

Last summer, a newlywed couple requested contributions be made in their names to the Library in lieu of other wedding gifts. They said they wanted to acknowledge the "tremendous amount of time we spent there looking for and finding marvelous things to read between studies at the Writers' Workshop."

The Library also receives memorial contributions from those whose loved ones enjoyed the wide variety of materials available including large print, books on disc, and eBooks, or the At Home service that provides materials through the mail for patrons who cannot physically get to the Library.

Building the Library's collection is also the purpose of a unique event hosted by the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation. On the first Sunday evening in May, Library friends get together at hotelVetro for two hours of fun spent bidding on opportunities to enjoy time with an author, artist or musician at the homes

of other Library supporters. "Building the Collection: Celebrating the Creative Spirit" features a live auction of 12 to 14 special get-togethers with those whose creativity shines in the books, music and artwork available at the Library. The evening also includes a silent auction, light refreshments and cash bar.

The ninth annual "Building the Collection" event will be from 6-8 p.m. May 6 at hotelVetro's Ernie Lehman Ballroom.

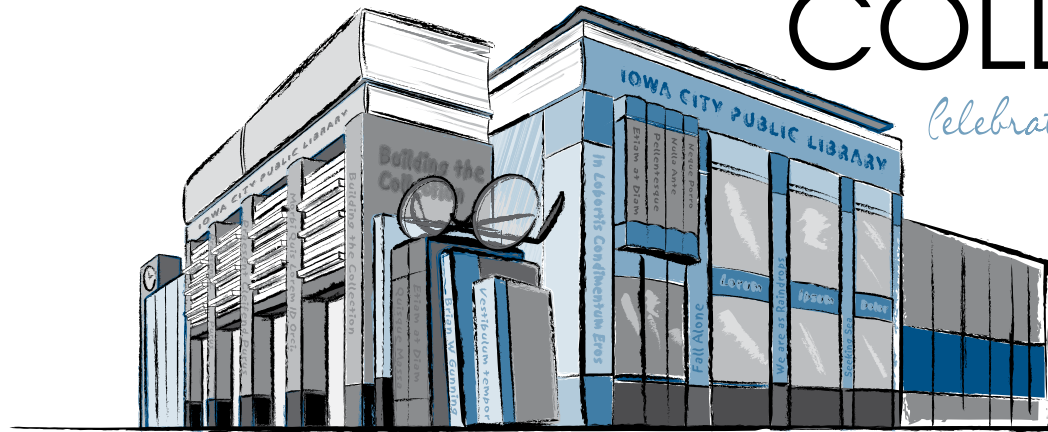
Reservations are required: \$30 per person paid in advance through the Library Development Office, online, or at the door. The Friends Foundation Board of Directors, Masters of Ceremonies Bill and Charlie Nusser, and Auctioneer Mark Sharpless hope you will join us for a memorable evening.

Additional information about attending Building the Collection, supporting the Library, and making tribute and other tax-deductible contributions is available at icpl.org/support/ or contact Patty McCarthy, Development Director, at Patty-McCarthy@icpl.org or 319-356-5249.

BUILDING THE COLLECTION

Celebrating the Creative Spirit

MAY 6, 2012



CHILDREN: DREAM BIG ... READ

Registration begins June 3, Children's Day of the Iowa Arts Festival, noon - 4 p.m. on City Plaza, continues through July 15 in the Children's Room. "Dream Big at your Library" with guest authors, music and magic, crafts, water carnival, Mad Science, Star Lab, IPTV's Dan Wardell, Iowa City Book Festival, chess and Wii, Book Babies, Stories in the Park & more.

TEENS & ADULTS: OWN THE NIGHT

Registration begins June 3. Sign up, read books, win prizes. "Own the Night" with a zombie extravaganza for Teens, Batman Movie Marathon for Teens & Adults, & special all-ages live bat program. New this year: Book to Movie Club for Teens. Read a book, have a discussion & watch the movie adaptation. Programs for teens: Tuesday afternoons.

