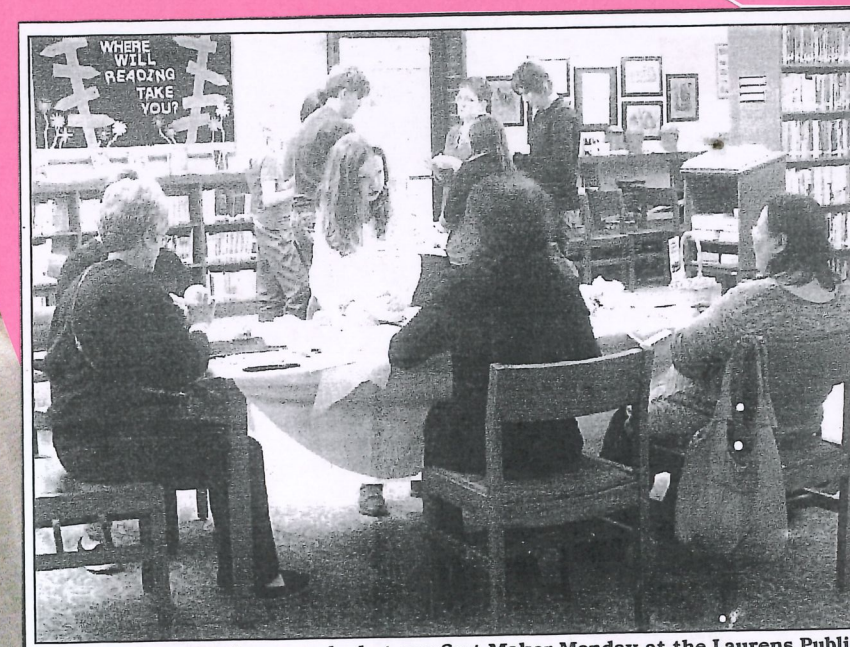
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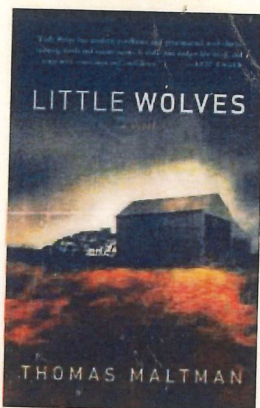
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Bancroft was one of the nearest camps. This opened in 1935 and was a soil conservation/drainage camp, and served Winneshiek, Hancock, Emmet, Kossuth and Palo Alto Counties. This camp functioned until 1942. When this camp disbanded, the buildings were taken apart and sent to Alaska.

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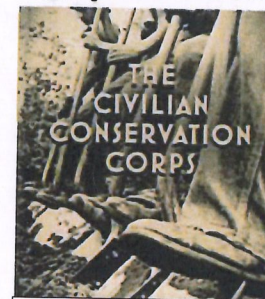
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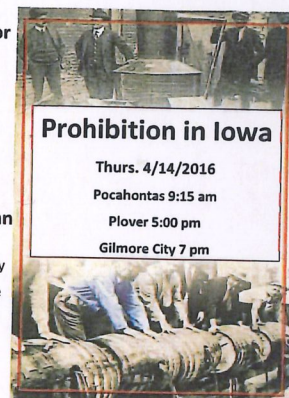


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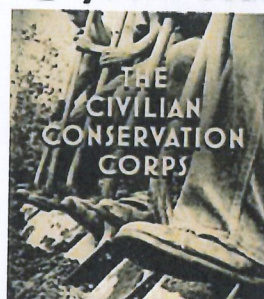
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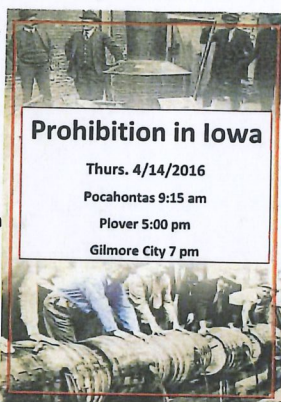
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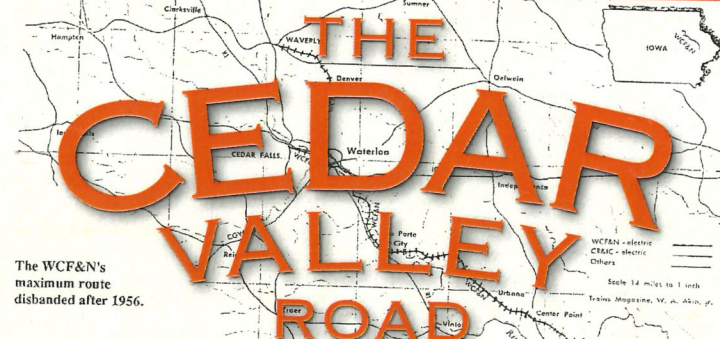
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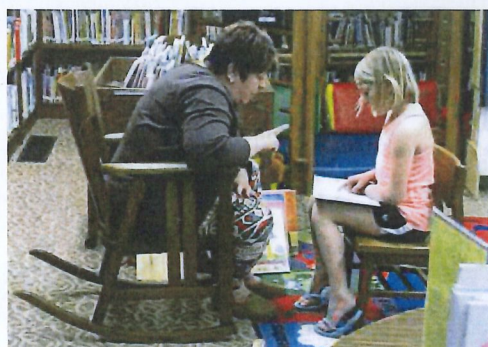


Dorothy Long chatting with Linda about
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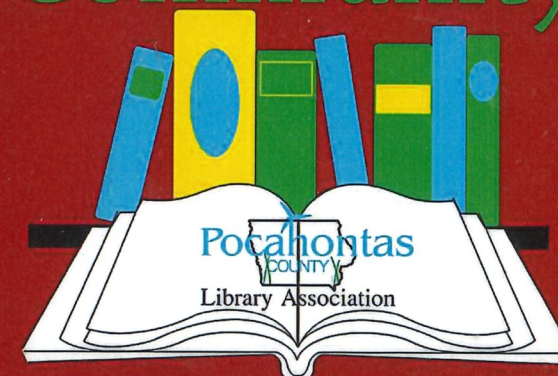
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By Jamie Whitney

With more than 20 years of experience running her own business coupled with her expertise as a retail advocate, Heart 'N Home owner Julie Wurr is hoping to lend her insight and know-how to people looking to sell their handicrafts.

On Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m., the Laurens Public Library will host Wurr in a casual presentation on how to best monetize, retail, and wholesale your crafts.

The Laurens business owner noted there is a lot more than people might think to getting your handicrafts into stores.

Wurr, who started going to craft shows in 1992 before starting a small business in her family's garage four years later, opened Heart 'N Home in downtown Laurens in 2000.

"I was trying to figure out how to do this," Wurr said of her small start in 1992. "I sold consignment and wholesale to stores. Being in business for 24 years, I'm seeing people come in with the same questions I had in my late 20's. No one explains it to you."



Julie Wurr got her start at craft shows prior to running a business out of her garage before opening Heart 'N Home in downtown Laurens. Now, the entrepreneur hopes to help other folks looking to expand with her two-plus decades of business knowledge. Submitted photo.

Wurr is hoping to change that with her presentation, which has no charge, and is open to the public. If you're just starting to craft, or you're ready to make that next step to sell your work, Wurr is here to help.

"This is for anyone who is a beginner to someone who wants to branch out into wholesale," Wurr said of the presentation.

Coming not only from the perspective of a crafter but as a retail business owner, Wurr plans to discuss the importance of liability insurance, the pros and cons of consignment, how retail rotation works, online selling, how to properly price your wares, how to approach and follow-up with business owners, online selling, regulation and tax compliance, how price "mark-up" works, and the importance of confidence, and other subjects.

"I'd love to see people start doing this," related Wurr. "Supplement their income, or create something and be wildly successful. We all need someone to help us and raise

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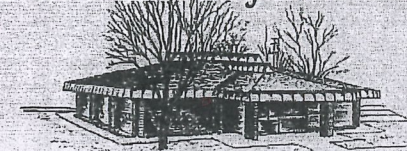
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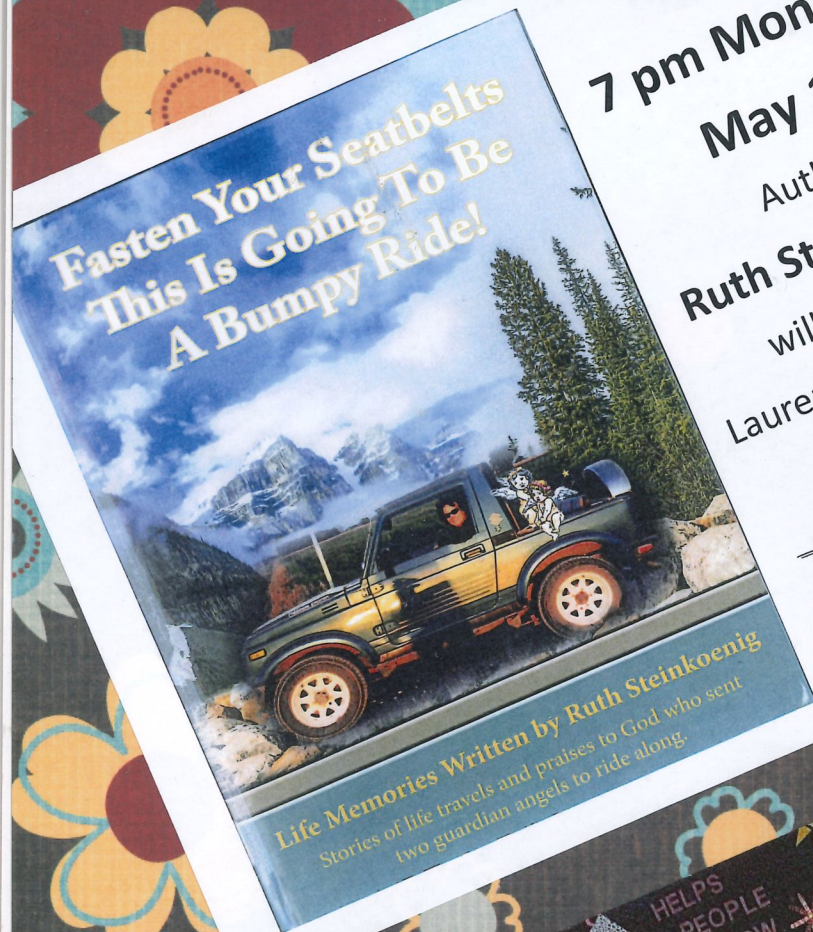
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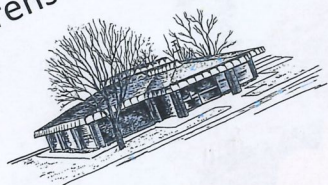
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Laurens Librarian Glenda Mulder reading to Mrs. Ballman's First Grade Class.

Reading is Thinking



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Summer Reading Kickoff with Dan Wardell + IPTV Kids



Before we started, 104 people for Dan Wardell.



