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Auditor of State David A. Vaudt today released a report on a special investigation of the City of Collins Library for the period July 1, 2007 through July 30, 2009. The special investigation was a result of concerns regarding certain transactions identified by City and Library personnel. The Library Board President, Darlene Newton, resigned in July 2009 as a result of the concerns.

Vaudt reported the special investigation identified $\$ 9,407.44$ of undeposited collections and improper and unsupported disbursements. The undeposited collections of $\$ 1,971.92$ include funds provided to the Library by the State of Iowa for the Open Access and Enrich Iowa programs, donations, movie rental fees and proceeds from the sale of candy and garbage bags. Vaudt also reported adequate records for all receipts were not available to determine if other collections were not deposited.

The $\$ 6,887.29$ of improper disbursements include $\$ 1,787.29$ of reimbursements to Ms. Newton for the purchases of books and movies which could not be located in the Library. The improper disbursements also include an estimated $\$ 5,100.00$ of payroll costs for excessive hours reported by Ms. Newton for the time she worked as a Library assistant.

The $\$ 548.23$ of unsupported disbursements include reimbursements to Ms. Newton for purchases and mileage which were not supported by proper documentation.

During July 2009, Ms. Newton provided $\$ 317.90$ cash to the City. Of that amount, $\$ 30.00$ was for collections received at the Library on July 3, 2009 which were reportedly taken to Ms. Newton's home for safekeeping. On July 28, 2009, Ms. Newton submitted an additional $\$ 287.90$ in cash to the City. According to City personnel, Ms. Newton reported $\$ 152.00$ of the payment was for collections she had taken home from the Library for safekeeping, $\$ 39.32$ was the
unspent portion of 2 donation checks she redeemed and $\$ 96.58$ was for a reimbursement she requested in error. The reimbursement was for books purchased and donated by a former Library Director. The former Director provided the receipts for the books to Ms. Newton, who submitted the receipts to the City Clerk for reimbursement claiming she had made the purchases.

The report includes recommendations to strengthen the Library's internal controls and operations, such as improvements to segregation of duties, requiring Board approval and proper documentation for disbursements and providing all collections to the City Clerk for deposit in the City's account.

Copies of the report have been filed with the Story County Attorney's Office, the Attorney General's Office and the Division of Criminal Investigation. A copy of the report is available for review in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at http://auditor.iowa.gov/specials/index.html.
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# REPORT ON SPECIAL INVESTIGATION OF THE CITY OF COLLINS LIBRARY 

FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JULY 30, 2009

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Auditor of State's Report
To the Collins Library Board and
Members of the City Council:
As a result of alleged improprieties regarding certain transactions, we conducted a special investigation of the City of Collins Library. We have applied certain tests and procedures to selected financial transactions of the Library for the period July 1, 2007 through July 30, 2009. Based on discussions with City officials and personnel and a review of relevant information, we performed the following procedures:
(1) Evaluated internal controls to determine whether adequate policies and procedures were in place and operating effectively at the Library.
(2) Examined supporting documentation for reimbursements to the former Library Board President, Darlene Newton, to determine if they were properly supported and approved.
(3) Traced reimbursements to Ms. Newton to bill listings presented to the Library Board to determine if they were properly approved.
(4) Examined payroll disbursements to Ms. Newton to determine if amounts were appropriate.
(5) Examined monthly receipt records and bank documents to determine if recorded collections were properly deposited.
(6) Reviewed activity in the City's bank account to identify any unusual activity. We also examined certain redeemed checks, deposit slips and related documents for propriety.
(7) Confirmed payments made to the Library by the State of Iowa and Story County to determine if they were properly deposited.

These procedures identified $\$ 9,407.44$ of undeposited collections and improper and unsupported disbursements. Of this amount, undeposited collections total $\$ 1,971.92$, improper disbursements total $\$ 6,887.29$ and unsupported disbursements total $\$ 548.23$. The improper disbursements include $\$ 5,100.00$ of estimated excessive payroll costs. We were unable to determine if any additional collections were undeposited because adequate records were not available. Several internal control weaknesses were also identified. Our detailed findings and recommendations are presented in the Investigative Summary and Exhibits A and B of this report.

The procedures described above do not constitute an audit of financial statements conducted in accordance with U. S. generally accepted auditing standards. Had we performed additional procedures, or had we performed an audit of financial statements of the City of Collins Library, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

Copies of this report have been filed with the Story County Attorney's Office, the Attorney General's Office and the Division of Criminal Investigation.

We would like to acknowledge the assistance and many courtesies extended to us by the officials and personnel of the City of Collins during the course of our investigation.


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March 26, 2010

## Background Information

The Collins Library is a department of the City of Collins. The Library is governed by a Library Board appointed by the Mayor and City Council members. The Library employs a Director and several part time employees. A significant portion of the Library's funding is provided by the City and a number of the Library's disbursements, including payroll, are processed by the City Clerk.

In addition to funding from the City, funds are received from a number of sources, including movie rental fees, the sale of trash bags and candy, grants and contributions from Story County and the State of Iowa and donations. Funds collected at the Library were not consistently deposited to the City's bank account. Instead, some collections were used to make purchases for the Library by the Director or other staff members. The purchases were typically made with cash collected at the Library or with proceeds of checks collected at the Library which were redeemed for cash.

Library activities are also supported by the Friends of the Library. The Friends of the Library is a separate entity which raises money to benefit the Library. Donations are also received at the Library on behalf of the Friends of the Library. Donations received at the Library for the Friends of the Library are to be provided to officials of that organization.

In 2001, Darlene Newton became the President of the Library Board. She was also a part-time employee of the Library. In addition, Ms. Newton acted as the interim Director during June and July 2008. The prior Director, Chris Evans-Winfield, resigned effective May 30, 2008 and a permanent replacement, Aaron Davenport, wasn't named until August 2008. Mr. Davenport's tenure lasted until early 2009. Deanne Jolly became the Director effective February 5, 2009.

As a part-time employee, Ms. Newton was responsible for the children's programming at the Library, which included school children visiting the Library and Ms. Newton or another Library helper reading to them. In addition, the children had snacks and were allowed to check out books to take home. Library employees also made trips to the schools to read to the children.

Ms. Newton periodically made purchases for the Library, including books and snacks for the children's programming. The purchases were made with cash on hand at the Library or Ms. Newton was reimbursed by the City Clerk from the Library's budget after she submitted the related documentation. Ms. Newton also helped with fund raising efforts for the Library.

In July 2009, a number of instances came to Ms. Jolly's attention in which Library funds were handled by Ms. Newton in a manner Ms. Jolly had not been made aware of. In some cases, it appeared the transactions were not handled properly. The instances included cashing of checks made payable to the Library, taking cash collected at the Library home for safekeeping and depositing a check issued to the Library in the Friends of the Library's bank account, then subsequently transferring those funds to the City's bank account.

The Library Board held a special meeting on July 14, 2009. According to the minutes, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss personnel issues and the Board went into closed session at Ms. Newton's request. Following the closed session, Ms. Newton left the meeting. According to the minutes, the Board also discussed who should be allowed access to various areas of the Library and there was a consensus Library access policies were necessary, as well as budgets for each Library program. However, decisions regarding these areas were tabled until the next
meeting, which was scheduled for July 21, 2009. According to Ms. Jolly, Ms. Newton's keys to the Library were collected during the meeting.

According to the minutes of the July 21, 2009 meeting, the primary purpose of the meeting was to "tighten up procedures for dealing with the handling of money, budget and operational issues concerning the Library." The minutes document policies established by the Board during the meeting, including limiting access to the Library's Post Office box, Library keys and Library credit cards to only the Director, with the City Clerk available as a back-up in the Director's absence. The minutes also document "from now on, bills would be paid only after approval at the meeting of the Library Board." Previously, bills were paid prior to the Board's meetings and retroactive approval was granted. In addition, a maximum number of hours Library assistants were allowed to work per week, without specific Board approval, was established. The minutes also state "It was restated that the handling of all Library funds should be done exclusively by the City Clerk and Director."

At the meeting, Board members also discussed asking for Ms. Newton's resignation as the Library Board President. However a consensus was not reached and no action was taken. According to the minutes, the Board planned to address the request at the next meeting, which was scheduled for July 28, 2009. During the July 28, 2009 meeting, additional action was not taken by the Board regarding the request for Ms. Newton's resignation because not all Board members were present and the proper protocol for removal of a Board member was in question. However, Ms. Newton subsequently resigned her position as Library Board President on July 30, 2009.

As a result of concerns identified by the City officials, we performed the procedures detailed in the Auditor of State's Report for the period July 1, 2007 through July 30, 2009.

## Detailed Findings

These procedures identified $\$ 9,407.44$ of undeposited collections and improper and unsupported disbursements. Of this amount, undeposited collections total $\$ 1,971.92$, improper disbursements total $\$ 6,887.29$ and unsupported disbursements total $\$ 548.23$. The improper disbursements include $\$ 5,100.00$ of estimated excessive payroll costs. We were unable to determine if any additional collections were undeposited because adequate records were not available. All findings are summarized in Exhibit A and a detailed explanation of each finding follows.

## UNDEPOSITED COLLECTIONS

As previously stated, a number of instances came to Ms. Jolly's attention in July 2009 in which Library funds were handled by Ms. Newton in a manner which did not appear proper. The instances are briefly summarized below and discussed in greater detail in the following sections.

- During the first week of July 2009, Ms. Jolly discovered cash collections which should have been on hand in the Library could not be located. Ms. Newton reported she had taken them home for safe keeping.
- While attempting to locate cash collections in the Library during the first week of July 2009, Ms. Jolly found an envelope which contained a check stub from the Polk County Clerk of Court. The check stub showed $\$ 200.00$ had been issued to the Library for restitution. Neither the check or any related funds were located in the Library.
- Approximately mid-July, Ms. Jolly discovered a payment issued to the Library by the State of Iowa was initially deposited to the Friends of the Library's bank account, then later transferred to the City's bank account by Ms. Newton.
- During July, the Friends of the Library's Treasurer and the City Clerk visited the bank where the bank accounts for their organizations were held to clarify with bank officials Ms. Newton was not an authorized signer on either account and she should not be allowed to initiate bank transactions. During their visit, a bank representative reported she had allowed Ms. Newton to cash 2 checks payable to the Friends of the Library during the previous month. She had also allowed her to cash a check from the State of Iowa to the Collins Public Library for approximately $\$ 1,300.00$ during February 2009.

