



DECEMBER

Events for Adults



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS SOCIAL JUSTICE: AN OBERMANN CONVERSATION

● *Thursday, Dec. 2, 7 - 8 PM, Zoom Event*

This summer, a new Map of Black-owned businesses in Johnson County was created. It connects users to a rich and ever-growing directory of businesses and entrepreneurs in the eastern Iowa corridor and challenges us to understand the connection between economic opportunities and social justice. Our speakers will help us understand historic barriers faced by BIPOC people interested in starting a business, and why tearing down these barriers matters to all of us.



Speakers:

Daria Fisher Page, Clinical Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Community Empowerment Law Project in the legal clinic at Iowa Law

Matthew R. Gilbert, Attorney-At-Law, entrepreneur, coach, and Founder and President of Iowa C.O.R.E. Inc., Economic Development Chair for the Iowa-Nebraska NAACP

Travis Kraus, Associate Professor in the University of Iowa School of Planning & Public Affairs and Director for the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities

Tracy Jon Sargeant, Executive Director, Multicultural Development Center of Iowa

TECH SAVVY GUIDE TO PLANT PARENTHOOD



*Monday, December 13
7 - 8 PM*

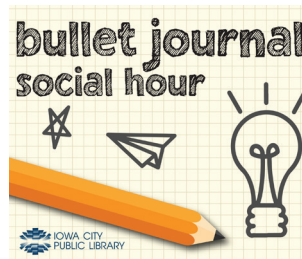
Digital Media Lab

Are you a houseplant parent looking for ways to help keep your plants alive during the winter? Come to this class to meet fellow plant parents, learn some basic plant care tips and tricks, as well as how you can use your phone to keep track of watering schedules, identify plants, and more! All levels of plant experience are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

GET CREATIVE!

BULLET JOURNAL SOCIAL HOUR

● *Thursday, December 9, 7 - 8:30 PM, Meeting Room A*
Are you interested in learning about bullet journaling, or would you like to meet up with other journalers and share ideas? We will host an overview of the basics of Bullet Journals from two ICPL staffers who are avid journalers. All skill levels are welcome!



BAD ART NIGHT

Monday, December 27, 5:30 - 7 PM, Digital Media Lab
Does your artistic vision lean towards wacky, tacky or outright batty? Then we want you! Join us in the Digital Media Lab for a night of art prompts that will get your creative juices flowing, allowing you to create a final, awful "masterpiece". The less art experience, the better!

DROP-IN DIY GIFT WRAPPING

Daily, Digital Media Lab

Need to wrap some holiday gifts in secret? We provide the gift wrap, bows, scissors, tape, and space for you to wrap your gifts in peace. Limit of 5 gifts per person please.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS



LET'S TALK BOOKS: HOLIDAY READS

● Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7 - 8 PM,
Zoom Event

For some people, the holidays can't start soon enough. For others it takes a bit to get in the holiday spirit. Join us as we share our favorite old or new holiday reads.

LET'S TALK BOOKS: AWARD WINNERS

● Tuesday, Dec. 28, 7 - PM, Zoom

There are a wide variety of book awards that celebrate the best in writing or literature in their area for focus. Gather your favorites and join us for the discussion!



WRITING



THE RAINBOW ROOM

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 6:30 - 8:30 PM,
Meeting Room B

The Rainbow Room focuses on literature through an LGBTQIA+ lens and provides opportunities for LGBTQIA+ writers to share and write

in a safe, supportive, and creative space. All are welcome from any stage of their writing journey. Allies are very welcome, but please be respectful of the LGBTQIA+ space.

THE VIOLET REALM

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 6 - 8 PM, Meeting Room B

Are you a science fiction or fantasy writer? Come join your fellow fantasy and science fiction writers for a two-hour, write-in session. We'll come together and provide prompts, topic discussions, and the chance to write freely with Iowa City's literary community.



TECH CLASSES



INTERMEDIATE PHOTOSHOP

● Thursday, Dec. 9, 7 - 8 PM,
Digital Media Lab

Join library staff for the next step in using Photoshop, the industry standard in photo editing and digital art. Learn how to combine parts of two photos into one in this intermediate-level class

MAKE A CUSTOM COLORING PAGE

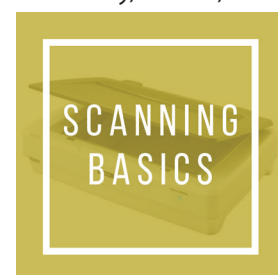
● Tuesday, Dec. 7, 6 - 7 PM,
Digital Media Lab

Learn to make custom coloring pages by digitally tracing your photos in Photoshop using a drawing tablet. Bring a photograph to trace!



SCANNING BASICS

● Thursday, Dec. 16, 2 - 3 PM, Digital Media Lab



This class will teach you how to scan documents, photos, film, and slides using the equipment available to you in the Digital Media Lab. We will cover a range of topics related to scanning, including where to store your digital items and how to adjust their quality.

DIGITAL MEDIA LAB



**DROP IN ASSISTANCE WITH
EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE
IS AVAILABLE IN THE DIGITAL
MEDIA LAB!**

**MONDAYS: 6 - 9 PM
TUESDAYS: 11 AM - 3 PM
WEDNESDAYS: 6-9 PM
FRIDAYS: 11 AM - 12 PM
SUNDAYS: 12 - 5 PM**

Did you know?

The Iowa City Public Library now
offers LinkedIn Learning!

LinkedIn Learning offers over 16,000
skill-building video tutorials in seven
languages across business, creative,
and technical categories.



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Iowa City Public Library Holiday hours:

December 10 closed for Inservice Day
December 23 open 10 am - 6 pm
December 24 closed for Christmas Observed
December 25 closed for Christmas Day
December 31 open 10 am - 2 pm
January 1 closed for New Year's Day

If you are a person with a disability who requires special assistance, please call (319) 356-5200 in advance of a program.