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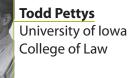


Board members for 2012-2013 are (l to r, front row) Mary New, Holly Carver (Secretary), Meredith Rich-Chappell (President), and (l to r, second row) Thomas S. Martin, Mark W. Edwards (Vice President), Linzee Kull McCray, Robin Paetzold (Johnson County representative), Thomas Dean, and Jay Semel.

# **Friends Foundation Board**

Welcome to the following community leaders who are new to the Board of Directors of the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation. The Library's Development Office works together with the volunteer members of the Friends Foundation board on Library fundraising efforts. For more information about the Library's Friends Foundation, visit www.icpl.org/friends-foundation/. To donate to the Library, visit www.icpl.org/ **support/donate/** or mail the form on the preceding page.





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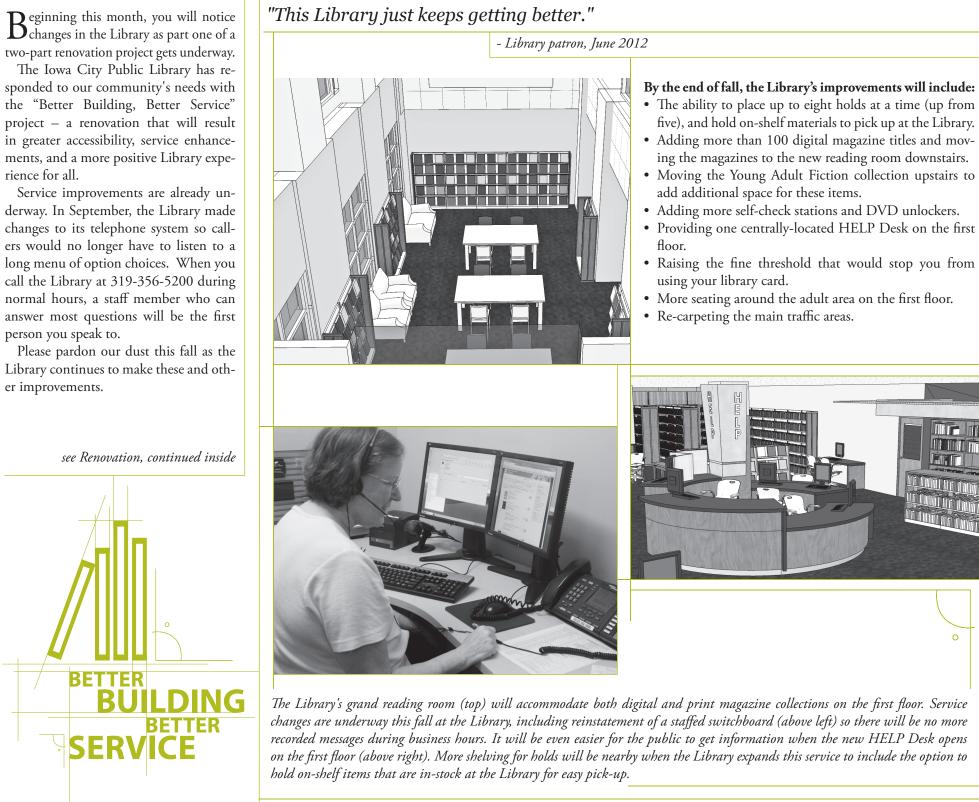
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The Iowa City Public Library remains L the busiest public library building in the state of Iowa. This year saw ICPL launch the Local Music Project, an innovative way to deliver local music content to Iowa City. The Library also strengthened its partnerships in the community by supporting the first growing season of the successful City Plaza Children's Garden. ICPL brought Johnson County together for a first in the country public art show of the BookMarks gigantic book statues, expanded outreach programs to underserved members of the community and continued to find new ways to encourage lifelong learning for all. ICPL has increased circulation, offered new technology support, improved the



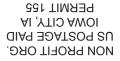
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# **Better Building, Better Service**

