

Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

February 22, 2024 1st Floor – Meeting Room D Regular Meeting - 5:00 PM

Tom Rocklin - President Joseph Massa John Raeburn

DJ Johnk – Vice President Claire Matthews Dan Stevenson

Hannah Shultz-Secretary Robin Paetzold

1. Call Meeting to Order.

2. Approval of February 22, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda.

3. Public Discussion.

4. Items to be Discussed.

A. Director Evaluation.

Comment: This is a regularly scheduled agenda item. The Board will conduct the Director's evaluation in a closed session and report when the open meeting resumes. Board action required.

B. Policy Review: 601 Collection Development.

Comment: This agenda item was previously scheduled for 11/20/2025. Board action required.

C. Policy Review: 812 Hours of Service.

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

D. Set Calendar for Next Fiscal Year.

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

E. Review Draft of Advocacy Committee Letter.

Comment: Board action required.

5. Staff Reports.

- A. Director's Report.
- B. Departmental Reports: Children's Services, Collection, IT.
- C. Development Report.
- D. Miscellaneous: News Articles.

6. President's Report.

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- A. Appoint Nominating Committee.
- 7. Announcements from Members.
- 8. Committee Reports.
- 9. Communications.
- 10. Consent Agenda.
 - A. Approve Minutes of Library Board of Trustees January 25, 2024 Regular Meeting.
 - B. Approve Disbursements for January, 2024.
- 11. Set Agenda Order for March Meeting.
- 12. Adjournment.



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

February 22, 2024	March 28, 2024	April 25, 2024	
Director Evaluation	Policy Review: 700 Community Relations (CAS)	President Appoints to Foundation Board	
Appoint Nominating Committee Policy Review: 601 Collection Development (COL)	Policy Review: 702 Library Programs (AS,CH,IT) Dept Reports: AS, CAS	Policy Review: 805 Displays (AS, COL) Policy Review: 706 Outreach Policy (CAS) Election of Officers	
Policy Review: 812 Hours of Service (Admin)			
Set Calendar for Next Fiscal Year Dept Reports: CH, CLS, IT		Review 3rd Quarter Financials & Statistics	
		Dept Reports: CH, CLS, IT	
May 23, 2024	June 27, 2024	July 25, 2024	
Policy Review: 803 Event Board (CAS) Dept Reports: AS, CAS	Policy Review: 809 Library Use (AS) Adopt NOBU Budget Dept Reports: CH, CLS, IT Special Events: Summer Reading Program 6/1	Strategic Planning Update Library Board of Trustees Annual Report MOA-ICPLFF/ICPL Departmental Reports: AS, CAS	
August 22, 2024	September 26, 2024	October 24, 2024	
4 th Quarter Annual Financials & Statistics Policy Review: 817 Alcohol in the Library (Admin) Dept Reports: CH, CLS, IT	Budget Discussion Legislative Agenda Policy Review:102 Policy Making and Policy Review (Admin) Dept Reports: AS, CAS	Budget Discussion Review 1st Quarter Financials & Statistics Policy Review: 502 General Library Personnel Policies (Admin/Col) Policy Review: 501 Authority for Administration of Personnel Policies for Library Employees (Admin) Dept Reports: CH, CLS, IT	



Notice of ICPL Board of Trustees Executive Session

February 22, 2024

Consider request by Elsworth Carman for closed session for the purpose of personnel evaluation.



601: Collection Development Policy

Proposal: The Collection Development Policy serves as an overall guide to our staff on what we select, what we keep, and what we discard based on the library's mission, values, strategic goals, and community needs. It provides general guidance on the values and principles of collection development, establishing the criteria on how we manage the collection. It is a valuable tool in explaining collection decisions to members of our community.

We are asking for a change to the language related to gifts. We would like to specify that we are interested in materials by local authors or content that is significant to the community, such as local history, when it comes to donations of physical materials. Otherwise, we will not consider physical donations specifically for the collection. We would like the language to include the word "generally" because there may be times when it is beneficial for us to seek out donated materials through a community group.

The changed language was reviewed by our selection staff of six librarians, our purchaser, and the Collection Services Coordinator in consultation with the Development Office.

Issues: All gifts to the Library are managed through the Friends Foundation. This includes monetary gifts to honor an individual and donations of books or DVDs. Some donors specifically request that their donation is added to our collection. While the Foundation manages the intake and acknowledgement of these gifts, Collection Services staff determine if we should accept these items based on our collection criteria.

We identified a need to amend the Collection Development Policy while reviewing our gift procedures. Our current procedure is paper-based and requires people in multiple departments to complete tasks related to accepting a gift. We are working to automate and simplify the process, but our discussions naturally turned to policy.

We receive one to two items weekly that donors specifically request to add to the collection. Most titles do not meet our collection criteria. They may be older titles that have limited appeal, well-loved and well-worn items that will not stand up to public use, or titles we already own with no need for duplication. We also receive many niche materials that are either self-published, more academic, have no cataloging records available, or are not reviewed by a reputable resource. Every time we receive these donations, we explain our decision to decline the gift. It takes a great deal of staff time and energy for a process that yields little results for the collection. Many of the items we accept are from local authors or about local topics. We would like to focus on those local items and be upfront about the others through the policy.

Patrons are passionate about ICPL, and we are thankful that we have a community invested in our collection. We want to be clear about our expectations for donating specifically to the collection to respect both the time of staff and the donor. These changes only alter what is considered for the collection, not general donations of materials that benefit our outreach services or the Friends Foundation.



Committee Recommendations:

601.51	Add local author and local content stipulations to the policy language related to gifts.
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Action Required: Review policy and adopt as amended.

Committee Members: Adult Services: Victoria Fernandez, Candice Smith, and Brian Visser; Children's Services: Casey Maynard and Anne Wilmoth; Collection Services: Melody Dworak, Anne Mangano, Romona Murrell



601 Collection Development Policy

See related policies: Finance Policy (401), Circulation and Library Card Policy (801), Confidentiality and Privacy (802), and Internet Use (815)

601.1 Introduction

601.11 The lowa City Public Library is committed to providing the best collection to support the community's information and leisure needs. The purpose of this policy is to guide librarians selecting materials and to inform the public about the principles guiding collection development decisions.

601.12 Collection development is the ongoing process of assessing materials available for purchase or licensing, and making decisions on their inclusion and on their retention. It also includes creation of and access to original content.

601.13 Under the direction of the Collection Services Coordinator, responsibility for collection development lies with librarians who apply professional knowledge, experience, and this policy in making decisions as well as the catalogers who determine where an item is placed within the collection. Selectors maintain a collection plan for developing and maintaining the Library's collection. Ultimate responsibility for collection development lies with the Director.

601.2 Guidelines

601.21 Materials selected for the collection will support the Library's mission and meet the current and long-term needs of lowa City residents. Our collection serves all ages and abilities seeking information, education, culture, and recreation. The Library strives to offer the widest possible range of subjects and views in a variety of formats, treatments, and levels of difficulty. Other considerations include cost, space limitations, availability from approved vendors, current holdings, and demand.

- 601.22 Generally, collections are broad, current and popular, not archival or comprehensive.
- 601.23 Collection development will support priorities of the Library's strategic plan.
- 601.24 The Library subscribes to the principles embodied in the Library Bill of Rights and its interpretations, Freedom to Read, and Freedom to View statements adopted by the American Library Association.
- 601.25 Including materials in the collection does not constitute endorsement of their contents. The Library recognizes that any given item may offend some patrons, but, because the Library follows accepted principles of intellectual freedom, it will not remove specific titles solely because individuals or groups may find them objectionable.



601.26 Digital materials may be provided through a content aggregator. The inclusion or exclusion of specific titles in these collections are made by the vendor and may not conform with the Library's collection development guidelines.

601.27 The Library regularly evaluates what formats are offered in the collection. It considers patron use and demand, market availability, staff availability, and financial sustainability when adding or removing formats from the collection.

601.28 The Library welcomes suggestions and comments from the public. User suggestions for purchase will be evaluated in accordance with this policy and the collection development plans.

601.29 The Library takes the privacy policies of vendors into consideration when purchasing and licensing digital content.

601.3 Access to Materials

601.31 Library materials are categorized and labeled for the convenience of browsing and the ease of locating items. Collection Services staff consider information from publishers, reviews, library material vendors, and current holdings as they select, categorize, and label materials.

601.32 Materials are not isolated from the public except for the purpose of protecting them from damage or theft. Some in-house collections are purchased for the purpose of staff professional development or programming support.

601.33 Access to Library materials will not be-restricted based on age except in the case of select circulating equipment, which may require parent/guardian permission for checkout to patrons under the age of 18 due to high replacement costs. Access to specific collections may be restricted for the Student AIM cards based on the Memorandum of Agreement with the participating school districts and public libraries.

601.34 Specialized resources available in other local libraries will not be needlessly duplicated. The library adds curricular materials only when these also serve the general public, or meet specific needs for contracted services.

601.35 The Library participates in programs designed to provide patrons access to materials not owned, such as interlibrary loan, reciprocal borrowing agreements, and access to Internet resources.

601.36 Small outreach collections may be placed in agencies and institutions serving populations with limited Library access.

601.37 Materials selected for the collection may be physically owned by the Iowa City Public Library or may be accessed through the Library's or a vendor's web site. If mutually beneficial, the Library may partner with other libraries to offer joint access to digital collections.



601.38 Remote electronic access to digital resources may be limited by licensing constraints.

601.4 Collection Maintenance

601.41 To ensure that the Library's collection is up-to-date and relevant to the community's needs, materials previously added to the collection are reevaluated on a regular basis.

601.42 Materials will be withdrawn if they are out-of-date, worn, damaged, duplicated, or no longer being used. Space, the cost of replacement, and the appearance of the collection are also factors. Locally significant materials may be retained.

601.43 Withdrawn materials may be placed in outreach collections, sold to book vendors, offered to other libraries, offered to the Friends Foundation for public sale, recycled, or discarded. Proceeds will support the Library's mission.

601.5 Gifts

601.51 The Friends Foundation manages all gifts for the collection, both monetary and in kind, for the lowa City Public Library. The Library does not generally accept in-kind gifts for the collection, but will consider adding materials by local authors or of local significance. Gifts are accepted for the collection with the understanding that the same guidelines of selection and retention are applied to gifts as to any materials acquired by purchase.

601.52 Although gifts are not accepted with stipulations, Library staff will consider the interests of the donors in determining how to use monetary gifts.

Originally adopted: 05/24/76

Revised: 03/27/80	Revised: 04/27/95	Revised: 03/24/11	Revised: 11/17/22
Revised: 04/25/85	Revised: 12/17/98	Revised: 01/23/14	Revised: 02/22/24
Revised: 02/25/88	Revised: 03/28/02	Revised: 11/17/16	
Revised: 10/26/89	Revised: 02/11/05	Revised: 11/21/19	
Revised: 11/21/91	Revised: 02/28/08	Revised: 04/28/22	



812 Hours of Service

Proposal:

A regular policy review to determine recommendations for the Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees.

Recommendations:

Policy 812 Hours of Service is the backbone of the library's schedule. It guides the Director when choosing to close the building, it sets the hours of operation, it is carefully reviewed when making the annual holiday calendar, and has a history of the library's hours.

This policy works hand in hand with the <u>AFSCME</u> contract, especially when making the holiday calendar. The AFSCME contract determines which holidays shall be paid for permanent employees and specifies workers' rights on holidays. The Hours of Service policy complements that agreement with pre-determined hours set by the Library Board of Trustees. This part of the policy is working well and no changes are proposed at this time.

The Hours of Service policy also includes a useful and lengthy history of the library's hours. The library's closures during the COVID-19 pandemic are not currently documented here. This was a period of complex and unique service in the library's history that impacted building hours for over a year. Archiving this piece of our library's history in policy will ensure accurate and accessible documentation in years to come.

812.6	Add language to the history of hours of service section that outlines the COVID-19 closure.
	O. Closed to the public March 15, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. P. Curbside services began June 1, 2020. Q. Lobby Grab & Go began October 6, 2020. R. Library reopens to the public for express visits on March 24, 2021. S. July 1, 2021 the library reopens to the public with unlimited browsing hours for the first time since March 15, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action Steps: The Leadership Team reviewed policy 812 Hours of Service and recommend adopting as proposed.

Prepared by: Jen Royer, Administrative Coordinator



812 Hours of Service

812.1

A critical component of library service is the hours that the building is open to the public. Generally, library hours and the annual calendar will be set to maximize access to the public at the times most convenient to them and within the resources available. When the Library is open all basic services will be available.

812.2

Library hours are reviewed annually and a calendar approved. Exceptions to hours changes, other than those noted, must be approved on a case-by-case basis. The Director may close the Library for weather or facility related emergencies. The Director may open the lobby and/or meeting rooms to accommodate large community events.

812.3

Regular library hours are:

Monday through Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

812.4

Current Approved Exceptions to Stated Hours

812.41 Close at 5:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve, and New Year's Eve.

812.42 Close at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve

812.43 Closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

812.44 Close at 6:00 p.m. on Martin Luther King Day, Juneteenth, and Veteran's Day, and any other day the Library is open on a designated City holiday.

812.45 Close an extra day near Christmas if it makes calendar sense to declare a fixed day for the "floating" day allowed in the AFSCME contract (see Article IX, Section 2).

812.46 Close one day per calendar year for in-service training at staff request.

812.47 Extend hours on a case-by-case basis to participate in major downtown community events.

812.5

Bookmobile

812.51 The bookmobile will operate on a schedule set by the Library Director and posted at least tri-annually.

812.52 The bookmobile will not operate on any Library designated holiday, Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, or any day the downtown building is closed.

812.53 The bookmobile will not operate on days when inclement weather would result in



hazardous driving or service conditions, including any day the lowa City Community School District cancels classes due to weather.

