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the Ugly and Wonderful Things by Bryn Greenwood, The Wife Between Us (isn't that a great title?!) by Greer Hendricks, Two Girls Down by Louisa Luna, The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey and City of . Endless Night by Douglas Preston. We also got some fun new kids' books!

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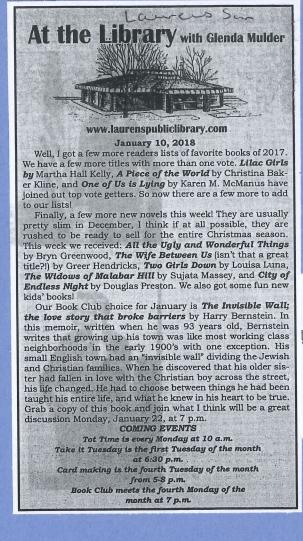
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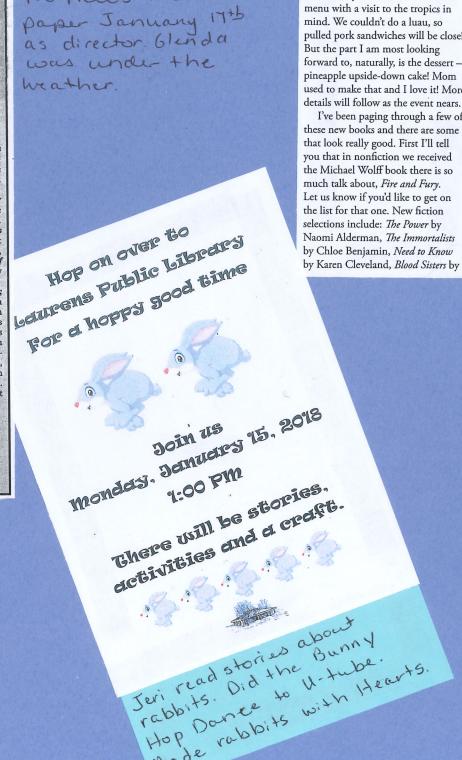
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of the Princess County.

At least, that was the persistent theme from county librarians as they paid their annual visit to the Board of Supervisors last week.

data and discussion to uphold their central thesis.

12,434 books to rural patrons,"

computers, fax."

the librarians shared stories of how their libraries serve their communities.

In Fonda, Linda Mercer The women used a blend of says she's actively undertaken a day care outreach program. That outreach, she said, "levels

Bouncing around the county, said she's working to expand her audiobook and large-print kids. To cater to those children, collection - largely to serve an aging population base. On top programming director, runs of that, she proudly declared, regular kids' programs, which of that, she proudly declared, Plover is the smallest certified library in Iowa.

In Gilmore City, patrons are "Last year, we checked out the playing field" for some of taking American Sign Language After school, some days, it's communities youngest classes. Services, including overwhelming - so much, library kids. She'd like to expand an streaming device checkouts,

In Plover, Gloria Gunderson library has been a key recreation libraries will deliver books to center for many of the town's the library has a children's crescendoed this winter with a Christmas program.

"We have so many kids. sometimes we could use your \$95,078. help," she told the board.

In Laurens, more than 1,000 adults attended 71 programs, while about 4,000 kids attended programs, which Glenda Mulder said, amounted to "basically every day."

DeWall stressed the "two increases hurt in the long run." ypes" of patrons the county's libraries cater to - "The ones who come in physically and the ones who use the website."

Among those online services skills training, archives, downloadable audio and On top of that, each library's compared to the cost is disapmeeting rooms are popular ignorant nation."

By Chris Vrba

Libraries continue to be essential service to the people come in to use the internet, of the Princess Country o your door.

"We provide services and people are using them," DeWall concluded.

Of course, those services come with a price. This year, the librarians requested the supervisors provide a bump of \$4,528 - the equivalent of 5% - to bring the total request to

The funding increase was framed as a way to keep up with the cost of doing business. As Palmer's Ramona Miller explained, "Everything's going up. These increases help with the cost of inflation. Those

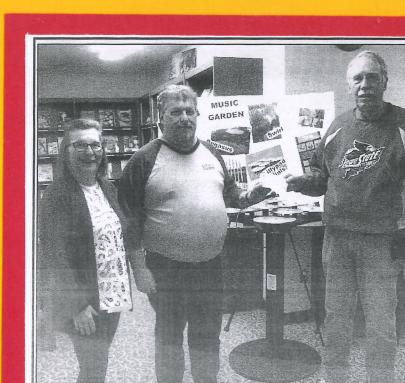
library Each supplemental funds from its home community as well.

Those services, insisted, are worth every are job applications, newspaper penny. Borrowing a prescient quote from the inimitable Walter Cronkite, she closed by E-books, and the ever-popular saying, "Whatever the price of WiFi during and after hours. our libraries, the cost is cheap

Laurens Kiwanis Donates to Laurens Public Library Foundation 1/24/18

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1/22/18

@ 7:00 pm

Wednesday was a milestone night for the Pocahontas County Foundation.

Its president, Bill Winkleblack, utilized the term Bill throughout the foundation's annual awards ceremony - and for good reason, as the group not only bestowed more than \$100,000, but reached another milestone as it crossed the million dollar mark for total grants in its 15-year history.

"It's gone to a lot of great projects over the years," Winkleblack remarked.

So, what are some of the 2018 projects? Of the 31 recipients, financial support was given to mix groups seeking to start or expand programs, while other awards went to tangible capital projects.

Of those capital projects, nearly \$2,200 went to Fonda golf course at Straight Park - an Amanda Tripp. addition totaling about \$6,000.

received funding for capital great news that so many kids' "Our library's pretty much drew a hearty, yet appreciative, trying to make it more of a outlay of its own - bike racks at bikes are at the library that a children's library. We're so chuckle from the audience. bright, happy place." the library.

"There's an overwhelming



Fonda hosted last week's Pocahontas County Foundation grant awards. Among the numerous grants, Laurens was awarded funds for a new music garden, an electronic sign, and safety equipment for the fire department. Photo by Chris Vrba.

Hometown Pride which will bikes on the sidewalk, it's a Hoyt said those kids will soon what they thought the library \$3,500 will also help create a finish the fundraising for a disc bit of a nuisance," remarked have a brand new "teenspace" could use.

Havelock Hometown Pride too-easy-to-grab screens, it's foundation.

waiting for them - thanks, Of course, in a world of all- in part, to \$2,500 from the do their homework!" Hoyt come to the library," relayed

they're littering the sidewalk. blessed to have so many kids "That's so cool. We're excited!" Once those bikes are properly in town," Hoyt told the room,

"They wanted a space to

The same can be said in amount of kids putting their parked, library director Melissa saying she polled those kids on Rolfe, where an award of about

teenspace.

"In the winter, the kids all declared - a declaration which director Terri Kipfer. "We're

Another award is sure to

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partment gets funds for equipment

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bring excitement to passersby in Laurens, as Hometown Pride there was awarded \$3,300 to help establish a music garden around the library.

Library director Glenda Mulder explained that several life-size instruments - drums, chimes, a xylophone - will be permanently installed and playable by one and all.

"You can pound on themthey're kind of fun," John Pohlman said as he accepted the award.

Similarly, another award will help the Newell-Fonda Music Boosters buy new instruments for Mustang musicians.

"Fifty percent of our students borrow instruments," said instructor Renee Sundstrom. "This year, all of our instruments were loaned out."

The award of \$2,375 will allow the boosters to purchase three trumpets and two

THOUGH CACOPHONOUS, OTHER projects are no less important to the quality of life across the Princess County.

Fire Departments in Laurens (\$6,700) and Gilmore City (\$5,000) each took home awards that will help replace breathing equipment for their volunteers. In Pocahontas, \$5,000 will go towards a portable pump to fight fires in the country. Fonda's firefighters received funds for inflatable rescue lifts (\$7,995), while it's ambulance service will be able to purchase an easylift cot (\$8,000) - something that will help patients and the responders themselves. Havelock's fire department's grant (\$1,425) will provide a carbon monoxide detector a direct response to a tragic fatality in the community this past fall. Countywide, a grant of a little more than \$3,000 will go towards training for responders in all of the communities.

"We've discovered we're getting older, so we need to be able to read our books,"



The Busiest Little Town in Iowa was well represented at last week's Pocahontas County Foundation event in Fonda. Five projects in Laurens were funded, including winter camping for Boy Scouts Troop 79, as well as new display mannequins for the Pocahontas County Historical Society, which has its museum in Laurens. Photo by Chris Vrba.

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Organization	Project	Grant Award
	Cascade System Compressor	
Palmer Public Library	Drinking Fountain/Hot Water	\$1,845.26
Palmer Hometown Pride	ADA Accessible Bathroom - CC	\$4,546.75
Plover Hometown Pride	Landscape/Sign	\$1,046.00
Plover Public Library	Large Print Books	\$1,633.00
Rolfe Public Library	Meet the Next Generation - Teen Space	e\$3,539.00
' Rolfe Park & Rec. Board	Pool Ladders	\$1,908.20
Rolfe Hometown Pride	Trailhead; bathroom	\$5,450.00
Havelock Hometown Pride	City Improvements	\$1,473.59
Havelock Public Library	Teen Space	\$2,502.00
Havelock Fire Department	Carbon Monoxide Detector	\$1,425.00
Laurens Fire Department	SCBA	\$6,700.00
Laurens Hometown Pride	Music Garden	\$3,300.00
	Electronic Sign	
Fonda Public Library	Makerspace/Seating	\$1,458.00
City of Fonda - Ambulance	Save Our Back - Heavy Lifting Device	\$8,000.00
Fonda Hometown Pride/ City of Fonda.	Disc Golf	\$2,169.31
	Lift it Up	
	Band Instruments	
	Grave Markers	
Pocahontas Firefighters Association	Portable Pump	\$5,000,00
Discovery Daycare, Pocahontas	Toys	\$1,500.00
	Princess Park Restroom	
	Tech Machines	
	Training	
Pocahontas County Fair Board	Sound/Outdoor Speakers	\$6,000.00
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remarked Plover library director Glenda Gunderson - and thanks to the foundation, she'll be able to buy \$1,633 worth of large-print, be they novellas,

tomes, or anything in between.