The Library's grand reading room (top) will accommodate both digital and print magazine collections on the first floor. Service changes are underway this fall at the Library, including reinstatement of a staffed switchboard (above left) so there will be no more recorded messages during business hours. It will be even easier for the public to get information when the new HELP Desk opens on the first floor (above right). More shelving for holds will be nearby when the Library expands this service to include the option to

# Another record-setting year

look and feel of the library catalog, offered a variety of programs and displays from U.S. Olympic Wrestling to Charles Dickens, and was involved in the creation of a new children's literature festival sponsored by the City of Literature. By the numbers, it was another recordsetting year:

- 69,306 cardholders
- 1,576,755 checkouts
- 764,911 visits

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- 211,220 computer users
- 76,111 questions answered
- 62.9% of checkouts done by self-check
- 94.5% increase in eDownloads The Library's full annual report is available online at www.icpl.org/about/annu-



## GUYS READ BOOK CLUB

Our mission: Matching ICPL guys with the appropriate books (and other readable things) in a fun, guys-only environment from noon-1 p.m. in Meeting Room E. With pizza. Aimed at guys in grades 5-8. Guys Read is a literacy initiative founded by children's author Jon Scieszka.

During the School Year: Saturdays: Oct. 27, Nov. 17, and Jan. 26.

School's Out Date: Friday, Dec. 21.

## FOX SOCCER/FIFA CLUB FOR TEENS

Join us in the Computer Lab where we'll choose a Fox Soccer match to replay, challenge others on FIFA12 for PS3, or just hang out and talk about the week's Football/Soccer results from 3-5 p.m. every Thursday in the Computer Lab through Dec. 27 (except Nov. 22).

#### CODERDOJO CODING CLUB

At a CoderDojo, young people learn how to code, develop websites, apps, programs, games and more. This event will be aimed at grades 5-8, though older students are also welcome to attend, from 2-4 p.m. in the Computer Lab on the second Saturday of the month: Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9, April 13, and May 11.

# TEEN TECH ZONE 💊

Want to try your hand at Facebook, blogging, or recording that song you wrote in your notebook last week? Curious about Twitter, Wikis, Digg or Delicious? Stop by Teen Tech Zone from 1-4 p.m. in the Computer Lab on the Library's second floor.

During the School Year: Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. and Saturdays 1-4 p.m.

School's Out Dates: Friday, Nov. 9; Thursday, Dec. 20; Friday, Dec. 21; Wednesday, Dec. 26; Thursday, Dec. 27; Friday, Dec. 28; and Wednesday, Jan. 2.

#### CRASH COURSE CRAFTS 🔠

Need a break from technology? Unplug with quick crafts from 1-4 p.m. in the Computer Lab on the Library's second floor. Try your hand at beginner knitting, friendship bracelets, duct tape designs and felties. For grades 7-12 during Teen Tech Zone hours.

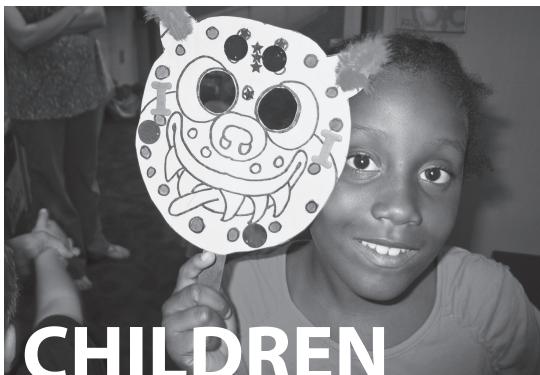
During the School Year: Saturdays: Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 8, and Dec. 15. School's Out Dates: Friday, Nov. 9; Thursday, Dec. 20 (additional Christmas crafts); Wednesday, Dec. 26; Thursday, Dec. 27; Friday, Dec. 28; and Wednesday, Jan. 2.



Buddy was a baby who stowed away in Santa's toy bag and ended up at the North Pole. The elves raise him as one of their own, but when he begins to notice his differences, he goes to New York City to find his birth father in this sweet holiday comedy.