Movie rental fees and miscellaneous sales - According to Ms. Jolly, she did not work on Friday, July 3, 2009. Instead, Ms. Newton's daughter, who was a Library helper, worked at the Library that day and collected $\$ 30.00$ in movie rental fees and from the sale of trash bags and candy. The Library helper left the money and a note stating what it was for on the desk at the Library. When the Director returned to the Library the first part of the following week, she found the note left by Ms. Newton's daughter, but no money.

According to the Director, Ms. Newton stated her daughter probably took the money home for safekeeping and she would return it on Wednesday. On Wednesday morning, Ms. Newton's daughter was in the Library and asked the Director if she found the money left with the note. When the Director told her Ms. Newton had reported she had taken it home for safekeeping, Ms. Newton's daughter looked very surprised and reported she did not take the cash home. The Director also reported Ms. Newton came into the Library on Thursday, July 9, 2009 and handed her the missing money. Ms. Newton also explained her daughter had taken it home but forgot to bring it in on Wednesday.

According to the Director, when she realized the cash was not in the Library, she looked for prior collections which should have been on hand but she could not locate. Based on her previous observation of an envelope which held collections, Ms. Jolly knew \$152.00 should have been on hand. When she asked Ms. Newton about the collections, she reportedly stated she had taken them home for safe keeping. Ms. Newton remitted $\$ 152.00$ to the Library on July 28, 2009 for the funds she reported she took home. However, according to Ms. Jolly, the remittance wasn't made in the same denominations as the cash that had been on hand. A copy of the receipt issued to Ms. Newton by the City Clerk for the remittance is included in Appendix 1.

The $\$ 182.00$ removed from the Library but subsequently returned in cash by Ms. Newton is included in Exhibit A as undeposited collections. The $\$ 30.00$ and $\$ 152.00$ repayments are also included in Exhibit A. Because the Library did not prepare receipts or keep any other type of record of movie rental fees or candy and garbage bag sales, we were unable to determine if any additional collections were received but were not properly deposited.

Clerk of Court Check - As previously stated, Ms. Jolly found an envelope which contained a check stub from the Polk County Clerk of Court while attempting to locate cash collections in the Library. The check stub showed $\$ 200.00$ had been issued to the Library for restitution. Neither the check nor any related funds were located in the Library. The check was issued on October 29, 2008. According to the City Clerk, a family borrowed books from the Library, then moved away without returning them and was ordered to pay restitution.

A copy of the check issued by the Clerk of Court is included in Appendix 2. As illustrated by the Appendix, the check was endorsed by Ms. Newton. The check was not properly deposited to the City's bank account. Instead, it was deposited through an automated teller machine (ATM). We are unable to identify the account to which the check was deposited.

According to Ms. Jolly and the City Clerk, Ms. Newton explained she used the proceeds from the check to purchase books. When Ms. Newton was asked to provide supporting documents for the purchases, she provided carbon copies of 9 personal checks issued to various

Scholastic school book order companies. Information from the check carbons is summarized in Table 1.

Table 1

| Check <br> Number | Check <br> Date | Payee | Memo | Amount |
| :---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 5127 | $11 / 14 / 08$ | Arrow Books | Mrs. Lee | $\$ 21.00$ |
| 5129 | $11 / 14 / 08$ | Scholastic All-Stars | Mrs. Lee | 27.00 |
| 5130 | $11 / 14 / 08$ | Year End Clearance | Mrs. Lee | 16.00 |
| 5131 | $11 / 14 / 08$ | See Saw | Mrs. Heward | 49.00 |
| 5132 | $11 / 14 / 08$ | Firefly Books | Mrs. Heward | 10.00 |
| 5133 | $11 / 14 / 08$ | Ilegible Books | Mrs. Staples | 25.00 |
| 5134 | $11 / 14 / 08$ | Holiday Gift Books | Mrs. Ericson | 68.00 |
| 5135 | $11 / 14 / 08$ | Firefly | Mrs. Ericson | 13.00 |
| Total |  |  |  | $\$ 229.00$ |

As illustrated by the Table, the checks contained certain names in the memo portion of the checks. The names appear to be teachers at Collins-Maxwell Elementary School. Ms. Newton did not provide copies of the book order forms. As a result, we were unable to determine which books were purchased and if the books could be located in the Library.

Because the restitution check issued to the City should have been deposited to the City's account and because the purchases Ms. Newton reported she made with the proceeds of the check were not properly documented, the $\$ 200.00$ the check from the Clerk of Court is included in Exhibit A as an undeposited collection.

Donations - As previously stated, a bank representative informed the City Clerk Ms. Newton cashed 2 checks payable to the Friends of the Library at the bank in June 2009. Copies of the checks are included in Appendix 3. As illustrated by the Appendix, each check was made out to the Friends of the Library for $\$ 100.00$ and the memo line included the notation "Donation." "Summer Reading" was added to the memo line of each check following the original notation. Also as illustrated by the Appendix, the checks were endorsed by Ms. Newton. According to a bank representative, the checks were redeemed for cash.

According to Ms. Jolly, she was not aware the Friends of the Library had received the donations, but when they came to her attention, she asked Ms. Newton about them. Ms. Newton explained she cashed the checks and used the proceeds to purchase items for the summer reading program. When Ms. Newton was asked to provide supporting documentation for the purchases, she explained she could not provide support. Ms. Newton said $\$ 160.68$ of the $\$ 200.00$ was spent and only $\$ 39.32$ remained. On July 29, 2009, Ms. Newton returned $\$ 39.32$ to the Library. A copy of the receipt prepared when Ms. Newton repaid the Library is included in Appendix 1.

The $\$ 200.00$ of donations not properly deposited are included in Exhibit A. The $\$ 39.32$ repayment made by Ms. Newton is also included in Exhibit A. Because the Library did not prepare receipts or keep any other type of record of collections, we were unable to determine if any additional donations were received but were not properly deposited.

State of Iowa - When the City Clerk and Treasurer from the Friends of the Library visited the bank, a bank representative informed them Ms. Newton redeemed a check issued to the Library by the State of Iowa for approximately $\$ 1,300.00$ in February 2009.

We reviewed all payments issued to the City and the Library by the State of Iowa to determine if they were properly deposited in a timely manner to the City's bank account. We identified 11 checks which were not deposited to the City's account or recorded in the City's records. Table 2 lists the payments which were not properly deposited.

## Table 2

| Check <br> Number | $\begin{gathered} \text { Check } \\ \text { Date } \end{gathered}$ | Description | Amount | Endorsement |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 61783192 | 10/14/05 | Enrich Iowa | \$ 869.46 | Chris Evans-Winfield* |
| 62423436 | 11/01/06 | Enrich Iowa | 1,260.66 | Chris Evans-Winfield* |
| 62537011 | 01/13/07 | Open Access | 157.47 | Chris Evans-Winfield* |
| 62989189 | 01/19/07 | Enrich Iowa | 243.00 | Chris Evans-Winfield* |
| 62547483 | 10/31/07 | Enrich Iowa | 1,248.46 | Chris Evans-Winfield* |
| 62988880 | 10/31/07 | State Library Donation | 106.10 | Chris Evans-Winfield* |
| 63075363 | 12/26/07 | Open Access | 404.72 | Chris Evans-Winfield* |
| 63074904 | 12/26/07 | Enrich Iowa | 535.55 | Chris Evans-Winfield* |
| 63551336 | 11/04/08 | Enrich Iowa | 1,270.45 | Aaron Davenport, Lib. Dir.* |
| 63659795 | 01/22/09 | Open Access | 1,389.92 | Darlene Newton, President <br> - Collins Public Lib. |
| 63661989 | 01/23/09 | Enrich Iowa | 1,886.32 | Darlene Newton, President <br> - Collins Public Lib. |
| Total |  |  | \$ 9,372.11 |  |

As illustrated by the Table, most of the payments were related to the Enrich Iowa or Open Access programs. The Enrich Iowa program includes direct state aid for public libraries which is intended to improve library services and reduce inequities among communities. Open Access is also a part of the Enrich Iowa program. It enables users from a participating library to check out materials at over 600 other participating Iowa libraries.

As previously stated, according to Library staff we spoke with, funds collected at the Library were not consistently deposited to the City's bank account for subsequent purchases made for the Library. It was not unusual for checks to be cashed and cash collections to be used for purchases. As illustrated by the Table, 9 of the 11 checks identified were endorsed by Directors other than Ms. Newton. When Mr. Evans-Winfield was the Director, he listed books purchased with proceeds from the State warrants in a notebook. We reviewed the notebook and compared the checks issued by the State of Iowa to the entries in the notebook and did not identify any concerns. However, Mr. Davenport did not continue to add notations for the \$1,270.45 check issued on November 4, 2008.

The Table also illustrates the 2 remaining checks were endorsed by Ms. Newton. Copies of the checks are included in Appendix 4. The $\$ 1,389.92$ check appears to be the check Ms. Newton redeemed for cash at the bank in February 2009. According to the City Clerk, Ms. Newton stated she used the proceeds to purchase additional books for the Library. However, documentation related to the purchases Ms. Newton reported was not provided.

According to the City Clerk, all checks issued to the City should be deposited to the City's bank account. In addition, documentation of book purchases incurred by City employees is to be submitted to the City Clerk for reimbursement. Once documentation is received and reviewed
by the City Clerk, she prepares a check to reimburse the employee. The payment is included on the bill listing provided to the Council at the next meeting for approval.

Ms. Newton was asked at the July 21, 2009 Library Board meeting to provide supporting documentation for the book purchases. Ms. Newton did not provide any supporting documentation for the use of the State of Iowa check.

Ms. Newton deposited the $\$ 1,886.32$ check to the Friends of the Library's bank account rather than the City's bank account. According to City personnel we spoke with, Ms. Newton made the deposit without telling the Treasurer of the Friends of the Library or any other officials.

According to the City Clerk, she was aware the deposit would be made to the Friends of the Library's account. This was acceptable to her with the understanding if it appeared the Library would use all of its budgeted funds from the City by the end of the fiscal year, the proceeds would need to be moved from the Friends of the Library's account to the City's account to supplement the Library's operations. On May 19, 2009, Ms. Newton moved the funds back to the City's bank account at the City Clerk's request because the Library's budgeted funds from the City had been nearly exhausted.

As stated previously, the Treasurer of the Friends of the Library was not informed of the $\$ 1,886.32$ deposit Ms. Newton made to its account. However, after she received a bank statement showing the activity, she spoke with members of the Friends of the Library. It was determined the additional funds would be moved into a separate account to help build a new library. However, prior to the Treasurer transferring the funds, Ms. Newton moved them to the City's bank account. When the Treasurer discovered the funds had been transferred, she informed Ms. Jolly about the situation.

Because the checks issued to the City should have been deposited to the City's account and because the purchases Ms. Newton reported she made with the proceeds of the check were not properly documented, the $\$ 1,389.92$ check is included in Exhibit A as undeposited collections.

