

Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

September 28, 2023 2nd Floor - Boardroom Regular Meeting - 5:00 PM

Tom Rocklin - President	Lucy Santos Green	Robin Paetzold
DJ Johnk – Vice President	Joseph Massa	John Raeburn
Hannah Shultz-Secretary	Claire Matthews	Dan Stevenson

- 1. Call Meeting to Order.
- 2. Approval of September 28, 2023 Board Meeting Agenda.
- 3. Public Discussion.
- 4. Items to be Discussed.
 - A. Budget Discussion.

Comment: This is a regularly scheduled agenda item. Board action not required.

- B. Policy Review: 808 Art Advisory Committee.

 Comment: This is a regularly scheduled agenda item. Board action required.
- C. Policy Review: 810 Discussion Rooms.

 Comment: This is a regularly scheduled agenda item. Board action required.

5. Staff Reports.

- A. Director's Report.
- B. Departmental Reports: Adult Services, Community & Access Services.
- C. Development Report.
- D. Miscellaneous: News Articles.
- 6. President's Report.
- 7. Announcements from Members.
- 8. Committee Reports.
- 9. Communications.



10. Consent Agenda.

- A. Approve Minutes of Library Board of Trustees August 24, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- B. Approve Minutes of Library Board of Trustees August 28, 2023 Special Meeting.
- C. Approve Disbursements August, 2023.

11. Set Agenda Order for October Meeting.

12. Adjournment.



Iowa City Public Library- Board of Trustee Meetings Agenda Items and Order Schedule

September 28, 2023	October 26,2023	November 16, 2023
Policy Review: 808 Art Advisory Committee (COL/AS) Policy Review: 810 Discussion Rooms (AS/CAS) Dept Reports: AS, CAS	Budget Discussion Review 1st Quarter Financials & Statistics Policy Review: 804 Free Materials Distribution (CAS) Dept Reports: CH, CLS, IT Special Events: Homecoming Parade 10/6	Appoint Committee: Directors Evaluation Policy Review: 811 Theft, Defacement, Alteration (AS/IT/CAS) Dept Reports: AS, CAS
December 21, 2023	January 25, 2024	February 22, 2024
Policy Review: 704 Use of Library's Cardholder Database (CAS) Dept Reports: CH, CLS, IT Special Events: Staff Inservice Day 12/8	Policy Review: 701 Public Relations (CAS) Review 2 nd Quarter Financials & Statistics Dept Reports: AS, CAS	Director Evaluation Appoint Nominating Committee Policy Review: 812 Hours of Service (Admin) Set Calendar for Next Fiscal Year Dept Reports: AS, CAS
March 28, 2024	April 25, 2024	May 23, 2023
Policy Review: 700 Community Relations (CAS) Policy Review: 702 Library Programs (AS,CH,IT) Dept Reports: AS, CAS	President Appoints to Foundation Board Policy Review: 805 Displays (AS, COL) Policy Review: 706 Outreach Policy (CAS) Election of Officers Review 3rd Quarter Financials & Statistics Dept Reports: CH, CLS, IT	Policy Review: 803 Event Board (CAS)



Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation

Summary Financial Statements
As of and for the year ended June 30, 2023
(amounts rounded to the nearest dollar)

Statement of Financial Position	Jı	une 30, 2023
Assets	_	,
Cash	\$	149,569
Investments		1.751.786
Life Insurance Policies		278 253
Total Assets	\$	2,179.608
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities, deferred benefit of life insurance	\$	278 253
Net Assets	\	
Unrestricted		577,684
Temporarily Restricted		234,387
Permanently Restricted		1,089,284
Total Net Assets		1,901,355
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	2,179,608
Statement of Activities		
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Statement of Activities				Temporarily Restricted	P	ermanently Restricted
Gifts, Revenue, and Gains		Total	Unrestricted			
Contributions, Grants, & Special Events	\$	203,080	\$ 199,980	\$ 600	\$	2,500
Book End Store Sales	\$	21,266	21,266			
Gifts & Bequests (Passthrough)	\$	17,341	17,341			
Interest/Dividends	\$	56.880	14,530	7,323		35,027
Net appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$	139,814	34,704	18,157		86,953
Transfers	\$	42.947	42,947			
Total Gifts, Revenue and Gains	\$	481.328	\$ 330,768	\$ 26,080	\$	124,480
Library Grants and Expenses						
Grants to Library Materials & Programs	\$	126,166	\$ 117,500	\$ 8,666		
Grants to Library (Gifts & Bequests Passthrough)	\$	17,341	17,341			
Fundraising Expenses	\$	154,823	154,823			
Book End Store Expenses	\$	1,865	1,865			
Administrative Expenses	S	71,223	71,223			
Transfers	S	42,947				42,947
Total Library Grants and Expenses	\$	414,365	\$ 362,752	\$ 8,666	\$	42,947
Change in Net Assets from Operations	\$	66,963	(31,984)	17,414		81,533
Net Assets – Beginning of Year July 1, 2022	5	1,834,392	609,668	216,973		1,007,751
Net Assets – End of Year June 30, 2023	\$	1,901,355	\$ 577,684	\$ 234,387	\$	1,089,284



FY2023 Receipts and Expenditures by Fund

		City Funds	Library Board Controlled Funds												
IOWA CITY		Operating	Interest	Enterprise	Lost &	Open	Direct	Misc.	Reir	mbursables	Gifts &	Developm	ent Jail		Equipment
PUBLIC LIBRAR	V	Budget	Account	Fund	Damaged	Access	State Aid	Grants			Bequests	Office	Fund		Replacement
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		10550220	10550310	10550320	10550330	10550340	10550350	10550360		0550410	10550520	1055060	0 10000000	Total	10550800
Ending Balance		\$ -	\$ 33,422.28	\$ 82,504.32	\$ 129,595.91	\$ 176,132.77	\$ 44,220.44	\$ 2,324.80	\$	56,044.91	\$ 853,692.69	9 \$ (26,524	.36) \$ 6,269.17	1,357,682.93	\$ 424,044.47
Beginning Balance	\$	-	\$ 33,422.28	\$82,504.32	\$ 129,595.91	\$ 176,132.77	\$ 44,220.44	\$ 2,324.80	\$	56,044.91	\$ 853,692.69	9 \$ (26,524	.36) \$ 6,269.17	\$ 1,357,682.93	\$ 424,044.47
RECEIPTS															
Tax Dollars														\$ -	
Iowa City	\$	4,919,604.37													\$ 62,422.00
Iowa City Library Levy	\$	1,172,180.88												\$ 1,172,180.88	+,
County Contract	\$	536,321.00											\$ 5.765.75	5 \$ 542,086.75	
Other City Contracts	\$	93,384.04											, -,	\$ 93,384.04	
State/Federal	\$	-				\$ 47,800.49	\$ 23.321.08							\$ 71,121.57	
Fines/Fees	\$	1,580.35				, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,,							\$ 1,580.35	
Sales	\$	2,280.22		\$ 14,025.84										\$ 16,306.06	
Interest	\$	-,		7 . ,,===:=:										\$ -	
Reimbursements (Incl Taxes)	\$	27,870.34			\$ 1,035.00				\$	9,655.05		\$ 198,307	.01	\$ 236,867.40	
Gifts / Grants	\$	-									\$ 208,816.12	2		\$ 208,816.12	
Misc (Includes Bldg Rent)	\$	24,000.00												\$ 24,000.00	
Transfers In	\$	-												\$ -	
Total	\$	6,777,221.20	\$ -	\$ 14,025.84	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 47,800.49	\$ 23,321.08	\$ -	\$	9,655.05	\$ 208,816.12	2 \$ 198,307	.01 \$ 5,765.75	\$ 7,285,947.54	\$ 62,422.00
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EXPENDITURES															
Personnel 411000:423100	\$	5,163,619.18				\$ 35,639.69					\$ 37,026.50	0 \$ 200,722	.06	\$ 5,437,007.43	
Services 432030:449350	\$	725,744.05		\$ 5,298.01	\$ 51.67		\$ 17,492.32				\$ 20,167.28			\$ 768,753.33	
Supplies 452010:469370	\$	108,168.31		\$ 2,388.52			\$ 5,828.76				\$ 20,404.5	1		\$ 136,790.10	\$ 3,500.00
Capital Outlay														\$ -	
Bldg/Furn/Equip 472010:476070 & 490	004 \$	-												\$ -	
Library Materials 477020:477380	\$	717,267.66							\$	9,558.00	\$ 93,258.52	2	\$ 5,472.20	\$ 825,556.38	
Non ICPL Library materials 221907	\$	· -								•				\$ -	
Transfers Out	\$	62,422.00												\$ 62,422.00	
Total	\$	6,777,221.20	\$ -	\$ 7,686.53	\$ 51.67	\$ 35,639.69	\$23,321.08	\$ -	\$	9,558.00	\$ 170,856.5	1 \$ 200,722	.06 \$ 5,472.20	\$ 7,230,529.24	\$ 62,512.04
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808 Art Advisory Committee Policy - Overview

Proposal: A routine, three-year review of the Art Advisory Committee Policy

Issues: This policy has a much longer history than it appears from the dates in the footnotes. This language was originally a subsection to the Display Policy (805) and was moved out into its own policy in 2012.

The Art Advisory Committee Policy is most often used to guide the selection process for our annual Art Purchase Prize competition which adds original art by local artists to the library's circulating art collection.

Gifts are occasionally offered for inclusion to our permanent or circulating art collections and this committee may be used for advice regarding their merit.

No significant changes are recommended at this time.

Committee Recommendations:

	Restructure the numbering of sections to match other policies
808.2	Modify capitalization
808.3	Clarify language

Action Required: Review policy and adopt as amended.

Committee Members: Jason Paulios (Adult Services), Candice Smith (Adult Services)



808 Art Advisory Committee

See also related policies: Collection Development Policy (601), Display Policy (805).

808.1

The purpose of the Library's Art Advisory Committee policy is to advise Library staff to ensure original displayed or circulated art is of high quality.

808.21

Duties of the committee include:

808.21	a. To annually review and select original art for the lending collection.
808.22	b. To periodically review gifts of art donated for the Library's permanent or lending art collections.
808.23	• To periodically advise Library staff on purchase or selection of original art for permanent display in the building.

808.24 d. To periodically advise Library staff on public requests to display original artwork.

808.32

The committee shall consist of six members, appointed by the Library Board for staggered three-year terms, who are knowledgeable in the field of art and one Library staff member, appointed by the Director, to serve in a non-voting capacity. Current library staff members are not eligible for board appointment. Art Advisory Committee members may not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

Originally adopted: February 23, 2012

Reviewed: 11/20/14 Reviewed: 11/16/17 Revised: 11/13/20 Revised: 9/28/23



810 Discussion Rooms Policy - Overview

Proposal: A routine, three-year review of the Discussion Rooms Policy

Issues: This policy has remained almost unchanged since 1985 despite covering different library buildings. Correspondence and meeting minutes throughout the 1990s describe many of the same issues we see today regarding what to do with patrons who don't carry identification, how to handle vandalism, and how best to parcel rooms out with regards to time.

Egregious vandalism is rare and I'm unaware of any time we've billed a patron or received payment related to any billing related to vandalism of these rooms.

In response to increasing demand we instituted a time limit for room use in 2017. We saw an increase of almost 1,000 more patrons served in the following years with a very low number of patrons being turned away, anywhere from a few per day to just one in a month. Last fiscal year we had our highest recorded room checkouts with 6,790 rooms used and only 109 turned away.

The identification requirement is our last holdover issue and this can occasionally be a barrier to use. We have stopped holding onto IDs while a patron is using a room, but do still collect identification information in order to track live usage. There are up to nine rooms that need monitoring with regards to occupancy and length of time used, so having some identifying information really helps staff with tracking usage. As part of our procedures we allow those without IDs to use rooms with the approval of Info Desk staff. Since exceptions are already part of our internal process, we are recommending modification of the language to include requirements from our Meeting Room and Lobby Use Policy.

Finally, for a while now we've discussed internally how the policy title doesn't match the vocabulary used by patrons or staff to describe the spaces (discussion room vs. study room) and recommend an update.

Committee Recommendations:

	Change name of the Policy to describe the spaces as "Study Rooms" rather than "Discussion Rooms". This conforms to current in-house signage and website vocabulary as well as common patron/staff description.
810.2	Modify portion describing check-out process to better match current procedures and allow those without an ID to use the space without the need to seek Info Desk staff approval.

Action Required: Review policy and adopt as amended.

Committee Members: Jason Paulios (Adult Services), Brian Visser (Adult Services)



810 Discussion Study Rooms

See also related policies: Meeting Room and Lobby Use Policy (806), Library Use Policy (809).

810.1

The Iowa City Public Library provides rooms for quiet study or discussion.

810.2

A person requesting use of a <u>discussion study</u> room must <u>leave show</u> some form of identification <u>or provide contact information</u>.

810.3

There is no fee for the use of library discussion study rooms. All rooms are set in a standard room set-up and the person whose identification was recorded is responsible for returning the room to the standard set-up. This person may be charged for labor and materials to cover the cost of any damage.

810.4

Rooms may not be reserved in advance and time limits are placed on the use of rooms in order to provide access to as many users as possible.

Originally adopted: 6/27/85

Revised: 02/23/89 Reviewed: 02/23/06 Revised: 9/28/23

Revised: 06/25/92 Revised: 05/28/09
Revised: 02/22/96 Revised: 03/29/12
Revised: 04/27/00 Revised: 10/20/14
Revised: 04/27/03 Revised: 11/16/17
Reviewed: 02/23/06 Revised: 11/19/20



Director's Report

Prepared for the September 28, 2023 Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees Elsworth Carman, Library Director

Environmental Protection Agency Testing Results

In May, the EPA performed some air quality testing in the library building. This testing was done to ensure that vapors from a former dry-cleaning business were not impacting air quality in the library. The EPA results (attached) indicate that "the concentrations of chemicals in the air are below risk levels of health concern."

Threatening Messages Update

ICPL received multiple threatening messages in late August. We implemented our Threatening Call Procedure and reached out to the Iowa City Police Department for help in assessing the risk and making a response plan, which included evacuating the building and having two bomb-detecting dogs with their University of Iowa Police Department handlers perform a building search. Everyone involved in managing the risk assessment and building search was professional and proactive; I am thankful for the support we received from the City of Iowa City Police Department and the University of Iowa Police Department. Staff deserve recognition for their prompt response to the building evacuation directive and thoughtful comments about what went well during the building evacuation and closure and what could be streamlined. Additional staff feedback will be solicited as the Leadership Team evaluates the Threatening Call Procedure. I appreciate the support of the Board around this issue; thank you for being engaged during a disruptive event.





UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 7

11201 Renner Boulevard Lenexa, Kansas 66219

Mr. Ron Knoche 123 South Linn Street Iowa City Public Library Iowa City, Iowa 52240

RE: Former Unique Cleaners Site; CERCLIS ID. No. IAN000721132

Dear Mr. Knoche:

During the week of May 24, 2023, representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency collected an indoor air sample from the property listed below. The sample was collected to evaluate whether vapors from the Former Unique Cleaners site in Des Moines, Iowa have the potential to enter the property. Contaminants associated with the site include tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE). The sample was analyzed by the EPA Region 7 laboratory to determine whether the site-related contaminants listed above were present in the indoor air. The results from this sampling event are summarized in the table below. This information is being provided to you in accordance with Section 104(e)(4)(B) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended.

Sa 12	PCE (µg/m3)	TCE (ug/m3)			
	Air Regional Action		180	6.0	
Business Sub-Sla	Business Sub-Slab Air Regional Action Level				
Sample Type	Sample ID	Collection Date	PCE Result	TCE Result	
Sub-Slab (Spring)	2300200-01	5/24/2023	270	0.43	
Indoor Air Boiler (Spring)	2300200-02	5/24/2023	18	< 0.14	
Indoor Air North (Spring)	2300200-03	5/24/2023	2.6	<0.14	

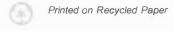
Notes:

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μg/m³ Micrograms per cubic meter

PCE Tetrachloroethene
TCE Trichloroethene

Based on our evaluation of the sample results, the concentrations of chemicals in the air are below risk levels of health concern.





If you have any questions regarding the project or your results, please contact me at (913) 551-7449 or by email at schmaedick.manuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Manuel Schmaedick Site Assessment Manager Site Assessment and Support Section Superfund and Emergency Management Division

Enclosure



US Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 11201 Renner Blvd Lenexa, KS 66219

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6/27/2023

Sample: 2300200-01

Project Name: Former Unique Cleaners site

These are the results from the analysis of Air sample number 2300200-01. This sample was collected on 5/24/2023 at the location described as: 123 Linn Street (Public Library) Sub-Slab. If you have any questions about these results, contact Manuel Schmaedick at the above address or by calling (913) 551-7449. Correspondence should refer to sample number 2300200-01 for project: Former Unique Cleaners site.

Analysis / Analyte	Amount F	ound	Uni ts
olatile Organic Compounds by GCMS	**************************************		
Propene	Less Than 0.35		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Dichlorodifluoromethane	2.9		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Chloromethane	Less Than 0.42		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2-Dichlorotetrafluoroethane	Less Than 1.4		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Vinyl Chloride	Less Than 0,13		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,3-Butadlene	Less Than 0,45		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Bromomethane	Less Than 0.78		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Chloroethane	Less Than 0,53		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Vinyl Bromide	Less Than 0.88		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Acetone	22		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Trichlorofluoromethane	1,2		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
2-Propanol	15		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1-Dichloroethene	Less Than 0.20		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Methylene Chloride	Less Than 0,70		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Allyl Chloride	Less Than 0,32		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1,2-Trichlorotrifluoroethane	Less Than 1.5		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Carbon Disulfide	0.68		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Less Than 0.20	l	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1-Dichloroethane	Less Than 0.82		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Methyl tert-butyl ether	Less Than 0.73		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Vlnyl Acetate	Less Than 0.72		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
2-Butanone	3,3		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
cis-1,2-Dlchforoethene	Less Than 0,20		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Ethyl Acetate	Less Than 1.1		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Hexane	9.2		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Chloroform	Less Than 0,12		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Tetrahydrofuran	Less Than 0.60	ı	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2-Dichloroethane	Less Than 0.10	•	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	Less Than 1.1		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Benzene	1,7		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Carbon Tetrachloride	Approximately 0.54		Micrograms per Cubic Meter



Sample: 2300200-01 (Continued)

Project Name: Former Unique Cleaners site

Description

Analysis / Analysis	Amount Found	Units
Analysis / Analyte	Allivant Fould	Omo water
olatile Organic Compounds by GCMS (Continued)	Less Than 0.93	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2-Dichloropropane	Less Than 1.4	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Bromodichloromethane	Less Than 0.73	- ,
1,4-Dioxane		Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Trichloroethene	0.43	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	Less Than 1.0	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Heptane	14	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
cls-1,3-Dichloropropene	Less Than 0.46	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	Less Than 1.7	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	Less Than 0.46	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1,2-Trichlorgethane	Less Than 1.1	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Toluene	13	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
2-Hexanone	Less Than 1.7	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Dibromochloromethane	Less Than 1.7	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2-Dibromoethane	Less Than 1.6	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Tetrachloroethene	270	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Chlorobenzene	Less Than 0.93	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Ethyl Benzene	6,8	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
m and/or p-Xylene	19	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Bromoform	Less Than 2.1	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Styrene	4.1	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	Less Than 1.4	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
o-Xylene	7.5	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
4-Ethyltoluene	Less Than 4.0	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	2,5	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	9,3	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Benzyl Chloride	Less Than 4.2	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	Less Than 1.2	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	Less Than 1.2	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	Less Than 1.2	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2,4-Trichiorobenzene	Less Than 1.5	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
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6/27/2023

Sample: 2300200-02

Project Name: Former Unique Cleaners site

These are the results from the analysis of Air sample number 2300200-02. This sample was collected on 5/24/2023 at the location described as: 123 Linn Street (Public Library) Indoor Air Boiler Room. If you have any questions about these results, contact Manuel Schmaedick at the above address or by calling (913) 551-7449. Correspondence should refer to sample number 2300200-02 for project: Former Unique Cleaners site.

Analysis / Analyte	Amoun	nt Found	Units
olatile Organic Compounds by GCMS	. X	7.75	11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11
Propene	Less Than (0.35	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Dichlorodifluoromethane	1	1.6	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Chloromethane	1	1.6	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2-Dichlorotetrafluoroethane	Less Than	1.4	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Vinyl Chloride	Less Than	0.13	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,3-Butadiene	Less Than	0,45	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Bromomethane	Less Than	0,78	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Chloroethane	Less Than	0,53	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Vinyl Bromide	Less Than	0.88	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Acetone	1	16	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Trichlorofluoromethane	:	1.1	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
2-Propanol	•	45	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1-Dichloroethene	Less Than	0.20	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Methylene Chloride	Less Than	0.70	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Allyl Chloride	Less Than	0.32	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1,2-Trichlorotrifluoroethane	Less Than	1.5	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Carbon Disulfide	Less Than	0.63	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Less Than	0.20	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1-Dichloroethane	Less Than	0.82	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Methyl tert-butyl ether	Less Than	0.73	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Vinyl Acetate	Approximately :	1.1	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
2-Butanone	Less Than	1.9	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
cls-1,2-Dichloroethene	Less Than	0,20	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Ethyl Acetate	Less Than	1.1	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Hexane	Less Than	0.71	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Chloroform	1	0.23	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Tetrahydrofuran	Less Than	0.60	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2-Dichloroethane	Less Than	0.10	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	Less Than	1.1	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Benzene		0.50	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Carbon Tetrachloride		0.42	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Cyclohexane	Less Than	0,70	Micrograms per Cubic Meter



Sample: 2300200-02 (Continued)

Project Name: Former Unique Cleaners site

Description

Analysis / Analyte	Amount Found	Units
Volatile Organic Compounds by GCMS (Continued)		
1,2-Dichloropropane	Less Than 0,93	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Bromodichloromethane	Less Than 1.4	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,4-Dioxane	Less Than 0.73	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Trichloroethene	Less Than 0.14	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	Less Than 1.0	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Heptane	Less Than 0.83	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
cls-1,3-Dichloropropene	Less Than 0.46	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	Less Than 1.7	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	Less Than 0.46	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	Less Than 1.1	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Toluene	Approximately 2.5	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
2-Hexanone	Less Than 1.7	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Dîbromochloromethane	Less Than 1.7	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2-Dibromoethane	Less Than 1.6	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Tetrachloroethene	18	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Chlorobenzene	Less Than 0,93	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Ethyl Benzene	Less Than 0.88	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
m and/or p-Xylene	Less Than 1.8	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Bromoform	Less Than 2.1	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Styrene	Less Than 0.86	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	Less Than 1.4	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
o-Xylene ¹⁴	Less Than 0.88	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
4-Ethyltoluene	Less Than 4.0	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	Less Than 0,99	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	Less Than 0.99	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Benzyl Chloride	Less Than 4.2	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	Less Than 1.2	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	Less Than 1.2	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	Less Than 1.2	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	Less Than 1.5	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Hexachlorobutadiene	Less Than 2,2	Micrograms per Cubic Meter



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Sample: 2300200-03

Project Name: Former Unique Cleaners site

These are the results from the analysis of Air sample number 2300200-03. This sample was collected on 5/24/2023 at the location described as: 123 Linn Street (Public Library) Indoor Air North. If you have any questions about these results, contact Manuel Schmaedick at the above address or by calling (913) 551-7449. Correspondence should refer to sample number 2300200-03 for project: Former Unique Cleaners site.

Analysis / Analyte	Amount	Found Units
olatile Organic Compounds by GCMS		
Propene	Less Than 0.3	35 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Dichlorodifluoromethane	1.	7 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Chloromethane	1.3	9 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2-Dichlorotetrafluoroethane	Less Than 1.	4 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Vinyl Chloride	Less Than 0.	13 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,3-Butadiene	Less Than 0.	45 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Bromomethane	Less Than 0.	78 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Chloroethane	Less Than O.	53 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Vinyl Bromide	Less Than 0.	88 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Acetone	22	2 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Trichlorofluoromethane	1.	5 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
2-Propanol	45	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1-Dichloroethene	Less Than 0.	20 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Methylene Chloride	Less Than 0.	70 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Allyl Chloride	Less Than 0.	32 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1,2-Trichlorotrifluoroethane	Less Than 1.	5 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Carbon Disulfide	Less Than 0.	63 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Less Than 0.	20 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1-Dichloroethane	Less Than 0.	82 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Methyl tert-butyl ether	Less Than 0.	.73 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Viny! Acetate	3.	9 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
2-Butanone	1.	9 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
cis-1,2-Dlchloroethene	Less Than 0.	20 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Ethyl Acetate	Less Than 1.	1 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Hexane	Less Than 0.	.71 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Chloroform	0.	,19 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Tetrahydrofuran	Less Than 0.	.60 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2-Dichloroethane	Less Than 0.	.10 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	Less Than 1.	.1 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Benzene	0.	.52 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Carbon Tetrachloride	Approximately 0.	.54 Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Cyclohexane	Less Than 0.	.70 Micrograms per Cubic Meter



Sample: 2300200-03 (Continued)

Project Name: Former Unique Cleaners site

Description

Analysis / Analyte	Amount Found	Units
Volatile Organic Compounds by GCMS (Continued)		
1,2-Dichloropropane	Less Than 0.93	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Bromodichloromethane	Less Than 1.4	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,4-Dioxane	Less Than 0.73	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Trichloroethene	Less Than 0.14	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	Less Than 1.0	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Heptane	Less Than 0.83	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
cls-1,3-Dichlorapropene	Less Than 0.46	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	Less Than 1.7	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	Less Than 0.46	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	Less Than 1.1	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Toluene	2,4	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
2-Hexanone	Less Than 1.7	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Dibromochloromethane	Less Than 1.7	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
1,2-Dibromoethane	Less Than 1.6	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
Tetrachloroethene	2.6	Micrograms per Cubic Meter
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Adult Services Department Report

Prepared for the September 28, 2023 Meeting of the Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees Jason Paulios, Adult Services Coordinator

Teen Center Update

Victoria and I continue our quest for a replacement Teen Center Intern. In the meantime, in response to some behavior and safety incidents, we have made the decision to close off access to the space after school and on weekends when Caty or Victoria are not available. This is not the path we wanted to follow but we had to make sure young people had someone to support them in the space during their visits. We still allow access to board games and craft materials for use outside the space and those wanting computer access can get guest passes for the public internet PCs. Snack distribution has also moved to the Info Desk during closure times. For regular Teen Center computer visitors, the impact has been moderately annoying as they have discovered the public internet PCs are not as fast and they can't listen to music without headphones.

Temporary hours:

Monday – Closed Tuesday – 4-8pm Wednesday – Closed Thursday – 4-8pm Friday – 4-8pm Saturday – 2-6pm Sunday - Closed

The PlayStation 4 console had a damaged HDMI port that we attempted to repair at a local shop but after the 3rd attempt at soldering, we gave up and upgraded to the newer PlayStation 5. This console is backwards-compatible for PS4 games, so we can now play games from either system.

Abraham Verghese Author Visit

We have had a lot of successful programming events this fall already but none larger than the visit from bestselling author Abraham Verghese (thanks to Prairie Lights and Grove Press for the partnership). Over 250 attendees crowded into Meeting Room A with 20 more in our Storytime Room overflow space watching live on YouTube. We heard from many happy visitors, especially a patron from Des Moines who arrived at 4:00 to make sure she was first in line...her daughter later joined her via Dubuque. It was great to see a packed house author event again.





Digital Literacy Grant



ICPL has received a grant courtesy of the Public Library Association and AT&T for digital literacy workshops targeted at seniors, new lowans, and anyone else interested in expanding their skills. Stacey is managing the grant and has begun offering classes at ICPL and around town. Classes use digitallearn.org (via PLA) free guided learning course materials.

Our topics are:

- Computer Basics with Windows 10
- Internet Basics
- Email Basics with Gmail
- Keep Yourself Safe Online

Some Patron Feedback

"I loved that my teen and I could do this together. She wouldn't have gone alone." – From a patron that attended Stacey's "Digital Paint Along" class in the DML.

DML Intern Charlie has been extremely popular since his arrival! A patron wrote the following note to Stacey about his work: "Just wanted to share that Charlie, your intern, was very helpful for questions I had on the computer. I hope you can find funding to keep him as he was full of computer knowledge and kind for an older Johnson Co. citizen."

