

BOOK MARKS are coming to town

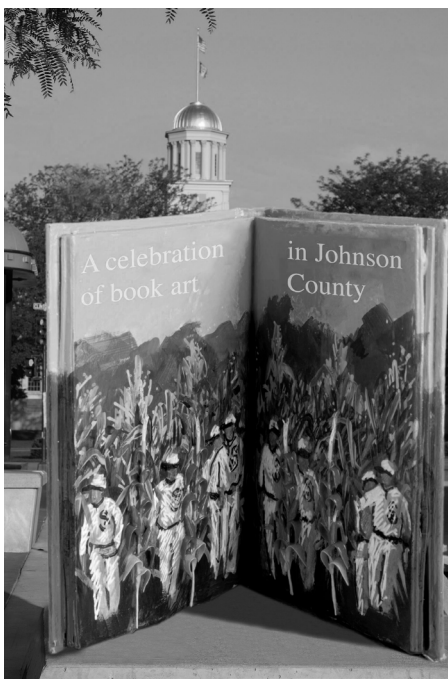
A new public art project celebrating reading and writing will be unveiled in the City of Literature this June. BOOK MARKS Book Art in Johnson County™ will feature five-foot tall statues depicting books and literary themes. The project is similar to the University of Iowa's Herky on Parade program in 2004 which generated support to remodel Kinnick Stadium. BOOK MARKS Book Art in Johnson County™ is a fundraiser for the City of Literature USA, Coralville Public Library, Iowa City Public Library, and North Liberty Community Library. The public art displays will continue through most of the fall. "The reason the City of Literature designation came to Iowa City is because of the great culture of literature that resides here on a deep, deep level," said City of Literature USA Director Jeanette Pilak. "This public art project doesn't just celebrate that culture; it demonstrates the collaboration and cooperation that exists among and between institutions that keep the art of the book, reading, and writing alive in the hearts and minds of every citizen."

Through three levels of BOOK MARK sponsorship, top level sponsors have the opportunity to keep their statue at the end of the public display. The other two sponsorship levels will result in a public auction of the artwork, with proceeds benefiting the City of Literature USA and three public libraries. Iowa City Public Library has designated early childhood literacy projects such as Book Babies as the recipient of its share of the fundraising contributions.

"Besides being eager to see the actual statues, I'm also very excited that this is the first time artists, sponsors, our three beloved libraries, and the new City of Literature non-profit organization have partnered on a fundraiser," said Library Director Susan Craig. "I think it could become a model for libraries around the world, and am proud that we are leading the collaboration."

Visit www.bookmarks-iowa.org for a look at models of potential statues. Sponsorships by businesses, individuals, service clubs, and non-profit organizations are still available for the BOOK MARK statues.

For more information, contact Jeanette Pilak, City of Literature USA, 319-356-5245 or Jeanette@cityofliteratureusa.org; or Patty McCarthy, Iowa City Public Library, 319-356-5249 or pmccarthy@icpl.org.



BOOK MARKS Book Art in Johnson County will feature five-foot tall statues throughout the Iowa City area, depicting books and literary themes.

YOU'RE INVITED

to

BUILDING THE COLLECTION: CELEBRATING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

What: **LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS TO BENEFIT THE IOWA CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Date: **SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011**

Time: **6 P.M.-8 P.M.**

Where: **HOTELVETRO, DOWNTOWN IOWA CITY**

Hosted by: Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation
Reservations are \$50 per person. Make reservations online after April 1 at www.icpl.org/support or call the Library Development Office to request an invitation be mailed to you. Contact 319-356-5249 or pmccarthy@icpl.org.



BOOK MARKS wants YOU!

Iowa City Public Library staff and volunteers invite you to join them in sponsoring a very special BOOK MARK statue to help build the library collection. The statue will be designed by artists Cheryl Jacobsen and Brian Gunning and will include the names of everyone who contributes \$25 to the unique BOOK MARK Fund of the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation between now and May 15, 2011.