As illustrated by Table 2, the amount of the Open Access payment issued to the Library on January 22, 2009 increased significantly when compared to Open Access payments received previously. The amount issued is dependent on the number of books the Library reports as shared with other participating libraries to the Department of Education (DE). According to Ms. Jolly, it appears the number of books reported to DE was overstated. Also, the report for fiscal year 2010 included Ms. Jolly's name as the preparer, but she did not prepare the report. Representatives of DE are reviewing the information submitted to determine if any adjustments to the amounts reported and the payments issued to the Library are required.

County Funding - For fiscal years 2007 through 2009, Story County allocated $\$ 267,500.00$ among all libraries in the County based on circulation numbers reported by the Libraries. For fiscal year 2010, Story County allocated $\$ 272,000.00$ among the libraries. Table 3 summarizes the circulation numbers reported by the Library for fiscal years 2007 through 2010.

Table 3

| Description | Circulation | Allocation |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| FY06 circulation, reported in FY07 | 3,244 | $\$ 5,831.50$ |
| FY07 circulation, reported in FY08 | 5,885 | $10,619.75$ |
| FY08 circulation, reported in FY09 | 12,882 | $22,737.50$ |
| FY09 circulation, reported in FY10 | 12,169 | $22,657.60$ |

As illustrated by the Table, the circulation numbers significantly increased from fiscal year 2007 through 2009. However, according to Ms. Jolly, the activity at the Library did not actually increase to the circulation levels reported. As a result, the allocation to the Library by the County was overstated. Based on a review of fiscal year 2009 circulation information, the amount which should have been allocated to the Library for fiscal year 2010 was $\$ 6,120.00$ instead of $\$ 22,657.60$. Circulation information is not readily available for previous years.

The County provides half of the funds allocated to the Library during October and April of each fiscal year. Because only the October 2009 payment had been made at the time the fiscal year 2010 overstatement was identified, the City repaid $\$ 5,208.80$ to the County on November 18, 2009. In addition, the Library did not receive an allocation for the second half of the year in April 2010. According to City officials, they are not aware of any corrections or adjustments which will be done for prior years.

Sale of Used Books - According to Ms. Jolly, Ms. Newton periodically took used Library books to a used book store in Clive to sell them. Initially, Ms. Newton would bring cash back to the Library for the used books which were sold. However, she did not submit the related receipt documenting the amount the used book store paid for the books.

Also, there were instances in which Ms. Newton returned from the used book store with no money stating the store no longer gave cash for the used books. Instead, the books were considered donations. Because the used book store is not a non-profit organization, it would be very unusual to make donations to this type of entity.

We contacted a representative of the used book store to determine if payments were made to individuals or organizations who bring used books to the store. The representative confirmed the store has always provided some type of payment for used books brought to the store. The store was not able to provide a listing of payments issued to the Library or Ms. Newton for used Library books she took to the vendor. As a result, we are unable to determine an amount collected from the sale of used books but not properly deposited to the City's account for the Library and we have not included an amount in Exhibit A.

## IMPROPER DISBURSEMENTS

As previously stated, Ms. Newton was a part-time employee of the Library and she was responsible for the children's programming at the Library. She also acted as the interim Director during June and July 2008. Ms. Newton received a number of payments from the City for her responsibilities at the Library. The payments included reimbursements and payroll disbursements.

Reimbursements to Darlene Newton - Because Ms. Newton periodically made purchases for the Library, she was eligible for reimbursement of the costs. She was also eligible for a mileage reimbursement for authorized trips to make the purchases. To be reimbursed for the purchases, Ms. Newton was to submit the receipts for the purchases to the City Clerk for reimbursement from the Library's portion of the City's account. However, according to Library officials we spoke with, Ms. Newton also used cash or checks on hand at the Library to purchase books and other supplies for the Library.

Exhibit B lists each reimbursement issued to Ms. Newton by the City. As illustrated by the Exhibit, a number of the reimbursements were for the purchase of books. However, Ms. Newton was also reimbursed for snacks, craft supplies and various office supplies. The descriptions on some of the receipts for snacks, craft supplies and small toys indicated the purchases were for the summer reading program or children's programs.

As illustrated by the Exhibit, a number of the purchases Ms. Newton was reimbursed for were supported by copies of Scholastic Book Club order forms. The order forms appear to have been distributed by teachers at the Collins-Maxwell Elementary School. According to Library
staff we spoke we, Ms. Newton's children attended school there. Because a copy of the order form does not provide assurance Ms. Newton purchased the books listed or spent the amount claimed for reimbursement, with assistance from Library staff, we attempted to trace the books claimed by Ms. Newton to books on hand at the Library. The cost of the books which could be located are identified as reasonable in the Exhibit. All reimbursements supported by appropriate documentation are also identified as reasonable. The cost of the books which could not be located are identified as improper in the Exhibit.

As illustrated by the Exhibit, Ms. Newton was reimbursed $\$ 193.25$ on July 8, 2009 for purchases made at Barnes \& Noble, Wal-Mart, Cyclone Awards \& Engraving Inc., Dollar General, Hastings and Target. As previously stated, in July 2009 a number of instances came to Ms. Jolly's attention in which Library funds appeared to have been handled inappropriately by Ms. Newton. On July 15, 2009, an event was held at the Library which was attended by Chris Evans-Winfield, another former Director. During the event, Board members asked Mr. Evans-Winfield what controls and procedures were in place when he was the Director.

According to Ms. Jolly, Mr. Evans-Winfield stated he periodically met Ms. Newton for coffee in Ames. He had purchased books from Barnes $\&$ Noble for $\$ 96.58$ and donated them to the Library in April 2009. When he gave the books to Ms. Newton for the Library, he also gave her the related receipt. Ms. Newton subsequently submitted the receipt to the City and was reimbursed for the purchase. However, according to City staff, she didn't submit the receipt until after July 1, 2009 because the Library's budget in April would not have allowed her to receive payment for the purchase Mr. Evans-Winfield made. After Ms. Jolly spoke with Ms. Newton about the reimbursement, she repaid the $\$ 96.58$ to the City on July 28, 2009. A copy of the receipt for Ms. Newton's payment is included in Appendix 1.

Also as illustrated by the Exhibit, Ms. Newton received a reimbursement on March 12, 2009 for purchases which included 2 copies of Superstar Stats. The documentation Ms. Newton submitted included a copy of a Scholastic (Arrow) book order form which showed 1 copy of the book was purchased for $\$ 10.00$. She also submitted a type-written list which described purchases made at the " $2 / 17 / 09$ Collins-Maxwell Elementary School Book Fair." The list included a second copy of the book for $\$ 9.99$. However, the Library has only 1 copy of the book on hand.

The Exhibit also illustrates Ms. Newton was reimbursed for mileage on 10 occasions. Only 1 of the 10 reimbursements included a receipt for a purchase made at an out of town vendor. This reimbursement is classified as reasonable. Of the remaining 9 reimbursements, 4 list a specific vendor to which Ms. Newton purportedly traveled. However, she did not submit any receipts to document purchases made at the vendor or any other vendor. For 5 of the reimbursements, Ms. Newton did not provide the location or vendor to which she purportedly traveled. Only the number of miles and the cost to be reimbursed to her were listed. These 9 reimbursements are classified as improper.

The improper and unsupported disbursements listed in Exhibit B total \$1,787.29 and $\$ 548.23$, respectively. These amounts are included in Exhibit A.

Excess Payroll Costs - All Library employees are required to complete a hand-written summary of the time worked. The time summaries are approved by the Library Board and City Council after payments have been made. Because Ms. Newton's time summaries were not reviewed or approved by anyone with knowledge of the hours she worked at the Library, we are unable to ensure the payments made to Ms. Newton based on the time summaries were for the appropriate amount.

According to Ms. Jolly, no Library assistant should have more than 5-10 hours of work per week, or a maximum of 20 hours for a two week pay period. The times an assistant would have been close to 20 hours within a pay period would have been rare. We reviewed the time summaries for Library assistants other than Ms. Newton and did not identify any significant
payments for a large number of hours worked, other than periods during which the Director was away from the Library and the assistants worked more hours than typical.

However, we identified 14 pay periods for which Ms. Newton recorded from 24.5 to 69.5 hours for an individual pay period. None of the 14 pay periods were during the period Ms. Newton was the interim Director. During that period, she recorded between 4 and 8 hours per pay period. For 5 of the 14 pay periods identified, Ms. Newton recorded more hours worked than the Director.

For the 14 pay periods identified, the number of hours recorded by Ms. Newton averaged 42.02 hours per pay period. The number of hours recorded by Ms. Newton for all other pay periods averaged 9.64 hours. This information was used to estimate the amount Ms. Newton may have been paid in excess of what she should have been paid. Table 4 shows the calculation of the estimate.

Table 4

| Description | Amount |
| :--- | ---: |
| Average number of hours - 14 pay periods identified | 42.02 |
| Less average number of hours for all other pay periods | 9.64 |
| Difference | 32.38 |
| x Ms. Newton's hourly rate of pay | $\$ \quad 10.50$ |
| Estimated overpayment per pay period | 339.99 |
| x Number of pay periods with excessive hours | 14 |
| Estimated overpayment for 14 pay periods | $\$ 4,759.86$ |

In addition to the $\$ 4,759.86$ of overpayments the City incurred for the hours Ms. Newton recorded in excess of the maximum expected 20 hours per pay period for Library assistants, the City incurred costs for the employer's share of FICA taxes. Table 5 illustrates the calculation of the FICA taxes.

Table 5

| Description | Amount |
| :--- | ---: |
| Estimated overpayments for 14 pay periods | $\$ 4,759.86$ |
| FICA rate (7.65\%) | 364.12 |
| Total costs | $\$ 5,123.98$ |
| Rounded total costs | $\$ 5,100.00$ |

As illustrated by the Table, the City incurred an estimated total of $\$ 5,123.98$ for the excess hours recorded by Ms. Newton. The rounded estimated amount of $\$ 5,100.00$ is included in Exhibit A.

## Recommended Control Procedures

As part of our investigation, we reviewed the procedures used by the City of Collins and the Library to process collections, disbursements and payroll. An important aspect of internal control is to establish procedures that provide accountability for assets susceptible to loss from error and irregularities. These procedures provide the actions of one individual will act as a check on those of another and provide a level of assurance errors or irregularities will be noted within a reasonable time during the course of normal operations. Based on our findings and observations detailed below, the following recommendations are made to strengthen the Library's internal controls.
(A) Segregation of Duties - An important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. The former Directors were responsible for each of the following areas for the Library:
(1) Receipts - collecting and posting to the Library's records.
(2) Disbursements - claim preparation, initial approval and mailing checks.