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Community and Access Services Report

Prepared for the September 28, 2023 Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees Sam Helmick, Community & Access Services Coordinator

Back in Session

The students are back in session which means the lowa City Public Library staff are providing tours of the library, providing outreach at events like the UI Student Fair, offering library card sign up drives at the Main Library at the University of Iowa, as well as connecting with faculty to smoothly transition students into life and learning in the community. As an example, the English Honor Society scheduled an evening tour which culminated into programming opportunities to help students meet their goals. We are looking forward to helping them with their Banned Book Trivia night.

A month can make a great difference at the Help Desk. In July, staff registered 313 lowa City residents for new cards. In August, staff registered 727 lowa City residents for new cards. The opportunity to provide person to person promotion of the physical and digital collections, the Library space and amenities, as well as our outreach services such as At Home, Jail, and the ICPL Bookmobile is quite great during this time of year.

Freedom to Read Month

The American Library Association provides content and graphics for two national campaigns this time of year: Library Card Sign Up Month (September) and Banned Books Week (late September/early October). However, the profession is drifting away from language that suggests we "celebrate" banned books and is working on ways to frame topics and social commentary which meet more library users where they are socially and politically. Talking about freedom has shown to resonate with more people at this time.

With this knowledge, Manny and Sam collaborated with the City of Iowa City Equity and Human Rights Department to craft a joint proclamation for a Freedom to Read Month. This partnership enabled us to incorporate more historical context as the proclamation recognizes the fundamental right of the freedom of expression by resolution 59 of the UN General Assembly adopted in 1946, as well as by Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

Freedom to Read Month was proclaimed at the September Council
Meeting. Our collaboration with the City of Iowa City Equity and Human
Rights continues in the shape of programming as their department is
sponsoring Onelowa Director, Keenan Crow, to present on Senate File 469
to explain the implications of the "Don't Say Gay" bill for Iowans and their libraries.







This is the first celebration of its kind to our knowledge. So far, it has been adopted by over fifty libraries around that nation. Sam has been asked to take it to the ALA Communications and Marketing Office for 2024 launch.

Climate Action Partnership

Sarah Gardner from Climate Action has been an incredible partner with the Iowa City Public Library over the years. The ICPL Bookmobile showcases its solar panel each year at Climate Fest and has been invited to the Climate Fest Kick Off at Big Grove Brewery these past two years.

We are excited to support them in their outreach and education to the community which will now include a Book Bike. While it will hold fewer tomes than the ICPL Bookmobile, it is certainly much more agile for

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Work to launch and promote this new awareness and outreach tool as well as host information about its history, use, and location at icpl.org/book-bike are taking place with the Library's IT, Marketing, and Public Relations Teams.

Additionally, Climate Action received a grant to provide access and education about induction top cooking. Their department purchased six portable induction cooktops for the Iowa City Public Library to utilize for

programming and instruction.

Induction cooking is often considered one of the most efficient cooking technologies. With this technology, up to 90 percent of the energy consumed is transferred to food, compared to about 74 percent for traditional electric systems and 40 percent for gas. This energy efficient approach also provides a safe alternative to direct heat and open flame. We are looking forward to opportunities which connect our community with culinary literacy, cooking resources in the library collection, as well as green alternatives to meal prep.

Communications and Marketing

Alyssa, Manny, and Sam are working on a branding page to provide easy access to our logos and branding content for our community partners. The City of Iowa City Communications Department will be adopting this concept and we anticipate learning from each other in the process. Additionally, the City of Iowa City Communications Department would like to learn more about our internal ticketing system which is designed to track and process hundreds of graphics, scores of social media and digital marketing requests, and dozens of blog, articles, newsletter, and press releases created by the Marketing and Public Relations Team every month. Manny and Sam are also crafting a Crisis Communication guide for the ICPL Style Manual. Both the City of Iowa City Communications Team and ICPD Communication Team would like to collaborate in this process to develop a guide for City-wide use.





We continue to observe Twitter (X) shrink as a social media platform. We imagine we will remain on the platform while the City of Iowa City utilizes it to increase awareness to the public. We use a third-party platform (Hootsuite) to simultaneously post to Twitter when sharing content on Instagram and Facebook. We will continue to review the use of Threads, Blue Sky, Mastodon, and Reddit but will need to allocate more staffing resources to add additional platforms to curate and monitor.

Deposit Collections

Over the years, Iowa City Public Library has created partnerships with institutions which directly benefit from the installation of curated collections by library staff. During the pandemic closure, these relationships drifted as did the library's ability to promote its collection and services as well as mitigate barriers to access. Mac, Audrey, and Heidi have reestablished these relationships and are working to formalize an annual delivery system which takes both library materials as well as library donations into needful spaces. This foundational work will enable us to provide strong, robust, and intentional services through Deposit Collection in the years to come. As the Community and Access Services Department answers the community's call to provide outward facing services like At Home, Jail, Bookmobile, Book Bike, Pop-Ups, and Deposit Collections, we will also continue to review our efforts to ensure we bring efficiency and comprehensiveness to our work.

Respectfully submitted, Sam Helmick



Development Department Report

Prepared for September 28, 2023 Meeting of the Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees Katie Roche, Development Director

Financial Summary

This board report includes a FY2022 financial summary for the ICPL Friends Foundation for your review. Please let Katie Roche know if you have any questions.



ICPLFF is now able to accept vehicle donations

Supporters of the ICPL can now donate vehicles to the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation. Proceeds support your favorite Library! Donors simply fill out this online form or call 1-855-500-7433 to contact CARS (Charitable Adult Rides and Services). CARS picks up your car for free and sends The Iowa City Public Library Foundation a check for 80 percent of its cash value. Learn more here.

ICPLFF now has GuideStar Platinum Seal + DUNS number

We are proud to say we have earned GuideStar's Highest Seal of Transparency. The Platinum Seal of Transparency is the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar, the world's largest source of nonprofit information. By sharing metrics that highlight the progress we are making toward our mission, we are helping our donors directly see the impact donations are making to move our organization forward. More metrics will be added annually.

In addition, ICPLFF now has its own DUNS number! A DUNS is a nine-digit identification system assigned to businesses required by the Federal government when applying for federal grants. The City of Iowa City, DBA as the Library, has its own DUNS number. The ICPLFF having its own DUNS will open granting opportunities up to the ICPLFF that are only available to non-governmental nonprofits.



Arts & Crafts Bazaar donations are coming in!

Do not miss the return of the Annual ICPL Arts & Crafts Bazaar on Saturday, December 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a wide selection of unique, one-of-a-kind gifts, from quilts and hand-knitted items to jewelry, holiday ornaments, and more, all donated by local artists and crafters. All proceeds from this year's sale will benefit the ICPL Friends Foundation to support the collections and services of the lowa City Public Library. Library supporters who would like to donate hand-crafted items to be sold at the Arts & Crafts Bazaar can fill out this form and let us know!

Also, be sure to check out The Book End's winter book sale, happening at the same time as the Bazaar in the hallway outside of Meeting Room A.

ICPL RAYGUN STORE is now open!



Visit <u>our new RAYGUN STORE</u> to check out tees, bags, a sticker, and even an adorable baby onesie! All purchases benefit the ICPL Friends Foundation whose vision is to inspire every member of our community to support the lowa City Public Library as a Library user, volunteer, or donor.





THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOMB THREATS THIS WEEK

Kelly Jensen, August 30, 2023



Stochastic terrorism continues this week, following the numerous bomb threats made in Chicago-area libraries over the past month. Last week's book censorship news roundup included a look at <u>six different libraries</u> in the Chicago suburbs which received bomb threats, followed by two more bomb threats at an Oklahoma school district and a Davis, California, public library. Several of those libraries received not just one bomb threat, but several over the course of the week.

What used to make headline news, though, now hardly gets a blip on the radar.

This week, there have been numerous bomb threats called into public libraries across the country. These threats are, no doubt, connected to the right-wing rhetoric around libraries and librarians. The rise of stochastic terrorism is what emerges when a political movement chooses to label a group "groomers" or "indoctrinators," and through these bomb threats, they create terror for library workers and users alike.

So what's happened this week?

First, the Iowa City Public Library (IA) shut down Tuesday, August 29, <u>for a bomb threat</u>. The threat came in at 3:30, hours ahead of a scheduled event at the library with Democratic State Senator Janice Weiner, the focus of which was legislation implemented that would impact education throughout the state. The threat also came 30 minutes <u>after the library's social media posted</u> about the apparel available to honor their summer reading program, which features an open book and a rainbow. We know the mere existence of rainbows has caused right-wing Christian nationalists trouble over the last three years.

In Lincolnshire, Illinois, the Vernon Area Public Library <u>received a bomb threat</u> Tuesday, August 29. The library is in the northern Chicago suburbs, not far from the spate of libraries which had bomb threats over



the last month. It came via the internet and was fashioned similar to the previous threats to libraries across the area. Both <u>Wilmette Public Library</u> and the <u>Park Ridge Public Library</u> reported this week they were targets of second bomb threats in the previous week as well.

The FBI is opening an investigation now in Davis, California, after the public library received its third-bomb-threat in a week. Police believe the incidents to be related, as the individual who submitted the threats <a href="didded-date-the-didded-date-the-d

And in Tulsa, Oklahoma, an elementary school has been targeted twice with bomb threats over the last week. These emerged in response to a humorous TikTok video made by Ellen Ochoa Elementary librarian Kirby Mackenzie about book bans. That video was picked up by a right-wing group on Twitter known for instigating stochastic terrorism and <u>creating chaos for educators and librarians</u> over the last several years. The threats not only targeted the school but Mackenzie's own home.

None of these threats are normal, and each of them is a federal crime.

Library workers and educators have been under attack for nearly three years, and while it is unfortunate to note that bomb threats aren't new, their escalation over the last month demands attention and action. These should nationwide headlines, but they are hardly making a blip in their own local media. This stochastic terrorism is not only shutting down public institutions, but surrounding the few public goods in terror for workers and for users—this is, of course, the point, and yet, it should absolutely enrage every taxpayer who helps fund these institutions.

Post-threat, libraries are seeing themselves targeted in other ways, too. Right-wing christofascists are submitting FOIA requests to acquire information about those who work in the library, demanding information such as their qualifications to be working in those facilities. It would be smart for any educator or librarian to lock down their personal social media to stay safe; even if a FOIA request does not turn up anything much, bad actors can get enough information to do a Google search and pull out anything that aligns with their agenda and make innocent people right-wing targets.

The educators aren't okay. The library workers aren't okay.

And the kids aren't okay, either.

If this is about protecting the children, then why target two of the places that are among the safest for children to be?

(We know the answer).

It's time to write to your representatives and to your local media and demand protections for these people being targeted by a well-connected, wealthy vocal minority. It's been time for years, but with the lack of alarms being set off right now with *actual bomb threats*, it's crucial. It won't be long <u>before a library worker is killed for simply doing their job</u>.

Whether or not you're ready to believe it, it's your backyard.



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Financial constraints loom over upcoming lowa City budget year

As the planning begins for next fiscal year's budget, lowa City city councilors and staff will have to work around several financial stressors.

Isabelle Foland, News Reporter September 10, 2023



The City of Iowa City's next budget is almost certain to be tight because of several financial stressors, including property tax reforms, slow tax base growth, and inflation.

These financial pressures have led to a decrease in one of the main sources of revenue for the city, which is a fiscal environment that could potentially mean future budget cuts if it continues or worsens.



At the Iowa City City Council's <u>Sept. 5 work session</u>, the council outlined its budget priorities as well as challenges for fiscal 2025, which begins July 1, 2024.

At the work session, as well as in the <u>Aug. 31 information packet</u>, City Manager Geoff Fruin brought up the property tax reform legislation that was passed in the last legislative session.

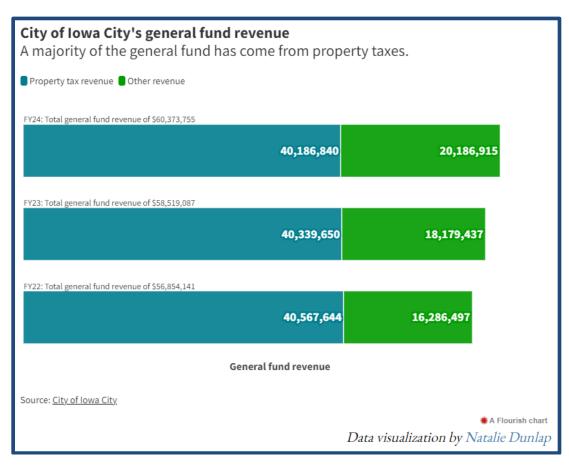
One of the biggest issues facing the budget this year is the phasing out of the city's emergency and library levies over the next four years, which are also used to help fund city climate action programs, Fruin said.

Both levies amount to around \$2 million. The city will now have to find a way to fit those services — funded by the two levies — into the general fund, he said. In fiscal 2024 — the budget year that began July 1 and ends June 30, 2024 — the city's general fund budget is approximately \$73 million.

"Assuming that we don't want to change service levels either at our library or with our climate action programming, we have the task of trying to absorb that in the general fund, which of course is also the funding for our public safety, our parks and [recreation], our general government, and many other operations as well," Fruin said.

Various tax reforms legislation has also meant certain properties are paying less on their property taxes, meaning less revenue for the city, Fruin said.

In 2013, the lowa Legislature passed a bill that dropped the amount of property tax revenue that could be made on multifamily properties, going from 100 percent taxability in fiscal 2014 to 54.65 percent in fiscal 2024, the packet states.





To try to help local governments recoup the lost revenue from property taxes, the 2013 tax reform bill also put in place backfill payments to help supplement cities' revenue. However, the city will no longer receive such payments by fiscal 2026, the packet states.

The city's taxable base, or properties in which the city can make revenue from property taxes, has also been in decline, Fruin said. The information packet states the city experienced a 0.8 percent decrease from fiscal 2023-24, which is by far the lowest decline in a two-year cycle in the past ten years.

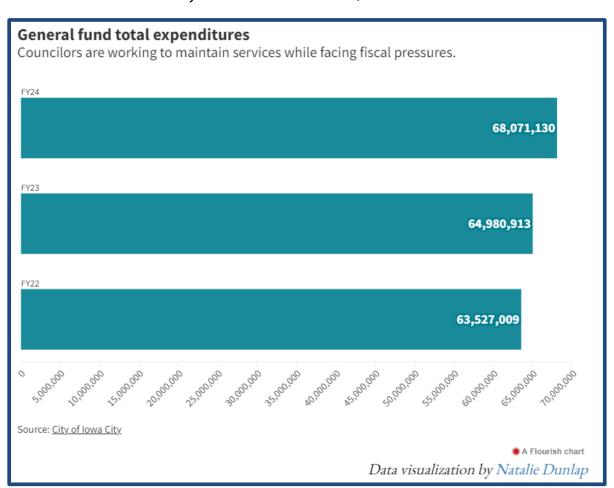
Additionally, inflation has driven up expenses in the city's budget, Fruin said.

