

Take it Tuesday

Please join us on Tuesday, January 3rd @ 6:30 to make a Hobo Bag.

Sign-up today as class size is limited.

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

Need to bring your own t-shirt.



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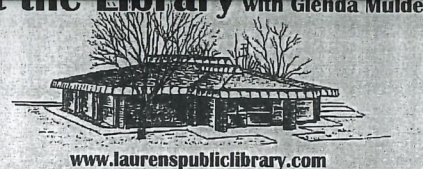
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Last fall when local librarians discussed future county-wide projects, the possibility of making this book accessible and searchable online came up. Laurens librarian Glenda Mulder contacted the Advantage Company, which the four County libraries with newspaper databases use, for an estimate. "When the quote came back quite reasonable, I knew we would be able to proceed" Mulder said. With the blessing of the rest of the County librarians, she contacted Marcia Leu, President of the Pocahontas County Historical Society about the project. Marcia saw a future in the collaboration and put it on the agenda for the next meeting. Members unanimously approved, with one citing the opinion that since they were the originators of the book, they should foot the bill to make it usable for an entire new generation.

Pocahontas Library had an extra copy of the book, so librarian Lola DeWall boxed it up and mailed it to Cedar Rapids. The Advantage Company then unbound the book, scanned and digitized the pages. Links to "Pocahontas County Iowa History," as well as local newspapers back to the original issues can be found with these links:

Fonda: <http://newell.advantage-preservation.com/>

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No password is needed, simply enter your search term or name, then press "Go." When the results are displayed, you can read them all or narrow down your selections by the original source or by date. Stop by or call your library if you have any questions.

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and Outreach Pocahontas County After School Program

2nd and 3rd graders from Laurens Marathon and the Laurens 4-H club met at the Laurens Public Library on January 9. Corinne Peterson, Pocahontas County Naturalist, presented on snowflakes and children made snow globes.

It is not too late to join this group, if you would like your child in 2nd -12th grade to be involved, please contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Office at 712-335-3103

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with Glenda Mulder
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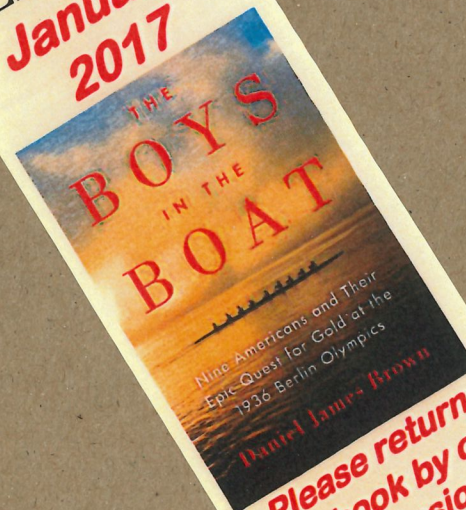
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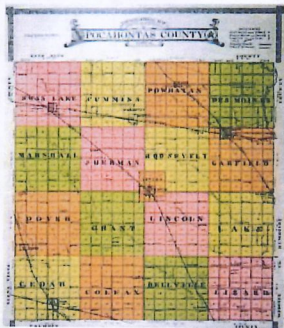
L-M Readers' Theater Group Performs at the Library

L-M Readers' Theater group took advantage of the crowd assembled for "From Scythes to Silos" and showed patrons at the Laurens Public Library why their selection "Going Around in Academic Circles" is advancing to State Speech. Thanks to Tyr Wilson, Tori Reese, Alexis Seitz, Chandler Todd, Hannah Runneberg, Sydney Harrold, Jonathan Kirsch, as well as coaches Brian Peterson & Sabrina Booth for sharing your talents!

From Scythes to Silos

The First Fifty Years of Farming in Pocahontas County

Presented by Connie Dallenbach & Dorothy Lamberti
Pocahontas County Historical Museum



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Laurens Public Library



Nice crowd for Connie + Dorothy's program.



Connie shows a twist of local prairie grass which is what the settlers burned for fuel.



Artifacts brought from the Pocahontas County Historical Museum.



Connie + Dorothy giving program.



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Laurens Sun 2/8/17



Lyle Wallin reading as Peg Milton looks on.

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The Paper 2/8/17

Dorothy Lamberti + Connie Dallenbach. Connie holding the planter her forfather used to plant corn here in Pocahontas County



Got a bonus for the night as the speech kids did a Readers Theater Ty Wilson, Tori Reese, Alexis Seitz, and the three boys.

Laurens

Quiet time

Library improves, vets group expands

By PETER KASPARI
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LAURENS — For the Busiest Little Town in Iowa, winter time has been pretty quiet, according to city manager Hilary Reed.

But that's not to say there hasn't been anything going on.

Since joining the city in October, Reed said there have been a few projects in the city that were either completed or are expected to continue this year.

In November, Reed said the town completed the Prairie Park trail project.

"It's connecting our Prairie Preservation Park to our Sportsman Park Trail," Reed said.

She added that the city received a large grant to help pay for the project.

There have also been a number of city projects ongoing recently.

"The water plant has new RL membranes going in today (January)," she said. "The pool committee is fundraiser for the new pool."

The fundraiser has been an ongoing project for a number of years,

with the ultimate goal of replacing the town's pool.

"The (city) council approved the final plan of how it will look and what they're all going to do with that," she said. "They're one step closer, now that they have the design in place."

Other ongoing projects include the West Main Street repair project, which is on hold right now due to the winter. That project has been ongoing for a few years, Reed said.

"And we want to finish that this year," she said.

She added that Laurens Hometown Pride has applied for a Keep Iowa Beautiful grant, and wants to use that to restrain the pergolas at Memory Lane Park, located in downtown Laurens.

Across the street at the Laurens Public Library, director Glenda Mulder said she and her staff were busy in 2016 and are continuing to stay that way.

The biggest project the library took part in last year was digitizing the history of Pocahontas County and putting all the information online.

Mulder said it was a collaborative effort between all the county libraries and the Pocahontas County Historical Society, which has a museum located right next door to the library.

"They wrote this wonderful book about Pocahontas County history in 1981," Mulder said. "They published it and it's a great resource and it's now available online through the county libraries that have their newspapers digitized



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LEFT: LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Director Glenda Mulder, left, and Children's Librarian Jeri Wenell, look over a recently refurbished area of the library that was created thanks to a partnership with Iowa Public Television. Mulder said IPTV provided books and DVDs for early childhood literacy.

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A link can be found on the library's website, and it includes other resources such as county newspapers and the Laurens centennial book.

"It's especially awesome because it was never indexed," Mulder said. "Unless you knew right where to look, you had to look through a lot to get there, where now you can use a search term and find out things you're looking for."

"I'm pretty excited about that one," Mulder added.

The library itself also saw a number of changes. The lighting inside the building was replaced with LED lights, and Mulder said the exterior lights will be replaced soon.

"We're kind of excited about that," she said. "No more flickering fluorescence."

Jeri Wenell, a retired kindergarten teacher, also joined the staff as the new children's librarian.

Together, with assistant director Deb Hertz, the library staff often goes out into the community.

Mulder said Hertz deliv-

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ters, nursing homes and homebound residents, while Wenell delivers children's books to the day cares and child care centers.

In addition, Mulder said the library recently formed a partnership with Iowa Public Television for early school readiness and early school literacy.

"They brought a bunch of books and DVDs and a story time carpet," she said. "So that's kind of fun."

A local nonprofit aimed at helping veterans also saw expansion in 2016.

Rally 4 Veterans was started in January 2015 by a group of Laurens residents who wanted to help veterans.

One of its board members is Vani Ahlers, a local business owner.

"Our mission is to engage 99 counties to have an annual fundraiser that will go towards benefitting an Iowa veteran," Ahlers said.

In 2015, the 5013(c) group raised \$15,000 for the Fisher House Foundation, which provides free housing to veterans and their families. That money also supported three veterans for the Brushy Creek Area Honor Flight.

Last year, \$20,000 was raised for the Puppy Jake Foundation, which trains service dogs for veterans.

This year, Ahlers said Rally 4 Veterans wants to get to the "heart of Iowa."

"We want to work with the counties working for us," she said. "The three veterans from the Honor Flight were from counties that supported us."

As of now, six counties are supported by Rally 4 Veterans. Ahlers said she wants to expand it to all 99 counties in the state.

She has reached out to either the VFW or Amvets in every county to find a veteran that needs assistance they aren't receiving.

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THE LAURENS CITY COUNCIL recently approved the designs for a new pool as part of the ongoing pool project.

"Let's say a veteran needs a ramp of some sort," she said. "We would try to go to the places in that town that sell that type of equipment to build that and see what kind of deal they would give us."

Rally 4 Veterans members also help the volunteers out.

Once they find what the veterans need, Ahlers said the group will set its fundraising goal for the year.

"We will help a veteran in each county as far as our funds will take us," she said. "And in 2018 we want to continue with other counties coming on board."

She would love to see Rally 4 Veterans expand to other states as well.

"It would be a neat thing because it's bringing counties within your state together to help one another for common good," Ahlers said.

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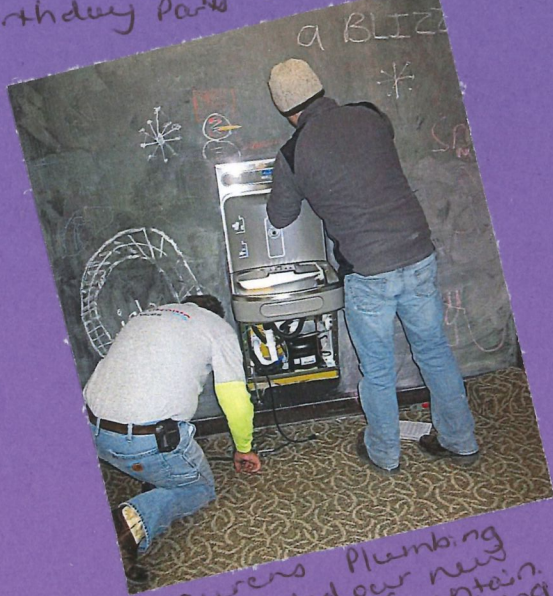
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Bonnie Stevens + Jeri Wenell reliving childhood by playing Cat's cradle at Birthday Party



Laurens Plumbing installed our new water fountain w drinking water filter!

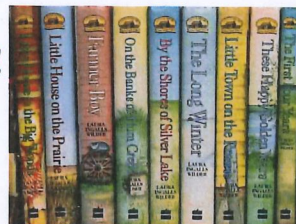


Deb Hertz + Becky Braesch discussing which glue works best

Laura Ingalls Wilder
150th Birthday
February 7, 2017
Come & Go 1-3 pm

LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Trivia
Contest!



Games!

THERE WILL BE CAKE

mmm wedding cake + Pound cake made from recipes Connie Dallenbach found in Little House Cook book.



Take it Tuesday

Please join us on
Tuesday, February 7th
to make Valentines.



Jeri + Judy picking right supplies to make Valentine cards

Librarians provide supervisors with annual update

By Chris Vrba

"It was books abound as librarians from across the county gathered at the Pocahontas Board of Supervisors meeting last week to provide their annual update of what's been going on at their particular book repositories.

Countywide, the nine libraries circulated nearly 104,000 items, added 352 new patrons and 5,780 new items, hosted 513 kids' programs with 8,251 area whippersnappers in attendance, while 343 children enrolled in summer reading programs. Likewise, the libraries played host to 397 adult programs attended by 4,849 people.

"We think that's just fabulous," said Pocahontas Public Library director Lola DeWall, who provided the overview. "Our programs are very vital and a something we can provide to the communities."

Specifically, the librarians provided details on some of the highlights in their particular patch of the prairie.

In Rolfe, summer reading participation jumped from 27 to 40 kids, with an additional 33 kids programming events being held throughout the year. Additionally, 48 kids have been part of a young adult program.

In Fonda, preschool story time has become a travelling show to help bring the same activities into a home-based daycare. "They don't have to haul the little babies out to a story time," said director Linda Mercer.

Palmer's offering Roku streaming devices to patrons. The library will have 4 such devices, which plug into a computer or TV with internet access. The library will buy 4 Netflix subscriptions to accompany the Roku boxes, and patrons can utilize existing

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Director Brenda Mulder.

Gilmore City's updating to new web-based accreditation standards as well as digitizing old newspapers and school yearbooks.

Similarly, Plover's put its card catalog online and has expanded an adult reading program where participants can win prizes provided by Northwest Communications.

In Pocahontas, LED lighting has been installed, new screens and a projector were added in the community room, collection updates continue to be made, and iPads continue to be a popular item DeWall said.

In Varina, the county's littlest library continues to be a gathering staple for community groups. "We're open 5 hours a week and our coffee pot is always on," relayed Norma Gehrig.

They all thanked the supervisors for their continued support.



A total of 40 projects received funding for a plethora of projects on Wednesday as part of the annual Pocahontas County Foundation community betterment grant program, including park improvements at Sportsman's Park, and STEM-based learning equipment at Kids Korner, among others. Grant recipients (above) posed for a group picture at the Rialto Theatre in Pocahontas. Photo by Chris Vrba.

Five Laurens projects net more than \$15,000 in funding from Pocahontas County Foundation

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"Toot! Toot! Here we come," hollered Dick Gruber, the ever-jovial mayor of Pocahontas, as he barreled down the walkway of the Rialto like a freight train to pick up a check that will be used to build a replica train that will double as playground equipment at Elbert Park.

"We're bringing the train

back to Pocahontas!" Gruber declared.

The light-hearted moment served to highlight the palpable feeling of excitement throughout the theater as representatives from service groups and organizations received grants from the Pocahontas County Foundation that will help fund 40 projects in all nine county

other assistive devices that can be used by county residents as they recover from injuries and surgeries.

The county historical society's award will be used to help archive its photo collection - and make it easier for residents to submit their family photos. "We need your help," remarked Dorothy Lamberti, "please scan your photos and send them to us."

Two awards will make the county sound quite a bit better. At the Rialto, an award of \$1,000 will allow the theater complete its sound system upgrade. "We'll be fully 7.1 surround. We'll be up to the

communities.

All told, the foundation awarded nearly \$87,000 in grants Wednesday afternoon - a week later than originally planned after winter weather forced a delay the previous Wednesday.

"We're developing a park on the west side of town," said Gilmore City Hometown Pride member Russell Naeve, who said his organization's check for \$3,250 will help install signage - just the latest step in a project that will gradually unfold over several years. "It's a great addition to our town, but

we've got many more phases to go."

Another place that has seen a dramatic transformation as a result of sustained efforts by Hometown Pride volunteers is Varina. Shortly after the program began, members determined they'd focus on the city park - something that hadn't seen any improvements in about 40 years.

That isn't the case today, as Varina members have steadily replaced equipment and infrastructure while adding to

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Hometown Pride Community Coach Margo Underwood addressed attendees at Wednesday's Pocahontas County Foundation event held in Pocahontas. Photo by Chris Vrba.

Margo Underwood

2017 Grant Awards

	Amount Funded
its	\$619.93
	\$1,195.00
	\$3,250.00
M Projects	\$1,560.00
Pet Waste Dispenser	\$2,337.50
n	\$2,626.17
er	\$769.00
al - Phase 1	\$5,030.00
ions	\$3,800.00
1	\$558.00
ts	\$949.50
ancements	\$1,700.00
nts	\$1,242.00
aining Area	\$1,926.01
ion STEM Activities	\$4,085.29
Centers	\$1,500.00
	\$4,452.00
	\$780.00
ancements	\$7,487.00
Boards	\$1,221.56
ountain Attachments	\$1,392.00
lags	\$7,498.00
	\$1,000.00
s	\$2,720.00
	\$1,070.00
tas County - STEM	\$1,199.88
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	\$10,000.00
	\$558.00
	\$2,200.00
	\$1,850.00
	\$3,924.08
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Deb Hertz Asst. Librarian accepted award for Laurens Library

At the Library with Glenda Mulder February 8, 2017



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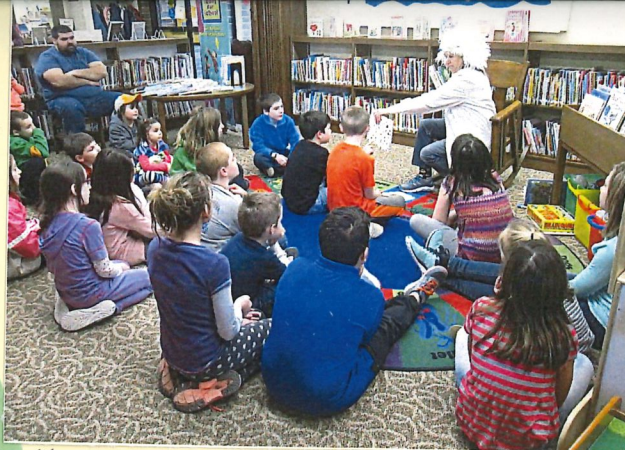
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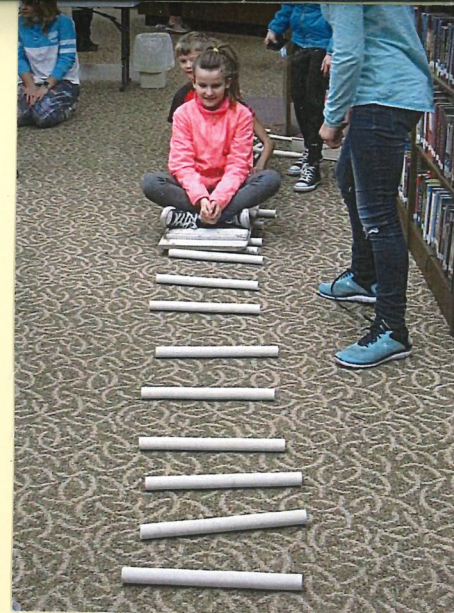
Tinker, Mix & Make



1 o'clock
Wednesday, February 15
Laurens Public Library



Children's Librarian Jeri Weneil and the Mad Scientist reading to the kids



Getting pipes all set-up so Kaden can have a ride



Making the slime. First the glue, then add water. Then add liquid starch then mix, mix, mix.



Kids Korner Director Heather Totten gives the pendulum a whirl.



Setting the target just right is fun.



Karsyn takes a turn for a ride across the library.



Doing the last step in making slime.



Karsyn, Liam & Kable having marble races



Raelyn was happy they moved some marbles to the floor.

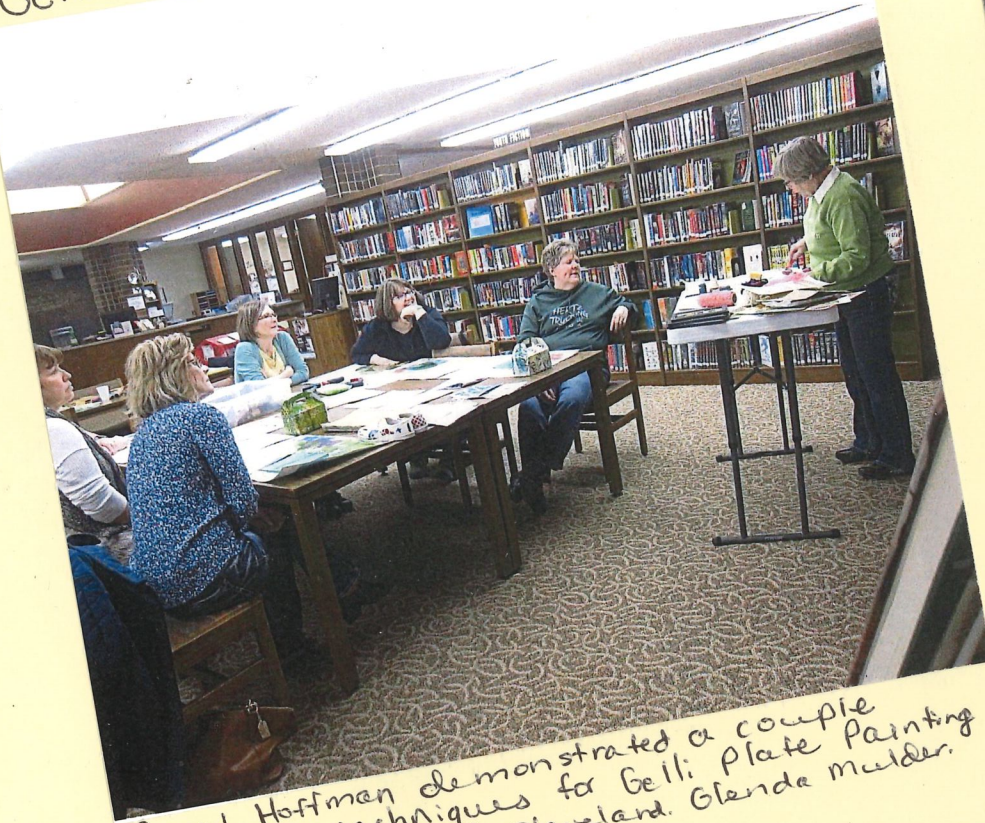


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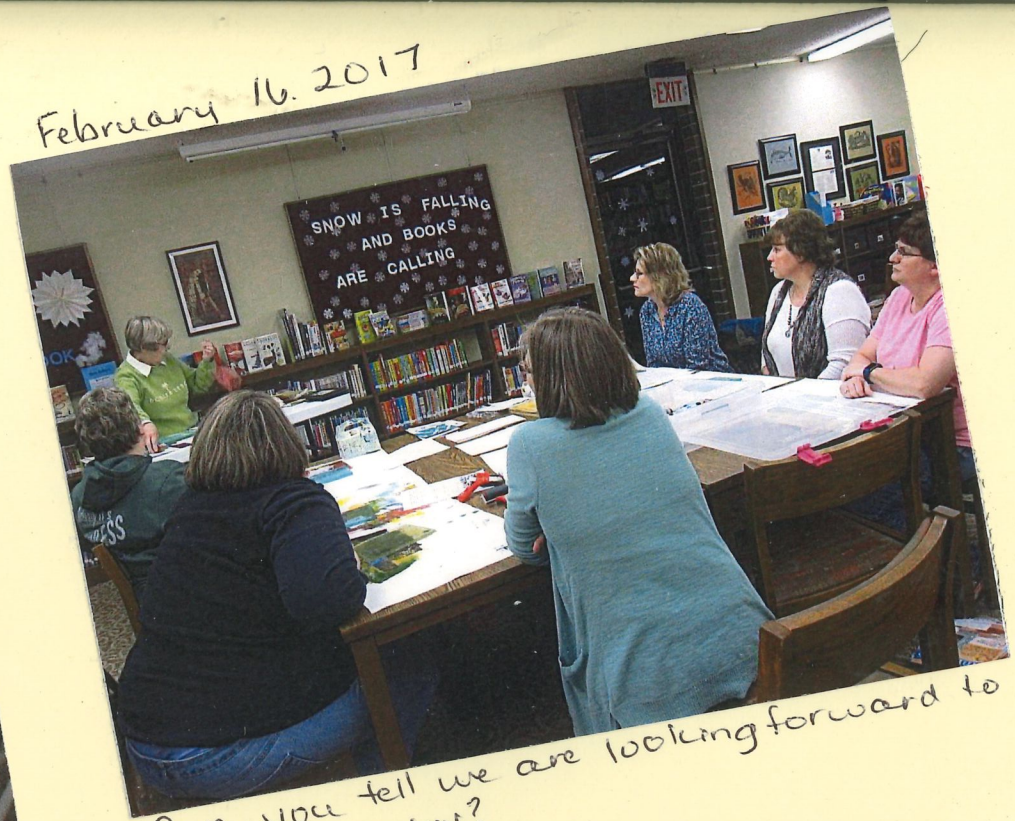
What can you make with water + biodegradable peanuts?

Gelli: Plate Painting by Carol Hoffman



Carol Hoffman demonstrated a couple different techniques for Gelli Plate Painting Anita Johnson, Brenda Cleveland, Glenda Mulder, Julie Wurr & Deb Heitz

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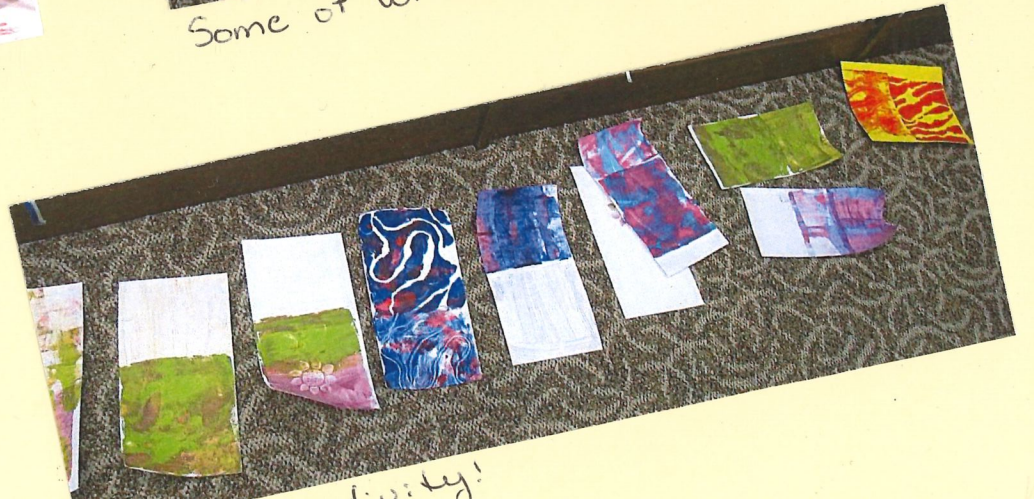
Can you tell we are looking forward to giving it a try?



Paints, stamps, stencils. oh my!



Some of what our creativity created!



Wow!