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SUMMER READING IS AROUND THE CORNER

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HOLIDAY CALENDAR

2012		
Mon, May 28	Memorial Day	Closed
Wed, July 4	Independence Day	Closed
Mon, Sept 3	Labor Day	Closed
Sun, Nov 11	Veterans Day	Open 12-5
Mon, Nov 12	Veterans Day Obs.	Open 10-6
Wed, Nov 21	Thanksgiving Eve	Open 10-5
Thurs, Nov 22	Thanksgiving	Closed
Fri, Nov 23	City Holiday	Open 10-6
Fri, Dec 14	Inservic Day	Closed
Mon, Dec 24	Christmas Eve	Open 10-4
Tues, Dec 25	Christmas Day	Closed
Mon, Dec 31	New Year's Eve	Open 10-5

2013		
Tues, Jan 1	New Year's Day	Closed
Mon, Jan 21	ML King Jr. Day	Open 10-6
Mon, Feb 18	Presidents' Day	Open 10-6
Mon, May 27	Memorial Day	Closed

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Spring/Summer 2012



ICPL staff members process new items to add to the collection every day.

A look inside: Building the Library's collection

In the Academy Award winning short film, "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore," books gently flutter, bird-like, to their spot on a shelf to await a reader. It's a lovely image, but not really the way library collections are built. Developing a collection to serve the UNESCO City of Literature does include a little magic, along with a healthy dose of art and science.

Collections at the Iowa City Public Library cover the broad expanse of what's available to entertain and inform users of all ages. The Library spends approximately \$10 per person each year to develop and maintain the collection, with about \$1.50 of that contributed through gifts to the Library's Friends Foundation. Materials are selected in a variety of formats to serve preferences of all kinds – books, magazines, newspapers, video, audiobooks and music, as well as digital formats that can be downloaded to a computer or a portable device.

Applying the art of selection is the responsibility of six librarians, each assigned to develop portions of the collection. They discover new titles by regularly reading review journals such as "Booklist," "Publisher's Weekly" and "The New York Times Book Review," but also by keeping up-to-date on specific subjects by reviewing popular magazines like "Bloomberg Businessweek," "Parents Magazine," "Jet," "Fine Gardening" or "Scientific American." Newspapers and other forms of media, blogs and online resources help keep them alert to new trends, authors and artists. Suggestions for new titles are also made by the public and by other Library staff. Along with all of that input, they check the collection against "best lists" to find areas where coverage may be inadequate or a title missed, and they monitor popular titles and topics to ensure there are enough copies to meet demand within a reasonable period of time.

The art is also practiced by assessing the quality of music, film, fiction, artwork and picture books by evaluating their style, storyline, performance and production merit. Factual materials are evaluated by researching an author or creator's qualifications on the topic, the age of the information and how a title compares to other materials in presenting the topic.

The science is applied through statistical reports that are regularly generated to identify items that have not checked out, or have checked out so many times they may be worn out and need to be checked for replacement. Alerts are generated by the Library's online system and sent to staff when the number of holds on a title exceed a set ratio and would mean excessively long waits for patrons. Staff also review reports on titles that have been checked out and not returned or those that are missing. Materials that are worn or damaged are evaluated. Support staff respond to suggestions for additions to the collection. End of the year reports provide data to analyze precisely what areas of the collection are getting heavy use and those where interest is light.

So where's the magic? That comes when staff see a child's delighted face as they carry a favorite picture book to checkout, and the satisfied smile as patrons stroll out of the Library with a bag packed with pleasures to take home, or when Library staff are able to say, "Yes! We have that!"

Foundation gifts grow collections

The Library Development Office works with the Board of Directors of the Friends Foundation and other contributors to ensure there are enough copies of the newest best sellers, hottest DVDs and CDs, and useful online materials available to patrons. The Foundation is a non-profit organization and its sole purpose is to raise funds to support the Library. Donations of all amounts are welcomed and put to use by the Library for whatever is needed most or for a specific purpose determined by the contributor.