Dan + Michelle demonstrated the amazing qualities of the "Space Orb"



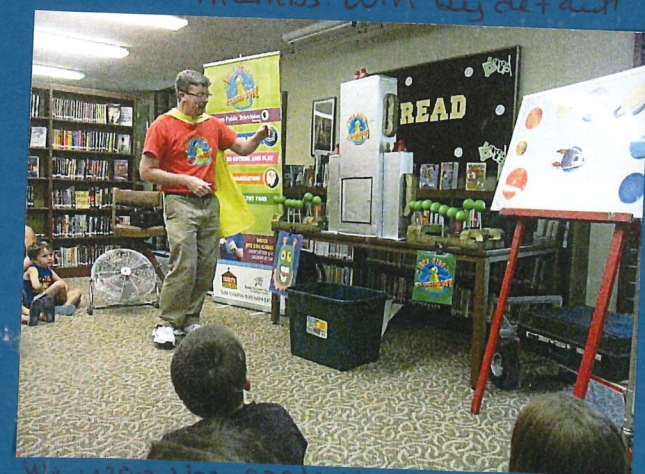
Morgan is ready to wrestle an alien, until she finds out he has no thumbs. Win by default



"I need a volunteer"



These are the silliest games ever



Winning the game

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 June 22nd - Corinne Peterson, Pocahontas County Naturalist
 June 29th - The Team Dream: Read It, Achieve It!
 July 6th - Healthy Food, Healthy Body
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MONDAYS 1-2 pm

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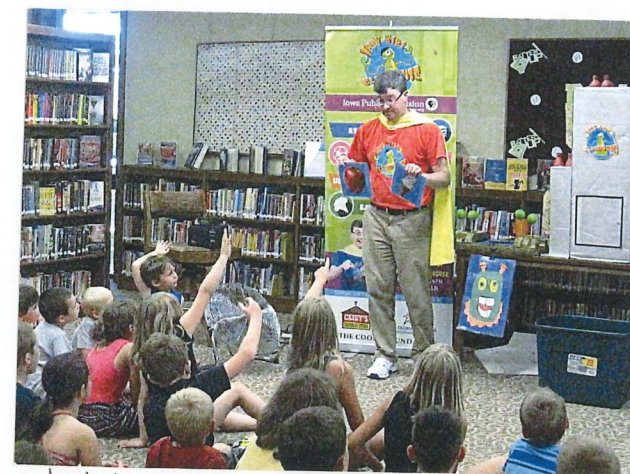
Librarian saves the day with this box the box that contains treasure



"Green eggs + ham!"



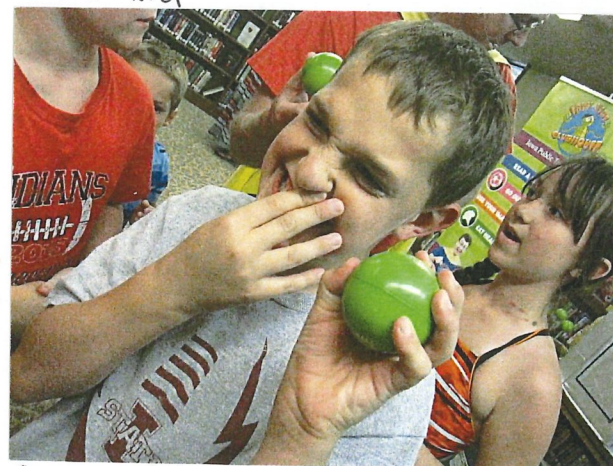
Dan + Marcus demonstrate Thumb wrestling



Which is the healthier food? We were all right there with him.



Group picture.



Gus could hardly stand the excitement of his own Space Orb!



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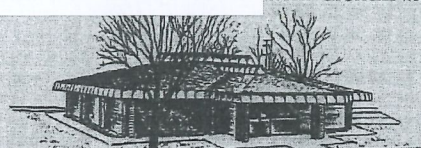
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Coming to:
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Monday, June 20, 2016
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We hope you enjoy
*Hazel Twigg & the
Hollyhock Hideaway*.

For us, it's more than just
the first book in a series,
it's the first step in a new
O.L.D. way of life. And
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If you like what you read,
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We'd also love it if you
would take a selfie with
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Ruth reads a selection from her book



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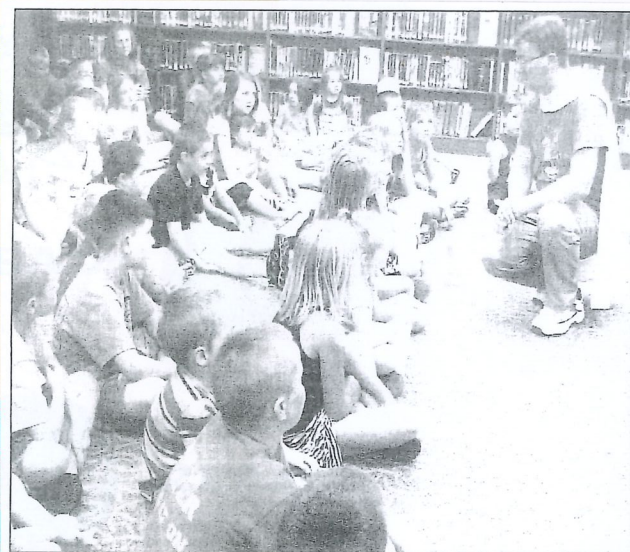
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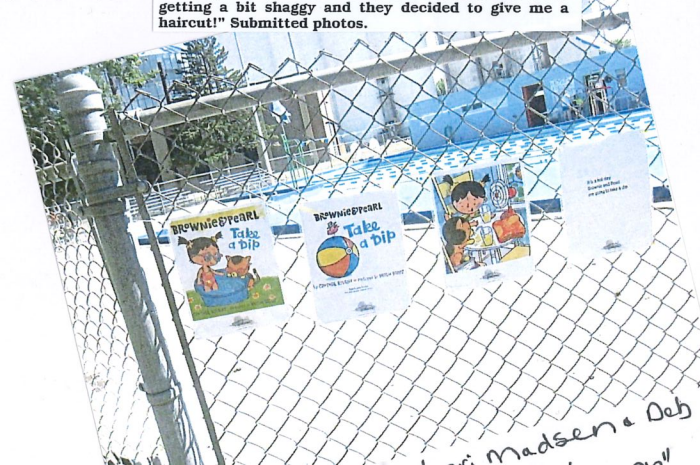
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Iowa Public Television is celebrating the tenth anniversary of its Reading Road Trip with a record-breaking 75 stops at libraries across the state. Dan Wardell (left), popular host of the IPTV KIDS Clubhouse, welcomed kids and families as he promoted summer reading. On Wednesday, June 15, 104 kids of various ages welcomed Dan to Laurens Public Library. We were the middle stop on the sixth day of the tour. Wardell, through an interactive original story, encouraged kids to read, play outside, use their imaginations and eat healthy foods. Join us at the Laurens Public Library 1:30 Wednesdays this summer, as we "Get On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!"

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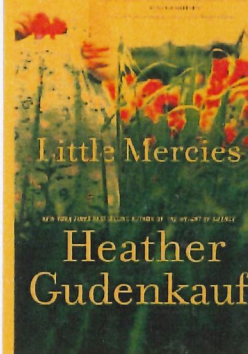
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Poky Conservation Naturalist, Corrinne brought these animal athletes. Told of their talents (Lego jumping standing on one leg, going along time without blinking & holding breath under water for a long time) To P right: Explains about the "Arctic Phase Great Horned Owl" To Right: Seeing if they can jump like the hare.



Poky Conservation story walk "Hey Little Ant" read to the group by CPL Children's Librarian Lori Madsen. To right, moving to the next page which is the last - to check out The Giant Ant. They are all excited about the Ant.



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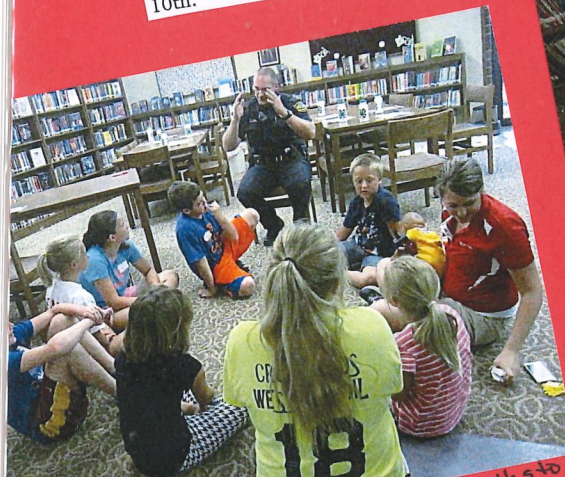
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Thursday, June 23, 2016



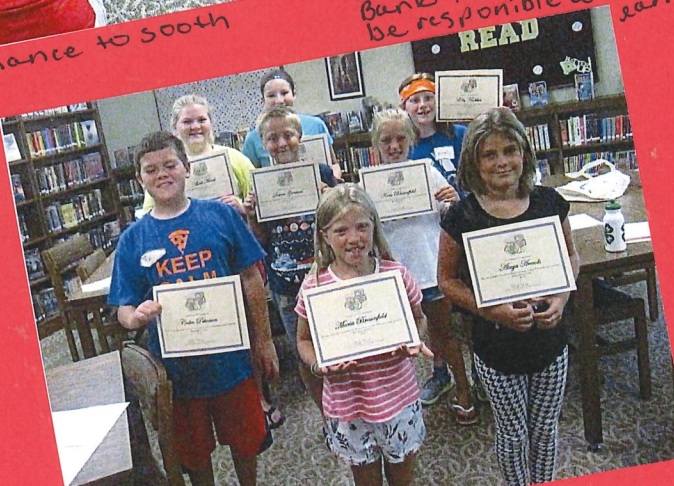
Learning First Aid & CPR with an expert from the hospital.



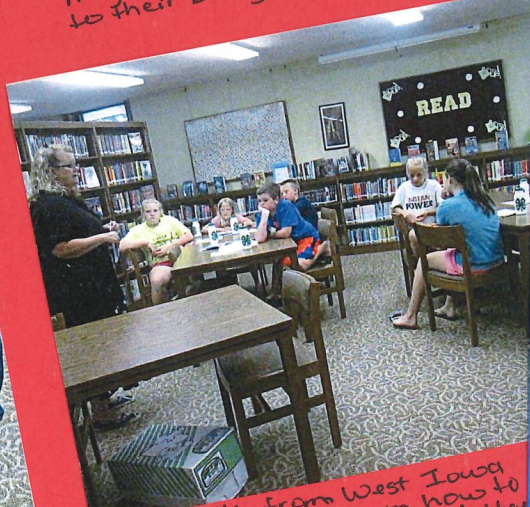
Laurens Police Chief Chris Toner talks to the babysitters about safety & how to respond to an emergency



Devan gets his chance to soothe the crying baby.



They made bags to take goodies to their babysitting jobs.



Kate Ellis from West Iowa Bank teaches them how to be responsible with what they learn.

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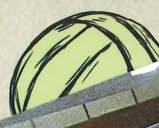
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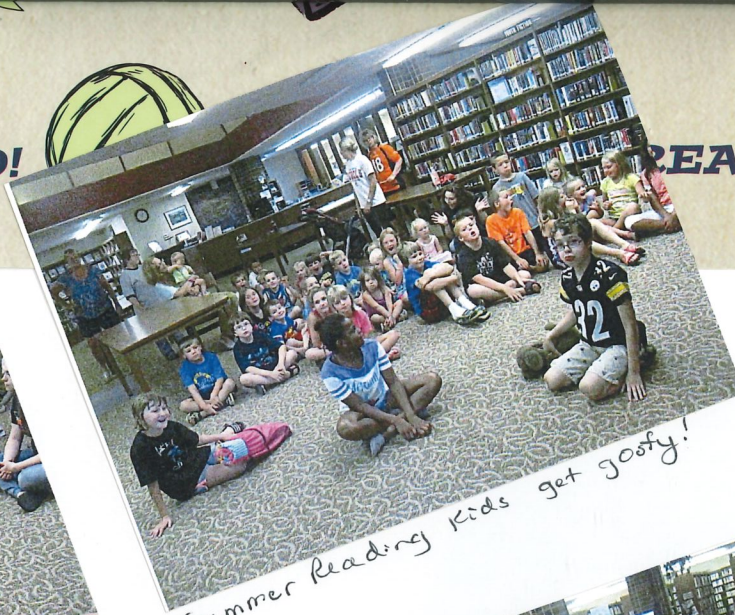
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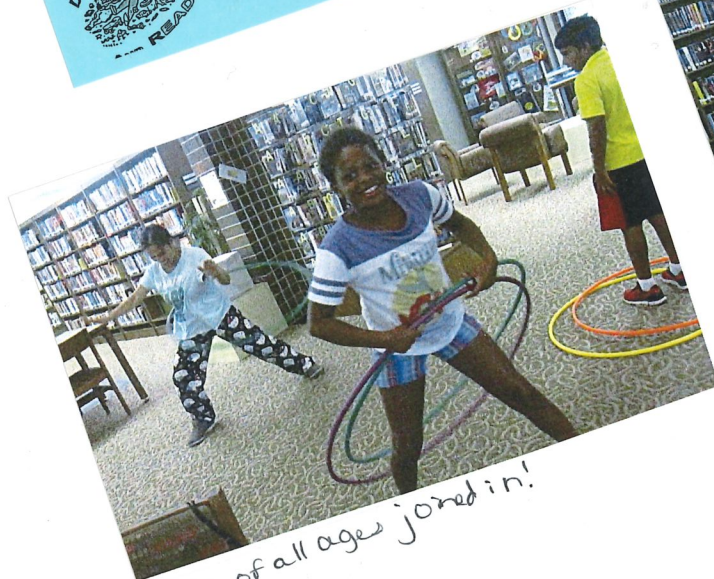
Lori reads from a "Haward 8. wigglybottom" book.