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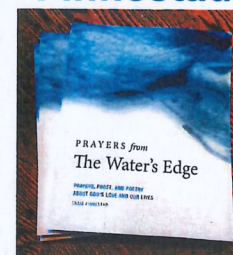
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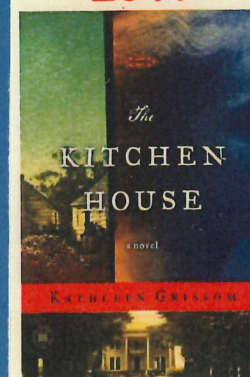
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Laurens native, Child of God,
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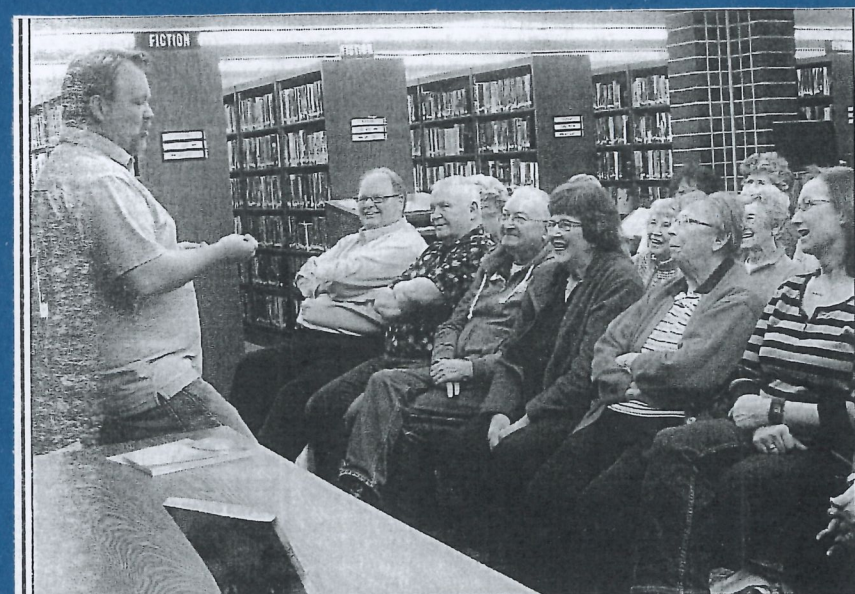
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Nice crowd for Craig Finnestad



Tells about his life & writing
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Craig signing books with
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Tot Time Monday March 6th



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Children's Librarian Jeri Wenell Reading Farm Books



These kids are really enjoying the farm books.



Here come the animals!

Lynn Wenell is holding a wiggle Piggie!



Connor sees the Lamb.



Then we went outside to see a calf and another lamb.

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Jennifer Valentine putting finishing touches on her bunny



Created by Deb Hertz



Erika Boer painting her bunny Julie in the back hot glue



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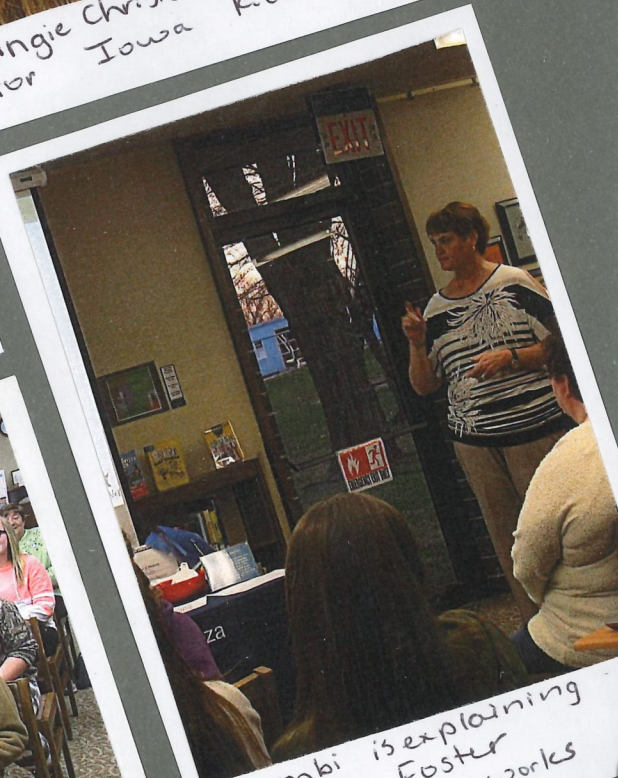
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The Paper 4/12

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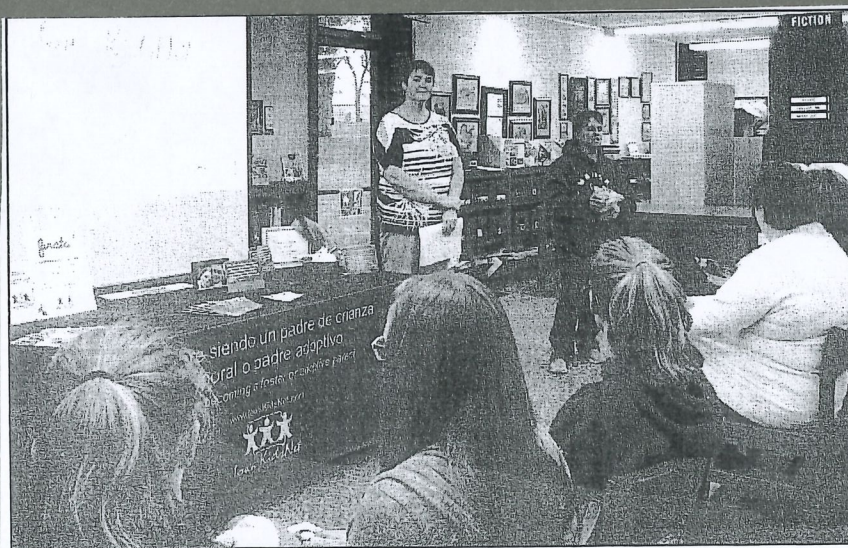
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Sue explains property assessments



Taking questions



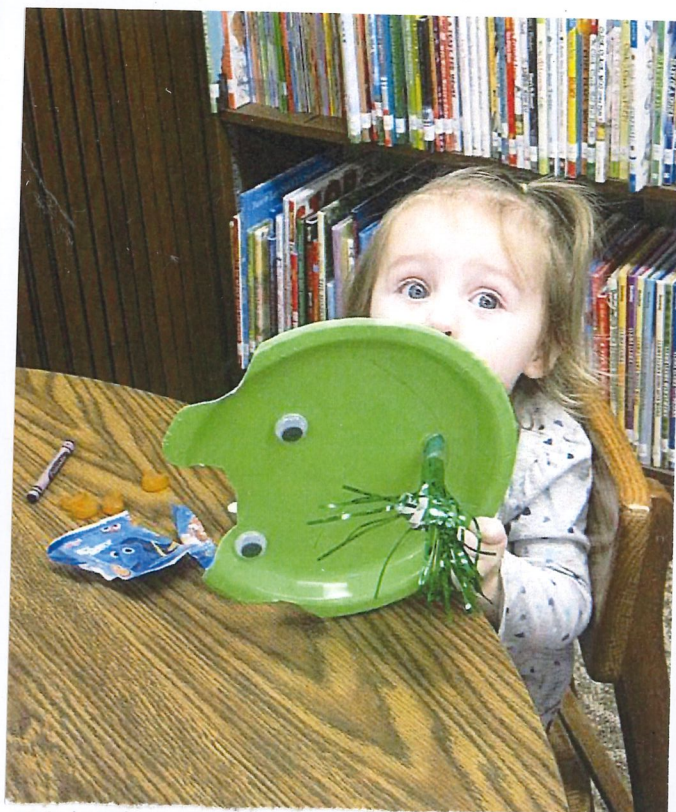
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Graphic Novel display in Youth + Junior area



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FedEx Truck stopped to make a special delivery on Tuesday April 25, 2017



One of 4 boxes that were delivered



3 seats + 1 table all unpackaged. Ready to slide together

The New Teen Space set-up for the kids. Just needs the electrical hook-up.



FedEx delivery man getting the center table out of box.



All assembled. Very easy to move around

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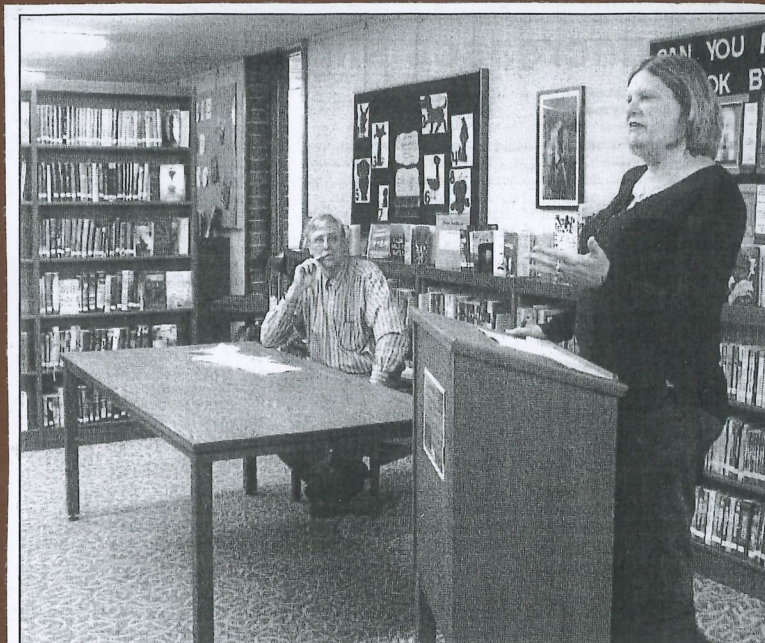
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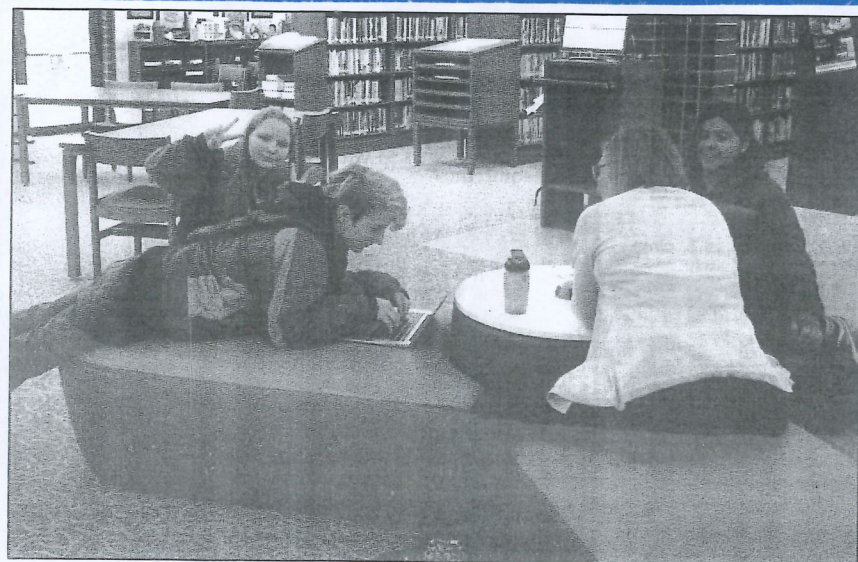
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May 10, 2017

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Laurens Sun 6/17/17

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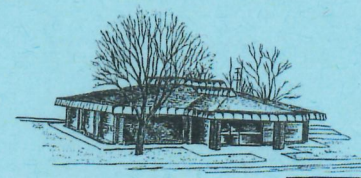
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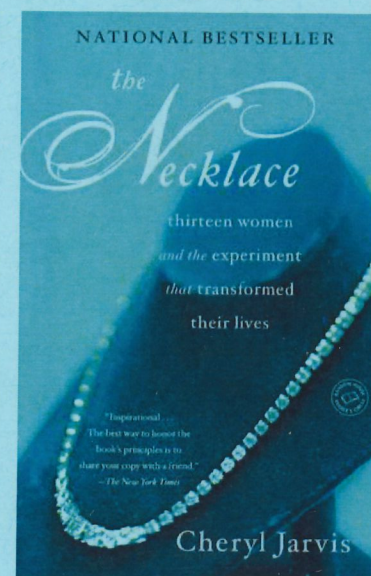
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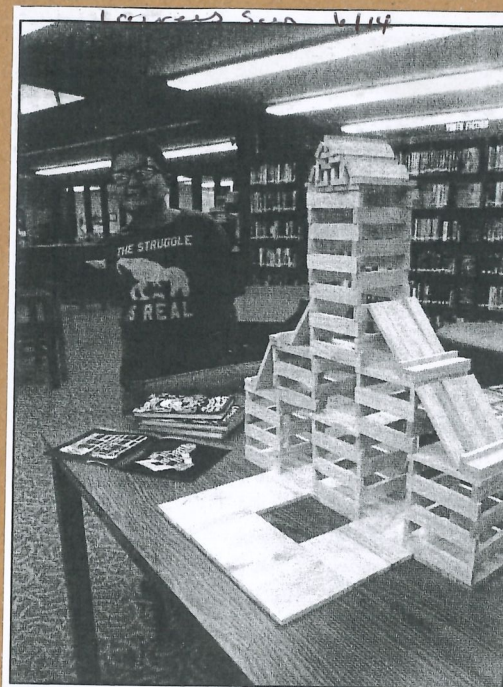
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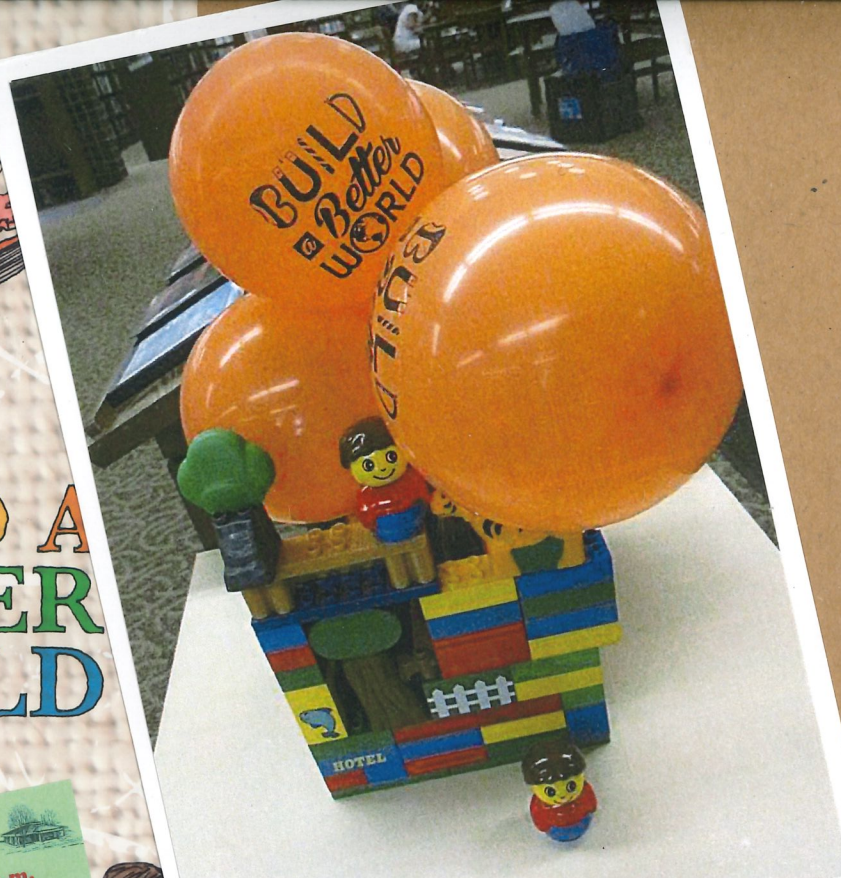
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- June 28th Field Trip
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- July 12th 1:30 Author Tim Read
- July 26th Lisa Laird & Puppets
- August 2nd ISU Extension



Display to get us in the mood!

Week #1 June 14th at 1pm.
- Read stories about different kinds of homes.
- Build houses: Elf House, Treasure Chest or Paperbag
- "Build A Better World" Bag with IPTV Super Summer Fun Book, pencils + book marks



"Johnny works with 3 hammers" Song.



Natalie is more used to Tot-Time and wanted to read her own book. with mom Katie Olson



Childrens + Family Services had a table of information.



Jeri displays one of the house that can be built.



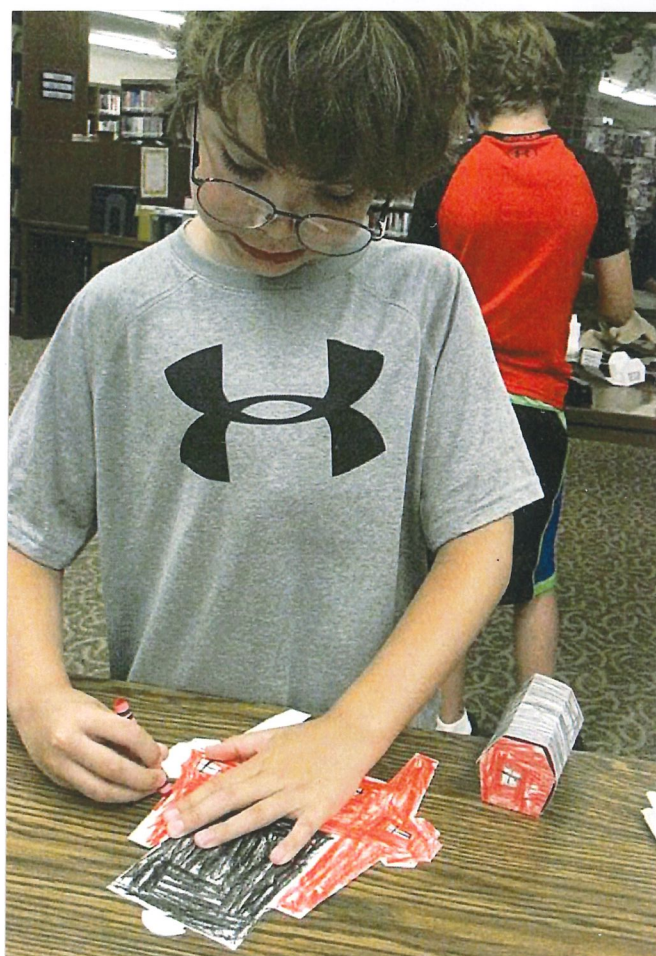
Building Elf House



These older boys got into building the hardest type house Isaiah, Miguel + Alex

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Marcus was a great house builder



Alex ended up with a 4 story house.

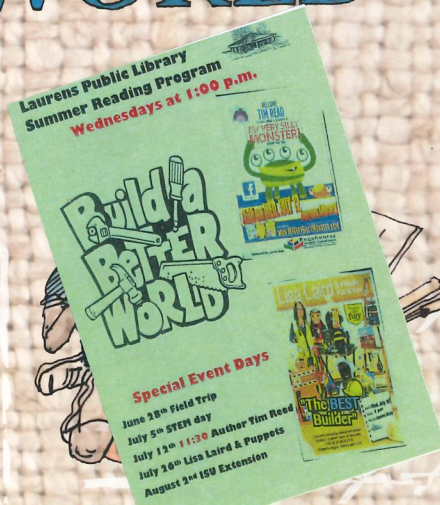


These silly girls thought their house roofs looked like mouths opening.

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Week #2 - June 21st @ 1 p.m.

- Read stories about Animal Homes.
- Showed Animal Pelts from Jim Totten's Animal Hide Collection
- Moved to craft area by walking like an inchworm, frog & bear walk
- Crafts made animal masks: Choices of fox, raccoon or wolf.



Jeri reading a story in which they rang a church bell.



A skunk from Jim Totten's collection.



A coyote from Jim Totten's animal hide collection.



A fox from Jim Totten's collection.



A beaver from Jim Totten's collection.



Chris Jackson & Isaih Hoffman looking at the pellets one more time.



Frog walk at the library



Look at the inchworms crawling out of Kids area.



Door prize winners: Kara + Samuel Jones, Karsyn Rolletson, Jenna Saunders, Isaiah Hoffman, Katy Fansaga. Not pictured: Mary Jones



Making animal faces. Jeri, Harley, Aiden + Christopher



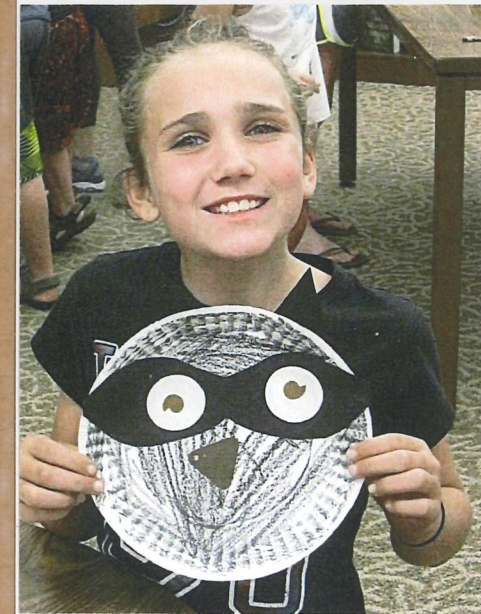
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Harley Reese made a wolf.



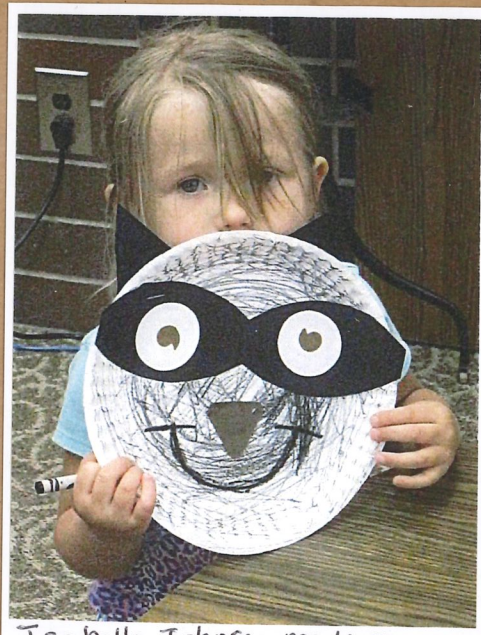
Alexa Woods's raccoon



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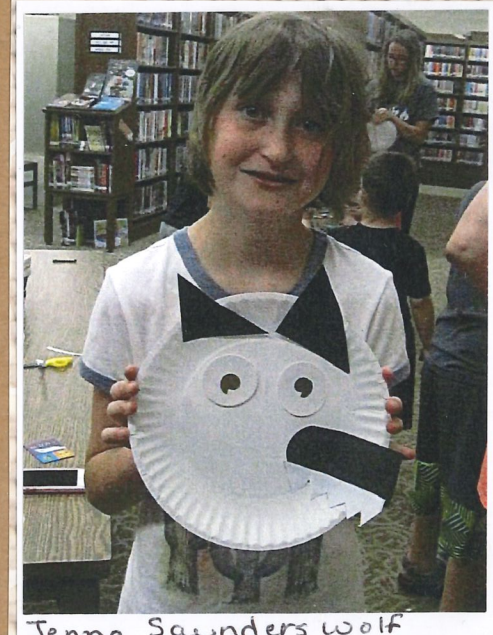
Samuel + Kara Jones show-off their raccoons.



Isabella Johnsen made a raccoon.

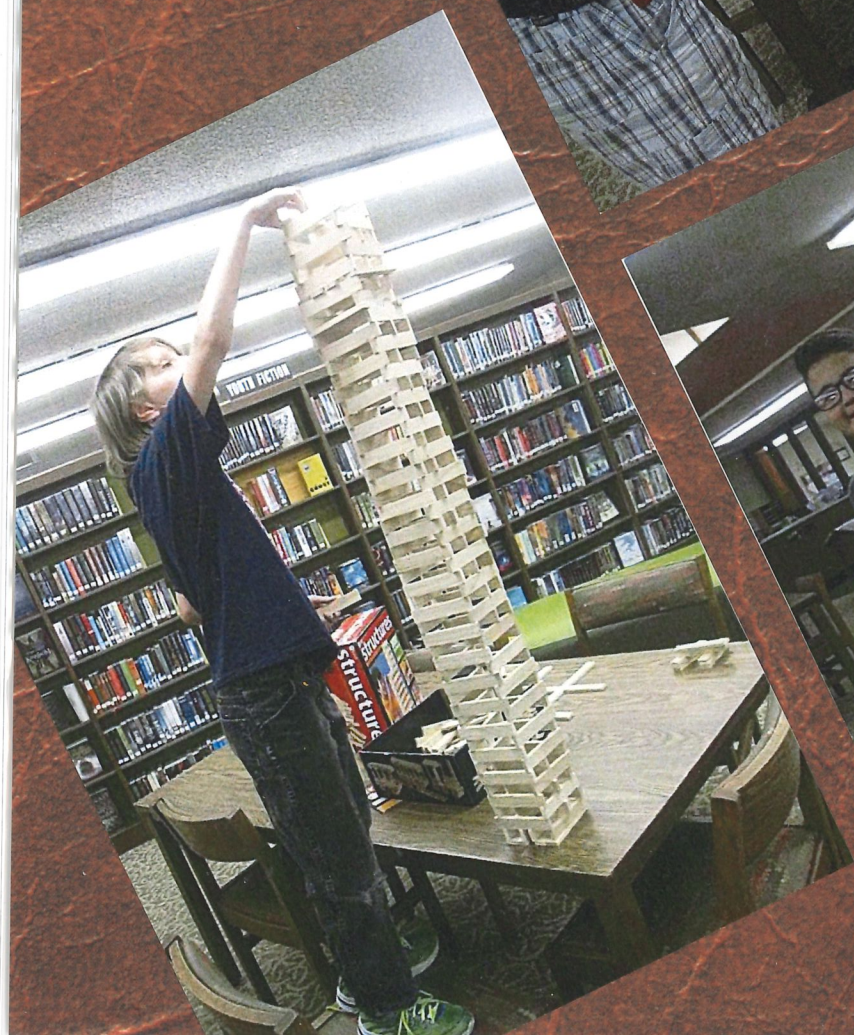


Aiden Garman finally caught by the camera.