"Things like gasoline, heat, chemicals, those types of things, have impacted budgets well beyond the traditionally expected three to four percent growth in those line items," he said.

Given these stressors, Fruin said it is unlikely any major service expansions will be able to be funded, but the city isn't at a point where it will have to start making budget cuts. However, these trends are not sustainable and may lead to cuts in the future if things don't change, he said.

"I don't think we're there yet, but certainly when you look at two years of negative taxable growth, that's a trend that we can't continue," Fruin said.

City staff will do its best to ensure city services are maintained, he said.





In terms of budget priorities for the next fiscal year, Mayor Pro Tem Megan Alter said she would like to prioritize creating services, like child care, free transport, and affordable housing, in the next budget that help make citizens' lives equitable.

Alter said these services could help prevent citizens from reaching a point where they are under such strain that they have a mental health crisis.

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"One option is to really look at, 'What are the core things that people are really struggling with, and even if they're big, should we prioritize those so that maybe some of the other things that we also have on our strategic plan are mitigated by virtue of some of the larger potential solutions?" Alter said.

Mayor Bruce Teague brought up the issue of chronic homelessness in lowa City as a priority he is set on. Specifically, he said collaborating with other municipalities in Johnson County to tackle this issue would be beneficial to help support those in need of housing.

"In our community, we talk about housing as being a human right," Teague said. "I think if we were to really work collaboratively with other providers or municipalities in Johnson County, I really think we can make a continued effort in what we're doing with homelessness."

Each of the city departments is working to draft its budgets, which will eventually be presented to the council around January to be deliberated on, Fruin said. The budget will then be finalized in the spring of next year.



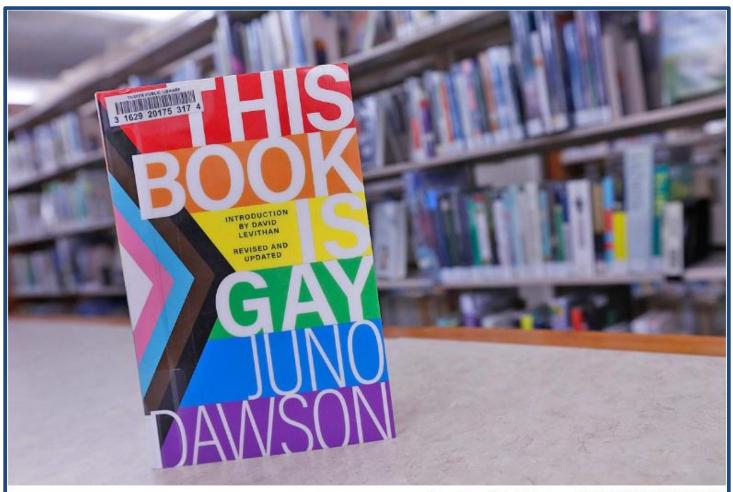
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<u>lowa schools face book challenges without guidance</u> from state officials

As the trend of book challenges grows nationwide, Iowa schools have become a litmus test.

<u>Liam Halawith</u>, Senior News and Politics Editor September 5, 2023



Greg Derr/Patriot Ledger / USA TODAY NETWORK

"This Book is Gay" at the Braintree Public Library on Wednesday February 15, 2023

After a few short weeks into the school year, school librarians and administrators are facing challenges complying with a new lowa law that restricts books, classroom instruction, and instructional material containing content of sex acts and gender identity.



Senate File 496, which was signed into Iowa law last May, prohibits the use of curriculum or materials containing sexual content or discussion about gender identity. Iowa schools have not yet received any official guidance from the Iowa Department of Education, leaving school districts to interpret the law.

This has led some districts, like the Urbandale Community School District of Urbandale, Iowa, a suburb of Des Moines, to preemptively remove 374 books containing sexual references and talks of gender identity from its libraries and classrooms.

Other school districts have decided to wait until they receive guidance from the lowa Department of Education.

While lowa schools wait for guidance from state officials, book challenges from members of the public and local officials continue to rise nationwide. According to data collected by the American Library Association, there were 1,269 individual attempts to challenge books in public and school libraries in 2022, which is more than double the number of challenges to books in 2021.

Book challenges growing as conservative priority

In 2022, over 2,500 unique titles were challenged nationwide, with 58 percent of challenged materials belonging to school libraries and classrooms.

The state of Texas challenged the most books, with 93 attempts to challenge titles in public libraries. Iowa ranks at No. 21 out of 50 states in the number of book challenges in 2022.

Jackie Biger, a professor and librarian program administrator at the University of Iowa School of Library and Information Sciences, said book challenges are commonplace in libraries around the country.

All schools have a process for reconsideration, which happens after a parent or community member raises concerns about a book in a school library or classroom. The book is reviewed by a panel of school employees and stakeholders that decide the book's fate based on school district procedures, she said.

Though lowa isn't among the states with the most individual book challenges, lowa ranks number two in the most library-adverse legislation with 10 library-adverse bills in 2023 — two of which were signed into law — according to a legislation tracker by the American Library Association.

Sam Helmick, who works for the Iowa City Public Library and serves as the Iowa Library Association president, said the increase in book challenges and library adverse legislation points to a conservative movement to censor certain topics.

Over 90 percent of the book challenges in 2022 were part of attempts to ban multiple titles, and 40 percent of those were challenges of 100 or more titles, according to American Library Association data.

National groups like Moms for Liberty, a conservative group focused on conservative education policy, have become part of a national organized censorship movement.

Legislation surrounding education and "wokeness" in schools have become popular topics among conservatives. Iowa Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds made ending "wokeness" in schools and other conservative education priorities like school choice, and legislation that targets LGBTQ+ youth and students her legislative priorities this year.



Senate File 496 was proposed by Reynolds after her Condition of the State address in January and made its way through the Iowa Senate and House with conservative support. Republicans held a supermajority in the Iowa Senate and a strong majority in the House, allowing them to pass the governor's priorities without much challenge.

SF 496 passed the Iowa Senate 34-16, on party lines, and passed the Iowa House 55-42, with some Republicans voting against the bill.

Teresa Horton Bumgarner, the chair of the Johnson County Republicans, said she was in favor of the education bills passed last session, like SF 496, because it's common sense legislation.

"We're not talking about taking things away," she said. "We're talking about not putting pornographic things in front of children."

Books with LGBTQ+ or racial themes targeted

Sara Hayden Parris, the founder and president of Annie's Foundation, a nonprofit aimed at advocating against book challenges, said she wholeheartedly believes in the freedom to learn and see representation in books.

Over 80 percent of the books challenged in Iowa in the past three years were written by LGBTQ+ authors and authors of color, according to an investigation by the Des Moines Register.

"Students thrive mentally and emotionally when they have access to books and materials that they identify with and they see themselves in," Hayden Parris said.

Hayden Parris said that the exclusion of stories and authors with underrepresented stories sends a message to lowa children.

Jordan Mix, the director of educational programming at Iowa Safe Schools, a nonprofit that advocates for equity in Iowa schools for LGBTQ+ youth, said the new law targets LGBTQ+ stories and educational materials.

Mix said parents of LGBTQ+ students in lowa are distressed at this new law and the growing targeting of LGBTO+ themes.

Biger, a library sciences professor, said when students see themselves in the books they are reading it can help foster a love for reading.

"There is magic in matching a reader to a book and everyone deserves to see themselves, their experiences, their lives, reflected in what they're reading in their library collections," Biger said. "Depending on how the law is being interpreted there is a whole array of emotions."

The law states that schools must have age-appropriate materials in their libraries and defines age-appropriate as not including depictions of sex acts.

The lowa Department of Education has yet to provide guidance to school districts on this new law and has not provided them with a timeline for this guidance, according to the lowa Library Association.



Schools lack guidance from state

Without guidance from the lowa Department of Education, lowa schools are left to interpret the law on their own. This has resulted in differing rules, procedures, and processes across the state.

The lowa Library Association, in partnership with the School Library Association, sent a letter of inquiry to the lowa Department of Education asking for clear guidelines and guidance for lowa school libraries regarding the new state law.

The lowa Library Association and lowa school districts have yet to receive a response or guidance from the Department of Education.

Helmick said the lack of guidance from the state puts librarians, school districts, and administrators in charge of deciding how to comply with the law.

They said the state usurped local control on book reconsideration with this new law and then failed to produce guidance on how to comply with it.

"[The legislature] kind of painted school districts and teacher librarians into a corner, so it didn't feel appropriate to try to paint ourselves out without guidance," Helmick said. "That guidance didn't come."

lowa City Community School District has only had one book removed from its libraries. The book titled "This book is gay" was removed in March of this year after the district received multiple bomb threats.

RELATED: <u>lowa City Community School District to remove controversial book following bomb threats</u>

The book was also removed from Sioux City Schools after Libs of TikTok, a conservative social media account, mentioned Sioux City Schools in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter. The book received criticism in the post's replies for its depictions of gay sex and encouraging gay sex apps.

In an email to The Daily Iowan, Iowa City Schools Spokesperson Kristin Pedersen said the district is working with lawyers, administrators, librarians, and teachers to comply with the new law.

"Our curriculum and administrative teams are collaborating with their counterparts across the state to navigate this new legislation," Pedersen wrote.

Helmick said if there is no guidance librarians and school districts will only have their personal perspective to rely on making these choices. Helmick said with differing interpretations some schools are restricting more books, and others are waiting for more guidance, but either way, they said, it tells students "what to think, not how to think."

"We're not equipping our students to confront ideas that are agitating ideas that might be contrary to their personal beliefs," Helmick said. "It's not really equipping them for the world."



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Bomb threat temporarily closes lowa City Public Library

The library is expected to reopen on Wednesday. Alejandro Rojas, News Editor August 29, 2023



The lowa City Public Library closed early Tuesday after receiving a bomb threat.

The library received a bomb threat around 3:30 p.m. and closed the building to the public, according to a <u>press release</u> from the library. The library alerted the University of Iowa Police Department, which sent a K9 unit to sweep the building.

The situation is still under investigation, and the library will operate regular hours on Wednesday.

Elsworth Carman, the library director, said in a release that the library will update the community as more information becomes available.

"We would like to thank the lowa City Police Department for their swift and comprehensive response," Carman said in the release.



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<u>lowa City Public Library resumes regular schedule after</u> <u>bomb threat</u>

No credible threat was discovered in Iowa City Police Department's investigation of Tuesday's bomb threat to the public library.

Roxy Ekberg, News Reporter August 30, 2023



After receiving an online bomb threat <u>Tuesday afternoon</u>, the Iowa City Public Library resumed its regular operating hours Wednesday.

The library received an online bomb threat around 3:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon and closed to the public. No bombs were found on the premises.

"Out of an abundance of caution, the building was evacuated and closed for the remainder of the day so a team of police officers and two bomb-detection dogs could be brought in to do a sweep of the

building," Elsworth Carman, the library's director, wrote in an email to The Daily Iowan.

Since Wednesday morning, the library has received additional online threats, but library staff and Iowa City police decided to avoid further disruption of services and open as scheduled.

"The library and Iowa City Police Department take all threats seriously and a thorough search of the building was conducted," Lee Hermiston, Iowa City police public information officer, said.

The Iowa City Police Department has not yet determined a credible threat, but the library is continuing to work with the police.

"Keeping staff and patrons safe is a priority for the library, and we will continue to carefully monitor and assess any threats or suspicious activities," Carman wrote.



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Latino Fest fosters cultural connection

The annual Latino Fest brought Iowa City citizens to the Pedestrian Mall downtown for food, music, and handcrafted art on Saturday.

Stella Shipman, Arts Editor August 28, 2023



Grace Smith

Members of the Iowa City Public Library read to children and community members at the 2023 Iowa City Latino Fest on the Pedestrian Mall downtown on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023. Vendors sold food while community members enjoyed Latino traditions, music, food, and dance. Over 11 years, 50,00 attendees have visited the annual festival with over 80 performances in the Iowa City tradition.



Upbeat music filled the Pedestrian Mall in downtown lowa City this weekend with the scents of spices and sizzling meat wafting between white tents as vendors sold colorful handmade accessories.

The 11th annual Latino Fest was held on Saturday in downtown Iowa City.

When Manny Galvez originally organized the Latino Fest with his wife, he intended for the event to be an expression of Latino culture and a way by which Latino family vendors could reach the eastern lowa community.

Wendy Silva and her son Austen Ramirez sold vibrant handbags and beaded ornaments made by Silva's mother in Mexico.

"She's happy because she can bring something from Mexico here," Ramirez said about his mother.

Silva said through a translator that she also wanted people to see what it is possible to make with their hands.

The festival featured a packed schedule of onstage talent, including acts like a bilingual show and an Iowa City Public Library story time for children attending the event, the Manolo de Aragon & Mambo Soul Dance Company, the Sones de Mexico Ballet Folklorico, and Grupo Innstinto.

Among the performers was Dilia Castaneda, who takes the creative name Chica Dilia. The 24-year-old singer and fashion designer has been participating in the Latino Fest with her family since she was a young girl.

The event has allowed Castaneda to share her talents with the wider community and gain recognition for her creative expression.

"There's a lot of talent," Castaneda said. "But a lot of people don't really show it and Latino Fest is kind of an opportunity where we can actually come out as a community within a community to show what we can do with all sorts of things."

Galvez said that he and his wife wanted to create a space where people could connect through culture, especially because the Latinx community has recently become a political "target."

"It is not okay because we are not a political topic," Galvez said. "We are humans. And it's an opportunity to say 'You know what? Our family is the same as your family.' We have the same wishes and the same dreams for our future, and, most importantly, we are working as hard as everybody to make lowa and this country stronger every day."



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<u>LibCon at Iowa City Public Library creates space for comic fans of all ages</u>

lowa City's third LibCon event brought together a wide variety of comic artists and enthusiasts to enjoy all things nerdy across generations.