Recommendation - We realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of employees. However, the duties within each function listed above should be segregated between employees of the Library and/or the City. In addition, members of the Library Board should review and approve supporting documentation.
(B) Receipts - The Library collects money for various reasons, including donations and payment of fees. The donations may be for the Library or the Friends of the Library. Receipts are not issued for any collections and collections are not reconciled to the amount deposited.

In addition, some of the collections were used to make purchases rather than being deposited to the City's bank account.

Recommendation - Collections should be recorded in a receipt book and deposited intact in a timely manner. Collections should also be reconciled to the amounts deposited. Any undeposited collections should be safeguarded in a locked file or safe. Also, all donations received should be recorded in a manner which specifies if the donation is for the Library or the Friends of the Library. In addition, all Library collections should be deposited to the City's bank account.
(C) Disbursements - The following conditions were identified during our review of the Library's disbursements, including reimbursements to Ms. Newton:
(1) A reimbursement was made to the former Library Board President without supporting documentation.
(2) An invoice was paid twice.
(3) The former Library Board President submitted a photocopy of an invoice for payment.
(4) The former Library Board President was reimbursed for books and DVDs which did not get put into circulation.

A number of purchases were made for the Library with funds collected at the Library. Some of the purchases were made with cash collections. Other purchases were made with the proceeds of checks which were redeemed for cash. The purchases were not supported by appropriate documentation.

Recommendation - Purchases should not be made for the Library with funds collected at the Library and all disbursements should be supported by adequate documentation to ensure the propriety of the payment and compliance with City policies. In addition, all supporting documentation should be the original invoice or receipt, not a photocopy. All supporting documentation should be cancelled to prevent its reuse. Also, the existence of all books and DVD items should be verified when purchased.
(D) Payroll - Time summaries are prepared by each Library employee and submitted for approval. During our review of the time summaries, we identified several instances the former Library Board President reported she worked an unusually large number of hours for a non-Director.

Recommendation - Employee time summaries should be reviewed by an independent party who is familiar with the employee's attendance to ensure the time summaries accurately reflect the time worked and ensure compliance with City policies.
(E) Inventory - The Library maintains a manual inventory system to track all library books, tapes and other items checked in and out of the Library. While reviewing the inventory, we identified the following conditions:
(1) Inventory counts or periodic checks of inventory are not performed.
(2) The inventory system does not appear to be complete.
(3) Deletions are not approved, reviewed or documented.

Recommendation - The City should implement procedures which ensure the inventory maintained by the Library is complete and accurate. Individuals responsible for the custody of the inventory items should not have the authority to add or delete books, tapes or other items to the inventory. Also, a list of all deletions should be maintained and all deletions should be reviewed and approved by the Board or an individual designated by the Board.

## Exhibits

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| Description | Exhibit/Table/ <br> Page Number | Improper | Unsupported | Total |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Undeposited Collections: |  |  |  |  |
| Movie rental fees and miscellaneous sales | Page 7 | $\$ 182.00$ | - | 182.00 |
| Clerk of Court check | Pages 7 and 8 | 200.00 | - | 200.00 |
| Donations* | Page 8 | 200.00 | - | 200.00 |
| State of Iowa | Pages 8 through 10 | $1,389.92$ | - | $1,389.92$ |
| $\quad$ Subtotal |  | $1,971.92$ | - | $1,971.92$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Improper and Unsupported Disbursements: |  |  | 548.23 | $2,335.52$ |
| Reimbursments to Darlene Newton | Exhibit B | $1,787.29$ | - | $5,100.00$ |
| Excess payroll costs (estimated) | Table 5 | $5,100.00$ | 548.23 | $7,435.52$ |
| $\quad$ Subtotal |  | $6,887.29$ | 548.23 | $9,407.44$ |
| $\quad$ Total |  | $\$ 8,859.21$ |  |  |

## Less Repayments by Darlene Newton:

Movie rental fees and miscellaneous sales:

Collections from July 3, 2009
Prior collections
Donations
Reimbursment to Darlene Newton
Total repayments by Darlene Newton Net total

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*     - Checks were issued to the Friends of the Library.

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| Notations | Amount | Reasonable | Improper | Unsupported |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 39.99 | 39.99 | - | - |
|  | 2.80 | - | 2.80 | - |
|  | 1.54 | 1.54 | - | - |
|  | 4.00 | 4.00 | - | - |
|  | 10.50 | 10.50 | - | - |
|  | 3.04 | 3.04 | - | - |
|  | 3.64 | 3.64 | - | - |
|  | 1.64 | 1.64 | - | - |
|  | 1.64 | 1.64 | - | - |
|  | 3.00 | - | 3.00 | - |
|  | 20.99 | 20.99 | - | - |
|  | 24.99 | 24.99 | - | - |
|  | 3.22 | - | 3.22 | - |
|  | 16.70 | 16.70 | - | - |
|  | 9.40 | 9.40 | - | - |
|  | 0.50 \# | - | 0.50 | - |
|  | 7.90 | 7.90 | - | - |
|  | 6.95 | 6.95 | - | - |
|  | 1.95 | 1.95 | - | - |
|  | 25.00 | 25.00 | - | - |
|  | 5.64 | 5.64 | - | - |
| Juice - 8@1.69 = 13.52 | 13.52 | - | - | 13.52 |
| "Dan let the Wal-Mart receipt blow away" |  |  |  |  |
| Storytime | 4.45 | 4.45 | - | - |
|  | 3.99 | 3.99 | - | - |
|  | 3.98 | 3.98 | - | - |
|  | 0.48 | - | 0.48 | - |
|  | 4.88 | 4.88 | - | - |
|  | 13.86 | 13.86 | - | - |
|  | 11.76 | 11.76 | - | - |
|  | 15.00 | 15.00 | - | - |
|  | 7.76 | 7.76 | - | - |

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| Date | Check <br> Number | Amount | Receipt Date | Vendor | Description |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { October } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ | $\wedge$ Lucky | Kids..Polk Street..Corn <br> Lime, a Mime, a Pool... <br> Nate the Great Talks Turkey <br> Scholastic book of World... <br> Check amount not supported by documentation. The Lucky order form totaled $\$ 16.80$, but $\$ 16.82$ was paid. |
| 04/23/08 | 9634 | 17.95 | 04/22/08 | Fareway | Sunshine Cheezit (2 @ 2.50) <br> M'Man Apl Glass (3@ 2.99) <br> Dole Baby Carrots (2 @ 1.99) |
| 06/02/08 | 9683 | 11.97 | 05/27/08 | Borders | Origami Dinosaurs tax |
| 06/05/08 | 9687 | 85.63 | 06/05/08 | Borders | Other <br> Last Lecture <br> Beyond Escape <br> Secret of the Ninja <br> Return to Atlantis <br> Forecast <br> Inca Gold <br> Struggle Down Under <br> Tattoo of Death <br> Silver Wings <br> Terror on the Titanic |
| 06/19/08 | 9716 | 400.00 | 06/19/08 | Borders | Indiana Jones Genesis Deluge Indiana Jones Secret of Sphinx Indiana Jones Hollow Earth <br> Mail Harry to Moon <br> Read All About It <br> Hannibal Rising <br> Trojan Hourse <br> Secrets of Mummies <br> 1st to Flight <br> Littlest Leaguer <br> Grizzwold <br> Johnny Appleseed <br> Here on Earth <br> Morris Goes to School <br> Eloise Throws Party <br> Mouses Hide See Words <br> Fancy Nancy \& Boy From Paris <br> Harry \& Lady Next Door |


| Notations | Amount | Reasonable | Improper | Unsupported |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1.95 | - | 1.95 | - |
|  | 2.95 | 2.95 | - | - |
|  | 3.95 | 3.95 | - | - |
|  | 7.95 | - | 7.95 | - |
|  | 0.02 \# | - | 0.02 | - |
|  | 5.00 | - | 5.00 | - |
|  | 8.97 | - | 8.97 | - |
|  | 3.98 | - | 3.98 | - |
|  | 11.19 | 11.19 | - | - |
|  | 0.78 | - | 0.78 | - |
|  | 19.96 | - | - | 19.96 |
|  | 15.36 | 15.36 | - | - |
|  | 5.59 | 5.59 | - | - |
|  | 5.59 | 5.59 | - | - |
|  | 5.59 | 5.59 | - | - |
|  | 5.59 | 5.59 | - | - |
|  | 5.59 | 5.59 | - | - |
|  | 5.59 | 5.59 | - | - |
|  | 5.59 | 5.59 | - | - |
|  | 5.59 | 5.59 | - | - |
|  | 5.59 | 5.59 | - | - |
|  | 6.00 | - | 6.00 | - |
|  | 5.59 | - | 5.59 | - |
|  | 5.59 | - | 5.59 | - |
|  | 13.59 | 13.59 | - | - |
|  | 14.39 | - | 14.39 | - |
|  | 5.59 | - | 5.59 | - |
|  | 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |
|  | 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |
|  | 3.19 | - | 3.19 | - |
|  | 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |
|  | 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |
|  | 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |
|  | 6.39 | 6.39 | - | - |
|  | 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |
|  | 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |
|  | 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |
|  | 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |
|  | 3.16 | 3.16 | - | - |

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| Date | Check <br> Number | Amount | Receipt Date | Vendor | Description |
|  |  |  | 06/19/08 | Borders | DC Super Friends Flying High What is That Said Cat <br> Dinosaur Time - RR <br> My Dress Up Box <br> Messenger <br> Lover You Forever <br> Midwives <br> Host <br> New Earth - Oprah BC \#61 <br> Time to Dance <br> Middlesex <br> Tar Beach - RR <br> Shadowlands - \#03 <br> Dream Tale of Wonder Wisdom <br> Hands Are Not for Hitting <br> Gallop <br> Peekaboo Playful Puppy <br> Ducks Don't Wear Socks <br> Frog Thing <br> Kingdom of Crystal Skull MTV <br> Falling Up <br> Eclipse-SE <br> Nothing to Lose <br> blood Noir- Anita 16 <br> Snuff <br> Love One Youre W/ Indiana Jones White Witch Indiana Jones Peril at Delphi Indiana Jones Seven Veils Indiana Jones Sky Pirates "cash back" |
| 06/24/08 | 9719 | 28.52 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 06 / 23 / 08 \\ & 06 / 01 / 08 \end{aligned}$ | Target <br> Wal-Mart | Bucket Hat (6@\$1) tax <br> Solo cups (2 @1.98) <br> Gummy worms (2@\$1) <br> Cake Kit <br> Stickers (2@.97) <br> cookies (2 @ 1.87) <br> GV Pudding (6@.50) <br> GV Whip Lite <br> tax |