Jenna Saunders wolf

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Top: Is a Library building, Middle left: Miguel using the book for ideas/Bottom left: Riley seeing how tall he can build. Middle: Miguel with his creation right: Deontez building using and adding more from his creativity. Keva Planks

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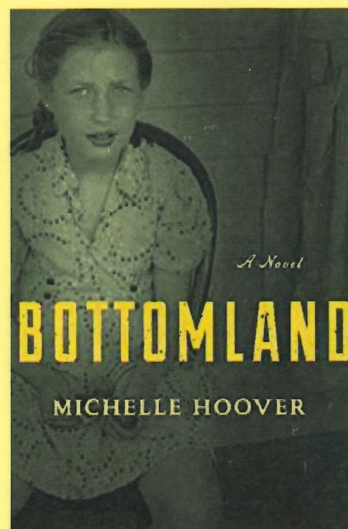
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We've had such fun and are learning lots as we "Build a Better World" with our kids' summer reading on Wednesday afternoons. Last week we learned about animals and how they build their homes, this week we will see what it takes to Build a Better Laurens! We have had games, projects, songs, special visitors, and of course lots of books! Make sure your kids don't miss the fun - see you at 1 o'clock every Wednesday this summer!

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New fiction lately includes: *Identicals* by Elin Hildebrand, *Wired* by Julie Garwood, *Game of Ghosts* by John Connelly, *The Child* by Fiona Barton, *Maggie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz, and *Startup* by Doree Shafrir. Nonfiction includes: *Bill O'Reilly's Legends and Lies; The Civil War, Hue 1968; a turning point in the American War in Vietnam* by Mark Bowden and *If I Understood You Would I Have This Look On My Face?* by Alan Alda.

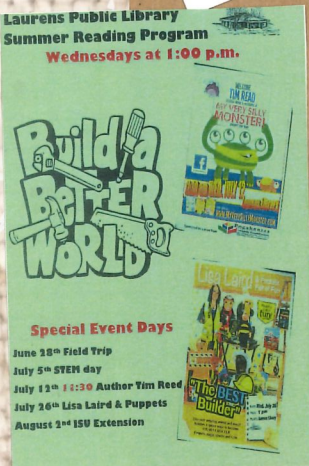
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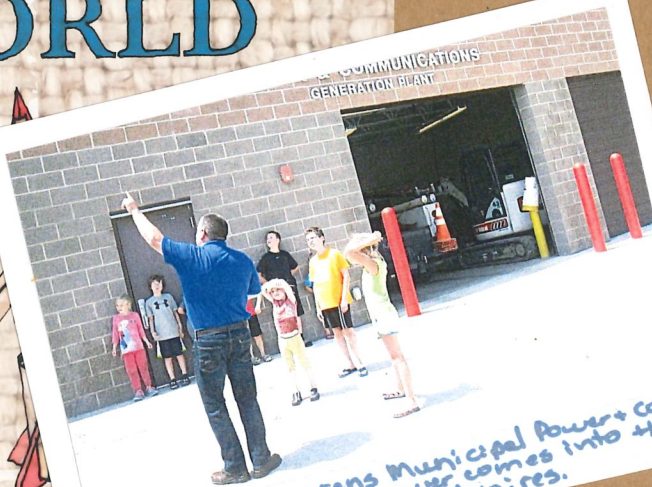


Week #3 ~ June 28. 2017
 - City Builders Theme
 - Read stories
 - Tour - broke into groups
 City Garage
 Power Plant
 Water Plant

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Chad from Laurens Municipal Power & Comm. explains that the power comes into the building thru overhead wires.



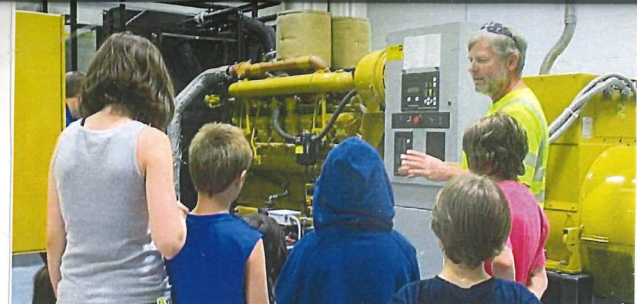
Getting information from the experts in nice cool office building before venturing out where the big machines are



Chad showing the kids the map of Laurens show all those lines & boxes represent where all the equipment parts are to make city go



Getting an up close look at all the controls on generator



Reid Prins telling the kids about different parts of the generator & what they do.



Looking at the generators if we lose electricity, they take over.



Seeing the big doors from inside. Those doors need to be open for circulation when generators are in use.

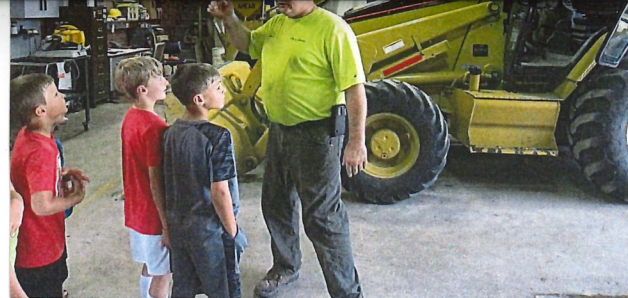


Chad showing the kids the parts of the skid steer & what it does.

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Public Works Director Julian Johnson shows all the dials & switches to the brains of the water plant.



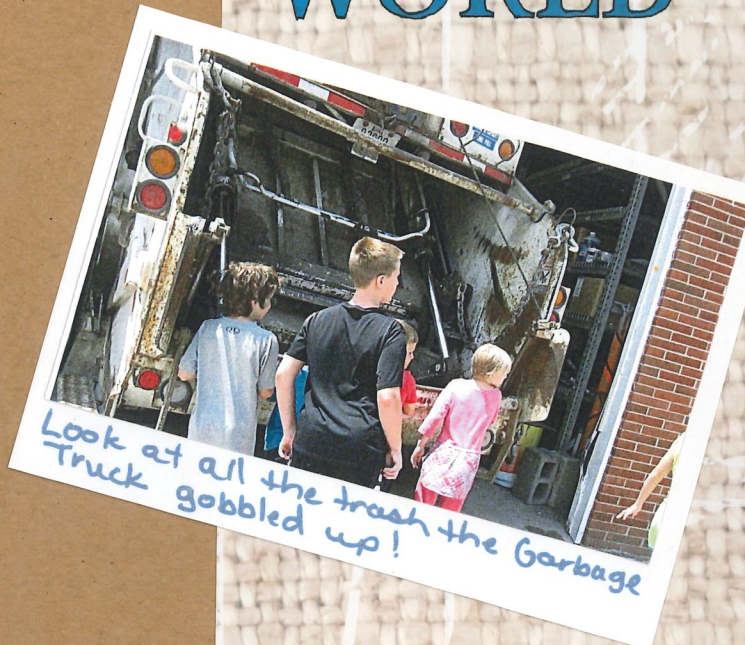
City of Laurens street superintendent James introduces the kids to the trucks & tractors that help make our city a better place.



Looking at the first of two filters that make our water drinkable.



Check out the size of the machines used by the city.



Look at all the trash the Garbage Truck gobbled up!

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Julian showing the kids all the pipes & tubes the water goes through to make it sparkling clean & delicious to drink.



This truck helps keep our streets clean. Even got to sit in truck.



Sitting in the drivers seat. A good view from up here.

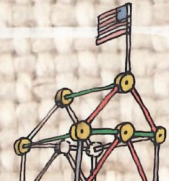
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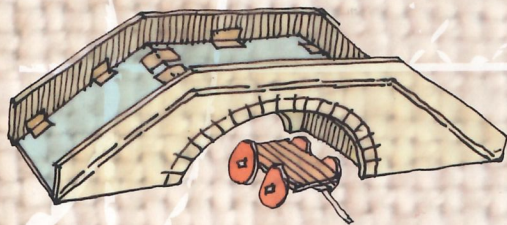
This is what our water looks like before filtered.



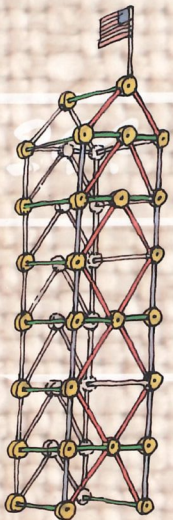
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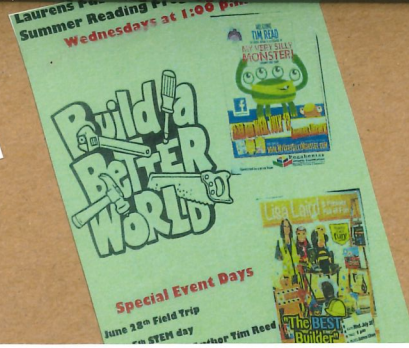


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Week 4 - Build A Better World
 - Stories
 - STEM activities
 - Making SLIME



Children's Librarian Jeri started off with a few stories.



Over view of all STEM activities. So much fun!



Kathy was helping her grandkids + others making slime.



Adding water to the glue + then mix.





Build with pecking peanuts



Pendulum fun.



Had fun building marble runs.



They really had fun with marble run.



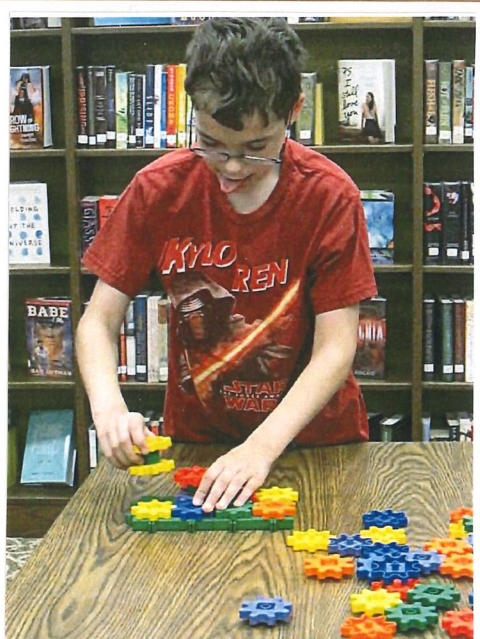
Kable building house



More fun to build or destroy?



Really getting into marble runs.



Hunter with gears.



Kable thinking hard.



Playing with gears.

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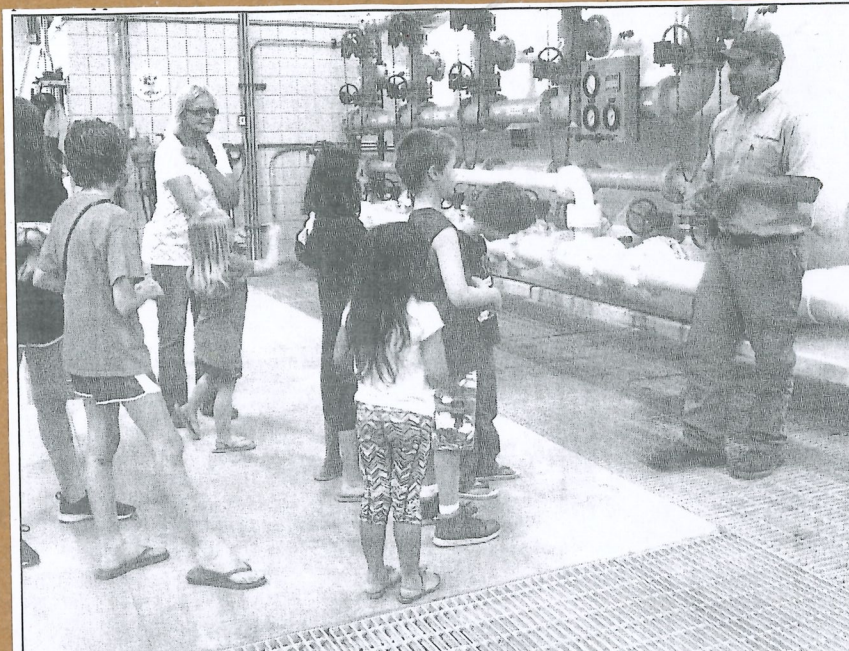
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BY CONNIE REINERT
7 PM JULY 7
LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY



Starting with statistics from early shows with just a few thousand visitors



Traditional Ahihi Shot



Connie Dallenbach made haystack cookies for us.

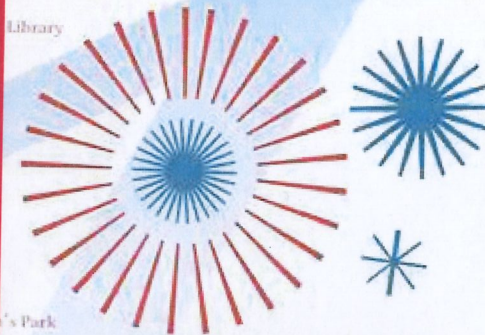


One thing makes unique that AC is a



John, Mike & Carl socializing after the program.

LAURENS 2017 SUMMER CELEBRATION & RALLY4VETERANS JULY 7TH, 8TH, & 9TH



Laurens Public Library parade entry
"Build a Better World" with Glenda & Jeri
on the float & throwing out candy. Lorin
Mulder drove the float.

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with Glenda Mulder
July 12, 2017**

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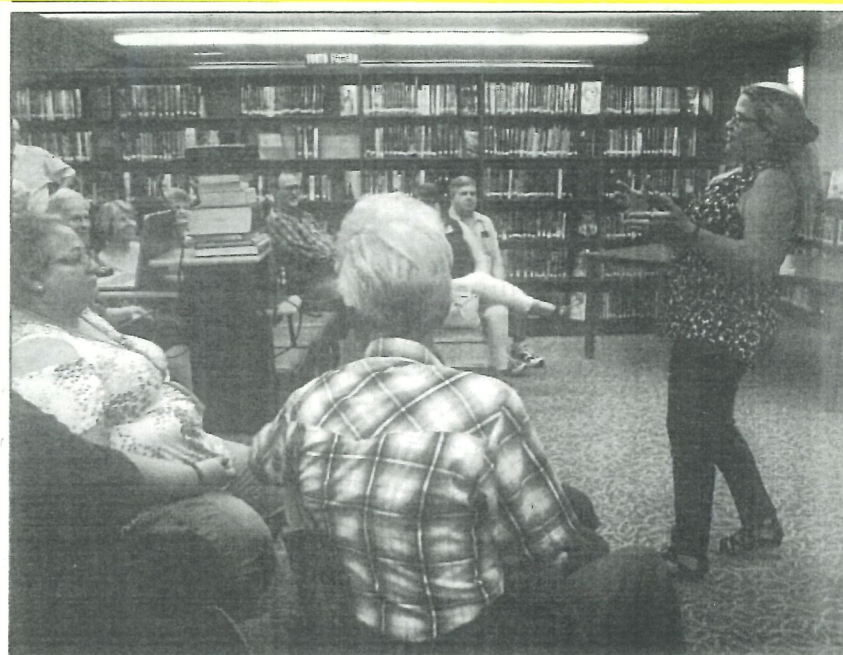
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IPTV Kids Clubhouse
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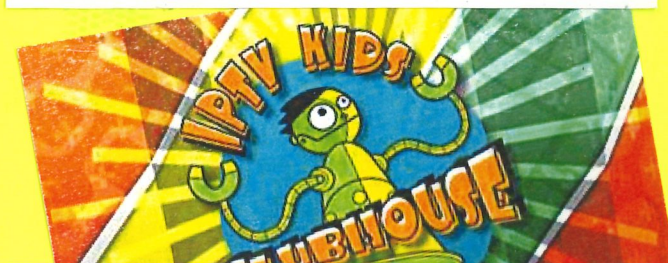
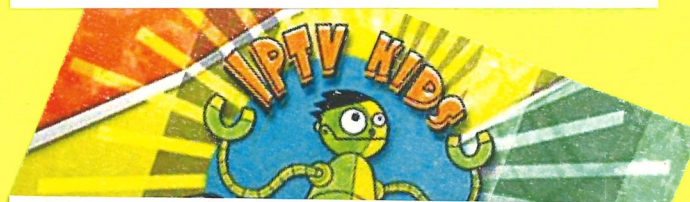
They are all reading their metals
book while Dan gave them a
quick rundown.



They were outside filming the kids
running into the library. Once in
kids gave Glenda a high 5 Brennen
was a little scary.



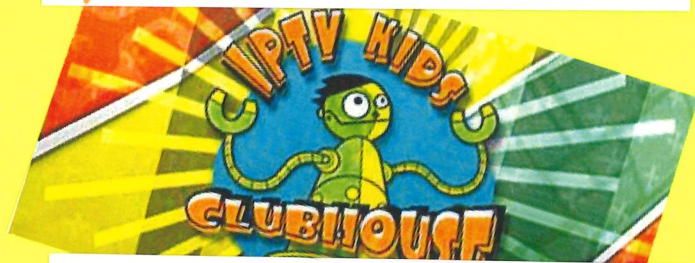
They pretended to choose a book
about metals



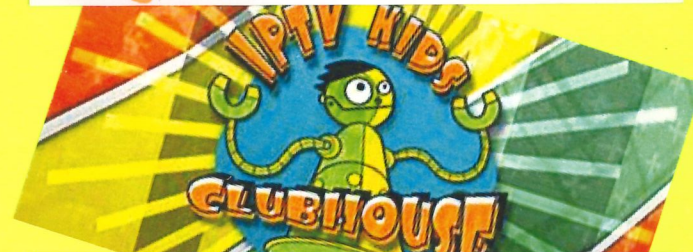
They learned their project was to
make a boat from aluminum foil.



Every step was filmed up close.



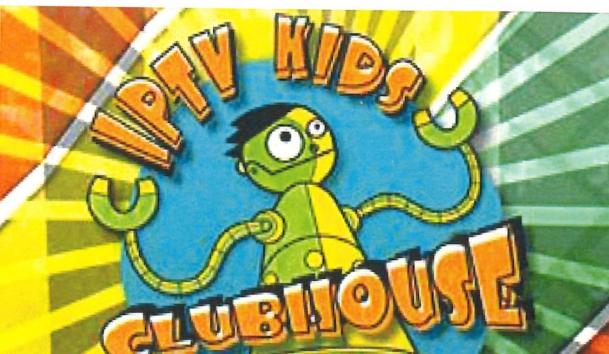
Lillie's first boat w/ mom in background



Morgan had a unique design which
floated, but sunk quickly once she
started adding pennies.



Cameron (the cameraman) vs. Cameron
(the boat builder).



Tuesday, July 11, 2017



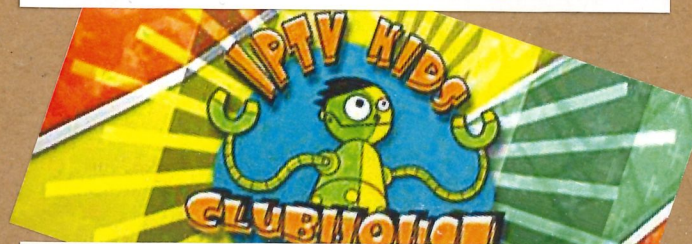
Emma's 1st design included a flag (in case she wandered into enemy territory).



Derrien was feeling pretty confident.



Brennen's boat stayed floating with the most pennies in it: 150+



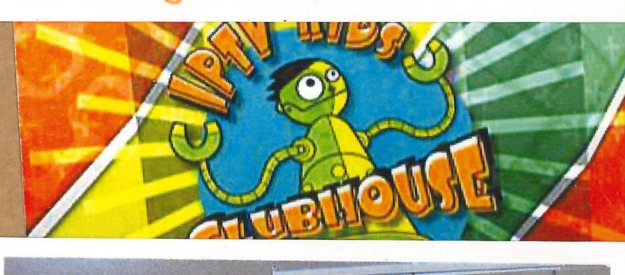
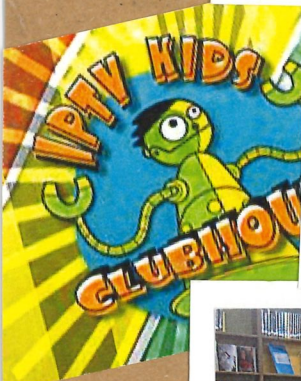
Loved the way the kids cheered for each others boat



Little sis had to bend way over to see Morgan's boat.



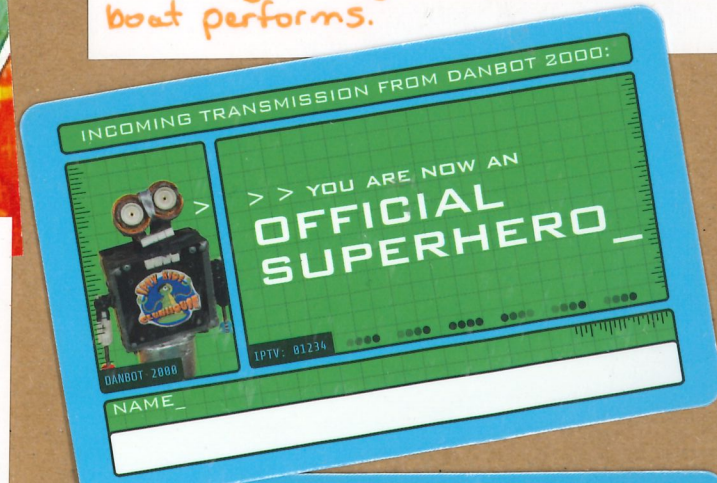
Watching closely to see how Pearl's boat performs.



Last but not least. Cameron's



The Group for filming. Front Cameron, Morgan + Little. Back Dan, Deb, Emma Pearl, Derrien, Brennen, Glenda Lander.



THE OWNER OF THIS CARD HAS AGREED TO:

- >TURN THE TV OFF
- >GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY
- >USE IMAGINATION
- >READ GOOD BOOKS
- >EAT HEALTHY FOOD



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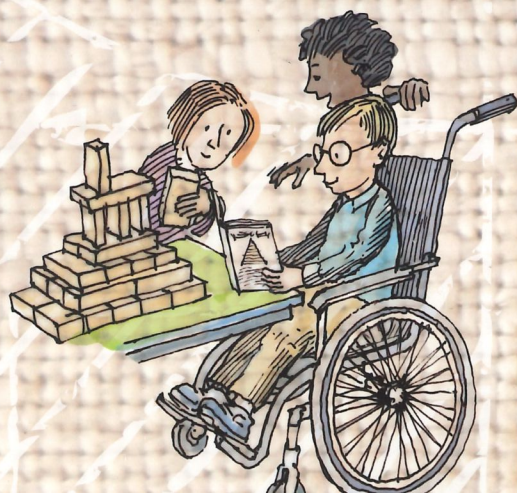




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Author's Illustration
Tim Read did a program
for the kids + adults.
Enjoyed by kids of
ALL ages! :)



The boys really liked him!



He's got their attention now!



Tim drew a self portrait! -included are features of his different jobs + interests



Morgan is making a scribble. so Tim can make a Scribble Monster.



Check out the eyes on this scribble monster!



These girls have the best giggles.



When you're trying to listen. And your new friend wants your attention.



3-horned monster- get it?



Because everyone loves Amanda!



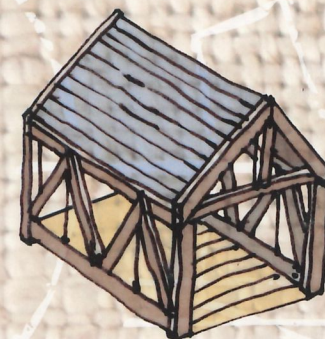
The audience was asked to pick a food (pineapple) an animal (wolf) a tool in garage (air compressor) + place (Hawaii) then Tim made up + illustrated the beginning of his story... and told kids



Can you spot the seamonster? (or should I say, the C monster) 2 T-Rex (wrecks) + a screw driver?