Lily Czechowicz and Charlie Hickman September 11, 2023



Jordan Barry

A volunteer interacts with an attendee at a LIbCon in Iowa City on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2023.

The Iowa City Public Library hosted its third annual LibCon comic book convention this weekend, which brought comic, cartoon, and art lovers of all ages together to enjoy their favorite hobbies.



Marking the first LibCon since 2019, comic fans were treated to a convention featuring a wide variety of booths and activities. Local artists provided samples of their work, a room designated for board games was set up, and there was a viewing area for con-goers to relax and watch the 2023 blockbuster hit "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse."

Doug Brenner represented the social club Mindbridge Foundation, which holds the annual conventions Animelowa, GamiCon, and ICON in the Iowa City and Coralville area.

Brenner noted that AnimeCon hosts almost 3,000 attendees and GamiCon is open to a wide range of ages.

"We want young folks to get excited about these things as we have been for many years," Brenner said.

Brenner said his love for science fiction extended beyond a passion for science and served as a form of escapism.

"Science fiction was something that I was introduced to when I was really young and, growing up being gay, I didn't really feel like I was fitting in necessarily," Brenner said. "Yet, this world suddenly seemed like a world that meant something with people being different."

The world of science fiction seemed to resonate with the LGBTQ+ community and providing a space for those who may feel othered is important to artist Kate Doolittle, who expressed the importance of representation at events like LibCon.

"I want them to come away with, especially if they're queer, that you belong. And even though the state is trying to systematically eradicate you from existence you deserve to have a place here," Doolittle said. Their table was covered in stickers, buttons, zines, and handmade crafts about the environment, sharks, and representation of LGBTQ+ folks. Most of the art at Doolittle's table was under \$5.

lowa City cartoonist Shane O'Shaughnessy has been presenting his Mad Magazine-inspired art at major conventions in Chicago, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, and Portland since 2011.

They said that the lowa City comic scene was not much different than that of Chicago, despite the difference in the cities' respective sizes.

"You get to know everybody," O'Shaughnessy said. "It's a hometown, small town kind of vibe."

This opinion was shared by one attendee, Katherine Randazzo. Randazzo has attended plenty of major conventions in the past but shared that LibCon felt "much more authentic."

"Larger conventions don't really have that [authenticity] because they're so commercialized," Randazzo said.

A common theme among the more seasoned convention participants was including new generations of fans in the hobbies they all love.

"A lot of the old players are really enthusiastic about teaching new players," Jherek Ford, representing Hobby Corner at their booth, said.



"My dad played D&D, so I started as a little kid. I started at four years old, but I wasn't really role-playing. I was sitting on his lap and rolling his dice for him," Ford said. "It's everything that I love, everything that's important to me."

Editor's note: Kate Doolittle is a former employee of The Daily Iowan.

Editor's note: A previous version of this article said that LibCon is one of three conventions that Mindbridge hosts. However, Mindbridge hosts Animelowa, Gamicon, and ICON. The Daily Iowan regrets this error.





Why Jews should pay close attention to book banning and bomb threats against libraries

Threats against libraries across America recall a harrowing antisemitic history By Aviya Kushner September 13, 2023



A 30-foot tall eyeball sculpture by artist Tony Tasset sits across from Chicago's Harold Washington Library, which received a bomb threat on Sept. 11, 2023.

Photo by Getty Images

Bomb threats against libraries have become a growing trend in the U.S., and the Jewish community should pay attention. Violent attacks on books are a sad and dangerous theme throughout Jewish history, and the escalation from book bans to threats of physical violence should not be ignored.

Several libraries in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs were closed yesterday due to called and emailed bomb threats.

According to the <u>Chicago Sun-Times</u>, the Chicago Police Department learned that "an employee at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St." — the flagship branch of the Chicago library system — "received an anonymous email saying that there was a bomb inside the building. A bomb squad and canine units did a sweep of the building, located in downtown Chicago, but did not find a bomb.



The Evanston, Addison, and Aurora public libraries, all in Illinois, also received threats. The threats "came as Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias testified at a Senate hearing about the state's first-in-the-nation ban against bans," according to the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

But this isn't just happening in Illinois. In late August, a <u>bomb threat</u> shut down the lowa City Public Library. The Davis, California, library has received multiple <u>threats</u>. And in Forsyth County, Georgia, a young library volunteer <u>made a bomb threat</u>.

Fortunately, so far, all the threats have been just that — threats. But any actual act of violence at any library will make going to the library a lot less safe. And these threats, called or emailed in, shut down libraries for everyone, and should be viewed as the ultimate form of censorship.

Jewish books banned throughout history

Jewish books are the original banned books — from the medieval attacks on the Talmud to Nazi book burning.

On June 17, 1242, on the orders of both the pope and King Louis of France, all copies of the Talmud were burned. According to the <u>Jewish Virtual Library</u>, "24 wagon loads of books totaling thousands of volumes were handed to the executioner for public burning. Subsequently, the burning of the Talmud was repeatedly urged by the popes as well as various kings."

The 24 cartloads included more than 12,000 books. Additional burnings took place in Toulouse, France, in 1319. In his manual for inquisitors, Bernard Gui specifically mentioned the great medieval commentators Rashi and David Kimhi as well as Maimonides as writers whose work should be condemned.

According to PEN America, 1,648 books have been banned across the United States.

"Book-banning now is not about the book. It is intentional and willful discrimination, erasing people and their identities from our society," Illinois State Senator Mike Simmons wrote in <u>an op-ed</u> explaining why he sponsored a bill to ban book banning.

As book bans spread and bomb threats against libraries increase, Jewish communities should also be aware that bomb threats against Jewish institutions are on the rise. The Anti-Defamation League <u>recorded an increase</u> from 8 bomb threats to 91 threats against Jewish institutions in 2022.

And it's worth remembering that there is a long history of violence against Jewish books, and the people and places that own them.

Prior attacks on Jewish libraries

In 2015, *The Times of Israel* reported that the window at the Jewish library near Lyon, France, was smashed and a man shouted, "We'll get all of you Jews," before he mounted a scooter and was driven off by someone else.



In the Library of Congress, it's possible to view centuries-old Jewish books with passages physically cut out by censors. As I have written in a <u>previous article</u> for the *Forward*, I was stunned to see prayer itself censored in the case of a 1486 edition of a prayer book.

An attack on libraries is an attack on books, but also an attack on history and truth. As Rosh Hashanah approaches, Jews should remember that the *machzor* itself was a victim of censorship.

Jewish history shows that attacking books and ideas leads to attacking people. It's bad enough that threatening libraries is a trend, and that bomb threats against Jewish institutions are up more than 11-fold. Let's raise awareness and make sure this situation doesn't escalate further.

Aviya Kushner is the Forward's language columnist and the author of "Wolf Lamb Bomb" and "The Grammar of God." Follow her on Twitter <u>@AviyaKushner</u>.





lowa City Public Library evacuated for bomb threat

Library will reopen Wednesday



Emily Andersen

Aug. 29, 2023 6:14 pm

The lowa City Public Library was evacuated Tuesday afternoon after receiving a bomb threat, according to a Facebook post from the library.

The threat was received around 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Iowa City Police Department responded and the library was evacuated out of an abundance of caution, according to the police department. The library stayed closed for the rest of the day Tuesday.



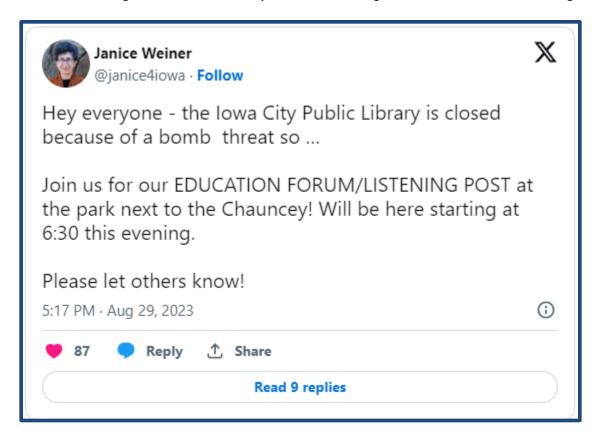


We understand that this situation may cause concern and inconvenience to our patrons. Please know that we are doing everything we can to address the situation as quickly and safely as possible," the Facebook post states.

The library is scheduled to be open Wednesday with regular hours, according to the post.

State Sen. Janice Weiner, a Democrat from Iowa City, was scheduled to host an education form at the library Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. The forum was intended to hear from educators about their concerns with changes to state legislation as the new school year starts, according to the library's calendar.

Weiner posted on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter, that because of the library's closure, the event was being moved to Chauncey Swan Park along South Gilbert Street, starting at 6:30 p.m.



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Retain and support the Commission of Libraries in Iowa

Sam Helmick | September 7, 2023 5:15 AM



Sam Helmick, the community and access services coordinator for the lowa City Public Library, pulls down books for residents on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, on the lowa City Mobile Library in lowa City, Iowa. (Geoff Stellfox/The Gazette)

As an Iowa library worker, former chair of the Iowa Governor's Commission of Libraries, and as the current Iowa Library Association President, I affirm and seek support of the Iowa Commission of Libraries as a governing board.

The State of Iowa Library as well as its stewardship of state and federal funds which support Open Access, Interlibrary Loan and Direct State Aid to Iowa libraries now report to the Department of Administrative Services, which makes knowledgeable oversight by a Board of library professional, patrons, and community members more critical. Iowa has more public libraries per capita than any other state.



The Governor's Commission of Libraries and State of Iowa Library Advisory Councils are citizens, library workers, and educators who strategize, guide, and facilitate the work of public, school, and academic libraries as well as museums. Their collective dedication, experiences, and skills are essential to the good work and impact created by information access throughout the state. Commissions reflect the values and perspectives of Iowans all around the state and enable the State Library to provide services which answer to the priorities and needs of all Iowans.

I implore fellow Iowans to keep government "of the people, by the people, and for the people," by conveying the message to the Governor's Boards and Commissions Review Committee that this commission should not only remain as a governing board, but also have the vacancies be filled.

Without the oversight of the commission, the work of the State Library has the potential to be one of the least transparent and most political in the country. As importantly, specialized focus on federal funding structures, library standards, and the rapid change of digital access to information requires a community of engagement lowans through the commission to help navigate the future of knowledge sharing.

The unintended outcomes of removing this important and specified work from active, knowledgeable lowans dedicated to literacy, learning, and intellectual freedom would be detrimental to small and rural libraries, students both traditional and lifelong, as well as lowans who benefit by easily accessing entrepreneurial, recreational, and educational resources.

I ask library users and library workers to continue to support libraries by supporting their transparent and robust structure of governance.

Sam Helmick of Iowa City is president of the Iowa Library Association.

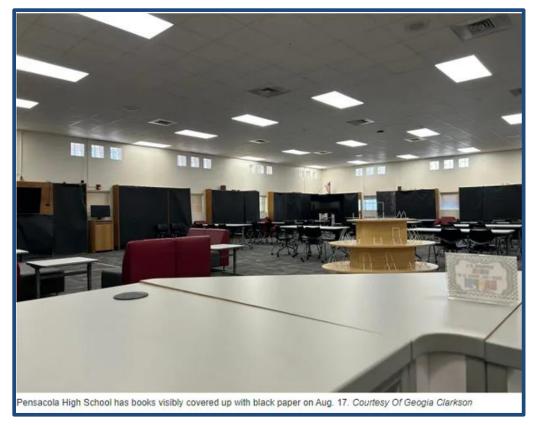




Book Bans, Library Bomb Threats, and the Absurdly Broad Impact of a Fringe Few

By GLAAD | September 1, 2023

GLAAD is <u>documenting</u> book bans and challenges around the country, monitoring local news and vital resources like <u>Book Riot</u> to note what is happening and who is responsible.



This week's roundup shows three troubling trends:

- Book banners are following a familiar, increasingly violent trajectory. At least
 10 libraries faced bomb threats over the last weeks, similar to the targeting of children's hospitals and health care providers last year.
- Book banners
 continue to be few and
 fringe, but with absurdly
 outsized reach. A
 new report shows 600 of
 1,100 book complaints in
 Florida since last July
 originated from two people,
 a teacher in Escambia

County, and the 57-year-old Florida chapter founder of the extremist group "No Left Turn in Education."

• Extremists might be wising up to the fact that book bans are deeply and broadly <u>unpopular</u>, though they're still trying to do it. There are now <u>reports</u> about districts using methods normally used to remove old or damaged books to target current books about LGBTQ people, race and abortion, and board members <u>accessing</u> school libraries to scope out shelves without prior permission, using flashlights and false pretenses.

Here's a brief recap:

Iowa, Illinois, California: Libraries Facing Bomb Threats

Book Riot reported last week about <u>seven libraries</u> in the Chicago suburbs receiving bomb threats, as well as two bomb threats at an Oklahoma school district and a threat against a Davis, California, public library.



"Several of those libraries received not just one bomb threat, but several over the course of the week," Book Riot notes.

This week: more threats – <u>lowa City</u> Public Library; the Vernon Area Public Library in <u>Lincolnshire</u>, Illinois; the <u>Wilmette Public Library</u> and the <u>Park Ridge Public Library</u> each reported a second bomb threat in a week. In Davis, California, the FBI is now investigating after the public library received its <u>third bomb threat</u> in a week that included <u>anti-LGBTQ rhetoric</u> and began when the library determined that a Moms for Liberty chapter could not use the library's facilities for a speaker program because it <u>would not comply</u> with the library's code of conduct.

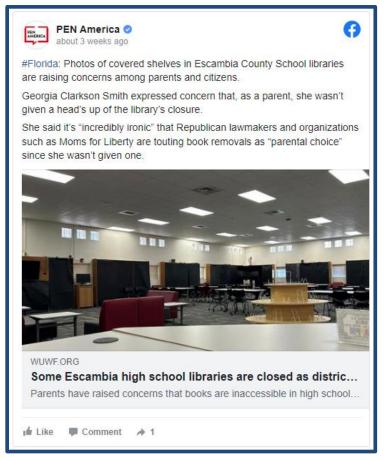
Bomb threats are a tactic used by extremists and encouraged by <u>extremist social media</u>, including campaigns last year that targeted 24 children's hospitals and providers in 21 states.

Florida: Escambia County Public Schools Hides Unreviewed Books

To comply with Florida HB 1069, which grants anyone the ability to object to books, Escambia County Public Schools' media specialists recommended concealing unreviewed books, including plastering library shelves with black paper.