Palmer's library won't use its \$4,500 award for books or other materials. It's award will be more elemental. "We are going to finally have hot water in the bathroom!" declared a relieved director, Ramona Miller. The grant will also make the bathroom handicap accessible.

Also in Palmer, another project will improve the premises of a place that helps keep the community young. The Northwest Iowa Badgers, a travelling baseball program which calls the community and its ball diamond home, accepted an award of a \$3,867 award to revamp the scoreboard. In just five years, the program has grown was one team to five, and a softball team will begin play, too.

Another project, however, will help one community honor the history of its hometown heroes. "About 140 markers need to be moved," said Larry Bevins, commander of American Legion Liberty Post #18 in Pocahontas, who accepted an award of \$1,650 to help do exactly that, saying many markers at the city's two cemeteries have sustained damaged though the years. "It'll be worthwhile."

Across the street, a final act of the Lions Club will be a relief for some visitors to Princess Park - as a grant of \$5,585 will go towards building a restroom at the rehabilitated park.

"Visitors will have a place to go to the bathroom out there besides where people are currently doing it," remarked Eric List.

Similarly, Rolfe Hometown Pride accepted \$5,450 which will go towards a restroom at the Three Rivers trailhead.

"If you're not doing anything this summer, bring your gloves and help!" invited Al Sroufe.

At the Library with Glenda Mulder January 31, 2018

Deb, our crafty Assistant Director, has another fun Take it Tuesday planned for February 6th. Naturally for February, it has a Hearts and Valentine theme. We will have all the materials needed to complete all three items - just bring your imagination. Class size is limited, so please contact the library to preregister.

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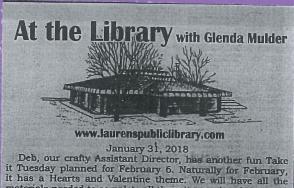
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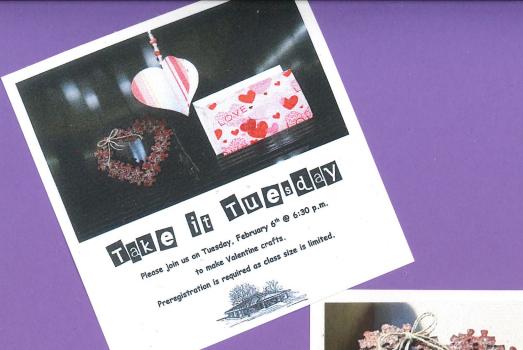
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- 1) Heart w/ puzzle pieces
- 2) Heart 4 sided to hang
 3.) Valentine Cards
- Led by Deb Hertz



Susie Mayou's heart at her home.



Jennifer Valentine, Jacey + Jo Braunsweig, Jeri Wenell. Susie Mayou, Amber + Kendall Evans.



Painting puzzle pieces to make a heart Jacey + Jo Brownsweig Susie mayou. Amber + Kendail Evens Jennifer Valentine



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Karson made a beautiful Valentine for her mom.



Ellie is very creative!



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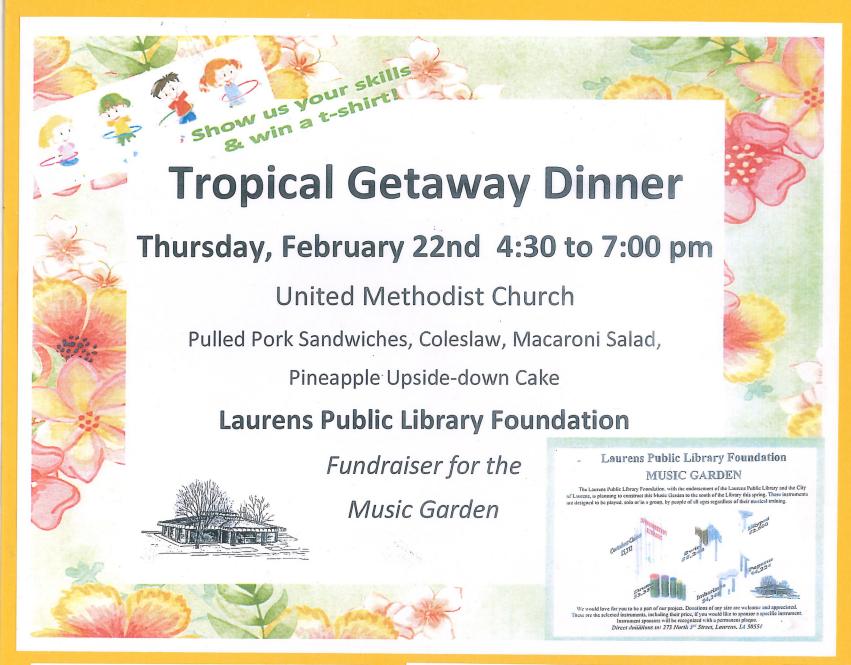




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These agirls were great helpers. Morgan+ Cameron



Show your hula hoop skills and get a +-shirt!









Marcus demonstrating the Lily Pad.







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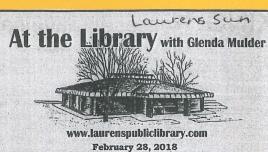
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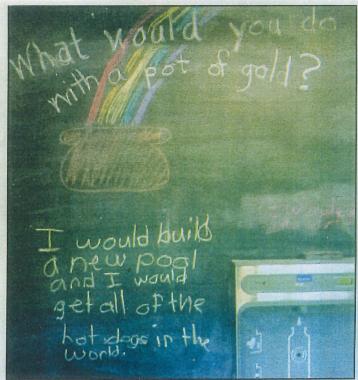
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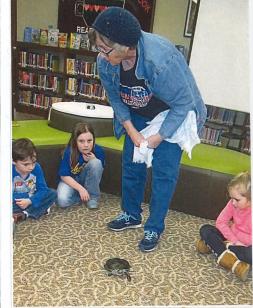
Want to have a Turtle-lly awesome time?



Stick out your neck
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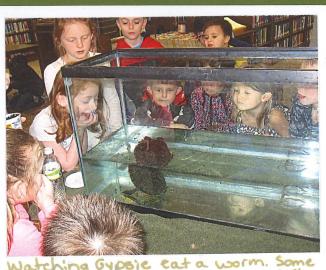




Gypsie Doodle going for a stroll. Linda Booth is talking to the kids about Gypsie



This is Gypsie Doodle who helpedus have a turtle-ly awasome time at the library!



Watching Gypsie eat a worm. Some days she can eat as many as 7. She also likes pellets + minnows.



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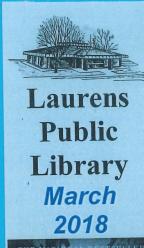
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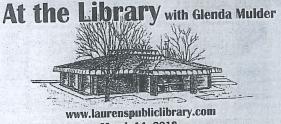
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At the Library With Deb Hertz

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known her for a long time as a library patron, and are enjoying getting to know her as a coworker!

We received a lot of new novels this week - that's not a sign of a coming blizzard, is it? Some of the titles include The Flight Attendant by Chris Bojalian audiobook too!), Rising Sea by Clive Cussler, Sometimes I Lie, by Alice Feeney, Laura and Emma by Kate Greathead, Gunners by Rebecca Kauffman, Let Me Lie by Clare MacKintosh, Girls Burn Brighter by Shobha Rao, Caribbean Rim by Randy Wayne White, The Wife by Alafair Burke, Death Comes in through the Kitchen by Teresa Dovalpage, If You Knew Her by Emily Elgar, If I Die Tonight by Alison Gaylin, The Family Next Door by Sally Hepworth, and Duel to the Death by J.A. Jance

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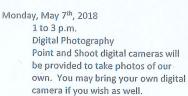
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This project is made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Instructor Holly Zinn from Pearson Lakes Art Center and



Tuesday, 7 pm April 10 **Laurens Public Library**



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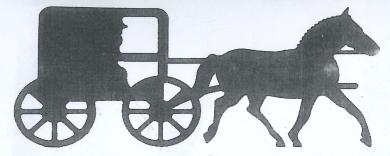


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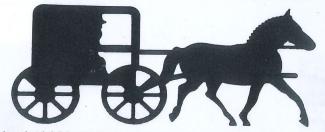
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Local women organize to give back to Pocahontas County causes

A newly-formed community betterment group has identified the target of its first philanthropic act. Recently, 100+ Women Who Care - Pocahontas County held its first meeting at The Zone in Pocahontas and was able to raise \$2,100 in an hour-and-a-half - all of which will help purchase larger-than-life instruments for a music garden that will be installed around the Laurens Public Library.

"It's a big giving circle," remarked Amanda Tendal, who said the group began to take shape after last spring's leadership seminar sponsored by the Pocahontas County Economic Development Commission.

100+ Women Who Care - Pocahontas County meets four times each year. Tendal explained that members are asked to bring a check for \$100, but to leave the "pay to" portion blank. During the meeting, members bring ideas about projects and groups to fund. By meeting's end, a vote is taken and members write their check to the organization which receives the most votes. The first project, she noted, raised nearly all the money necessary for one of the music garden's instruments.

"If you get to 100 women, you raise \$10,000 every quarter! It can make a large local impact in a short time," she stated.

Indeed, a sister group in Humboldt already has more than 100 members and has contributed more than

> \$100,000 to community projects since its inception in 2016.

"It's all Pocahontas County, it's all local, so you know the money is staying in the community to help the community,' Tendal concluded.

