

Douglas County Farm Bureau makes donations to area libraries



In recognition of March being National Agriculture month, the Douglas County Farm Bureau recently donated three books to area and school libraries. "Lincoln Clears a Path", written by Peggy Thomas and illustrated by Stacy Innerst reflects upon the actions of Abraham Lincoln that advanced agriculture in our country. Lincoln established the USDA-United States Department of Agriculture which tested seeds and equipment. The USDA still supports agriculture and oversees food safety and the Food and Nutrition Services. Lincoln signed the Homestead Act which allowed settlers to claim 160 acres to farm. Lincoln created land grant colleges for the study of agriculture. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is one of these colleges. "George Washington Carver for Kids" written by Peggy Thomas is an in-depth study of this remarkable American. Washington was born into slavery, but persevered until he was the first black graduate from Iowa Agricultural College, became a teacher at Tuskegee Institute and became nationally known for his work in agriculture. The book features 21 activities that correlate with Washington's life. "Flight of the Honeybee" written by Raymond Huber and illustrated by Brian Lovelock is a beautiful book about a bee on a scouting mission. This bee must find the last flowers of fall so her hive can make enough honey to survive the winter. Pictured left are Jon McGee and Rhett Burris, Douglas County Farm Bureau directors and Jackie Wells, director of Camargo Township Library in Villa Grove. Pictured right are Dan Meyer, Douglas County Farm Bureau president, Tuscola Public Library director Devin Black and Alex Black.



EIU's Booth Library announces CSI Pitch Competition winners

Six Eastern Illinois University students were named winners of the What's Your Problem Pitch Competition sponsored by the Booth Library Center for Student Innovation.

The Pitch Competition invited underrepresented, undergraduate student teams to share ideas and technologies that will solve a specific problem. Each team pitched its idea of how to solve a problem that they identified and described using the resources that are currently available in or could be purchased for the library's CSI.

The winners are:

* Rhonda Rogers and Raven Ramsey, who are majoring in Construction Management, won first place for their pitch, CSI Solutions, which presented ideas for improvements in the new CSI at Booth Library.

* Kayla Crowder and Jeremiah Boyd-Johnson, who are majoring in Political Science, won second place for their pitch, Diplomacy Lab, which presented plans to establish a Diplomacy Lab at EIU.

* Amayah Farley, who is majoring in Broadcast Journalism, won third place for

her pitch, Fixing Food Insecurity, which proposed the creation of an app to benefit the planned food pantry on the EIU campus.

* Esperanza Murillo, who is majoring in Health Administration, won fourth place for her pitch, Victors App, which proposed the creation of an app to connect people who may be feeling isolated as a result of the pandemic.

All students will be awarded scholarships, and additional funds will be used to purchase technology and materials to support their innovative ideas.

Funding for the pitch competition was provided by the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund.

EIU's Pitch Competition was coordinated by Zach Newell, dean of Library Services; Newton Key, professor of History and director of the Faculty Development and Innovation Center; and Catherine Polydore, assistant dean of the Honors College, professor of Counseling and Higher Education, and former chair of the EIU Making Excellence Inclusive Committee.

"The judging team was amazed by the quality and

creativity of the pitch competition entries," Newell said. "Our students certainly know what hurdles and challenges our campus community is facing, and they have innovative ideas about how to solve them."

The winning entries will become part of EIU's institutional repository, The Keep, found at <https://thekeep.eiu.edu>.

The Center for Student Innovation is located on the first floor of Booth Library, on the east side of the atrium. For more information about the CSI, visit the website at <https://www.eiu.edu/booth/csi/index.php>.

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LLC employees recognized for years of service

At the Lake Land College Virtual Employee Recognition faculty and staff members were honored for their years of service. Lake Land College is proud to honor the commitment and dedication many employees have devoted to helping students succeed at the college. Several of these employees were recognized for reaching years of service milestones.

Lisa Cole, director of data analytics, was recognized for 30 years of service.

The people recognized for 25 years of service included Dion Buzzard, industrial technology instructor/program coordinator; Dave Earp, print and mail services supervisor; Emily Hartke, chair of counseling and judicial affairs advisement; Walter McHenry, mathematics instructor; Martha Mioux, physical therapist assistant instructor/program director and massage therapy instructor/program director and Art Turner, custodial services supervisor.

The people recognized for 20 years of service were:

Cheryl Beam, nursing

instructor/director of nursing; April Byard, community and professional program specialist; Terri Fields, psychology instructor; Brenda Hunzinger, biological science instructor; Dave Johnson, health and physical education instructor/head women's basketball coach and Krista Pickering, financial analyst.

Those recognized for 15 years of service included Dyke Barkley, horticulture instructor; Andrea Bright, academic counselor; Tisha Goad, nursing instructor; Valerie Lynch, interim vice president for student services; Pamela Mayer, lead custodian; Megan Nelson, marketing publication and design coordinator; Heather Nohren, academic counselor; Ike Nwosu, division chair math and science/bio-science instructor; Cassie Porter, nursing instructor; Greg Powers, speech communication/broadcasting instructor/broadcast operations director; Lisa Shumard-Shelton, director of dual credit and honors experience and Erin Swingler, division chair al-

lied health/nursing instructor.

The people recognized for 10 years of service were: Ben Cohan, art instructor; Hannah Crnkovich, scholarship coordinator; Kristen Holsapple, dental hygiene instructor/director of dental hygiene; Ginger Murray, associate dean of correctional programs; Maria Nohren, nursing instructor; Ryan Orrick, division chair agriculture/agriculture instructor; Scott Rawlings, director of physical plant operations; Casey Reynolds, Spanish/English instructor; Megan Stewart, cosmetology clinical instructor; Benjamin Tomasello, custodian and Nate Westendorf, programmer analyst.

The people recognized for five years of service included Emily Bowling, print shop technician assistant; Hilary Donley, allied health specialist; Tarah Haskenherm, nursing instructor; Olivia Koester, admissions representative; Jani Merryman, adult education advisor; Kyle Sims, adult education advisor and Dustha Wahls, director of human resources.

Several adjunct faculty members were recognized for their semesters of service as well. Sharon Brown and Terry Salem were recognized for 60 semesters. Linda Gates, Diana Hammond and Jesse Teverbaugh were recognized for 40 semesters. For 30 semesters, David Budde, Debra Denton, Allen Drake, Martin Gibson and Teresa Metzger were recognized. Camille Gordon, Michelle Miller, Jeffrey Paisley, Michael Ritchie and Robert Till were recognized for 20 semesters. Joyce Barnhart, Todd Ehlers, Amy Followell, Matthew Holdman, Leslie Harmon-Mckenzie, Steven Klingler, Ashley Poleon and Heath Strom were recognized for 10 semesters.

Lake Land College extends congratulations and gratitude to all of these employees for their years of service and dedication to the vision and values of the college.

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