Many donors have wonderful memories of the new worlds opened to them as children through books checked out from

IN THE COLLECTION

- 230,000 items
 - 183,000 print materials
 - 47,000 non-print items (DVDs, CDs, reference databases)
- 560 items added each week
- 58,000 children's books
- 90 storytime kits
- 440 magazine and newspaper subscriptions

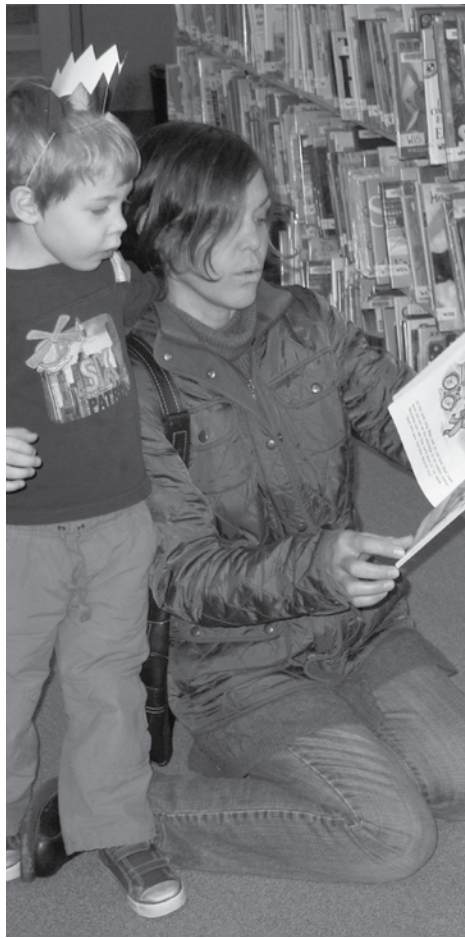
DID YOU KNOW

- Patrons suggested more than 3,000 items for purchase last year.
- We withdraw approximately as many items a year as we add, making room for fresh copies, new titles and new editions.
- Adult fiction is about half as big as the adult nonfiction collection.
- The nonfiction DVD collection is nearly the same size as the movie collection.
- The Library's state-of-the-art computerized catalog alerts staff when there are more than three holds placed by patrons on an item, so adding additional copies can be considered.
- 25-30% of fiction collection is checked out at any given time.

These numbers are approximate.

their public library. They give to ensure Iowa City area children can also experience that same magic. Cory and Caroline Jens of Iowa City recently asked family and friends to make a contribution to the Foundation to celebrate their daughter's first birthday. Very generous donations received in Lucy's name will result in the addition of dozens of new picture books for preschoolers, each carrying a special bookplate. Caroline Jens explained, "She doesn't understand what gifts are, and since we love to read, we just thought this would be a nice tradition."

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Keep your child reading this summer

Books are filled with wonders. Stories capture the imagination, can take readers places they've never been, teach empathy, fill the reader with confidence or inspiration, and even infuriate. And while reading can be entertaining, it is much more than that. As National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, Walter Dean Myers, succinctly states, "Reading is not optional."

Studies show students who read more, read better. They also write better, spell better, have larger vocabularies, and have better understanding of complex grammar. Finding books that capture a child's fancy may be the surest way to encourage them to learn to read. So keep your child reading, and visit your public library this summer.

Literacy is crucial to success. Many of the doors literacy opens are simply practical. Without reading well, access to

information is limited, the wonders of science are more difficult to grasp, math problems a blur, job application forms difficult to complete. Reading is a survival skill as necessary as food and shelter in today's economy.

Reading skills develop from infancy. Even before a child can read themselves, the building blocks for successful reading are put in place when parents and caregivers engage children by talking, singing, reading, writing and playing. Children who enter kindergarten with a rich vocabulary and an awareness of stories and the printed word have an immediate advantage. The gap widens as some children continue to read over the summer and others do not.

Studies have shown most students can lose an average of one month of school learning over summer vacation.