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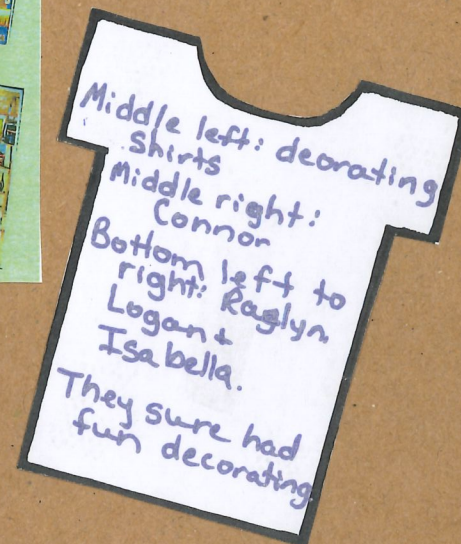
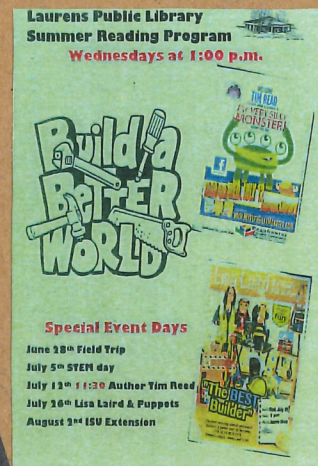
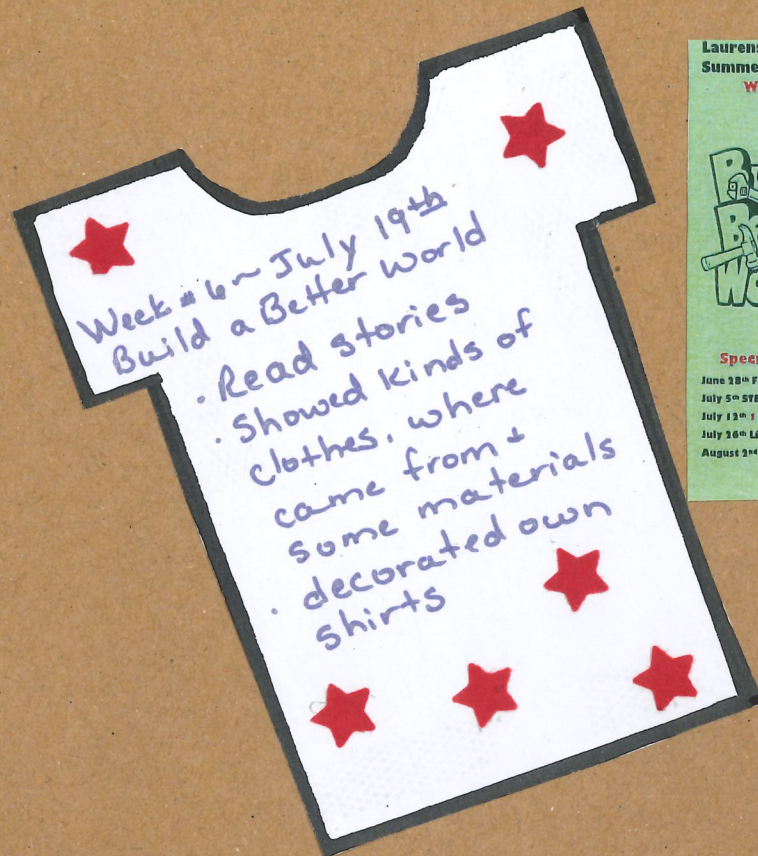
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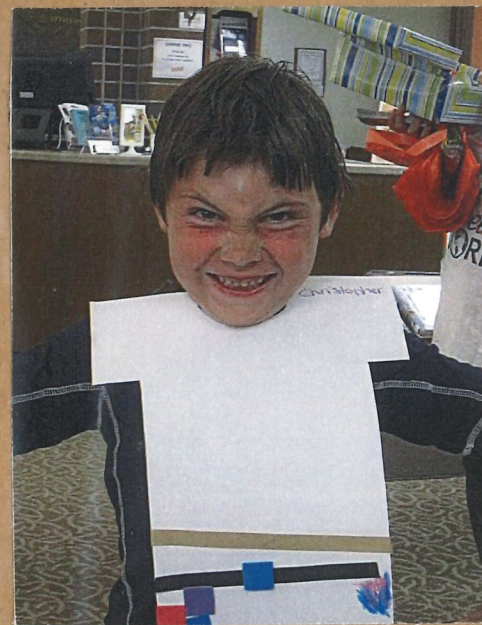


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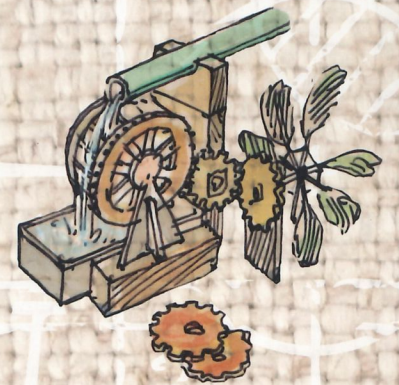


Top left to right:
Trinity
Jenna
Alexa
Middle left to
right:
Kahle
Harly
Christopher

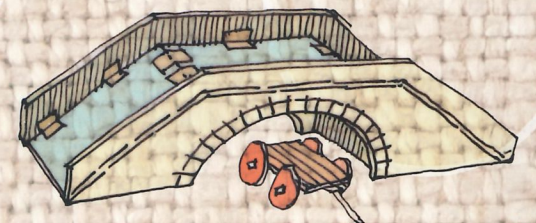


Prize winners:
Harly
Raelyn
Alexa
Isabella
Jenna

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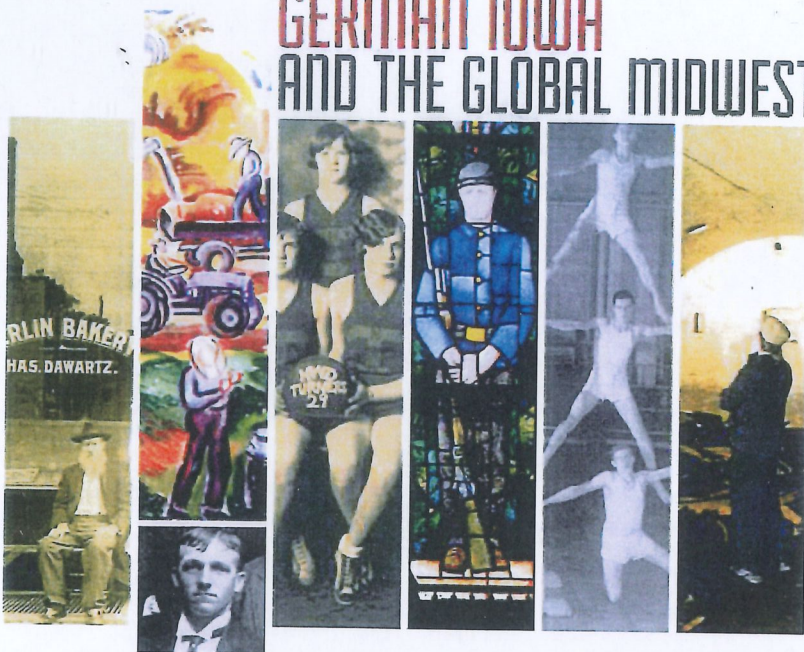


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July 6 to 17

GERMAN IOWA AND THE GLOBAL MIDWEST



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Learn More at Germansiniowa.com or come to the Library!

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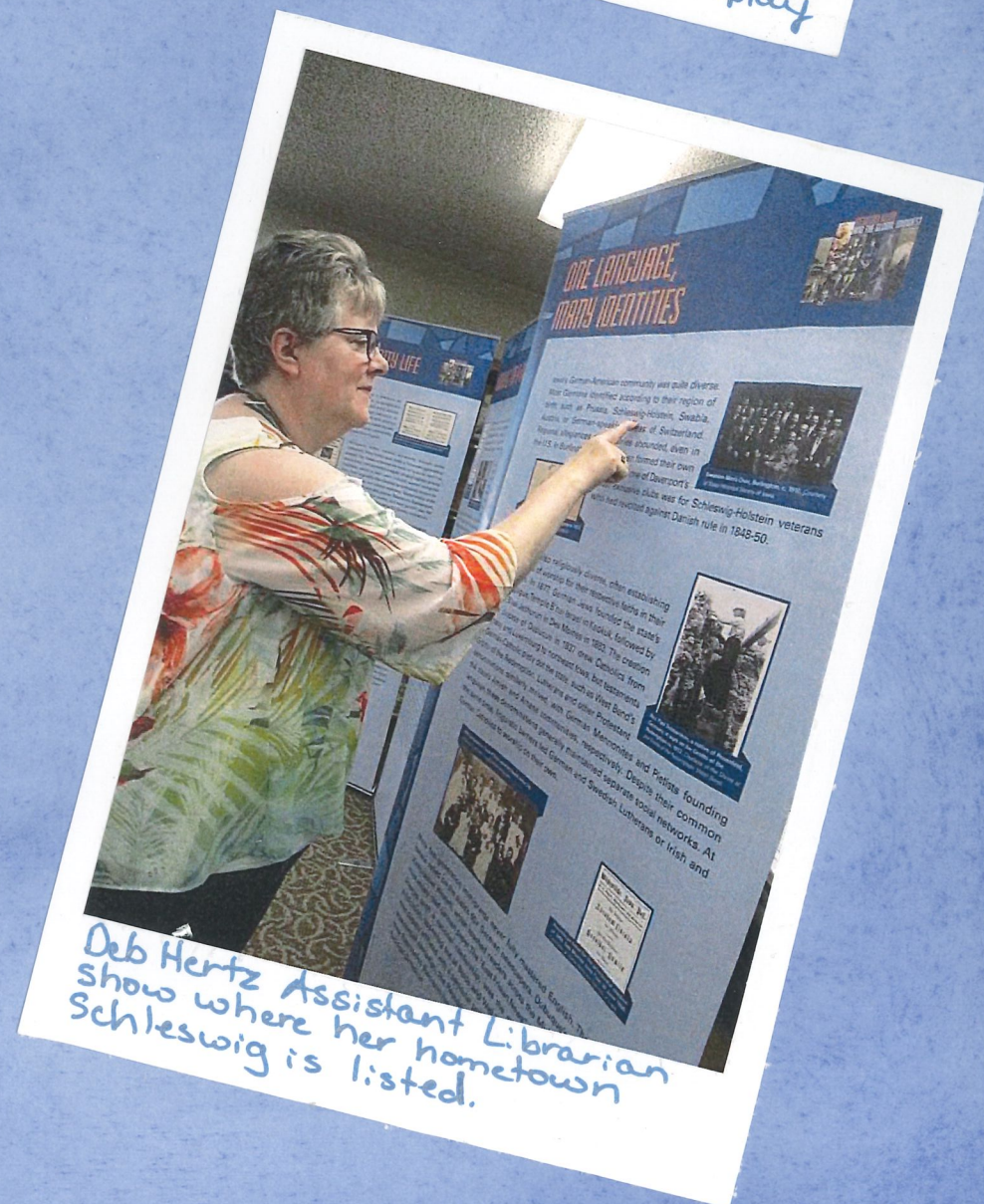
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German Iowa & The Global Midwest Display



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The "German Iowa and the Global Midwest" exhibit is making its home at our library until July 17. This joint project of University of Iowa and Humanities Iowa consists of 12 banners that tell the story of German Iowans from when we became a state in 1846 through today. In the early 1900s, Germans were the largest ethnic group in the state, and even in 1990, over half of Iowans claimed German ancestry. Yet with the exception of the Amana Colonies, Iowa's German heritage is largely invisible to modern eyes. This exhibit reminds us why we should not lose sight of the past, and it invites us to think about immigration, diversity, and power more broadly. German Iowans are one part of that larger story, which continues today. These easily portable banners are a great way to make this museum quality exhibit accessible to so many Iowans. Stop at the library and take a look!

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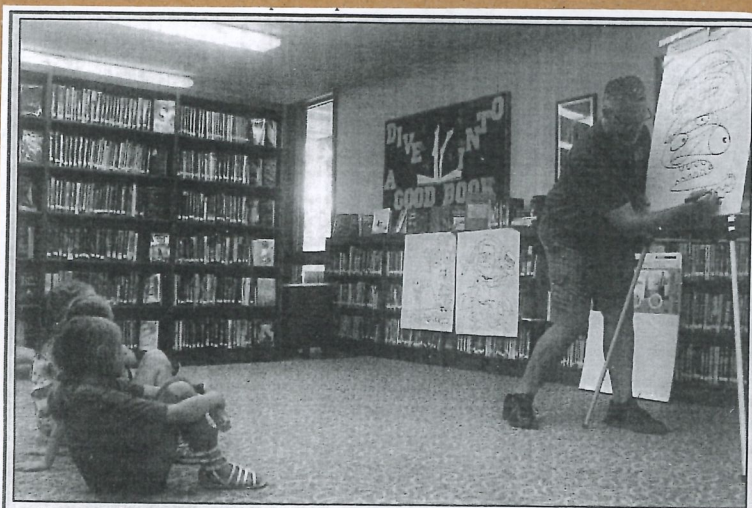
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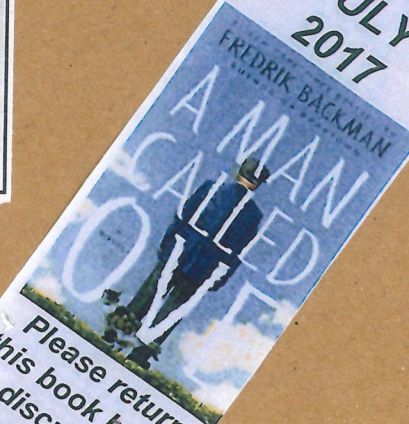
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Please return this book by our discussion
Monday
7/24/17
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 week # 7 - July 26th
 Lisa Laird & Pockets
 Full of Fun & Puppets
 puppet workshop



The crowd for the "alibi shot" A few snuck in after the picture.



oh those giggles!



We had some grandmas bring grandkids.



Even the youngest guests were entertained.



Duck tape from Lisa's tool box.



Lisa pulled out her tools - this is her "monkey" wrench.



Builders: Kable the monkey, Analea-frog



Beebo told us he is responsible for apples, oranges, strawberries, french fries (potatoes + ketchup tomatoes).



Charles, Gabi, + Dani, held the world the early kids built, while Lisa checked what grew from the imagination seeds - a smile!



Trying to get spring worms back in can. Savannah loved these.



Harold the Bear gave library director Glenda something out of his lunch box - a hamburger + strawberry shake (get it? - Shake)



Jemima was building a tower of one brick.



"What do you mean I have a bee on my head?"



Sisters Ali, Dani + Gabi enjoy the show.



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BUILDER IQ TEST:

- What animal builds a bubble nest?
- What shape are honeycomb cells?
- What does an orangutan use to build a bed?
- What builds mounds that can be as tall as a 3 story building?
- What is a group of bears called?
- What would you like to learn how to build and what tools will you need?

Books that really MEASURE UP!

The Beeman by L. Krebs

Animal Architects by V. Franchino

If I Built a House by C. Van Dusen

The House That Jack Built

Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site by S. Rinker

A Tower of Giraffes by A. Wright

Termites: Mound Builders by L. George

What If There Were no Bees? by S. Slade

The Magic School Bus Inside a Beehive by J. Cole

Not a Box by A. Farris





We got to make bee puppets and got stuff to make a diorama



Lisa was great about giving step by step instructions



Make an 8 with your chenille stem and hold it up when your done.



Grandma Judy supervising the flower garden.



Isabella's bee.



Karsyn is a happy bee maker. Picture taking!



Harley's Bee



Emma was not so sure about

Jordan done with bee working



on her diorama background



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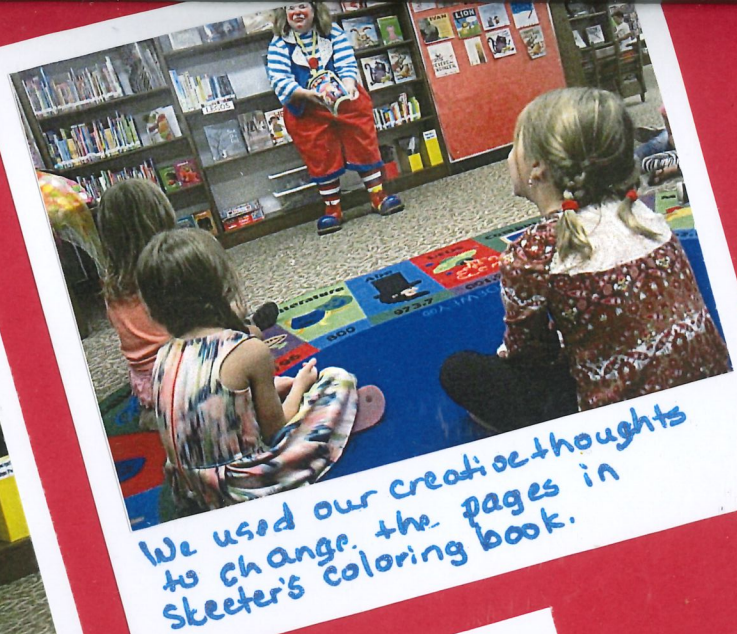
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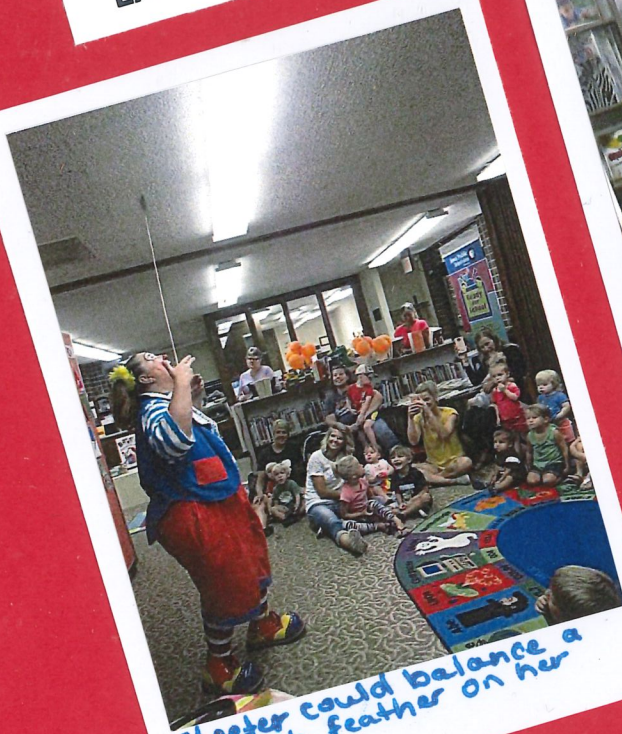
Skeeter the Circus Clown
11:30 AM TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST
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Whistles!



We used our creative thoughts
to change the pages in
Skeeter's coloring book.



Skeeter could balance a
peacock feather on her
nose!



Miguel did a great job!



Katie's second try. after she
had been instructed to keep
eye on eye of feather



Look at all the happy faces
cause we Love Skeeter the clown!



Week #8 August 2nd
 ISU extension Lisa Holly
 led the kids in a STEM
 activity. Built structures
 using masking tape, string
 + spaghetti that is to hold a
 marshmallow on top.
 Healthy snack of yogurt +
 fruit was served while
 listening to children's librarian
 Jeri read a story.

B B W O R L D



Lisa explains that our project today
 is to see who can build the tallest
 tower that can hold a marshmallow
 on top. She divided groups.



Making a plan with a few
 options.



Each group got the same- string,
 masking tape, spaghetti noodles and
 a marshmallow.



Children's Librarian Jeri helps
 a group decide their
 strategy.



They were given 20 minutes to
 build.

B U I L D A



The all girls table had some ideas.



Keras Miguel came up with a plan,
 with a little help from their sidekicks!



Will it hold?





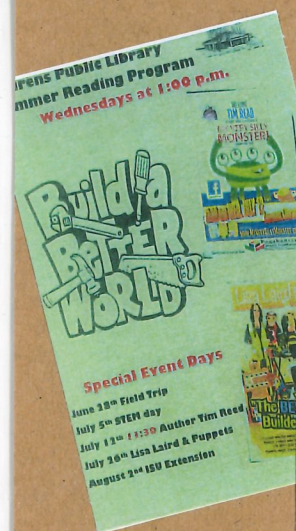
Fine tuning it.



Last minute tweaking projects



Ok. Tina's group is done + sitting back trying not to touch.



Kacie says "Ta Da!"



Hands up, we're done!



Tina's group had the tallest structure that actually held up a marsh mallow.



Time for a great book (Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake) while kids eat yogurt + fruit to help build healthy bodies.

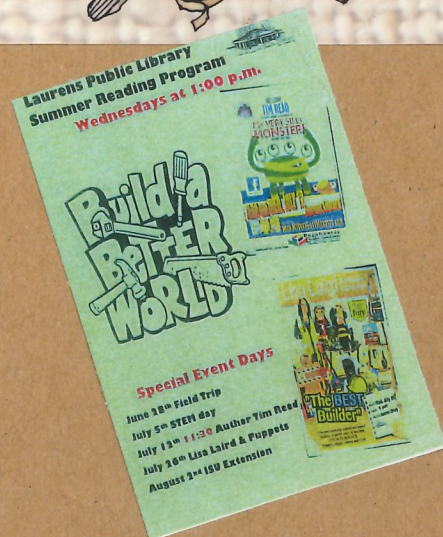


This is what happens when kids are told to hold up tickets. These kids all won tickets to Circus on Saturday.



Jasmine guessed within 1 of how many animal crackers in jar. She won 2 tickets 2 circus marcus. Connor +miguel also won tickets with their guesses.

BETTER WORLD



Week #9 - August 9th
Theme: transform.
They transformed
boxes + CDs into
something else
Handed out prizes.
Everyone a winner



Jeri demonstres how to
scratch a pattern off home



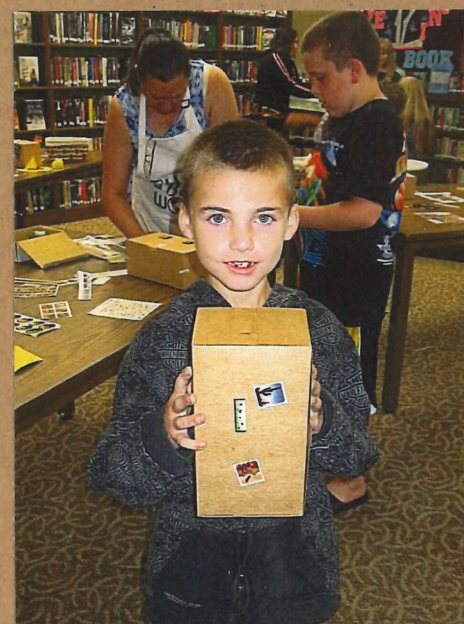
Lillie shows off her
creation.



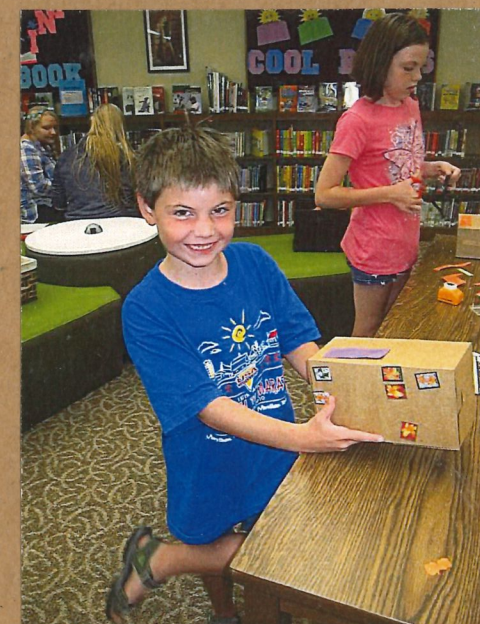
Kwyn shows her project



Kable is pretty proud!



Connor's creation.



Christopher with a silly
look



Lots of creativity at this table.



Sisters had to have picture
taken



Everyone got a prize

ECLIPSE INFORMATION
FOR ALL AGES!
Monday, August 7 at 7 pm
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2017 ECLIPSE ACROSS AMERICA
AUGUST 21 2017
<http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov>

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Corrine taught us about other eclipses through the ages.



Our solar system is so big it didn't all fit into picture.



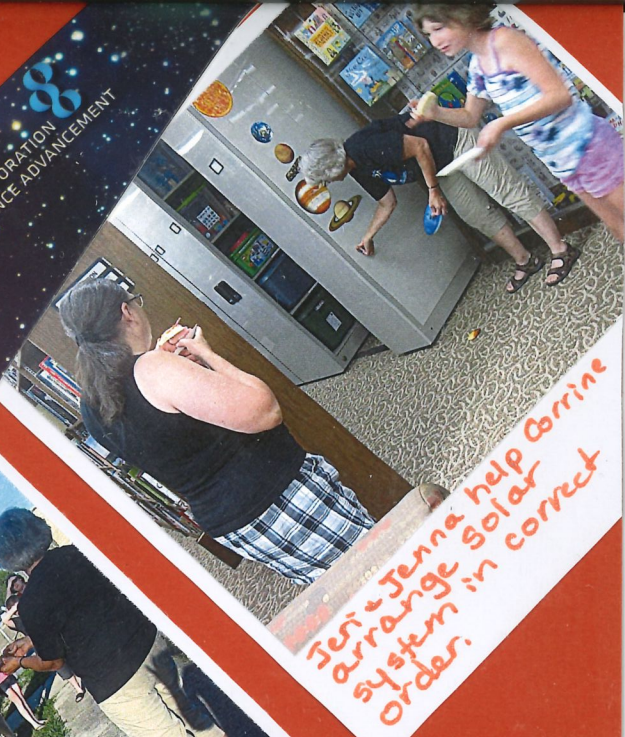
Trinity, Jenna & Lillie demonstrate an eclipse.



We went outside so Corrine could demonstrate what would happen. The moon's shadow on the earth makes the eclipse.



Levi tried on eclipse glasses while eating his son cookie.



Jeri & Jenna help Corrine arrange solar system in correct order.



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August Book Club Choice is *"Wild: from lost to found on the Pacific Crest trail"* by Cheryl Strayed. This nonfiction book was made into a movie a few years ago but, as often happens, there are significant differences between the two. Our catalog describes it like this, "Traces the personal crisis the author endured after the death of her mother and a painful divorce, which prompted her ambition to undertake a dangerous 1,100-mile solo hike that both drove her to rock bottom and helped her to heal." We've got quite a few copies of this book, so pick one up. Then join the discussion at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 28.

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Where will you be during the solar eclipse on August 21st? We

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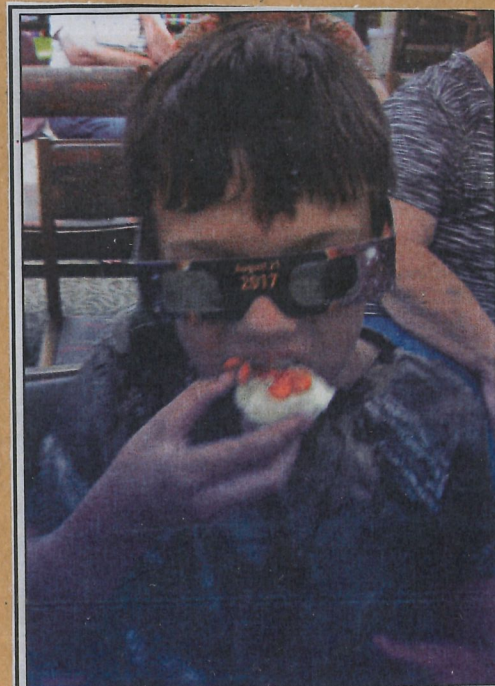


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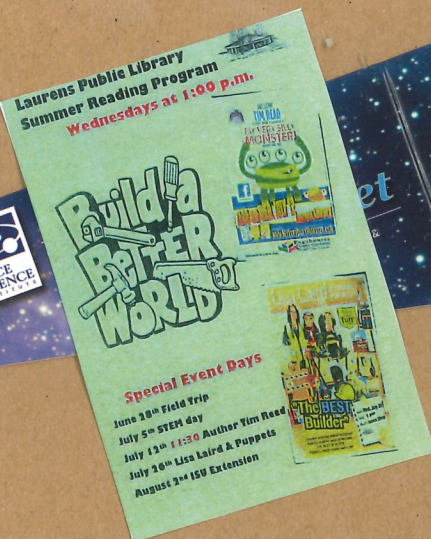
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- Week # 10 - August 16th
- Read about solar eclipse
 - decorated sun cookies.
 - filled bags for community helpers
 - played games



Children's Librarian Jeri read books about sun + solar eclipse.