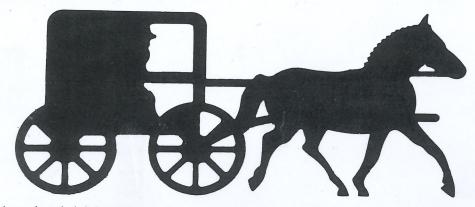
The group's meeting is on Monday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m. at The Teapot Cafe in Laurens. For more information. contact Amanda Tendal or Erica Svuba. They can be reached via email at 100womencarepocahontas @gmail.com or visit their page on Facebook.

Front

Pictured left -Row (1-r): Amanda Tendal, Brooke McCartan, Erica Svuba, Gretchen Tiedeman, and Kelly VanSickle. Back Row (1-r): Lisa Peterson, Wendy Kirchhoff, Kendra Winegarden, Krischel, Eileen Schneider, Terri Stover, and Alice Submitted Pomeroy. photo. Laurens Sun 4/25



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Amish treats will be served!



An Amish father

takes his boys on a boat trip near Nappanee, Indiana.

Nice crowd for the program.



Amish do not use electricity from public utility. Electricity gereated by solar panels or generator are ok.



Amish communities historically have 3% population increase. compared to our neutronal avenuese of 1%.



Trading stories during refreshments Lyle Wallin + Kramers



Amish set themselves apart in Biblical, "Thou shelt not conform to the things of the world."



Don explained formers can use tractors.



Towa has the 9th largest Amish population in the US.



Connie Dallenbach made us Amish treats from recipes provided by the Kramers.



Our Neighbors, the Amish

Presented by Don & Dianne Kramer 30922 Pin Oak, Dyersville, Iowa 52040 kramerdianne@windstream.net

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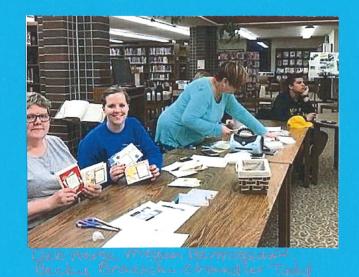








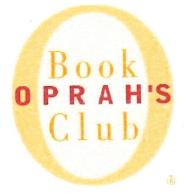
Our last Card Making Class until Fall. We teamed up in pairs to mak "The Sheet Wonder Cardo". We each took home 8 Deautiful cards Huge Thank - You to Brenda Cleveland + Millisa French, they are our Leaders!







Laurens **Public** Library **APRIL** 2018 Read a book that has been featured in



MONDAY 4/23/18 @ 7:00 pm



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April 25, 2018

Did you hear me give a really loud "WHOOP!" last Tuesday? I was certainly excited when I received the email from the Iowa Arts Council telling me that we were approved for the grant for an instrument in our Music Gardenl With this great news, I can now tell you that this project is fully funded! Thank you all for your support of this project. Now we will move to the next phase – making it happen!

Deb is having so much fun with these Take it Tuesday nights! This coming Tuesday is May 1st, so she'll be at it again. This month we will be making marbled paper using shaving cream, paint, and of course, paper! You get to choose the colors and create it yourself. This paper can then be used for card making and other crafts. This class is free and size is limited so let us know if you'd like to give the find.

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Did you hear me give a really loud "WHOOP!" last Tuesday? I was certainly excited when I received the email from the Iowa Arts Council telling me that we were approved for the grant for an instrument in our Music Garden! With this great news, I can now tell you that this project is fully funded! Thank you all for your support of this project. Now we will move to the next phase – making it happen!

Deb is having so much fun with these Take it Tuesday nights! This coming Tuesday is May 1st, so she'll be at it again. This month we will be making marbled paper using shaving cream, paint, and of course, paper! You get to choose the colors & create it yourself. This paper can then be used for card making and other crafts. This free class size is limited, so let us know if you'd like to join the fun!

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Remember a while back I shared that we had received a donation from

the 5th graders at the Pocahontas Catholic School? Here's a list of the books that were purchased with that money: *The Doughnut Fix* by Jessie Janowitz, *Narwhal & Jelly* by Ben Clanton, *Rebound* by Kwame Alexander, *The Wild Robot Escapes* by Peter Brown and *You Go First* by Erin Entrada Kelly. Thanks again kids, I hope you and your friends will enjoy these selections!

There are still a few spots left in the FREE art classes coming to the library thanks to a grant from the Iowa Arts Council. These four different classes will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Monday afternoons beginning April 30th. Topics will be Clay Sculpture, Photography, Painting, and Jewelry Making.

These classes will be led by Holly Zinn of the Pearson Art Center at the Lakes, with Deb assisting, of course! You can take one class, or all four. Whatever suits your interests and your schedule. Class size is limited, so preregistration is required. Contact the Library today for more information or to register!

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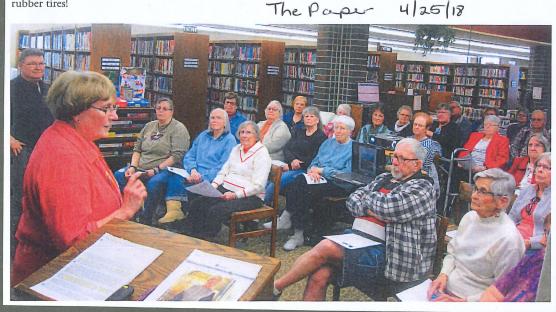


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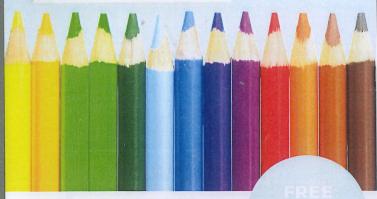


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Instructed By: Holly Zinn, PLAC

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Monday, April 30th, 2018
1 to 3 p.m.
Clay Hand-Building
Learn three types of clay hand
building techniques in this two-hour
workshop!







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Terry is selecting glaze colors.



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Helen tries her hand at metal stamping



Ann metal stamping



Linda's turtle necklace.



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Holly showing us a few ofher.



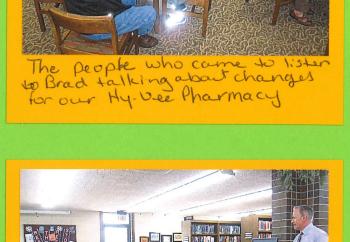
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Holly helping Helen with finishing





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Brad brought us 3 kinds of cookies from the Hy vee Bakery



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Had a few more come in after the photo was taken.

HEALTHCARE FORUM

Understanding the changes at

HyVee Drugstore

Join Pharmacist Brad Olsen for coffee & cookies! 1 o'clock Thursday, May 10 **LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY**



Laura Todd & Deh He tz





The final after school program for the 2017-2018 school year was held last week at Pocahontas Area, Laurens Public Library, and Rolfe Public Library. Children celebrated Earth Day by planting a flower, thanks to Rolfe Flower Bin for donating the plants for the children. The groups made rock art and learned all about ways to help our Earth. The program will resume next school year. Bodee Madsen and Kalven Winkler work on their rock art. Submitted news. Laurens Su

www.laurenspubliclibrary.com May 2, 2018

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder May 9, 2018

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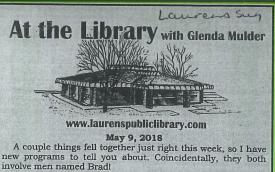
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Clay Class at Laurens Public Library

Gail Olson, Jeri Wenell, Gurpreet Thumma and Deb Hertz are shown displaying a bit of their creativity in clay class last Monday at the Laurens Public Library. This, as well as other classes in the series, are taught by Holly Zinn of the Pearson Art Center at the Lakes. There are a few spots left in the Jewelry Making class on May 21. There is no charge for this class - it's sponsored by the

Iowa Arts Council. Contact the library to sign up!
Above picture + this in The Paper 5-9-18





By Jamie Whitney
It was "mayday" on May Day

in Laurens as a severe storm dumped large hail across on the Busiest Little Town in Iowa. At its meeting last Monday, the Laurens City Council learned about inspections done by the municipalities' insurance in the aftermath of the May 1 storm.

City manager Hilary Reed informed the council that eight vehicles and 27 city-owned properties had been inspected, and many roofs will need to be replaced.

"Quite a few of them had said Reed. "The Historical Society) damage," (County

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May 16, 2018

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Reed informed police the police building would be getting a new roof as well.

The administrator told the council that the city would be on hard to get on a unit that old. hook for the \$1,000 deductible, The council was also told that but that would be applied to it would cost approximately but that would be applied to it would cost approximately all 27 properties. Regarding \$3,400 to fix, or \$6,500 to damage to city-owned vehicles, replace with a new unit. Reed said the claims inspector "didn't say too much."

In other news, Aschenbrenner was on hand Especially with the price to discus a broken rooftop heat difference."

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Laurens Sun

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Reed informed policy chief Tom Shaw, who was in attendance at the meeting, that years old, and the compressor proposed changes to the existing snow ordinance. With significant snowfall last month, public works director Julian Johnsen asked city elders at its April 16 meeting to consider removing a set date from the end of a winter parking ban if snow plows are going to be needed.

After reviewing the existing ordinance, Reed noted that

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it includes a provision for the mayor to declare a snow emergency even after April 1.

"We can say, 'Hey, we're going to extend it this week," agreed mayor Rod Johnson.

With that power already extended to the mayor of Laurens, the council took no

Finally, Chief Shaw informed the council that Monty Potter was sworn in as a reserve police officer.

The Laurens City Council will hold its next meeting on May 21, at 5 p.m., at City Hall.

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Pharmacists notes changes will not impact customers

Hy-Vee's Brad Olsen will be at the pharmacy at least once per week

Pharmacist Brad Olsen was on hand at a forum held Thursday at the Laurens Public Library to discuss Hy-Vee's plans to convert to the Busiest Little Town's downtown business largely to a telepharmacy.
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when asked how the change would affect one attendee going forward, Olsen answered, "It's not...There's nothing really changing in the store."