"Now it seems like the district is intentionally disguising what is actually going on," Georgia Clarkson Smith <u>said</u>. "They're just straight up masking what's actually happening — It's deeply unsettling."

Clarkson Smith says lawmakers and groups like "Moms for Liberty" falsely push book bans as "parental choice" without considering her choices as a parent to have books accessible.



Florida: Two People Responsible for 600 Book Complaints

The <u>Tampa Bay Times</u> reported approximately 600 of the 1,100 book complaints that cropped up in Florida since last July have originated from two individuals: Vicki Baggett, an Escambia County high school teacher, and Bruce Friedman, who founded No Left Turn in Education's Florida chapter. No Left Turn's <u>extremism</u> includes spreading disinformation and racist rhetoric to protest teaching about slavery and racism, before turning its sights on LGBTQ books.

"We have probably spent more resources on Bruce than anyone else in the history of the school district," Roger Dailey, Clay County's assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, told the Tampa Bay Times. Dailey said Friedman contacts the district nearly every day, including twice while Dailey was on the phone with the Times.

Friedman's objections have included a children's picture book featuring the cartoon character Arthur.





Baggett's objections include protesting the picture book *And Tango Makes Three*, which tells the real-life story of two male penguins raising a chick together. The Times' investigation noted exact quotes in Baggett's complaints also appeared in a Moms for Liberty member webpage targeting LGBTQ-inclusive books.

Escambia County's school board asked a federal judge to end a lawsuit filed in May by PEN America, Penguin Random House, LGBTQ authors and ally parents. The lawsuit noted the district's removal of titles-by-LGBTQ authors and people of color violates the First Amendment (freedom of speech) and the 14th Amendment (the Equal Protection clause). Placing-a temporary stay on the lawsuit, "the judge found 'numerous reasons' why the suit 'may not proceed past the pleading stage."

Colorado: One Parent Pushes Four LGBTQ Book Bans (titles returned to library shelves)

A parent and founder of a Christian men's group sought to ban four LGBTQ-inclusive books in Douglas County, Colorado, libraries: *This Book is Gay*, by Juno Dawson, *Jack of Hearts (and Other Parts)*, by L.C.



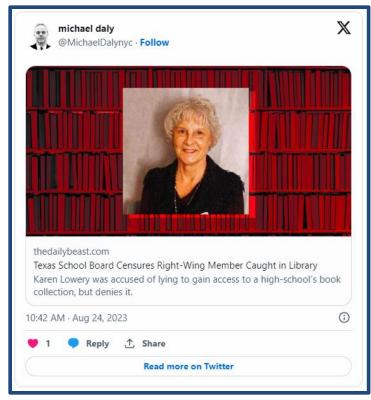
Rosen, All Boys Aren't Blue, by George M. Johnson, and The Hips on the Drag Queen Go Swish, Swish, Swish, by Lil Miss Hot Mess.

The board of Douglas County Libraries <u>unanimously</u> <u>voted</u> to keep the books on the shelves, though with the exception of one title, all <u>are located</u> in the library's adult section.

Speaking with Denver's ABC affiliate, library system executive director Bob Pasicznyuk refuted the book banner's challenge that the books promote a 'destructive homosexual lifestyle': [this] is not an item which I can opine on. It's outside the boundaries of what we, as a public library, would make a judgment about." In rejecting the appeal, Pasicznyuk noted that "the books meet guidelines, they are available at national bookstores and there are programs that allow for guided exposure to book collections."



Texas: Censorship in Secret





An <u>investigation</u> by KHOU in Houston found that Klein Independent School District, which serves more than 50,000 students in Harris County, misled voters about the number of books it pulled from school shelves. While the <u>district claims</u> to have "removed only one [book] in two school years," they may have used a process called "deaccessioning" to dispose of 3,000 books dating back to 2020.

Klein ISD also removed at least 67 titles from all its libraries after they were banned or challenged elsewhere, KHOU reported. The Texas American Civil Liberties Union sent a letter to the district last year, writing, "Klein ISD has disappeared books from its libraries—it has secretly removed dozens of books from its shelves," a "violation of the First Amendment, the Texas Constitution and Klein ISD's own policy."

In an equally sneaky move, two individuals were caught rifling through the library at Granbury High School, southwest of Dallas-Fort Worth. According to The Daily Beast, Karen Lowery, who serves on the board of the Granbury Independent School District, showed her school board identification to the school's front-desk clerk. Lowery and a companion, Carolyn Reeves, who was granted visitor access to the cafeteria to participate with Lowery in a charitable event for disadvantaged students, instead entered the darkened library and began snapping pictures of books.

Lowery and Reeves were spotted by an assistant principal, and falsely claimed to have received authorization from the school's principal and superintendent. Last week, the district's school board voted 5-2 to censure Lowery, but The Dallas Morning News reports it "effectively served as a public reprimand" and that "the board has no power to ask or compel Lowery to resign."



Iowa: Mason City Community School District uses ChatGPT to Aid in Book Removal



lowa's ongoing struggles to comply with <u>Senate File</u>
<u>496</u> (lowa's version of Don't Say LGBTQ) has led the Mason City Community School District to use ChatGPT to determine <u>which books are</u> <u>"age appropriate."</u>

The <u>review process</u> includes providing the AI chatbot with "lists of commonly challenged books," which are then integrated into "a master list of books that should be reviewed." So far, this has resulted in the examination of 42 titles, 19 of which have been banned. Included among the titles was the 1990 nonfiction sports novel, Friday Night Lights which, as author Buzz Bissinger noted, does not contain an "explicit description of a sexual act." Following review by the district's Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Bridgette Exman, the book was returned to school shelves last week.

PopSci ran their own test on ChatGPT, providing it with the prompt, "Do any of the following books or book series contain explicit or sexual scenes?" The publication's results contradicted those provided by the district, with

only four titles being flagged as containing "explicit or sexual content."

ChatGPT itself cast doubt on its ability to appropriately review books.

You can help alert your local school boards to these trends, and download templates to help your community fight back against book bans, via GLAAD's Community Response toolkit.





<u>lowa City Public Library closes early Tuesday due to bomb threat</u>

August 29, 2023 Tommy Lang, KCJJ

The Iowa City Public Library was forced to close early on Tuesday due to a reported bomb threat.

Library representatives told KCJJ the bomb threat was received around 3:30 p.m. lowa City Police were immediately notified and responded by sending bomb-detection dogs from the University of Iowa's K9 unit to sweep the building. The situation is currently under investigation, and library officials are working closely with the authorities to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

The downtown library is scheduled to reopen Wednesday with regular hours from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Any updates or changes to that schedule will be communicated through the library's social media channels:

Facebook: facebook.com/lowaCityPublicLibrary

Twitter: twitter.com/ICPL

Instagram: instagram.com/iowacitypubliclibrary





lowa City Public Library closes following bomb threat

It will be open for regular hours tomorrow.

By KCRG Staff Published: Aug. 29, 2023 at 6:14 PM CDT

IOWA CITY, Iowa (KCRG) - In a message on their Facebook page, Iowa City Public Safety announced that the Public Library had closed following a bomb threat.

Officials say they received the threat around 3:30 p.m. The police were immediately notified and responded by sending bomb-detection dogs from the University of Iowa's K9 unit to sweep the building.

"We understand that this situation may cause concern and inconvenience to our patrons. Please know that we are doing everything we can to address the situation as quickly and safely as possible."

They are expected to reopen on Wednesday during regular business hours (10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.).

The situation is under investigation.

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<u>lowa City library closes early Tuesday due to bomb threat</u>

Michael Howell | Tuesday, August 29th 2023, 5:58 PM CDT | KGAN



IOWA CITY, Iowa — The Iowa City Public Library closed early Tuesday due to a bomb threat.

The threat was received around 3:30 p.m. and lead to the library being closed for the remainder of the day. It is usually open until 9 p.m. on weekdays.

lowa City police had bomb-sniffing dogs from the University of Iowa's K9 unit sweep the building. A press release from the City of Iowa City did not specify if anything was found.

The library said the situation is under investigation.

"We take any threat to our patrons and staff very seriously. We are working closely with the police to ensure the safety of our facility, and we will keep the community updated as more information becomes available. We would like to thank the lowa City Police Department for their swift and comprehensive response," Library director Elsworth Carman said in a release.

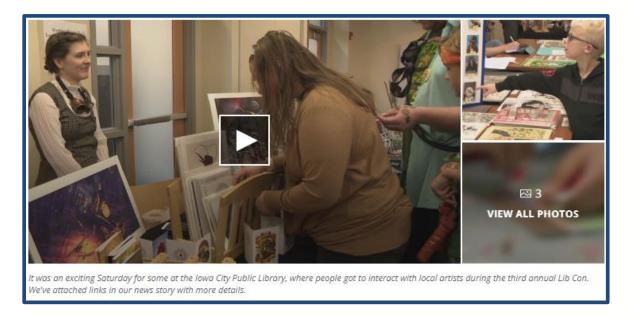
The library plans to reopen Wednesday for regular hours 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.





<u>lowa City residents meet local artists, comic</u> <u>makers during third annual Lib Con</u>

By Barry Green | Saturday, September 9th 2023, 3:08 PM CDT | KGAN



Iowa City — It was an exciting Saturday for some at the Iowa City Public Library, where people got to interact with local artists during the <u>third annual Lib Con</u>.

The event featured a wide range of family-friendly activities for people of all ages, including:

- Superhero Storytime
- Movie Screening
- A Miniature Painting Workshop
- Tabletop Gaming
- Artist Alley & Fandom Room

A press release outlining Lib Con Friday included statements about the Iowa City Public Library and their mission:

"The lowa City Public Library is a center of community life that connects people of all ages with information; engages them with the world of ideas and with each other; and enriches the community by supporting learning, promoting literacy, and encouraging creativity."

Iowa's News Now spoke with Jason Paulios, Adult Services Coordinator for the Iowa City Public Library, to talk about Saturday's Lib Con event.

"It's a big football weekend so, anybody that can make it out is great on that kind of a day," said Paulios.
"We've got a lot of families here today, hanging out before the game and, it's been a good turnout so far."
The lowa City is working to launch a winter reading program that will help connect more people in the lowa City area.





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IOWA CITY, Iowa (KWWL) -- The Iowa City Public Library closed for the rest of Tuesday after receiving a bomb threat around 3:30 p.m.

Police responded and sent in bomb-detecting dogs to sweep the building, and the situation is still under investigation.



Library Director Director Elsworth
Carman issued a statement saying, ""We
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very seriously. We are working closely
with the police to ensure the safety of
our facility, and we will keep the
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The library will reopen with regular hours on Wednesday.



Back to school, library style

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Back to school, library style

onsidering the wealth of materials, programming, events and support at the lowa City Public Library alone, library cards are one of the most cost-effective back-to-school supplies for families.

Every September for the last 36 years, the American Library Association, with libraries nationwide, has celebrated National Library Card Sign-Up Month. In an effort to support your backto-school reading, here is a short list of brand new and new-classic picture books for the occasion.

Mr. S by Monica Arnaldo is a hilarious picture book all about students mistaking their teacher's lunch for their teacher. Intrepid readers will love following the parallel plots inside and outside the

And Then Comes School by Tom Brenner celebrates the back-to-school season with a sensory exploration of summer's end. Ripening pumpkins and berry jam-making are accompanied by picking out a first day outfit and school supplies shopping. The "when this...then that" structure is soothing for those with first-day jitters, and might get your family in the mood for autumn activities!

All Are Welcome and its easy-reader equivalent Welcome Back! are essential school readiness reads by Alexandra Penfold. This lovely book walks readers through a typical school day with rhyming verses that end with the repeated phrase "all are welcome here." Be sure to check out the endsheets to see families on their way to and from school.

A young person wants to bring their favorite stuffed friend to school in Bear With Me by Sebastien and Marie Kerascoët, the husband and wife team behind / Walk With Vanessa. This book is almost wordless, utilizing its titular phrase throughout to emphasize the emotions of the moment. Littles with their own stuffed besties will de-

Finally, Back to School, Backpack! by Simon Rich and Tom Toro is a fabulous tale of back-to-school anxiety from the perspective of a backpack. Toro's illustrations show the wide range of emotions Backpack and its owner share as they head through the first day of school. This is a great choice

to get children laughing about their fears and feeling good about making new friends. LV -Casey Maynard

CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING ICPL EVENTS

University of Iowa International Writers Program Panels Fridays from 12-1 p.m. (Sept. 1- Oct. 27)

Lib Con 3 Saturday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Meeting Rooms A-D, Digital Media Lab

Abraham Verghese Author Visit Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m., Meeting Room A

Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation Book Sale Friday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., ICPL lobby

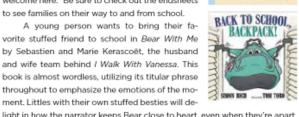
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Iowa City Public Library reopens after bomb threat Tuesday afternoon, continued threats Wednesday morning

Posted on August 30, 2023 by Paul Brennan



The Iowa City Public Library was evacuated on Tuesday afternoon, after it received a bomb threat at approximately 3:30 p.m. The library remained closed on Tuesday, even after bomb-detection dogs from the University of Iowa Police Department swept the building. ICPL reopened on its regular schedule Wednesday morning.

According to a written statement issued by the library on Tuesday evening, "The situation is currently under investigation, and we are working closely with the authorities to ensure the safety of everyone involved."

No information regarding the nature of the threat was provided in the statement. Lee Hermiston, the city's public safety information officer, told *Little Village* the bomb threat was made online, but did not disclose



more details about the threat other than to say it was determined to be not credible and remains under investigation.

"Since Wednesday morning, the Iowa City Public Library received multiple additional threats online," Hermiston said in an email. "After closely evaluating the circumstances and nature of this incident, library staff — in consultation with the Iowa City Police Department — decided to avoid further disruption to library services and open as regularly scheduled."

The ICPL bomb threat is one of many that libraries across the country have experienced lately. Kelly Jensen at Book Riot has been tracking the ongoing campaign of threats and intimidation.

Last week, Jensen noted, there were "six different libraries in the Chicago suburbs which received bomb threats, followed by two more bomb threats at an Oklahoma school district and a Davis, California, public library. Several of those libraries received not just one bomb threat, but several over the course of the week."

Like ICPL, the Vernon Area Public Library in the Chicago suburb of Lincolnshire received a bomb threat on Tuesday.