812.54 The Library Director may cancel bookmobile service for emergencies.

812.6

History of Hours of Service

A. Closed 9:00 -10:00 a.m. since 1960s.

B. Closed Friday evenings about 1970-72.

C. Sunday hours started 1970-72 (dropped FY79, FY81, FY82) (1:00 p.m. -_5:00 p.m. through FY80, 12:00 p.m. -_4:00 p.m. through FY97), 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. until September 2006, then 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., changed to 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., May 2007).

D. Closed Thursday mornings - December 1981 - June 1982.

E. Closed on minor holidays - 1970-72, FY87, FY92 (Veteran's Day, day after Thanksgiving, President's Day).

F. Closed Thursday evening, all day Friday, March 7, 1987 - June 1, 1988.

G. Reopened Thursday evening, all day Friday, June 2, 1988.

H. Closed Wednesday and Friday mornings, Thursday evenings, July 1, 1991.

I. Reopened Wednesday and Friday mornings and Thursday evenings; reopened on four minor holidays (Veteran's Day, day after Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day). Begin Sunday service on day after Labor Day instead of First Sunday in October, July 1, 1992.

J. Funded in FY97 for Sundays before Memorial and Labor Day, Easter Sunday, and two Sundays in June. Six additional Sundays added in FY98 provides Sunday service through July, reopening after Labor Day.

K. Open Sundays all year starting in FY99.

L. Added 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Friday evenings beginning May 19, 2006 and 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 10, 2006.

M. Changed Sunday hours from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 2007.

N. Bookmobile added June, 2017.

O. Closed to the public March 15, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

P. Curbside services began June 1, 2020.

Q.Lobby Grab & Go began October 6, 2020.

R. Library reopens to the public for express visits on March 24, 2021.

S. July 1, 2021 the library reopens to the public with unlimited browsing hours for the first time since March 15, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

TO. Adopted Juneteenth (June 19th) as a holiday, setting hours 10:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. President's Day no longer observed, February, 2021.

 Adopted:
 05/26/1988
 Revised:
 07/25/1991
 Adopted:
 01/28/1993
 Revised:
 02/27/1997

 Revised:
 02/25/1999
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 02/28/2002
 Revised:
 03/24/2005
 Revised:
 02/23/2006

 Revised:
 02/22/2007
 Revised:
 02/24/2011
 Reviewed:
 02/27/2014
 Revised:
 02/23/2017

Revised: 03/22/2018 Revised: 02/25/2021 Revised: 02/22/2024



FY25 Holiday Calendar

History: Each February the Library Board of Trustees votes to set the holiday building calendar for the next fiscal year. The calendar must be set in accordance with the AFSCME contract and Policy 812: Hours of Service. Precedent of previous calendars is also taken into consideration.

Policy 812.4 states the library is closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. It also notes reduced hours for Thanksgiving Eve, New Year's Eve, Christmas Eve, Martin Luther King Day, Juneteenth, Veteran's Day, and designated holidays.

The <u>AFSCME</u> contract determines that when a city holiday occurs on a Sunday, the following Monday will be observed. When a city holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday will be observed. It also notes that permanent staff will be granted a designated holiday on the day before or after Christmas or the day before or after New Year's Day as an additional holiday.

Recommendations of Note:

City Holiday	The City of Iowa City recognizes November 29 th as a City Holiday in FY25. Policy 812.44 determines the Library closes at 6 pm on designated City holidays.
Inservice Day	Historically Inservice Day has been held on the second Friday in December. It is a full day of continuing education training for staff.
Designated Holiday	Policy 812.45 and the AFSCME contract state a designated holiday shall be chosen near Christmas or New Year's Day. The proposed December 24 th designation is in accordance with the City of Iowa City's choice of floating holiday.

Action Steps: The Leadership Team reviewed the FY25 Building Calendar and recommend adopting as proposed.

Prepared by: Jen Royer, Administrative Coordinator





FY25 Downtown Building Calendar

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

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Day	Date	Description	Hours	Staffing
Thursday	July 4	Independence Day	Closed	Remote Drop Only
Monday	September 2	Labor Day	Closed	Remote Drop Only
Monday	November 11	Veterans Day	Open 10-6	Holiday Staffing
Wednesday	November 27	Thanksgiving Eve	Open 10-5	Regular Staffing
Thursday	November 28	Thanksgiving	Closed	Remote Drop Only
Friday	November 29	City Holiday	Open 10-6	Holiday Staffing
Friday	December 13	Inservice Day	Closed	All Staff Attend
Tuesday	December 24	Designated Holiday	Open 10-4	Holiday Staffing
Wednesday	December 25	Christmas Day	Closed	Remote Drop Only
Tuesday	December 31	New Year's Eve	Open 10-5	Regular Staffing
2025				
Wednesday	January 1	New Year's Day	Closed	Remote Drop Only
Monday	January 20	MLK Day	Open 10-6	Holiday Staffing
Monday	May 26	Memorial Day	Closed	Remote Drop Only
Thursday	June 19	Juneteenth	Open 10-6	Holiday Staffing

The Bookmobile calendar is posted at least three times a year and roughly coincides with the school year: summer, fall semester, and spring semester.





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Libraries have been public institutions since 1863, when the first free public library was constructed in Keokuk. Iowans have supported free public libraries as community centers, controlled and directed by public appointees. Several lawmakers in the Iowa Senate and the Iowa House of Representatives want to strip the authority of public citizens to manage their community libraries.

Under current state law, local citizens have the power to vote on library referendums, and to oversee library operations via a volunteer Board of Trustees. Voluntary Trustees then set library bylaws, hire library directors, and oversee funds collected for public library use. Trustees are members of the public, approved by city councils, and are accountable to their friends and neighbors in their local communities

As proposed this legislative session, HSB678 removes the requirement of voter approval for a city to alter the structure and authority of a public library board, gives city councils the ability to "oversee and change" the hiring of a director and to utilize library financial resources without a referendum. Similarly in the senate, SSB3168 would give city councils the authority to "oversee and change the practice related to hiring a library director and utilize moneys collected pursuant to section 8A.222 by ordinance and without a referendum."

City councils and public libraries already work very closely together to manage stringent budgets and to appoint trustee representatives. Changing library funding, or the makeup or authority of a library board sets a dangerous precedent for politicizing free public libraries. This change could ultimately make libraries political battlegrounds rather than community centers open and free for all. Citizens in Pella and other communities have already voted against this very change.

Lawmakers propose that city councils have total control of all public resources. City councils are already overburdened by the tasks and problems facing their communities. Keep public libraries free and public, keep them from being "one more thing" on the plates of city council members across the state. Tell legislation that these laws have no place in lowar communities.



Director's Report

Prepared for the February 22, 2024 Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees Elsworth Carman, Library Director

Library-Related Legislative Update

We continue to closely watch the current proposed library-related legislation, especially House Study Bill 678 (https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=90&ba=HSB678), Senate Study Bill 3168 (https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=90&ba=SF%202176&ga=90). This update is accurate as of 2/15/2024, but details may change as the session progresses.

SHB678, which removes the requirement of voter approval for a city to alter the structure and authority of a library board, has been "paused" by the House Local Government Committee. We anticipate additional meetings about this bill next week. Chairwoman Representative Latham and Representative Nordman made the following comment about the bill.

House Study Bill 678 was introduced to address concerns that several cities have shared about the management of personnel and operations within our taxpayer-funded city libraries. This bill has prompted conversations between cities and library boards from across the state. We appreciate that the lowa Library Association (ILA) has agreed to work with library boards and cities when appropriate to address these concerns.

The House Local Government Committee has the votes to proceed with HSB 678 this week, however, we believe there is some work yet to be done on the language of this bill along with ILA to ensure there are no unintended consequences. In the interest of working in good faith with all stakeholders, we will pause on moving this bill forward at this time and commit to meeting with members of the ILA leadership team next week to continue this important conversation.

SSB 3168 would give city councils the authority to "oversee and change the practice related to hiring a library director and utilize moneys collected pursuant to section 8A.222 by ordinance and without a referendum." SSB 3168 was recommended for amendment and passage, but may not be moved forward in the first funnel due to scheduling limitations.

SF 2176 is a repackaged "obscenity bill" that would allow for civil penalties against an adult that avails a minor to any performance that meets a specific definition of obscenity and removes exemption for public libraries and educational institutions. SF 2176 is still active and could make the first funnel if a subcommittee is assigned and a meeting is scheduled in time.

Sam Helmick, Anne Mangano, Robin Paetzold, and I have attended a number of meetings in Des Moines about this legislation. I will provide a verbal update about changes to these bills and their progress at the board meeting.



CIP: Board Room Progress

Work on the Board Room and Meeting Room E CIP has begun. The board room millwork is currently being sanded and refinished, and some technology hardware has been removed. A new commercial display and chairs have been ordered. We expect the board room to be unavailable for two weeks while the renovation is happening. It's exciting to see the planning transition to action. Big thanks to the facilities and information technology staff for their work on coordinating vendors and to Jen Royer for managing the furniture ordering.



ICPL Board Vacancy

With the resignation of Lucy Santos Green, there is a board vacancy for a partial term, which runs through June 30, 2029. Details of this vacancy will be included in the February 20 City Council packet. The application period will be open through 5.00pm Tuesday, March 26. To maintain gender balance (as prescribed in Section 69.16A of the lowa Code), female-identified applicants will be prioritized when filling this position. Please share this vacancy with your networks.



Children's Services Department Report

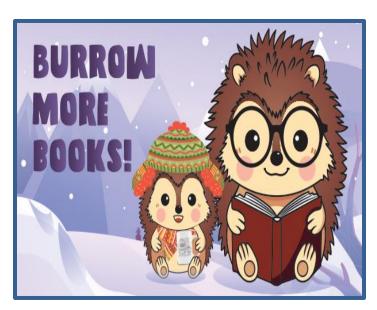
Prepared for the February 22, 2024 Meeting of the Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees Angie Pilkington, Children's Services Coordinator

Winter Reading

The program officially ends Saturday, February 16 and my report is due before then. I will update at the Board Meting with the final totals. I have included this year's totals so far and a list of the previous four years totals. Overall, this was another good year of participation from the community. A special thank you to all the staff for explaining the program, getting the sign ups and finding the perfect book for patrons to "burrow". Also a big thank you to our sponsors, the ICPL Friends Foundation and SpareMe Bowling.

Our current totals are:

537 kids have signed up and 357 have finished. 390 Teens & Adults signed up and 227 have finished.



Looking back a past years totals:

2019/20 we had only a kid's winter reading program with 379 sign up and 242 finishers 2020/21 (COVID year) all ages -babies-adults we had 296 sign up and 231 finished 2021/22 Kids: 402 sign ups/276 finished

Teen& Adults: 192 signed up /101 finished

2022/23 619 kids and 412 finished.

368 Teens & Adults signed up and 239 finished.

Programming

The last couple of weeks have brought many collaborative programs at the library and out in the community. Here is a snapshot of a few of our favorite and best attended programs of January and February (so far). Actual snaps are on the next page.

- Intergenerational "Share The Love" Family night: was a great success! We had a great turn out so that every resident at Melrose Meadows Senior Living community received a personalized Valentine that was delivered by the Bookmobile! (1)
- Lunar New Year: Close to 165 helped to celebrate the Lunar New Year of the Dragon by watching a delightful dragon and lion dance show presented by the Iowa Chapter of Asian and Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association. Afterwards, kids crafted paper Chinese firecrackers, pandas, and paper bag dragon puppets!! (2 & 3)
- Saturday Special Storytimes: Over 130 participants joined UI SAFE Doctorate students of Pediatrics Audiology for a storytime all about sounds and healthy hearing. Little ones also got a chance to have a healthy hearing check done for free after the event. (4)
- **Giant Snowflakes:** The tweens had "snow" much fun creating beautiful giant 3D snowflakes that didn't have to be shoveled! (5)



• Charles Parker Botanical Bookmarks: Tweens learned about Charles S. Parker, a groundbreaking Black botanist, mycologist, and World War I combat veteran. After listening to a new picture book biography about his life, including information about how he collected and preserved botanical specimens in the field, tweens made crafts using pressed flowers in the spirit of Parker's scientific processes. (6)















Collection Services Department Report

Prepared for the February 22, 2024 Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees Anne Mangano, Collection Services Coordinator

Obscenity Exemptions for Public Libraries

In <u>lowa Code Chapter 728</u>, state laws on obscenity are addressed. It provides penalties for disseminating or exhibiting obscene materials to minors, puts limitations on the types of pornography that can be sold or rented, and defines indecent exposure.¹ It also explains the term "obscene materials," using language from the current legal definition from the United States Supreme Court (Miller v. California). To be considered obscene, a work must meet all of the following criteria:

- whether the "average person, applying contemporary community standards" would find the work, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest
- whether the work depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by applicable state law
- whether the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value²

Because obscenity is not legally protected by the First Amendment, context is important when determining if something is obscene. Emily J. M. Know argues in "Foundations of Intellectual Freedom" that having this "Miller" test for obscenity can be burdensome:

Although this is a legal test, it is highly subjective. Deciding if something has value or only appeals to prurient interest is often in the eye of the beholder. As with many legal standards, this determination can only be made by a court after an injured party brings a suit. Although the test refers to community standards and the value of a work, something is only legally obscene if a judge determines it so.³

To shield institutions that are vulnerable to questions about obscenity, most states include exemptions for academic institutions, museums, and libraries. Otherwise, these agencies could be viewed as legally liable and would be pulled into court book by book, painting by painting, anatomy lesson by anatomy lesson for a judge to determine if something is obscene or not. lowa's Code states under the section "Exemptions for Public Libraries and Educational Institutions (728.7):"

Nothing in this chapter prohibits the use of appropriate material for educational purposes in any accredited school, or any public library, or in any educational program in which the minor is participating. Nothing in this chapter prohibits the attendance of minors at an exhibition or display of art works or the use of any materials in any public library.⁴

This situation could change. Two bills introduced this session removed this obscenity exemption for public libraries. House File 2040 specifically addresses the exemption, striking 728.7 from the Code. In the Senate, SF2176, a bill that mostly addresses obscene performances and minors, redlines the exemption clause.