School's Out Date: 1-3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, Computer Lab.

See all of our events at calendar.icpl.org.



### CELEBRATE NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 🥮

Bilingual Storytime: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, Storytime Room: Nicole Upchurch as Dame Cinco will delight preschoolers with tales and banjo playing.

Bilingual Storytime: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, Storytime Room: Ana Fernandez, a University of Iowa instructor from Spain, will share stories and fun activities during Family Storytime.

Shadow Puppet Show: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, Meeting Room A: El Dia de los Muertos with Deanne Wortman. According to tradition, families welcome ancestors on this holiday. Music and a craft planned for children. For more information, visit www.uiowa.edu/~socialwk/latinoconf.

### POPO'S PUPPET FESTIVAL 🎬

Lights, camera, action! On Saturday, Oct. 27, Popo's Puppet Festival proudly presents three shows, all with an international flair. Celebrating more than 20 years of happy puppetry at the ICPL, this year's performances (all in Meeting Room A) include "Stories and Cuentos" from Mexico, "The Rabbit and the Moon" and "The Musical Ant," a collaboration with Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Company's Monica Leo and Mexican artist Eli Portugal from 10:15-11:15 a.m. The Library's own Kidspectacular youth puppetry and drama troupe then presents "Hershel and the Goblins" based on the Ukrainian tale by Eric Kimmel with a parade of goofy ghouls from 11:30 a.m.-noon. "Popo's Spooky Fun" with Deanne Wortman and Dave Panther will then perform from 12:15-12:45 p.m. It's laugh-out-loud fun with crazy frogs in Popo's basement and silly Popo trying to figure out what to wear for Halloween. Make-and-take puppet crafts and refreshments will be provided.

### GO GREEN WITH PLANETRECAPTURE

Join us for "The Great Trash Bash" Family Storytime and Recycling Relay at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, followed by PlanetRecapture at 11 a.m. Kids in 3rd-8th grade from seven local schools are invited to meet the environmental challenge. PlanetRecapture is a local grassroots movement to connect kids to nature, water quality, sustainability and health. Experts from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the City of Iowa City will join PlanetRecapture members and 100 Grannies to lead fun activities such as water quality testing, recycling, and the first ever Capture the Flag game held on City Plaza followed by free refreshments. Visit www.facebook.com/planetrecapture for more information.

### CELEBRATE THE SEASON 🐄

Kick-off the holiday season at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Storytime Room with a Higgledy Pop Mini Puppet Show, "The 3 Billy Goats Gruff." Kidspectacular presents the favorite Norwegian fairy tale full of cute Billy goats and a mean old troll. With music and fun activities.

Part of Downtown Iowa City's Celebrate the Season Saturday events. For more information, visit downtowniowacity.com.

### WINTER BREAK AT ICPL (🏂

It's frosty fun time at the Library, so come on down when school is out. (All in Meeting Room A)

Gingerbread Fun: 10:30 a.m.-noon Thursday, Dec. 20: Kids are invited to drop in to decorate gingerbread cookies and make seasonal crafts.

Gunny the Clown: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27: Gunny will tickle your funny bone with his silly tricks.

Funky Blues Music Jam: 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28: Bring the whole family and get your groove on with the music of Kevin B. F. Burt.

Snips & Snails & Puppy Dog Tails: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5: Sue Pearson of SPOT and Company will be joined by her puppy pal teams as they demonstrate some doggie do's and don'ts behavior tips.

# THE WINDOW

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#### ACCESSIBILITY

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residents of Iowa City stay connected to the world. The Library's 40 computer workstations receive high daily use at our downtown location. The Reference Desk on the Library's second floor will be repositioned so staff can provide more assistance to computer and database users. In 2013, we will add additional off-site "Tech Zone" computer labs at a variety of times and locations as well as more trained staff in the main Library. The public will continue to find a knowledgeable staff member to answer any tech question at Tech Help sessions at the Library. More options are now available for people who place materials on hold, including up to eight holds at one time. The public can now place holds for on-shelf materials and pick those items up at the Library.

