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Monday - Thursday
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
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Improvements Nearly Finished

"It looks so fresh!" or a similar expression has been heard a lot lately at the Iowa City Public Library.

Construction work is nearly complete on the second phase of the Library's Better Building, Better Service interior renovation project. When finished, Better Building, Better Service will have created a new Children's Technology Center in the Ellen Buchanan Children's Room and shifted the location of the staffed Children's Desk to be more accessible. Teenaged patrons will enjoy an expanded space to work on homework, be creative, game, and have easier access to the books teens often prefer. The new Teen Space on the second floor of the library overlooks the lobby and was re-designed to offer teens room to work collaboratively on projects just as they do in classrooms.

Everyone will benefit from the installation of a new electronic bulletin board system, two of which will have interactive floor plans and the ability to search for information. Information programmed into the display screens will allow patrons to quickly pinpoint the location of a meeting, or see how to get to the cookbooks on the second floor.

The first phase of the Better Building, Better Service project last year added self-check stations, introduced a new digital magazine collection and moved magazines to the first floor reading room, created a centralized movie collection space, and added more bookshelves for materials reserved by patrons.

The purpose of the updates is to improve access to all of the books, movies, documentaries, music, artwork, and games available to be borrowed by patrons. Other changes, such as consolidating and relocating staff service desks on both floors of the building, were focused on making it easier for Library users to learn how to download e-books or ask questions of staff. Project goals of replacing worn-out carpet and well-used furniture were also needed after nearly ten years of 13,000 visits every week to the Library. Visit soon to see what's new!

CRAFTERS & SHOPPERS ALERT!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., for the second annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar at ICPL!
www.icpl.org/artsandcrafts

BUILDING HOURS 2013-2014



2013

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| WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 | ILA ANNUAL CONFERENCE | 10 - 6 |
| MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 | VETERANS DAY | 10 - 6 |
| WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 | THANKSGIVING EVE | 10 - 5 |
| THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 | THANKSGIVING | CLOSED |
| FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 | CITY HOLIDAY | 10 - 6 |
| FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 | STAFF INSERVICE DAY | CLOSED |
| TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE | 10 - 4 |
| WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 | CHRISTMAS | CLOSED |
| TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 | NEW YEAR'S EVE | 10 - 5 |

2014

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| WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 | NEW YEAR'S DAY | CLOSED |
| MONDAY, JANUARY 20 | ML KING JR. DAY | 10 - 6 |
| MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 | PRESIDENTS DAY | 10 - 6 |
| MONDAY, MAY 26 | MEMORIAL DAY | CLOSED |

In Brief

GIFTS MEAN MORE TO READ

From children donating their banks full of coins, \$25 from parents who are grateful for everything provided through the Ellen Buchanan Children's Room, to \$500 annually from the Iowa City business whose employees learned Chinese through Mango Languages online, contributions of all amounts make a difference for the Iowa City Public Library! Thank you for giving what you can to ensure the Library's continued success. Giving is easy:

Online: visit our secure site to use your Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express card at www.icpl.org/support/donate

Payroll deduction: Give through Iowa Shares if you work for University of Iowa, City of Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa City Community School District and other public and private employers.

Mail a donation: Use the form to the right and send it with your check, payable to ICPL Friends Foundation, to Development Office, Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., Iowa City IA 52240

Bring a donation: Use the form to the right and visit the Development Office on the Library's second floor, weekdays 10 am-Noon and 1 pm-5 pm. You also can drop off your donation at any public service desk in the Library.

Questions? Contact Patty McCarthy, Development Director, 319-356-5249, patty-mccarthy@icpl.org

ICPL WELCOMES TWO NEW TRUSTEES

Diane Baker and Janet Freeman joined the Library Board of Trustees on July 1, 2013. They will each serve a six year term that expires on June 30, 2019.

Diane was a teacher and a business manager in the healthcare field before retiring to Iowa City. Janet is a retired Professor of English, and has resided in Iowa City "off and on" since 1967.



BRENT PALMER

Information Technology Coordinator

Brent Palmer joined the Iowa City Public Library in July as the new Information Technology Coordinator. Brent is a librarian with a degree from the University of Illinois. He has extensive experience in programming and previously worked on the eGranary Digital Library Platform. In his new position, Brent is responsible for all aspects of Library technology.



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Better Building, Better Service reflected in ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013



The Iowa City Public Library remains the busiest single public library building in Iowa, seeing 720,000 people through the doors and checking out 1.5 million items.

“It was an exciting year,” says Library Director, Susan Craig. “We were able to offer improved services and introduced another new digital collection. I am very pleased that we had a record number of children signed up for the Summer Reading Program.”

The children’s department had an increase in circulation while use of digital collections grew dramatically this year, up 46 percent.