¹ Obscenity. Iowa Code. 728.

² Miller v. California 1972

³ Knox, Emily J. M. Foundations of Intellectual Freedom. Chicago: ALA Neal Shulman, 2023., p. 38.

⁴ Obscenity Exemptions. Iowa Code. 728.7.



While these bills will probably not move forward this session, they are part of a national trend in statehouses to remove the exemption.

We do not have pornography or obscene materials in the library's collection. Some titles have explicit sexual passages or explicit sexual scenes, such as romance books and European films. Some medical and health titles include biological and sex instruction information. And our collection contains erotica, which has literary and artistic value. There is also a national argument about whether certain books with LBGTQ themes or characters are obscene. While any of these titles will stand up in court, the potential suits are the issue. These proposed changes to obscenity laws could lead to a significant amount of staff time at the library and the City Attorney's Office, an increase in tort liability for the City, and fear in selecting and maintaining certain titles in the library.

Like the reasons for Board governance of libraries or the role of an independent State Library Commission, an explanation for obscenity exemptions for schools and libraries can seem elusive. It is a perfectly reasonable argument that obscene materials do not belong in these settings, but opinions on what is obscene varies from person to person. This report is only meant to share the reasoning behind these exemptions and what the ramifications are for removing them.

Digital Collections Bill (SF2230)

This session, Sen. Jeff Taylor introduced a bill concerning contracts for eBooks and digital audiobooks between publishers, vendors, and libraries. The bill addresses restrictive pricing and lending models imposed on libraries, but also:

- Protects interlibrary loan lending of digital materials
- Protects patron privacy when data is collected by third-party vendors
- Allows for nonpublic preservation copies of materials
- Allows for public disclosure of contract terms

As discussed in the <u>Winter Window</u>, we spend a significant amount of staff time and a large portion of our collections budget maintaining digital rights. And the situation is untenable. We are pleased to see that the legislature is taking this issue very seriously and assuring that public tax dollars are well spent through fair and reasonable lending pricing and rights. As of Wednesday, February 14th, 2024, the Senate's Technology committee recommended passage and we are waiting to see if the bill is taken up by the full Senate. If it goes through, the House will also need to pass the bill and the Governor will need to sign it to become law.



IT Department Report

Prepared for the February 22, 2024

Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees

Brent Palmer, IT Coordinator

ILS Committee

A strategic plan goal is to evaluate our current Integrated Library System (ILS) to determine if a replacement could benefit the Library.

In 1999, the Iowa City Public Library adopted Innovative Interfaces' Millennium as an ILS, the precursor to our current system, called Sierra. We have not completed a comprehensive review of ILS systems since the turn of the century. While Sierra is a complex and powerful system, there are a number of new products on the market (both commercial and open source) that provide new options, more user-friendly interfaces, and significant cost savings.

Changing an ILS is a long-term, consequential decision. All our colleagues use the ILS to do their work. It is an essential piece of technology. From paying invoices for books to checking in materials to renewing a library card to pulling monthly statistical reports, the ILS is involved in almost everything we do. Because of this, the process of evaluating and choosing can seem daunting.

The primary goals of the project include:

- Reduce cost
- Improve support
- Improve service/access for patrons
- Improve features/functionality
- Improve workflows for staff
- Improve security

We have settled on a loose timeline which calls for issuing an RFP at the beginning of FY26. This gives us a lot of time to research options, visit other libraries and develop the request.

Integrated library Systems

An integrated library system (ILS) is a complex program/database that brings multiple library functions together in a (hopefully) seamless manner. The individual functions, usually called 'modules', include such things as:

- the OPAC (or online public access catalog), which is the interface library users use to search the catalog;
- acquisitions module, for keeping track of book orders and expenditures;
- serials module, for keeping track of newspaper and magazine subscriptions and check-in;
- cataloging module, for entering MARC records into the catalog so that items can be found in the OPAC;
- circulation module, to keep track of what is checked out and when it is due back, and to keep up with patron information such as phone numbers, addresses and library cards.

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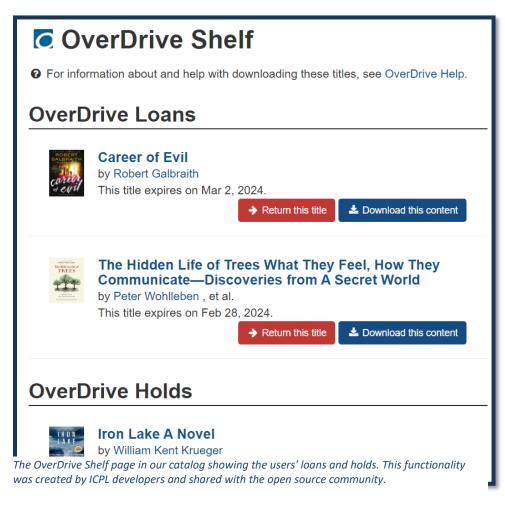
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Overdrive Integration in the Catalog

The Library's catalog is based on an open source catalog project called VuFind. VuFind accepts contributions from developers around the world. Because it was created at a university, it did not have an integration for OverDrive, one of our primary econtent providers which is a service that is more popular for public libraries.

ICPL's IT department decided to contribute functionality to integrate OverDrive into the VuFind project. The first iteration was finished in 2019 for VuFind version 6.0. Newer features to OverDrive like support for magazine issues and hold suspensions have not been implemented into the VuFind project. Although we've patched our local version to



support these features, we have not had time to contribute those fixes back to the project for others to use. We are now contributing these fixes which will hopefully be included in the upcoming 10.0 version.



Development Department Report

Prepared for February 22, 2024 Meeting of the Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees Katie Roche, Development Director



Mid-year Report

At the February 15, 2024, meeting, the ICPL Friends Foundation reflected on the successful first half of the fiscal year. Despite being down one full-time team member for a third of that time, the ICPLFF managed to stay on top of the monthly goals defined in the organizational strategic plan. With a stacked schedule ahead of us we are on track to have a year marked by strengthened marketing and communications, improved advocacy, implementation of new management systems, and increased fundraising.

Our Incredible Team

Huge accolades go to ICPL Development team members Amber Capps and Indya Finch who helped the ICPLFF navigate the Senior Library Assistant vacancy. The search committee, consisting of Library Director Elsworth Carman, City of Iowa City Economic Development Coordinator Rachel Kilburg, and ICPLFF Development Director Katie Roche, was pleased to welcome Kami Zbanek Hill into this role in late December. Now fully staffed, this team has been working hard to process donations, send acknowledgments, market our events, and support communications for the organization. The dedication of our volunteers in the Book End, at fundraising events, and through board and committee service, continues to drive and support the work of the ICPLFF. In the second week of February, volunteer Finance Committee member Hanna Zembrzuska resigned due to other commitments.

More News from the Development Office

- Advocacy: It is a challenging time for libraries in Iowa, with record numbers of bills being introduced intended to dismantle the governance, funding, services, and programs of libraries. The introduction of these bills has been rapid-fire, dishearteningly uninformed of how and why libraries operate, and often target LGBTQ+ content and individuals. Working to understand the implications of such legislation to communicate it to a concerned public has been time-consuming and draining for library workers and leadership. Even legislation that has yet to move out of committee demands our attention and advocacy. Directing members of the public to the advocacy section of our new ICPLFF website has been a useful tool. We encourage library users and advocates to make sure that they are following our ICPLFF Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- Marketing and Communications- MarCom efforts continue to raise the profile of the ICPLFF organization, promote our events, and invite support. Look for our print materials around the community, listen for our ads on Iowa Public Radio, and keep an eye out for ads on Facebook and calendar listings in Little Village Magazine, The Gazette, and Iowa City Press-Citizen. In addition, articles are posted to the icpl.org blog and the icpl.org calendar is constantly being updated with ICPLFF events, further integrating the organization into the public's understanding of the ICPL.
- **Social media** (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn) cultivation of followers with a regular posting cycle has allowed us to promote both ICPL and ICPLFF events, fundraise, and advocate for Library support.
- **Volunteers are needed** The ICPL Friends Foundation has an increased need for volunteers. When recommending volunteering to friends, please first have them reach out to kami-zbanek-hill@icpl.org who check to see if they have a current background check on file. Kami will encourage them to fill out the volunteer application and arrange a time for them to fill out a background check in person at the



ICPL Business Office. Background checks take up to three weeks to clear before an individual is eligible to volunteer and volunteers must commit to at least 10 hours of volunteer time in one year. An ongoing sign-up genius has been established and as new volunteer opportunities are defined, they will be listed there for those who qualify to volunteer.

- **Examining donated materials policy** Kami has been working to streamline the systems and process of accepting donated materials to the Library. Expected policy changes will further streamline this process.
- **Board application open** the application to serve on the board is open until March 15, 2024. Please share with your networks. We are always interested in broadening the perspectives brought to the expertise of this board by seeking to invite applicants from diverse backgrounds. We are currently also a board mostly composed of women and would like to expand gender diversity on our board. Finally, we would like to increase the number of board members interested in serving on our governance and finance committees. Individuals with those backgrounds could help guide our board in important work.
- Financial update at year mid-point
 - We are 91.7% on the way to our total income goal. With most of the major fundraising activities happening in Q3 & Q4, we are in a very good place
 - Q3 will involve some scheduled payouts to the ICPL, but we will still be in excellent financial standing
 - At the halfway point our spending is only 33.66% of the budgeted expenses. We did find some savings through a position vacancy, which is now filled, but it should be noted that most of the fundraising expenses for the year will be incurred in Q3 & Q4.

Upcoming fundraising events

<u>Looking Forward, The Annual Fundraiser for the Iowa City Public Library</u> **Dave Eggers In Conversation with Andre Perry for Looking Forward**March 7, 2024, from 7 to 9 pm at The Englert Theatre - <u>Ticketing Link</u>

A lecture with Ilyon Woo for Looking Forward

March 29, 2024, from 7 to 9 pm at The Englert Theatre - Ticketing Link

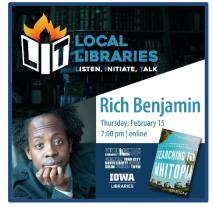
There are also **package tickets** available to both events

Local Libraries LIT visit icpl.org/local-libraries-lit for current events in this series

Thursday, February 15, 2024, 7-8:30 pm - Rich Benjamin

Thursday, March 21, 2024. 7-8:30 pm - Grace M. Cho

Thursday, April 18, 2024. 7-8:30 pm - Virginia Sole-Smith









Book Sales

Saturday, February 24- One Book Two Book Festival Children's Book Sale Pop-Up at The Chauncey **Wednesday, May 1-** Great Give Day with pop-up book sale in the Iowa City Public Library Lobby **Friday, June 14-** Meeting Room A <u>Book Sale</u> at the Iowa City Public Library

1st week of October - Pop-up book sale (ICPL lobby)

Saturday, December 7, 2024 - as part of Arts & Crafts Bazaar

Eat Out to Read / Community Give Back Day visit www.icpl.org/eotr for event series

Tuesday, February 27- Oasis

Thursday, March 21 - Micky's Irish Pub

Wednesday, April 10 - Wedge Pizzeria

Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26 - Towncrest Wellness Apothecary

Wednesday, June 12 - Hudson's





Great Give Day

Katie is again serving on the steering committee for Johnson County Great Give Day.

"Johnson County Great Give Day is an annual collective day of giving, where donors are encouraged to learn more about new-to-them nonprofit organizations, the work of the nonprofit sector in Johnson County, and make a gift (or a few!) to support philanthropy in Johnson County. On this single day – May 1, 2024 – ALL Johnson County nonprofit organizations share, with one voice, the incredible work they are doing, the ways in which they support our communities, and fundraise for their individual organizations. Johnson Great Give Day is powered by the Community Foundation of Johnson County, but is a celebration of the work of nonprofits and donors across the county."

Like last year a matching campaign will be launched in advance of May 1, to inspire support by doubling gifts on the day of giving. Last year we secured \$12,000 in matching gifts, raising a total of \$27,000. This year's goal is \$30k.

On February 28th, nonprofits are invited to learn more about how to participate.





Iowa Library Association

For Immediate Release: Monday, February 5, 2024

Contact: Sam Helmick: samhelmick.library@gmail.com, 319-850-2178

Iowa Library Association Statement on Senate Study Bill 3131

Proposed Legislation Threatens The Future Of Iowa Libraries

Des Moines – The Iowa Library Association released the following statement on Monday regarding Senate Study Bill 3131:

"ILA appreciates the time library board members and Senator Green gave today to discuss SSB 3131. It is a relief to learn that Senator Green plans to remove the title and levy portions of the bill, which would result in the closure of small and rural libraries across the state," Iowa Library Association Past President and Government Affairs Chair Sam Helmick said.

"However, the remaining piece of the bill forces a discussion on more than 500 public library communities that can already take place through local referendums. SSB 3131 would still silence voters' voices on library governance, removing local control and community input that is already in place," said Helmick.

"We look forward to continuing the conversation with legislators as we advocate for libraries together," Helmick said.

The Iowa Library Association (ILA) issued a statement on Thursday, February 1 in opposition to Senate Study Bill 3131:

If passed, SSB 3131 will significantly undermine the autonomy of over 500 public library boards across the state. The proposed legislation not only threatens the integrity of public library governance but also jeopardizes the vital funding that sustains our libraries and their invaluable services. Libraries are essential community resources that play a crucial role in fostering education, intellectual growth, and community engagement.