The public library in the northern California city of Davis has received three bomb threats in less than one week. "The threats included anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric and began when the library determined that because a Moms for Liberty chapter would not comply with the library's code of conduct, they would not be allowed to use the library's facilities for a speaker program," Jensen reported.

Many of the threats follow online targeting of the libraries on social media by rightwing groups. Anti-LGBTQ hostility is a common factor as well.

"These threats are, no doubt, connected to the right-wing rhetoric around libraries and librarians," Jensen wrote. "The rise of stochastic terrorism is what emerges when a political movement chooses to label a group 'groomers' or 'indoctrinators,' and through these bomb threats, they create terror for library workers and users alike."

In the statement from ICPL on Tuesday, Library Director Elsworth Carman said, "We take any threat to our patrons and staff very seriously. We are working closely with the police to ensure the safety of our facility, and we will keep the community updated as more information becomes available."

This story originally appeared in LV Daily, Little Village's Monday-Friday email newsletter. Sign up to have it delivered for free to your inbox.



Iowa City Press-Citizen

Bomb threat shuts down lowa City Public Library on Tuesday afternoon

Ryan Hansen, Iowa City Press-Citizen Published 6:35 pm CT August 29, 2023



A bomb threat shut the Iowa City Public Library down early on Tuesday.

The threat was received around 3:30 p.m. and drew a large lowa City and University of lowa police presence to the area. The building was evacuated and the university's bomb-sniffing K-9 units canvassed the scene, sweeping through the building and ultimately determining that there was no true immediate threat inside or outside of the library.

"The safety of our patrons and staff is our highest priority, and as a precaution, the Downtown Library will remain closed for the rest of the day," a release from the library said.

Library director Elsworth Carman apologized for any inconvenience the threat may have caused.

"We take any threat to our patrons and staff very seriously. We are working closely with the police to ensure the safety of our facility, and we will keep the community updated as more information becomes available," Carman said in the release. "We would like to thank the lowa City Police Department for their swift and comprehensive response."

Library staff are working closely with police as they investigate the threat, he said.

The library's website said late Tuesday that they anticipate to reopen for regular hours on Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Iowa City Press-Citizen

Welcoming Week is back Sept 8 with a week of interactive events

Jessica Rish, Iowa City Press Citizen
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The annual Welcoming Week celebration returns this week, trotting out community-building events from Sept 8-17 throughout Johnson County.

This year's theme is #BelongingBeginsWithUS, meaning that everyone has the power to help others, regardless of their background, to feel like they are seen, embraced, welcomed, and included in the community.

Welcoming Week celebrates community efforts to improve cultural diversity. Launched in 2012 by Welcoming America, Welcoming Week allows individuals and organizations to showcase values through events and initiatives that foster connections and collaboration between immigrants and non-immigrants.

Better Together 2030, Iowa City Area Business Partnership, Iowa City Area Development Group (ICAD), Think Iowa City, and the Iowa City Downtown District spearheaded conversations within the Johnson County community in April by listening to local refugees and immigrants about what they wanted from Welcoming Week.



Cady Gerlach is the executive director of Better Together 2030, a community-wide strategic plan that emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, proving regional cooperation is possible and necessary for success.

"We put together a slate of events with those community partners that showcases Johnson County, and how when we all come together and provide an inclusive and welcoming environment, we have a real opportunity for collective prosperity," Gerlach said.

To register for Welcoming Week's array of events and interactions, visit the local Johnson County website.

"It is such a broad and diverse range of opportunities for people to engage in our community," Gerlach said.

Welcoming Week Kick-Off

When: 1-7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 8

Where: IC Compassion, 1035 Wade St., Iowa City

Educational Presentation: Being a Culture-Friendly and Welcoming Community

From 1-4 p.m., this session discusses adjustment issues that immigrants and refugees face, and the importance of being a welcoming community. Hosted by speaker Sunday Goshit, Ph.D.

Meal and Stories of Welcoming the Strangers will be held from 5:30–7:30 p.m. A free meal will be provided ahead of keynote speaker Michael Lynch. Space for this special event is limited. Register by emailing info@iccompassion.org.

World Culture Festival

When: 12-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9

Where: Pedestrian Mall, 210 S Dubuque St., Iowa City

The World Culture Festival is organized by many cultural groups in the Johnson County area, highlighting local food vendors and community groups. An interactive Zumba class will be held at 4 p.m. followed by a salsa dance demonstration from 6-10 p.m.

Intercultural Community Service of Celebration and Worship

When: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9

Where: 1035 Wade St., Iowa City

Intercultural Community Service of Celebration and Worship is an outdoor celebration service held by several area congregations, including IC Compassion, Iowa City Church of the Nazarene, United Church of Christ, Chinese Christian Fellowship, International Pentecostal African Church and First African Communities Network, Sudanese Community. Breakfast refreshments will be served prior to service.

Welcome Festival



When: 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 10

Where: Mercer Park at 1317 Dover St., Iowa City

The Welcome Festival, hosted by IC Compassion and Church for the Nazarene, offers a free community meal and cultural food samples. The festival will also feature displays from community vendors, as well as live music and interactive activities for kids, including balloon artist, Lucas the Balloon Guy.

Community Safety and Resource Fair

When: 4-7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 11

Where: Coralville Public Library, 1401 5th St., Coralville

A time to connect with multiple community agencies for safety information and community resources available in Johnson County.

"Stranger at the Gate" film screening

When: 12-1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13

Where: Virtual Event, register here.

Global Ties U.S. will host a special virtual screening of the Oscar-nominated documentary Stranger At The Gate. Stranger at the Gate is a 2022 American short documentary film directed by Joshua Seftel. The documentary is about an Afghan refugee named Bibi Bahrami and the members of her Indiana mosque, who come face-to-face with Richard "Mac" McKinney, a U.S. Marine who has secret plans to bomb their community center. Following the screening, Global Ties U.S. President & CEO Katherine Brown will speak with Joshua Seftel and Bibi Bahrami, the director and lead subject of the documentary, respectively, about the documentary's core themes and how it's been received across the country, then opening up the conversation for the audience to ask questions.

Women's Entrepreneurship Lunch

When: 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., Sept. 15

Where: MERGE Iowa City, 136 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City, register here

ICAD and the University of Iowa's John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center (Iowa JPEC) are teaming up to network with other women entrepreneurs in the area and make lasting business connections with a curated a panel of female, immigrant entrepreneurs who will share their unique entrepreneurial journeys. Panelists include; Ying Sa, Founder + CEO, Community CPA, Shrravonii Paul, Founder + CEO, Neuworldz.com, Deb Dunkhase, Founder, Open Heartland.

What Does it Mean to be a Good Citizen? A University-Community Collaboration in Rural Iowa

When: 6-7:30 p.m., Sept. 15, register here



Where: Iowa City Public Library, 123 S Linn St., Iowa City

UI College of Education Associate Professor Carolyn Colvin, Ph.D., will speak about the success of a program to bring citizenship and more to immigrants in West Liberty. The program was launched as a university-community collaboration in 1993 with an adult literacy program that offers a grant to support civic participation.

Neighbors and Flavors

When: 12-2 p.m., Sept. 17

Where: Ranshaw House, 515 Community Dr., North Liberty

Hosted at the historical Ranshaw House, a free Mediterranean meal will be offered while live music will be performed by Turkish American folk-pop band Turkana.

Jessica Rish is an entertainment, dining and business reporter for the lowa City Press-Citizen. She can be reached at JRish@presscitizen.com.





JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lone Tree Library gets \$3,000 in assistance from Johnson County

By Paul D. Bowker | Iowa City



The Lone Tree Community School Library is receiving up to \$3,000 from Johnson County for operational support during Fiscal Year 2024, which began July 1. The Johnson County Board of Supervisors approved a service agreement with the Lone Tree School Library during its formal session held Sept. 7.

In addition to serving Lone Tree students, the library is open to the public four days a week (3:30 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday), and two Saturdays per month. Staff shortages sometimes affect those hours.

The service agreement helps provide for members of the public to access and check out library materials, use computers and copying machines, and access services of the lowa City Public Library.

The Lone Tree Library is seeking four members of the public to serve on a community advisory board. The deadline to apply to the Lone Tree City Council is Sept. 27.

For more information, go to: lone-tree.k12.ia.us/library-main-page.



Youth Shelter

Supervisors are ready to award more than a million dollars for the construction of a new youth crisis shelter, but legal issues are causing a delay by at least one week.

Ryan Maas, a county attorney, said more details on a transaction need to be resolved because a direct monetary gift to a nonprofit organization could be a violation of the state's constitution.

The youth shelter initiative is being organized by Sarah Nelson, Chief Executive Officer of CommUnity Crisis Services, and Talia Meidlinger, Executive Director of United Action for Youth. The shelter would be an updated replacement of the Four Oaks Youth Shelter, which closed July 1.

Nelson and Meidlinger are asking for \$1,050,000.

Supervisors are in favor of helping out amid hopes that the Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region will also contribute financially.

"They were clearly not interested in funding it now because it's the start of the fiscal year," Supervisor Rod Sullivan said.

Supervisor V Fixmer-Oraiz wanted Johnson County to help since the state is not stepping in.

"I think this is another opportunity for Johnson County to stand up again and say, 'We will take care of our youth," Fixmer-Oraiz said. "The state clearly is invested in harming our youth."

The new facility, located on Highway 6 in Iowa City, is big enough to offer shelter for 12 youth, along with programming space, a pond, and open space for walking and other activities.

Board Action

The Board approved a resolution expanding the Community Food and Farm Grant Program using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The Board has set its September monthly meeting on subdivision applications and public hearings for 5:30 p.m. Sept. 14.



Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2023 2nd Floor - Boardroom Regular Meeting - 5:00 PM

DRAFT

Tom Rocklin - PresidentLucy Santos GreenRobin PaetzoldDJ Johnk - Vice PresidentJoseph MassaJohn RaeburnHannah Shultz-SecretaryClaire MatthewsDan Stevenson

Members Present: DJ Johnk, Joseph Massa, Claire Matthews, Robin Paetzold, John Raeburn, Tom Rocklin, Lucy Santos Green, Hannah Shultz, Dan Stevenson.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Elsworth Carman, Anne Mangano, Jen Miller, Jason Paulios, Angie Pilkington, Katie Roche.

Guests Present: John Kenyon.

Call Meeting to Order. Rocklin called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. A quorum was present.

Approval of August 24, 2023 Board Meeting Agenda. Raeburn made a motion to approve the August 24, 2023 Board Meeting Agenda. Johnk seconded. Motion passed 9/0.

Public Discussion. John Kenyon, Executive Director of Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature, addressed the Library Board. Kenyon discussed recent legislation that put school librarians in a predicament. The City of Literature wrote a letter in response to the legislation.

Helmick entered at 5:01 pm.

Kenyon presented the letter to the Board and stated that the City of Literature was hoping to get other organizations to endorse the letter with the intent to present a united front against the legislation. Kenyon would like to get the letter out sometime next week for the start of school.

Rocklin said this item was not on the agenda and so the Board could not take formal action on it. Rocklin said he would bring this up in his President's report to discuss further possibilities.

Rocklin introduced new trustee, Lucy Santos Green. Santos Green introduced herself as the Director of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa. The Trustees introduced themselves to Santos Green. Library coordinators introduced themselves to Santos Green.

Items to be Discussed.

Review 4th Quarter Financials and Statistics. Raeburn asked if the library has a sinking fund for repairs and



scheduled replacements. Carman said yes, there are replacement funds. Carman offered one-on-one appointments with trustees for a deeper dive into the budget. Massa asked when the July 2023 receipts and expenditures would be available. Carman said the disbursements are included in the back of each board packet, and there are also quarterly budget updates with year to year comparisons every three months.

Policy Review: 816 Library Access for Sex Offenders Convicted of Sex Offenses Against Minors. Raeburn asked about the legal document in the board packet with lowa code that said Library Directors could overturn permission. Raeburn noted that it has been removed in the library's policy and wondered why. Carman agreed that was accurate, ICPL's policy is more conservative than the code. Carman said his understanding is that the policy helps define whether someone falls into the category of a sex offender convicted of a sex offense against a minor. According to policy Carman would deny that request while the individual could appeal that decision with the Library Board.

Raeburn recommended a novel by Russell Banks, "The Lost Memory of Skin", about a group of sexual offenders in Miami living under a bridge. The central character is a young man in his twenties who was convicted of sex crimes because he had a girlfriend who was 17 years old. Raeburn said if that person came to the library to appeal, good sense would probably say yes, they could come to the library. Raeburn said people in these circumstances have a life trajectory they will never be free of, they will never atone for it. Raeburn felt the Board should remove the policy language and make it possible for someone with good reason to be able to use the library. Carman said that was a valuable comment and shared people who fit that definition are able to have library cards and use all of the other library services except using the building. Paetzold said in the past there has always been the issue of using the meeting rooms vs going past the library gates, or accessing a public meeting vs going into the stacks. Paetzold said someone once appealed who wanted to attend political meetings as a voter. Paetzold said library materials are accessible but the ability to congregate is harder.

Johnk asked if current policy prohibits the use of the Bookmobile. Carman said the Bookmobile is included in this policy. Stevenson asked if a case had ever been brought to Board. Paetzold said yes. Stevenson said making that decision would require major judgement and felt it should be undertaken by the group of Trustees. Paetzold said when an appeal was made to the Board previously, the meeting was attended by the City Attorney, the patron's attorney, and a representative of the prison system. Paetzold said the ability to appeal is possible but it is also complex. Carman said patrons have made inquiries to him but no one has followed up with an appeal to the board. Carman said in all but one instance the ability to get a proxy card satisfied the need of the patron. In that instance the person wanted to access the library's used book store and Carman's decision was not to grant permission because there are other used bookstores in the community.

Rocklin discussed the policy with Carman prior to the meeting and considered input from the City Attorney's office. Rocklin had concern there wasn't a definition for criteria in an appeal process, it would be free floating. Rocklin shared he has become more comfortable with that and acknowledged it would be a difficult decision to make. Paetzold said decisions aren't always black and white but could be a yes under certain situations. Rocklin shared he had experience hearing student appeals as part of the discipline process at the University of lowa, his anchor in those moments was to apply policy. Rocklin noted the library policy is ambiguous but noted these events are rare.

