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Coordinator Janelle Sechriest cuts the ribbon officially designating the children's library as the Mrs. Arnold Children's Room, as some young patrons and Hoopeston Public Library Director Tricia Freeland look on.

Mrs. Arnold's Children's Room named at Hoopeston library

Carol Arnold's legacy as children's librarian at Hoopeston Public Library was honored Monday, when library officials designated the children's room as the Mrs. Arnold Children's Room.

An etched glass panel above the doors to the children's room bears the new name and is backed by a curtain. Librarian Joann Charbonneau called the color Tiffany blue. "Carol loved Tiffany blue," she said.

Inside the room, a picture of Mrs. Arnold and the plaque

she received in 2016 for 45 years of service are displayed prominently by check-out counter.

Janelle Sechriest, hired in 2007 and who became coordinator when Mrs. Arnold retired in 2018, suggested the name change, which was approved within a couple of months after Mrs. Arnold's death in 2022, said library Director Tricia Freeland.

Getting from approving the change to getting it etched
 See **MRS. ARNOLD** on other side

LORRAINE
NIGHT OF BLUES
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Mrs. Arnold continued from other side

in glass took a little longer. Freeland said. "We ordered the glass from one company, had another person etch it, then back to the other company to install it," she said.

Mrs. Arnold was fondly remembered by library staff and guests at Monday's ceremony. Sechriest and Charbonneau each said they learned much from Mrs. Arnold.

"She knew EVERYBODY, Sechriest said.

Saying working at the library "is the best job (she's) ever had in her life," Charbonneau said that while she didn't have formal training for her job, she spent a half day each week with Mrs. Arnold and learned how to "fix

books and lots of other things."

"She ran me out of the toy room a couple of times," said Mayor Jeff Wise, who attended the ceremony with his granddaughter, who, he added, had not been run out.

Mrs. Arnold's career as children's librarian started in 1971 as a fluke.

Then-head librarian Louise Griner thought a resume for the position came from Mrs. Arnold and called her for an interview. The resume had not come from her, but Arnold got the job - and held it for 47 years, helping multiple generations of families learn to love reading.

She made reading a multi-faceted activity, making green eggs for the Dr. Seuss classic, "Green Eggs and Ham," or dressing up as a book character, like The Cat in the Hat. In 2001, Mrs. Arnold, dressed as The Cat, entertained not only youngsters at the library, but older folks, when she visited the former Country Terrace Independent Living Center.

When she wasn't working, Mrs. Arnold enjoyed traveling and shopping, and meeting new people, whether in person or by mail. For several years, Mrs. Arnold wrote letters to famous people, asking about their lives and what their favorite books were, keeping their responses in an album.

Smoked BBQ
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Saturday, Oct. 7th & Sunday, Oct. 8th
Smoked Pulled Pork, Ribs,
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From the Blotter

Israel Ramirez, 49, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 7:34 p.m. Monday to the 500 block of West Elm. A 30-year-old Hoopeston man reported a possible disturbance.

Ramirez was located, taken to the police station,

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 1 p.m. Monday to Rt. 49 and 300 North Rd. in Iroquois County to assist Rankin Fire Department with a combine fire. According to the report, police were at the scene of an accident with injuries.

The department was called off midway through the response.

Obituaries

FINK - Roberta Louise (Miller) Fink, 68, of Tab, Ind., died at 5:38 p.m. September 28, 2023, at home. She will be cremated. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Eastern Time, Saturday, Oct. 14, at the family home in Tab. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

MURRAY - Rebecca A. "Becky" Murray, 64, of Hoopeston, died October 1, 2023. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. funeral Saturday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery, Montezuma, Ind. Memorials are suggested to Shriners Children's Hospital. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

WARD - Sharon Ann (Cain) Ward, 79, of Urbana, formerly of Potomac, died at 6:40 p.m. Sunday, October 1, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Partlow Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

Weather

Showers today. High 70. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 50. Tomorrow, sunny, chance of showers late. High 65, low 41.

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and arrested on preliminary charges of criminal trespass to residence with persons present, battery, and criminal damage to property.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A **Toshiba laptop** was found at 9:20 a.m. Monday at North Fourth St. and East Seminary. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston VFW is looking for a weekend bartender. Sat., 5 p.m. 1:30 a.m. and Sun., 5 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Cook and kitchen help also needed Weds.-Fris., 3-8 p.m. Apply in person at 428 W. Orange.

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