The strength of our libraries lies in the local governance provided by dedicated library boards, whose members understand the unique needs and aspirations of their communities. Stripping library boards of their powers, as proposed in SSB 3131, undermines the democratic principles that guide local decision-making and diminishes the ability of these boards to tailor services to the specific needs of their communities.

Learn more about how you can save lowa libraries at iowalibraryassociation.org/advocacy.

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Iowa Library Association

For Immediate Release: Monday, February 12, 2024

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Iowa Library Association Stands in Solidarity with City Leadership Seventy City Leaders Sign In Opposition of Library Board Adverse Bills

Des Moines – The Iowa Library Association released the following list of signatures collected by Iowa mayors, councilors, city directors and clerks in opposition of the three public library-board adverse bills filed in 2024 by the Iowa State Legislature.

"We keep libraries local when we honor partnerships already established between city councils and library boards in over 540 communities around the state. When I attend committee hearings and see lowans taking time off work to share their voice, I'm meeting folks who oppose bills that go too far. lowans across the state are commenting on legislative webpages, and are expressing their disinterest and displeasure with state interference," lowa Library Association Past President and Government Affairs Chair Sam Helmick said. "Let's trust lowans with their libraries."

"These bills attempt to remove the efficacy and impact of politically appointed library boards working in tandem with city leadership around the state. These bills shift policy making, legal liability, as well as fiscal and operational oversight onto city staff and councils without additional resources and support. Libraries will lose their transparent and robust oversight by their community members," said Helmick.

The lowa Library Association has gathered more than 70 signatures from city leadership in communities around the state of lowa who did not seek the operational oversight, policy maintenance, or legal liabilities currently under the responsibility of appointed public Library Boards of Trustees. These signers do not endorse the measures found in SSB 3168 or HSB 678, did not seek these measures, nor do they believe they will benefit their communities.

Jessica Toomsen, Deputy Clerk, Ackley Pam Henderson, City Council Member, Alta Kay Winkel, City Council, Ashton Michael Klein, City Council, Ashton Nancy Marnach, City Clerk, City of Ashton Richard Heim, Mayor, Auburn Elijah Stines, Mayor, Boone Lynda Murray, Mayor Pro Tem, Greater Burlington Kendra Hollenbach, Parks & Rec Director, Carter Lake Chris Latta, City Councilman, Ward 2, Cedar Falls Hannah Crisman, Clty Council At-Large, Cedar Falls Kelly Dunn, Cedar Falls Council at Large, Cedar Falls Linda L. Laylin, County Supervisor/Resident Black Hawk County, Cedar Falls Trevyn Cunningham, Public Works Director, Central City Jennifer Kielman, City Council Member/Mayor Pro Tem, Clarksville Jerald Heuer, Mayor, Clarksville Jessica Reints, City Council, Clarksville Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Clarksville



Ruth Saulsbury, City Council Member, Clarksville

Beth Ann Schumacher, City Council Member, Clear Lake

Bennett Smith, Councilman, Clear Lake

Jennifer Larsen, City Clerk, Clear Lake

Nelson Crabb, Mayor, Clear Lake

Scott L Flory, City Administrator, Clear Lake

Matt Walsh, Mayor, Council Bluffs

Steven F Gorman, City Councilman, Council Bluffs

Marion Meginnis, 3rd Ward, Alderman, Davenport

Kirsten Olson, Decorah City Council (Ward 3), Decorah

Lorraine Borowski, Mayor, Decorah

Ross Hadley City Council At-Large, Decorah

Steven Zittergruen, City Council, Decorah

Michael J Schares, Mayor, Dunkerton

Mary Sue Hibbs, City Clerk, Earlham

Carrie Teninty, City Clerk, Eldon

Jerry Potts, Mayor, Eldon

Daniel Whitaker, City Councilperson, Ely

Judy Wery, City Council Member, Ely

Heidi Landt, City Clerk, Farmersburg

Kim Scherf, Council women, Farmersburg

Steve Watson, Councilman, Farmersburg

Marcus Hawes, City Administrator/Clerk, Fayette

Megan Secor, City Councilwoman, Fort Dodge

Aime Wichtendahl, City Council, Hiawatha

Rob Archibald, City Council Member, City of Hiawatha

Steve Dodson, Mayor, Hiawatha

Brad Bleichner, Mayor of Independence, City of Independence

Bret Weber, 2nd Ward Councilperson, Independence

Tom Huston, 5th Ward Councilperson, Independence

Mega Day, City Councilor, Knoxville

Pamela Ahlstrom, City Clerk, Lakota

Jane Whittlesey, City Clerk, La Porte City

Mark Sturgeon, Councilman, Le Mars

Angela Winther, City Clerk, Administrator, Logan

Connie Behnken, Mayor, Manchester

Ryan Doyel, City Council, Manning

Sheryl Dammann, City Council Member, Manning

Earle Hall, City Council, Millersburg

Donna Plummer, City Council, Millersburg

Karla Uhl, City Clerk, City of Mapleton

Joshua Boldt, City Manager, Maguoketa

Paul Adams, At Large City Council Member/Mayor Pro Tem, Mason City

Will Symonds, City Council Member, Mason City

Jake Ellwood, City Council Member, Monticello

Matt Mullins, Mayor, Montrose

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Kathy O'Rourke, City Council Member, North English



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Iowa Library Association

HSB 678 Update Monday, February 15, 2024

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MESSAGE TO ILA & LIBRARY ADVOCATES

"House Study Bill 678 was introduced to address concerns that several cities have shared about the management of personnel and operations within our taxpayer-funded city libraries. This bill has prompted conversations between cities and library boards from across the state. We appreciate that The Iowa Library Association (ILA) has agreed to work with library boards and cities when appropriate to address these concerns.

The House Local Government Committee has the votes to proceed with HSB 678 this week, however, we believe there is some work yet to be done on the language of this bill along with ILA to ensure there are no unintended consequences. In the interest of working in good faith with all stakeholders, we will pause on moving this bill forward at this time and commit to meeting with members of the ILA leadership team next week to continue this important conversation."

-REP. NORDMAN & CHAIRWOMAN REP. LATHAM



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Proposed bill could make lowa library tax levies optional

Rachel Mantos, KAALTV | February 2, 2024 10:28 PM



ABC 6 News) – A new bill proposed in the lowa state senate could affect funding of local libraries.

State law currently mandates cities and counties give .675% of a cent per \$1,000 of city property taxes to the libraries.

A small, but critical change of wording would give local lowa governments the power to decide for themselves whether to direct a portion of property taxes in support of public libraries.

Senate Study Bill 3131 replaces the word "shall" with "may," making the tax levy optional, if passed.

"Most people and local governments are happy with their library and the services they provide; I don't see a massive change here," said Iowa State Senator Jesse Green (R), author SSB 3131 and Chair of the Local Government Committee.

However, librarians worry the proposed changes would drastically affect their operations.

"I can't imagine what kind of library service we could offer without the levy," said Mary Markwalter, Director of the Mason City Public Library.

In Mason City, 10% of the library's budget comes from the tax levy, which Markwalter says pays for quite a few library employees' salaries.



If the city doesn't maintain funding, it could cause MCPL to cut some essential services.

"This is gonna be very difficult. It will shrink, our hours will be reduced, our collections will be greatly reduced," said Markwalter.

Local governments say, with recent changes in property taxes, they need more flexibility over this money.

"Just empowering local governments to make these decisions for themselves," said Green.

These city governments hope the law change would open discussions about how their communities want their tax dollars spent.

The bill is up for subcommittee hearing Monday at 2 p.m. at the lowa state capitol.

All lowans are welcome to comment at the hearing in person or by zoom.



The Daily Iowan

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A City Within: An inside look at homelessness in lowa City

A Daily lowan photojournalist followed several local unhoused lowa City residents over five months. **Jordan Barry, Photojournalist | January 30, 2024**



Editor's note: Jordan Barry is a Daily lowan photojournalist from the lowa City area and a University of lowa student double majoring in anthropology and journalism and mass communications. Barry spent five months following a community of local individuals experiencing homelessness and documented their stories. The piece is written in a first-person perspective to provide a more intimate understanding of the individuals who were followed. For the safety of the individuals discussed, The Daily lowan has agreed to the sources' request to only be referred to by their first names.



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Just south of Highway 6 near South Gilbert Street in lowa City, along a wooded embankment abutting the lowa River, a makeshift community for local unhoused individuals burst into flames in early October, bringing with it the attention of city law enforcement and media.

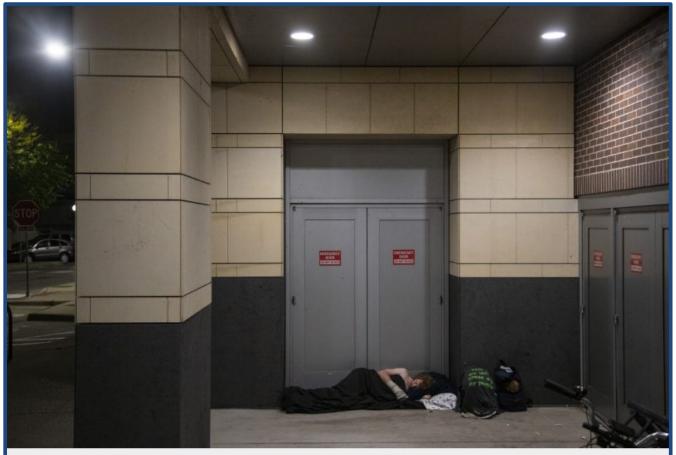
The property — dubbed "Tent City" or "River Camp" by some of those who lived there — is owned by the



lowa City Municipal Airport Commission who have since evicted over a dozen people residing on the land. Airport officials are working with Shelter House to provide resources for the individuals displaced by the fire.

I visited the camp for about a month and a half before the fire, during which time I became acquainted with a number of the individuals living there. I was hesitant to photograph my first day at the encampment as I could sense the collective uneasiness surrounding my being there. But as weeks passed to months, the tension of my presence seemed to soften. Individuals opened up to me about their lives and in doing so opened up a part of Iowa City that I had never known. I encountered new perspectives during the project while talking and spending time with people who are unhoused, which I found to be extremely rewarding. I was motivated by the resilience of Iowa City's most marginalized residents, proof that hope persists in some of the darkest places.

On the day of the fire, I was one of the first journalists at the camp. Having been there multiple times before, I was concerned for the well-being of the people who considered this small stretch of land their home. I'm not suggesting other journalists were not equally troubled, but I was struck by those in my profession who appeared to only focus on the problem of a fire caused by the carelessness of people experiencing homelessness.



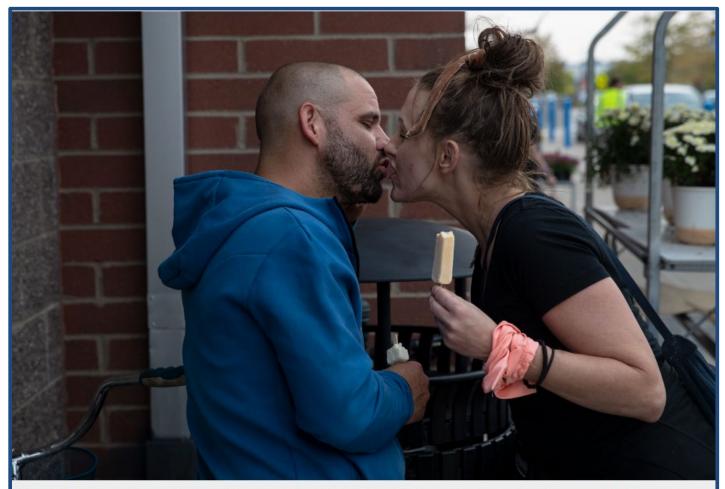
An individual sleeps on the ground outside the Iowa City Public Library on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023. Shelter House estimates there are 55-80 individuals who live unsheltered and unhoused in the summer and 10-15 individuals in the winter. (Jordan Barry)

From the beginning, I wanted to be a different kind of journalist. I wanted to build relationships with people and help tell honest and holistic stories. Before I started the project, I didn't personally know a single



homeless person. That changed in the five months I spent covering this story. For one thing, I met a young man who said he had attended lowa City High School. Meeting him was certainly a profound moment for me. Our common backgrounds in the lowa City area struck an emotional chord, and amplified my sense of commitment to cover this group fairly and without bias. Today I feel fortunate to have a different perspective on lowa City and its people. Through this experience, I have found myself more empathetic towards those facing extreme challenges, which in this case are often out of their control. The diversity of stories I heard was both captivating and extremely personal.

During my time working on this piece, I came to know several individuals, including Kilo, Ashley, and Stykx. I didn't know where to start contacting people initially, but after talking to a woman named Liz and a man named John, both of whom were sleeping on the sidewalk on a corner near the restaurant Uncle Sun, they told me to look along the Iowa River near Highway 6 and the Benton Street Bridge. I had biked along the Iowa City River Trail multiple times, which goes through that area, but I never explored it on foot. One day in September, I hopped on my bicycle and headed in that direction. The following stories concern some of those I came to know best.



Kilo and Ashley share a kiss outside Walmart in Iowa City on Sept. 19, 2023. Kilo and Ashley have been together since last summer. "We all thought we could throw ourselves away and it didn't work like that and life goes on," Ashley said. (Jordan Barry)

KILO AND ASHLEY

Kilo and Ashley are a couple who are both in their 30s. I remember their hesitancy in speaking with me when I initially met them, but they opened up after learning I intended to simply understand their daily life. They



met late last summer and started to live together in "Tent City," but when I first met them they were in the process of moving to a different camp.