The Local Music Project, which debuted last year, attracted national attention from libraries interested in building similar collections in their communities.

Another local initiative, the Digital History Project, made its debut in May. DHP is a project to share and explore historical images and stories of life in Iowa City and Johnson County. Visit www.icpl.org/history to learn more.

STAFF AT THE NEW
SWITCHBOARD
ANSWERED THE PHONE

24,000

TIMES

Building & Service Improvements

Year one of our two-year project saw the reorganization of our first floor, making the area more open and inviting. Switchboard service has staff answering the phone during Library hours rather than rely on an automated attendant to deliver information, freeing staff members on the floor to help patrons. The switchboard service has been very popular, with staff answering the phone 24,000 times last year.

We raised the number of holds one person can have at one time from five to eight. More than 115,000 holds were processed last year, averaging 330 every day we are open.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS
WERE SUPPORTED THROUGH

RECORD
FUND RAISING EFFORTS



EXPANDED SUMMER READING PROGRAM WITH MORE THAN

3,507
PARTICIPANTS



Studies have shown that more people are turning to libraries for technical assistance. We met this need by offering special drop-in sessions for technology support. These sessions helped more than 1,000 people with a variety of technology issues, from how to use an iPad to downloading eBooks.

This was the first year we offered online registration in the Summer Reading Programs (SRP) for all program participants; 3,507 people of all ages participated.

More than 1,400 children hopped on the Summer Library Bus for a free ride downtown to the Library. We also offered materials for checkout at our Stories in the Park programs for the first time this summer.

New Faces

The first floor layout wasn't our only change this year. With five staff retirements and three long-time employees leaving to pursue other opportunities, the Library had an unprecedented level of turnover.

"These eight staff people worked a total of 160 years at the library and that experience is not easy to replace," Craig says. "Our new hires are energetic and talented, and eager to serve out community."

Check Us Out

While areas of the Library remain under construction as we wrap up the second phase of our Better Building, Better Service project, our service to you continues. Stop by to see our progress as we create a Library that meets your needs today and in the future.

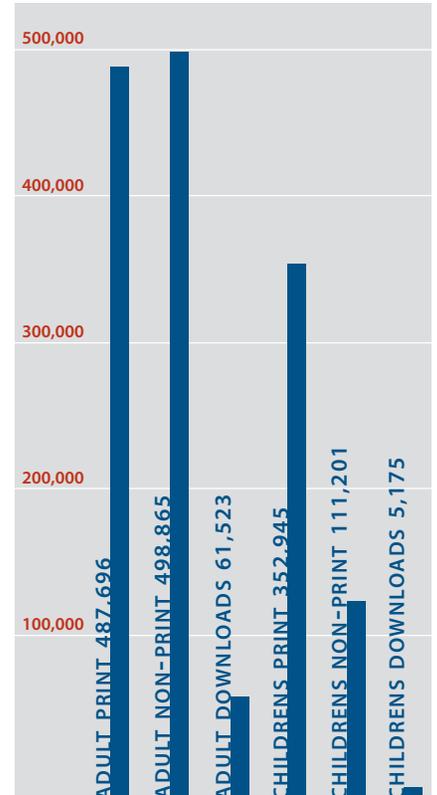


MORE THAN

1,000

PEOPLE UTILIZED
DROP IN TECH HELP

CIRCULATION BY TYPE



TOTAL: 1,517,405



Children's Programs

It's an exciting time in the Ellen Buchanan Children's Room! We're finalizing our makeover, gearing up for the holiday season, and reflecting on summer activities.

We had more than 2,400 babies and children sign up for this year's summer reading program. Participants read books, attended programs, and took part in some great activities. We're thinking about what we can do to make next summer's program a greater success; let us know what you'd like to see!

If you've visited us recently, you've seen our renovation progress. We're so excited to share our remodeled space with you, which will include more room for strollers and new children-friendly furniture.

If you are checking out our new look, be sure to stay for some programs, too. We'll be finishing the year with several special events.

October brings some Halloween happenings. At **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 17**, meet local author Charlotte Gunnufson, who will be presenting her brand new book *Halloween Hustle*, complete with creepy crafts and the skeleton shimmy. Then celebrate

Halloween in costume at our Monster Bash at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 31**. Special guest Kate Jochum will help us with dancing, crafts, and showing off our costumes in a Library Costume Parade.

Popo is back for our annual Popo's Puppet Festival from **10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 19**. Be sure to stay after the show to meet the puppeteers and make your own puppets.

Another annual event, the Library Chess Tournament, takes place on **Saturday November 9**, for 3rd-6th graders. Participants can register at the Library that day from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and play that afternoon in computerized pairings. Join us from **2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, November 14**, to celebrate a day off school with our School's Out Special: Lego Construction with Lego-master Dan Daly.