Summer Reading kids get goofy!



Kids Korner showing their olympic qualifying muscles.



Kids of all ages joined in!



Children's Librarian, Lori Madsen is cheering for the Broncos. Today is about Sportsmanship skills.



Logan's showing his hula hooping skills.



Cousin medalists Kaleb & Logan.

June 29th

The Team Dream: Read It. Achieve It!



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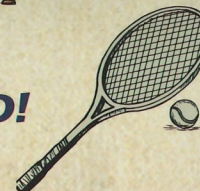
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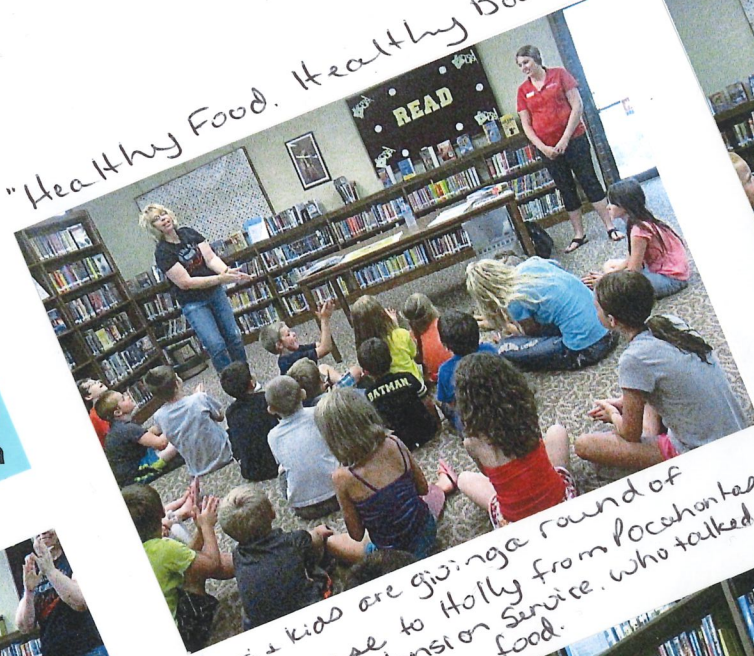
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Doing the Chicken Dance

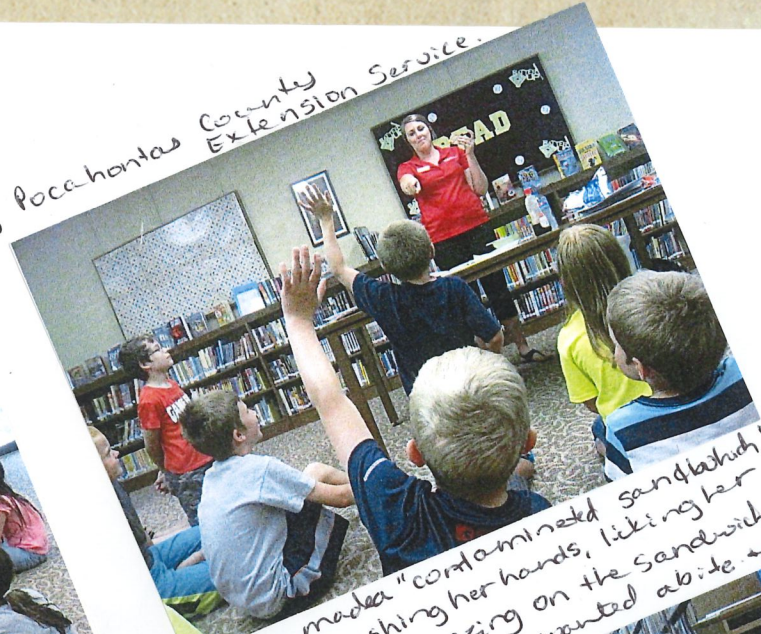
"Healthy Food, Healthy Body" by Pocahontas County Extension Service.



Kids are giving a round of applause to Holly from Pocahontas County Extension Service, who talked about healthy food.



Which foods go in with the grains?



Holly made "contaminated sandwich" by not washing her hands, licking her knife and sneezing on the sandwich. Ask the kids if they wanted a bite. Why not?



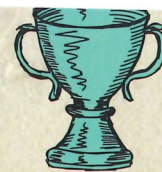
Sorting our food into food groups.



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A Night Reflecting on the Lessons of The Holocaust

An informative evening with
Brad Wilkening

I am a retired school teacher of over 40 years. I took up an interest in this subject about 7 years ago while taking a class at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. During that intense week, I decided to create a semester long class for my high school students. The next summer I spent a week studying at Columbia University in N.Y. I was chosen to participate in this class sponsored by The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. I also attended a four day seminar in Newark sponsored by the JFR. Each of these experiences added to my interest and knowledge of this topic. I have had the opportunity to meet a number of survivors and want to share their stories. I am currently a member of Iowa's Holocaust Committee.

My main goal was to make Holocaust education required in Iowa. Trying to do so has been a myriad of red tape and political issues. I have also found that many of the people most interested in this topic are adults, young and old. So here I am.

My purpose is to help educate, dispel certain myths, answer as many questions as I can, and provide insight into some problems we

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This is such a dark hour in our human history, but some of the greatest stories of help and caring can also be found. I will finish the evening with a short video of a rescuer and the person he helped save. The JFR work to reunite people on a yearly basis, often they have not seen each other for over 50 years. You will find it amazing to say the least!

Lessons of the Holocaust

Taking a class on this topic can be difficult. The atrocity of it all can overwhelm human emotions and many of the major issues may be overlooked. This is a study of humanity- the worst and best we have to offer. The complexity can seem immense yet when studied in sequential pattern, it can lead us to many issues of today: apathy, bullying, intolerance, and other genocides. Below are some of tonight's topics.

The time line of events that allowed it to occur: Anti-Semitism, Rise of Nazism, creating the ghettos, the different types of camps, the final solution, rescuers, liberation, and creating the State of Israel.

Understanding the roles of those involved is very important: perpetrators, victims, bystanders and collaborators. Today we also need upstanders.

I will provide a number of available resources. I have divided readings and films into categories of elementary, middle school or high school to make it easier to reference the information.

I will provide a number of web sites that provide detailed information on a variety of topics related to the Holocaust: Illinois Holocaust and Education Center, The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, and The Shoah Foundation to name a few.

Why Brad Wilkening? My biography.

I grew up in Nevada, IA, graduated from Augsburg College and started teaching in 1975. I have taught in Albia, Eagle Grove, Laurens-Marathon, Storm Lake St. Mary's and have substituted in Ankeny.

Back in 2009, I needed to take a class to renew my teaching certificate and enrolled in a Holocaust class at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie, IL. I had always had an interest in the topic but was not prepared for what was about to happen. During the week, I found myself becoming passionate about creating a semester long class for the high school. This topic had been overlooked by most, mentioned as a sidelight of World War 2. There is so much more that students needed to know. I did develop the class and the next summer I was chosen by the Illinois Holocaust Museum to attend a week long class at Columbia University. Only 35 people in the

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U.S. were selected and I took the honor very seriously. While there I met some amazing teachers, great scholars on the topic and a number of survivors. I came back even more inspired.

In 2012 I spent four days at Newark after once again being selected for the class. Once again we discussed how to get Holocaust education into schools and other venues. I heard amazing speakers and again met many survivors.

After talking to members of the Holocaust Education Center in Illinois, I decided I did not want to push for state mandated learning of the issue. The main reason was teachers do not want the state telling them what they have to teach and educators that would not be properly prepared to teach such a topic. As a member of Iowa's Holocaust Commission, it was decided we would make recommendations for implementing Holocaust education into existing curriculum. It will be interesting to see if this has any positive effects. By the way, I believe St. Mary's was the only school in the state to offer a semester long class on the topic. Even in Illinois, where it is required, most schools spend between 2-6 weeks at most.

I have found this topic is of more interest to adults than to young kids. We can relate to the historic significance where young kids see it as something that happened a long,

long time ago. It takes time to make them realize the importance of the study of the event.

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Learn more from former L-M teacher
BRAD WILKENING
7 pm Tuesday, July 12
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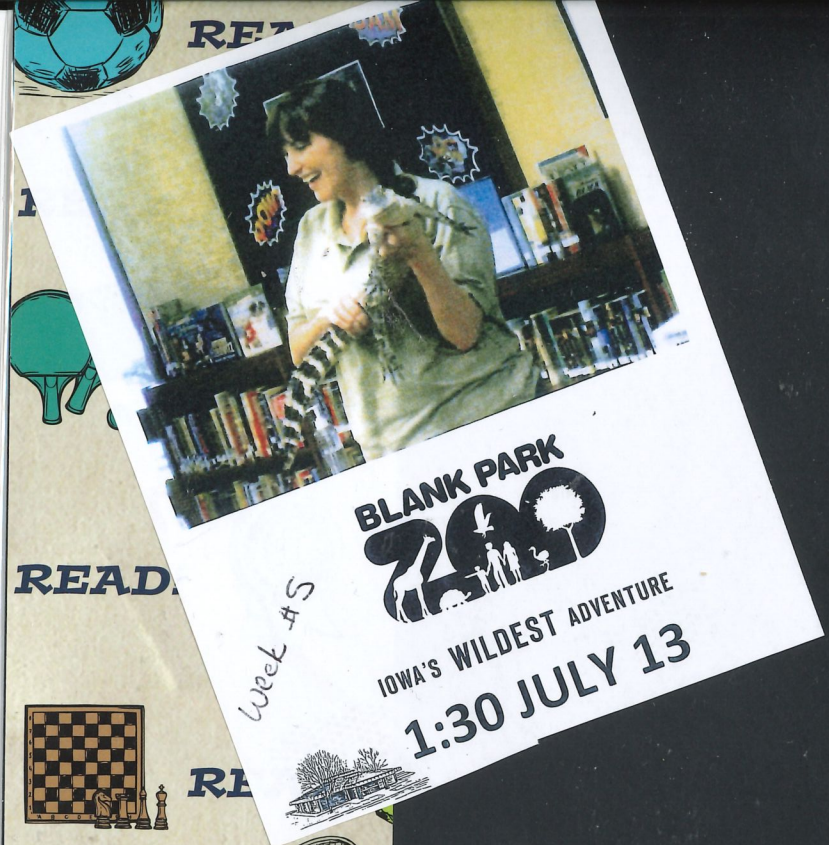
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Tuesday,
JULY 12**

"My goal is to keep the lessons of the Holocaust alive. We can not stand by while people are being tortured and killed for their differences, whatever they may be. Today we need to be upstanders instead of bystanders."
~ Brad Wilkening



Top left: Traditional "Alibi Shot" - this time acting like their favorite zoo animal.
 Tope right: Rudy the Rooster was so anxious to meet us, he was crowing before it was his turn! I learned that a rooster's waddle & comb are used to cool off and regulate body temperature.
 Middle left: This is Elsa the Guinea Pig. She lives at the zoo with her sister Elsa and friends Hans & Sven. Because she is a rodent, her teeth continue to grow throughout her life and that's why she has to gnaw on things!
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 Above far left: This is Chip the Tiger Salamander. Did you know salamanders can regrow legs as well as a tail if they are lost? We decided his Olympic sport would be swimming.
 Above middle: Who's the fastest? Rabbit wins bronze at about 45 mph, horse gets silver (but I missed how fast he is!) gold at 70 mph!
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 To the right: Who will win the weight lifting championship? Bald eagle wins the bronze, elephant takes the gold with a 1,000 pound lift!