On one overcast September day in particular, I recall cans of fruit perched on a foldable table next to an assortment of other camping items. I met the couple in a wooded area beyond the railroad tracks near the Iowa River, the location of their future camp. A once vibrant towel danced on a clothesline and floor mats laid on the ground as a makeshift carpet of sorts. I met a woman named Sam who had been spending her nights with Kilo and Ashley since her tent had burned down — a separate incident from the October fire — which had destroyed many of her possessions.



Kilo looks through a gap in his tent to the outside on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023. "I don't like dope man. I do not like the fact that I don't talk to my mom or my brother as much as I should — that I'm not in my niece's life like he [my brother] just had his first kid. It sucks ... when we do it, when we get high, a lot of times I don't enjoy it, I don't enjoy helping her [Ashley] because I know it's f***ked up. And I can put my mind in that frame of understanding like damn, what we're doing ain't good for us — and I love you [Ashley] and I want you to get well, but it's how we met ... it's who we are now," Kilo said. (Jordan Barry)

She had previously had a relationship with Ashley's brother Ryan, but as they told me, Ryan had recently gone missing. They feared for his safety and I could see it in their eyes. Weeks later they discovered Ryan had been in Coralville. After that interaction, I realized the community Kilo and Ashley shared meant a great deal to them.

Later that day, I followed them to the Iowa City Walmart. Bags of cans jangled precariously in hand as Sam, Kilo, and Ashley biked through car lots and car dealerships along Highway 6. I spent some time with Sam at Walmart as she turned in cans and bottles for nickels, dimes, and quarters. She told me about her life growing up poor in Nebraska. Sam's hands were dirty, her fingers calloused and nails long.

Cars sped past Highway 6 in dangerous proximity as the trio pedaled past the lowa City Municipal Airport and then crossed the river. They made their way along the east side of the river before emerging out of the trees onto "Tent City" — the sprawling encampment of over a dozen or so individuals all living in intricately designed or personally modified shelters. Clothes, bike parts, and a host of other collected items were strewn across the grass and bridged the gap between tents. Ashley offered melting popsicles she had bought at Walmart to people as they emerged from their tents. The community was tight-knit, but I quickly learned communal sharing was defined differently by individuals, and sometimes disputes would erupt into



altercations. Kilo and Ashley informed me they planned one day soon to move upriver, away from "Tent City". They said addiction, trauma, and mental health problems often create a landscape of social volatility in the encampment, which made them feel uncomfortable.

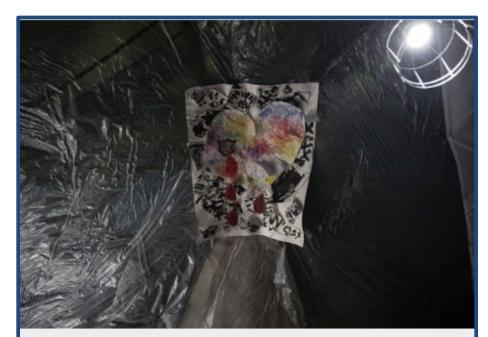


Ashley, Sam, and Kilo search for evidence of Ashley's brother, Ryan, on the south side of Iowa City along the river on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023. Ryan disappeared and they had feared for his safety. "We see amid like all of the bullshit some really sweet f***ing acts of service from one to another," Ashley said. They later discovered Ryan had been in Coralville. (Jordan Barry)

As a slight breeze ushered the warm day into a cool evening, I noticed a pair of joggers on the trail abutting the camp stop and look. There were trees along the encampment, but not enough to hide the various tents from prying eyes. It seemed the separation between the trail and encampment was not just physical but also an invisible disconnect between the housed and unhoused of lowa City.

As I returned to visit Kilo and Ashley over the following weeks and months, they became increasingly more open with me. I could see their relationship was strong but also observed that it was undoubtedly intertwined with the realities of addiction. They explained that despite their drug dependence, it was a comfort to have each other rather than be alone.





A piece of salvaged artwork is seen inside Kilo and Ashley's tent on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023. A large poster of the Hindu God Vishnu hung on the side of the tent as well as a poster of a tweet from Kanye West that read, "How to NOT kill yourself pt. 1, Avoid being around people who want to kill yourself." (Jordan Barry)

When I asked what they would want people to know about them, Kilo said, "I would want people to know that I'm sorry. And I really don't care about how people look at me but I care about my family and if there is something that I would want people to know what's going on here, it's that I am a sorry person ... A humbled sorry person that's hurt. A lot of people who use meth and are hurt will come out in anger real quick. But if people really knew like in the inside of me, we are f***ing hurt — like, we are damaged. And if they knew how deep of a pit of a dark hole that we found ourselves in, I feel like they would feel sorry, too, and not just write it off as just a junkie or a liar, cheater, thief — whatever, like a lot of us are just hurting. The drug makes us feel better."

This fall, Kilo and Ashley's camp moved three times, and I would often find they moved to a new spot when going to see them. Their camp was in a state of continuous precarity moving up and down the banks of the lowa River. Snow now covered the ground one December afternoon as I visited their camp. Bald eagles watched from their perch on a tree branch above as I entered the assemblage of tent and tarp, which measured roughly ten square feet of livable space. Christmas lights, powered by a generator, illuminated an entranceway where salvaged artwork was posted to the inside walls. Below the artwork, nonperishable food items were stacked neatly next to a small electric toaster. A propane tank equipped with a heater stood next to the bed. A large poster of the Hindu God Vishnu hung on the side of the tent as well as a poster of a tweet from Kanye West that read, "How to NOT kill yourself pt. 1, Avoid being around people who want to kill yourself."





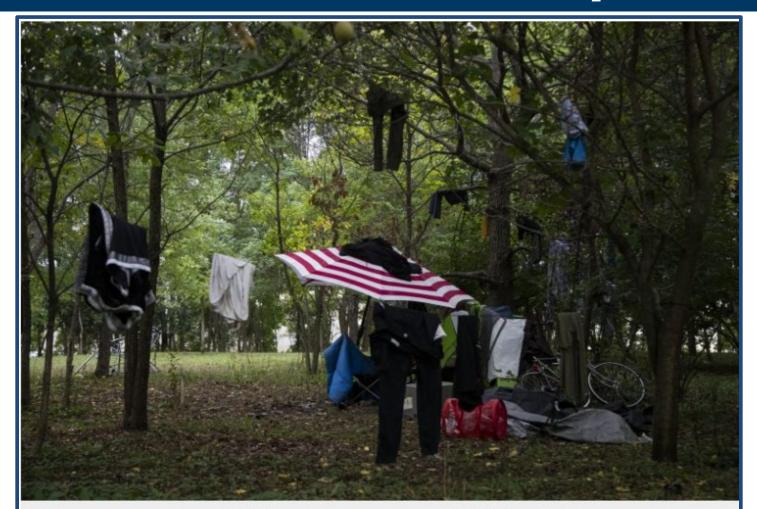
Stykx poses for a portrait near the Iowa River on Dec. 14, 2023. "I love my life, even the hard days are a blessing too." Stykx lived at this encampment, along with other individuals, known by them as "River Camp" or "Tent City." The encampment existed for at least 18 months before the eviction by the Iowa City Municipal Airport Commission around Dec. 29, 2023. (Jordan Barry)

STYKX

When I met Stykx, 51, he was immediately open with me about his experiences; I can remember the moment clearly. The tall, statured man laid on his side on a blank mattress with half a cigarette dangling from his mouth. His hair, dyed purple, was fading back to brown. The midday light pierced through the trees, highlighting a motley selection of possessions: loose-leaf tobacco, a dark torn sweatshirt, a backpack, and a dirty syringe. Stykx told me about his life in Clinton, lowa; how his daughter was taken by the DHS, and how battles with a subsequent heroin addiction almost took his life on multiple occasions. I saw the fatigue in his face, but in his eyes remained a sense of energetic youthfulness.

"I feel my eyes are open to other people, I see that a lot of people's eyes are closed and I get it from people who have homes ... I get looking at homeless people ... even acknowledging us is a difficult thing for them — it's frightening," Stykx said. "They don't wanna see it as a possible for themselves, so it's easier for them not to acknowledge, not to see."





Stykx's encampment is seen behind the Hy-Vee on 1st Ave. on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023. Unhoused individuals experiencing homelessness often build encampments on Iowa City's southside. (Jordan Barry)

Stykx changed camps often. Weeks went by when I would not see him. I once found him living behind the Hy-Vee on 1st Avenue in a wooded area. He was under the cover of a large red and white striped beach umbrella. Stykx walked with a noticeable limp; he told me how a bar bouncer had broken his femur several years ago in Clinton, and due to not being able to afford a hip replacement, his left leg was shorter than his right. But Stykx chose to remain positive. He claimed that his disability made him faster while riding his bicycle — which from my observations sure seemed like it might. With astonishing elegance and pace, he zigzagged through streets and empty car lots atop his modified Peugeot road bike.

It was late in the day at Stykx's current camp as he lay cocooned in a hammock, his head tilted toward the sky. He held an arm out and let it sway below him. His forearm displayed a fading tattoo of a yin-yang design a friend had drawn for him. Further down, rusted bracelets and rings appeared to constrict the blood flow to his multicolored painted fingernails. When I asked him about whether he would consider moving into a shelter he shook his head with a smile.

"I like playing Peter Pan," he said. "I could be a pirate for a long time."





Michael shows me a mini harmonica that is attached to his hair labeled "Victory," on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023. Michael is one of a handful of artists who live unsheltered on Iowa City's south side. "Burying trash in the ground does nothing but momentarily hide it from view." (Jordan Barry)

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The last time I saw Kilo and Ashley was on Jan. 25 in their tent. It was raining and the snow was beginning to turn into slush and salt. During the sub-zero temperatures in lowa City, they were fortunate enough to stay at a friend's house instead of going to the winter shelter like many others. Kilo and Ashley return to their camp periodically when the weather permits.



Michael looks for a hatchet he lost in a body of water near an encampment on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023. "We've long lost touch with our environment outside; we don't realize we have to coexist with it. The encampment known by individuals who lived there as "River Camp" or "Tent City" existed for at least 18 months before the eviction by the Iowa City Municipal Airport Commission around Dec. 29, 2023. (Jordan Barry)

However, at that moment, their faces — illuminated purple from lights powered by the recently restarted outside generator — shone brightly in the surrounding damp. We were happy to see each other. They acknowledged their future remains uncertain.

I met up with Stykx again at Shelter House by coincidence on the same day. Stykx looked to be in good spirits despite the dismal weather and seemed optimistic about his current living situation. He admitted that during the past winter storms this month he had moved into lowa City's winter shelter for a week or so, but had since moved out.

As I learned during a call with Christine Hayes, director of development at Shelter House, over a dozen individuals were displaced by an eviction at the encampment.



Most have housing case managers but still have been unsuccessful in finding housing in the private marketplace.

When I returned to the airport's land where the encampment used to be last week, I found it almost unrecognizable. Snow drifted into large embankments from the wind now free from the barriers of trees. The emptiness sat with me, and I stopped to reflect on the experiences I had during the project.



Stykx lies in his hammock in an encampment behind the Hy-Vee on 1st Ave. on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023. "There is a lot of joy to be had when you got a lot of misery," Stykx said. (Jordan Barry)

I recalled a quote from Stykx; "I love my life, even the hard days are a blessing too ... and it's not the meth thing, it's the life thing, we're living each moment, each minute, having our adventures and our good and bad times. I think the good times we are experiencing more deeply because the hard times, because of freezing out here, because of the moments when we are just miserable, when we have a good moment it's just f***ing amazing," he chuckled to himself. "You know I've got this girl ... and I'm head over heels for her and I'm willing to just love her and be open with her and not hide from it the way I would've in the past. There is a lot of joy to be had when you got a lot of misery."

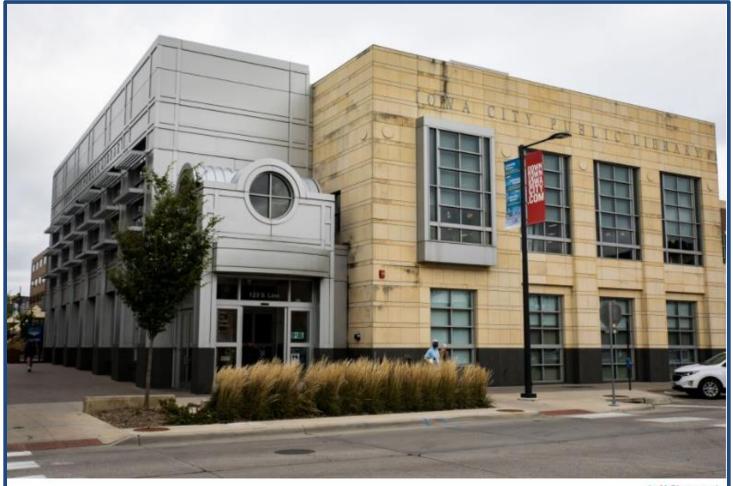


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Guest Opinion | Senate Study Bill 3131 is end game for lowa libraries

Senate Study Bill 3131 transfers oversight, power, and property of public library boards to their cities. **Sam Helmick | February 4, 2024**



Jeff Sigmund

The Iowa City Public Library is seen on Monday, Sept. 20, 2021.

lowans before us understood why the legal liabilities and complex policies inherent to library (First Amendment) services require specific and robust management to successfully steward collections, programs, and spaces that are openly and freely used by the public.

Senate Study Bill 3131 transfers oversight, power, and property of public library boards to their cities. Our cities are not prepared, nor will they be additionally resourced to tackle the work of over 500 public library boards around the state.



lowans before us recognized how robust libraries contribute to the economic development, entrepreneurial success, civic engagement, and life satisfaction of millions every day. They valued literacy and learning and therefore structured secured funding and focused oversight through appointed boards in lowa code which are both jeopardized by SSB 3131.

As they say in chess, we are at end game. If SSB 3131 passes, lowa libraries will close. Iowa communities are not prepared for the fallout. Those who register or vote in favor of this bill know this tragic reality.