The pharmacist explained that, as of May 1, he will not be on site as often, the manner in which experience are filled.

which prescriptions are filled would not impact patients.

"With technology, you don't need as many pharmacists," Olsen explained. "When I came Olsen explained. "When I came in '95, we were doing 25, 30 prescriptions a day. Now, it's 130. One pharmacist can cover multiple pharmacies now."

Olsen noted that when he is Vee Drugstore in Laurens and elsewhere follow a multi-step process which is verified by a pharmacist prior to the drugs

being distributed to patients.

Olsen said each step is photographed, including of the plain pills, the bottle, the bottle's label, and finally, the pills in the bottle.

"It goes directly to



On Thursday, the Laurens Public Library hosted a forum regarding changes at the Hy-Vee Pharmacy. Brad Olsen, pharmacist, explained that while he would not be present at the Laurens location as often, there would not be any changes in how customers got their needed medications, nor any changes in store hours. Photo by "It will still stay the regular hours," remarked Olsen. Jamie Whitney, Laurens Sun

Olsen said of the pictures, but noting like everything else in medicine, patient confidentiality is considered of

the utmost importance.

Olsen remarked that technology has been a boon for the industry, as an automated facility in Des Moines has allowed a central location to keep expensive and infrequently used drugs off site and delivered only when they are needed. In addition, prescriptions are now ordered almost entirely through computer networks, which eliminates hard-to-read handwriting, or telephone miscommunications.

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"Nothing will change from the way we've been doing it before," Olsen said of Hy-Vee Drugstore's filling prescriptions. "It's a change for me - next week, I'll be in four different stores."

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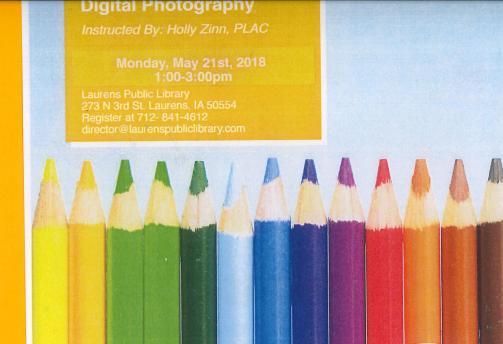
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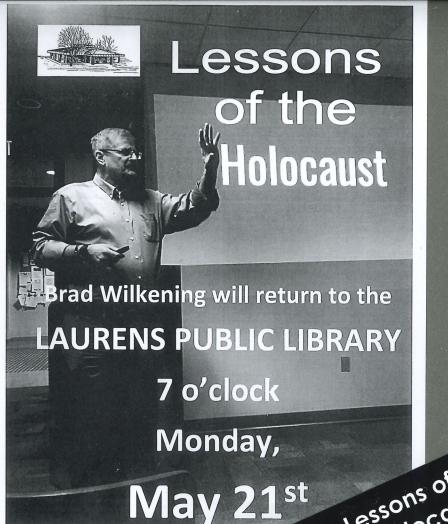




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The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous has recognized these people as "Righteous Gentiles" for their deeds in these catagories during WWII.



When we saw the CBS News headline, "4 in 10 millennials don't know 6 million Jews were killed in Holocaust, study shows" we knew it was time to get Mr. Wilkening back to LPL for more Lessons of the Holocaust

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Before his evening program he already had a full day of lessons. He spent the morning sharing his passion for the subject with PAC high school history students and the afternoon with L-M middle school students! Submitted photo. 6 |30|

At the Library with Glenda Mulder May 23, 2018

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Another lesson to be learned is "If you know about it and don't do anything about it, you are part of the problem. Get out of your comfort zone and be an Upstander!"

He ended by imploring, "We can't lose faith in mankind, in each other. Don't judge based on sex, race, creed, nationality. If Holocaust survivors can live that, it seems to me we can do so much better."

Before his evening program, he already had a full day of lessons. He spent the morning sharing his passion for the subject with PAC high school history students and the afternoon with L-M middle school students!





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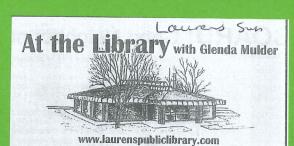
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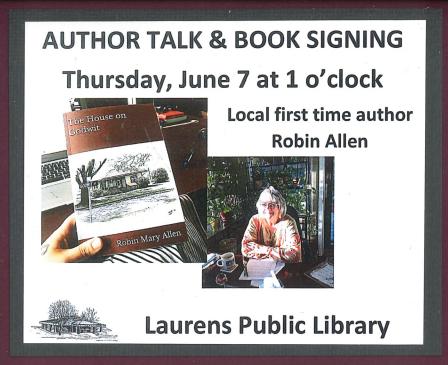
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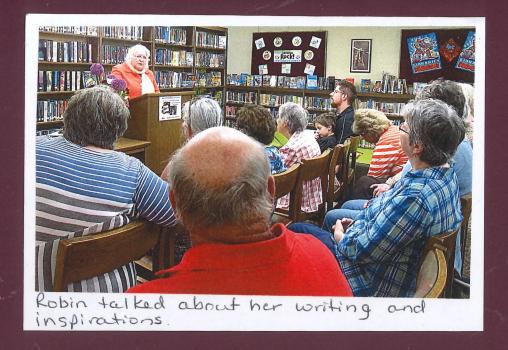
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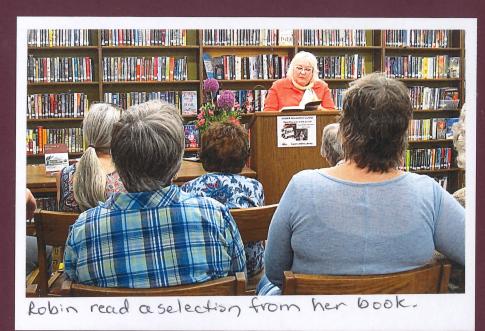
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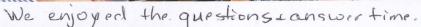














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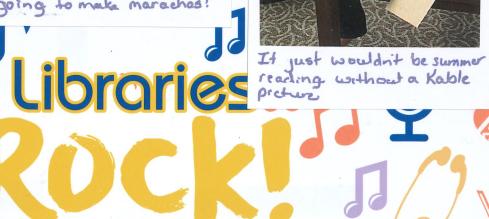
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Fun to see all the different ideas the kids have for the druns



Kids Korner Staff is always good the help out. I bet Tay didn't realize she was going to make maraches!







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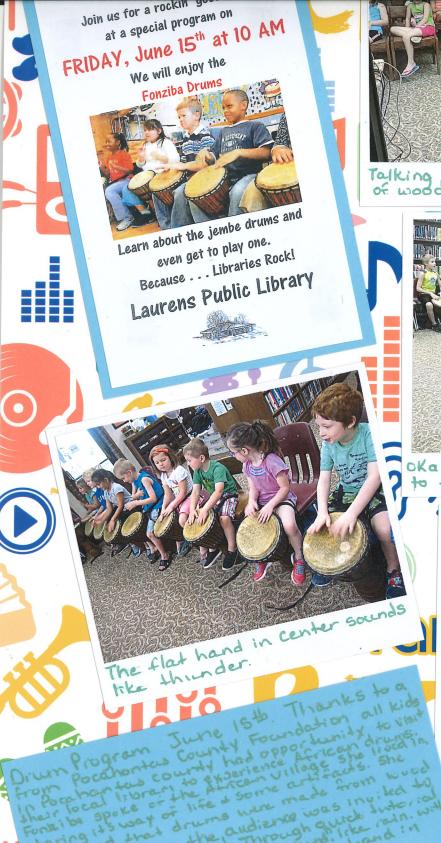
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Then the audience was invited to



Talking about what drums are made of wood a goat skin mostly!



First we saw a short Africian village Fonzibia visited.



Okay, now it's time for everyone to try it!



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Some kids are loraiver than others!



Jeri rocking the "bass" and the



Ready ... PLAY!





They were feeling it!



African romads hat



Very focused.



Big kids on display



Jackson modeling the sleeping most.



Bongo drum demo before the door



Smaller Kido played the rhythm.





Isabella was the luck y winner! Bree was her courage.





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Next we made Kazoos!



"The wheels on the Bus" is a favorite











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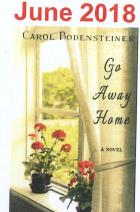
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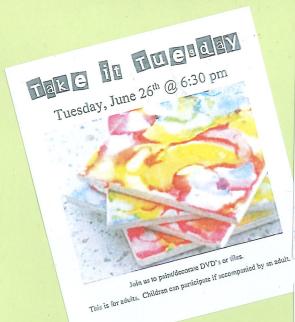


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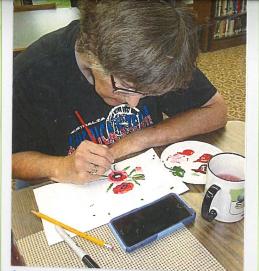


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Linda is very creative. She painted flowers.



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Gail painting a DUD. To her right cool tile.



Very colorful, Laura.



Glanda being creative. Painted a now spray w alcohol.





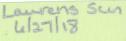
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Glenda's close-up of a tile with permanent marker.



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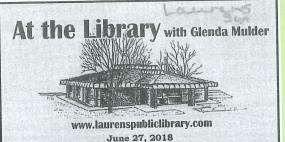
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Elephant (Glenda) + Piggie (Jeri) "Listen to my Trumpet!"



Thes rooster had quite a crazy crow in "barnyard boogie"



Jeri shows the crazy clucking chicken they would get to make.



Ellie inches closer to see what will happen to Pauline the chicken.



We had some dancing - chicken and otherwise!