Matthews asked about accessing meeting rooms remotely. Carman said livestreaming library events began during the COVID closure. Matthews asked if staff livestreamed non-library programs. Carman said staff do not but thought that was an interesting idea. Paetzold asked if staff livestreamed League of Women voters events. Paulios said yes, cosponsored events are livestreamed. Matthews noted 2024 is an election year and the need to access to the meeting rooms may become higher. Rocklin suggested individual meetings could become virtual.



Raeburn said no other category of citizen is excluded from the library. Carman agreed but noted patrons who have been suspended by the library also may not enter. Raeburn said felons of other kinds can walk out of jail and come to the library. Carman said that is correct. Raeburn said there are people in this category that probably shouldn't be in the library but felt patrons who try to appeal may sincerely want to use facilities and may have paid their debt to society but will be punished for the rest of their lives.

Paetzold said historically the library has asked other city facilities for their sex offender policies to be considered too and they also had limitations. Raeburn was concerned the library had gone further than the lowa code goes, and asked why. Shultz said to protect the Library Director. Shultz said a Board meeting can be called in 24 hours and a decision to appeal could be made quickly. Rocklin agreed there shouldn't be lifetime punishments for most crimes but struggled to determine what guidelines to give to the Library Director. Santos Green said the more you spell out criteria the more meat you give someone to argue criteria. Santos Green can understand the importance of ambiguity in policy as it creates space for a more thorough consideration. Santos Green instead proposed creating a process. Rocklin said the policy without any details is the process. Rocklin was reassured by the prior appeal Paetzold mentioned as that person brought representation and got their due process at that meeting. Matthews said you have to stick with the code whether you like it or not, there is only so much you can do. Carman discussed the unattended children policy which states that children under six need an adult with them, children over six can use facilities on their own. Carman emphasized that adult caregivers need to care for children. Carman said patrons don't have to show an ID for very much to be in the building, the policy only works if staff recognize an individual or the individual communicates their status to staff. Carman felt it was hard to decide where to put the line in a way that allows access, protects vulnerable populations, and protects the library mission in a fair way.

Massa made a motion to approve Policy 816. Stevenson seconded. Motion passed 8/1.

FY23 Board Annual Report. Rocklin said this item was prepared by staff and is returning from last month. The document goes to the City of Iowa City. Shultz asked why the report was brought back from last month. Carman said several Trustees were out at the July meeting. Johnk made a motion to approve the FY23 Board Annual Report. Shultz seconded. Motion passed 9/0.

Staff Reports. Director's Report. Carman will be away September 13 - October 4, 2023.

Departmental Reports: Children's Services. Pilkington shared two new staff started this week in the Children's Department, one of which is the new Spanish Bilingual Library Assistant III. This is the first position at the City of Iowa City that requires language fluency other than English. Carman said Pilkington did a lot of legwork advocating for language testing. Pilkington said other City staff are interested and hope to see more positions like this in the city.

Collection Services. No comment.

IT. No comment.

Development Report. Roche said it will be a merchandise-heavy couple of months. There is a T-shirt store open with Old Capital Printing through September 8. When that store closes, a Raygun store will support the Friends Foundation. Roche doesn't expect sales to be earth-shattering but it is great promotion for the Library. Stevenson asked Roche to send the links to the Trustees.

Rocklin asked Roche about the budget passthrough reference and asked where that was going from and to. Roche said this is a placeholder number that could be any number, it is representative of funds that are for distinct projects for the library. Roche gave the example of a grant specifically for books. Rocklin asked if the Foundation was spending reserve funds. Roche said the organization has been digging into reserve funds for a number of years and Roche wanted to make sure that practice was clear in her reporting. Roche wanted to



present a budget that was realistic. Roche is hopeful that efforts will go well and the Foundation won't need to use reserve funds next year. Rocklin noted there wasn't a reserve sheet and asked how big is the reserve fund. Roche said that information will be reported next month. Roche said the Foundation is investing in new things that haven't been done here before. The Foundation Board discussed reducing spending to increase profit but felt to advance the organization it needed to take on more spending. Rocklin was in support of spending money to make money. Roche said ICPLFF radio ads will be on Iowa Public Radio soon. Johnk would love to see T-shirt sales get reported next month if possible.

Miscellaneous: News Articles. None.

President's Report. Rocklin said the City of Literature letter couldn't be endorsed at the August 24th meeting but could at the next meeting. Rocklin said if Trustees felt strongly a special meeting could be scheduled but it would need to be shared 24 hours in advance. Carman said a quorum would need to be present. Santos Green suggested having a special meeting. There was discussion about when to schedule a special meeting. Trustees selected Monday, August 28th at 5:00 pm for a special meeting.

Rocklin suggested Trustees should review policies in advance to provide input to staff. Rocklin encouraged Trustees to reread current policies to be aware of them and be a good library advocate.

Announcements from Members. Shultz noticed the new clocks in the library and was excited to see them. Carman said they have received positive feedback from the community. The clocks were quoted at \$30,000 but the final invoice came in lower than expected. Rocklin noted there were multiple positive comments from patrons. Paetzold shared many bus riders depend on the clocks.

Santos Green said the School of Library and Information Science and Iowa City Public Library are collaborating to have Dr. Andre Brock speak on Black Online Culture, Blackfishing, and Digital Black Face. The event is on September 20th from 6-8 pm at ICPL.

Stevenson will be presenting with a friend on September 15 on the West Liberty citizenship program at 6 pm. It is part of the Welcoming America event.

Committee Reports.

Foundation Members. The FY24 Memorandum of Understanding between the Friends Foundation Board of Directors and the Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees.

Roche said the MOU is done and the ICPLFF Board approved it. No changes from year to year. Matthews made a motion to approve the FY24 MOU. Johnk seconded. Motion passed 9/0.

Communications. None.

Consent Agenda. Matthews approved the Consent agenda. Johnk seconded. Motion passed 9/0.

Set Agenda Order for September Meeting. Rocklin said there will be department reports, a budget discussion, and two policy reviews. Rocklin said the October meeting will review free materials distributions if Trustees want to look ahead.

Adjournment. Rocklin adjourned meeting at 5:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Miller



Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2023 2nd Floor - Boardroom Special Meeting - 5:00 PM

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Tom Rocklin - PresidentLucy Santos GreenRobin PaetzoldDJ Johnk - Vice PresidentJoseph MassaJohn RaeburnHannah Shultz-SecretaryClaire MatthewsDan Stevenson

Members Present: DJ Johnk, Joseph Massa, John Raeburn, Tom Rocklin, Lucy Santos Green, Hannah Shultz, Dan Stevenson.

Members Absent: Claire Matthews, Robin Paetzold.

Staff Present: Elsworth Carman, Jen Miller, Brent Palmer.

Guests Present: None.

Call Meeting to Order. Rocklin called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. A quorum was present.

Santos Green entered at 5:02 pm.

Raeburn clarified the letter couldn't be edited. Rocklin agreed, Trustees should either endorse the letter or not endorse.

Approval of August 28, 2023 Board Meeting Agenda. Raeburn made a motion to approve the August 28, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda. Shultz seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

Public Discussion. None.

Items to be Discussed.

Review and Endorse Letter from Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature Letter. Rocklin said Trustees couldn't expect to make suggestions and see them implemented. Rocklin said it could be endorsed with suggestions to pass along to the City of Literature. Santos Green approved endorsing the letter with suggestions. Santos Green was in strong support of presenting a unified front but felt the language was vague and had concerns it opens us up to a quid point of return speech. Santos Green felt it was very simple for someone to come back and say we're not banning books. The term banning books is ambiguous. Santos Green said it is simple to say we're not banning books because you can buy it on Amazon or on your own. Santos Green suggested using clear terminology with the example of book challenges, an attempt to remove or restrict materials based upon the objection of one person or one group. Santos Green said book censorship practices is the preferred clarification because you can then describe terms in four distinct categories: redaction, relocation, restriction,



and removal. Santos Green referred to the proposed letter and said by saying we are not for book banning we are still open to redaction, relocation, and restriction. Santos Green said generally most people associate book banning with removal. Santos Green said it was important to request the City of Literature clarify their language and be more specific about defining what it is exactly they are endorsing and what we're asking the public to understand in the library's role.

Raeburn asked Santos Green if it would help if the letter used the legislation language, as it is the enabling act. Santos Green said it would be helpful if they clarified, defined, and explained that the legislation language is vague. Santos Green said consistent messaging is what our coalition is struggling to get across; just because someone grows up in a library does not mean they understand the language and terminology. Santos Green would like to see the term book banning replaced in the letter with book censorship practices to strengthen through clarification.

Shultz asked if other organizations have endorsed the letter. Carman said John Kenyon is in the process of inviting support from other organizations. Shultz proposed taking a vote and suggesting a footnote be added with clarifying language. Santos Green said people don't read footnotes and felt it was worth doing it right, a rushed job is not the best job. Carman said he is happy to bring any feedback to John Kenyon. Rocklin said these are very helpful distinctions. Massa agreed the letter was vague. Massa said the letter is not preemptive as the legislation has passed and questioned the purpose of writing it now. Santos Green said it is to clarify the ambiguity and purposeful vagueness of the legislation, it is copycat legislation that has been passed by other states. Santos Green said when language is purposefully vague people fill it in with their own definition and nine times out of ten it is a more severe interpretation. Santos Green felt we could align ourselves with the law and also respond with what we know is best practice. Stevenson agreed and said the law passed but there were no guidelines or rules set forward by the Department of Education. Stevenson said that is not the purpose of the letter but felt it wouldn't hurt to have another voice speaking up in the absence of guidance. Massa noted paragraph three, "The legislation also bans written materials and instruction on gender identity and sexual orientation" and clarified that was for grades K-5. Santos Green said it was extended. Johnk said the rainbow at Twain Elementary school was painted over. Santos Green has asked for clarification on what the legislation looks like in terms of collection development and curriculum. Santos Green said the way it is worded right now you can't say "man and wife" at an elementary school because those are gendered roles. Johnk said the Iowa City School District is interpreting this as against anything that validates LGBTQIA. Rocklin said Trustees should give feedback to the City of Literature that Senate File 496 needs to be addressed accurately in the letter. Massa quoted the letter, "Senate File 496 prohibits books with written and visual depictions of sex acts from school libraries." Massa said when reading that sentence he felt parents might wonder what is your point? Santos Green disagreed. Stevenson appreciated this part of the letter as it gave an affirmative reason for the inclusion of age appropriate sexual education in literature. Santos Green said collection development is a targeted aspect of librarian training, people don't go into the profession choosing materials at random. Santos Green said the assumption this legislation is making is erasing expertise, erasing what has been there for many years, and erasing that people come to library with different experiences and needs. Santos Green said that parents have always had the right to say they aren't comfortable with their child checking something out, making sure those choices are honored and kept by families and not communities. The Librarians expertise is to purchase materials for all families. Massa said he was trying to get to a yes. Santos Green felt his feedback about the age range was valuable. Carman said if you read the legislation in isolation it sounds reasonable, using terms like sex acts is intentionally provocative. Carman said there are many people who haven't heard of this legislation and this letter might be the first exposure to it. Carman said we need to respond in a way that is easy to understand, intentional, and clear. Carman said he is on the UNESCO Board but was not on the subcommittee that wrote the letter. The committee was hoping for guidance from the State but felt back to school time was a good release time as parents will be experiencing the impacts of this now for



the first time. Carman said clarity on what the senate file really says is paramount to the credibility of the letter. Rocklin said there is nothing wrong with a non-unanimous vote on the Board, the Bylaws state Trustees operate on a majority vote. Stevenson said ICPL is not on the letterhead, the Library Board would just be endorsing it, there is value in saying Trustees support this concept. Rocklin suggested endorsing the letter and conveying to the City of Literature that they be more specific about redaction language and the scope of Senate File 496. Raeburn made a motion to approve endorsing the letter from lowa City UNESCO City of Literature. Johnk seconded. Motion passed 6/1.

Adjournment. Rocklin adjourned the meeting at 5:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Miller



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			ACCOUNT TOTAL	438.93		
10550320 444080 010555 TRACSYSTEMS INC	4566	0	Software R&M Services 2024 2 INV P	84.30 082523	289494	LBE/Software Fax Se
			ACCOUNT TOTAL	84.30		
10550320 452010 010216 RICOH USA INC	5067816609	0	Office Supplies 2024 2 INV P	56.80 081823	42361	LBE/Printing
			ACCOUNT TOTAL	56.80		
		0	rg 10550320 TOTAL	580.03		
10550420 10550420 445140 047 010169 GAZETTE COMMUNICATIO	-	Desig O	nated Gifts Outside Printing 2024 2 INV P	150.00 081823	289020	DG/The Gazette Digi
			ACCOUNT TOTAL	150.00		
10550420 469320 010536 INGRAM LIBRARY SERVI	76967372	0	Miscellaneous Supplies 2024 2 INV P	172.69 081123	288325	LIBRARY MATERIALS
			ACCOUNT TOTAL	172.69		
10550420 469320 047 010475 GREENSTATE CREDIT U 010475 GREENSTATE CREDIT U		0	Miscellaneous Supplies 2024 2 INV P 2024 2 INV P	174.80 081823 95.98 081823 270.78	289033 289030	A Pilkington Master J Paulios MasterCar
			ACCOUNT TOTAL	270.78		
		0	rg 10550420 total	593.47		
10550520 10550520 477020 010509 BAKER & TAYLOR INC C	•	Adult O	Materials - Gift Books (Cat/Cir) 2024 2 INV P	46.74 081123	288276	LIBRARY MATERIALS
			ACCOUNT TOTAL	46.74		
10550520 477250 010546 MIDWEST TAPE	504150040	0	Streaming Media/PPU 2024 2 INV P	7,182.98 081123	288360	LIBRARY MATERIALS
			ACCOUNT TOTAL 7	7,182.98		
		0	RG 10550520 TOTAL 7	7,229.72		



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FUND 100	1 Library Gifts		TOTAL:	8,403.22		



YEAR/PERIOD: 2024/2 ACCOUNT/VENDOR	TO 2024/2 INVOICE	PO	YEAR/PR TYP S	WARRANT	CHECK	DESCRIPTION
10550800 10550800 444080 016427 MICROSOFT CORPO		y Replace	ement Reserve Software R&M Services 2024 2 INV P	2,415.24 082523	42783	B LRR/Microsoft Azure
			ACCOUNT TOTAL	2,415.24		
		ORG	G 10550800 TOTAL	2,415.24		
FUND 100	06 Library Replacement Re	serves	TOTAL:	2,415.24		