Eighty-five years ago, Iowan Forrest Spaulding wrote the Library Bill of Rights when he was the Director of the Des Moines Public Library. His work has since become an international standard of free people reading freely.

lowa's legacy of information access and how libraries provide fundamental human rights should be carefully examined by proponents of SSB 3131. In 2023, lowa faced the second most library-adverse bills in the nation. It's time to let the people of lowa manage their own libraries.

Sam Helmick

2023 Iowa Library Association President



The Gazette

Speakers decry lowa bill giving politicians more control over libraries

The proposal comes after Pella voters defeat similar measure last fall **Erin Murphy | Updated February 9, 2024 7:55 am**



Sam Helmick, the community and access services coordinator for the lowa City Public Library, steps March 15, 2023, on to the Mobile Library in lowa City. An lowa legislative panel is considering a bill that would give allow city councils to have more direct control over public library operations. (Geoff Stellfox/The Gazette)

DES MOINES — A proposal to give city councils more authority over public libraries would bring partisan political decision-making into library operations, including book selection, dozens of public library officials and supporters warned state lawmakers Thursday at the lowa Capitol.

The legislator who managed the bill during Thursday's hearing said his goal is not to address the selection of books, but instead to provide elected local officials with more authority over the spending of taxpayer dollars.

Dozens of public library officials and supporters from across the state crammed into a small room in the lowa Capitol to express their staunch opposition to the proposed legislation, which would eliminate the requirement that a city's voters approve any "proposal to alter the composition, manner of selection or



charge of a library board," or its replacement. Instead, a city council would be able hire a library director, use library funds for library projects and initiatives by passing an ordinance without voter approval.

Librarians, library board members and public library supporters warned lawmakers against the bill's potential impact of placing partisan political decision-makers in charge of public libraries.

"Our town has fewer than 500 people, so I come from a very rural area. This bill is a train wreck. It opens up all sorts of possibilities for very disastrous consequences if you get an activist city council that starts seesawing on what they believe for a library to be or not be," said Wade Dooley, who described himself as a sixth-generation farmer in Marshall County and chair of the Albion Library board of trustees.

"Our city council has barely any training to be a city council. Now you also want them to run a library. I'm sorry, but that's not a good idea. This bill should be squashed."

None of the 19 people who spoke during the public comment period of Thursday's hearing spoke in favor of the bill, and no lobbying organization is registered in support of the bill, <u>according to state lobbying</u> <u>records</u>.



ep. Carter Nordman, R-Panora

Rep. Carter Nordman, a Republican from Panora, said he is not at all concerned about library book selection. He said some city leaders have contacted him with concerns over library board spending and councils' inability to address that.

"I have a stack of stories from city administrators and city councils that have nothing to do with content. Matter of fact, all of them say we don't care about the content in the library. The library board can take care of that," Nordman told reporters after the hearing. "(Library boards) essentially get full autonomy. None of them are elected and they're spending taxpayer dollars.

"Now, if a city wants to continue to allow them to do that, and they think they're doing a great job, then sure," Nordman said. "But we have a lot of instances around the state where the city council feels very different on the way the library board is going. And ultimately, the library board wasn't elected; the city council was. And so the buck stops with them when it comes to taxpayer dollars. They should have that authority."

Currently, a library board is appointed after approval of a city council and sets library policies. Like any city function, a public library receives a yearly appropriation under a city's budget.

Nordman said he would be willing to consider an amendment that would give city councils more authority over library boards, but carve out content selection.

"I'm open to the conversation, for sure. And that's what the process is about. We'll have a conversation in committee next week, and if that's something that the committee and my (House Republican) caucus wants to do, we'll definitely look at it, for sure," Nordman said. "But for me, it's really not about the content. And for most of the city administrators and city council members that I've heard from, it's not about the content. It's about the personnel issues and the taxpayer dollars being spent."

The proposed legislation comes months after voters in Pella <u>defeated a similar proposal</u> at the local level. A referendum on the November 2023 ballot asked voters whether to give its council the authority to change library policies. That referendum came after the library rejected requests to remove the book "Gender



Queer," a graphic novel that contains sexual images in describing the author's realization of identifying as neither male nor female.

Pella voters rejected the proposal, with 51 percent of voters opposed.

Three people who said they are Pella residents spoke in opposition to the bill.

"There was a very thorough and extensive and long litigation of this issue, public discussion of this issue," said speaker Dave Timmer. "At the end of that long discussion, with lots of public participation, we decided not to adopt a resolution that would have done what this bill does. And a lot of us feel that the goal posts are being moved now. So I urge you to oppose this bill."

Nordman and fellow Republican Rep. Jane Bloomingdale, of Northwood, signed off on advancing the bill, making <u>House Study Bill 678</u> eligible for consideration by the full House Local Government Committee. Rep. Jerome Amos. Jr., a Democrat from Waterloo, declined to sign off.

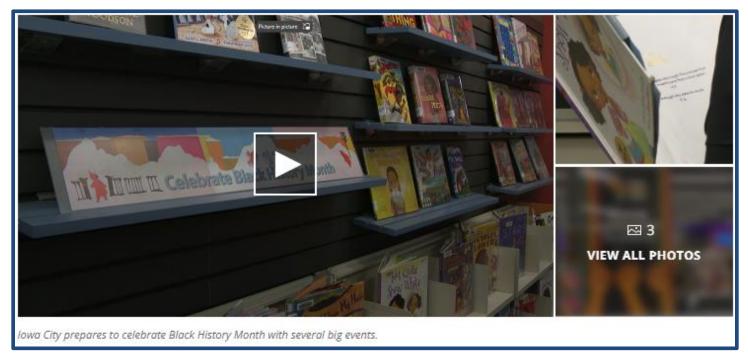
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<u>lowa City prepares to celebrate Black History Month with</u> <u>several big events</u>

By Barry Green | Friday, February 2nd, 2024



lowa City — It's Black History Month in eastern lowa, and lowa City is getting ready to celebrate with several big events.

Right now, the Iowa City Public Library is getting ready to host several big events that will celebrate Black History Month.

Iowa's News Now spoke with Jason Paulios, the Adult Services Coordinator for the Iowa City Public Library, Friday to talk about some of the Black History Month programs coming up at the library.

"We're really excited about these events," said Paulios. "Both have tremendous facilitators that we worked with in the past to help that conversation keep active."

Organizers say it's a great way to remember some of the African American icons and to celebrate the rich history and culture.

Iowa's News Now spoke with Anne Wilmoth, the Children's Librarian at the Iowa City Public Library, to talk about some of the things they are doing to celebrate Black History Month.

"We're really excited about the opportunity to approach these topics and begin to discuss both historic and racism and racial issues with kids in an age-appropriate way," said Wilmoth.

The Iowa City Public Library will host a Sunday Funday event on Sunday, **February 4th**, to celebrate and honor Mae C. Jemison. She was the first African American woman to travel to outer space.

The Iowa City Senior Center will also be celebrating African American history with a Black History Ball on Saturday, **February 3rd**.



You can find the list of Black History Month events happening in Iowa City below:

Black History Ball

Saturday, February 3rd - at the Iowa City Senior Center

Prepare for an amazing event that you won't forget! In celebration of Black History Month, ICSC's Original Mature Groovers (formerly known as Elders of Color) are teaming up with local non-profit organization Sankofa Outreach Connection to present Iowa City's first-of-its-kind Black History Ball. The event will celebrate the rich history and culture of the Iowan African American community, while also promoting unity and fostering connections among our residents.

Get your tickets online now!

Sunday Funday: Rocket Launcher

Sunday, **February 4th** - from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Iowa City Public Library.

In celebration of the Black History Month, create a paper rocket that is ready to launch in honor of Mae C. Jemison, the first African American woman to travel in space. We'll design, cut and assemble our own rocket, and then give it a test launch to reach for the stars!

Sunday Funday is suitable for all-ages, but younger children should make the crafts together with caregivers. One craft per child please.

Sunday Funday: Alma Thomas Heart Mosaics

Sunday, **February 11th** - from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Iowa City Public Library.

To celebrate Valentine's Day and Black History Month, we will create collage heart mosaics based on the art style of black artist Alma Thomas. She is known around the world for her vibrant colored abstractions made after she turned 60 years old. Thomas's work Resurrection (1966) is the first painting made by an African American women to hang in the public spaces of the White House as part of a permanent collection.

Sunday Funday: Ashley Bryan Beautiful Blackbird

Sunday, **February 18th** - from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Iowa City Public Library.

Join us in celebrating Black History Month with a special crafting event dedicated to the legendary artist, Ashley Bryan. In honor of this great author, storyteller, and puppeteer, we will be creating a beautiful blackbird craft inspired by his masterpiece, "Beautiful Blackbird." Known for bringing African culture and folktales to life through poetic verse and vibrant artwork, Bryan's "Beautiful Blackbird" stands as a cherished treasure. Come be a part of this creative tribute, where we'll bring the spirit of Ashley Bryan's artistry to life through our own unique blackbird crafts. Let's celebrate the rich tapestry of Black history and artistic excellence together!

Community screening of "The Road to Justice"

Monday, **February 19th** - from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the lowa City Public Library.

The Office of Equity and Human Rights and the Iowa City Public Library (ICPL) will host a community screening of The Road to Justice to recognize National Day of Racial Healing, on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024. The event will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. in ICPL Meeting Room A. The screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion led by Dr. Negus Sankofa Imhotep.

Those interested in attending the screening and discussion should <u>register via Eventbrite</u>.

Totally Tweens: Comics and Cookies

Thursday, **February 22nd** - from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the lowa City Public Library.



Tweens are invited to a monthly book club to discuss graphic novels. We'll be talking "Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas for Black History Month! Plus, cookies will be served!

Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, Enith Brigitha, home to the Mighty Manatees—until she's stuck with the only elective that fits her schedule, the dreaded Swim 101. The thought of swimming makes Bree more than a little queasy, yet she's forced to dive headfirst into one of her greatest fears. Lucky for her, Etta, an elderly occupant of her apartment building and former swim team captain, is willing to help.

2024 Henri Harper Soul Food Dinner

Friday, **February 23rd** - at the Terry Trueblood Park Lodge.

The annual community dinner celebrates Black History in Iowa City, the state, and the country. More information on the event will be added shortly!

Sunday Fun Day: Howardena Pindell Collage

Sunday, **February 25th** - from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Iowa City Public Library.

In honor of Black History Month, create a paper collage in the style of modern artist Howardena Pindell. We'll glue together layers of paper dots to create our own work of colorful, textural, abstract art.

Howardena Pindell, born in 1943 in Philadelphia, earned her MFA from Yale in 1967 and worked as a curator at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City for 12 years. Her work explores color, texture, structure, and the process of making art, as well as addresses intersecting issues of racism, sexism, and exploitation. She is currently a professor of art at Stony Brook University in New York.

Sunday Fun Day is for all ages; young children should be accompanied by an adult.

Book to Art Club: "Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat"

Tuesday, **February 27th** - from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Iowa City Public Library.

Book to Art Club is the fourth Tuesday of every month for school age children. Each month we will read a picture book and create custom art inspired by the story!

This month, we will get to know famous expressionist painter, Jean-Michel Basquiat. We will read the Caldecott & Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner picture book, Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. Then we will experiment with his art style with some art projects!

Community Book Discussion: "Torn Apart" by Dorothy Roberts

Thursday, February 29th - from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Iowa City Public Library.

The Office of Equity and Human Rights and the Iowa City Public Library will host a community book discussion of Dorothy Roberts' book Torn Apart:- How the Child Welfare System Destroys Black Families - And How Abolition Can Build a Safer World.

Discussion will be led by Abena S. Imhotep, CEO of Sankofa Literary & Empowerment Group and award-winning author of Omari's Big Tree and the Might Djembe.

The Library offers the book in <u>different formats for checkout</u> and will also have a limited number available at the 2nd floor Information Desk for those that <u>register</u>. See Information Desk staff for details.

On Friday, Wilmoth said the library will hold events in March to celebrate Women's History Month. Those events will focus on iconic women figures and some of their impacts in eastern lowa.



IOWA STARTING LINE

Helmick: Libraries belong to the people. Let's keep it that way

Guest Post | February 8, 2024



In an era marked by digital transformation and societal polarization, the role of library boards in advocating for essential services is more crucial than ever. Library trustees serve as pillars of leadership within their communities, ensuring that libraries not only adapt but thrive in the face of evolving challenges.

Central to the effectiveness of library boards is the robust and specialized training they receive. These trustees undergo rigorous education to meet accreditation standards, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to address a myriad of issues, from privacy concerns to First Amendment rights and public access needs. Particularly in a state like lowa, where communities vary greatly in their demographics and needs, this specialized training is indispensable.

Moreover, library boards play a vital role in representing and activating civically minded individuals. By engaging with diverse stakeholders and advocating for inclusive library services, these boards foster a sense of community cohesion and empowerment. This, in turn, eases the burdens of policy review, fiscal stewardship, and legal liabilities for local governments.



It is imperative that libraries maintain their local governance structures. While uniformity may seem appealing on a statewide level, local nuances and preferences must be respected. Enforcing a statewide remedy for issues that can be resolved locally risks undermining the autonomy and efficacy of lowa communities.

Referendums already empower local communities to determine the shape and scope of their library boards. The legislator should not oblige over 540 lowa library communities to forgo these successful structures. It is through local library board leadership that libraries continue to thrive as vital hubs of knowledge and community engagement in lowa and beyond.

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Wanted library masturbator taken into custody, charged with separate Ped Mall masturbation incident

Tommy Lang | February 1, 2024

A wanted suspect accused of pleasuring himself inside the lowa City Public Library is back in custody...and he's been charged for a second public masturbation incident.