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Everyone had a chance to touch!



Brooklyn



Morgan



Set of twins



Gus



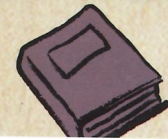
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wild about *Pollinators*
Pocahontas County Naturalist
Corinne Peterson
2 pm Thursday, July 14
LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY
There will be handouts, materials for building nests, and wildflower seeds for those interested in planting gardens or nesting sites for our pollinators!



Did you know there are many varieties of carnivorous plants that are native to our area.



Looking at the pollen on different wild flowers.





The overwintered queen emerges, begins searching for a nest site, and for pollen and nectar. Once

Pollinators are vital for both wildflowers and crops. Without them, about 85% of plants would be unable to produce seeds or fruit.

Changes in our landscapes have contributed to declines in both managed honey bees and wild native bees.

There are simple steps that you can take to support bees and other pollinators wherever you live.



The Xerces Society
for Invertebrate
Conservation

www.xerces.org

INVERTEBRATE CONSERVATION GUIDELINES

Pollinator Conservation

Three Easy Steps to Help Bees and Butterflies



Bumble bees are one of the most important pollinators of c

Pollinators are essential to our world. Bees, butterflies, flies, hummingbirds, moths, wasps, flies, beetles, and a few bats are some of the animals that move pollen between flowers, enabling them to produce seeds.

The ecological service these pollinating animals provide is necessary for the reproduction of over 85% of the world's flowering plants. The resulting seeds and fruits provide food for countless other animals ranging from songbirds to grizzly bears.

Pollinators are also essential to human life. Consider for a moment that approximately one in three mouthfuls of food and beverage required the presence of a pollinator. The United States alone grows more than a hundred crop plants that need pollinators. With

Pollinators at Risk

In many areas pollinators are in decline. The loss of honey bees due to pests, diseases, and other factors has been widely publicized in recent years.

While the loss of honey bees is alarming, many of our wild native bees are also disappearing. For example, in the mid-1990s, the yellow-banded bumble bee was the most abundant bumble bee in northern Wisconsin. Ten years later it made up less than 1% of the

Protecting Bees from
Neonicotinoid
Insecticides
in Your Garden



Pollinators Program Held *The Paper*

Poky County Conservation Naturalist Corinne Peterson taught us so much about pollinators and the flowers they love. She started by reading a great children's book – and how could we not love that?! We also learned there are many varieties of carnivorous plants that are native to our area!! (This, of course, brought to my mind Seymour, the enormous Venus Fly Trap from "Little Shop of Horrors"!) We learned that there are over 3500 varieties of bees that are native to North America and that some bees have pollen sacs that they bring back to their hive to feed the workers.

We looked at the pollen on the different wildflowers Corinne brought. A favorite was Butterfly Milkweed, which is native to Iowa, butterflies love it!

Library

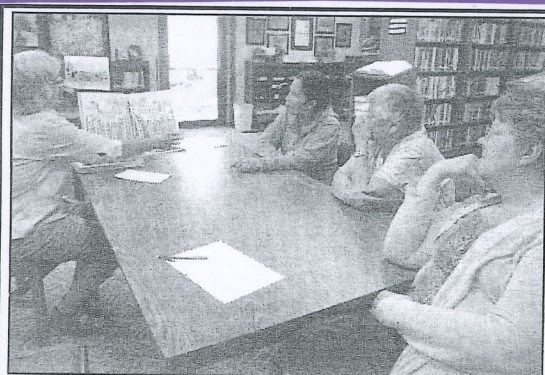
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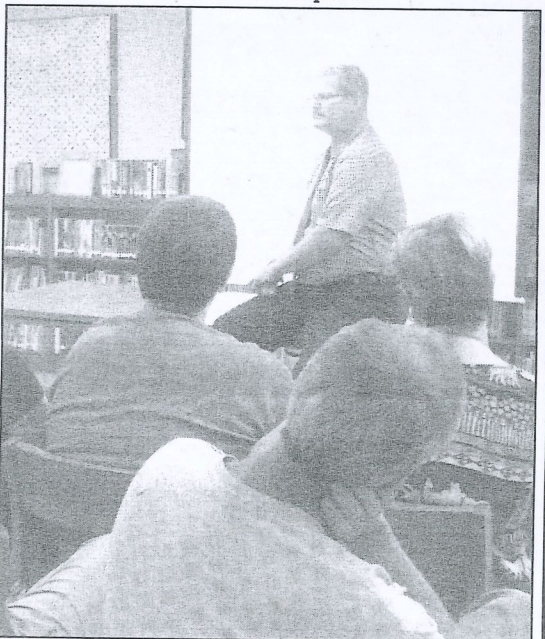
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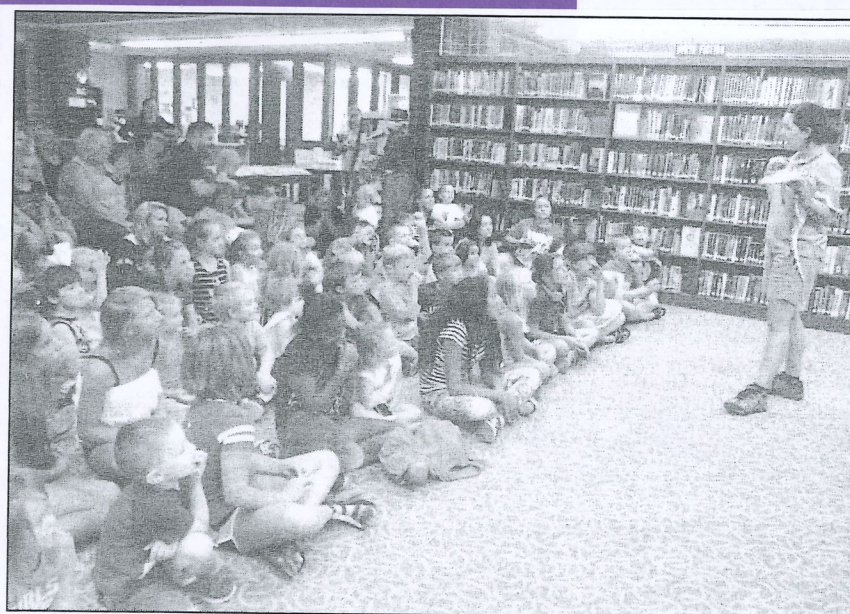
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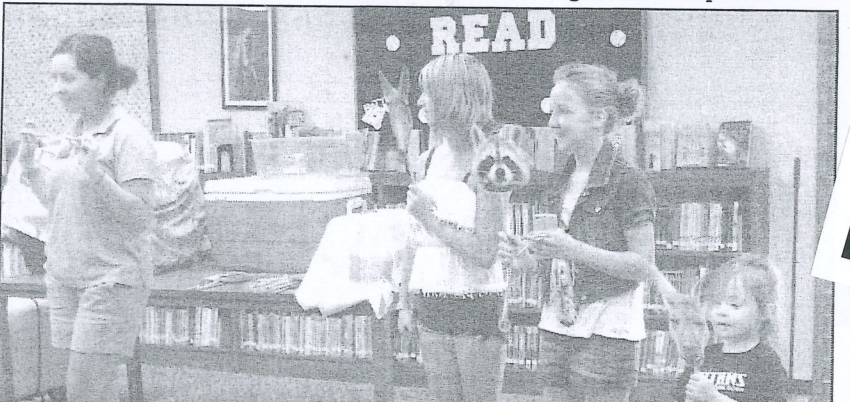


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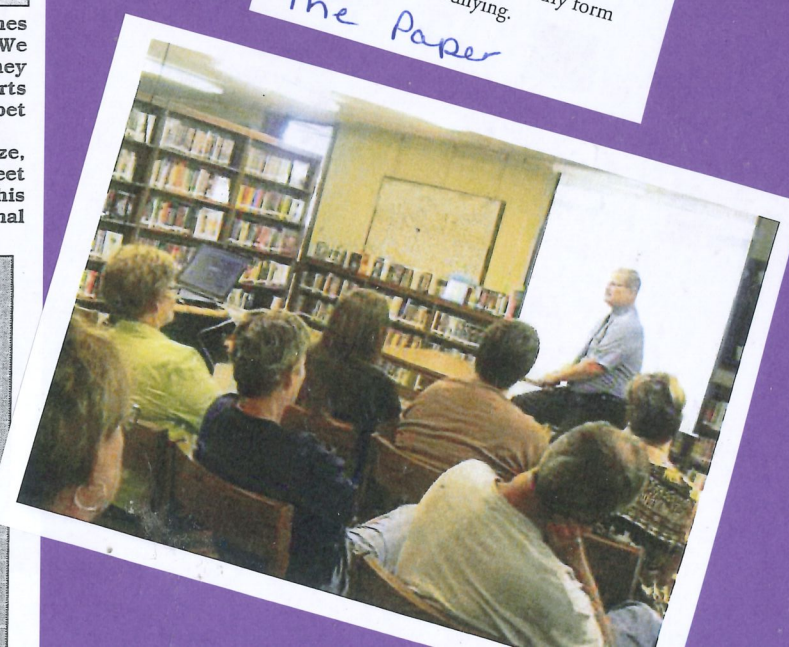
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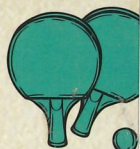
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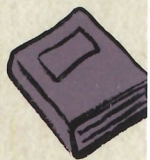


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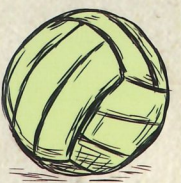


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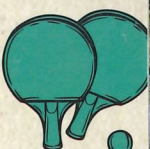


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'I Like to 'Move It', Move It'!



meredith shares one of her passions - ZUMBA!

July 20, 2016 Week # 6



The "Continental Drift" from Ice Age. Check out Harley's "Jump"!



The Wiggle Crawl - can you see their tails wiggling?



Oops! Got a picture from IPTV out on June 15th. Adults putting on their antennae's



Landen, Brennen + Connor demonstrate the Wiggle Crawl.



Shark Squats!



Everybody loves ZUMBA!



meredith is reading "Wally Exercises".



Exercising our Hands + Minds with "The Cup Song"!



Door prizes from 'Live Healthy Iowa'



with a sense of the most enthusiastic

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RACE to the library to join Lisa Laird and Pockets Full of Fun!
Participate in Olympic FUN and games. Discover some FUNNY
food facts. Explore some FANTASTIC books to add to your
reading list! You will not want to miss it!!

1:30 WEDNESDAY, JULY 27
PUPPET WORKSHOP FOLLOWING
SPONSORED BY THE LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Pockets of Fun with Lisa
Laird. The Kids of ALL ages
love the puppet show.



Kids + our library puppets ready
for the show!



Jethro the Frog taught Brayton, Karson,
Amethyst how to properly jump,
Olympic style.



The kids loved Amethyst the cat.



Dressed to compete in the Olympics
in 1900, which was the first year
women could compete in the modern
olympics.



We had to stick out our tongues while
we learned about taste buds. Did you
know we get all new taste buds?



It worked! A talking donut at the
library. Must of been magic at the
library.



The kids are really enjoying the
show.



Courtney about to catch the flying
dog that Lisa made from a string
of tomatoes



Jernimah the dinosaur has a garden
this year. In it she planted tomatoes,
beans, cherry tomatoes, corn and...