This Roosler puppet was Kissing.



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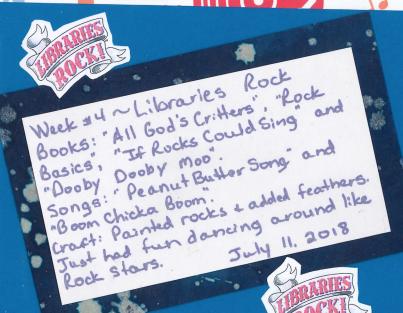
Busy coloring! Added feathers for punk rock



Look at those eyes!



Having fun rockin' in the library!





The more we have join the more fun it is to rock in the library



Love Karsyn's Rock!



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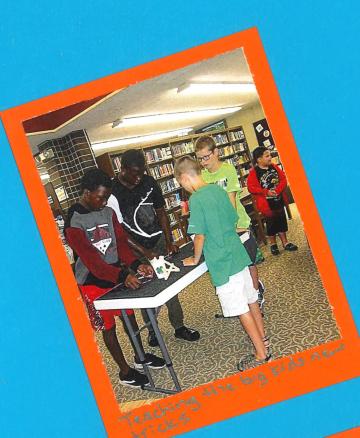
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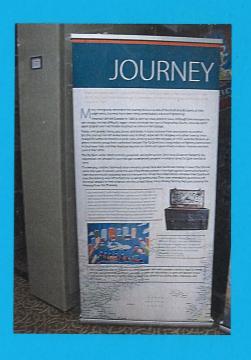






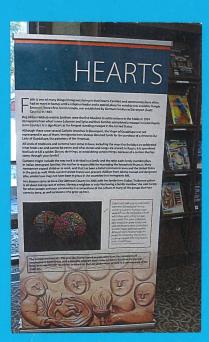












IN TRUNKS, HANDS, AND HEARTS WHAT IMMIGRANTS BRING TO IOWA

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Banners displayed in our library
July 9th - 14th



Alibi shot for the program

In Trunks, Hands and Hearts.

What Norwegian Immigrants Brought to the United States speaker: Laurann Gilbertson, Speaker: Laurann Gnoenson,



Laurens Public Library Friday, July 13



Laurann Gilbertson. chief curator of the Vesterheim Nowegian-American museum spoke of the things that puened people to leave Norway the things that pulled the to the United States.



Barb shared a story of listening to her Norwegian neighbors talking on the party line phone.



What would you pack in your Suitcase?



Curators chatting after program



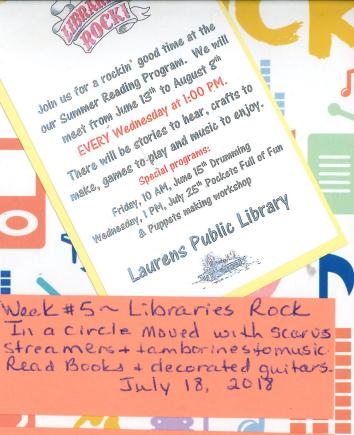
Sharing Stories.



Examining examples of items that may have been brought in trunks.









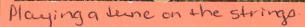
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Now side to side









Focusing on decorating guitars

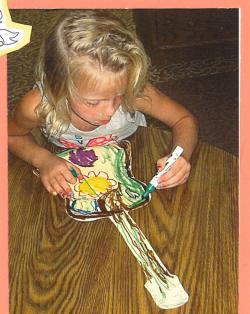


A trio working hard on guitars



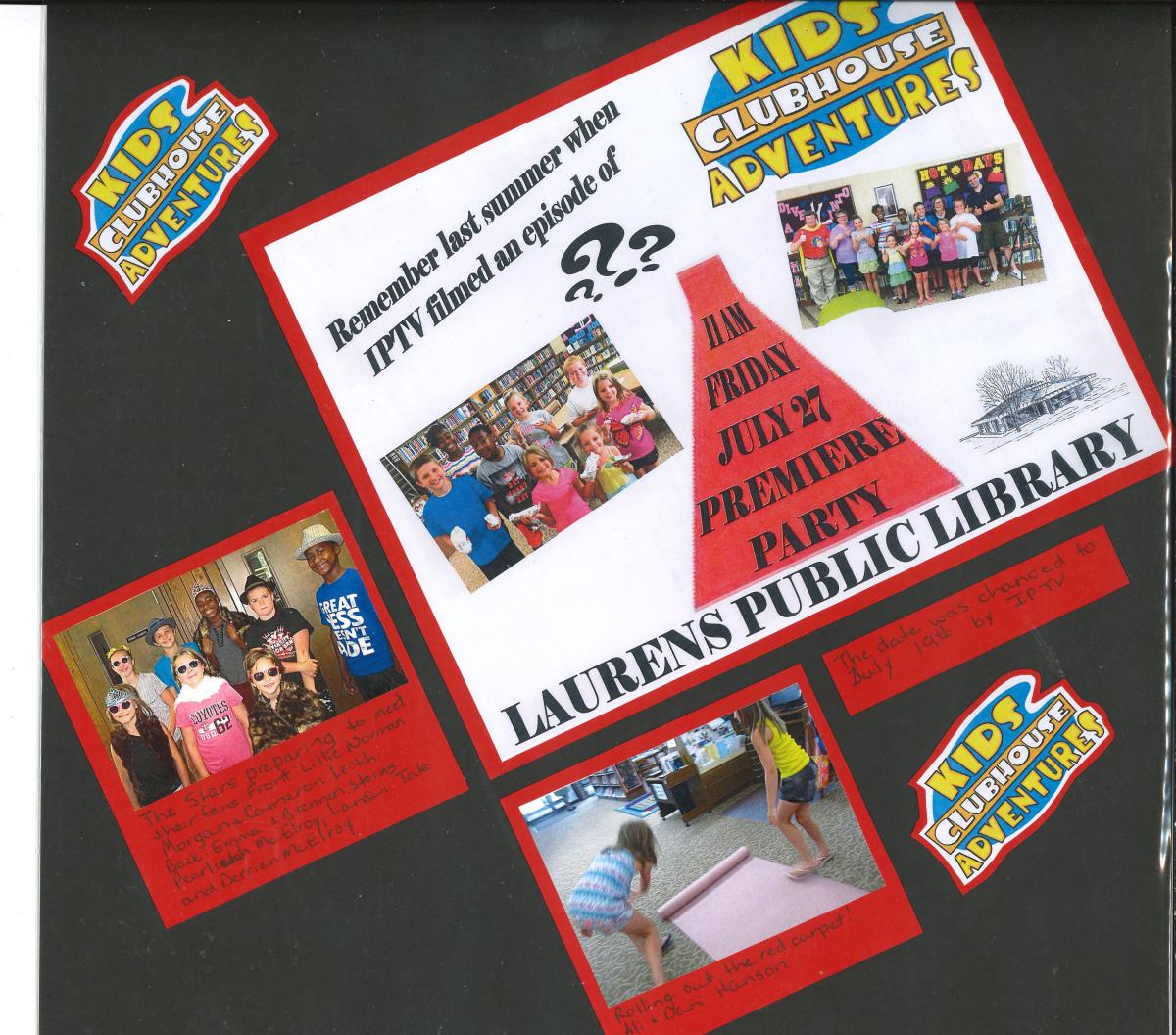
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Singing one of our favoriter 1 Peaner butter we love peanut















Derriema Pearl's little brother wanted to Sit close to







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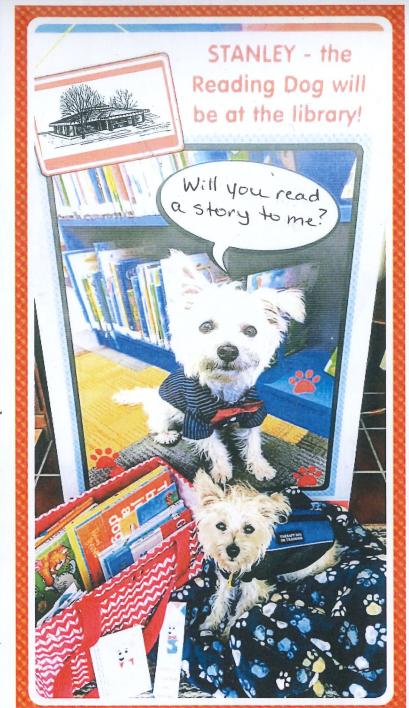
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Laurens Public Library **July 2018**



Please return this book by our discussion Monday 7/23/18 @ 7:00 pm



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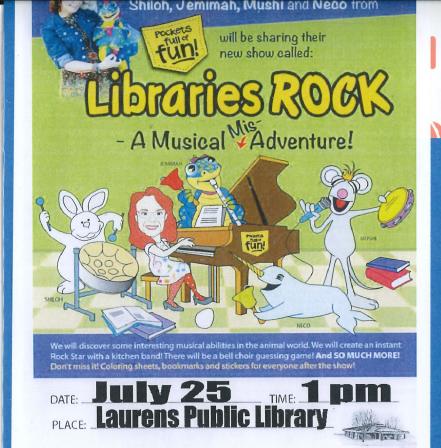


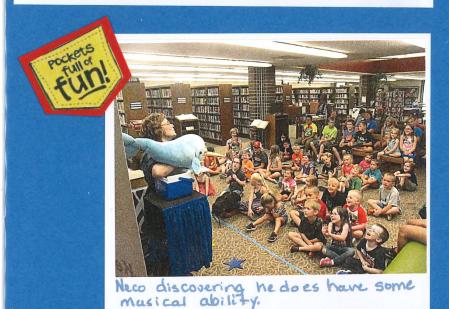
The kids enjoyed reading to Stanley before the pupper show.

July 25, 2018



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Jemimah meeting the children.



Alibi shot with silly faces!



What? Thave something anmy head?



What these magacians put something on my head again!