55-year-old Michael Beaver of West Branch was booked into the Johnson County Jail just before 4:45 Wednesday afternoon. Iowa City Police say Beaver entered the library last April, placed a jacket over his genitals, and viewed pornographic videos for approximately four hours while masturbating under the jacket.

Court records indicate Beaver skipped a case management conference in the case last summer.

Beaver has now also been charged for a May 24th incident on the Ped Mall. Police say he was sitting on a bench just outside the library around 9:00 that morning when he began watching pornographic videos on a mobile device. Witnesses say Beaver was reaching under his coat...which he had placed over his lap...and quickly moving his hand up-and-down. Those watching from inside the library through a window say they recognized him from the previous masturbation incident.

Beaver now faces two charges of Indecent Exposure. If convicted on both counts, he faces a maximum of two years in jail.





<u>lowa City Nonprofit holds forum highlighting</u> <u>changes to lowa's environment</u>

By Cole Krutzfield | Published February 11, 2024, 11:20 PM



IOWA CITY, Iowa (KCRG) -On February 11th, Project Green hosted a forum at the Iowa City Public Library highlighting the challenges Iowa faces with its environment.

Project Green has spent millions on improving the landscape of lowa City for over 55 years. and Cindy Parsons has been with them since nearly the start.

"My mom was one of the original volunteers back in the late 60's so I started in 1970-71," said Parsons who is co-president of the nonprofit.

On Sunday afternoon, they shined a light on climate change, runoff, erosion, and other issues facing the state of lowa.

This forum was centered around the book *Tending Iowa's Land: Pathways to a Sustainable Future*.

It's a collection of 28 different essays by Iowa scientists on different environmental topics in Iowa - like climate change, water pollution, and loss of topsoil.

Today five writers discussed those issues and possible solutions.

One professor at UI the Civil and Environmental Engineering Director Dr. Larry Weber pointed to the Iowa City flood of 1993 as an example of how heavy rainfall has impacted water levels.

"...at the time was this was once in a lifetime event and each of us would not face an event like this again and then just 15 years later we had an even greater event," said Dr. Weber.

"One is we have to stop adding green house gases get off fossil fuels and the other thing is we need to get some carbon back into the soil," said Dr. Francis Thicke who is a dairy farmer.

Parsons says it's going to take a group effort to do so.

"You can make your little corner more environmentally friendly attract native insects and pollinators and if everybody would do that or even most people it makes this place so much nicer to live in," said Parsons.

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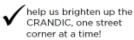
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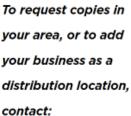
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Velvety voices and vivid scenes

very night for the past eight years, sometime between 8:30 and 10 p.m., my child has had the comforting voices of myself or his father lull him to sleep with a great story.

I need that comfort, too, and I get it from my beloved audiobook narrators. They bring fiction to life, stories floating in my reverie as my consciousness slips into dreaming. When the lights are out and my eyes are closed, my imagination awakens and erases the stressors of the day. It's just me, the author and the voice. Great narrators immerse you completely in a book, making you forget that anything matters besides the characters and the plot.

Recently I found myself listening to Julia Whelan's *Thank You for Listening*, a novel in which an audiobook narrator meets her equal in a bar. They both don dramatized personas and accents, thinking they'll never see each other again. Whelan herself is an audiobook narrator and performed each voice in the story, and despite knowing that Whelan voiced both the man and woman in the scene, my mind saw the table, the drinks, and the couple each as living elements in the bar. I was lost in their world—and loving it.

Julia Whelan is one of my favorite audiobook narrators. In 2020, AudioFile magazine crowned Whelan with their Golden Voice Award, a lifetime achievement for the field. She's narrated over 500 audiobooks; chances are, if you listened to books by Emily Henry, Kristin Hannah

or Taylor Jenkins Reed, you've heard her. Her 2019 performance of Tara Westover's Educated landed her an Audie for Best Female Narrator.

Hosted by the Audio Publishers Association, the Audies are the Oscars for audiobook narrators. The 2024 Audie Gala takes place March 4 at the Avalon Hotel in Hollywood, California. Last year's Audie for Audiobook of the Year went to Viola Davis for her self-narrated memoir, Finding Me. That audiobook also won her a Grammy, pushing her to EGOT status (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, Tony). Yes! Narrators can win Grammys!

Many actors-cum-authors choose to read their own memoirs—last year's highlights include Patrick Stewart's *Making It So*, Barbra Streisand's *My Name is Barbra*, and Leslie Jones's *Leslie F*cking Jones*. Other authors have found success drafting Oscar winners as their narrators. For this year's Audies, I predict Audiobook of the Year will go to Michelle Williams for reading Britney Spears's memoir *The Woman in Me*, or to Meryl Streep for Anne Patchett's *Tom Lake*.

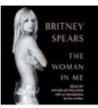
I cannot write a love letter to audiobooks without mentioning industry heavy hitters. Scott Brick, the 2004 Golden Voice winner, has performed more than 900 audiobooks for so many bestsellers and wellknown authors. Audiobook publishers have also hired him to enliven modern classics like Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*, Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, and Raymond Chandler's *The Big Sleep*.

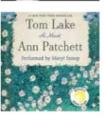
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Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2024 2nd Floor - Boardroom Regular 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, Claire Matthews, Joseph Massa, Robin Paetzold, John Raeburn, Tom Rocklin, Lucy Santos Green, Dan Stevenson.

Members Absent: Hannah Shultz.

Staff Present: Elsworth Carman, Sam Helmick, Anne Mangano, Brent Palmer, Angie Pilkington, Katie Roche, Jen Royer.

Guests Present: Geoff Fruin, Redmond Jones.

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

Approval of January 25, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda. Raeburn made a motion to approve the January 25, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda. Johnk seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

Public Discussion. None.

Items to be Discussed.

Budget Discussion with City Manager, Geoff Fruin. Fruin and Jones were introduced to Library Trustees.

Paulios entered 5:01 pm.

Fruin gave an abbreviated budget presentation that was given to City Council 1/22/24. City Council started the budget review on Monday and it will be wrapped up by the end of April. Fruin presented a budget slideshow. Fruin said lowa City has a \$270,000,000 budget but many of those funds are restricted in some way. Fruin gave the example of road use tax as a special revenue fund that can only be used for road maintenance by state law. Fruin said the Library budget comes from the general fund which is discretionary.

Santos Green entered 5:05 pm.

Fruin shared general fund tax revenue slides and said 2/3 of the general fund comes from property taxes. Fruin shared road tax revenue has had a 4% increase per year however the cost of road construction is up 64% since 2016. Fruin said if the City doesn't put more general fund dollars into maintaining roads we will fall

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behind on maintenance; this budget competes with the library's budget. Fruin showed a chart with how general fund expenditure dollars are spent. Iowa City spent 39% on public safety and 23% on culture and recreation (which includes the library). On average cities in Iowa spend 44% on public safety and 20% on culture and recreation. Cities similar in size in Iowa spend 50% on public safety and 16% on culture and recreation. Fruin is proud that culture is prioritized in Iowa City. Johnk asked how the data compares outside of Iowa. Fruin guessed it would be similar but was unsure.

Fruin said 75% of general fund expenses are used on personnel. Fruin said personnel costs are fixed and the City is heavily dependent on them. Personnel costs increase 5% every year but the city budget will only increase 4.5% across the board this year.

In 2013, the state introduced the first round of property tax reform which reduced commercial and industrial taxability from 100% to 90%. At the time, the State of Iowa backfilled the loss of income, but it has been steadily declining over the years. In 2027, cities will no longer get backfill pay from the State of Iowa.

Fruin shared residential rollback property tax rates fluctuate from year to year. In the 1970's people paid 78% of their home's value. This year people will pay 46% of a home's value, which has been the biggest drop since the 1970's. This equates to an 8 to 9-million-dollar loss of revenue. Last year the State of lowa passed more property tax reforms which tacked on to a system to protect against high assessment growth.

Rocklin asked if there was a net total for 1.1% change. Fruin said he could speak to this in terms of a residential property valued at \$100,000 with a flat tax rate. Assuming the home value did not increase homeowners would pay \$130 less for every \$100,000, if it increased homeowners would pay \$15 more per \$100,000. Fruin shared apartments in lowa City make this challenging. Prior to 2013, the State of lowa classified apartments as commercial properties and taxed them at 100% of their value. In 2014, they were reclassified as residential properties that no longer paid 100% of their tax rate. Over the last 11 years the taxability of apartments dropped 53.66%. The cumulative loss over 11 years is \$20 million.

Fruin shared that because property taxes have such a large impact on the budget, building permit trends are an important indicator in future budgets. If it is built today we know this will be the tax base of tomorrow, typically with a two-year lag. The budget we're working with now was impacted by the pandemic when there was not a lot of building happening, which means there isn't typical growth you would expect to see. Fruin said as we close the books on calendar year 2023 expected growth is back to pre-COVID levels, which is a good sign. Fruin shared the City is currently in a 1.5% growth period which is not sustainable. Fruin said the city has conservative budget practices and can power through this because we have a history of financial responsibility but we can't do this forever.

Santos Green wondered if the City was at a point to do budget cuts would they be equitable cuts across the City or would some areas be cut more than others. Fruin showed a general fund expenditure pie chart. He shared if the City was in a position and needed to reduce expenditures, and clarified that we're not there yet and hopes never to be there, it's hard to cut the smaller slices of the pie. Santos Green asked about the pie chart of general fund expenditures when compared to other lowa communities. Santos Green said if things continue to trend it would impact the budget percent the city allocates for culture and recreation, or would it be an equitable cut across all service points. Fruin repeated he never intends for the budget to get to that point. Fruin doesn't prescribe to 10% across the board cut in that situation, and would take a surgical approach. Fruin said it would be important to analyze the situation so the most valuable services in the lowa City community can be protected. Fruin said he doesn't want to scare anyone. Santos Green thanked Fruin for clarification and the philosophy. Fruin said City Council is the ultimate body that approves the budget.

In the 2023 legislative session a new military and homestead exemption was introduced which reduces property taxes. It removed 13-14 million dollars in the first year, several levies were also eliminated. Iowa City

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had a library and an emergency levy which combined brought in two million dollars in revenue to city. This will be eliminated by 2029. Fruin said the faster lowa City grows the faster the levees are phased out. Combined the levees were 47 cents as a tax rate and because our growth rate was over 2.9% we have to phase them out and reduce by 17 cents. Fruin said the City does not want to diminish the services of the Library or Climate Action, so all departments have to share the pain in this decision. Paetzold asked if there was consideration that the levies were voted on by communities and eliminating them was almost undemocratic. Fruin said it should have been a consideration. Fruin said he cannot explain why the state decided to eliminate a levy that the public supported. Paetzold asked if City Council has taken into consideration the fact that the community voted on the levy. Fruin said yes he believed they had. Paetzold noted this was an unusual situation to have a community want to pay an extra tax and not be allowed to. Matthews said lowa is an aging state and asked Fruin if he expects to see more than 13-14 million dollars removed from seniors and military exemptions. Fruin said he believes it will grow over time.

Fruin shared a proposed levy rate overview. Fruin showed a flat rate the past two years with no library or emergency levy funds in 2025. Fruin said to accommodate this we have to make room in the general fund and evaluate what can be moved out. Fruin discussed increasing tort liability levies and not using the general fund to support capital funds to offset this.

Redmond added 80% of the Library levy goes to personnel costs which will see cost of living adjustments annually. This will add more pressure on the general fund.

Fruin discussed increasing parking fees downtown to \$2/hour and also increasing meters and citations. This would raise 3 million dollars per year and would be key in maintaining fare free transit. Fruin shared the City of lowa City has been unsatisfied with the vendor used for trash removal and is exploring alternate options, such as collaborating with the Downtown District. This however would require an additional \$400,000 and parking may have to be increased to \$3/hour. Fruin hopes this will encourage the use of buses, biking, and walking. Matthews asked if the first citation is still free. Fruin said yes but repeat offenses may go up a few dollars.

Fruin said it is very hard to grow the general fund during this time and foresees a tough budget environment for a few years. Paetzold asked Fruin to expand on the logic of growth penalties. Fruin said there is a narrative in Des Moines that there was a boom period in cities between 2010-2020. Legislators felt cities weren't reducing taxes to accommodate that growth in income cities were seeing. Fruin shared in lowa City the tax rate was reduced. The concern was several communities grew very robustly and didn't lower taxes.

Rocklin said this is super helpful and summarized that it is going to be hard through 2029 but there is no panic. Paetzold said there is no given, if the city continues to grow and another department has demands we may still need to balance that. Rocklin said that will be true in any environment. Paetzold said she's not sure she would agree with that when watching from the state level. Rocklin said he was referring to the city level and not the state, the library will always compete with other departments. Rocklin said it is reassuring to see the history and is happy to see the city is investing in libraries. Rocklin noted Paetzold made an accurate comment that City Council will need to be mindful the community voted for the Library Levy. Santos Green said this presents an opportunity to convey the how library services amplify other city services. Paetzold noted that people have limited alternatives.

Johnk said Fruin's presentation was tremendously helpful. Paetzold asked if the slides would be available to share. Fruin said the notes could be shared but the notes on the slides have not been updated. Rocklin asked if there are more tools in the city's back pocket. Fruin said yes, a 1% utility tax might need to be 3% by City Council ordinance. Fruin said there are a couple of levies the City could continue to increase. Fruin said the biggest option available is increasing local option sales tax. Fruin shared lowa City is one of the few



communities that doesn't use a local option sales tax but a 1% increase would generate 10-20 million dollars per year. Johnk asked if there have been any rumblings at the State level that a local option sales tax could be eliminated as well. Fruin said there was a proposal last year and this year that probably isn't going to go very far that would eliminate the local option sales tax. It was proposed that the State would change tax from 6% to 7% and collect all of the money at the state to distribute to cities. Fruin said when the state giveth the state taketh away and the plans Fruin proposed should get us through the next 3-4 years.