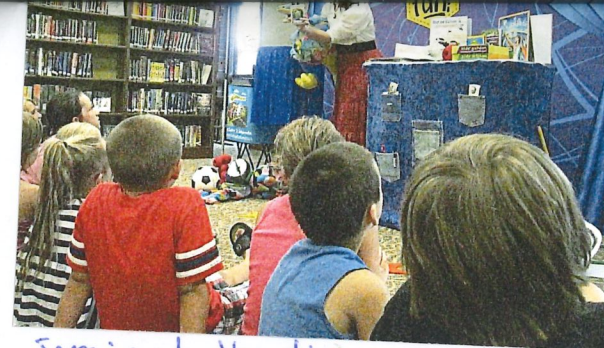
Tomatoes are Shiloh's favorite
because ketchup is made from them
+ wants to "catch up" with the
fastest runners.



Hunter, Alexa, Courtney, & Gus got to be the Sports Authority Bull puppets & guess which sport has never been an olympic event: boulding, rope climb/tug of war, squash or hot air balloon. It was squash.



The kids got a medal for being such good "Authorities"!



Semimah the dinosaur.



We got to make our own jumping frog puppets.



Corrine, it's amazing how much you can help your boys without waking baby!



Frog making is serious business.



Michelle demonstrates her frog while Kable keeps trying to get frog legs on.



Leith girls having fun with their frogs & keeps



Kable has a



Hunter's frog was





Medal winning activities for YOU!

Go to our website for more activities!
www.pocketsfulloffun.com

Recommended Books:

- "Weird but True! Food!"
- "Kid Athletes" by David Stabler
- "And the Winner Is...Amazing Animal Athletes" by Etta Kaner
- "G is for Gold Medal an Olympics Alphabet" by Brad Herzog
- "Ancient Greece and the Olympics" by Mary Pope Osborne
- "Eating the Alphabet" by Lois Ehlert
- "Sing and Dance in Your Polka-Dot Pants" by Eric Litwin

(The following books can be ordered through Pockets Full of Fun)

- "Kids' Kitchen" by Fiona Bird
- "Kids' Garden" by Fiona Bird
- "Grandpa's Garden" by Stella Fry
- "The Prince's Breakfast" by Joanne Oppenheim
- "The Gigantic Turnip" by Aleksey Nikolayevich Tolstoy



FUN FACTS:

- The first recorded Olympic games were in 776 BC.
- The modern Olympics began again in 1896.
- The fastest animal is the cheetah. It can run a 100 meter dash in 5.95 seconds. The human record is 9.58 seconds.
- The striped rocket frog can jump 55 times the length of its body, the human record for the long jump is 29.4 feet, less than 5 times the height of the athlete's body.
- Tomatoes, peppers, olives, corn, beans, peas, pumpkin, squash and cucumbers are actually fruit!
- Macaroni and cheese, asparagus and cotton candy are not only foods, but crayon colors as well!

Kids with hand-outs!

Laurens Public Library Foundation presents

NY Times
Best
Selling



Bring along
your own copy
of one of her
novels and get
an autograph!



Heather Gudenkauf

7 pm Monday, July 25

Laurens Public Library



Book Club members
had a salad supper
w/ author Heather.

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Heather Gudenkauf

7 pm
Monday,
July 25



Landen Tate meets with Author
Heather. Think mom. Kelly
is jealous.



Nice crowd to listen to a
delightful author.



Everyone is listening!



Crowd really enjoyed Heather.



Tammy talks to Heather

Books and digital media are the lifeblood of our local libraries. To help boost the choices for readers and to get the most up-to-date advice and information to family caregivers, Elderbridge Agency on Aging recently finished a huge donation program to 45 area libraries.

Public libraries in each of the 29 counties of the Elderbridge Service area were eligible to select up to 15 books or DVDs on the subject of how to better care for elderly or disabled family members or friends. The 27 book titles available ranged from "Helping Yourself Help Others" by former First Lady Rosalynn Carter to "Letters from Madelyn: Chronicles of a Caregiver" by Elaine K. Sanchez. Sanchez was the guest speaker at the recent Caregiver's Conference sponsored by

Elderbridge Inc. Three DVDs were also offered, "The Savvy Caregiver", "The Educated Caregiver" and "Fall Prevention for Seniors". Rita Schmidt, Fort Dodge Public Library Assistant Director, helped in selecting books for her library. Rita and the other library administrators there said they were very thankful to be included in the distribution of these books and DVDs. Rita said, "We couldn't be happier. It's always nice to add to our collection and these books are great."

Funding for the books comes from Title III of the Older Americans Act. In all, nearly 700 books and DVDs were donated to the libraries, with a total value of almost \$11,000. AARP estimates that the economic value of family caregivers in the U.S. could

be as high as \$470 billion annually! According to Forbes Financial, family caregivers provide badly needed support for relatives living at home and that the care provided by family members can cut health care costs by reducing emergency room visits and hospitalizations.

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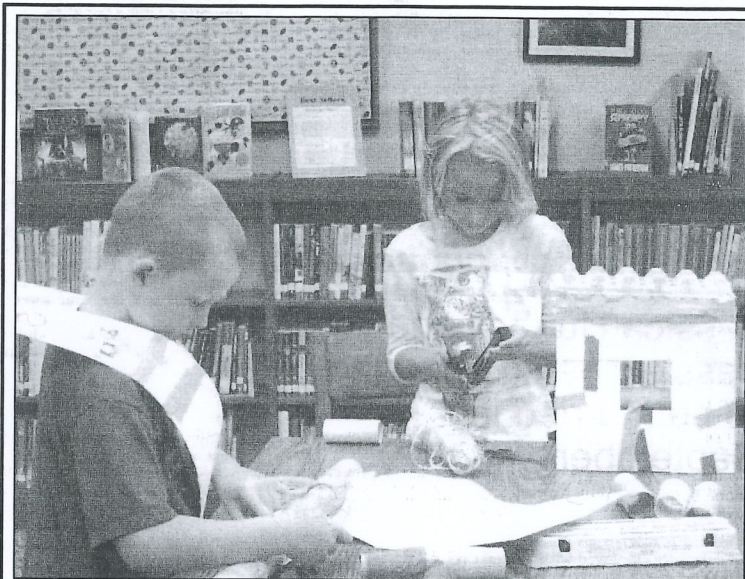
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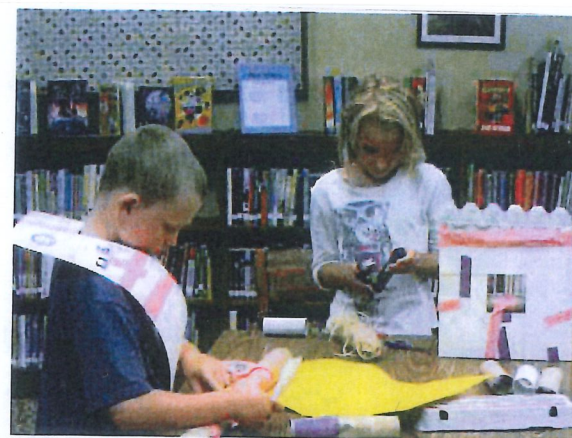


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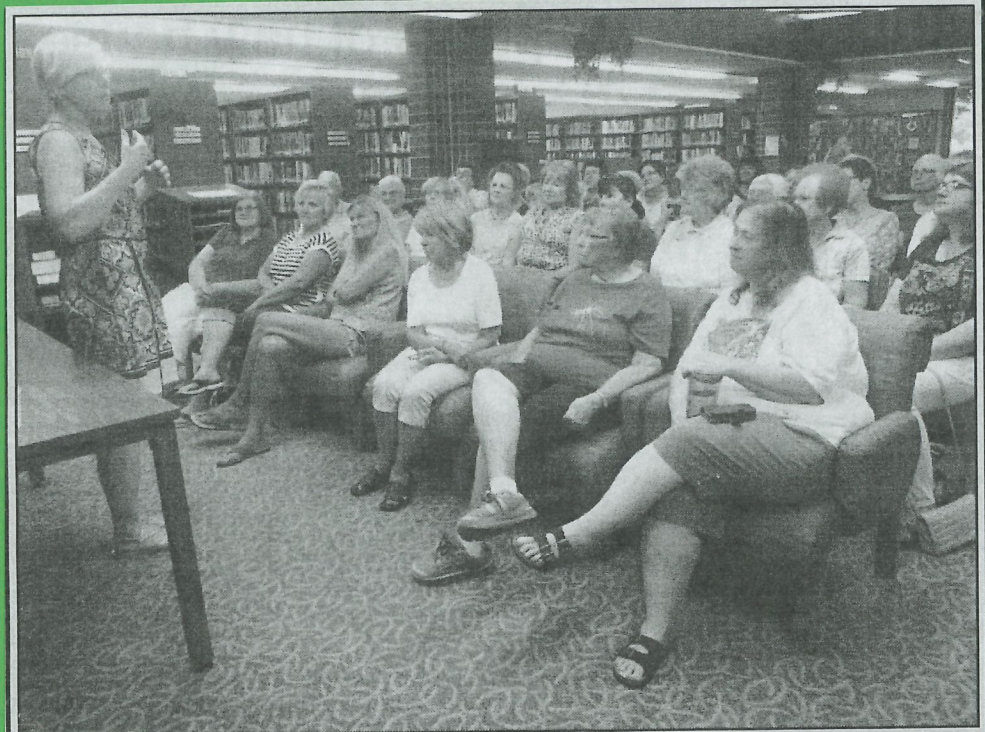
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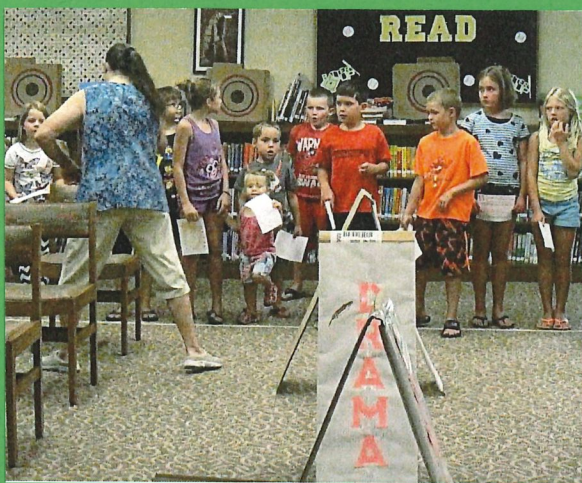
"G is for Gold" Olympic alphabet book.



Everyone made their own flag.



It's more fun with a friend, right?



Jeri demonstrates how to weave thru the chairs on obstacle course.



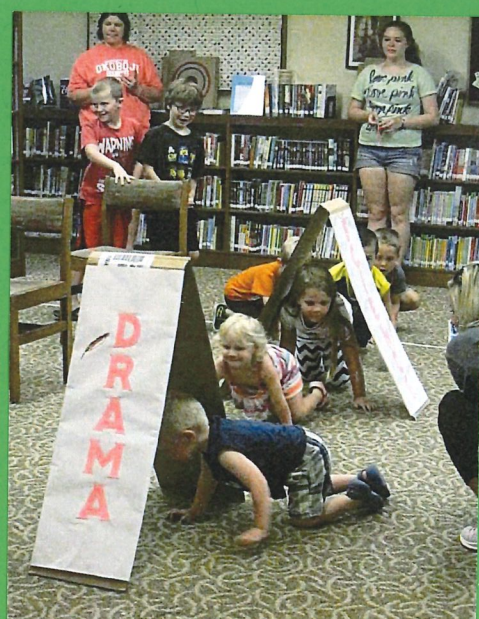
Jeri shows how to crawl through tunnels.



Passing thru the hula hoops.



Target shooting with rubber bands.



They loved crawling through the tunnels.



First you walk backwards.



High Five for a fun story time.