Really enjoy frosting.



Frosted sugar cookies to represent the surface of the sun.



Added red + yellow sprinkles to represent the gases. Each granule is about the size of Texas.



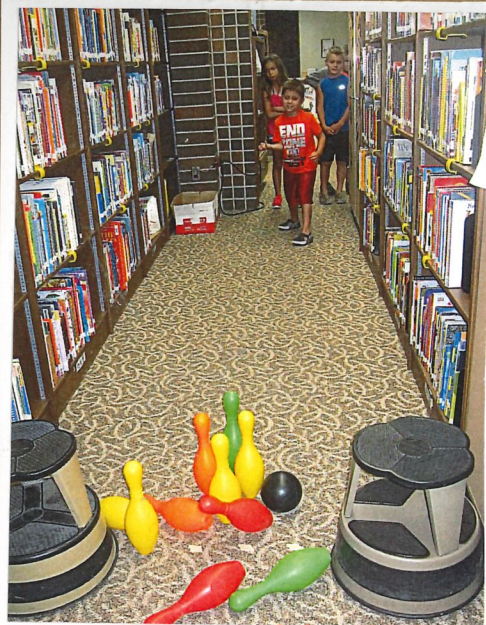
Small chocolate pieces were added to show sun spots.



The kids filled bags for our community helpers.



Everyone helped fill the bags.



The kids loved bowling
Gavin, AJ + Adyn. Gavin
Knocked a bunch of pins
Over.



Jacob ring toss



Macie, Winston + Aiden played
twister.



Jacob enjoying bean bag toss.



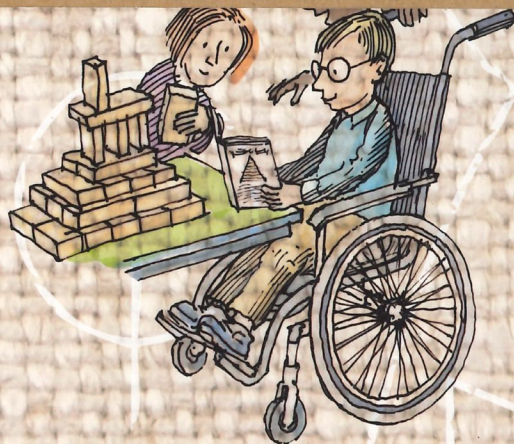
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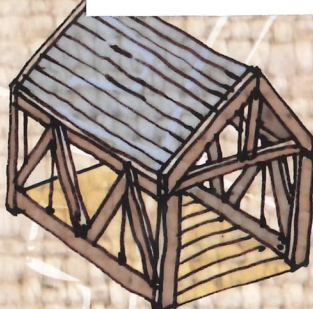
Macie + AJ playing twister.
Kids loved this game.



Kaylee had fun with ring
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At the Library with Glenda Mulder August 16, 2017

The eclipse everyone is talking about is this coming Monday! I've been collecting a list of things to look for during the eclipse and bits of trivia. Did you know that a total solar eclipse causes a decrease in temperature of up to 20 degrees? I've got it on my list to bring a thermometer so I can see for myself! Corinne Peterson, Pocahontas County Naturalist will be here the day of the eclipse, August 21st, as we watch from the City Park. We're calling it the "Total Eclipse in the Park" Bring your lawn chairs & your lunch. We'll provide dessert and the viewing glasses. Mother Nature will do the rest!

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August 23, 2017

It's back to school day! As much as we love our summer reading program, LegoMania, and the kids that hang out at the library in the summer, we are ready for the kids to be back in school. Judging from the last couple weeks, the kids are ready for a routine again also. So now we will be working to schedule the individual class visits to the library and getting into our school year routine also.

August Book Club choice is the nonfiction *"Wild: from lost to found on the Pacific Crest trail"* by Cheryl Strayed. A couple of our regular members really did their homework for book club this month while on vacation in Oregon. They not only read the book, but also took a picture when they were at Bridge of the Gods, which is talked about in this month's book club book. Pick up a copy, then join the discussion at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 28th.

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FARM FOR RENT

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The Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section Eight (8), Township Ninety-two (92) North, Range Thirty-four (34) West of the 5th Principal Meridian except an acreage where the building site is located.

Total tillable acres 144. The Corn Suitability Rating is 81.72 on average.

Owners are accepting written bids for rental of the farm. The bids are to be delivered to Glenda Mulder at the Laurens Public Library no later than 5:00 P.M. on September 30, 2017. Upon selection of the best bid, the bidder will be notified. The successful bidder will be required to sign a farm lease with one-half of the cash rent will be payable on March 1 and October 1 each crop year. Possession will be given when the 2017 crop is harvested. Tenant will provide an assessment from a coop or other qualified agency of the herbicides, fertilizers and nutrients necessary to maintain the value of the farm ground for future use.

The owners prefer bidders live in and farm in West Pocahontas County or East Buena Vista County, or generally located within 25 miles of the farm.

City of Laurens and Bethany Lutheran Church, Owners

Please direct all inquiries to Glenda Mulder at the Laurens Public Library.



12:27 Lunch break.



12:39 Nice sunshine for our eclipse watch.



1:01 Almost totality - we were catching glimpses. But at 1:04, the clouds moved away & stayed away for a bit - perfect!



1:09 we had eclipse watchers of all ages.



1:22 we are watching but the clouds are moving in.



1:10 Look at those eclipse being put to rest

TOTAL Eclipse in the park

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

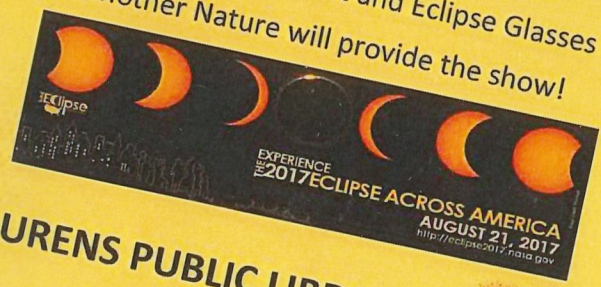
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(Eclipse peaks at 1:05 pm)

Bring your lawn chair and your lunch

We'll provide Dessert and Eclipse Glasses

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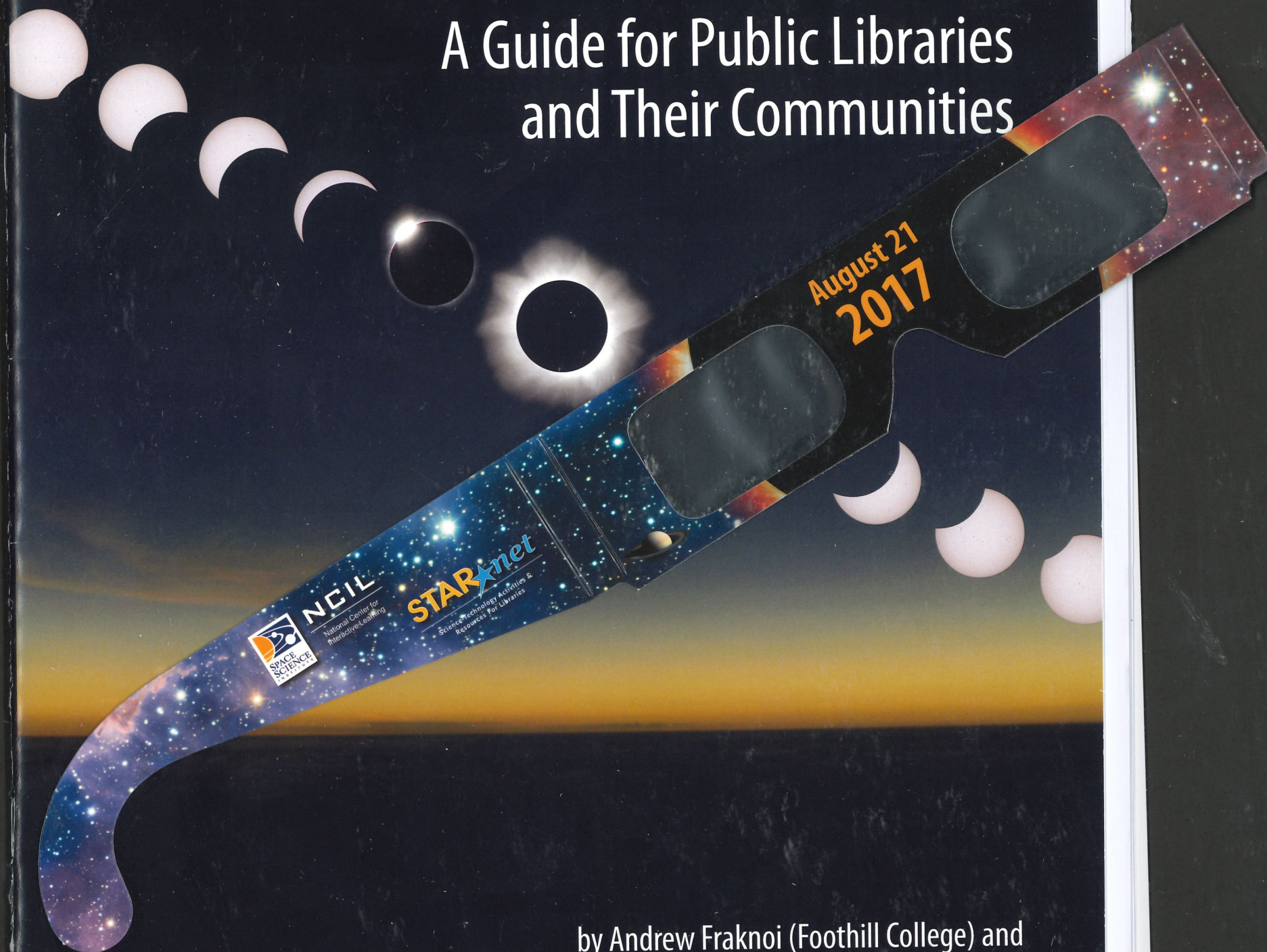


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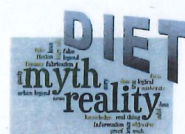
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Kayli Stumpf MS, RD, LD
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Plus Oct 2
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I added another program to our coming events - can you spot it?

Oh, I almost forgot to tell you to have a great Labor Day weekend! Naturally, the Library will be closed all three days, so stock up now!

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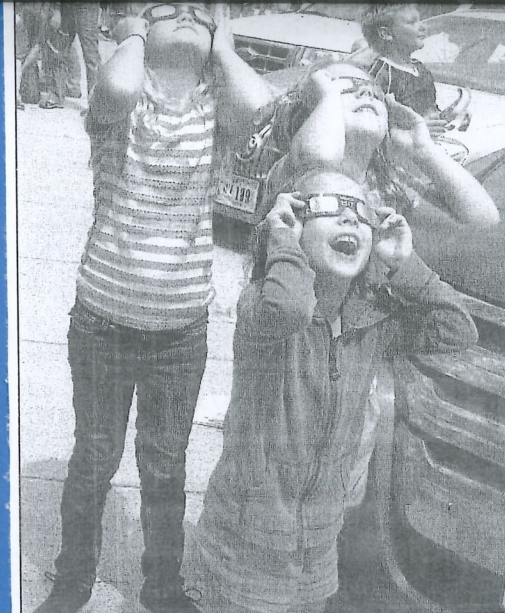
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Morgan and Cameron Leith, along with their friend, Emma Olson, were among the more than 100 folks who gathered at the Laurens Public Library to watch the eclipse - with special glasses, of course. Submitted photo.



Our youngest patron, 2-day old Reagan Hertz came to visit along w/ parents matt & Sarah. Grandma Deb loved every minute September 1, 2017

Eclipse Viewing Party at the Library

Over 100 viewers gathered at the Laurens Public Library to watch the "American Eclipse" on August 21st. It started out rainy, so the projector & screen were set up inside with NASA's live stream events. About noon, the clouds parted and allowed the first glimpse of the eclipse. As lawn chairs were set up on the library lawn, the clouds covered the sun again. Families, neighbors, and friends chatted and waited for Mother Nature to allow another view. She teased for a while, but as the eclipse neared our 92% totality, around 1:00, the clouds moved away from the Sun enough for clear viewing. Changes in shadows, about a seven degree drop in temperature, and a general darkening were noted at the time of totality. As the Moon began to recede from the Sun, the rain clouds again rolled in and the crowd thinned and returned home. By 2:30 the clouds opened and dropped a reported 2 inches in Laurens.



Morgan & Cameron Leith with their friend Emma Olson during totality.



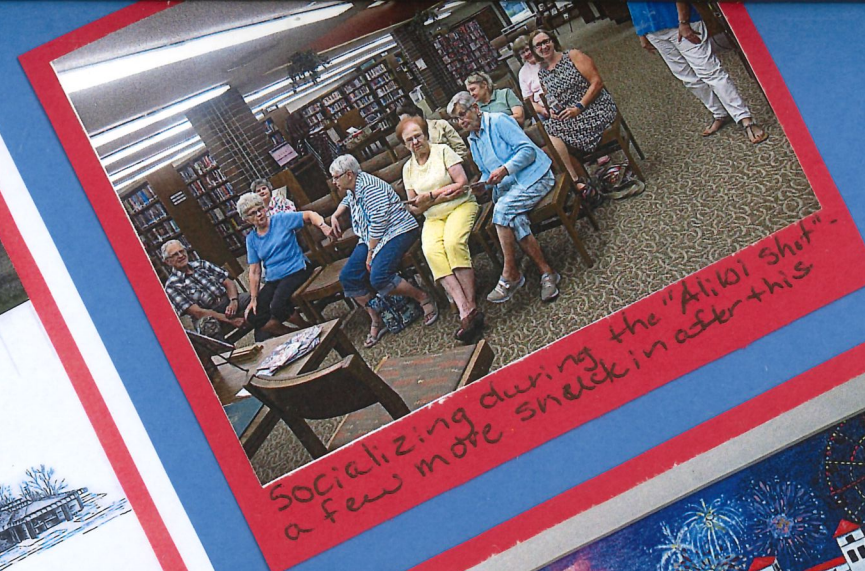
Children's Librarian, Jeri with Reagan

FAIRGOERS
DO NOT LIVE ON FAIR FOOD ALONE
100 YEARS OF CLAY COUNTY FAIR TRADITIONS

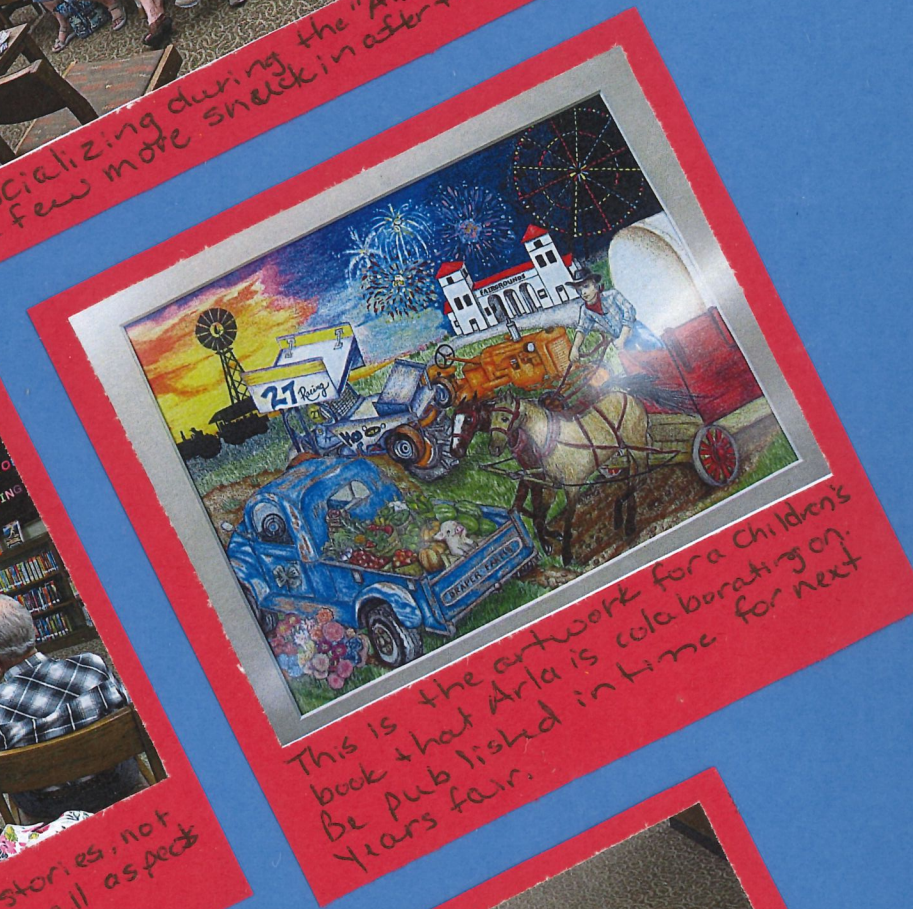
**Spencer Author
Arla Knight**

**Wednesday, August 30th
at 7 o'clock
Laurens Public Library**



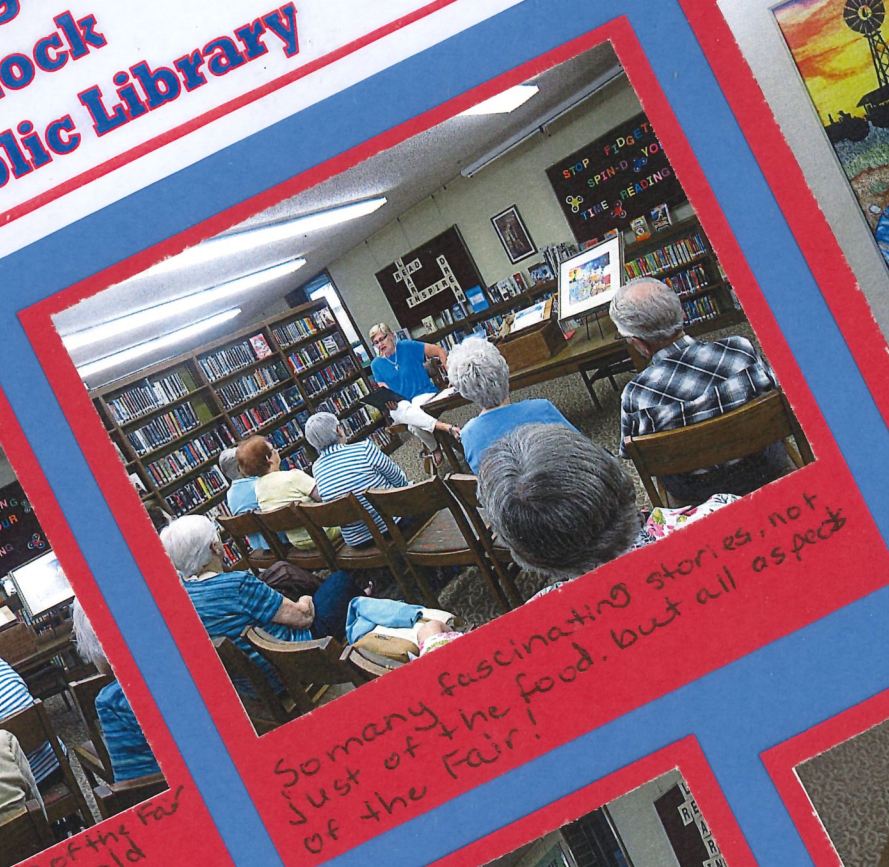
socializing during the "Alibi Shift"
a few more sneak in after this



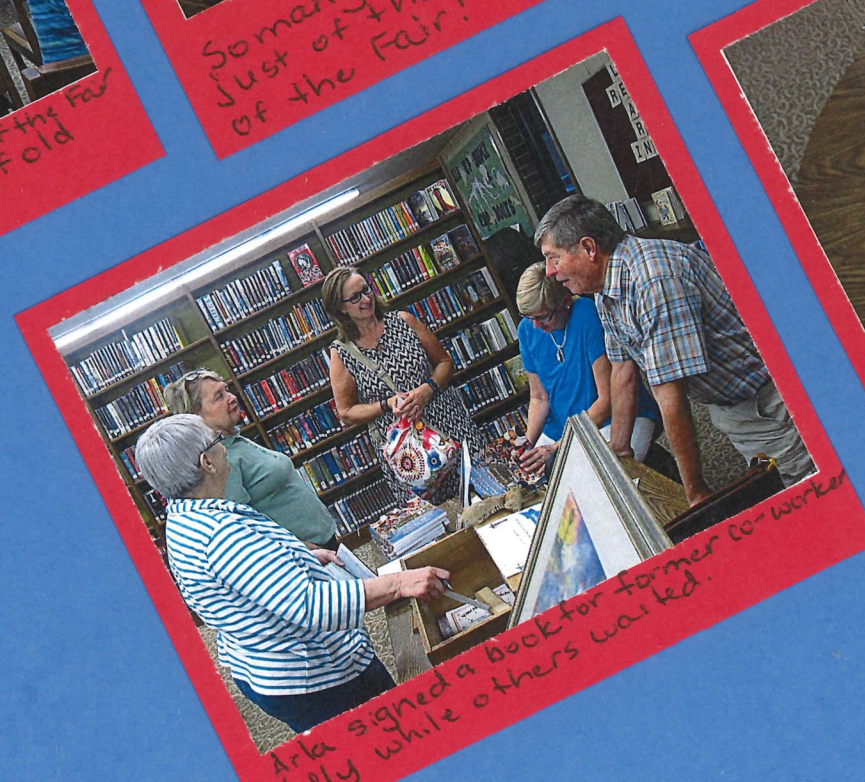
This is the artwork for a children's
book that Arla is collaborating on.
Be published in time for next
years fair.



Arla told of the beginning of the Fair
and showed us pictures of old
Fair Books.



So many fascinating stories, not
just of the food, but all aspects
of the Fair!



Arla signed a book for former co-worker
while others waited.



Lunch- if you really want min
donuts you will have to go to
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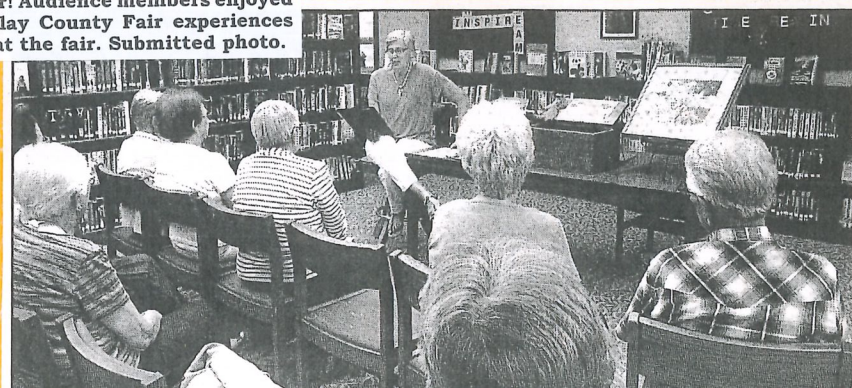
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Laurens Marathon 3rd Grade
Miss Reicks



It's here! Visit the state
Historical Society's Iowa
History 101 mobile museum.



Mrs. Boelhoff-Lawson-
Marathon 1st Grade



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TK Class
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Laurens Marathon students T-K thru 8th
came to visit. Lots of adults also
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Mrs. Roling-Lawson-
Marathon Kindergarten



Laurens Marathon 4th Grade
Mrs. Behrens



Laurens Marathon - 2nd Grade
Ms. Gustafson



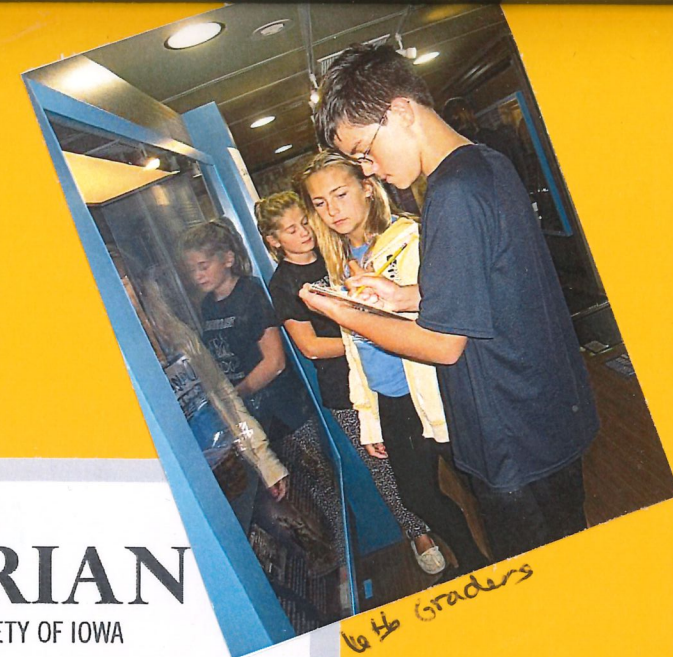
Laurens Marathon - 5th Grade
Mrs. Hjerleid



Getting instructions from Jennifer
from the State Historical Museum
of Iowa



Flor + Harlan Johnson enjoyed the museum



6th Graders



Laurens - Marathon - 6th Grade



Laurens - Marathon - 8th Grade

IOWA HISTORIAN

NEWSLETTER OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA



"Iowa History 101" Mobile Museum

The "Iowa History 101" mobile museum has been traveling the state for 115 days, making stops at 49 events in 35 cities across 27 counties!