Contact Patty McCarthy at 319-356-5249 or pmccarthy@icpl.org for more information, or make your gift online at www.icpl.org/support.

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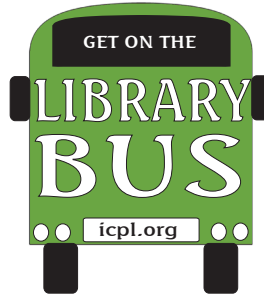
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Did You Know?
Ride & Read

Children ride free to ICPL on any Iowa City Transit bus this summer.



When:
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday,
June 7 – August 11

Show your library card for a free ride to the downtown interchange and walk just three blocks to the Library. This service is limited to children through grade 12, and their adult caregivers who are with them. Ride home free anytime the same day with a Ride & Read bus pass, available at the Checkout Desk. Limit: 1 per day, and 2 per week. Show your library card to get a bus pass from the Library.

For more information: 319-356-5151, www.icgov.org/transit, or www.icpl.org/services/ridethebus.php.

Spotlight on the Collection



Live streaming video

ICPL's streaming video service is now live at

<http://video-stream.icpl.org/>.

The Library Channel's currently featured videos cover topics including local history, gardening, current events, books, biography, arts, and storytimes. Check it out and let us know what you think.

E-mail webmaster@icpl.org.

Up-to-date Library News

For the most current ICPL news, visit our Newsroom blog at <http://newsroom.icpl.org>. It's the go-to place for special event announcements and information on all the newest services your Library provides. You can also subscribe to the Newsroom RSS feed to receive regular updates.

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'The love of reading is a key to life'

45,000 newborns have gone home with book packets over the last 20 years.

Three-day-old Rachel Tharp went home from her Iowa City birthplace with a very special birthday present from Begin with Books. For 20 years, the project has introduced reading to newborns and their families through a partnership of the Iowa City Public Library, Hills Bank and Trust Company, Mercy Hospital, and the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics. So, when Rachel and her parents, William and Marciana, recently travelled from Mercy Hospital to "I Can," by Helen Oxenbury, went home with them.

The board book is one of four made possible by very generous annual grants from Hills Bank to ICPL. The memorable Begin with Books envelopes are usually presented by hospital staff, but in honor of the 20th anniversary of the early childhood literacy program, Rachel and her mother, Marciana, received their packet from Dwight Seegmiller, President of Hills Bank and Trust Company, and Debb Green, Children's Services Coordinator at the Library. Marciana Tharp, a reading teacher at West Liberty Elementary School, graciously thanked both and said, "Rachel's older sister and brother still have and enjoy their own Begin with Books gifts, 'I See,' and 'I Touch.' They will be so excited that Rachel has a new book. As a teacher, I see the joy that happens when children start to recognize letters, and then when they begin to read, and I know how much

reading makes a difference. It is just so important."

Seegmiller agreed with Tharp that "the love of reading is a key to life," and said that is one reason why Begin with Books and "supporting youth and education has been the focus for Hills Bank and Trust Company through the years. It's just the right thing to do for our families."

Green said the partnership is one of

and Iowa City Public Library, a book list for older siblings, and children's program information for public libraries in Johnson County and the rest of Iowa.

After the Begin with Books kits are assembled at the Library, volunteer Maggie Hogan makes the special deliveries to Iowa City hospitals.

Hogan is celebrating her 20th anniversary with the program, too. Denise Connell, Director of Marketing and Community Relations at Mercy Hospital, said of Begin with Books, "We just want to do everything we can to get babies and their families off to a good start. It's a great way to do that."

Library Director Susan Craig

thanks Dwight Seegmiller and Hills Bank and Trust Company, Mercy Hospital, University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, Maggie Hogan, and all of the parents like William and Marciana Tharp who read with their newborn daughters and sons at an early age.

"It is so important for parents to engage their babies in early literacy from the moment they are born, added Craig. "Visit your local library for storytimes and a wealth of books, DVDs, CDs, educational toys and downloadable resources that can foster early literacy skills in your child as they grow."

