

January 2024

- Board meeting canceled because of snow! Board voted by e-mail to pay the bills as emailed in the Board packet
- Book Club is reading ***Plainsong*** by Kent Haruf. It was our first book club choice in January 2027, and is now our 201st book

February 13, 2024

- New copier leased from Gordon Flesch was delivered February 19
- Glenda accepted a check for the County Libraries from the Pocahontas County Foundation. This grant is for 4 STEM backpacks to be delivered to each of our 9 libraries.
- Book Club is reading ***Man Killed by Pheasant; and other Kinships*** by John T. Price.
- \$30,000 Public Library CD is to be renewed for 18 months at 4.21% interest at Community State Bank.
- Election of Officers for 2 year terms. President Pat Boughey; Vice President Jan Hersom; Secretary Connie Dallenbach
- Smithsonian Display has been cancelled because of lack of funding
- We reviewed our Strategic Plan to find we are meeting most of our goals. Nothing new was added.

March 19, 2024

- Lois Jirgens passed away 2/27/24. She had been a Library Board member since June of 2010. We will need to appoint a new member to fill this term which expires 1/1/2025
- Book Club is reading ***The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio*** by Terry Ryan
- ***Ready, Set, Grow*** program by ISU Extension Service

April 9, 2024

- Rebecca Bingham has been appointed to the Library Board, with her term expiring 1/1/2025
- Book Club is Reading ***The Lost Ticket*** by Freya Sampson
- Garden Art program with Theresa McKee April 8
- Author Ann Hannigan Kotz April 17
- Brin CD is to be renewed at the best rate at Community State Bank (9 months @ 3.34% interest)
- Board approved, President Pat & Secretary Connie signed the agreement between the County Libraries and the Board of Supervisors. This agreement details the way our annual allotment is split.

May 14, 2024

- Book Club is reading **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garman
- Library By-Laws and our Mission Statement we reviewed and approved with no changes.
- Iowa Scenic Views by Foot program May 28

June 11, 2024

- Employee reviews; Board approved 5% pay increase to match other City employees
- Board revised our Computer and Internet policies
- Summer Reading started June 19 and will run through August 14
- Dinosaur Dimensions was here June 12
- Book Club is reading **The Next Ship Home** by Heather Webb

July 9, 2024

- FY 24 Final Budget shows income of 157,943.47 and expenses of 157,968.96
- Facilities Use policy was reviewed. No changes made.
- Summer Reading 11 am Wednesdays all July, including a visit from Mike Anderson, the Dulcimer Guy on the 17th.
- **Preserving from Your Garden** program by ISU Extension
- Book Club Choice is **The River We Remember** by William Kent Krueger.
- Board voted to stay with the flexible Farm lease with Kyle Wenell.

August 13, 2024

- Renewed Miss Elsie CD for nine months at 3.34% interest at Community State Bank
- Circulation Policy was reviewed. It was approved with minor corrections.
- Glenda will be getting bids to have the carpet cleaned.
- Book Club is reading **Angel Falls** by Kristin Hannah
- Programs **History of the Des Moines River Valley** with Al Nelson

September 10, 2024

- Library closed early September 6th so staff could attend an author Jodi Picoult seminar in Des Moines
- Frances Hakes CD will be renewed at the best available rate at Community State Bank
- Behavior policy was reviewed and approved as written.
- JCL Solutions of Spencer will be cleaning the carpets
- Book Club is reading **The Seed Keeper** by Diane Wilson, which is the 2024 All Iowa Reads selection

- Pocahontas County Deputy Wes Van Donde and Pat Sullivan from Community State Bank presented ***Be Scam Smart***
- Tessa was chosen as one of 15 Children's Librarians in the State to join ***Super Charged Story Times*** online classes through the State Library of Iowa this fall
- Fall schedule of L-M class visits and twice a month evening Tot Times has begun

October 8, 2024

- County Library Meeting was held October 16 at the Plover Library
- Halloween Magician Larry Dunbar & Company were here the 31st
- Personnel policy was reviewed and approved with no changes
- Library Foundation Potato Bar fundraiser Monday, October 14 was followed by Darrin Crow's ***Morbid Curiosities***
- Library Clerk Laura Todd is retiring, effective November 1st
- Library Clerk's wage was raised to \$13 per hour and Children's Librarian's wage to \$15 per hour to keep us competitive with local and State averages
- Book Club is Reading ***The Things They Carried*** by Tim O'Brien

November 12, 2024

- Selection and Collection Development policy was revised
- Vickie Erickson has been hired as our new Library Clerk beginning November 5
- Carpets were cleaned by JCL Solutions of Spencer on November 10
- November 19 Bogenrief Studios installed the stained glass window on the north side of the Library. This was a Library Foundation project.
- Kyle Wenell made a payment of \$2,706 in fulfillment of the flexible farm lease plan
- Book Club is reading ***The Only Woman in the Room*** by Marie Benedict

December 10, 2024

- Proposed budget for FY 2026 was approved by the Library Board
- We hosted a "Bar Crawl" (like a cookie exchange!) December 12
- Book Club is reading ***The Santa Suit*** by Mary Kay Andrews
- We have applied for a Pocahontas County Foundation grant for a loveseat for the Children's Department.