

January 8, 2019

- A new RICOH copier/printer was installed.
- The Library received a \$2999 grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation to purchase a set of Musical flowers to be installed in front of the Library as an addition to our Music Garden.
- Library Director Glenda Mulder was awarded Pocahontas County's first "Boss of the Year" by the Pocahontas County Economic Development Commission "For demonstrating a remarkable commitment and passion to the vitality of Pocahontas County's business climate through excellent leadership, work ethic, and positive attitude."
- Pocahontas County librarians attended their annual meeting with the County Supervisors to update them on services, and request funding.

February 12, 2019

- Biennial Election of Officers turned up the same slate: Pat Boughey is President, Dwight Van Genderen is Vice President, and Connie Dallenbach is Secretary.

March 12, 2019

- Assistant Director Deb Hertz received word that we qualified for another round of ALLI Grant Art Classes. This is a joint project of the Iowa Arts Council and the State Library of Iowa.

April 9, 2019

- A series of four "Let Your Paint Brush Dance" watercolor classes were taught by Deb Burow of Spencer, courtesy of the ALLI grant.
- Programs included "Iowa: The 29th State" by Dave Baker
- New computer was purchased to be used by the Library Director.

May 2, 2019

- Joint meeting of Bethany Lutheran Church Council and the Laurens Library Board was held to discuss farm tiling.
- The consensus was that since we are getting top dollar for rent, we should split the cost of replacing broken tile, and not expect the tenant to pay for repairs. Cost will not be known until they get it dug up.

May 14, 2019

- New chairs to be used for our special programs have been delivered. This was a Library Foundation project.
- Linda McCann talked about her book, "Prisoners of War in Iowa"
- The Musical Flowers have been delivered for the Music Garden.

June 18, 2019

- Tom Shaw presented “The War of the Rebellion; The Role of Iowa’s 32nd Volunteer Infantry in the Red River Campaign.”
- Our share of the tile repair was \$325.
- Summer Reading theme is “A Universe of Stories” Story Times are Wednesdays at 1 pm. Special programs include Blank Park Zoo, Pocahontas County Naturalist, Pockets Full of Fun puppets, and the Science Center of Iowa. LegoMania every Friday, of course!
- New water heater was installed.
- Glenda completed staff evaluations, The Board will evaluate the Director. All staff will receive 3% raises beginning July 1st.
- Insurance check for damage to the roof from the May 1st hail storm was \$126,873. A bid for replacement for replacement of \$46,927.11 was accepted from Ramirez Roofing. Any balance left over will go to the Library reserve fund.

July 9, 2019

- Music Garden was dedicated with a ceremony the Friday night of Laurens’s Summer Celebration.
- “The Book Club” was chosen as an appropriate title for this month’s book discussion. It is the 150th book our Book Club has read!

August 13, 2019

- Small Business Marketing Workshop was held at the Library. It was sponsored by Pocahontas County Economic Development and the Small Business Development Center.
- In a joint meeting with the Bethany Lutheran Church Council and the Library Board, farm rent for next year was set at \$250 per acre.

September 10, 2019

- A charging post with an LED light on it was installed by LMP&C adjacent to the Music Garden and concrete picnic pad beside the Library. The charging post was a Library Foundation project.
- Another Foundation project, automatic doors for both restrooms were installed.
- Foundation Fund Raiser Supper was held.
- Annual Survey has been submitted to the State Library of Iowa.

October 8, 2019

- The new roof on the Library building has been installed by Ramirez Roofing.
- Kathy Wilson’s “Fashions to Die For” and our Halloween magician again drew big crowds.

November 12, 2019

- The State Library of Iowa is now offering a shipping service, free between libraries. Mobius will have once a week pickup and delivery.
- The State Library is now also offering WhoFi; this service will give us statistics on our wifi usage.
- Library staff participated in Poky County STEM day at Laurens-Marathon.
- Story Teller Darrin Crow presented “Coal Car Riggs and Little Eva – The Great Depression in Iowa.”
- New fire resistant book drop has been delivered and will be installed by the City crew soon.

December 10, 2019

- Library staff studied the Library’s approach and Entrance and found them to be ADA compliant.
- Proposed budget of \$132,800 with the City’s share being \$83,947 plus benefits was approved by the Board. This is virtually the same as last year, due to a reduction in postage costs, and no need to add to our Capital Improvement fund.
- Director has begun working on the Accreditation Report, which is filed with the State Library of Iowa every three years. It has undergone major changes this year, so is taking more time.
- New book drop has been installed.