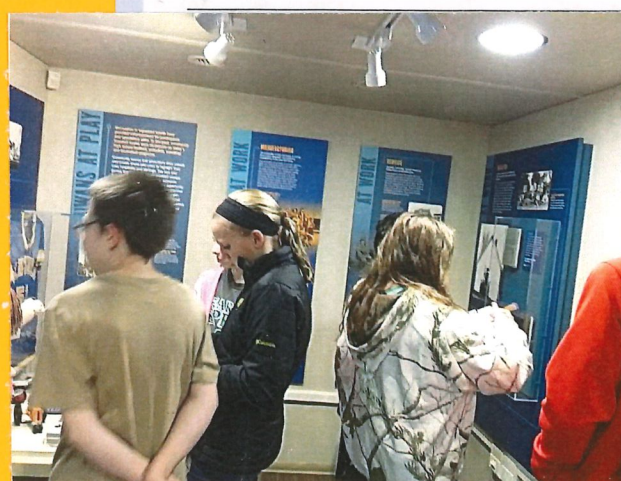
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Don't miss out on the opportunity to bring the mobile museum to your community. The mobile museum is a great addition to community festivals and events or as a learning experience for school groups. We are now [accepting visit requests](#) for 2018 and 2019 to counties the museum has not yet visited.

Right: Glenda Mulder, director of the Laurens Public Library, puts Laurens on the "Iowa History 101" map.



7th Graders



7th Graders checking out exhibits



Head Librarian Glenda putting our library on the map

TOT TIME



You know it's Tot Time when you see this properly parked in the bike rack!



Monday, September 11th
1st Tot Time for 2017-18
school year. Some were
so excited that they came
15 minutes early. Children's
Librarian, Jeri Wonnell read
stories about watermelon.
Then went outside for
sidewalk chalk and to
eat watermelon.



Sidewalk chalk is always fun. They liked to work in teams.



At the Library

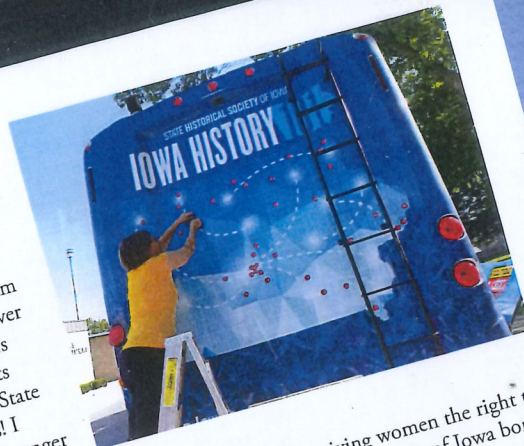
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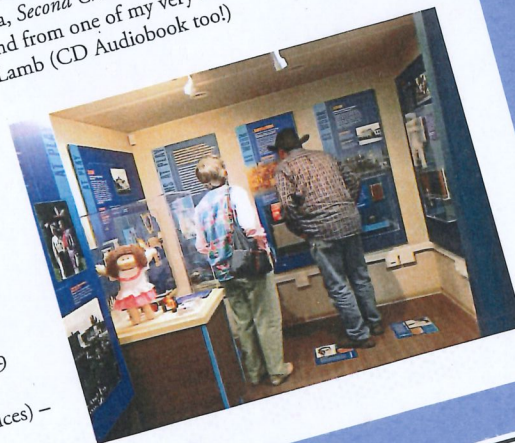
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FARM FOR RENT

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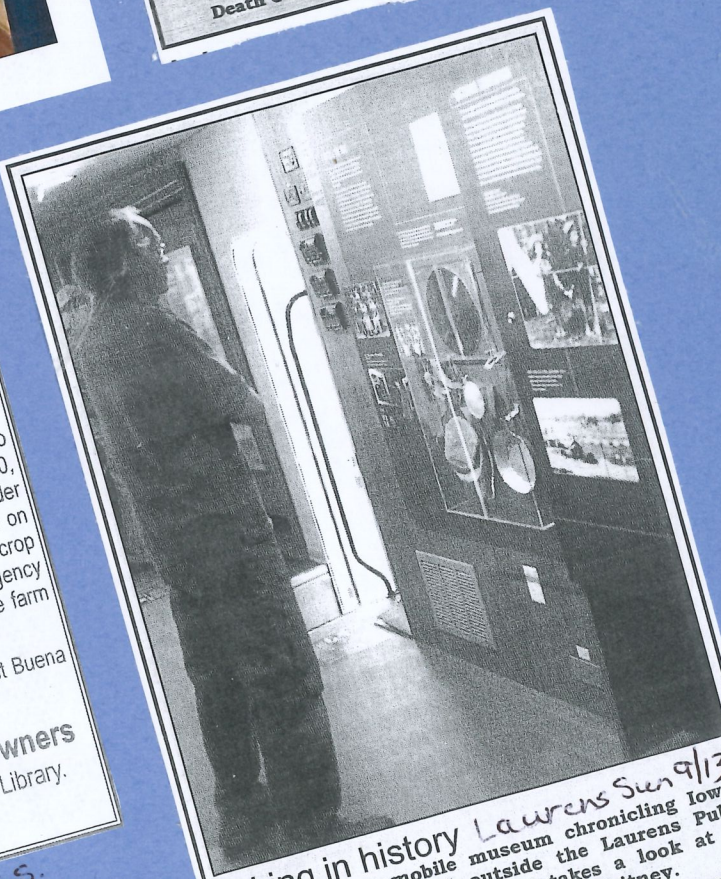
Total tillable acres 144. The Corn Suitability Rating is 81.72 on average.

Owners are accepting written bids for rental of the farm. The bids are to be delivered to Glenda Mulder at the Laurens Public Library no later than 5:00 P.M. on September 30, 2017. Upon selection of the best bid, the bidder will be notified. The successful bidder will be required to sign a farm lease with one-half of the cash rent will be payable on March 1 and October 1 each crop year. Possession will be given when the 2017 crop is harvested. Tenant will provide an assessment from a coop or other qualified agency of the herbicides, fertilizers and nutrients necessary to maintain the value of the farm ground for future use.

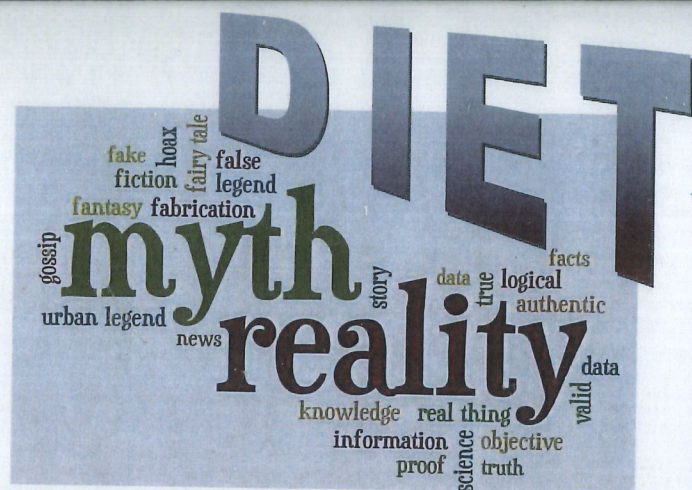
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City of Laurens and Bethany Lutheran Church, Owners
Please direct all inquiries to Glenda Mulder at the Laurens Public Library.
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Laurens Sun for 3 weeks.



Taking in history Laurens Sun 9/13
Last week, a mobile museum chronicling Iowa's history was stationed outside the Laurens Public Library. Jerry Depew (above) takes a look at the exhibits on Friday. Photo by Jamie Whitney.



Kayli Stumpf MS, RD, LD

Diabetes Education/Healthy Living

UnityPoint Health – Fort Dodge

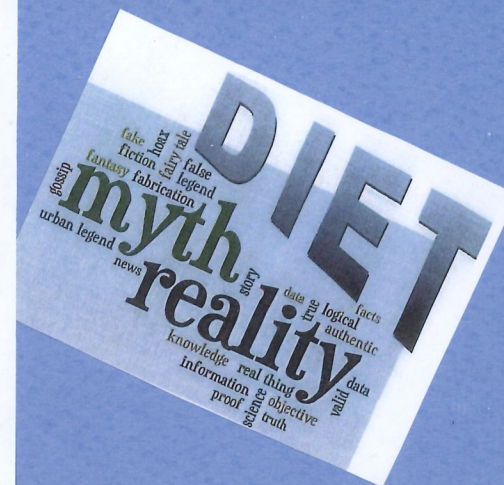
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Nice crowd for program.



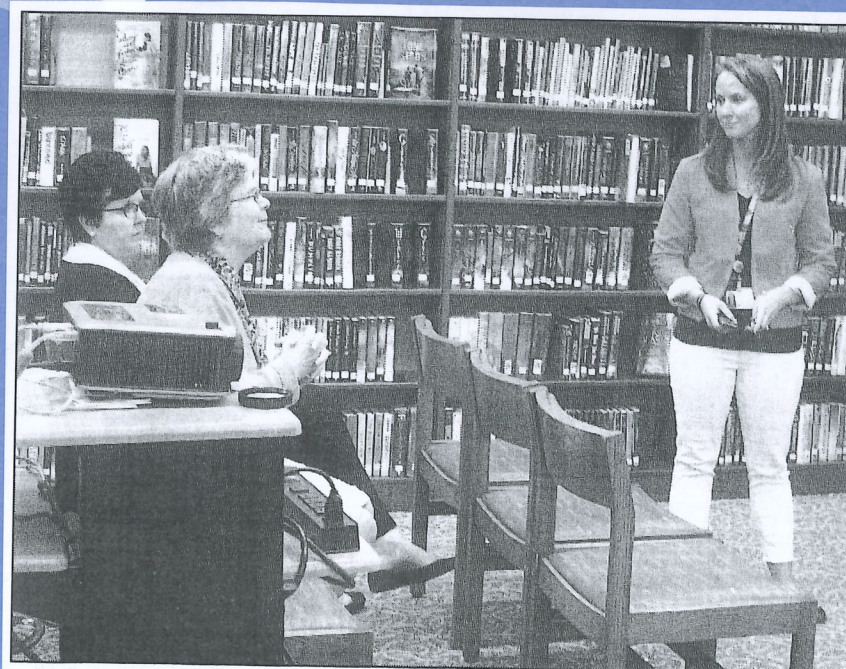
Snapping up the recipes, tips & best practices.



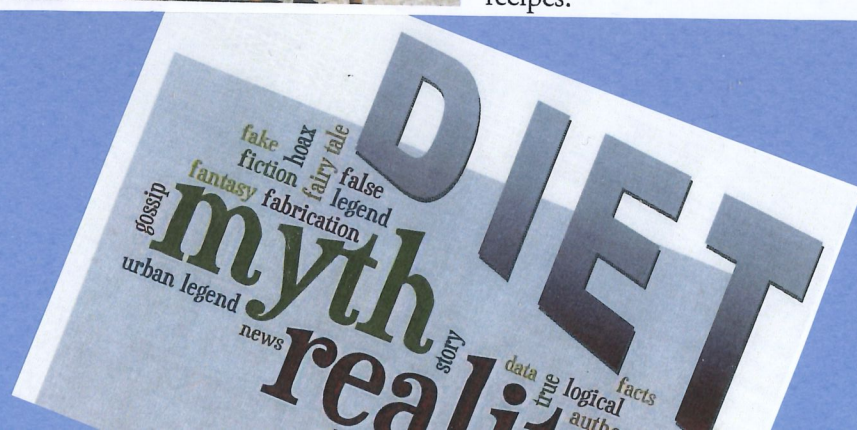
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SEA
YOU
2014

Story Time
Wednesday, September 20
at 1 o'clock



Laurens
Public
Library



"Commotion in the ocean" story
read by Jeri, Children's Librarian



Starting work on their octopus.
Chris, Isaiah, Winston & Kable.



Showing their artwork.



Goofy Isaiah & his octicorn.



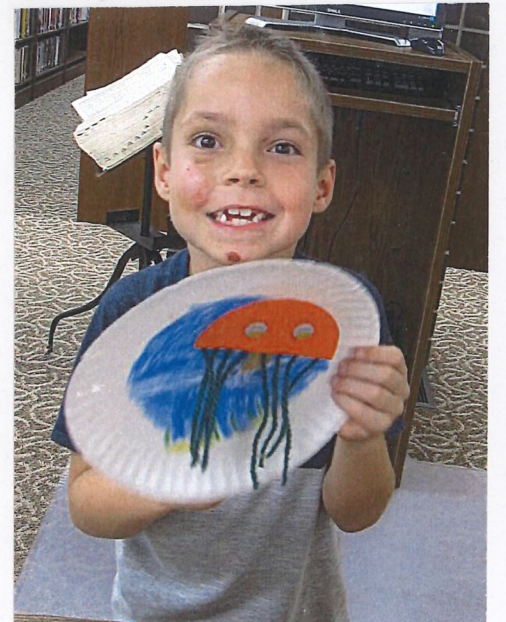
Chris made his ocean
black, as bottom of sea



Winston being silly made
his an octicorn.



Liam sharing a story
about his octopus.



Kable is very proud of his
project.

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No School - so we had a
storytime for the kids
Jeri read stories about
the ocean & then the
kids made an ocean with
an octopus for the
craft.



Showing off her octicorn.

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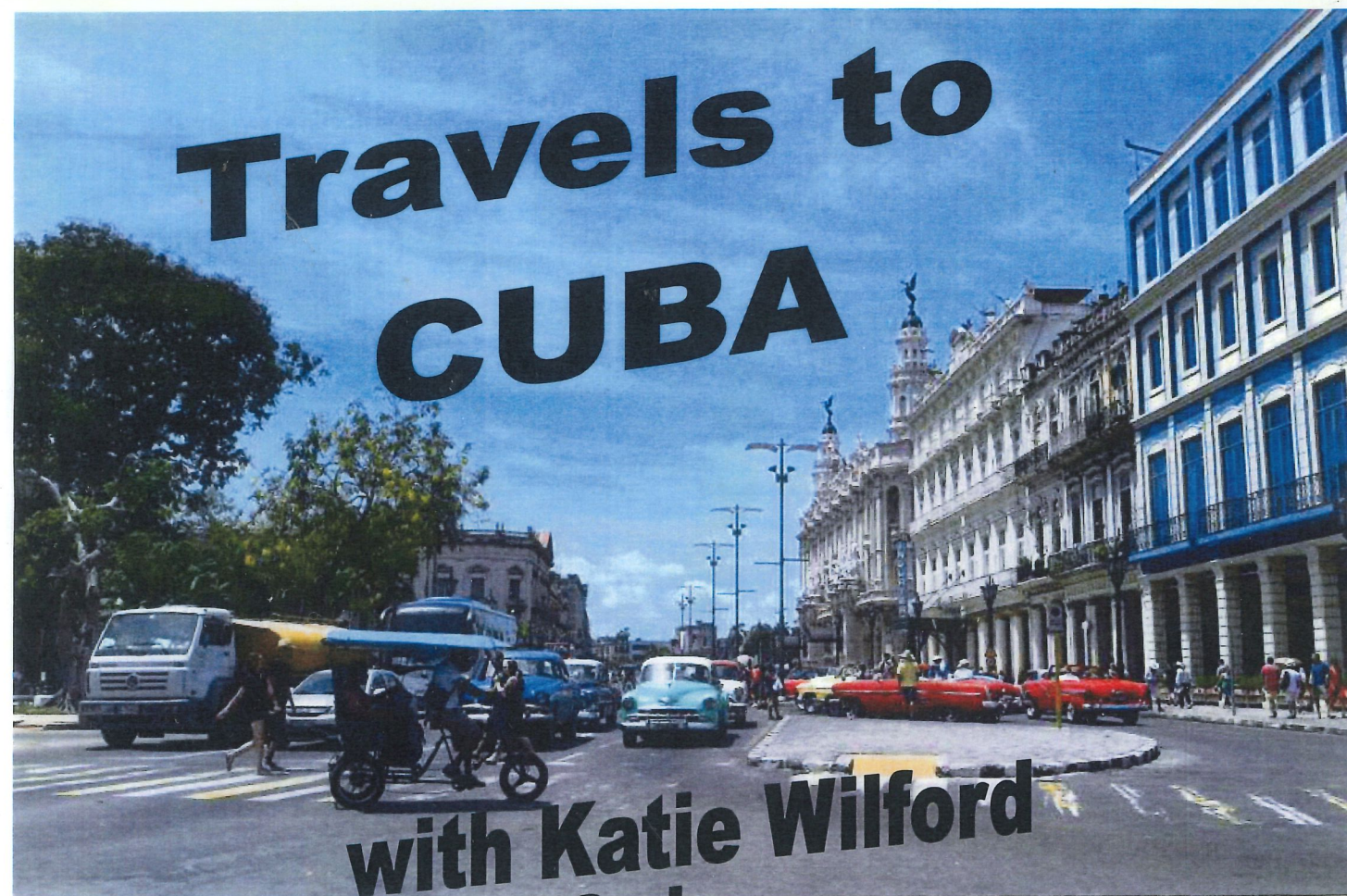
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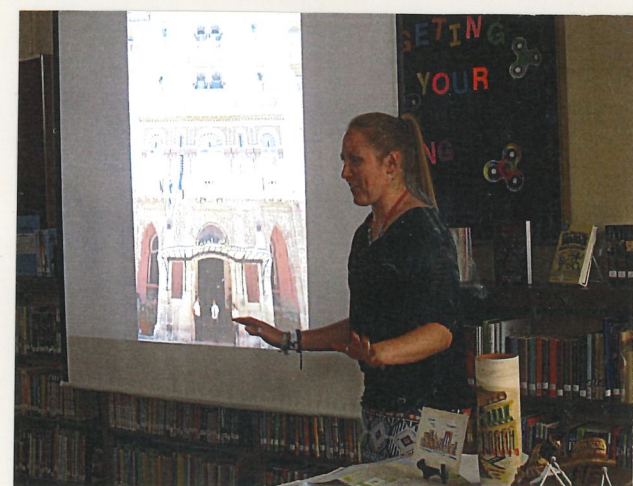
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Pocahontas County Foundation brings funds to non-profits looking to improve communities

By Chris Vrba

Award season is drawing near, and as it prepares to bestow close to six figures for projects around the Princess County, the Pocahontas County Foundation will invite interested applicants to an informational meeting next week.

On Wednesday, October 11, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Pocahontas County Conservation building in Pocahontas, the foundation will walk potential applicants through the "dos" and "don'ts" of its philanthropic protocols. The Foundation believes this process alleviates many of hiccups groups make that ultimately eliminate and otherwise beneficial project or idea.

Since its inception, the Pocahontas County Foundation has awarded about \$865,000 to nearly 300 projects spread throughout all nine of the county's communities.

This winter, they'll award another hefty sum to non-profit groups throughout the county. In many cases, the projects wouldn't be possible without the foundation's benevolence.

Just ask Glenda Mulder, who wrote her first grant application in 2006 so the Laurens Public Library could retire its VHS



In 2010, Laurens Public Library children's librarian Nancy Walker (on right) lined up some of the bigger kids to do a puppet show with our new puppets and puppet theater. The library received funding from the Pocahontas County Foundation to purchase the equipment. Submitted photo.

collection in favor of DVDs, which had become the standard media a few years earlier.

It was thrilling to receive the award then, Mulder said, and that thrill has continued ever since.

"In the following years... we received grants from the foundation many more times," Mulder, who is now the library's director, relayed. "These grants

were always for things that our regular budget just couldn't stretch enough to purchase."

Many of those items, she noted, have been to help the Laurens library keep pace with changing technology. From computers, to a multimedia projector, an online card catalog, upgrades courtesy of county foundation grants

have been a benefit to all who visit the Laurens learning repository. It's also allowed the library to plow more of its budget into media and services to patrons - giving anyone who visits more options than they would have otherwise.

"ONE OF MY FAVORITE projects was called 'Read a Great Movie,'" she remarked. "With this grant, we were able to purchase movies along with the book on which they were based. Our theory was to encourage our more reluctant readers to check out books along with their favorite movies."

And the popular project found its intended audience.

"One of my favorite moments was in setting up this display of new materials, a high school boy came in. He was so surprised that the James Bond movies were based on books! To my delight, he decided to check out the book instead of the movie!"

Mulder said the library has also utilized foundation grants to offer programs that it wouldn't have been able to book otherwise.

"One year children's author Julia Cook spoke at our library, and to all of the L-M Elementary

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school kids. Our library and the school also got a copy of each of her books!" she exclaimed.

Another grant award, in 2009, was used to purchase puppets and establish a puppet theater.

"They are still very much loved in our library today!" she asserted.

In 2016, a foundation grant was used to have author Linda McCann give presentations all nine of the county libraries.

This past winter, the libraries banded together again - this time to embark upon a MakerSpace program, which focus on STEAM-related projects that were employed in concert with summer reading programs.

"THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY FOUNDATION has been a great resource to aid our funding to purchase items with the outcome of giving back to the community," noted Pocahontas Public Library director Lola DeWall, who added, "Our projects have benefited the patrons of the library in areas of technology, programming, and collections like audiobooks and top 100 DVD's."

That sentiment was shared in Rolfe, where librarians established a program called "Meet the Next Generation."

"It's geared toward helping the children and adults of our community become the scientists, inventors, engineers, doctors, teachers, nurses, librarians, presidents, farmers, writers, artist and chefs, and to evolve into happy healthy, productive citizens of our world," said children's librarian Cassandra Lenz.

Like many libraries around the county, patronage in Rolfe is on the rise even though population has declined. To better serve the public, the library has utilized foundation grants to purchase iPads, along with educational tools like Whiteboard and little Bits Electronics for young patrons, and a wide selection audiobooks for its young-at-heart patrons.

"Our hope and goal is to increase the awareness and interest of STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) which is crucial in educating and preparing our next generation for the future," Lenz explained, and added,

Library director Terri Kipfer explained the wide appeal of audiobooks. "We also introduced audio books that anyone can enjoy while on the go, whether you travel for work or pleasure, those with eyesight difficulties and those who wish to listen while being physically active will now have the option to experience the enjoyment of a book on a whole new level."

OF COURSE, IT ISN'T just libraries who receive an assist from the Pocahontas County Foundation - emergency responders have long been the beneficiary, too.

Last week, Pocahontas fireman Eric Hohensee expressed how appreciative his department has been for the foundation's continued support as he demonstrated one of two new extrication bags. Powered by the firefighters' own air

packs, the extricator bags can be placed under a vehicle or other heavy object and inflated with pressurized air to lift the vehicle and free a trapped victim.

The largest bag, he said, was capable of lifting 166,000 pounds - perfect for a department that may encounter a victim trapped underneath a semi, tractor, combine, or other farm implement.

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"We're very grateful for the grants we've received from the Pocahontas County Foundation," Hohensee remarked. "Without the continuing support of the foundation, donations from the community, and the trustees' and city's funding, we wouldn't have this type of equipment."

ANOTHER BENEFICIARY HAS BEEN the Pocahontas Hometown Pride committees, which, through five years, have received a combined sum of more than \$176,000 to fund or partially fund 44 projects in all nine communities.

"The Pocahontas County Foundation and the Pocahontas County Hometown Pride Program have had a strong partnership for the past five years," remarked community coach Margo Underwood. "Without the financial support of the county foundation, many of these projects would not have been completed in the nine communities. These funds are very important in providing the 'seed funds' to start a project which can then receive additional funds and in-kind support, services and labor from others in the community to complete the projects."

Better yet, gifts to the Pocahontas County Foundation are eligible for Endow Iowa tax credits, which affords donors an additional 25% Iowa tax credit in addition to the normal federal charitable tax deduction.

That means the net cost of \$1,000 gift will cost the donor just \$354 once the federal tax savings (\$396) and Endow Iowa tax credit (\$250) are applied.

Underwood explained how those gifts can enrich communities for years to come.

"The Pocahontas County Foundation is a terrific option for those interested in leaving a legacy in Pocahontas County and for those who want to give back to your community for future community enhancement projects," she said and added, "Possible gifts to the Pocahontas County Foundation's Endowment Fund include checks, property, life insurance, stocks, bonds and grain."

There's no better way to leave a lasting legacy in the community you call home. For more information on how to leave a gift, please email pocofoundation@pocahontas-county.com

In a sentiment surely shared by every grant recipient, DeWall concluded, "We so appreciate the opportunity of grant funding and thank the Pocahontas County Foundation for their continued support through the years."

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On Oct. 2, Katie Wilford entertained and informed visitors at the Laurens Public Library with stories from her trip to Cuba. Wilford and her mother traversed well-known landmarks but also had the chance to venture away from the beaten path. She is pictured with souvenirs she brought back from the Caribbean nation. 11/11

Cuba Presentation at the Library

Those who came to her program at the Laurens Public Library got to live vicariously through Katie Wilford, as she told of her travels in Cuba this past summer. As she shared her souvenirs and pictures, Katie described her experiences. Katie has such a fun way, it made us feel as if we were there with her.



At the Library with Glenda Mulder October 18, 2017

Do you smell pancakes? I smell pancakes. OK, maybe I have an active imagination, but our Pancake Supper is so close I can almost smell it! Hope you can join us for pancakes this Thursday, October 19th at the Christian Church. The Kiwanis will again be flipping their famous pancakes. All proceeds go to the Library Foundation to continue their projects, and start a new one – the Music Garden to the south of the Library! I'll have some nice pictures of the large outdoor instruments we have selected. I've also got pictures of a couple of my favorite little girls playing similar instruments in Arnold's Park that I will have there. I got an email that told me that our Lilypad, cymbals type instrument, that we will have for display (and for play) was shipped the 10th, so I'm going to assume it will be here! Did I tell you how wonderfully the Music Garden is going to tie in with the 2018 Summer Reading musical theme, "Libraries Rock!"