Other improvements in technology in 2012 will include: · Faster video game checkouts with new security that allows the collection to be put on open shelves.

• An additional self-check station on the second floor will be added in 2013. Additional first floor selfcheck stations and DVD unlockers will be added in 2012.



This project aims to make the Library even easier to use and more accessible in fall 2012 by:

• Making it easier for patrons to get the information they need by combining the two current service desks into one HELP Desk on the first floor where people can go for help with cards, assistance with the collections, to book a meeting room, or to check out materials.

Reorganizing the main entry to make it easier for people to understand where to find what they need. This includes providing an interactive building directory. Creating more space for display and promotion of Li-

Adding an electronic bulletin board in the meeting room

Moving the magazine collection downstairs to the atrium reading room. New shelving and a subjectoriented arrangement will make it easier to browse.

• Friendlier checkout rules and limits, including raising the fine threshold that would stop a person from us-

• Providing more seating around the adult area on the



#### **TEENS**

Providing a safe, welcoming environment for teens is a priority at ICPL. When school is not in session, the Library is full of teens attending Teen Tech Zone, playing video games, participating in hands-on programs and making themselves at home in the gathering spaces throughout the Library.

James Mims, the youth program coordinator at the Broadway Neighborhood Center, said he appreciates having a place to take after-school program participants.

It is essential to find new ways to engage youths in the area. One way the Library can fulfill the needs of this age group is by providing a dedicated space just for them. Soon, the Library will move its Young Adult Fiction collection upstairs. This will make way for the collection to be integrated into an inviting Teen Space that will be created on the second floor in 2013, including a technology center designed to help teens learn and play while interacting with their peers. This space will also be used for adult activities when school is in session.

#### **CHILDREN**

The Library firmly believes reading success starts with children's earliest experiences with books. ICPL librarians are always exploring new ways to reach the youngest members of our community. This project aims to make both the Children's Room's physical space and its diverse collections easier to use, starting in 2013.

The Library will relocate the Children's Services Desk and reduce its size to help Library staff be more accessible to patrons and collections. The Library will also make storytime easier to navigate for families with strollers. Picture book shelving will be rearranged to provide more space for adults and strollers outside the Storytime Room. The Library will re-carpet worn areas in the Children's Room.

A new technology center will be created in the Children's Room, emphasizing the Library's belief that fostering a love of reading and engaging children in an interactive learning environment is key to an excellent quality of life.



Left: The new teen space on the second floor will feature flexible seating for video gaming, using the Internet, and accessing the teen collection. Above: a new technology center will be created in the children's room.



#### TECHNOLOGY

The "Better Building, Better Service" project will help Library staff provide enhanced technical support to the public, improve visibility and ease of use of its programs and collections, as well as offer new services.

Studies show 30 percent of Iowans do not have Internet access in their homes. Providing broader access to computers is just another way the Library can help

• More information for our patrons through targeted electronic news, new website features and promotion at community events.

• e-readers for checkout.

• Diverse electronic collections that are even easier to use and the addition of 100 digital magazine titles.

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Honorary Co-Chairpersons of "Better Building, Better Service," (from left) Alex, Michael, and Mandi Lensing of Iowa City agree that the Iowa City Public Library "just keeps getting better." Their favorite services? Borrowing a movie, graphic novel or e-book, and being able to reserve a book which is already checked out by someone else.

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Free access to the Internet, quality children's programming, community gathering spaces, and technology support are just a few of the things the public expects from its Library.

Join us and help the Friends Foundation reach its fundraising goal for this project. The interior building renovation project is funded through City tax dollars (\$100,000 each in Fiscal Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2014) and gifts received by the Friends Foundation will pay for the additional \$240,000 in improvements.

The Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation is accepting contributions. To support the Library's "Better Building, Better Service" project, visit www. icpl.org/support/donate/, call 356-5249 or mail the form below to ICPL Development Office, 123 S. Linn St., Iowa City, IA 52240.

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