In the words of Dr. Seuss, the master of making learning to read fun, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Make sure the children and teens in your life have lots of options by making reading as central as tooth brushing in their daily routine. With our broad collections and programs, let the Iowa City Public Library be your partner. And sign up for Summer Reading Programs at the Library beginning June 3. Because kids who read really do succeed.

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Children's Day
Sunday, June 3
Noon—4 p.m.
City Plaza



Children's Day of the Iowa Arts Festival

This event is a celebration of the visual and performing arts and is part of the Iowa Arts Festival and City of Iowa City's Summer of the Arts. It is free of charge and includes an adult, teen and children's summer reading program kickoff as well as music, magic, storytelling, hands-on art activities, and various performances on City Plaza. Please note: in case of rain, the event will be held inside the Iowa City Public Library. For a detailed schedule, visit newsroom.icpl.org.



Get on the Summer Library Bus

Last year, the Library provided 1,126 free bus rides to the Library on the Summer Library Bus. Beginning **Tuesday, June 5**, the Iowa City Public Library will once again provide free Iowa City Transit bus rides to children to help them keep the reading habit over the summer.

This special program will operate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

(non-peak hours). The buses stop at the downtown interchange at Old Capitol Town Center, just three blocks from the Library. The Library Bus runs from June 5 through Aug. 9, 2012.

Children through grade 12, and the adult caregivers with them, can get on any inbound IC Transit bus free during the specified times by showing an Iowa City Public Library card. Ride home free anytime the same day with a Ride & Read Bus Pass available at the Library. An ICPL library card is required to obtain a bus pass for the ride home (limit two per week).

The Library Bus expands the Library's outreach services to children. The summer months away from school can result in a loss of reading skills and the Library wants to make it easier for kids to keep reading. Many activities in the Library's Summer Reading Programs for teens and children are scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The Library Bus is a cooperative venture with Iowa City Transit. For information on bus stops, route times and non-peak hours, visit the Iowa City Transit website at www.icgov.org/transit or call them at 356-5151.

Summer Library
Bus
June 5 - August 9

GO FOR THE GOLD

Wrestling events at ICPL

When Iowa City hosts the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Wrestling Trials at Carver Hawkeye Arena on April 21 and 22, the Iowa City Public Library will welcome locals and visitors alike with wrestling exhibits and programs. Iowa Olympic Gold Medalist Dan Gable will be the featured speaker at a program at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 20. Gable will sign autographs after the program. The Library will feature exhibits throughout April featuring books and memorabilia from Gable's personal collection as well as other items from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum in Waterloo.

Are you attending the Olympic Wrestling Trials? Do you know the difference between collegiate and Olympic wrestling or want to learn more? Iowa City wrestling legends Tom Lepic (University of Iowa Wrestling 1971-1975, and former Iowa City West wrestling coach) and Jeff McGinness (University of Iowa Wrestling 1994-1998, two-time NCAA wrestling champion, three-time All-American, undefeated Iowa City High wrestler 172-0) will explain how Olympic wrestling is judged and share stories about their time on the mat and how wrestling shaped their personal lives at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19.

The Library will also screen "Freestyle, the Victories of Dan Gable," a 1998 documentary about the wrestling great and Ellen Buchanan's 1992 interview with Dan Gable from 2-5 p.m. April 21 and 22.

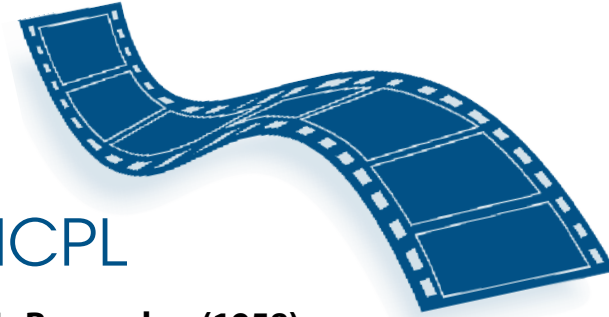
For more information about wrestling events and resources at the Library, contact Maeve Clark at 319-887-6004 or maeve-clark@icpl.org or visit icpl.org/wrestling.