Madyson Main to speak about her experience volunteering at a special-needs orphanage in Romania August 6 at Laurens Public Library 7/20/16 Laurens Sun

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Questions for madyson.



Everyone listening



Nice crowd for Madyson.



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Keep Reading Week 2
August 10, 2016



Olympic Theme Storytime



Javelin (straw) throw.



Balance beam



Making our discuss



Discus throw!



Rhythmic hoops



Global relay race



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Ladies shot put.



Making a shot put of crumpled paper.



If you can hear me, hands on knees.

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Madysen Main Visits the Library

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Hannah Hubbell
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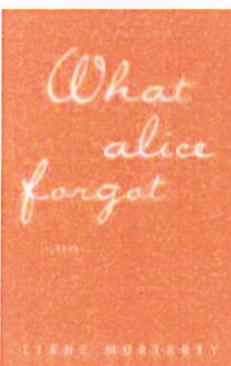
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At the Library with Glenda Mulder August 31, 2016

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September 7, 2016

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Another great sign of Fall - we will be restarting our card making classes this month! We will be meeting the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. September theme will be sympathy cards. Class size is limited, so preregistration is necessary! The cost to make three cards is still just \$5. Stop at the library to see samples of the cards we will be making and to sign up!

New nonfiction this week includes: *The Happy Medium: Life lessons from the other side* by Kim Russo. Novels include: *Three Sisters*, *Three Queens* by Philippa Gregory, *Stripped Bare* by Shannon Baker, *Because I'm Watching* by Christina Dodd, *Manitou Canyon* by William Kent Krueger, *Always a Cowboy* by Linda Lael Miller, *Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore, *The Boy Made of Blocks* by Keith Stuart, and *Another Brooklyn* by Jacque Woodson.

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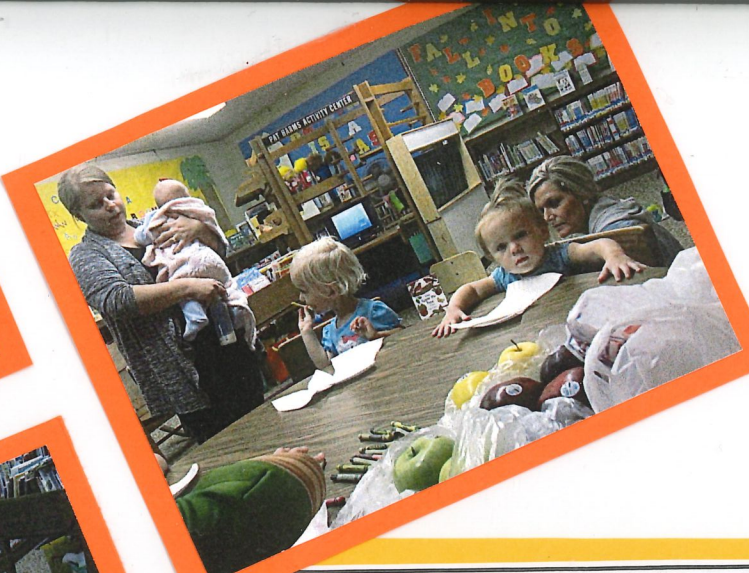
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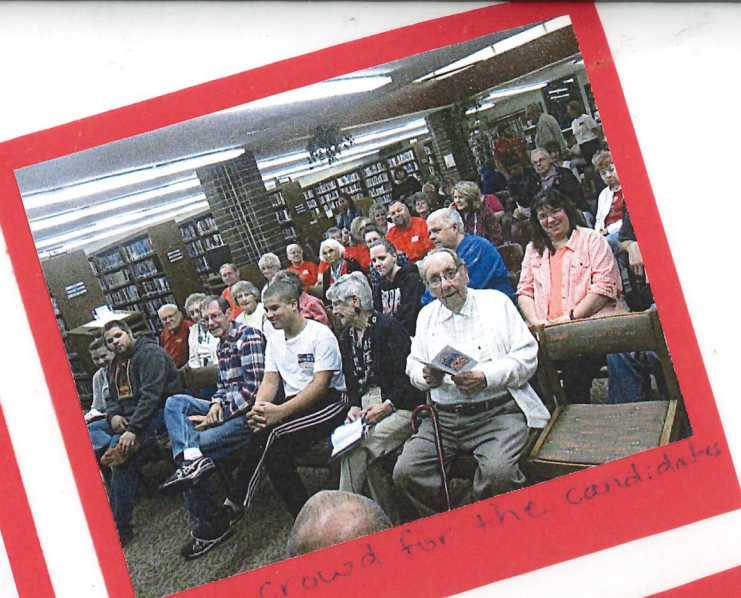
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Monday, Oct 3 @ 7 pm

Laurens Public Library



Nice crowd for the candidates



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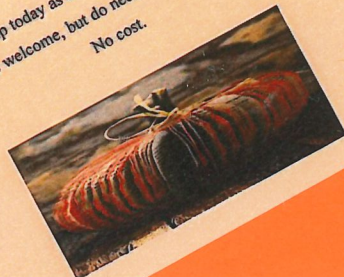
Alex Leu

Sarah Winkler organized the meet. She had questions that each candidate had.

Take It Tuesday

Please join us on Tuesday, October 4th @ 6:30 to make this cute pumpkin decoration.

Sign-up today as class size is limited to 10. Kids are welcome, but do need an adult with them. No cost.



Connie, Atay, Echo & Donna are enjoying visiting as they craft.



Gwen & Holly are painting

Our 1st Take-It-Tuesday. We made pumpkins out of old books. Everyone seemed to to really enjoy.



Kearney cutting



Gwen, Beckley, Foster, Hudson & Holly busy making pumpkins



Mother & daughter working together

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10/5 - The Paper

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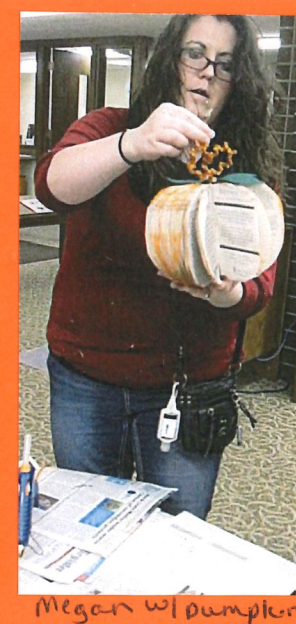
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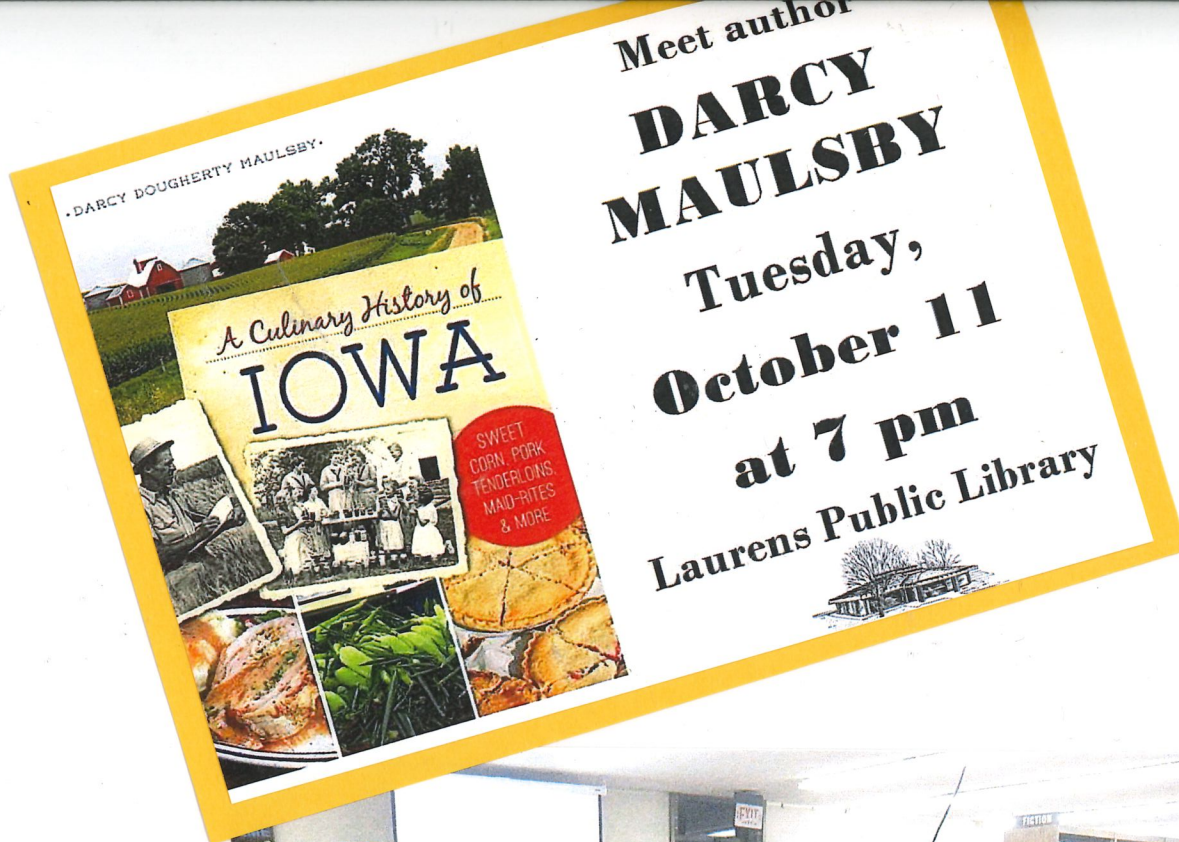
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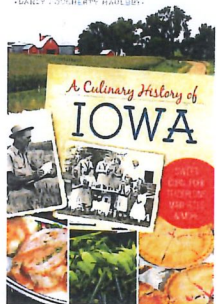
Megan w/ pumpkin





Glenda with Author Darcy:

Meet author
DARCY MAULSBY
Tuesday,
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Laurens
Public
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Really there was a picture on the screen



Admonishing us to save copies of our photos and other treasures in a safe place.



Jeannette & Mary getting their signed copies



Darcy & Kay & Ann looking at books

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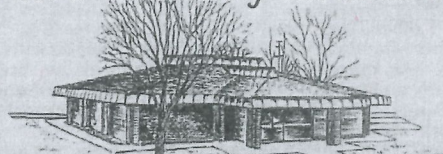
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Thank You!

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The Paper 10/19/16



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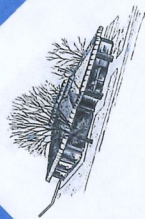
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Laurens Public Library Foundation



Thursday, October 20 • 5-7 p.m.
First Christian Church, Laurens

All proceeds will be used to fund
Laurens Library Projects



Come to the
Laquens Public Library
October 19 at 7 pm



Laquens Ecumenical Youth Group's
Mission Trip to Omaha with



Ethan Rinningburg



Each one shared their experiences
on the Mission Trip to Omaha.
We heard about Santa's Castle,
feeding meals at the Dream Center.
Also the importance of being on
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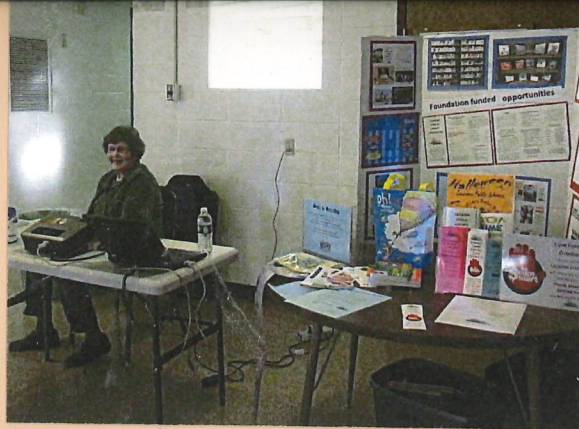
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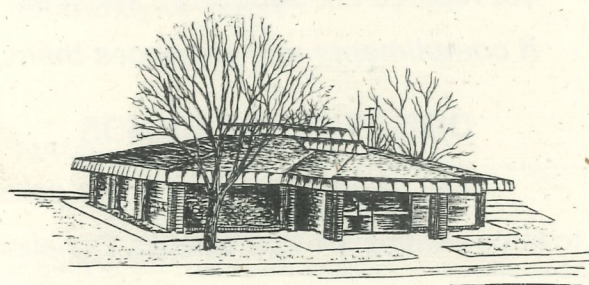


Doc Samuelson flips pancakes



Doe VanCenderen flipping pancakes

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Your gift will enable the Laurens Public Library to continue its tradition of excellence

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PANCAKE SUPPER

**5-7 pm Thursday,
October 20
Christian Church**

**THANKS to the Kiwanis
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Nice crowd



Lots of people enjoy panckes.