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| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Notations | Amount | Reasonable | Improper | Unsupported |
|  | 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |
|  | 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |
| 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |  |
|  | 3.19 | - | - |  |

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| Date | Check <br> Number | Amount | Receipt Date | Vendor | Description |
| 07/02/08 | 9739 | 42.88 | 07/01/08 07/01/08 | Wal-Mart | Chenille <br> $8 \times 19$ Blk 50P <br> Capri Sun (14@1.78) <br> tax <br> Crafts (6@.99) <br> Scrapbook (6@.50) <br> Scrapbook <br> tax |
| 07/08/08 | 9740 | 163.40 | $07 / 05 / 08$ <br> None <br> 07/07/08 <br> 07/03/08 | Wal-Mart <br> Borders <br> Dollar General | Drawer Cart <br> 1st Commandment <br> Abner \& Me <br> Dark Day in Deep Sea <br> Summer of Sea Serpent <br> Blizzard of Blue Moon <br> Night of New Magicians <br> Winter of Ice Wizard <br> Fancy Nancy at Museum <br> Fire Cat <br> Last of Jedi <br> Tagled Web <br> Death on Naboo <br> Underworld <br> Dark Warning <br> Desperate Mission <br> Insect House (10@\$2) <br> Butterfly Net (8 @ \$1) <br> Tax |
| 07/11/08 | 9742 | 29.43 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 07 / 05 / 08 \\ & 07 / 02 / 08 \end{aligned}$ | Dollar General <br> Target | Butterfly net (10@\$1) Insect House (3 @ \$2) tax <br> Bucket Hat (15@.50) 5 ct brushes (2 @ 1.99) tax |
| 07/22/08 | 355 | 17.31 | 07/12/08 | Target | Sesame St <br> Biscuits Day <br> Biscuite and <br> Harry <br> Sir 1 Hot <br> Sir 1 Hog <br> tax |


| Notations | Amount | Reasonable | Improper | Unsupported |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0.62 | 0.62 | - | - |
|  | 3.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
|  | 24.92 | 24.92 | - | - |
|  | 2.00 | - | 2.00 | - |
|  | 2.97 | 2.97 | - | - |
|  | 5.56 | 5.56 | - | - |
|  | 3.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
|  | 0.81 | - | 0.81 | - |
| Office Supplies | 15.00 | 15.00 | - | - |
| Mileage to Ames Book Shopping Pick up prepaid order $24 \times 2=48$ miles | 24.24 | 24.24 | - | - |
| Books | 6.39 | 6.39 | - | - |
|  | 4.79 | 4.79 | - | - |
|  | 9.59 | 9.59 | - | - |
|  | 9.56 | 9.56 | - | - |
|  | 9.56 | 9.56 | - | - |
|  | 9.56 | 9.56 | - | - |
|  | 9.56 | 9.56 | - | - |
|  | 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |
|  | 3.19 | 3.19 | - | - |
|  | 4.79 | 4.79 | - | - |
|  | 4.79 | 4.79 | - | - |
|  | 4.79 | 4.79 | - | - |
|  | 4.79 | 4.79 | - | - |
|  | 4.79 | 4.79 | - | - |
|  | 4.79 | 4.79 | - | - |
| Summer Reading | 20.00 | 20.00 | - | - |
|  | 8.00 | 8.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.03 | - | 2.03 | - |
| Summer Reading | 10.00 | 10.00 | - | - |
|  | 6.00 | 6.00 | - | - |
|  | 1.26 | - | 1.26 | - |
| Summer Reading | 7.50 | 7.50 | - | - |
|  | 3.98 | 3.98 | - | - |
|  | 0.69 | - | 0.69 | - |
|  | 2.50 | - | 2.50 | - |
|  | 3.09 | 3.09 | - | - |
|  | 3.09 | - | 3.09 | - |
|  | 2.50 | - | 2.50 | - |
|  | 2.50 | - | 2.50 | - |
|  | 2.50 | - | 2.50 | - |
|  | 1.13 | - | 1.13 | - |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date | Check <br> Number | Amount | Receipt Date | Vendor | Description |
| 09/04/08 | 451 | 266.37 | none | $\wedge$ Imagine Nation Books, LTD. | Pixar Cars |
|  |  |  | Sept. 2008 | $\wedge$ Lucky | Sing a Song Amelia....Masterpiece |
|  |  |  |  |  | Best School Stories <br> Don't Bump the Glump <br> NFL Power Players |
|  |  |  | Sept. 2008 | $\wedge$ See Saw | Ducks in Muck <br> Knuffle Bunny Too <br> Kung Fu....Meet the Masters <br> Pumpkin Town <br> Will you Read to Me? |
|  |  |  | Fall 2008 | $\wedge$ Accelerate Your | Encyclopedia Brown <br> It's Raining Pigs \& Noodles <br> Kickoff <br> Winning Season Collection |
|  |  |  | Sept 2008 | $\wedge$ Arrow | Bone:Treasure Hunters Goosebumps...for Breakfast Main Street...Surprises Ripley's ..Special 2009 |
|  |  |  | none | ^ School Magazine Sale Fundraiser | Readers Digest Large Print |
|  |  |  |  |  | Men's Health |
|  |  |  |  |  | Seventeen / Cosmo Girl Combo <br> People |
|  |  |  | 09/03/08 | Old Home | No descriptions (7@\$2.29 and 16 @ 1.99 and 1.50) |
| 09/09/08 | 467 | 25.25 | 09/06/08 |  |  |
| 09/11/08 | 476 | 243.68 | 09/10/08 | Half Price Books | Gross Hidden Pictures |
|  |  |  |  |  | 26 unspecified used books |
|  |  |  |  |  | School Zone Readers |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1 unspecified used book |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1 unspecified DVD |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1 unspecified DVD |
|  |  |  |  |  | 3 unspecified used books |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1 unspecified used book |
|  |  |  | 09/11/08 | Unknown | No details 16@\$1.50 |
|  |  |  |  |  | No details 7 @ 1.99 |
|  |  |  | None | $\wedge$ Unknown |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Geronimo Stiltton Set |


| Notations | Amount | Reasonable | Improper | Unsupported |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 10.00 | 10.00 | - | - |
|  | 12.00 | 12.00 | - | - |
|  | 4.00 | 4.00 | - | - |
|  | 9.00 | 9.00 | - | - |
|  | 8.00 | 8.00 | - | - |
|  | 4.00 | 4.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | 5.00 | 5.00 | - | - |
|  | 4.00 | 4.00 | - | - |
|  | 3.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
|  | 4.00 | 4.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | 6.00 | 6.00 | - | - |
|  | 3.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
|  | 10.00 | - | 10.00 | - |
|  | 8.00 | 8.00 | - | - |
|  | 4.00 | 4.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | 10.00 | 10.00 | - | - |
|  |  |  | - | - |
|  | 29.00 | 29.00 | - | - |
|  | 25.00 | 25.00 | - | - |
|  | 15.00 | 15.00 | - | - |
|  | 38.00 | 38.00 | - | - |
|  | 49.37 | 49.37 | - | - |
| Book buying to Ames (Borders) 50 miles | 25.25 | - | 25.25 | - |
| Library Story Time snacks | 3.58 | 3.58 | - | - |
|  | 46.33 | - | - | 46.33 |
|  | 1.78 | - | - | 1.78 |
|  | 2.02 | - | - | 2.02 |
|  | 6.73 | - | - | 6.73 |
|  | 13.48 | - | - | 13.48 |
|  | 13.45 | - | - | 13.45 |
|  | 5.38 | - | - | 5.38 |
|  | 24.00 | - | - | 24.00 |
|  | 13.93 | - | - | 13.93 |
| (forgot to copy receipt) (will show Therese when in) | 16.00 | - | 16.00 | - |
| 2 book orders from Mrs. Lee class totaling \$39.00 | 23.00 | - | 23.00 | - |

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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{Per Check} \& \multicolumn{3}{|r|}{Per Supporting Documentation} \\
\hline Date \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Check \\
Number
\end{tabular} \& Amount \& Receipt Date \& Vendor \& Description \\
\hline \& \& \& September
2008
September
2008 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
^ See Saw \\
\(\wedge\) Firefly
\end{tabular} \& High-Frequency Rdrs Library Magic School...Boxed Set Robin Hill School Pk Apples and Pumpkins Pack Autumn's First Leaf First the Egg I'm Reading Now! Set 1 \\
\hline 09/23/08 \& 511 \& 53.94 \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& \hline 09 / 17 / 08 \\
\& 09 / 20 / 08 \\
\& 09 / 19 / 08 \\
\& 09 / 12 / 08
\end{aligned}
\] \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Dollar General \\
Aldi Foods \\
Staples \\
Target
\end{tabular} \& Huggy Bear Honey Gra (8 @ \$1) Kool-Aid Jammers (5 @ 1.99) Canon PG-50 Black Capri Sun (3 @ \$4) \\
\hline 09/26/08 \& 523 \& 144.58 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
09/26/08 \\
none \\
none
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Target \\
Unknown
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Canon CL 41 (ink-2@ 23.09) \\
No detail 10 @ 1.69 \\
No detail 22 @ 1.50 \\
No detail
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 10/01/08 \& 542 \& 107.00 \& October
09/29/08

October
2008
October
2008
Election

2008 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
^ Lucky <br>
Hollywood Video <br>
$\wedge$ Arrow <br>
$\wedge$ SeeSaw <br>
$\wedge$ Vote for Reading!

