Change at the Helm
by Charlotte Haddy and Melva Starr

The first edition of the electronic version of info@GWAEA went out in September 2005 and it had a photo introducing Melva Starr as the new media specialist at Grant Wood AEA. Now, eight years later, I am retiring and saying good-bye to Grant Wood AEA. The time has gone so quickly. I have enjoyed the learning opportunities, the changes we have made in the Media Center, and best of all working with colleagues within Grant Wood AEA as well as those of you I have worked with in our districts. Probably the biggest challenge while at Grant Wood AEA was working in the building through the flood. However, that opportunity opened the door to revamp our Classroom Collection which has only continued to improve. Today, it is a happy collection circulating 2,000+ items monthly. We have also added eBooks, merged the student book collection with the Classroom and Boxed Books collections, combined the professional DVDs with the professional books, started the Rotating Reads program for grades 1-4, changed format for some of our boxed book sets, created a Learning Commons area in the Media Center, have all materials able to be reserved, self-check-out for materials, increased efficiency in processing of materials, and continually updated our collections to be current and strong in content. Char Haddy, Media Center supervisor, is also retiring and she has written an informational history of the Grant Wood Media Center. Enjoy.

In 1965, the Joint County School System (JCSS) of Cedar, Johnson, Linn and Washington counties began circulating materials to schools. In 1970, the Joint County School System moved to our present location of 4401 6th Street SW in Cedar Rapids and the Media Center was among the five departments started in 1972.

In 1974, Jones County joined the JCSS and the Iowa Legislature passed HF1163 establishing the state’s Area Education Agencies. On July 1, 1975 the Joint County School System dissolved in to the Area Education Agency and the official opening of Grant Wood AEA operations occurred. July 1, 1975 was my first day of employment with Grant Wood AEA. Prior to that, I had been an elementary librarian for four buildings in the Marion Independent School District.

Thirty-eight years (the number of years Char has been at GWAEA) later I think about the changes that have occurred.

- 1966-67 – JCSS provides books, films and non-print materials
- 1971 – Classroom Collection added
- 1979 – Professional books added
- 1985 – Professional journals added
- 1987 – Professional non-print added
- 1992 – VHS and laser discs added
- 1994 – CD-ROM added
- 2000 – 16 millimeter films eliminated
- 2001 – DVDs and one digital database, Pro-Quest, added
- 2013 – 15 databases plus eBooks

The Media Center has been moved 14 times always with service in mind. At the end of the 2011-2012 school year, over seven million items had been sent out from the media center.

We would like to take this opportunity to say how much we have enjoyed meeting and knowing all of you. We have a deep respect for the work you do in your buildings and what can be done by working together. It has been an honor and a privilege to have shared the love of libraries, learning and students with you. We wish you all the best. We will miss you . . .

– Char and Melva

Farewell Reception, May 29

There will be a reception on May 29 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the GWAEA Media Center to wish Char Haddy and Melva Starr good luck in their new adventures after retiring from GWAEA.

Please join us in this celebration.
TIPS:

- **www.pinterest.com/sljournal**  Find tips and ideas for the classroom and library at School Library Journal’s Pinterest page.
- **www.commoncorecurriculum.com**  designed to help educators align lesson plans with CC standards. A free app.
- **www.onelaptop.org**  elementary school lesson plans wiki with lessons archived as Google documents.
- **Popcorn Maker**  by Mozilla, is a tool for annotating video, and pulling in content, images and Google maps and can be used by students to create book reviews.
- **http://www.schrockguide.net**  In case you didn't already know, Kathy Schrock has moved all of her support information to Kathy Schrock's Guide to Everything.
- **FOR BOOK LOVERS:**
  - **www.Goodreads.com**  Can “build” shelves of books read, currently reading, want to read; free mobile app; smartphone and tablet users can scan the barcode of a title they want to read and it will be stored—no typing needed.
  - **www.shelfari.com**  - Amazon owned  
  - **www.librarything.com**  Library Thing  No advertising as at Goodreads site; more utility reviews, collections, groups, discussions.

**FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHER LIBRARIANS**

- **www.childrensliteraturenetwork.org/magazine/heart-of-a-child/**  A blog by Rob Reid with many ideas for K-5 teacher librarians. Featured in Library Sparks  April 2013, Vol. 10 No.8

**FOR STUDENTS:**

- **Clubhouse**, a new section on NASA’s Kids’ Club website. ([www.nasa.gov/kidsclub](http://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub)) Students can journey with Nebula and explore games and interactive features designed for K-4.
- **GoodNotes**, a note taking app for iPads is available in both a free and a paid version. Students can use the iPad keyboard to type notes and the camera to insert images. They can also take pictures of lecture slides and embed them into their notes. It has the ability to open and annotate PDF files and users can connect GoodNotes with their Dropbox or Box accounts.