Fruin and Jones exited at 5:49 pm.

Rocklin said we have plenty to worry about but one of his takeaways from the presentation was lowa City has a really good City Manager who is thinking carefully. Santos Green agreed.

Six Month Strategic Plan Update. Carman said the first six-month report is always the lightest one. Carman balanced adding new work into the work we do every day and tried to give an authentic update. Raeburn asked what BTCAT was and how it relates to staff wellness. Carman shared this is a cataloging software that we hope will take workflow stress off collection staff. Pilkington said BT stands for Baker and Taylor where we buy books, CAT stands for catalog. Rocklin clarified it is a tool to make staff's life easier. Carman believes the cost is around \$5000. Raeburn said this is not an unreasonable amount.

Santos Green asked if there has ever been effort to crosswalk the goals of the strategic plan with other city orgs. Carman said the library was mindful of the city's strategic plan when it was being put together. Santos Green clarified she meant other city orgs in the budget and supporting other city department goals, as a way to share how the library amplifies other city departments economically. Carman said to the specific point of economic impacts no. Carman said we do this in other reporting but it has not been part of the strategic plan yet. Carman said we assess the plans in other departments to find functional overlay. Santos Green would love to see that blatantly listed and gave the language examples of aligned with, associated with, in support with. Paetzold said this is a really interesting idea. Santos Green said at the end of the day it may not be an economic outcome but everything costs money, if what we're doing amplifies support of another org we need to highlight that and make it clear and as obvious as possible. Carman said that is a great point and shared under the strategic goal of access we have "promote City offerings and incorporate the City's strategic initiatives in library service design". Matthews said it might be a matter of wording and noted the City Strategic Plan had similar language. Santos Green said it would be beneficial to have action items in the sixmonth report that list how the library supported city goals. Santos Green said this information would be a powerful way to make a case for funding we are going to have face. Carman said this was the first time we made a graphic version of the strategic plan and could imagine an impact map being useful. Santos Green says two of her staff are working with two urban planning faculty that got a federal grant and are studying the impact of librarianship on rural communities. Santos Green is happy to report back on their findings. Rocklin suggested in a later phase one could look at the nongovernmental agencies the city funds and the library amplifies. Matthews noted education and environmental sustainability could also be a big part of that. Carman said the library has the benefit of having a public facing website and a team that could offer services to our colleagues.

Policy Review: 701 Public Relations. Rocklin acknowledged two words were requested changed. Santos Green appreciated defining vague policy language. Rocklin proposed changing 701.3 "methodology" to "methodologies". Motion to approve the policy with the correction was made by Massa. Seconded by Johnk. Motion passed 8/0.

Review 2nd Quarter Financials and Statistics. Carman said the six-month budget report looked good and gave an overview of the report. Matthews asked how the Bookmobile did in the winter weather. Helmick said an abundance of caution is taken when considering driving conditions. There are many holds on the



Bookmobile and folks can pick holds up downtown in poor weather. Matthews noted the importance of the Bookmobile for people who don't drive in winter weather. Carman said Bookmobile charges are interesting because it is the only Bookmobile and doesn't fit seamlessly into transportation infrastructure. Carman said it has expected repairs and Helmick shared it just got a new inverter. Massa asked what data processing is and Royer believed it was for the library collection. Massa asked if registrations are for prepaid expenses. Carman agreed, it is used in advance to send staff to conferences. Resources in NOBU supplement this line once the operating budget is spent. Massa said the budget looks good and is trending well. Matthews agreed.

Staff Reports.

Director's Report. Carman shared the book returns were repaired by our Facilities staff and they are back in place with minimal community disruption. Carman shared updates on the budget cycle. The budget presentation for City Council went well and they had good questions about the levy and ways to be proactive with state legislature. Carman shared there was a CIP meeting for City Council that felt positive. Carman discussed the FY24 project to remodel the Boardroom and Meeting Room E. The larger CIP to replace the carpet in public spaces was moved to FY26, this was originally introduced by former Director, Susan Craig. Paetzold noted the repeated book return damage and asked if there was a design flaw or if they could be positioned differently to protect them. Carman asked Facilities staff this and said it gets high traffic and it is tight to drive through. Carman said this year we will be replacing the other outdoor return due to age so it is a good time to look at this. Carman said the book return is over \$20,000 to replace so it was great we could fix the damage with existing materials we had.

Rocklin reviewed the classification study and noted one position went up at the Library and none went down. Stevenson was glad to see that as well. Carman said this was good and there is another meeting with the consultant to reformat job descriptions.

Departmental Reports: Adult Services. Paetzold appreciated Paulios's work on the Johnson County Local Homeless Coordinating Board. Paulios said it is a great group and he appreciated learning from others in the group. Matthews liked the long-term tie of that into the Strategic Plan for staff wellness. Massa asked if the Library had social work students this year. Paulios said it was only a one-year placement.

Community & Access Services. Matthews shared interest in fall Bookmobile stats vs winter stats. Helmick agreed.

Development Report. Rocklin noted upcoming fun events. Roche said she would love to see Trustees attend them. Roche noted the Dave Eggers event is selling well and hopes the others will pick up soon too. Rocklin encouraged Trustees to share information about the events. Roche said Dave Eggers recently won the Newberry award this year.

Miscellaneous: News Articles. None.

President's Report. None.

Announcements from Members. Paetzold encouraged Trustees interested in working with other libraries across lowa on a macro level to sign up for the Trustees subdivision of ILA. Paetzold shared there is an advocacy committee meeting under Helmick's guidance and a legislative update committee that meet on Zoom. Paetzold noted an Oscar nominated film *The ABCs of Book Banning* is on Paramount Plus and is an excellent documentary showcasing children explaining how book banning impacts their reading. Paetzold asked if there should be a future policy discussion about at-risk minors who aren't to be attended. Carman said yes, he and Pilkington have been working with legal to make changes to the Unattended Child policy. Paetzold asked if a tween or teen would fall into the unattended child category. Pilkington said they can and



legal is helping guide that policy work. Carman said it worth reopening the policy and adding it to the schedule. Carman benchmarked with other libraries and some policies use vulnerable people as the model. Carman said we are lucky to have a liaison in the legal department who is well versed in public library policy. Paetzold asked if UAY might be another model. Johnk said it would make sense to check with them. Carman checked in with ICPL Teen Librarian, Victoria, and felt it was great to explore but a model like the Parks and Rec department is more applicable because they have means of enforcing community agreements. Carman said this is being explored with legal. Carman shared library staff are not mandatory reporters. Paetzold liked the framing of the vulnerable people idea. Carman said he is comfortable exploring this but noted as a public place we have many vulnerable people and stated one part of that work is to determine parameters for staff to assess these situations. Johnk shared a friend of his works at Cornell College who inquired about policy work at ICPL and Johnk was thrilled to brag about how wonderful the Library Board is. Johnk's friend is now working with Cornell and using Iowa City Public Library as a model.

Carman said in reference to Massa's previous budget question that data processing pays for OCLC. Carman explained the budget report presented is a compilation of many library department budgets together, and it looks different in its day to day use. Matthews asked library line items are coded to the city budget. Carman said the short answer is that is true, the longer answer is some of the codes are shared by all city departments and some are unique to the library. We work with City Finance to set them up. Carman said if an invoice is coded incorrectly there is a mechanism to fix that.

Santos Green said we were well represented at the lowa Libraries Online Conference with Jackie Biger. The conference discussed the importance of being proactive in advocacy and celebrating mundane daily work that makes things improve over time.

Committee Reports. Stevenson shared the Director Evaluation committee received 7 trustee responses and six staff responses. Stevenson thanked Johnk for consolidating the form. The committee will meet again for next steps and includes Johnk, Massa, Stevenson.

The Advocacy Committee meeting will meet later tonight. The Finance Committee has been unable to meet.

Communications. None.

Consent Agenda. Johnk made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Matthews seconded. Motion passed 8/10.

Set Agenda Order for February Meeting. Rocklin shared the February agenda will include appointing a nominating committee, reviewing policy 812 hours of service, the Director evaluation. Paetzold asked if there will be an update on the ALA presidential election at the next meeting. Matthews said we could. Santos Green said a bill has been brought back to prohibit schools from using the guidance of the American Library Association. Santos Green will be addressing this as a private citizen and is happy to take feedback. Santos Green asked Trustees to find one person to explain the importance of collection development policies being created locally to meet the needs of local groups. Santos Green said the bill is available on Ledges.iowa.gov and the ID is 1369250.

Adjournment. Rocklin adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Royer



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015034 KANOPY INC 015034 KANOPY INC	374204 380970	0	2024 7 2024 7		NV F				LIBRARY MATERIALS LIBRARY MATERIALS
			ACCOUNT 7	TOT	٩L	3,964.00			
10550220 477330 010169 GAZETTE COMMUNICATIO	437299124	0	Serial (Prin 2024 7		NV F	894.40	011224	295106	LIBRARY MATERIALS
010238 IOWA CITY PRESS CITI	PC0025925FY24	0	2024 7	I	NV F	1,037.45	020224	295865	LIBRARY MATERIALS
010475 GREENSTATE CREDIT U	0126240292	0	2024 7	I	NV F	52.00	011924	295301	A Mangano Mastercar
010717 USA TODAY	UT4222816FY24	0	2024 7	I	NV F	397.55	011924	295406	LIBRARY MATERIALS
			ACCOUNT 7	TOT	ΔL	2,381.40			
10550220 477350 010550 PROQUEST INFORMATION	70818862	0	Online Refer 2024 7			4,355.90	011224	45623	LIBRARY MATERIALS
			ACCOUNT 7	тот	ΑL	4,355.90			
			ORG 10550220	TOT	ΔL	56,222.41			
FUND 1000 Gen	eral		-	ΤΟΤΑ	AL:	105,142.15			



ACCOUNT	/VENDOR	INVOICE	PO	YEAR/PR TYP S	WARRANT	CHECK DESCRIPTION
10550320 10550320 014150	443020 ADVANCED BUSINESS SY	-	Boar O	d Enterprise Office Equipment R&M Servic 2024 7 INV P ACCOUNT TOTAL	es 29.11 012624 29.11	46072 LBE&IT/Sharp Printi
10550320 010216	444080 RICOH USA INC	5068689565	0	Software R&M Services 2024 7 INV P	49.11 012624	46106 LBE/Public Printing
010555	TRACSYSTEMS INC	4673	0	2024 7 INV P	75.90 012624	295759 LBE/Software Fax Se
016628	DATA443 RISK MITIGAT	38636	0	2024 7 INV P	848.00 012624	295687 LBE/Licenses
				ACCOUNT TOTAL	973.01	
				ORG 10550320 TOTAL	1,002.12	
10550330 10550330 010475	435055 GREENSTATE CREDIT U	Damages 0126240002	& Lo 0	sses Mail & Delivery 2024 7 INV P ACCOUNT TOTAL	13.66 011924 13.66	295306 S Helmick Mastercar
				ORG 10550330 TOTAL	13.66	
	445140 047 GREENSTATE CREDIT U	•	Desi O	gnated Gifts Outside Printing 2024 7 INV P ACCOUNT TOTAL	813.26 011924 813.26	295303 A Pilkington MC 1/2
10550420			_	Miscellaneous Supplies		
	BLICK ART MATERIALS		0	2024 7 INV P	139.46 011224	295080 DG/Paints and Suppl
		0126247792KTCDLG 0126249103DLGKTC	0	2024 7 INV P 2024 7 INV P	543.40 011924 91.11 011924 634.51	295305 J Paulios Mastercar 295307 J Miller Mastercard
016883	1-WEEK CRITIQUE	011124ктс	0	2024 7 INV P	500.00 012624	295656 UG/Programming Stip
				ACCOUNT TOTAL	1,273.97	
010475	GREENSTATE CREDIT U GREENSTATE CREDIT U	0126247446SRPDLG 0126247792KTCDLG 0126249103DLGKTC	0 0 0	Food and Beverages 2024 7 INV P 2024 7 INV P 2024 7 INV P	17.87 011924 119.47 011924 68.96 011924 206.30	295303 A Pilkington MC 1/2 295305 J Paulios Mastercar 295307 J Miller Mastercard
				ACCOUNT TOTAL	206.30	



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		ORG	10550420 TOTAL	2,293.53			
10550510 10550510 477020 010509 BAKER & TAYLOR INC C 2 010509 BAKER & TAYLOR INC C 2 010509 BAKER & TAYLOR INC C 2	2037962431 2037973835		o's Materials - oks (Cat/Cir) 2024 7 INV P 2024 7 INV P 2024 7 INV P	18.00 0 21.64 0 4.77 0 44.41	11224	295077	LIBRARY MATERIALS LIBRARY MATERIALS LIBRARY MATERIALS
			ACCOUNT TOTAL	44.41			
		ORG	10550510 TOTAL	44.41			
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10550520 477250		St	ACCOUNT TOTAL	88.54			
010546 MIDWEST TAPE	504860688	0	2024 7 INV P	8,825.13 0 8,825.13	11224	295142	LIBRARY MATERIALS
		ORG	10550520 TOTAL	8,913.67			
FUND 1001 Libra	ary Gifts		TOTAL:	12,267.39			



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10550800 10550800 444080 016427 MICROSOFT CORP 016427 MICROSOFT CORP	ORATIO G034043143		ent Reserve ftware R&M Services 2024 7 INV P 2024 7 INV P	2,747.89 011224 2,436.63 020224 5,184.52	45621 LRR/Microsoft Azure 46164 LRR/Microsoft Azure
		5,184.52			
		ORG	10550800 TOTAL	5,184.52	
FUND 10	06 Library Replacement R	eserves	TOTAL:	5,184.52	