No such thing as instant star. It all takes practice!



Reggae Dylan showing off dance moves!



Olivia + Sophia holding the music for bell choir.

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Give these musical ideas a try!!



- Create your own Kitchen band! Try out different sounds and rhythms!
- Listen to some different kinds of music to expand your musical world!
- Learn to play a musical instrument or try a different one if you already play something.
- Make up your own rhythmic chant and accompany yourself with a musical instrument that you made yourself, or one of the kitchen band instruments.
 - Go to a concert!
 - Join a choir!
 - Listen for music outdoors!



The Bell Choir Haler, Ali, Dani, Gabbi, Alex & miguel



The Kitchen Band Praticing.







Mushi singing the song he composed about reading.



Making music with Lisa's instruments.



Our own Mush: the mouse.



"Wendell the Narwhal" by Emily Dove "Music Class Today!" by David Weinstone

"Violet's Music" by Angela Johnson

"Ellie in Concert" by Mike Wu

"Dinosaur Rap" by John Foster

"Creepy Crawly Calypso" by Tony Langham

"The Carnival of the Animals" by Jack Prelutsky

"M is for Melody - A Musical Alphabet" by Kathy-jo Wargin

"Playing From the Heart" by Peter H. Reynolds



"Sing.....sing a song" by Joe Raposo & Tom Lichtenheld

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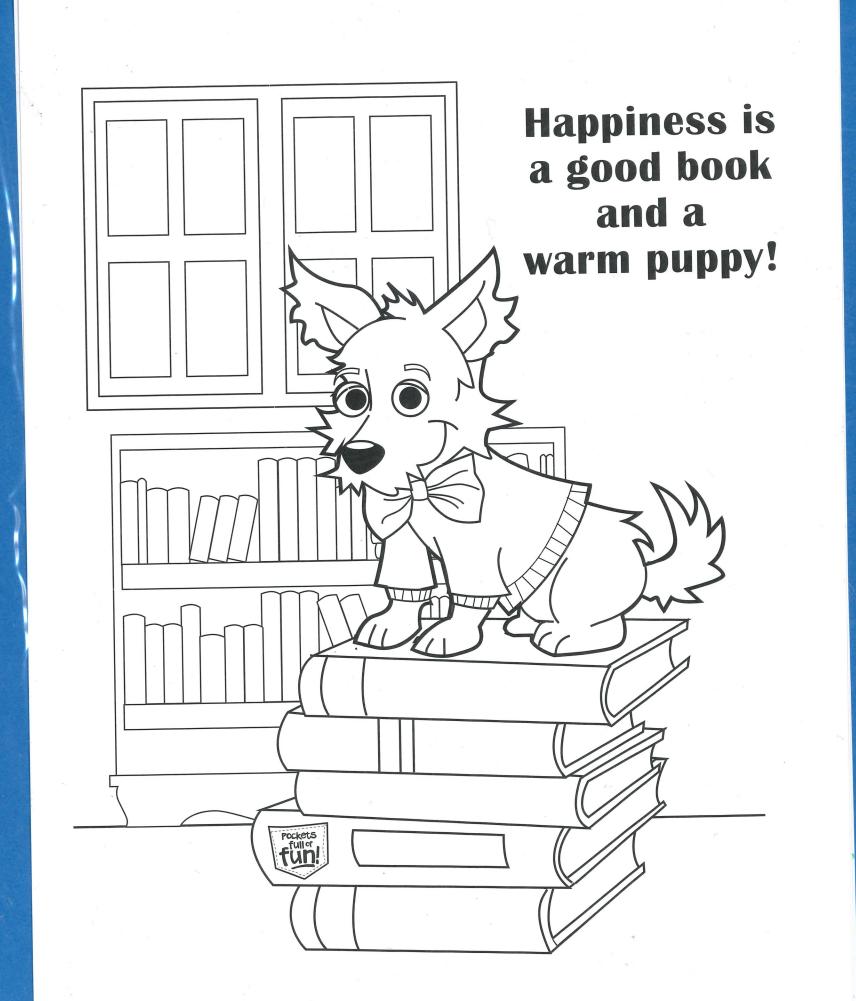
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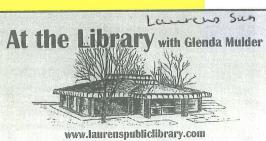
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Wally Acha!



Jenny Ahlers shared the stori My Body Belongs to Me From My Head to Mx Toes!

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Peaned Butter! We like peanut butter. One of our favorites.

Week = 7 ~ August 1st Libraries Rock Jenny Ahlers Came from CASA + told the Kids some helpful advice.







Sadie beginning her masterpièce.



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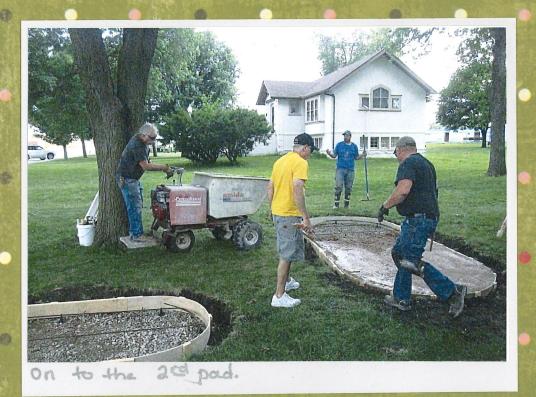
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Cement is ready to go. John Runneberg ready to get the pads filled.



Concrete pour helpers:

John Runneberg-in charge

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Leveling it out!

AUGUST Take it Tuesday

This is for adults. Children can participate if accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday, August 7th @ 6:30 pm Laurens Public Library



Join us to decorate jars. You are welcome to bring your own jar. Registration is not required.

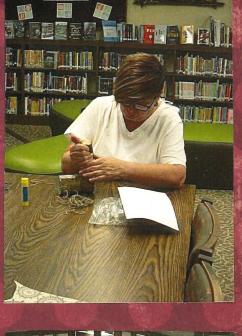


















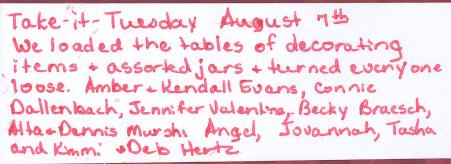
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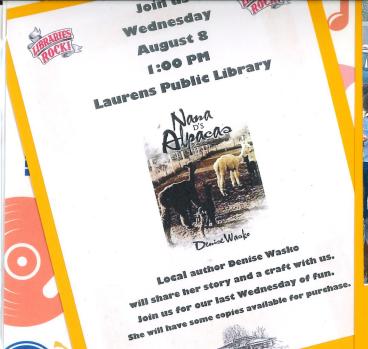
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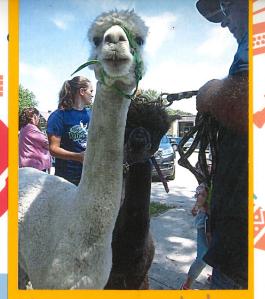








Aiden loved the alpaces



They are so cute!



Even the little ones petted the Alpacas



Denise taught us that the alpacas make a "hum" sound



when she told us they eat grass, the kids picked some.



The alpacas were creatwith the children radults



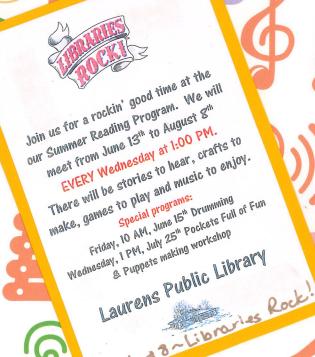
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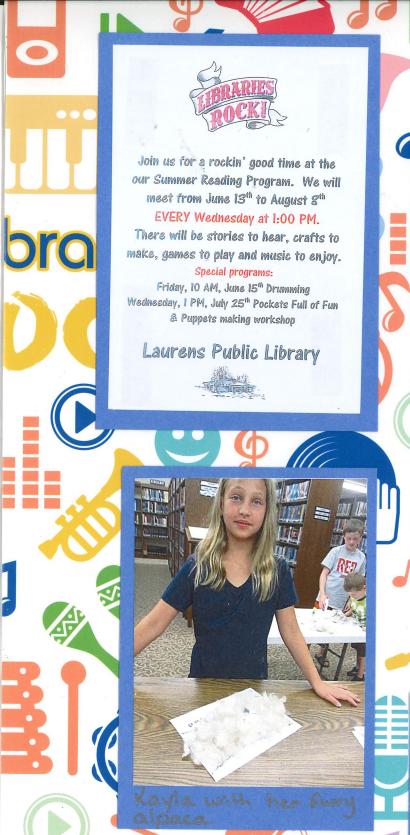


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Some more older Kods







"Nama 0's Alpacas" to us.



We got to use real Albaca wood to make our own Alpacas



Raven made a cute Alpaca.



Week # 8 ~ Libraries Rock Author Denise Wasko brought her alpacas & read her book "Nana D's Alpacas"

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The program kicked off on

July 25th with a community potluck at West Iowa Bank.
There, the artists had their first chance to get to the town, its residents, its history, and its vision. The artist team included: Andy Davis of New York City

(originally from Des Moines), Allison McGuire of Oskaloosa, Jennifer Drinkwater of Ames, and Ryk Weiss and Pam Dennis of Ogden. During the potluck, community members took turns giving toasts that showed

"the heart of Laurens" — toasts to the manufacturing plants that provide jobs and economic opportunity, toasts to volunteers and hard workers that drive the town, toasts to friendly faces and safe spaces, toasts to community pride.

The artists were further introduced to Laurens during tours of the town and manufacturing plants

class on Thursday morning at the Laurens Public Library. Artists Pam Dennis and Ryk Weiss led a weaving activity where community members made small sections of a larger art piece that was left in Laurens for the community to enjoy.