Just because I'm so excited about our new project, I don't want to forget to tell you about our ongoing Foundation projects: CD audiobooks, children's e-book subscription, Preschool Outreach Baskets, Summer Reading supplies, books & program, and Adult Programs. The Foundation also purchases many memorial books for the library, as specified by their friends and family.

I'll have more details for you next week, but I will tell you that I've heard wonderful things about Kathy Wilson's programs, so plan to join us Wednesday, November 1st for Death Comes for Us All – a look at Victorian era death and funeral traditions (seems appropriate for this season, right?) You'll also want to come to the library as soon as you are done handing out Trick or Treat candy Tuesday evening, to see our Halloween Magician. This annual tradition has been going on since before I was the library director, and it's one of my favorites! I love seeing the kids so excited and of course, in their Halloween costumes.

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Nonfiction arrivals include: *Capital Gaines: Smart Things I Learned Doing Stupid Stuff* by Chip Gaines, *Sisters First: Stories from Our Wild and Wonderful Life* by Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush, *Uncommon Type: Some Stories* by Tom Hanks and in large print nonfiction, we received *Rogue Heroes: The History of the SAS, Britain's Secret Special Forces Unit That Sabotaged the Nazis and Changed the Nature of War* by Ben Macintyre. (Have I told you lately how much I hate the ungainly titles they give to works of nonfiction anymore?)

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Current Foundation Project List

- Music Garden in City Park – featuring oversized outdoor musical instruments



- New PA System
- Children's e-book subscription
- Programs for Children and Adults
- Memorial Books
- Books for New Baby Packets
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Recent Projects Funded by the Laurens Public Library Foundation

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Outside Monster Book drop. Unfortunately the wet weather made it fall down.

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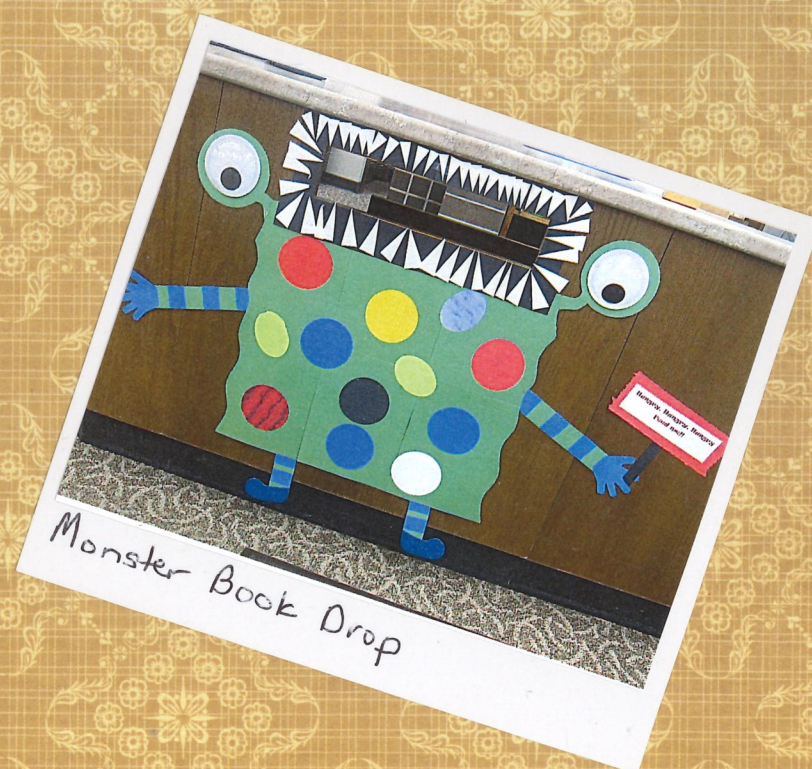
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The kids were really wrapped up in the story of Winnie Witch whose spells would not work.



"Can you make a scary face?" Got all kids involved.



Glenda took the Big Kids aside to read Ghost Stories.

Spooky Story Time
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Making our monster puppets Darcy Rubel helping the kids.



Lots of kids today busy making monster puppets



3 of our favorite ghouls showing their monster puppets



Vikes. a 4-eyed monster by Karsyn.



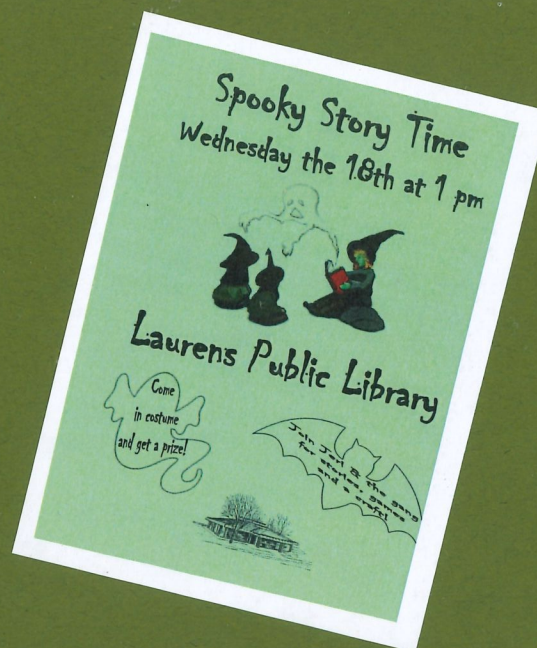
Admiring his cool monster.



Monster puppets are pretty exciting ~ gives a challenge to taking pictures



Girls were having a hard time standing still for picture.



These monster girls were talking to each other!



Blake got photo bombed by his vampire sister - Lillie.



Creative, hairy monster - but no so scary looking!



Dorothy aka Sawyer Shows off her work.



Isabella didn't know there was a monster over her head!

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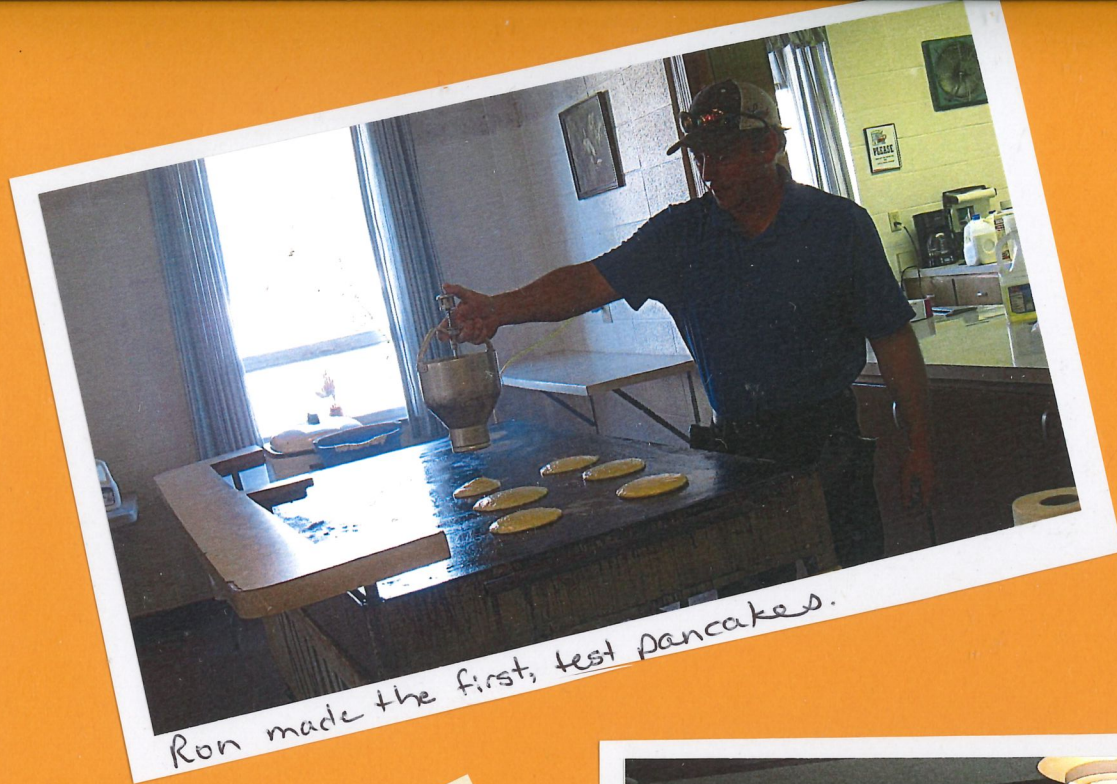
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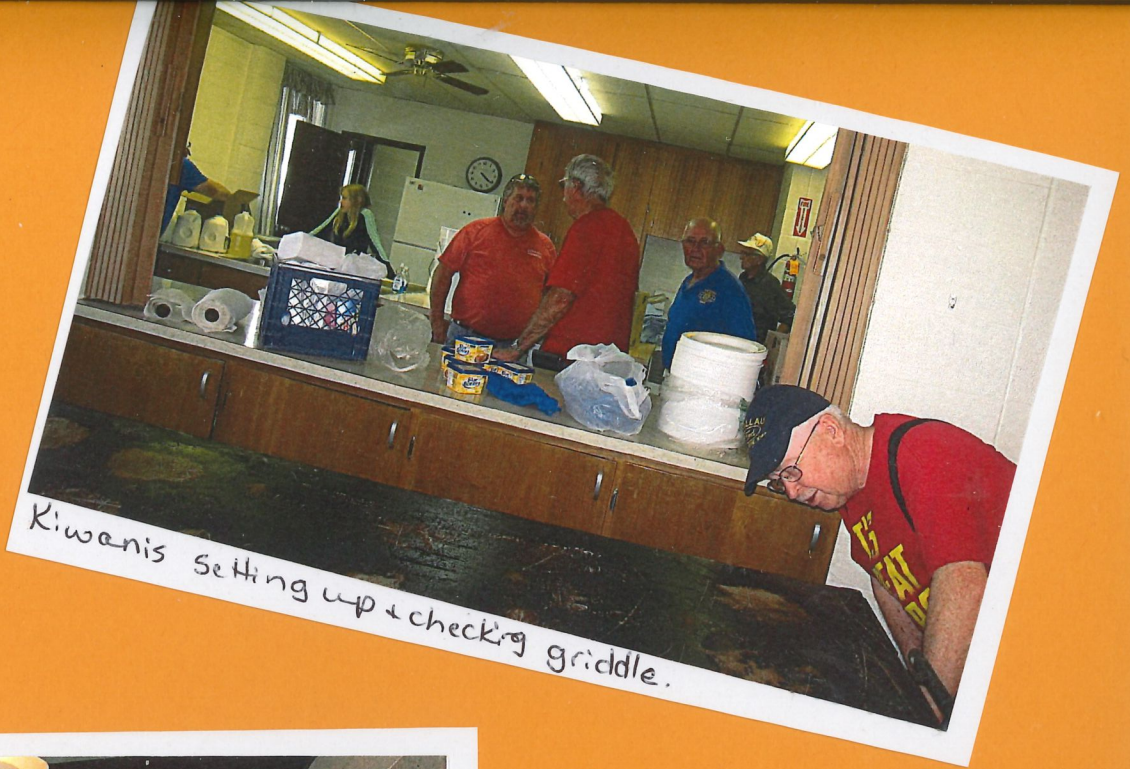
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Laurens Foundation Board member Jena Pat is a couple young musicians.



Ron made the first, test pancakes.



Kiwanis setting up & checking griddle.



Brooks & Doc have pancake making down to a science.

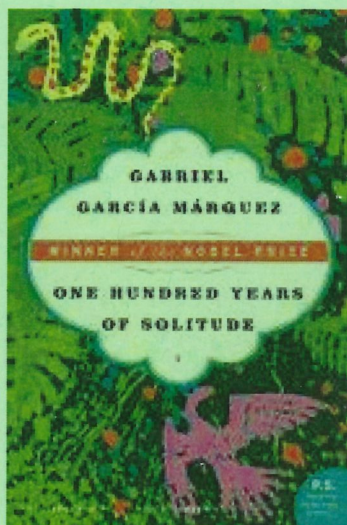


Lots of pancake lovers!



Family of pancake eaters.

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The Paper

Laurens council approves new farmland renter

By Jamie Whitney

It was a brief affair as the Laurens City Council held its October 16 meeting with just a handful of items to consider. "It looks like a fairly short agenda," said Mayor Rod Johnson as the proceedings started.

Up first was the council considering bids for farm rent of the 144 acres jointly owned by the Laurens Public Library and Bethany Lutheran Church.

Glenda Mulder, representing the library, explained that Kyle Wenell's bid of \$266 per acre was the highest of the 14 bids submitted.

"There was one kinda lowball, but they were all similar," Mulder said of the

bidding.

The council approved the bid unanimously.

The council also approved a pay request from Vaughn De Loss Construction related to work completed on the West Main Street project.

The mayor explained that project engineer Wes Brown recommended the city honor the pay request as the work has been completed.

However, De Loss still had roughly \$5,000 in work he was performing for the city in lieu of the municipality collecting liquidated damages for work not being done by the original deadlines. Because there is work still to be done, the council can hold double the value of that work, roughly \$10,000.

Brown recommended the city pay De Loss the remainder of the retainage being held, which amounts to \$41,641.67 - be paid to the contractor.

Council member Julie Potter expressed her belief that all of the work should be completed and his equipment off city property before making a large payment.

"I feel we should honor this pay request," said council member Rich Newgard.

"I agree with Rich," stated Jean Swanson.

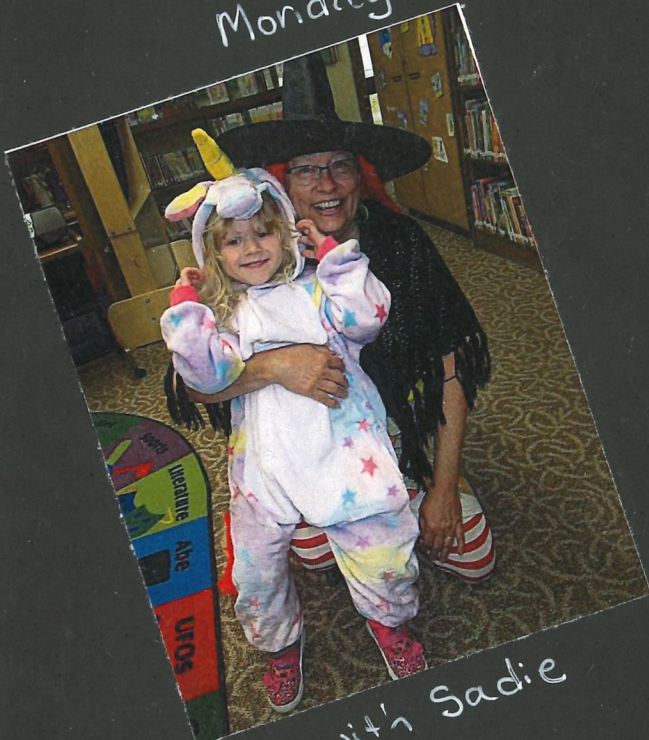
The council approved the recommended payment 3-1 with Swanson, Newgard, and Pat Sullivan voting "aye." Potter cast a "nay" vote, and Sid Enockson was not in attendance.

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TOT TIME

Halloween Party
Monday, Oct. 30th



Jeri with Sadie



Sarah + Reagan Hertz



Looks like the Tots are really listening to the story



Colored pictures



Fun coloring



Amanda Gustafson w/ her daycare Children



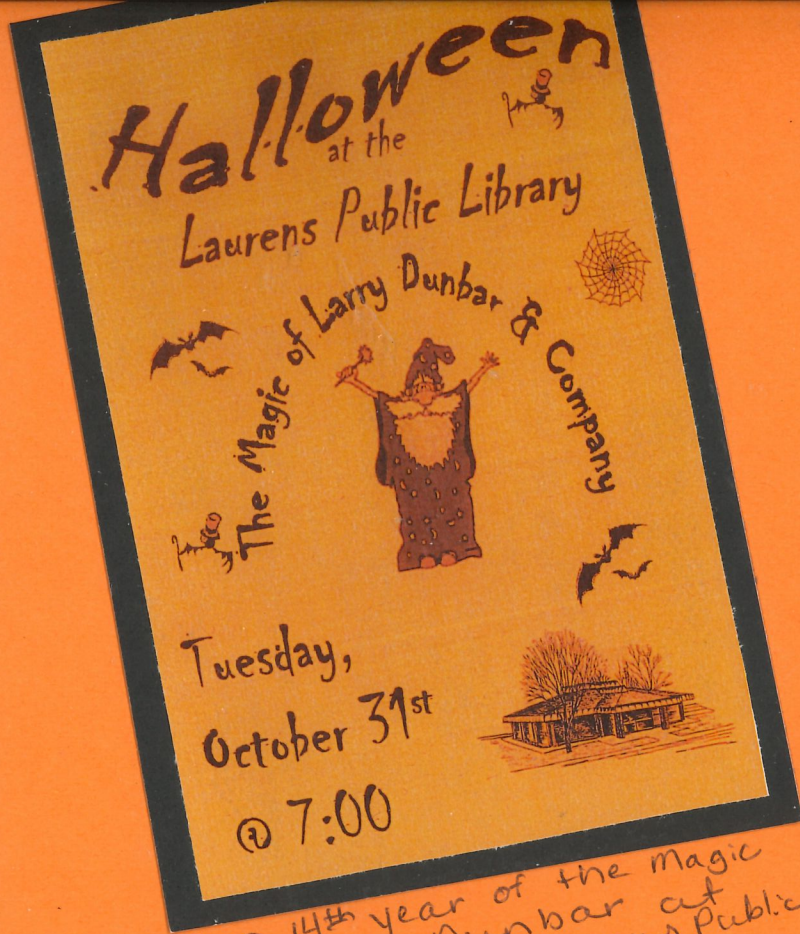
Halloween Stories read by Jeri Wene.



Add foam Halloween stickers



Shark Bo Wene!!!



Our 14th year of the Magic of Larry Dunbar at the Laurens Public Library



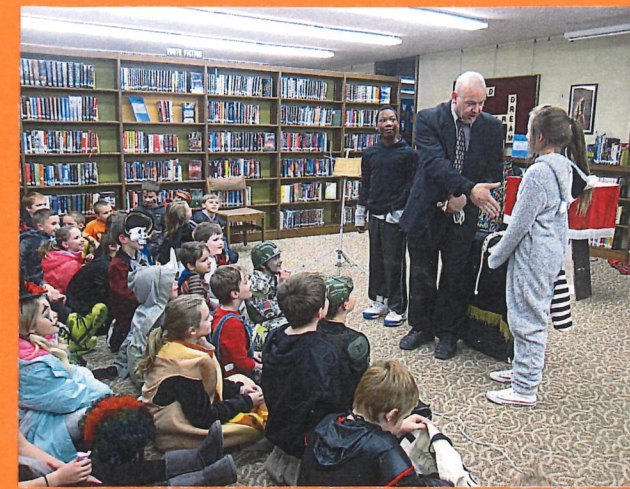
Almost time for the Halloween Magician!



Teaching everyone to do a trick



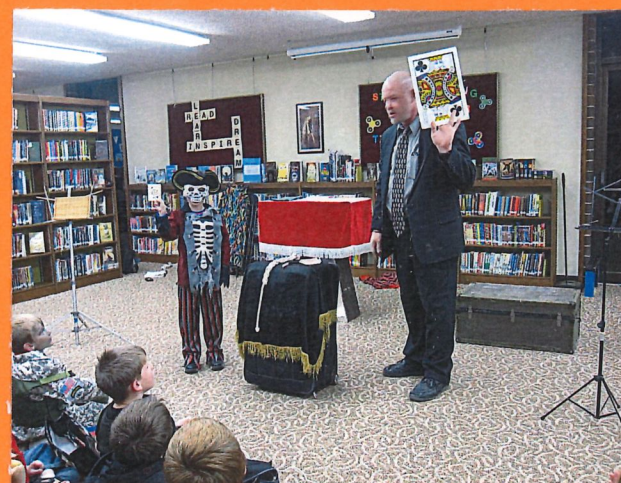
Deshun said "stop" and Mike cut the rope in pieces.



Deshun's job was to catch Raynes hands if rope went through them + cut them off.



Card tricks with Mike the Illusionist



How can the pirates card match the King of Clubs? We saw him take a Queen of Heart, didn't we?



Larry teaching the audience how to make it look as if you pull your thumb apart.



"Every real magician has 11 fingers!"



Go ahead + flip the cup upside down, like this...



Cadence shows her card that Larry pulled from the deck inside the balloon



Larry teaching Mike precision folding + tearing. Mike's not so picky!



Larry's magically turned into a hat!



HEY! Why did mine turn out to be underwear?!



He's sawing Ataya in half!



Whew! She's okay!



Alex, do you realize that's going to be put around your neck?



The magic screen told us he was thinking about the card he choose



Will these two be boyfriend + girlfriend later in life. Cards said yes!



Oh my! Is she levitating? Cameron



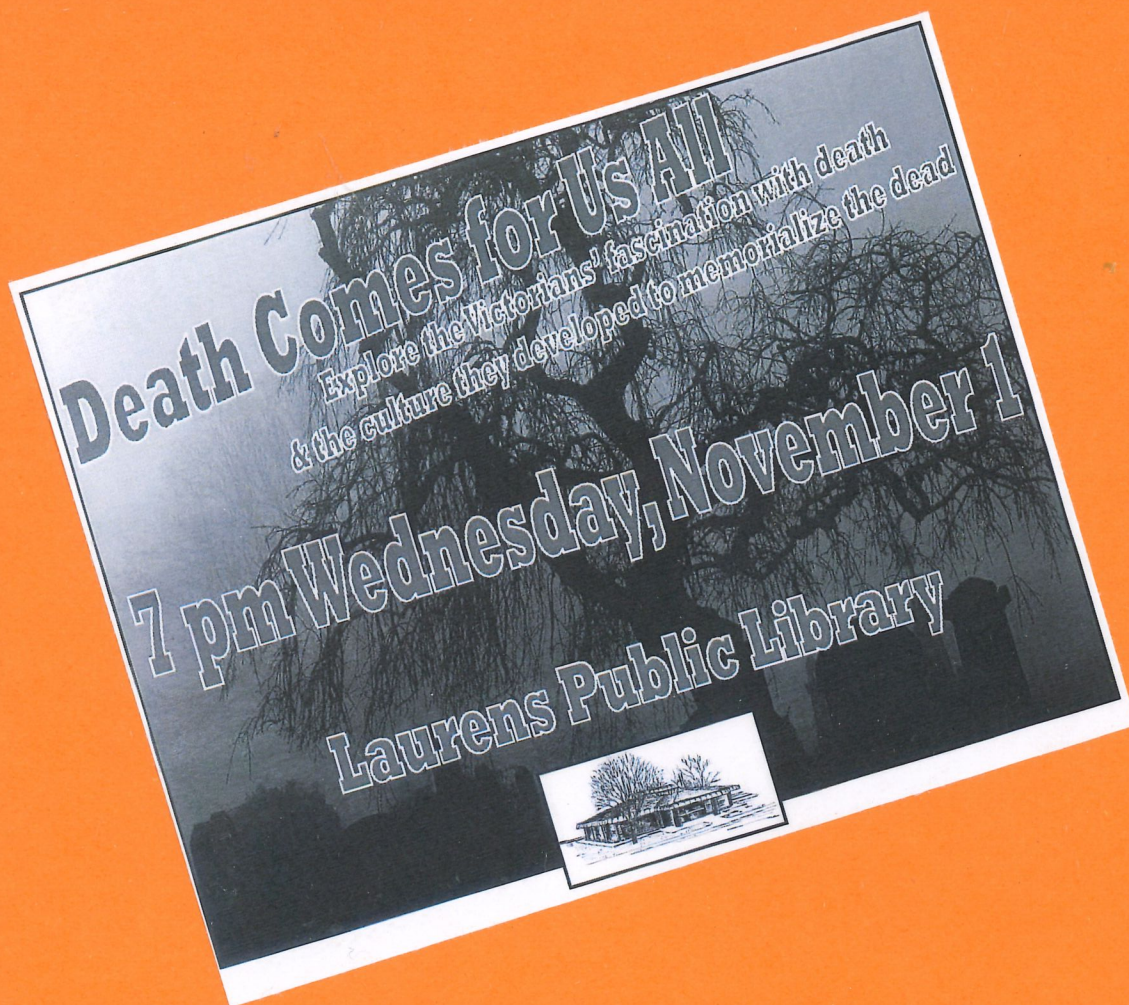
Apparently Emma's face is feeling off!



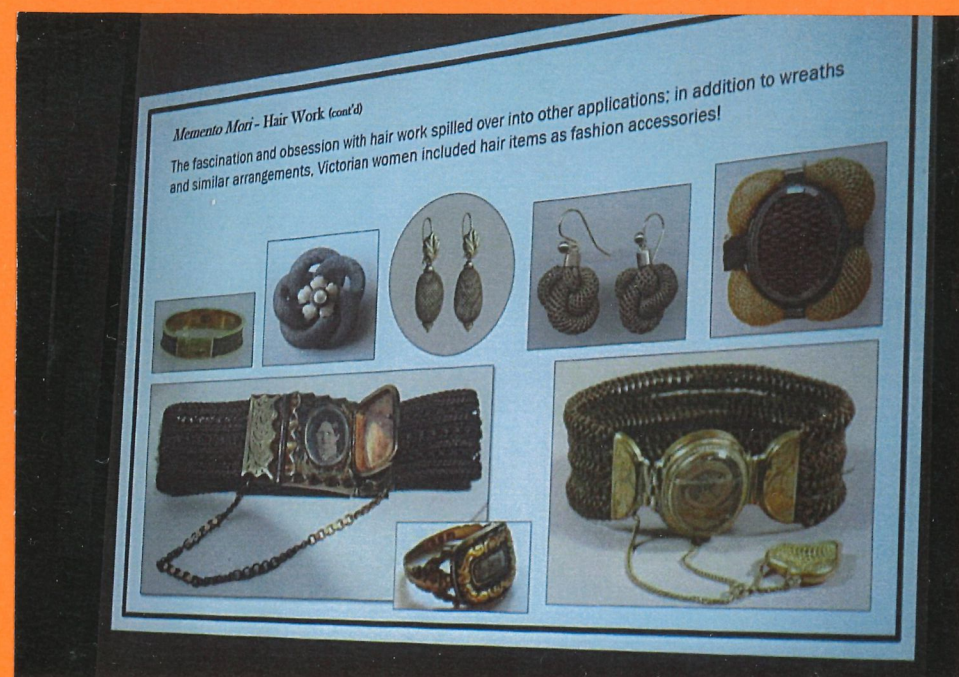
Zebra girl (Jenna) + Dorothy (sawyer)



Finding the details of the magic workshops.



