

January 14, 2025

- Brin CD of was renewed at Community State Bank for 48 months @3.34% interest
- Connie Dallenbach & Rebecca Bingham were appointed to new six year terms on the Board.
- Jan Hersom resigned from the Board. She had been a member since 1/1/1995. Glenda was authorized to make contact for replacement.
- \$2,766.34 was received from the State Library of Iowa for Open Access reimbursement.
- We will receive a Pocahontas County Foundation Grant for \$2422.61 to purchase an adult size love seat for the children's department.
- County Librarians met with the County Supervisors
- Book Club choice was ***The Thursday Murder Club*** by Richard Osman
- Take it Tuesday made snowmen from discarded fan blades

February 11, 2025

- Pat Boughey resigned from the Board. She has been a Library Board member twenty-eight and a half years, since 8/18/1997.
- Election of officers: Dwight Van Genderen President, Rebecca Bingham Vice President, Connie Dallenbach Secretary
- Book Club choice was ***The People We Meet on Vacation*** by Emily Henry.
- Take it Tuesday was delayed a week because of the weather, but made Valentine crafts

March 11, 2025

- Sabrina Booth was appointed to the Library Board to replace Jan Herson. Her term expires 1/1/2031
- Kelsey Ruthart was appointed to the Library Board to replace Pat Boughey. This term expires 1/1/2029
- The new furniture arrived for our Children's Department and we love it! This was purchased with a grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation.
- Children's programing included snowshoeing in the Park with the Pocahontas County Naturalist.
- We received our base rent check for \$18,000 from Kyle Wenell
- Book Club discussed ***The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*** by Robert Dugoni
- Take it Tuesday make a St Patrick's Day craft
- Library Board discussed bills currently in the Iowa Legislature that could affect Library Funding.

April 8, 2025

- Board approved the Closing the Library Policy with no changes.
- Programs this month **Better Not Bitter** by Michelle Cowan and **Lessons of the Holocaust** by Brad Wilkening.
- Book Club discussed **Every Note Played** by Lisa Genova
- We received word that Pat Harms who was the Library Director 11/1/1976-6/30/1995 has passed away
- Library inventory was updated because the City is reviewing insurance coverage.

May 13, 2025

- Miss Elsie CD renewed for 12 months at 3.01% interest at Community State Bank. Interest is spent on Children's books.
- Board approved the Pocahontas County Library Agreement, which details the way the County funding is split between our 9 Libraries.
- Laurens Public Library Foundation Board has four openings.
- Book Club choice was **The Book of Lost Friends** by Lisa Wingate.
- The family of Joyce Rigby (LPL Assistant Director for 18 years) will be placing a "Summer Reading" sculpture in the area to the south of the Library. It was ordered from the Randolph Rose Collection, and is scheduled to be delivered late summer 2025. Dwight Van Genderen will be refurbishing the swing that is adjacent to the area.

June 10, 2025

- A list of potential Library Board Members was discussed. Glenda will make contacts.
- Troy Oehlert was elected Vice President.
- Kelsey Ruthart accepted a position on the Library Foundation Board.
- The Board approved 5% raises for all Library employees.
- Book Club discussed **The Wager** by David Grann
- Summer Reading theme is **Level Up at Your Library** and will be Wednesdays at 11 June 18- August 13. LegoMania every Friday.
- \$3,100 was transferred from our reserves fund to compensate for a reduction in our farm rent, due to the flexible lease.
- Yearend budget shows expenses of \$157,209.85 and income of \$157,226.51
- Capital Reserves Fund \$20,501.38 Library Reserves Fund \$46,007.43

July 8, 2025

- Rebecca Bingham resigned from the Board, as her family is moving to Fort Dodge.
- Amber Japenga visited the Board meeting as a potential Board Member.
- Sabrina Booth accepted a position on the Library Foundation Board.

- Concrete was poured in preparation for the Rigby memorial statue.
- Book Club discussed the All Iowa Reads selection, *Distant Sons* by Tim Johnston.
- A Professor from Luther College was here to interview residents about their memories of the filming of *The Straight Story*.

August 12, 2025

- Amber Japenga has been approved by the City Council as a new member of the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Rebecca Bingham.
- Our last Summer Reading session was August 13.
- Book Club discussed *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson.
- Farm Rent was discussed. No changes made because the flexible lease is working well.
- Take it Tuesday craft was dragonflies.

September 9, 2025

- Renewed the \$30,000 CD at Community State Bank for 12 months at 4.01% interest.
- The Library agreed to be the secondary location in the event something would happen to City Hall before an election.
- Book Club discussed *Stamped* by Jason Reynolds
- We have received some STEM materials, which were ordered with donations to the Library Foundation in memory of Pat Harms.

October 14, 2025

- County Library meeting October 30 at Pocahontas Library. Bonnie McKewon, our State Library Representative will present a program. She will be retiring at the end of the year.
- Our major book supplier, Baker & Taylor, is going out of business. Library staff will be researching alternatives.
- Library Foundation hosted a Potato Bar supper fundraiser, followed by Darrin Crow's Spooky Stories on October 15
- Michael Mericle hosted the annual Magic Show on Halloween night.
- Book Club discussed *Almost Amish* by Kathryn Cushman
- Joyce Rigby memorial statue was delivered October 25, 2025

November 12, 2025

- The Library received word that we, as a Carnegie Library, will be receiving \$10,000 from the Carnegie Corporation in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This gift can be spent any way the Board decides.

- Deb hosted a card making workshop and a paint class in addition to her monthly Take it Tuesday classes!
- We have begun ordering most of our books from Amazon, as they have set up special pricing for Libraries.

December 9, 2025

- Mike Anderson, the Dulcimer Guy, aka Hugo Kringle entertained at the Library, L-M students, and at Festival of Trees courtesy of the Library Foundation.
- Kyle Wenell made a payment of \$2,024.50 in fulfillment of the flexible farm lease plan This is down approximately \$700 from last year.
- Glenda applied for an up to \$1900 early literacy grant from Linking Families and Communities to fund a 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.
- Book Club is reading ***Deck the Hallways*** by Kate Carlisle