Dan Gable
Friday, April 20
12:30—2:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A

Legendary wrestler and coach Dan Gable (shown here with two of his children and some of his grandchildren) will present a special program at ICPL on April 20. Gable will sign autographs after the program.

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Upcoming Movies at ICPL



The Titanic: A Night To Remember (1958) 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, Room A

A century ago, the RMS Titanic set forth on its maiden voyage on April 10, 1912, from Southampton, England to New York City. Four days later, on the night of April 14, she struck an iceberg and began taking on water. The sinking of the Titanic took the lives of 1,517 of the 2,223 persons on board. In memory of the RMS Titanic, her passengers and crew, ICPL will screen the 1958 film starring Kenneth More, Ronald Allen and Robert Ayres, directed by Roy Ward Baker.

Batman Movie Marathon for Teens & Adults

The newest Batman Movie, "Dark Knight Rises," opens in theaters Friday, July 20. Join ICPL for a week-long series of Batman films to celebrate the Caped Crusader. Films are at 7 p.m. in Room A unless otherwise noted.

July 16	"Batman" (1989)
July 17	"Batman Returns" (1992)
July 18	"Batman Begins" (2005)
July 19	"The Dark Knight" (2008)
July 21	Animated Batman: Three Films (1 p.m., 2:20 p.m., 3:40 p.m.)

Julia Child's 100th Birthday 7 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 15, Room A

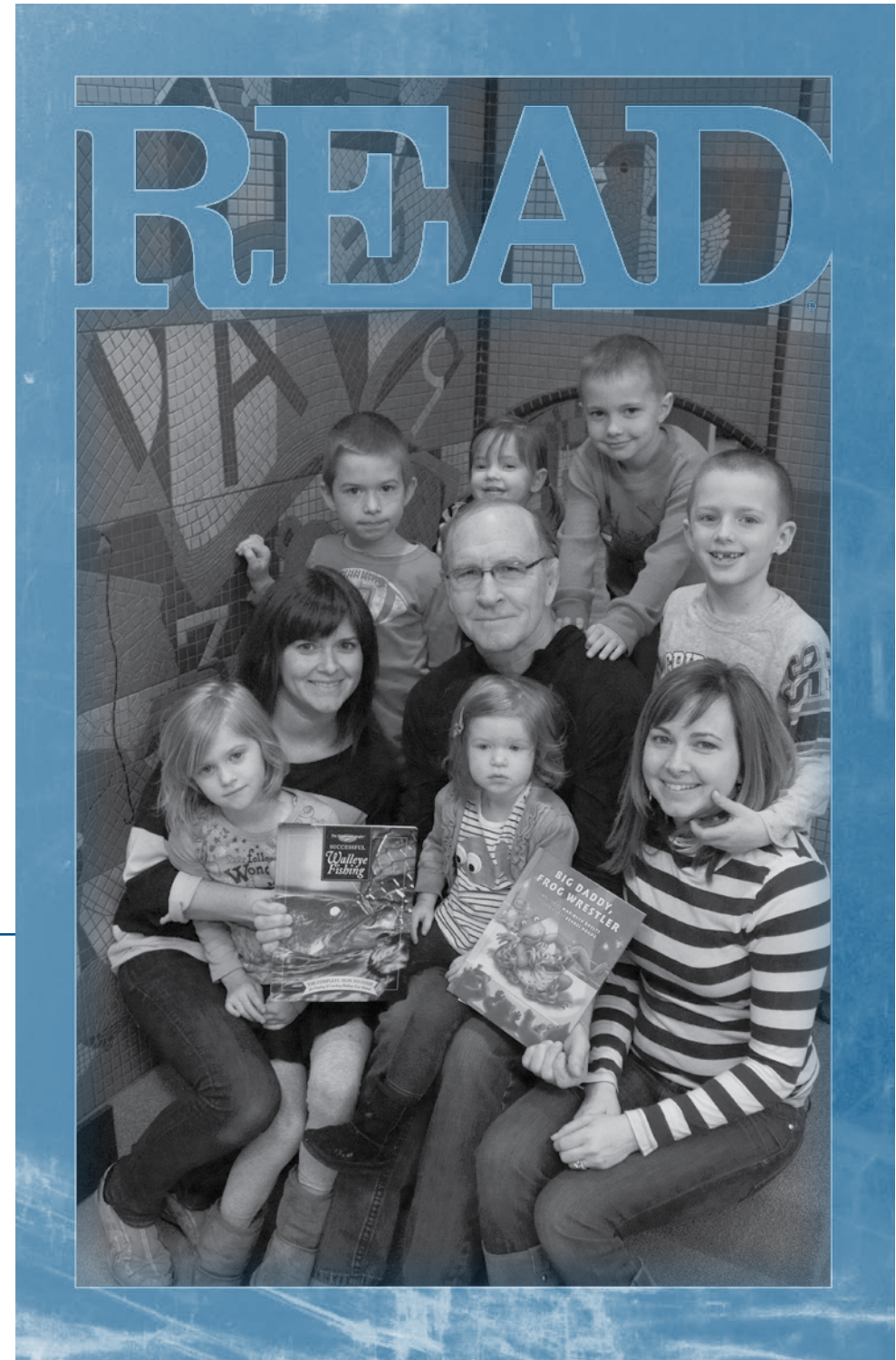
Julia Child, known for her TV show and numerous cookbooks, was born Aug. 15, 1912. To celebrate, ICPL will screen the 2009 film "Julie & Julia" starring Amy Adams and Meryl Streep. Also check out the Julia Child display on the Library's second floor.