1 pm Tuesday,
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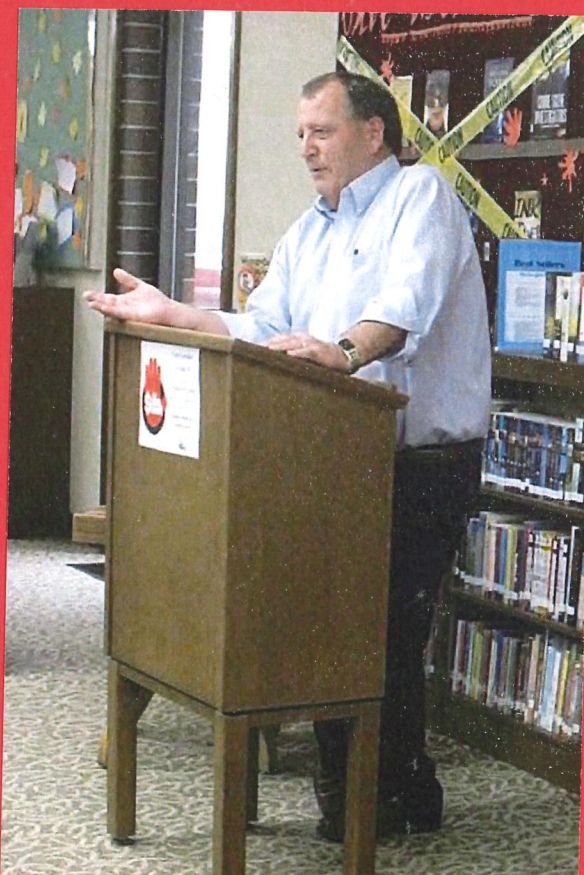
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Sharing stories of actual Scams locally.



Terry Latham + Holly Storms talk about Scams



Terry Latham speaking about Scams.



Chatting after the program

Handouts behind this page.

Can You Spot a Scam?

Test Your Knowledge of Common Frauds & Their Warning Signs

1. **You receive a phone call from someone at Microsoft who tells you viruses have been detected on your computer. In order to protect your data, you are told to immediately go to a certain website and follow the instructions on the website. You should:**
 - (a) Go to the website and follow the instructions on the website. Your computer has been running slow and you are sure it is because of the viruses that Microsoft has detected.
 - (b) Hang up the phone and do nothing.
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6. **Pete joined a dating website and met Jani online. They chatted for a few weeks and got along very well. Jani told Pete she was from Yugoslavia and was from a very wealthy family. Sadly, she had been cut off from her family trust until she was married. A few months later, Jani told Pete she would like to meet him in person and asked to borrow \$5,000 for airfare and other expenses. Should Pete send Jani the money?**
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Mission Trip Program Held at Library

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Laurens Public Library

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DEFENDING JACOB

Please return this book by our discussion
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Pocahontas County 4-H Off to a Great Start

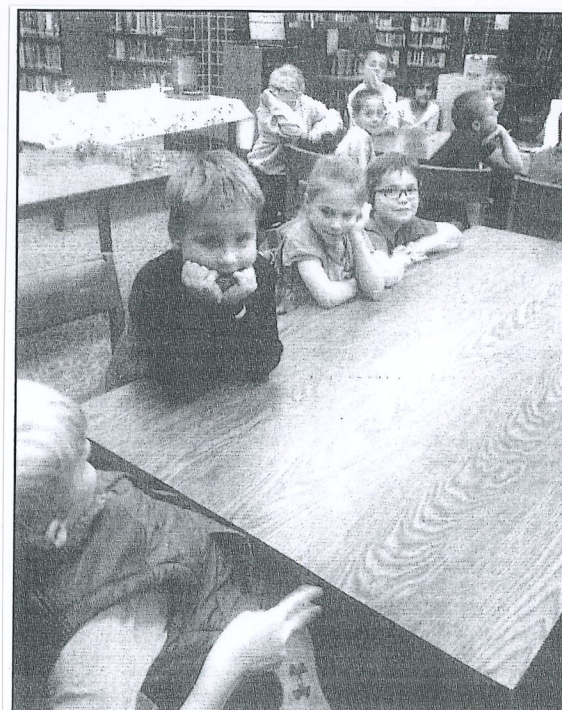


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Tot Time ~ Halloween Party 10/31/16



Pete the Cat story.



The book was "Can You Make a Scary Face?"



They liked songs today, so we did "The Itsy Bitsy Spider".



Chicken Dance Fester.



Listening to the CD of "Pete the Cat this Four Groovy Buttons."



Listening to the Humbug Witch read a story



Decorate pumpkins & then a snack.



Amelia & Hayden chose their own books to read.



Evelyn was reading to Keegan.



William the shy little lion.



Lucy & Evelyn talking.



Gannon enjoy watching the action.



Trying to get a group photo!

Halloween at the Laurens Public Library

The Magic of Larry Dunbar & Company

Monday,
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@ 7:00



Large crowd for Halloween
137 in attendance.



These kids are humming it up!



Wow, the front row takes this
very seriously!



How's this for diverse
costumes?!



Look at all the fun
costumes



Should of asked them to pose.



Cute little Kitty Princess with
her unicorn. Sawyer.



Val is not so sure about being
tied up. Kyler waits for
directions.



What's a magic show without
a balloon animal, right?



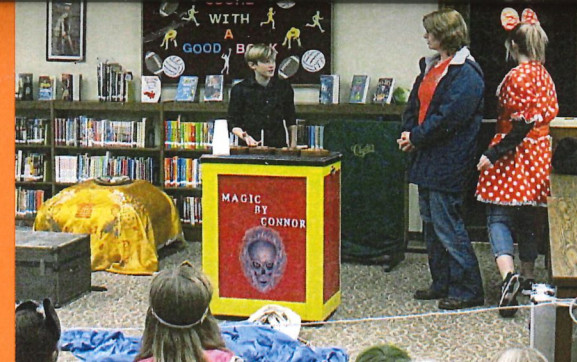
Tyr + Keegan volunteer to help
James with a trick with a
handful of nerf balls.



Who's fooling who?



After looking at the guillotine, Michelle has second thoughts.



Connor is showing off his 7 years of magic lessons with help of Jennifer.



Rayne bravely steps up in her place.



Gavin volunteered to help James with a rope trick.



Anthony's boy scout skills came in handy as he tied up Connor.



Jaydon is showing great strength by ripping the card.



The Hulk stands ready to "pick a card, any card..."



Do you think he knew she was a nurse?



Brace yourself, Gavin!

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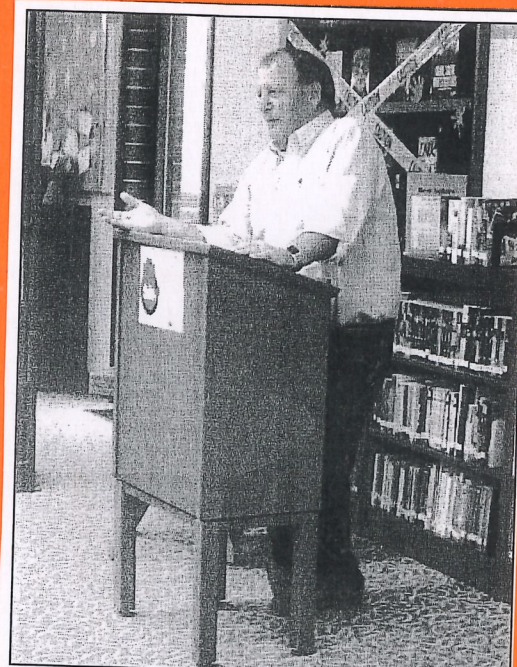
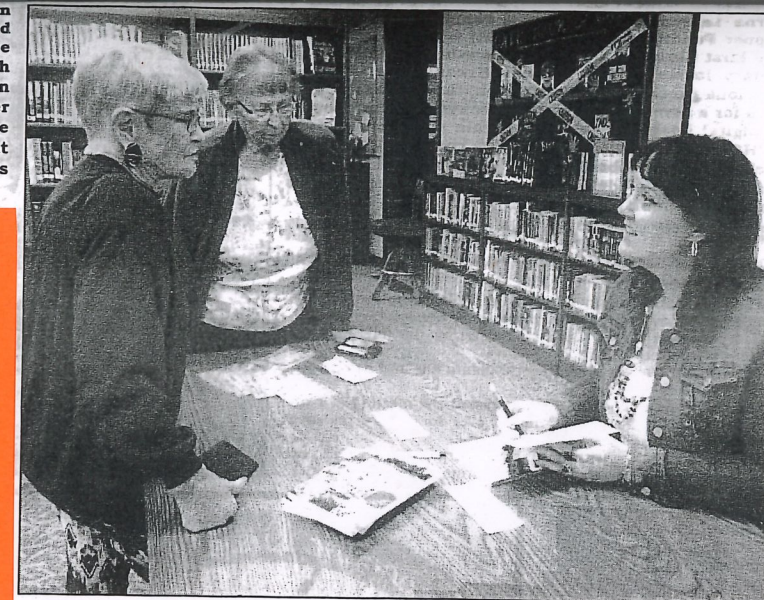
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Laurens Sun 11/2/16

The Laurens Public Library Foundation's Pancake Supper Fundraiser (pictured right) was well attended. The First Christian Church's fellowship hall filled with Library lovers as the Laurens Kiwanis flipped their delicious pancakes. Thanks to you, funds raised will be used for a new sound system, to convert historic slides to digital images, drinking fountain with bottle filler, a VHS to DVD converter as well as continuing projects such as CD audiobooks, Preschool outreach baskets, children's and adult programs, and TumbleBooks children's e-book subscription.



Be aware of scams Laurens Sun

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At the Library Laurens Sun with Glenda Mulder



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November 2, 2016

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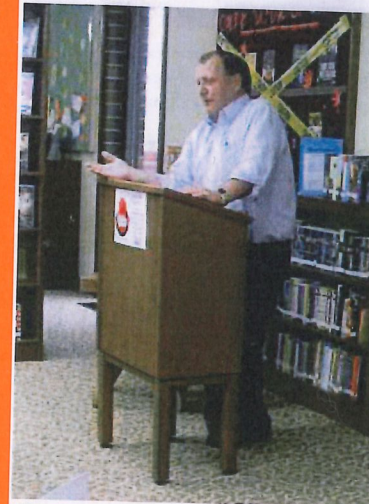
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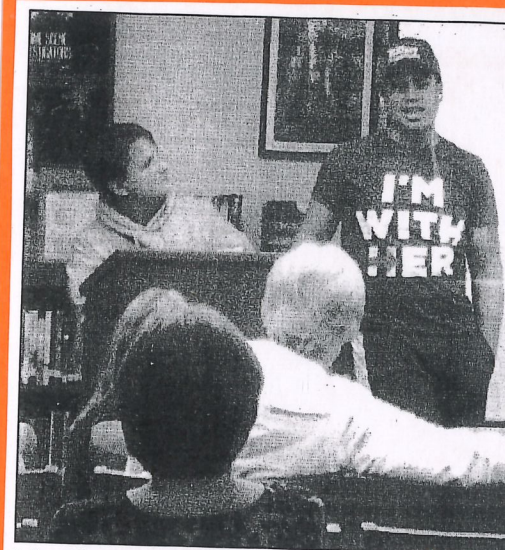
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The Paper 11/2



Youth on a mission

The Laurens Ecumenical Youth Group presented an informative program at the Laurens Library about their mission trip recently. The group traveled to Omaha to work with the organization Urban Plunge. While there, they did service projects at a variety of locations such as a food pantry, a food kitchen and Santa's Castle. As Chandler Todd stood by, Angela Christenson leader of the Laurens Ecumenical Youth Group, read a letter from his sister, former group member Maili Todd about her mission trip experience.