Visit icpl.org/kids/early-literacy.php

Green efforts continue at ICPL

The Iowa City Public Library is the first City department to install recycling containers in its building. The Library and the City of Iowa City Department of Public Works/Landfill Division received a grant from the International City/County Management Association last year that enabled ICPL to partner with others to present 18 months of programs and green giveaways called ECO Iowa City. This is a continuation of those efforts.

Fortified with more information and energy, ICPL researched its first foray into recycling and purchased bins that were then strategically located in the first floor lobby and across from the Reference Desk on the second floor. The bins accept cans and plastic bottles, mixed paper, and general

Drop your recyclables here!



waste. Our staff reports the containers have been well received and well used. Next time you're at the Library, you can recycle more than just library materials. While you're here, drop your plastic, paper and general waste in our bins on the first and second floors.

For the latest news on ICPL's green initiatives, visit newsroom.icpl.org.

Earth Day Events

ICPL and the City of Iowa City Public Works Department/Landfill Division will celebrate Earth Day with events in April 2011. On Monday, **April 18**, Teresa Kurtz, Executive Director of the Iowa Recycling Association, will present a lecture at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room A.

Then join us Friday, **April 22**, on Earth Day, for an environmental fair at the Robert E. Lee Recreation Center from 3 to 6 p.m. Come and learn about what environmental groups are doing in the Iowa City/Johnson County area.

On Saturday, **April 30**, at Grant Wood Elementary School, the Library and the Landfill, Engineers for a Sustainable World, the University of Iowa School of Pharmacy, and the Drug Enforcement Agency will sponsor another Take Back Day where the public can bring their expired and unused pharmaceuticals. Watch the Library's website for more information.

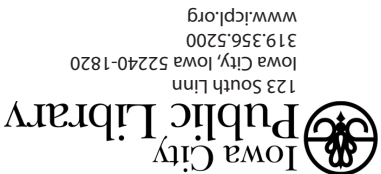
For more information, visit icpl.org.

Holiday Hours

April 24 Easter Open 12-5
May 30 Memorial Day CLOSED
July 4 Independence Day CLOSED
Sept. 5 Labor Day CLOSED

Join us for our Summer Reading Program

More info inside!



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Weber Days celebrates Iowa history



Join us for "Corn Fed Rock and Roll: The History of Iowa-based Rock and Roll during the '60s," a Weber Days History Lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, **May 19** at ICPL. Irving B. Weber Days is held annually in May, during National Historic Preservation Month. The purpose of Weber Days is to celebrate the life of Iowa City's beloved late historian, Irving B. Weber, and to bring history alive through programs and events.

Check www.icpl.org/weber for more details.

Coming Soon: Self-Check in the Children's Room

Watch for a new self-check station in the Children's Room in late April. This station will provide a convenient place for parents to check out materials while their little ones are playing with the trains or browsing books.

The new self-check will be located near the Children's Room service desk and will look just like the other stations that are currently near the Library's entrance.

All of the same services will be available. In addition to checking out books, DVDs or puzzles, you may renew materials that you've already checked out, check to see if you have a hold ready for pickup, or pay a fine with a credit card. Children's Room staff are standing by for help if needed. Let us know how you like this new addition to the Children's Room!



You Are Here

When "You Are Here" at the Iowa City Public Library this summer you'll interact with new people in the teen space or at the Tuesday programs, explore your downtown and new cultural opportunities, and connect with characters in the stories you read. These experiences will hopefully help you to shape your identity and map out the direction you want to travel.

