Better Building, Better Service

By the end of fall, the Library’s improvements will include:

• The ability to place up to eight holds at a time (up from five), and hold on-shelf materials to pick up at the Library.
• Adding more than 100 digital magazine titles and moving the magazines to the new reading room downstairs.
• Moving the Young Adult Fiction collection upstairs to add additional space for these items.
• Adding more self-check stations and DVD unlockers.
• Providing one centrally-located HELP Desk on the first floor.
• Raising the fine threshold that would stop you from using your library card.
• More seating around the adult area on the first floor.
• Re-carpeting the main traffic areas.

Another record-setting year

T he Iowa City Public Library remains 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 BigMoths 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 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 record-setting year:

• 94.5% increase in eDownloads
• 62.9% of checkouts done by self-check
• 76,111 questions answered
• 211,220 computer users
• 764,911 visits
• 69,306 cardholders
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This Library just keeps getting better.

- Library patron, June 2012
Bilingual Storytime: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, Storytime Room: Angie Uchida from Damascus will deliver delightful tales and baby-plays.

Bilingual Storytime: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, Storytime Room: Monica Leo and Mexican artist Elsi Portella from Portugal 10:15-11:15 a.m. The Library’s own Kidspuck (a youth puppetry and dance troupe) present “Hershel and the Goblins” based on the Ukrainian tale by Eric Kimmel with a parade of goofy goblins from 11:30 a.m.-noon. “Popo’s SPOOKY Fun” with Debbie Wormann and Dave Frusher will then perform from 12:15-12:45 p.m. It’s laugh-out-loud fun with scary bugs 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 PLANETCAPTURE

Join us for “The Great Teas Rally!” Family Storytime and Recycling Relay at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, followed by PlanRecapture’s “The Billy Casas Graffiti.” Kid-spectacular 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 Celebrate the Saturday event. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/planetcapapture 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 Piggledy Pop Mini Puppet Show. “The Billy Casas Graffiti.” Kid-spectacular 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 Celebrate the Saturday event. For more information, visit downtowniowacity.com.

WINTER BREAK AT ICPL

It’s festive fun time at the Library, so come on down when school is out. (All in Missing Rooms B)

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. Burt.

Snips & Snails & Puppy Dog Tails 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 Sue Pearson of P&ST and Company will be joined by her puppy pal team as they demonstrate some doggie do’s and doshie behaviors tips.

Bilingual Storytime: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, Storytime Room: Nicole Uchida as Damo Cinco will deliver delightful tales and baby-plays.

Bilingual Storytime: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, Storytime Room: Aimee Fortunado, 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 Dex de los Muertos with Debbie Wormann. According to tradition, families welcome ancestors on this holiday. Music and a craft planned for children.

More information for our patrons please to read from using their library card.

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 as happy puppetry at the ICPL, this year’s performances (all in Meeting Room A) include “Stories and Guentes” from Mexico, “The Rabbit and the Moon” and “The Musical Jull,” a collaboration between Espanolugles Puppet Theatre Company and Monic Leo and Mexican artist Elsi Portella from Portugal 10:15-11:15 a.m. The Library’s own Kidspuck (a youth puppetry and dance troupe) present “Hershel and the Goblins” based on the Ukrainian tale by Eric Kimmel with a parade of goofy goblins from 11:30 a.m.-noon. “Popo’s SPOOKY Fun” with Debbie Wormann and Dave Frusher will then perform from 12:15-12:45 p.m. It’s laugh-out-loud fun with scary bugs 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.

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