**Upcoming Events 2013**

- **April 20-Oct. 27**  Iowans and the Civil War the Western Theatre at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum
- **May 7**  National Teacher Day
- **May 13-19**  Children’s Book Week
- **June 27-July 2**  ALA Annual Conference in Chicago
- **July 11-12**  iPadU: Slide to Unlock Learning at Grant Wood AEA
- **July 30-Aug. 11**  George Washington’s copy of Acts of Congress on display at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum
- **Oct. 16-18**  ILA Conference - Coralville Marriott

**Articles to Read**


Both can be located in EBSCO’s Professional Development Collection

**Can You Use?**

We have several copies of the Iowa School Library Program Guidelines available.

We have 10 copies of the Iowa Children’s Choice Award poster for 2013-2014, two copies each of the Goldfinch Award, the High School Award, and the Iowa Teen Award.

If you would like any of the above, please contact Melva Starr at mstarr@gwaea.org or 800-332-8488 or 319-399-6454.

**Happy Birthday**

Dr. Seuss’s book, *The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins*, is 75 years old this year.
Mo Willems’ character, Pigeon, is 10 years old this year.


**Webinar for Reluctant Readers**

Register now!

As a webinar registrant, you will receive follow-up correspondence from Booklist publications and may receive other special offers from our sponsors.
Lincoln: Request Your School’s Complimentary Copy

The Walt Disney Company is offering complimentary copies of Steven Spielberg’s “Lincoln” to buildings with eighth grade or higher. There is a limit of one copy per building.

Instructions for requesting your copy:
1. Your building MUST meet the qualifications of having 8th grade or higher.
2. Send an email to Angela Peruzzi –aperuzzi@edumedia.com 800-295-5010
3. Include the following:
   a. Name/Title
   b. School name
   c. District
   d. Address
   e. Phone number

Please do not send this information to Grant Wood AEA. This information should be sent directly to Disney.

IASL 2012-2013 Book Award Winners

The winners of this year’s Iowa Association of School Librarians’ annual book awards were announced Monday, April 8, 2013 at the annual spring conference in Cedar Rapids.

Goldfinch Award – The Boss Baby by Maria Frazee
Iowa Children’s Choice Award – Runaway Twin by Peg Kehret
Iowa Teen Award – I Am Number Four by Pittacus Lore
Iowa High School Book Award – Hush, Hush by Becca Fitzpatrick

GWAEA Media Center Hours

Regular hours
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
August – June*

*Regular hours are from the middle of August through the middle of June.

Summer hours
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
June – August*

*Summer hours are from the middle of June through the middle of August.

New Materials in the Professional Library

Sonja Cole. Libraries Unlimited 2010. R 021.7 COL (191207)

Copyright Law for Librarians and Educators: Creative Strategies & Practical Solutions.
American Library Association, 2012. R 346.73 CRE (191213)

Creating a Culture of Literacy: Programming Ideas for Elementary School Librarians.
Anne E. Ruefle. ABC-CLIO, 2009. LA 9H (190296)

Digital Citizenship in Schools: Nine Elements All Students Should Know, 2nd ed.
Mike Ribble. ISTE, 2011. R 371.334 RIB (190403)

DIY Programming and Book Displays: How to Stretch Your Programming without Stretching Your Budget and Staff.
Amanda Moss Struckmeyer and Svetha Hetzler. Libraries Unlimited 2010. R 021.7 STR (191216)

The Read-Aloud Scaffold: Best Books to Enhance Content Area Curriculum Grades Pre-K-3.

Starting from Scratch: Building a Teen Library Program.

Ten of the Best Virtual Field Trips

1. Arctic Adventure
   www.polarhusky.com

2. Global Trek
   http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/globaltrek/

3. Google Lit Trips
   http://googlelittrips.com/GoogleLit/Home.html

4. Hershey’s Factory

5. Le Louvre

6. Mt. Everest

7. Museum of Natural History
   http://www.mnh.si.edu/vtp/1-desktop/

8. Panoramas of the world
   http://www.panoramas.dk/7-wonders/cososseum.html

9. To the moon or NASA’s downloadable virtual field trip
   http://quest.nasa.gov/vft/ (for younger)
   http://www.connectionsacademy.com

10. White House
    http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/inside-white-house/interactive-tour

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