During their tenure, the five artists quickly had to brainstorm and collaborate to develop a project that would honor and engage the community. They reflected on all of the "lifting" that Laurens does, both literally and figuratively. Hydraulic cylinders manufactured here are entrusted to lift people into the air. People lift their arms to wave and greet their neighbors. People used to

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lift up their heads to see the airplanes ready to land on the strip at the golf course. This concept of lifting led the artists to design an art installation that lifted up Laurens.

On the afternoon of Saturday, July 28th, the artists unveiled their project to the community at the final reveal in Memory Lane. Dozens of toasting vessels covered in words capturing hopes, dreams, and memories of the town of Laurens were installed in Memory Lane. These messages and locally-sourced cups, glasses, and mugs were lifted up in the sky, suspended by copper wire from the beams of the pergola, as a large toast to the town. In addition to the art installation, the artists presented a song "Prairie Fire," which Ryk wrote specifically for their time in Laurens. The last verse of the song was added by the artist team during their time in Laurens and illustrates the concept of lifting

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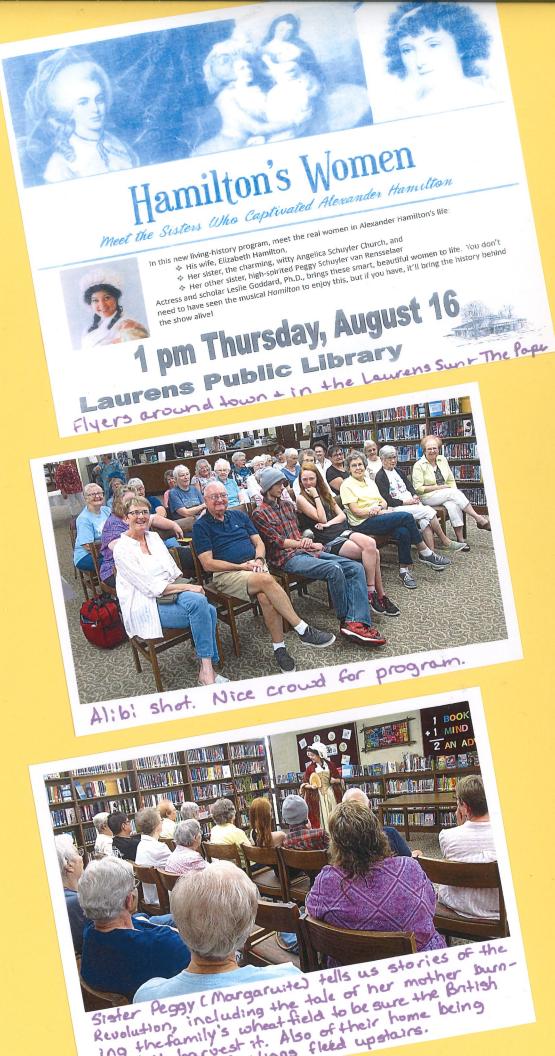
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Hamilton's Women

Meet the Sisters Who Captivated Alexander Hamilton



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HAMILTON'S WOMEN

Meet the sisters who captivated Alexander Hamilton

1 pm Thursday,



Elizabeth Hamilton tells us even though she lived to be 96, she always thought of herself as 46, the age she was when her husband died.



Eliza showing us a corset from which the saying "straight laced" + "Loose women" originated



Sister Amelia portrayed wearing a straw het, tells us that she met Alexander Hamilton at a ball before her sister. Amelia + Hamilton were both known to to have very flirtations relationship,



Eliza Spent the rest of her life, after her husband was shot by Burr in aduct, rousing their children + cloinc her best to assure that Alexander was remembered in the best light possible.



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Dorothy, Deb, Laura, Jeri onnie works chat!



Lisa adds finishing touches - clasp.



Laura have beads laid out the cool trays!



Linda stringing + Gail choosing.



Instructor Lisa Rasmussen helps





Bonnie, Barb, Gurpreet, Becky





Barb Ryan choosing



15 necklace makers. what fun!



rifer stringing beads. Kate strings beads.



Jeri & Connie working on necklaces.

Can You Go Home Again?

CALIFORNIA

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pm TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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Crowd is really enjoying.







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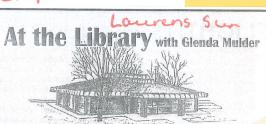


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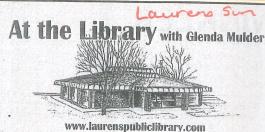
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Sue LAmber Hanson adding rafia to scarecrow



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Donna Sindergand . Terry Ferguson looking at options.



what a cute bunch of



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Milissa Frenichs used rope yarn for

October Take it Tuesday

Tuesday, October 4th @ 6:30 pm



You can decorate your own Straw Hat Scarecrow. Sign-up as class size will be limited.

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Glue Gun Central. Terry Ferguson, sue Reese, Donna sindengad + Karen Blankenship.





Jennifer Valentine working



Front: Deb Hertz, Sue Hanson, Connie Dallenbach, Amber Hanson & Milissa Frenichs Back Jennifer Valentine, DeeDee Witmaack, Karen Blankenship, Sue Reese, Bonnie Newgard, Terry



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Presented by Kathy Wilson

1 PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018



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Kathy taught us the changing roles of women throughout history.



Socializing after the program. Pat Frantz Carol Schmidt. Bety Van Horsen + Dorothy Long



Answering a few guestions.



the brave one!



Coffee + cupcakes make the afternoon perfect Karen
Blankenship. Phyllis Aschenbruner
+ Sue Acese







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Rachel's fining was perfect. as she got to meet Jane Goodall in Tanzania!



Rachel models cape + necklace give by her sponsor child. It jmgles as she moves.



Answering questions. One-"what does STEMM standfor? Answer Siouxland Tanzania Educational Medical Ministries" Stanted by Dr. Meyer of Sioux City.



Rachel told of herdays at the school, on the farm. In the church and going into the market.



Goodies by Connie Mallenbords.



Some of the treasures that came home.



Tying the scarf to make head cover.



Some places she went. ascart to coverhead was a sign of respect.

At the Library with Glenda Mulder October 10, 2018

WOO HOO! I got a call to expect delivery of some life size musical instruments on Monday, the 8th! So, by the time you read this, they should be here! Now we are begging Mother Nature to behave so we can get them installed. (And that would make our farm friends happy too!) So, watch for progress as you drive past the library!

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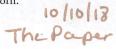
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Laurens Public Library! We will be at the library, 273 N 3rd Street in Laurens. This class is appropriate for women ages 13 and above. It's a great opportunity to learn how to keep yourself and your loved ones safe, and we're

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Jessica used humor tomake her points



Demonstrating the force behind a blow to Jessica Hente



What toda if an attacker grabs punytail with Kay Stoulis



On top of you... flip them of Pamela sthamberg.



Jessica demonstrats some ward.



Demonstrating different warp to break holds w Beday Sundblad



Talked about weak spots on body. eyes nose temples.



has much neck. Tomi Tendal



Using Trinity Brazel to show weak spots at temples.

BASIC CONCEPTS OF WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE

What is Self-Defense?

Self-defense is anything you do to avoid or escape a potentially dangerous situation. It doesn't necessarily involve fighting, or even a direct physical encounter. All the pre-steps you take to keep yourself safe and minimize your risk of being targeted count as self-defense. NO self-defense technique is guaranteed. This means our goal isn't to "win" - it's to get away safely from a dangerous situation.

Types of Attacks

Attacks vary in seriousness; consider the degree of isolation, presence of weapons, etc. Attacks also vary in purpose; rape, mugging, theft, discovery during a burglary, etc. Assessing the purpose and the seriousness of the attack will help you determine how best to respond - whether to use physical, verbal, or other forms of resistance.

Trusting Your Instincts

Assault survivors often report that something made them "uneasy" even before the attack began. Your subconscious can pick up on subtle cues that you may not register consciously; it will manifest as a general feeling of discomfort, that something is wrong. The most useful thing you can do to upset an attacker's scenario and regain the initiative is to trust your feelings. You don't need to wait to figure out why you feel uneasy before acting.

Disrupting the Attack Scenario

Most attackers have thought out and planned out their actions to some extent. They have developed a *scenario* - either conscious or unconscious - of how their attack will proceed. This is true whether the attacker is a stranger or someone you thought was a friend. This scenario is the attacker's "security blanket"; it's his assurance that the attack is going according to plan. By disrupting an attacker's scenario, you put yourself on more even ground with your attacker. You exploit his weakness and assert your own strength.

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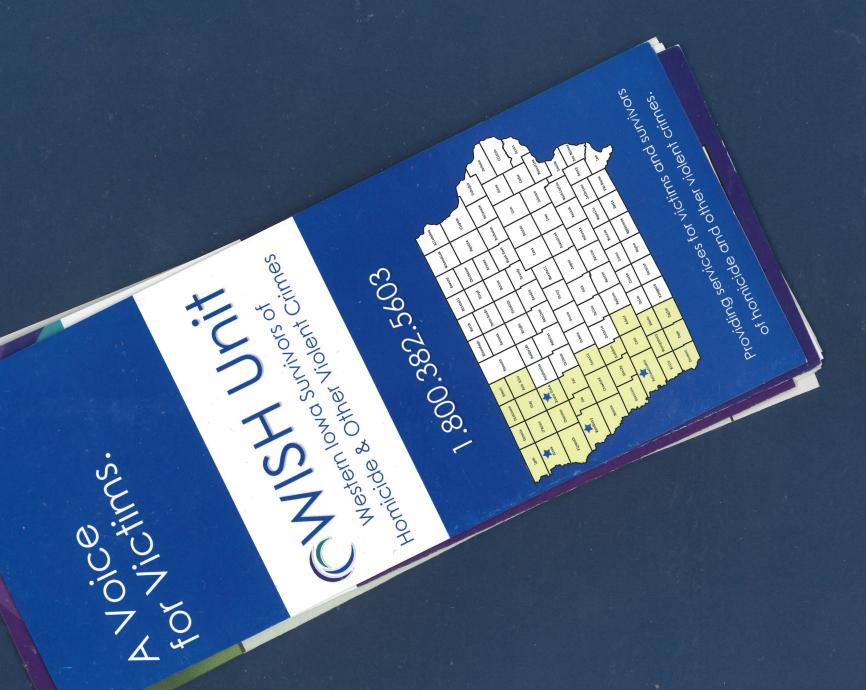
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Representatives from Centers Against Abuse + Sexual Assult + Family Chisis Centers made information available.