Nice crowd for the program.



Jewelry made from hair of your deceased loved ones.



Because, who wouldn't want their picture taken with a dead relative!



When Kathy found out that Connie is a curator of our County Museum, the conversation really started to flow!

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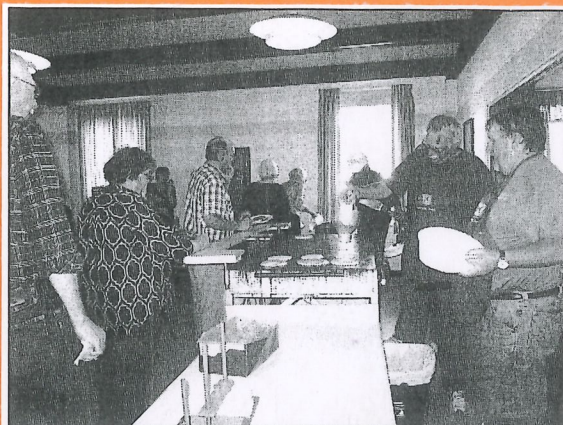
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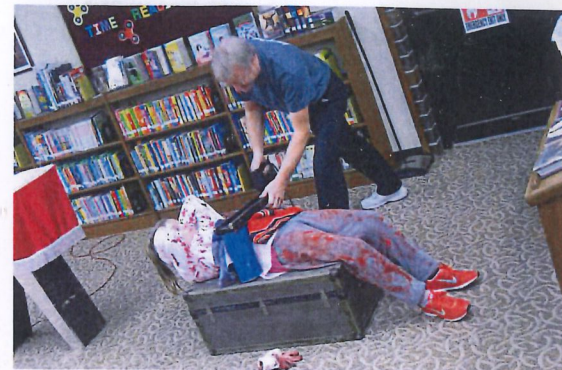


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14 Years of Halloween Magic at Laurens Public Library!

Fort Dodge Magician Larry Dunbar is shown teaching the ghosts and goblins who attended his Halloween night show how to perform an illusion. They were shown how to hold their hands just right so they could make it look like they pulled their thumb in two! Many tricks and illusions were enjoyed by the 150+ spooks that attended the 14th annual show at the Laurens Public Library.



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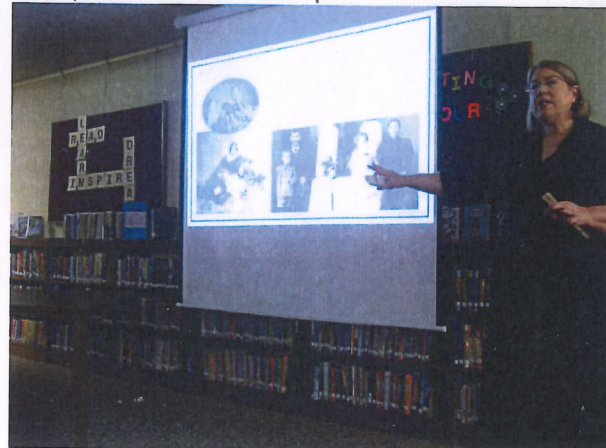
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Historian Kathy Wilson Visits Laurens Public Library

Historian Kathy Wilson entertained Laurens Public Library patrons with her program "Death Comes For Us All." She discussed many Victorian traditions surrounding death and funerals. In this picture, she is showing examples of people posing for a photo with their dead family members. She explained that most people in this era only had their picture taken once in their lifetime - when they got married. So, if the family member was unmarried, they had never had their picture taken and this would be the only chance.

She also explained the tradition of cutting the deceased person's hair to make jewelry or flowers that were arranged in a frame with a portrait. Personal stories were exchanged about this, and examples shown.

11/8/17 The Paper



Laurens Sun
At the Library with Glenda Mulder
November 8, 2017

Wow, October flew by – especially that last week! What a lot of fun things we had on our schedule. It looks like November will be a bit less busy; but I usually think that at the beginning.

The Library will be closed Friday the 10th & Saturday the 11th in observance of Veterans' Day. Be sure to stock up!

New novels lately include: *End Game* by David Baldacci, *Midnight Line* by Lee Child, *Armageddon File* by Stephen Coonts, *Future Home of the Living God* by Louise Erdrich, *Hardcore 24* by Janet Evanovich, *Noel Diary* by Richard Paul Evans, *Strange Weather* by Joe Hill, *Blue Ridge Sunrise* by Denise Hunter, *In the Moment* by Karen Kingsbury, *House by the River* by Lena Manta, *Unremembered Girl* by Eliza Maxwell, and *Count to 10* by James Patterson.

In nonfiction we received *Colter's West Wind* by Chris Hodges, and yes, it's Laurens native Chris Hodges! One of our Book Club members told us he was reading this book by history buff Chris Hodges. This book tells the story of John Colter, who was

Expedition, as well as an explorer and fur trapper in the Rocky Mountains.

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Before you go
Over the River and
Through the Woods



STOP Stop at the
**Laurens Public
Library**
November 22nd
1:00 PM



For some Thanksgiving
Stories, fun and activities




Naturally we started with Thanksgiving stories!



Thanksgiving jokes with the "Cootie Catcher"



Quiet turkeys did not say anything



Logan showing off his turkey gobble!



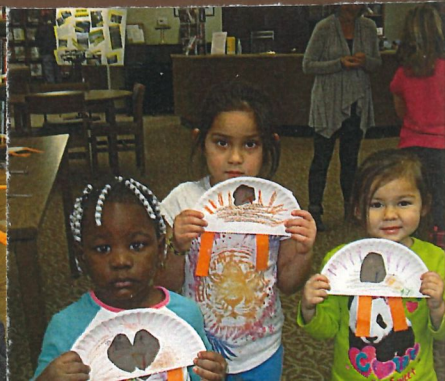
Turkey waddlers! Wish you could hear the giggles



And the letters spell "turkey!"



Making turkeys Finished projects below



At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
November 29, 2017

We've got a fun, festive "Take It Tuesday" planned for December 5th! We are going to set up 4 stations, each with a different craft. By the time you leave the library that night, you will have made a fabric gift bag, a tree ornament, a Christmas ball, and a cute little elf! Check out our Facebook page for a picture. As usual, there is no charge for our "Take It Tuesday" but we do ask that you preregister so we can be sure to have enough supplies ready! These crafts are geared to adults. This means no unaccompanied kids under 12. If you have a crafty child who is younger than that, you can sure be their supervisor and helper! Let us know if you would like to join the fun!

New novels this week include: *The Story of Arthur Truluv* (reg & LP) by Elizabeth Berg, *Secrets of Cavedon* by Barbara Taylor Bradford, *A Dog for Christmas* by Linda Byler, *Lost Luggage* by Wendall Thomas, *Christmas at Little Beach Street Bakery* by Jenny Colgan and *Dog for Christmas* by Linda Byler.

When you visit the Laurens Festival of Trees this year, be sure to look for both of our entries. Our "Smart Cookies" tree is decorated with Christmas cookie cutters backed with pages from withdrawn children's Christmas books. Our other entry is covered in bells and the quote, "Remember the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart." Do you remember the children's Christmas book that came from? It's from the classic, "Polar Express." Now, if all that talk doesn't get you ready for December, I don't know what will!

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ISU Extension and Outreach
After School Program

ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County and Pocahontas County Conservation naturalist Corinne Peterson presented "Animals getting ready for Winter" at the Laurens Public Library, Rolfe Public Library, and Pocahontas Area Elementary School during their monthly gathering. Children learned that some birds migrate to get out of our cold winter environment while others have the ability to stay in Iowa during the long winter months. Children made 2 types of bird feeders to help our feathered friends out. Piñecons were covered with peanut butter and rolled in bird seed and nails

were place in a piece of wood to stick pieces of fruit on.

If you have a child in 2nd or 3rd grade that would like to participate in this program, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office at 712-335-3103 or email lzeman@iastate.edu.



At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
December 6, 2017

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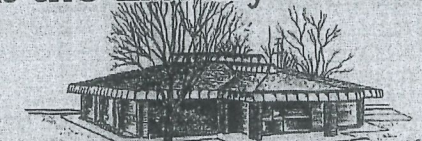
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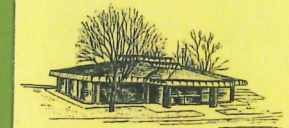
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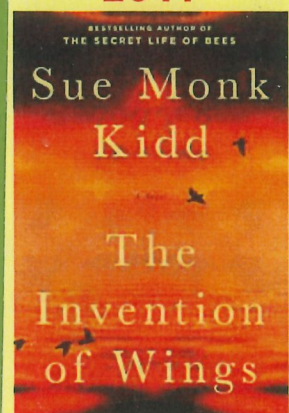
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Laurens Public Library
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this book by our
discussion
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11/27/17
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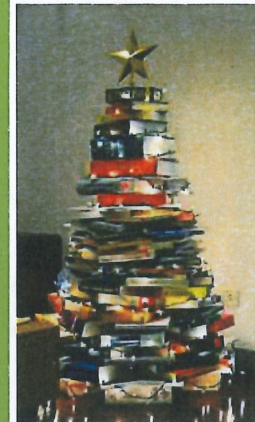
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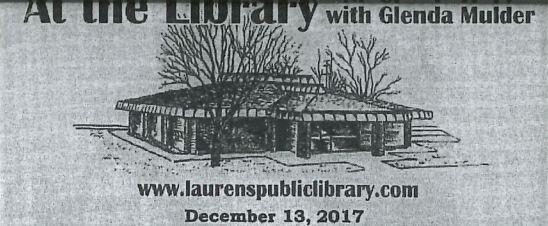
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Laurens Public Library DECEMBER 2017



Reader's Choice of Christmas Book!

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Take it Tuesday
6:30 December 5th



Lots of Creativity at the supply table.



Kendall giving Aya a few sewing tips.



Some of our finished products. We made gift bags, pine cone ornaments. And by far the most popular were the clear balls as pictured above. Lots of ideas from Pinterest.



Jennifer has a lot of good ideas.



Kendall is a whiz at the sewing machine.



Everyone is doing their own projects.

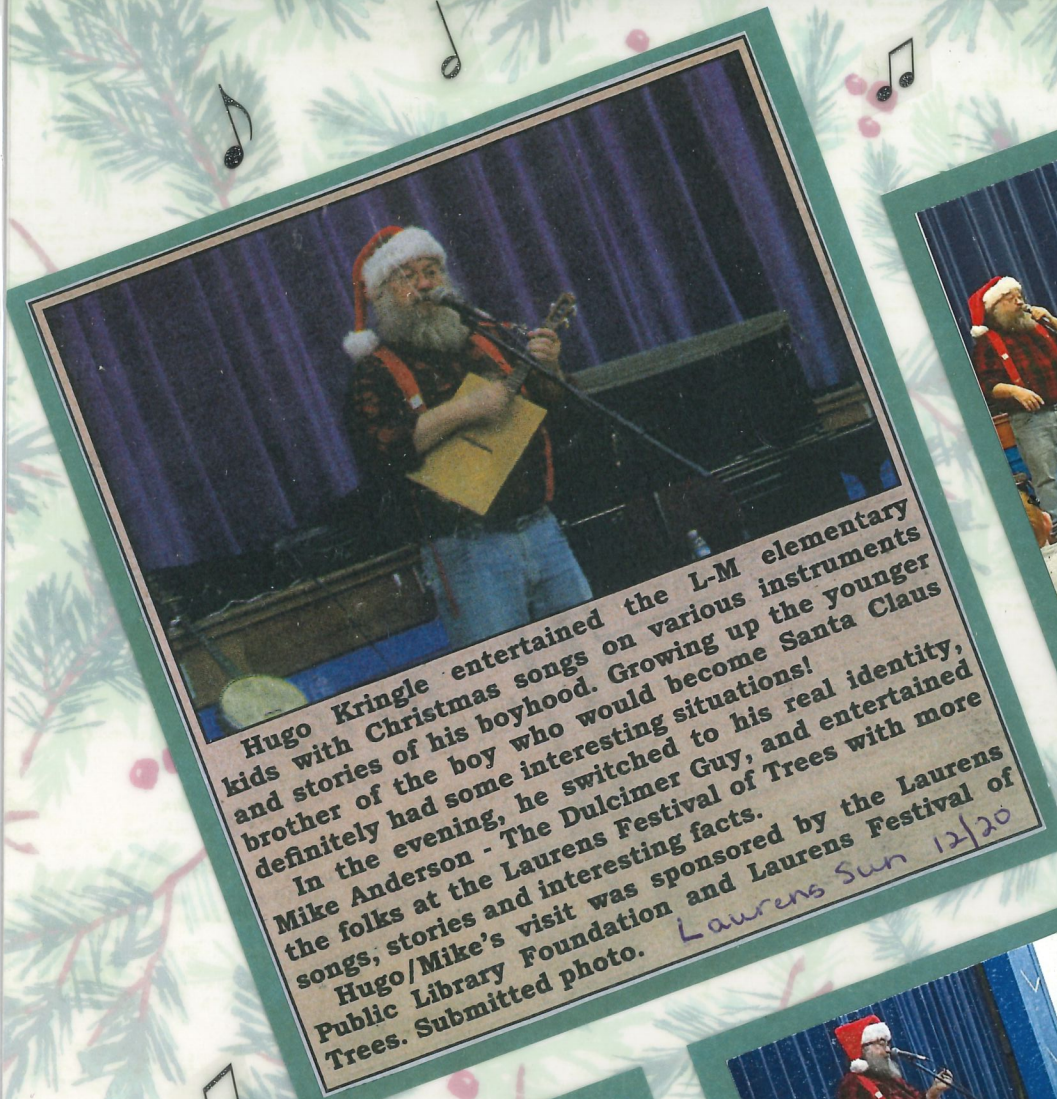


Ayaya Deb working with glue guns.

Take it Tuesday
6:30 December 5th

FREE! Make 1 or all 4! FREE!!
Please preregister so we have enough supplies ready. FREE!!
These crafts are geared to adults. This means no unaccompanied children under 12.
If you have a crafty child who is younger than that, you can be their supervisor and helper! Let us know if you would like to join the fun!
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Music
Soothes
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Hugo/Mike's visit was sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation and Laurens Festival of Trees. Submitted photo. *Laurens Sun 12/20*



Fun & Interactive Stories & Songs
of Growing Up with Santa

Hugo Kringle
Kris's Little Brother
217-473-5889

"We are so glad that we attended your holiday program last night. Hugo Kringle was an amazing story teller and musician! Thank you!" - Smithton Library Patron

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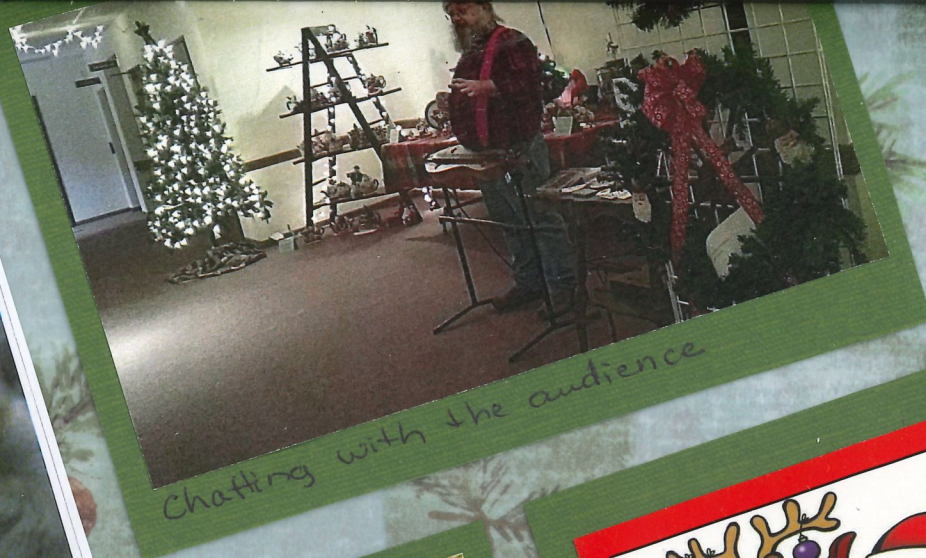
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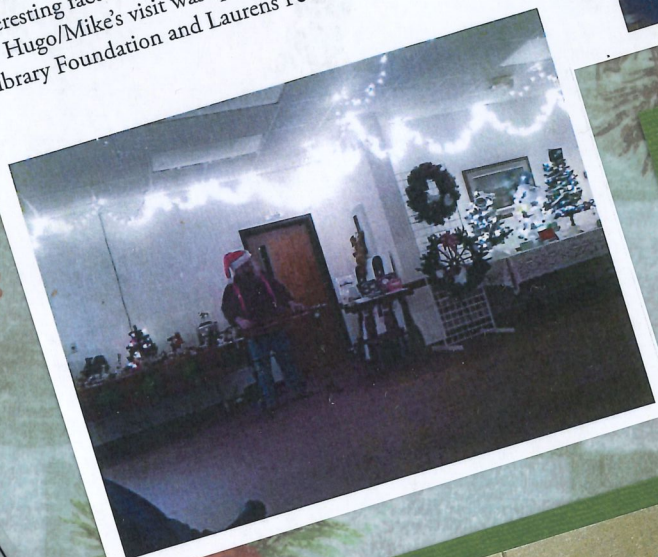
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In the evening, he switched to his real identity, Mike Anderson The Dulcimer Guy, and entertained the folks at the Laurens Festival of Trees with more songs, stories and interesting facts.

Hugo/Mike's visit was sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation and Laurens Festival of Trees



Chatting with the audience



Checking out the dulcimer as well as the Dulcimer Guy's books & CDs.



HUGO KRINGLE

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Beautiful Music



Mike Anderson warming up for the youngest fan Reagan Hertz & Deb Hertz



With a quick lesson she played Mary had a little lamb!

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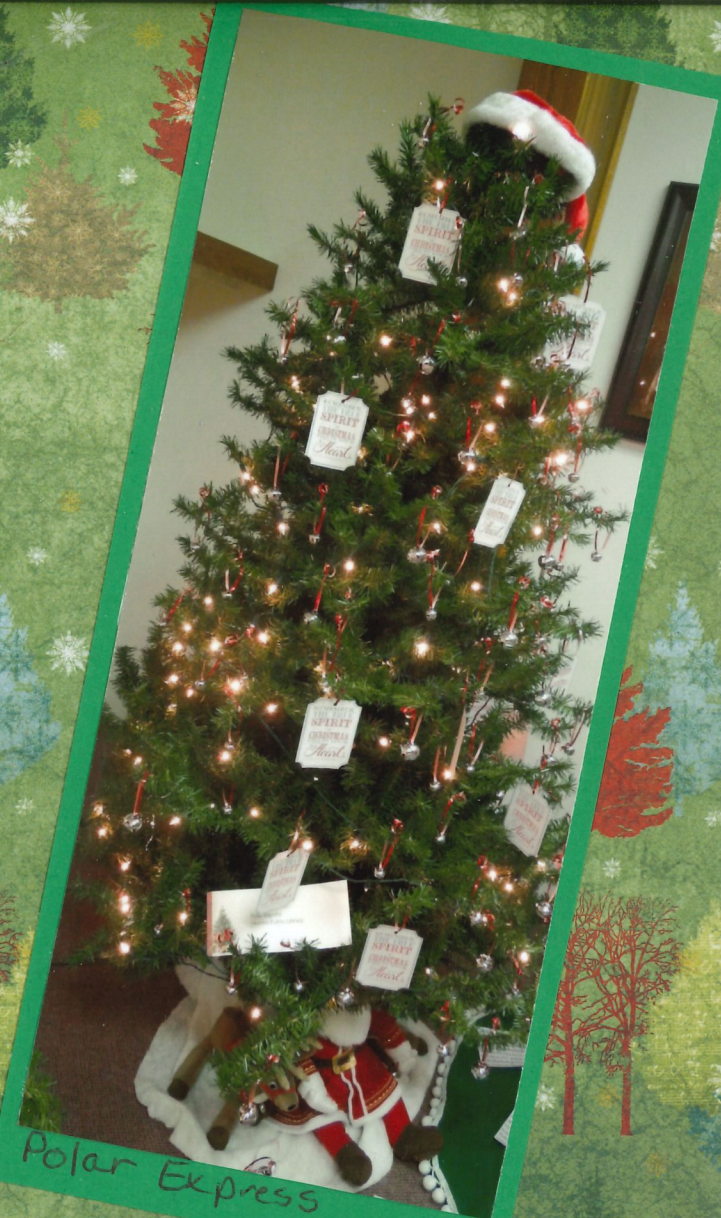
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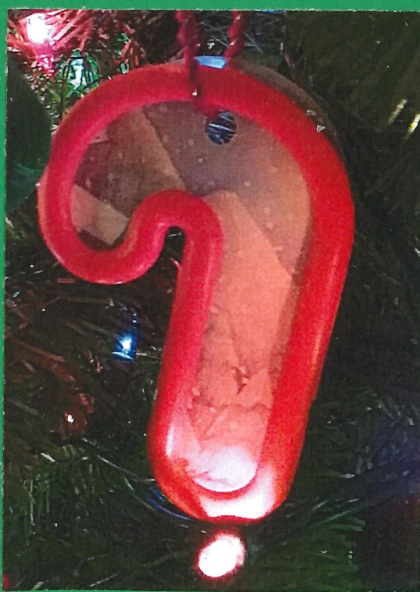
We're Smart Cookies



Glenda Mulder & Deb Hertz finishing Festival of Trees entries for 2017



Polar Express



Silver Balls



Break the Winter blahs
during Winter Break

Join us on
Wednesday December 27, 2017
1:00 PM
For some Bee Bot fun

And
Friday, December 29, 2017
All day for Lego Mania





A Robot story to get things started. BEEP! BEEP!



One, two, three forward, then...



Yea! Blake meeting the Bee Bot after a successful move.



Lillie + Miguel mastering the Bee Bot moves.



Cheyenne + Winston plotting + planning.



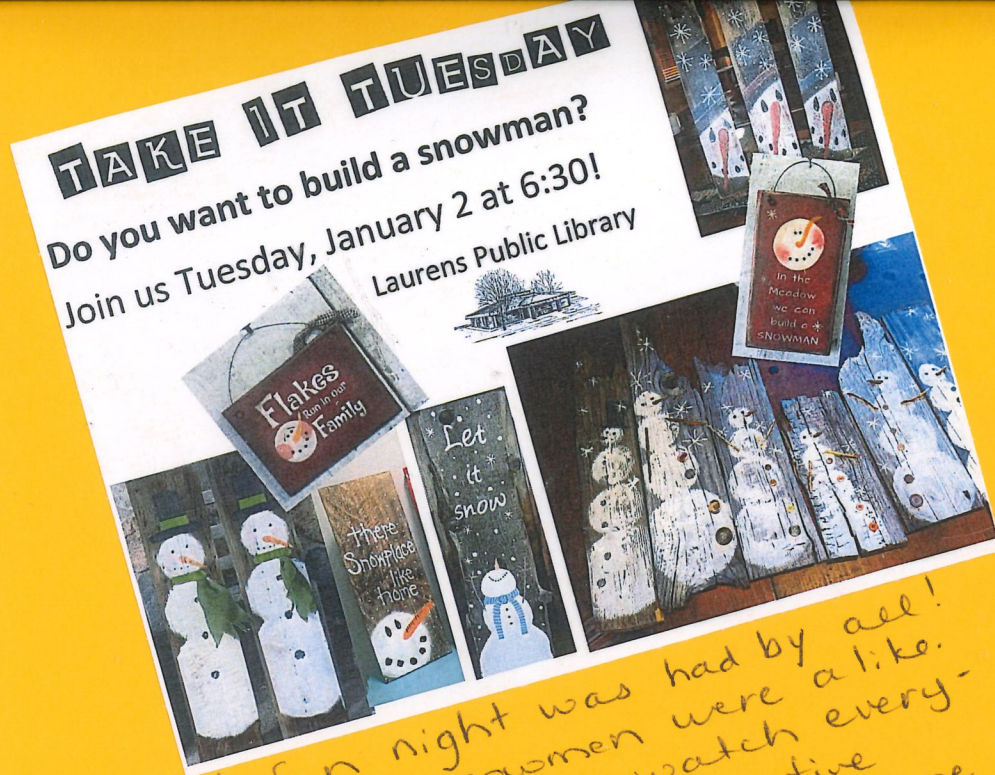
Where should we have the Dash travel next?



Winston drawing the Dash's path on the iPad screen. Then press go!



Oh my! Did the Dash just say that?



A fun night was had by all!
No 2 snowmen were alike.
Love to watch every-
one's creative
juices come
to life!



Deb Hertz shows the snowman she did. Other ideas on the tables & everyone did their own.



Ajooni has her own style building a snowman.



Serious painting going on w/ Kelly, Addison & maili.



Laura sat by the Birthday gal, Jennifer



This couple Gurpreet & John have their own style.



Ataya, Jeri & Becky busy making their snowmen.



Front: Maili, Jeri, Becky & Ataya
Back: Deb, Laura, Feina, Ajooni, Jennifer, Kelly, Glenda, Addison, John (hiding behind painting) & Gurpreet