We have a lot planned for the holiday season, too! You can check out our calendar at www.icpl.org/kids/programs for information about storytimes, musical events and special programs.

There's always something going on in the Ellen Buchanan Children's Room. We can't wait to see you!

to YOUR library card today

An Iowa City Public Library card is your ticket to check out materials at the Library and access other great services. Everyone who lives in the Library's service area, including Iowa City, unincorporated areas of rural Johnson County, Hills and University Heights, is eligible for a Resident Card. With a resident Library card you can:

- Access online databases and learning tools
- Download eBooks, eMagazines and other eCollections
- Check out Kindle eReaders and other unique Library materials

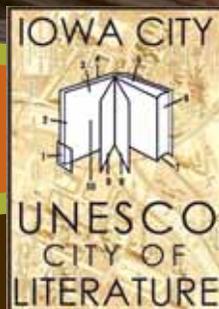
Most residents of Iowa who live outside of the Library's service area are eligible for a Library card under the State's Open Access program. Please call for more information.

Applying for a Library card is easy! Complete the application at www.icpl.org/cards or apply at the Library. Cards are issued at the Help Desk. Applicants must present photo identification and proof of current address. Children may apply for Library cards too and receive a special prize in the Children's Room when they receive their first card.

Get your Library card today!

IOWA CITY Book Festival

October 10-13



The Iowa City Book Festival, organized by the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature, celebrates its fifth year

The Iowa City Public Library is thrilled co-sponsor the Iowa City Book Festival. Now in its fifth year, the event is organized by Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature to celebrate books and writing.

Nearly 40 authors will read and appear on panels during this year's festival, including John M. Adams, Tracey Garvis Graves, Stephen Jimenez, David Rhodes, and Larry Watson. Organizers expect that moving the festival from summer to fall will bring a larger crowd to this year's celebration, which will be held from October 10 through October 13.

The lineup of activities includes a marquee event at Iowa City's historic Englert Theatre on October 11 and a

book fair in the downtown Pedestrian Mall on October 12. The annual "Day in the City of Literature" on October 13 will feature readings and activities at more than two dozen businesses and locations throughout the Iowa City area.

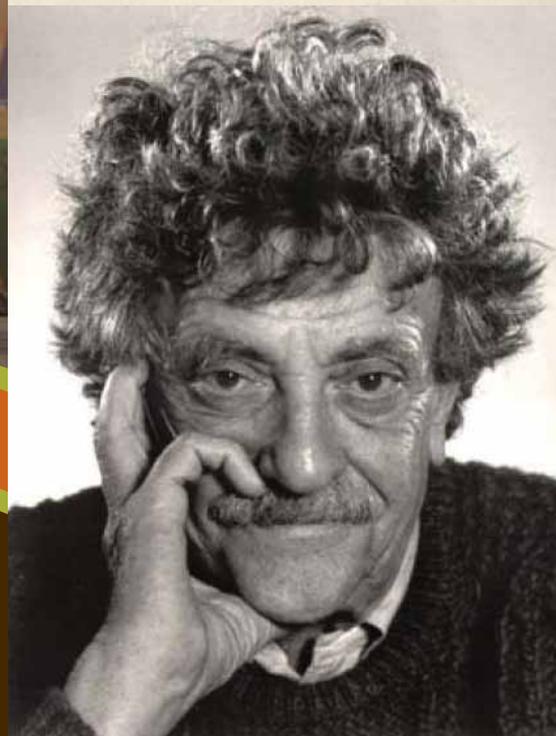
Several events will be held at the Library on Saturday and Sunday, including multiple panel discussions. Topics include first novel experiences, Kurt Vonnegut's impact on the world of letters, and regional fiction. For a complete list of activities, visit the events calendar on the Library's website at www.icpl.org.

For more information about the Iowa City Book Festival and a complete schedule of events, visit:

www.iowacitybookfestival.org



Download the Little Village app to follow Book Festival events!
Text IOWA to 77948 for schedule updates.

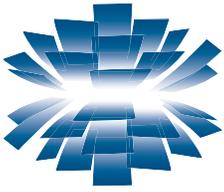


KURT VONNEGUT TRAVELING EXHIBIT

The Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library's traveling exhibit will be at the Iowa City Public Library from October 1 through October 31. The display features the life, legacy and works of the author known for *Slaughterhouse-Five* and more than 20 novels and story collections.

The traveling exhibit is a portable extension of the Indianapolis-based Vonnegut Library, which partnered with Ball State University to create it. The exhibit comes equipped with explanatory visual displays, two interactive iPad kiosks loaded with archived digital transcripts, and photographs and video of Vonnegut. There also is a replica of both Vonnegut's Purple Heart and the typewriter he used to write all his works.

Vonnegut, an Indiana native and one of the 20th century's greatest writers, taught at the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop from 1965 to 1967.



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