Happy Birthday Gene Kelly!

Gene Kelly would have been 100 years old on Aug. 23. Join us for a month-long Gene Kelly film festival to celebrate. All films will be shown at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in Room A.

August 2	"For Me and My Gal" (1942)
August 9	"Anchors Aweigh" (1945)
August 16	"Take Me Out to the Ball Game" (1949)
August 23	"An American in Paris" (1951)
August 30	"Singin' in the Rain" (1952)

For more Library news and information on upcoming events, visit newsroom.icpl.org



Irving B. Weber Days

Who was Irving B. Weber? Irving B. Weber was born in 1900, lived his entire life in Iowa City, was educated in Iowa City public schools and graduated from the University of Iowa in 1922. Weber is remembered for many accomplishments: He was the University of Iowa's first All-American swimmer, a founder and President of Quality Check Dairies, an active member of the Iowa City Host Noon Lions Club, and school board president in 1952-53. In 1994, Irving B. Weber Elementary School was named in his honor.

Weber wrote more than 800 articles about Iowa City's history for the Iowa City Press-Citizen, beginning in 1973. His view of history was not one of a dull retelling of facts and names. He told what it was like to grow up in Iowa City, the best places to buy penny candy, the joys of cooling off in Melrose Lake in the summer, and of sledding parties on closed-off streets. He recorded for future generations the story of Iowa City as no one else could. In 1989, in gratitude for his work in recording local history, Weber was named Iowa City's Official Historian and his bronze statue stands at the corner of Linn Street and Iowa Avenue in downtown Iowa City.

Celebrate National Historic Preservation Month with Irving B. Weber Days in May and learn more about Johnson County's vibrant history. Weber Days is also a partnership between the Iowa City Public Library and the Johnson County Historical Society, Friends of Historic Preservation, Iowa City Genealogical Society, Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Center, UI-Iowa Project on Place Studies, and Iowa City Host Noon Lions Club.

Watch the Library's website (icpl.org) and calendar (calendar.icpl.org) for details about a Civil War walking tour, Civil War re-enactment in Johnson County, genealogy research and the annual Weber Days History Lecture.

Tune into The Library Channel (cable Channel 10) or visit the Library's online streaming video website (video.icpl.org) to watch Iowa City's official historian, Irving B. Weber, take viewers on tours of area landmarks.

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Days
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