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Indiana Jones .. Akator <br>
I Can Read Halloween Pk <br>
DVD - Barbie <br>
DVD - Spiderwick Chronic <br>
DVD - Caillou - Big Brother <br>
DVD - Sesame Street - Best <br>
DVD - Incredible Hulk (2 <br>
Fearless <br>
Titanic: An Interactive <br>
Biscuit Phonics Fun Box <br>
USB. 1001 Things to Spot Pk <br>
Robin Hill.. Halloween Fund <br>
Chicken Soup..Better World <br>
1001 Things...in the Town <br>
America's Story Places <br>
Titanic <br>
Check amount not supported by documentation. DVD's cost $\$ 8.33$, but only $\$ 8.00$ was reimbursed to Ms. Newton.
\end{tabular} <br>

\hline 10/02/08 \& 546 \& 72.72 \& | None |
| :--- |
| None | \& $\wedge$

Red Apple

Unknown \& | Real Simple |
| :--- |
| In Style Family Fun | <br>

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\end{tabular}

| Notations | Amount | Reasonable | Improper | Unsupported |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 19.00 | 19.00 | - | - |
|  | 12.00 | 12.00 | - | - |
|  | 9.00 | - | 9.00 | - |
|  | 7.00 | - | 7.00 | - |
|  | 3.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
|  | 10.00 | 10.00 | - | - |
|  | 14.00 | 14.00 | - | - |
|  | 8.00 | 8.00 | - | - |
|  | 9.95 | 9.95 | - | - |
|  | 23.99 | 23.99 | - | - |
|  | 12.00 | 12.00 | - | - |
| mileage for book buying 50 miles x 2 trips $=100$ miles | 46.18 | 46.18 | - | - |
|  | 50.50 | - | 50.50 | - |
|  | 16.90 | - | - | 16.90 |
|  | 33.00 | - | - | 33.00 |
|  | (2.00) | - | - | (2.00) |
|  | 4.00 | 4.00 | - | - |
|  | 6.00 | 6.00 | - | - |
|  | 8.33 | 8.33 | - | - |
|  | 8.33 | 8.33 | - | - |
|  | 8.33 | 8.33 | - | - |
|  | 8.33 | 8.33 | - | - |
|  | 8.33 | 8.33 | - | - |
|  | 5.00 | 5.00 | - | - |
|  | 5.00 | 5.00 | - | - |
|  | 12.00 | - | 12.00 | - |
|  | 15.00 | 15.00 | - | - |
|  | 1.00 | 1.00 | - | - |
|  | 8.00 | 8.00 | - | - |
|  | 5.00 | - | 5.00 | - |
|  | 3.00 | - | - | - |
|  | 3.00 | 6.00 | - | - |
|  | (1.65) \# | - | (1.65) | - |
| 3 magazines @ 20.00 = 60.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | - | - |
|  | 20.00 | 20.00 | - | - |
|  | 20.00 | 20.00 | - | - |
| Snacks for 4th Grade |  | - | - | - |
| 8 little Debbie @ $1.59=$ | 12.72 | - | - | 12.72 |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date | Check <br> Number | Amount | Receipt Date | Vendor | Description |
| 10/06/08 | 555 | 115.74 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 10 / 04 / 08 \\ & 10 / 06 / 08 \\ & 10 / 06 / 08 \end{aligned}$ | None Wal-Mart Sam's | Mileage - " 50 miles for books" Copy paper (2@3.18) <br> 100 Ct 3 oz cups (2@1.56) <br> Krabby Patty (candy) <br> Sixlets <br> Capri Sun (12 @ 1.97) <br> Latch box (5@7.97) <br> Tax <br> Goldfish |
| 10/08/08 | 564 | 65.00 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Election } \\ 2008 \\ \\ \text { October } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\wedge$ Vote for Reading $\wedge$ See Saw | NFL: Dynamic Duos <br> Nighttime Pack \#1-\#3 <br> Pilgrim Pack <br> Who Cloned the President? <br> Fire Fighter! <br> Puff the Magic Dragon Pk <br> Rumble..Jungle Bk/ CD Pk <br> Safety First Pack <br> There was an Old Lady... <br> Usb. 1001 Things to Spot Pk |
| 10/22/08 | 584 | 77.97 | None $10 / 18 / 08$ | Unknown |  |
| 10/28/08 | 595 | 4.98 | 10/22/08 | Wal-Mart | Pretzels |
| 11/03/08 | 617 | 53.96 | $\begin{aligned} & 10 / 31 / 08 \\ & 10 / 31 / 08 \end{aligned}$ | Wal-Mart <br> Sam's Club | 3 Latch boxes @ 7.97 tax <br> Cracker Jack <br> Factoryfav tax |
| 11/07/08 | 637 | 89.94 | none $11 / 05 / 08$ | $\wedge$ Imagine Nation Books, <br> Fareway Stores, Inc. | Year of Cubs <br> Quiet Shark Caterpillar <br> Eric Carle <br> Things to Draw <br> Capri Sun Stw Kiwi (5 @ 2.99) |


| Notations | Amount | Reasonable | Improper | Unsupported |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 25.25 | - | 25.25 | - |
|  | 6.36 | 6.36 | - | - |
|  | 3.12 | 3.12 | - | - |
|  | 1.92 | 1.92 | - | - |
|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | 23.64 | 23.64 | - | - |
|  | 39.85 | 39.85 | - | - |
|  | 5.38 | - | 5.38 | - |
|  | 8.22 | 8.22 | - | - |
|  | 4.00 | 4.00 | - | - |
|  | 6.00 | 6.00 | - | - |
|  | 8.00 | - | 8.00 | - |
|  | 3.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
|  | 4.00 | 4.00 | - | - |
|  | 7.00 | 7.00 | - | - |
|  | 7.00 | 7.00 | - | - |
|  | 9.00 | 9.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | 15.00 | 15.00 | - | - |
| Handwritten notation: |  |  |  |  |
| Pay to Darelene |  |  |  |  |
| 2 magazines @ 20.00 = | 40.00 | - | - | 40.00 |
| School Snack $1.59 \times 8=$ | 12.72 | - | - | 12.72 |
| 50 miles Mileage to Ames Borders | 25.25 | - | 25.25 | - |
|  | 4.98 | 4.98 | - | - |
| Pay to Darlene Halloween cookies 2 @ $\$ 6.00$ each Walmart trays of 40 cookies | 23.91 | 23.91 | - | - |
|  | 1.67 | - | 1.67 | - |
|  | 6.88 | 6.88 | - | - |
|  | 8.88 | 8.88 | - | - |
|  | 0.62 | - | 0.62 | - |
|  |  | - | - | 12.00 |
|  | 12.00 | - | - | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 9.00 | - | 9.00 | - |
|  | 12.00 | - | 12.00 | - |
|  | 10.00 | - | 10.00 | - |
|  | 12.00 | 12.00 | - | - |
|  | 7.96 | 7.96 | - | - |

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\hline \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{Per Check} \& \multicolumn{3}{|r|}{Per Supporting Documentation} \\
\hline Date \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Check \\
Number
\end{tabular} \& Amount \& Receipt Date \& Vendor \& Description \\
\hline \& \& \& \& Fareway Stores, Inc. \& \begin{tabular}{l}
NAB Oreo (5 @ 2.99) tax \\
Capri Sun Yogi (4@1.99) NAB Oreo (5 @ 2.99) tax
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 11/12/08 \& 647 \& 23.34 \& none \& Adding Machine Tape \& Unknown (6@3.89) \\
\hline 11/17/08 \& 663 \& 68.37 \& \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { November } \\
2008 \\
11 / 14 / 08
\end{gathered}
\] \& \begin{tabular}{l}
\(\wedge\) FireFly \\
Fareway
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Gingerbread Girl \\
Littlest Pilgrim \\
Ten Little Christmas \\
Solo 3 oz cups (2 @ 2.99) \\
Ted Grahams (5@2.79) \\
Nab Ted Grahams (5@2.79) \\
Capri Sun Pac Cool (10@1.97) \\
tax \\
Check amount not supported by documentation.
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 11/20/08 \& 674 \& 116.50 \& December
2008

December
2008
Winter
2008
November

2008 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
$\wedge$ Arrow <br>
$\wedge$ Scholastic All-Stars <br>
$\wedge$ Scholastic All-Stars <br>
$\wedge$ Arrow

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Dog: Adopt a Dalmatian Pk <br>
Every Minute on Earth <br>
Name..Book is Secret <br>
SpongeBob Winter Set <br>
Thing About Georgie <br>
Care Bears: Christmas Cheer <br>
Kringle <br>
On Christmas Eve <br>
Santa Paws on Christmas <br>
I SPY Challenger Pack <br>
Knights...Dodgeball <br>
Magic Pickle...Grapes <br>
Pokemon: Ultiate Handbk <br>
Walter Wick's Optical <br>
Bakugan Players' Set <br>
Christmas book Set <br>
Family Book..Together <br>
Guinness..Ultimate Records
\end{tabular} <br>

\hline 11/21/08 \& 677 \& 136.48 \& $11 / 18 / 08$
$11 / 21 / 08$ \& Best Buy

Dollar General \& | Geek Squad 4GB Flash Drive |
| :--- |
| Msft Office Home and Student 16 ct xmas card (4@\$4) 28 ct trad insp cards | <br>

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\end{tabular}

|  | Amount | Notations | Reasonable | Improper |
| :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 14.95 | Unsupported |  |  |
|  | 0.56 | 14.95 | - | - |
| 7.96 | - | 0.56 | - |  |
| Darlene snack | 14.95 | 7.96 | - | - |
|  | 0.56 | 14.95 | - | - |
|  | 23.34 | - | 0.56 | - |
|  |  | - | - | - |

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| Date | Check <br> Number | Amount | Receipt Date | Vendor | Description |
| 11/26/08 | 678 | 154.07 | December 2008 <br> 11/18/08 | See Saw | Animal Ark boxed Set <br> Friends4Ever...Looking Good <br> Holiday in the Manger Set <br> Judy Moody...Independence <br> On Christmas Eve <br> Sponge Bob..Joke Book <br> Alvin and the..Christmas <br> Butterfly Meadow Pack \#1 <br> Giving Book <br> I SPY Christmas Rdrs. Pk <br> Rainbow..Christmas Fairy <br> Secret Science....School <br> Sponge Bob..Name is..Pack <br> Random House <br> Wall-E DVD <br> Kung Fu DVD <br> Clone DVD <br> Shrek DD <br> Ind Jone DVD <br> Check amount not supported by documentation. |
| 12/03/08 | 701 | 121.20 | None | None |  |
| 12/09/08 | 740 | 296.00 | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | See Saw | Animal Ark boxed Set <br> On Christmas Eve <br> Club Penguin..Guide Gingerbread Stories Pack Hannah Montana .. Pass Hurry! Hurr.. You Heard? I Can read About Animals It's a Wonderful Life karma Wilson Pack Magic School .. Briefcase Make Your Own Real Igloo Mrs. Claus Explains It all Puppy Sam Pack Read and Laugh Pack Reading-Line Phonics Lib Scooby-Doo! Pict. Clue Set SeeSaw Book / CD Library |


| Notations | Amount | Reasonable | Improper | Unsupported |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 7.00 | - | 7.00 | - |
|  | 1.00 | 1.00 | - | - |
|  | 7.00 | 7.00 | - | - |
|  | 3.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.00 | - | 2.00 | - |
|  | 1.00 | 1.00 | - | - |
|  | 4.00 | 4.00 | - | - |
|  | 6.00 | 6.00 | - | - |
|  | 5.00 | 5.00 | - | - |
|  | 6.00 | 6.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | 3.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
|  | 7.00 | 7.00 | - | - |
|  | 18.77 | 18.77 | - | - |
|  | 14.97 | 14.97 | - | - |
|  | 19.96 | 19.96 | - | - |
|  | 19.96 | 19.96 | - | - |
|  | 11.96 | 11.96 | - | - |
|  | 14.96 | 14.96 | - | - |
|  | (0.51) \# | - | (0.51) | - |
| Darlene Newton mileage $2 / 5$ round trips to Ames for furniture 180 miles | 121.20 | - | 121.20 | - |
| mileage to Borders to Ames 60 miles |  |  |  |  |
| 240 miles |  |  |  |  |
|  | 7.00 | 7.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | 10.00 | - | 10.00 | - |
|  | 9.00 | - | 9.00 | - |
|  | 20.00 | - | 20.00 | - |
|  | 11.00 | - | 11.00 | - |
|  | 12.00 | - | 12.00 | - |
|  | 14.00 | 14.00 | - | - |
|  | 10.00 | 10.00 | - | - |
|  | 22.00 | - | 22.00 | - |
|  | 9.00 | - | 9.00 | - |
|  | 13.00 | - | 13.00 | - |
|  | 12.00 | - | 12.00 | - |
|  | 12.00 | - | 12.00 | - |
|  | 20.00 | - | 20.00 | - |
|  | 24.00 | - | 24.00 | - |
|  | 20.00 | - | 20.00 | - |