Instruments being installed. First 3 on Octobor 12th 10-12-18



Michelle+ Garret try out 'The Pegasas.



After-school the kids decended on the Music Garden! Karsyn Beeket





Ooc Keith John installing The Swill in the rain. From Oleson Family in memory of Dwight. Leota + Ocan 10-12-18



'The Swirl' is fun for kids of all ages. Drana & Carol.



Diana is trying out The Imbarimbal Purchased with a grant 2018 Arts Equipment Grand from Ioua Arts Council.

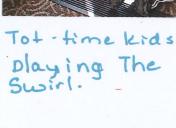




figuring out the placement for drum bases. 10/15/18



After the craft, the Tot Time Kids watched the men installing the Contrahass chimes. The kids were very interested in what was happening Jordan, Reagan + Bo







Laurens, Iowa visit to Laurens, France 2018

7 pm Wednesday, October 17th





Laurens Public Library



They finished by answering questions and thanking the citizens of Laurens, IA for giving them this opportunity.



Laurens Rock in France. Laurens Frances Laurens
Towa residents.



Nice crowd for the program.



Chandler filled us in on the first part of the trip, including a whirlwind trip of Paris.



Kennedy told us more about the trips they went on near Laurens, France and about her host family.

You are invited to
The Laurens Public Library
Wednesday, October 17
1 PM

There will be stories, a craft and some Halloween fun.

Don't be left out in the cold Join us for a ghoulish good time.







The boys making pumpkins



Isabella's pumpkin sticking out



Pumplein books!



Pass + back



The girls hard at work.



Arrethyst has a royal pumpkin.



Pass the pumpkin.



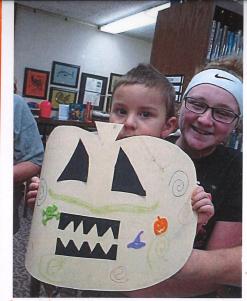
Decorating our pumpkins.



Kyler has a colorful pumpion



Ethan & Jovanna are proud.



Decklan not going tosmile.



Kable keeping his eyesopen.



AJ ready to eathers.



Lillie made a 3-D pumpkin

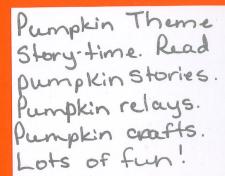


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Liam make desil pumpkin, complete with spear.





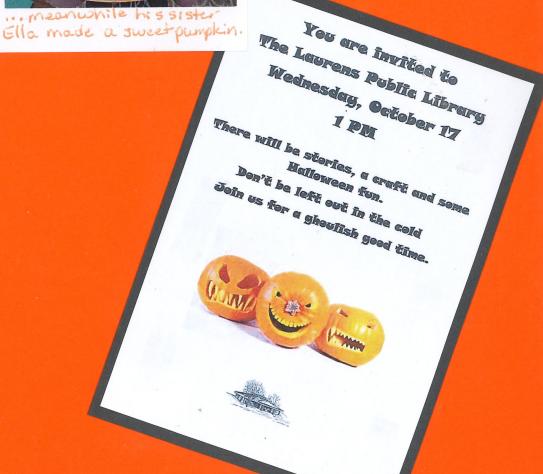


Blake's has learns+6 legs





Tracy helped Brian a little.







Everyone enjoying the meal & socializing.



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Women's Self Defense Class Held at The Paper 10/17/18 the Library

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Sun 10/24/18

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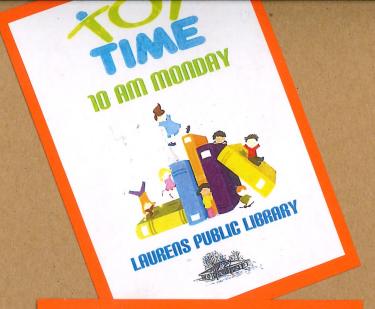
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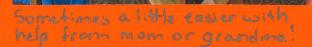








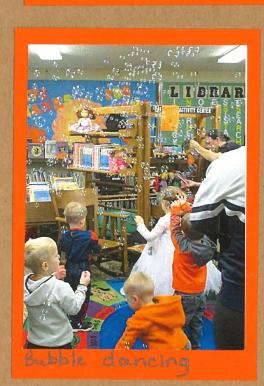






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Had to stop and play music on way home.

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Doc working hard to get them all installed.



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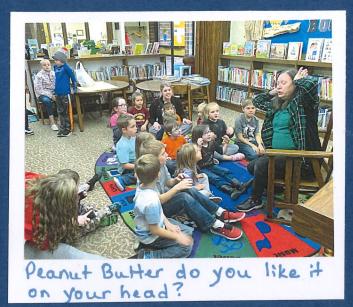




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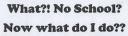




Human Popcorn Popper. All get ready to pop!



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Singing the Peanut Butter song.



The big Kids used materials given them to make marbles travel from top to bottom.



The littles got to use the



We did it! Future 500



Working together!







Corinne Peterson shares to the Laurens Public Library group how pumpkins grow.

ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County 2nd & 3rd Grade Afterschool Program

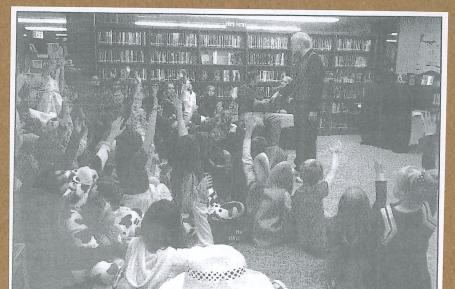
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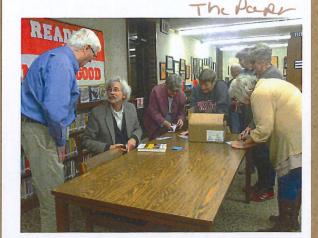
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North Raccoon River Watershed Iowa Watershed Approach Program







What? Round table discussion on improving water quality, reducing flood risk, on-farm & off-farm practices for the North Raccoon River. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU AND ME?

Marius M. Agua, Project Coordinator 605 Cayuga St Storm Lake, IA 50588 magua@bvcountyiowa.com Office: (712) 213-7459

When? Tuesday 20 November 2018 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Who? YOU and your Friends are invited!

Where? Laurens Public Library 273 N 3rd St, Laurens, IA 50554

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the North Raccoon River Watershed Coalition.

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Happy Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful for, and one of my favorite things is that we have a 4 day weekend! The library is open today (Wednesday) until 8, then we will be closed until Monday. Better stop and stock up on books and DVDs to make sure you can make it through the weekend without us!

New fiction includes; *Master of His Fate* by Barbara Taylor Bradford, *Kingdon of the Blind* by Louise Penny and *Beauchamp Hall* by Danielle Steel. We've been getting fun Christmas books, stop by and pick one up to get your Holiday Spirit in gear!

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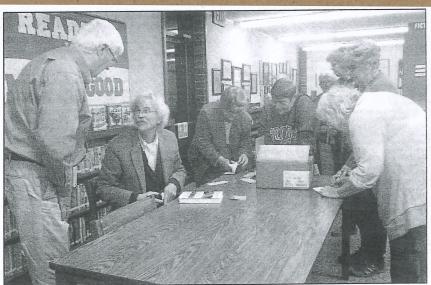
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Have I told you how much fun we are having at Tot Time this year? There are so many fun kids' books, and Jeri loves to read them to the kids. We bought a bubble machine and the littles are loving it! When we are done reading, we turn on the music, flip the switch on the bubble machine, then dancing and giggling ensues! We have Tot Time at 10 am on Mondays, so that by 11 when the library is officially open, we are pretty much back to normal. Well, our normal, at least!

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with Glenda Mulder November 28, 2018

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Speaking of programs, do you know of any pianists? We are getting the library's piano tuned this week, and it seems to me we should have a program to show it off! Please let me know if you have any ideas.

New fiction includes *The Other Wife* by Michael Robotham. Laurens Womens Club purchased a large print version of Danielle Steel's latest book, *Beauchamp Hall*, in memory of Lois Brown. In nonfiction we received *Witness Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom* by Ariel Burger. The new book news will be slowing down for a month or two, as it always does this time of year. Authors and publishing houses have a big push to get books released by the end of November for Christmas giving. It's a bit of a book desert for a good month after that!

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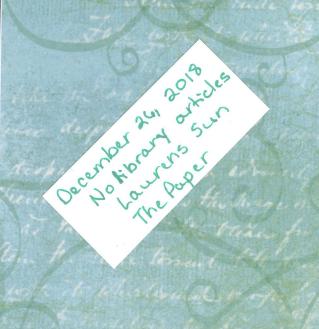
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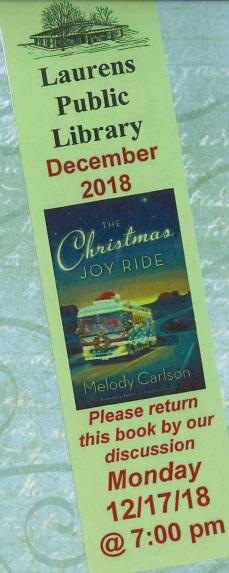
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