TEEN SRP REGISTRATION BEGINS
Noon-5 p.m. Sunday, **June 5**, through **July 31** at 5 p.m. at the Fiction Desk

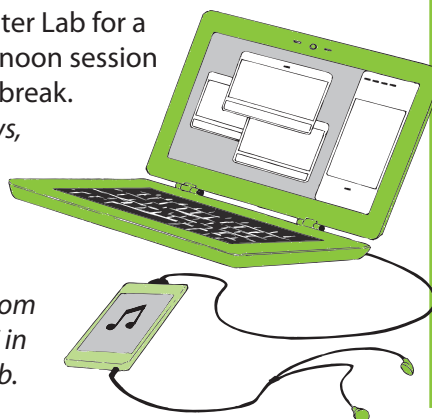
WORLD DAY
Join us as we celebrate cultural diversity with world dance, food, and other demonstrations.
2-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 14; Meeting Room A.

ROLLER DERBY
Teens in Grades 7-12 are invited to walk with us to the Robert A. Lee Community Recreation Center. Iowa City's all-female, amateur, flat-track roller derby team, the Old Capitol City Roller Girls, will show us how it's done! Open to teen girls and guys.
2-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 21; Meet in Meeting Room A.

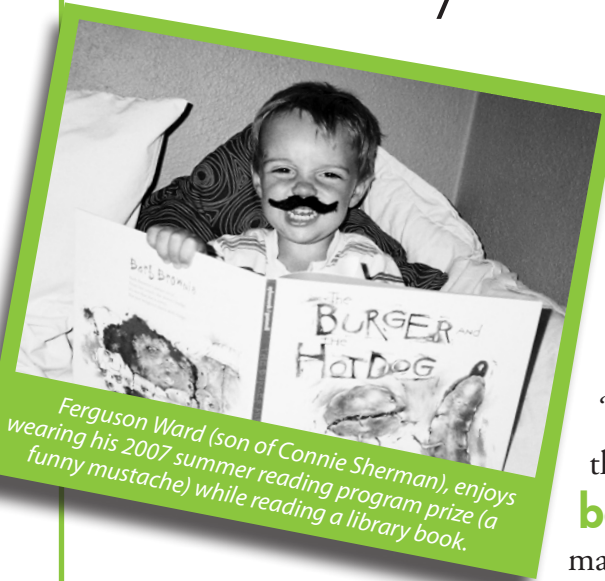


CUPCAKE WARS!
Compete in three rounds judged on Taste, Presentation, and Creativity. There will be door prizes and, of course, cupcakes!
2-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 28; Meeting Room A

TEEN TECH ZONE
Open use for teens on the Internet in the Library's Computer Lab for a three-hour afternoon session during summer break.
1-4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: June 3-July 1; and every weekday from July 5-August 17 in the Computer Lab.



What's your favorite part of the Summer Reading Program?



Ferguson Ward (son of Connie Sherman), enjoys wearing his 2007 summer reading program prize (a funny mustache) while reading a library book.

"We've done your summer reading program for a few years now and just love it. **It's always exciting** and very well organized. We love that it directs us to new subjects, authors and media."
— Connie Sherman, Iowa City parent

"I like it because there are so many things to do and I like to **read books every day**. And I like marking off the checks."
— Ava Prickman, age 5



Ava Prickman reads with her younger sibling.

"Being social and getting to **build things with my friends**."

— Julian Yee, TAG* member

"I have **fond memories** of participating in the Whittemore, Iowa, summer reading program when I was younger. The librarian knew everyone and there were prizes."

— Sam Windmill, TAG* member



Sam Windmill, TAG member



Julian Yee, TAG member

"It's a good excuse to constantly go to **the library!**"

— McKinley Barbourske, TAG* member



Jason Paulios, Librarian

"I love seeing people's reactions when I tell them there are no restrictions on what books they have to read to participate. There is usually a huge sigh of relief! Summer can be a time for finally getting around to plowing through Moby Dick or making progress on a college prep list, but it's also a chance to give yourself a break and **indulge in your guilty pleasures**."

— Jason Paulios, Librarian

* Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is a group of young adult volunteers who help brainstorm and design programming and services to allow teens a greater voice at the Library. More info: 319-887-6075 or teens@icpl.org.