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| Date | Check <br> Number | Amount | Receipt Date | Vendor | Description |
|  |  |  |  |  | True Meaning of xmas USB First Encyclopedia Word Family Tales .. Pk Ultimate I Spy Wii |
| 12/11/08 | 742 | 12.95 | 11/19/08 | Games \& More! | Swing! |
| 12/15/08 | 756 | 167.69 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 12 / 13 / 08 \\ & 12 / 12 / 08 \\ & 12 / 13 / 08 \end{aligned}$ | Barnes \& Noble <br> Wal-Mart <br> None | Mercy <br> Scarpetta <br> Grinch DVD <br> Horton DVD <br> Handwritten timesheet |
| 12/18/08 | 763 | 155.50 | none | Unknown |  |


| $12 / 23 / 08$ | 778 | 30.30 | $12 / 27 / 08$ | None | Handwritten timesheet |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| $12 / 31 / 08$ | 784 | 25.00 | November <br> 2008 | $\wedge$ See Saw | Great Undersea Search <br> Little Penguin |
| $01 / 12 / 09$ | 811 | 30.30 | $01 / 10 / 09$ | None | Handwritten timesheet |
| $01 / 16 / 09$ | 820 | 314.00 | January | Authors We Love! | Alphabet Power Pack <br>  |
|  |  | 2009 |  | Animal Ark..Pony Pack <br> Cam Jansen Collection <br> Ricky Ricotta Pack |  |
|  |  |  |  | SpongeBob Love Pants <br> SpongeBob Pack <br> Twenty-Odd Ducks... |  |


| Notations | Amount | Reasonable | Improper | Unsupported |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 9.00 | - | 9.00 | - |
|  | 18.00 | - | 18.00 | - |
|  | 12.00 | 12.00 | - | - |
|  | 30.00 | - | 30.00 | - |
|  | 12.95 | 12.95 | - | - |
|  | 19.16 | 19.16 | - | - |
|  | 19.56 | 19.56 | - | - |
|  | 13.00 | - | 13.00 | - |
|  | 14.97 | 14.97 | - | - |
| 200 miles; 60 miles to Borders for books; 140 miles to Bookshop Des Moines | 101.00 | - | 101.00 | - |
| Handwritten notations: |  |  |  |  |
| "Treats for school |  |  |  |  |
| 7 trays @ \$6 = | 42.00 | - | - | 42.00 |
| 3 boxes @ $2.50=$ | 7.50 | - | - | 7.50 |
| 2 DVD's @ \$13 = | 26.00 | - | - | 26.00 |
| Wal-Mart video receipt for 2 DVD's not turned in "can't remember" |  |  |  |  |
| Half Price books receipt turned in to Aaron but can't locate | 80.00 | - | - | 80.00 |
| 60 miles Borders | 30.30 | - | 30.30 | - |
|  | 5.00 | 5.00 | - | - |
|  | 20.00 | - | 20.00 | - |
| 60 miles | 30.30 | - | 30.30 | - |
|  | 12.00 | - | 12.00 | - |
|  | 11.00 | - | 11.00 | - |
|  | 12.00 | 12.00 | - | - |
|  | 15.00 | - | 15.00 | - |
|  | 6.00 | - | 6.00 | - |
|  | 10.00 | - | 10.00 | - |
|  | 16.00 | - | 16.00 | - |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 12.00 | 12.00 | - | - |
|  | 5.00 | - | 5.00 | - |
|  | 3.00 | - | 3.00 | - |
|  | 10.00 | - | 10.00 | - |
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|  | 12.00 | - | 12.00 | - |
|  | 12.00 | - | 12.00 | - |
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|  | 4.00 | - | 4.00 | - |
|  | 4.00 | - | 4.00 | - |
|  | 18.00 | 18.00 | - | - |
|  | 3.00 | - | 3.00 | - |
|  | 12.00 | - | 12.00 | - |
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|  | 4.00 | - | 4.00 | - |
|  | 2.00 | - | 2.00 | - |
|  | 1.00 | - | 1.00 | - |
|  | 4.00 | - | 4.00 | - |
|  | 8.00 | 8.00 | - | - |
|  | 11.00 | - | 11.00 | - |
|  | 6.00 | - | 6.00 | - |
|  | 18.00 | - | 18.00 | - |
|  | 9.00 | - | 9.00 | - |
|  | 4.00 | - | 4.00 | - |
|  | 24.00 | 24.00 | - | - |
|  | 20.00 | - | 20.00 | - |
|  | 7.00 | - | 7.00 | - |
|  | 4.00 \# | - | 4.00 | - |
| 60 miles | 30.30 | - | 30.30 | - |

Per Clerk's notation: Original receipt went back to DN [Darlene Newton]

Didn't notice edge was "cut off" when I copied

|  | 60.89 | 60.89 | - |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | 2.00 | - | 2.00 | - |
|  | - | 15.00 | - |  |
| - |  |  |  |  |
| 15.00 | 13.00 | - | - |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type-written lists: 2/17/09 CollinsMaxwell Elementary School Book Fair | 5.00 | 5.00 | - | - |
|  | 6.00 | 6.00 | - | - |
|  | 4.00 | 4.00 | - | - |
|  | 3.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
|  | 10.00 | - | 10.00 | - |
|  | 3.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
|  | 19.99 | 19.99 | - | - |
|  | 8.00 |  | 8.00 | - |
|  | 12.00 | 12.00 | - | - |
|  | 10.00 | 10.00 | - | - |
|  | 8.00 | - | 8.00 | - |
|  | 9.00 | - | 9.00 | - |
|  | 4.99 | 4.99 |  | - |
|  | 4.99 | 4.99 | - | - |
|  | 3.99 | 3.99 | - | - |
|  | 5.99 | 5.99 | - | - |
|  | 3.99 | 3.99 | - | - |
|  | 4.99 | 4.99 | - | - |
|  | 3.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
|  | 5.99 | 5.99 | - | - |
|  | 8.99 | 8.99 | - | - |
| Type-written lists: 2/19/09 CollinsMaxwell Elementary School Book Fair | 9.99 | 9.99 | - | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4.99 | 4.99 | - | - |
|  | 9.99 | - | 9.99 | - |
|  | 9.99 | 9.99 | - | - |
|  | 5.99 | 5.99 | - | - |
| snack | 23.94 | - | - | 23.94 |
|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.99 | - | 2.99 | - |
|  | 1.00 | - | 1.00 | - |
|  | 2.96 | - | 2.96 | - |
|  | 4.88 | - | 4.88 | - |
|  | 2.96 | - | 2.96 | - |
|  | 2.96 | - | 2.96 | - |
|  | 2.96 | - | 2.96 | - |
|  | 2.96 | - | 2.96 | - |
|  | 1.00 | - | 1.00 | - |
|  | 2.96 | - | 2.96 | - |
|  | 1.52 | - | 1.52 | - |

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| Date | Check Number | Amount | Receipt Date | Vendor | Description |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 10 / 01 / 08 \\ \text { Unk } \\ \text { 03/12/09 } \\ \text { Unk } \end{gathered}$ | Best Buy <br> Dollar General <br> Hastings <br> Wal-Mart | DVD - Iron Man <br> DVD - What Happens in Vegas <br> Various candy <br> 55 Take One <br> Oreo (3 @ 2.98) |
| 03/24/09 | 972 | 27.99 | 03/20/09 | Best Buy | DX-AV051 Dynex 6 ft S0Video/Stereo Audi |
| 04/01/09 | 986 | 123.68 | 03/18/09 <br> Winter/ Spring 2009 <br> March 2009 <br> Spring 2009 | Hastings <br> $\wedge$ Science + Math <br> $\wedge$ Arrow <br> $\wedge$ Humor \& Poetry | DVD- Appaloosa <br> Christian the Lion <br> Lion Called Christian <br> 55 Load <br> Is That a ...Trip <br> NFL Greatest Super Bowl <br> NBA Highlight Reel <br> School.. World Records 2009 <br> Two-Minute Mystery Set <br> Emma Set <br> Friends 4 Ever Slumber Set <br> Nasty, Stinky Sneakers <br> Boys vs Girls Pack <br> Letters from a Nut <br> Sideways Stores from... <br> Tell Me...Happening Set <br> Tripping Over...Lunch Lady |
| 04/20/09 | 1037 | 82.95 | none $04 / 16 / 09$ | Books Are Fun <br> Cub | Curious You on Your Way <br> Set Muddy Paws \& Friends <br> Brc Ch CVD Egg CR <br> Blow Pop 11.5 oz <br> Cheetos Crunchy (3@.30) <br> Funyuns Onon (3 @ .30) <br> Doritos Nacho Ch (3 @ .30) <br> Ellns Bubble Gum (2@\$1) <br> Ellms Pixy Stix <br> 12 pk Grape Soda (5 @ 2.99) <br> Deposit for soda ( 5 @ .60) <br> Tootsie Pops <br> Tax |
|  |  |  | 04/08/09 | Not listed | No descriptions |
| 05/04/09 | 1079 | 75.75 | 05/02/09 | None | Handwritten timesheet |