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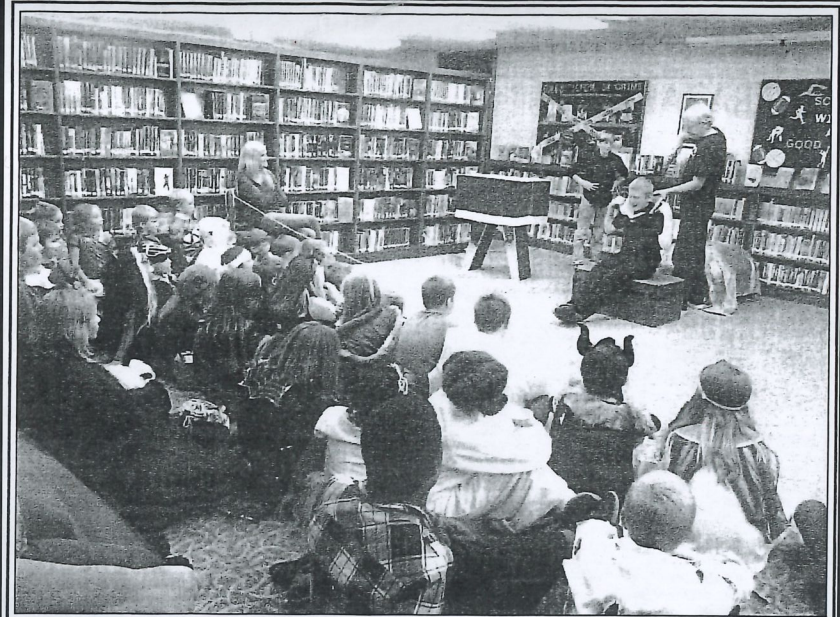
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We will supply 4 tiles each. (4" x 4")
You need to bring the scrapbook paper to modge podge.
If you want a saying on, that needs to be on the paper when you arrive that night.

Sign-up today as class size is limited to 10.
Kids are welcome, but do need an adult with them.
No cost.



Needed items:



Jeri Wessell + Holly Sanders



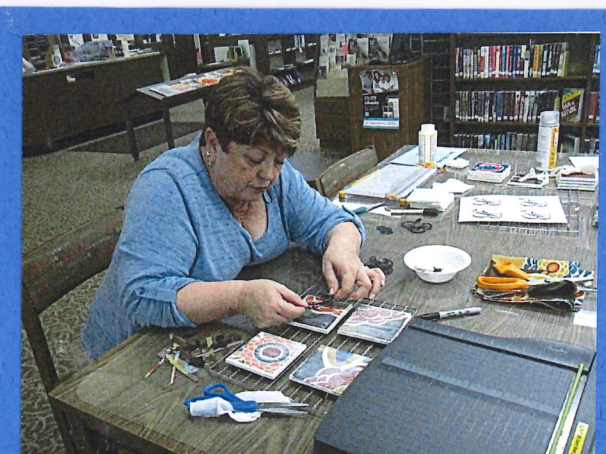
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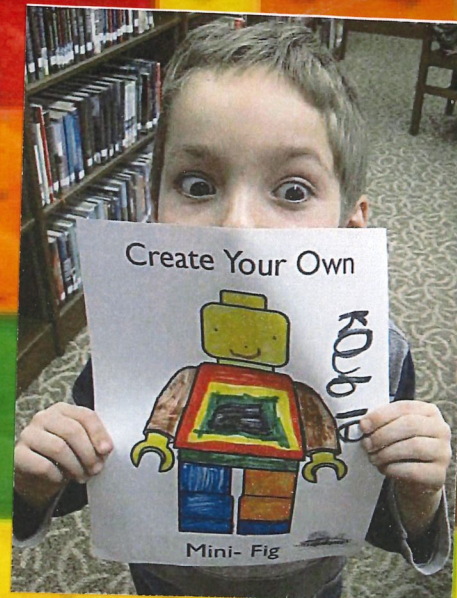
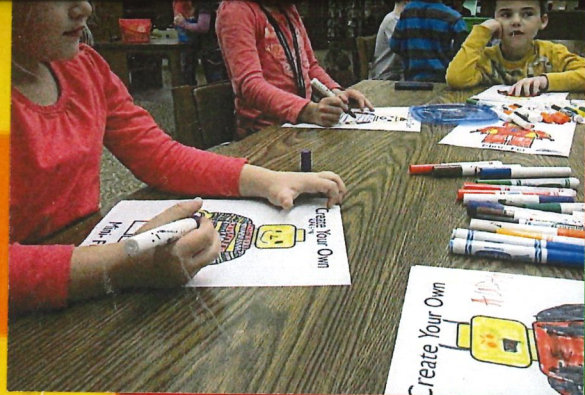
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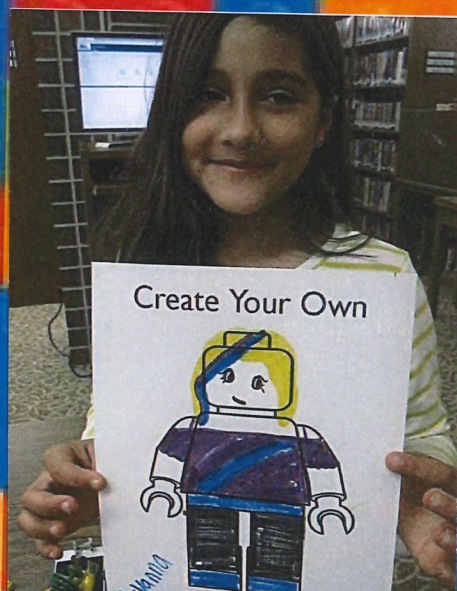
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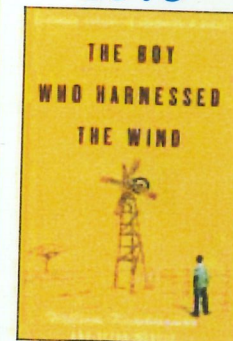
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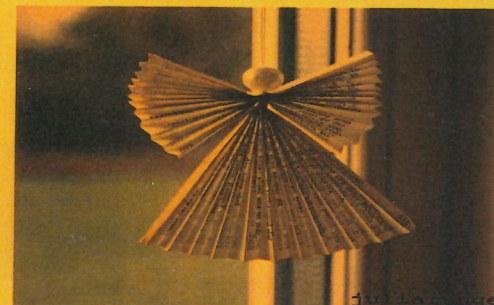
Take it Tuesday

Please join us on Tuesday, December 6th @ 6:30 to make Angel ornaments.

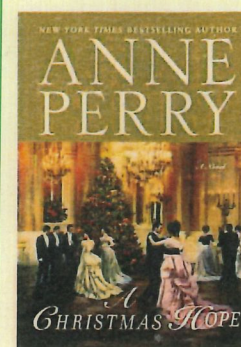
Sign-up today as class size is limited to 12.

Kids are welcome, but do need an adult with them.

No cost.



Laurens Public Library December 2016



Please return
this book by our
discussion
Monday
12/19/16
@ 7:00 pm



Trista w/ IPTV Kids clubhouse kicked off the "Ready for School" celebration with a story time activity.



Check out the new resource DVD's, books, story time and hands-on activities to learn about characters.



Kiwanis Donates to Library

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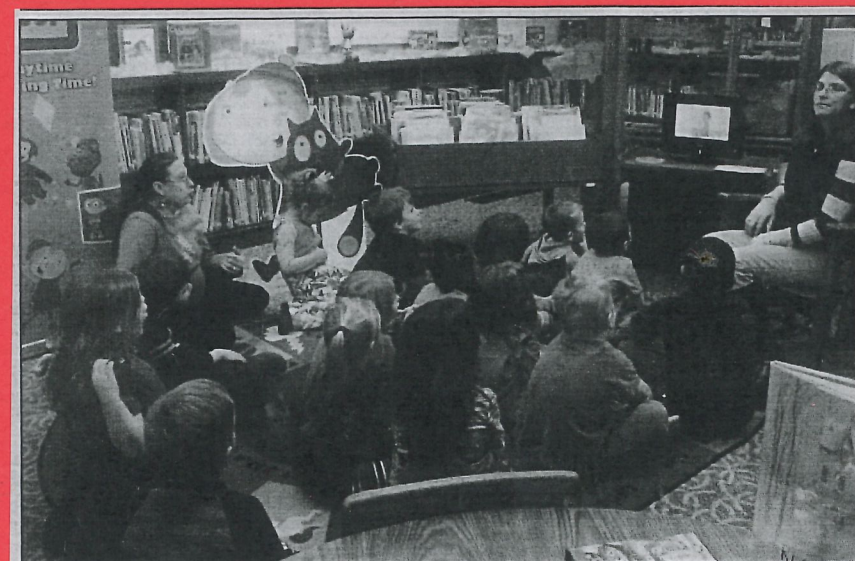
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The Paper 12/14/16

Ready for School Library Corner

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Tot Time Christmas
December 19th
Top: Beau Ho! Ho!
Bottom: Sayde Claus
Right: Trio of Santa's.

ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County After School Programs

Youth in Rolfe, Laurens, and Pocahontas created small gifts and ornaments for the holiday season. The leadership skills of the older children in Rolfe was amazing as they assisted the younger children complete their gifts. Each program is unique and is trying to fit the needs of the community. Laurens 2nd and 3rd graders meet at the Laurens Public Library at the same time the 4th through 12th grade in Laurens have their 4-H Meeting. Pocahontas children meet at PAC, serving the children of Pocahontas and surrounding areas. Rolfe children meet at the Rolfe Public Library. If you have a child in 2nd through 12th grade and would like them involved in 4-H or ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County programs, please call the Extension office at 712-335-3103 or email lzeman@iastate.edu.



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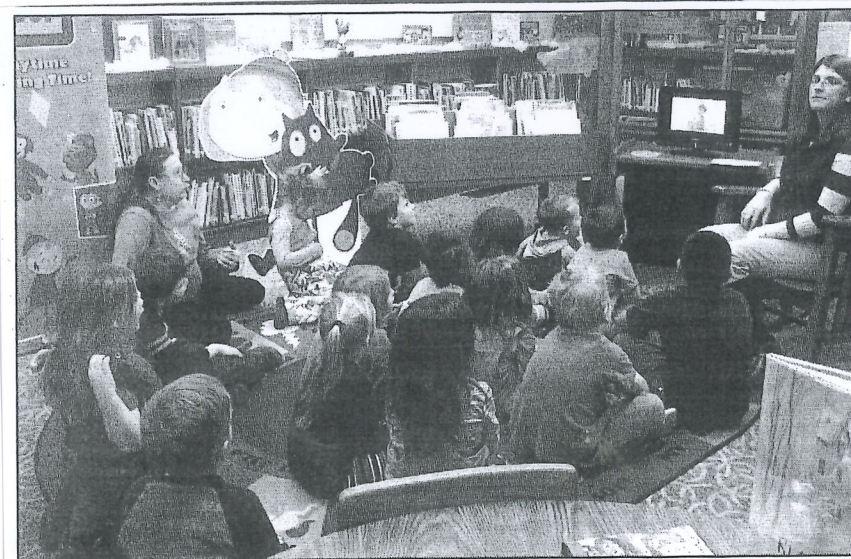
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2. A Little Bubbly for Christmas