"It **makes me read** in the summer."
— Derek Burger, TAG* member



Derek Burger, TAG member

"**The challenge!** You can win big prizes like last year's iPod Touch."
— Antoine Lacey, TAG* member



Antoine Lacey, TAG member

"Because the summer can be such a busy time, it's nice to have the summer reading program to keep us **focused on reading books together**. And the Library offers such a terrific variety of children's activities to support the reading program."
— Rachel Prickman, Iowa City parent

"Ava first completed the Summer Reading Program when she was 18 months old, and this summer will be her fifth year participating. It has become an annual **event for our whole family** to look forward to, and we're excited to get her younger sibling involved this year too."

— Greg Prickman, Co-Director, Iowa City Book Festival

"**SRP brings together children of all ages**. For example, at the Water Carnival we partnered with the IC Fire Department who brought not only a fire truck but also their ever-popular fire extinguisher target game. Everyone loved hosing down their friends! It will now become an annual event."

— Debbie Dunn, Library Assistant



Children of all ages enjoyed hosing down their friends at the 2010 Water Carnival.



eMedia collection grows

ICPL now has more than 1,600 eBooks and 2,300 eAudiobooks for summer reading enjoyment. Take a book with you wherever you go this summer!

Find out more and browse the collection at icpl.org/eMedia

Keep those DVDs longer!

You now have more opportunities to extend the time you keep the library materials you have checked out. DVDs in the Children's Room and in our adult television and movie collections now may be renewed once as long as no one else has reserved them.

Magazines and materials labeled with a "New" sticker also may be renewed once. Most other materials with a loan period of three weeks may now be renewed twice. As always, if another patron has placed a hold on an item, it may not be renewed.

Library materials may be renewed online by logging in to your patron account at icpl.org, by telephone, at the self-check stations, or with help from a staff member at the Checkout Desk.

One World, Many Stories

Children's Summer Reading Program June 5-July 31

This summer, the Iowa City Public Library will offer 10 or more programs each week for infants through sixth graders! Registering for the Library's summer reading program is easy. Come to the Children's Room, pick up a reading kit, and fill out a registration form anytime the Library is open. Children complete the program at their own pace by doing fun reading and learning activities from a task sheet. After completing 15 tasks, kids can claim a paperback book prize and entry into the grand prize drawing.

For more information, visit icpl.org/srp or call 319-356-5200, option 6.

CHILDREN'S SRP KICKOFF AT THE IOWA ARTS FESTIVAL (ALL AGES) Co-sponsored with the Summer of the Arts; Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 5, outside the Library on City Plaza or at ICPL until June 15.

K-6TH GRADE PROGRAMS (SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN) 2-3 p.m., Thursdays, June 16-July 28, Meeting Room A

Wii GAMING (SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN) 2-4 p.m., Wednesdays, June 15-August 17, Storytime Room

R.E.A.D. - READ TO A DOG! (K-6TH GRADERS WHO CAN READ) Co-sponsored with Therapy Dogs of Johnson County; 2-4 p.m., Sundays; June 12, July 10, August 7; Storytime Room

STORIES IN THE PARK (AGES 3-6) Co-sponsored with the City of Iowa City Parks & Recreation Department
Willow Creek Park: 10:30-11 a.m., Wednesdays, June 15-August 3
Mercer Park: 10:30-11 a.m., Fridays, June 17-August 5



PRESCHOOL PLAY CRAFT PROGRAM (AGES 2-5) 2 p.m., Thursdays, June 16-July 28, Storytime Room

SUMMER BOOK BABIES DISCOVER STORIES (AGES 6-18 MONTHS) 10:30-11 a.m., Fridays, June 17-July 22, Storytime Room

IOWA CITY BOOK FESTIVAL (ALL AGES) 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, July 16, Outside University of Iowa Main Library on Gibson Square (corner of Burlington and Madison streets)

DAN WARDELL'S READING ROAD TRIP (from Iowa Public Television KIDS Clubhouse) Two shows; 1:30-2:15 p.m. & 2:30-3:15 p.m., Sunday, July 17, Meeting Room A