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|  | 14.99 | 14.99 | - | . |
|  | 15.99 | 15.99 | - | - |
|  | 14.50 | 14.50 | - | - |
|  | 11.24 | 11.24 | - | - |
|  | 8.94 | 8.94 | - | - |
|  |  |  | - | - |
|  | 27.99 | 27.99 | - | - |
|  | 14.99 | 14.99 | - | - |
|  | 9.99 | 9.99 | - | - |
|  | 14.99 | 14.99 | - | - |
|  | 9.71 | 9.71 | - | - |
|  | 9.00 | - | 9.00 | - |
|  | 4.00 | 4.00 | - | - |
|  | 5.00 | - | 5.00 | - |
|  | 8.00 | 8.00 | - | - |
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|  | 2.00 | - | 2.00 | - |
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|  | 5.00 | - | 5.00 | - |
|  | 1.00 | - | 1.00 | - |
|  | 6.00 | - | 6.00 | - |
|  | 4.00 | - | 4.00 | - |
| Pay to Darlene Books for Library | 10.00 | 10.00 | - | - |
|  | 11.00 | - | 11.00 | - |
|  | 0.94 | 0.94 | - | - |
|  | 0.99 | 0.99 | - | - |
|  | 0.90 | 0.90 | - | - |
|  | 0.90 | 0.90 | - | - |
|  | 0.90 | 0.90 | - | - |
|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | 1.00 | 1.00 | - | - |
|  | 14.95 | 14.95 | - | - |
|  | 3.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.29 | 2.29 | - | - |
|  | 1.55 | - | 1.55 | - |
| Pay to Darlene Newton Candy for Easter Egg Hunt | 32.53 | - | - | 32.53 |
| 150 miles | 75.75 | - | 75.75 | - |

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| Date | Check <br> Number | Amount | Receipt Date | Vendor | Description |
| 05/28/09 | 1125 | 6.14 | 05/27/09 | Target | Farley |
|  |  |  |  |  | Tootsie (2@\$2) |
|  |  |  |  |  | Mixups Wonka |
|  |  |  |  |  | Mars |
|  |  |  |  |  | Misc Excell |
|  |  |  |  |  | Misc Entmnt |
|  |  |  |  |  | MLB 2009 (2@.99) |
|  |  |  |  |  | 6 pk scotch tape |
|  |  |  |  |  | Misc Toy ent |
|  |  |  |  |  | Puffy ball |
|  |  |  |  |  | Caterpillar (2@\$1) |
|  |  |  |  |  | Unknown source of funds used |
|  |  |  |  |  | Check amount not supported by documentation. |
| 06/26/09 | 1187 | 52.93 |  |  | NFL Cards |
|  |  |  | $06 / 12 / 09$ | Target | Hannah Monta |
|  |  |  |  |  | Mad Lab |
|  |  |  |  |  | Twisty |
|  |  |  |  |  | Yo Yo |
|  |  |  |  |  | Lipgloss |
|  |  |  |  |  | Body Shimmer |
|  |  |  | 06/12/09 | Target | Charms |
|  |  |  |  |  | Smarties |
|  |  |  |  |  | Extra FS |
|  |  |  |  |  | Bubble Yum |
|  |  |  |  |  | Hair Balls (2@1.99) |
|  |  |  | 05/11/09 | Wal-Mart | Capri Sun (4@ \$.50) |
|  |  |  |  |  | Cookies |
|  |  |  |  |  | Cookie |
|  |  |  |  |  | Cookie |
|  |  |  | 04/14/09 | Wal-Mart | Easter Candy |
|  |  |  |  |  | Easter Candy |
|  |  |  |  |  | Magic Capsul |
|  |  |  |  |  | Egg-sports |
|  |  |  |  |  | Magic Capsul |
|  |  |  |  |  | Easter Candy |
|  |  |  |  |  | Easter Candy |
|  |  |  |  |  | Surprise Pop |
|  |  |  |  |  | Surprise Pop |
|  |  |  | 05/05/09 | Target | Necklace |
|  |  |  |  |  | Success Soil (2@\$1) |
|  |  |  |  |  | Disney Princ |
|  |  |  |  |  | Caterpillar |
|  |  |  |  |  | Wand |
|  |  |  |  |  | Check amount not supported by documentation. |


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|  | 6.00 | 6.00 | - | - |
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|  | 6.49 | 6.49 | - | - |
|  | 6.95 | 6.95 | - | - |
|  | 1.59 | 1.59 | - | - |
|  | 2.97 | 2.97 | - | - |
|  | 1.98 | 1.98 | - | - |
|  | 5.00 | 5.00 | - | - |
|  | 1.00 | 1.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | (35.00) | (35.00) | - | - |
|  | 3.16 \# | - | 3.16 | - |
| Summer Reading Read-a-thon \& storyhour | 4.90 | 4.90 |  |  |
|  | 1.00 |  | 1.00 | - |
|  | 1.00 | - | 1.00 | - |
|  | 2.50 | - | 2.50 | - |
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|  | 1.00 | - | 1.00 | - |
|  | 1.00 | - | 1.00 | - |
|  | 2.49 | 2.49 | - | - |
|  | 2.49 | 2.49 | - | - |
|  | 0.99 | - | 0.99 | - |
|  | 0.99 | - | 0.99 | - |
|  | 3.98 | - | 3.98 | - |
|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | 2.50 | 2.50 | - | - |
|  | 3.98 | 3.98 | - | - |
|  | 3.98 | 3.98 | - | - |
|  | 0.98 | - | 0.98 | - |
|  | 0.98 | - | 0.98 | - |
|  | 2.40 | - | 2.40 | - |
|  | 2.40 | - | 2.40 | - |
|  | 2.40 | - | 2.40 | - |
|  | 0.50 | - | 0.50 | - |
|  | 0.50 | - | 0.50 | - |
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|  | (0.03) \# | - | (0.03) | - |

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| Date | Check <br> Number | Amount | Receipt Date | Vendor | Description |
| 07/08/09 | 1240 | 193.25 | $\begin{gathered} \hline 05 / 18 / 09 \\ 06 / 27 / 09 \\ \text { illeg. } \end{gathered}$ | Barnes \& Noble Wal-Mart Target | Wicked Prey 12oz bowls (4@\$1.86) illegible |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 04 / 24 / 09 \\ & 04 / 24 / 09 \end{aligned}$ | Barnes \& Noble Barnes \& Noble | Machiavelli Covenant <br> Raven's Gate (The Gatekeeper) <br> Mixed Bags <br> Stealing Bradford <br> Homecoming Queen <br> When it Happens <br> Keeping Secrets (Main Street Series) <br> Last Straw (Diary of a Wimpy Kid) <br> Ninth Nugget <br> Vampyre: The Terrifying <br> Star Wars: Complete Cross Sections Awesome Things to Draw |
|  |  |  | 06/05/09 | Cyclone Awards \& Engraving Inc. | Brass plate for memorial |
|  |  |  | 06/30/09 | Cyclone Awards \& | 25 ribbons |
|  |  |  | 04/01/09 | Dollar General | Mentos Fruit Gum <br> Sponge Bob Drabby Pa <br> Smarties Bag Candy <br> Chicks Bunnies Candy <br> Dubble Bubble Gum (2 @ \$1) <br> Sugar Babies <br> Charms Blow Pops |
|  |  |  | $05 / 30 / 09$ <br> unknown | Hastings Target | Left Behind Kids Unknown |
| 08/12/09 | 1336 | 25.00 | 06/19/09 | Michaels | Kit-mini activity |
|  |  |  |  |  | Pencils 6pk |
|  |  |  |  |  | Highlighters 3pk |
|  |  |  |  |  | Stationary Set - Tin |
|  |  |  |  |  | Dinosaur Ooze (2@\$1) |
|  |  |  |  |  | Swirl Art (2@\$1) |
|  |  |  |  |  | Paddleball Disney |
|  |  |  |  |  | Boxed Practical <br> Bracelet 8' Double |


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| Books | 22.36 | 22.36 |  | - |
| Summer Reading | 7.44 | 7.44 | - | - |
| Summer Reading Darlene Read-athon prizes | 8.67 | 8.67 | - | - |
| Book for Sheriff Mike | 4.48 * | - | 4.48 | - |
|  | 5.99 * | - | 5.99 | - |
|  | 7.49 * | - | 7.49 | - |
|  | 7.49 * | - | 7.49 | - |
|  | 7.49 * | - | 7.49 | - |
|  | 5.99 * | - | 5.99 | - |
|  | 5.24 * | - | 5.24 | - |
|  | 9.71 * | - | 9.71 | - |
|  | 2.99 * | - | 2.99 | - |
|  | 5.98 * | - | 5.98 | - |
|  | 26.25 * | - | 26.25 | - |
|  | 7.48 * | - | 7.48 | - |
|  | 7.00 | 7.00 | - | - |
|  | 12.50 | 12.50 | - | - |
|  | 1.50 | - | 1.50 | - |
|  | 2.00 | - | 2.00 | - |
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|  | 0.10 | - | 0.10 | - |
|  | 0.10 | - | 0.10 | - |
|  | 3.00 | 3.00 | - | - |
| "Target, Ames Summer Read-a-thon | 27.00 | - | - | 27.00 |
| Prizes Darlene lost ??? |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1.00 | 1.00 | - | - |
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| Date | Check Number | Amount | Receipt Date | Vendor | Description |
|  |  |  | 06/19/09 | Dollar Tree | Toy |
|  |  |  |  |  | Net |
|  |  |  |  |  | Clr Book |
|  |  |  |  |  | Golden Outline |
|  |  |  |  |  | Glowing Sword |
|  |  |  |  |  | Glow Lanterns (2@\$1) |
|  |  |  |  |  | HS Musical puzzle |
|  |  |  |  |  | Puffer ball (3 @ \$1) |
|  |  |  |  |  | Bubble solution (2 @ \$1) |
|  |  |  |  |  | Water blaster |
| Total |  | \$ 5,138.94 |  |  |  |

$\wedge$ - Scholastic Book Club order form. Because the order form is not a receipt, the date shown is the description provided on the order form.

*     - Ms. Newton was reimbursed for the purchases of these books even though a former Library Director paid for them and donated them to the Library.
\# - The amounts supported by the document submitted by Ms. Newton did not total the amount of the check. The total net amount of these variances was $\$ 5.99$.

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|  | 2.00 | 2.00 | - | - |
|  | 1.00 | 1.00 | - | - |
|  | \$ 5,138.94 | 2,803.42 | 1,787.29 | 548.23 |

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Staff

This special investigation was performed by:
Annette K. Campbell, CPA, Director Michael R. Field, Staff Auditor

Tamera S. Kusian, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

Appendices

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Copy of Receipt for Repayment by Darlene Newton



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Copy of Check from the Polk County Clerk of Court


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Copies of Donation Checks Redeemed by Darlene Newton


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