

Summer Reading Programs

Summer is a great time for people to read what they most enjoy, learn new things, and have fun.

This year's Summer Reading Program, which will be held June 1 through Aug. 2, is designed to help participants do all of that, plus keep students reading and engaged during their summer vacation.

"Every year we talk about the 'summer slide,' how children lose academic skills during summer vacation," says Vickie Pasicznyuk, coordinator of Children's Services. "Participating in our Summer Reading Program – *Fizz, Boom, Read* – can help kids offset the summer slide by keeping their minds engaged."

"Studies have shown that students can lose up to two reading levels during summer vacation if they don't read," Teen Services Librarian Brian Visser adds. "You want to maintain over the summer and the best way to do that is read. We don't care what you read. You can read comic books, magazines, or even listen to books. All of it counts."

Babies & Children

Participants in *Fizz, Boom, Read*, the Summer Reading Program for babies through sixth-grade students, will receive a game card to track their progress in meeting summer reading goals.

The game card for babies and toddlers promotes early childhood literacy skills with two levels of prizes awarded for every 10



**Registration for
Summer Reading Program
begins June 1.**
You can register online at
www.icpl.org or in-person
at the Library.



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Monday - Thursday
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"Summer Reading Program" continued

activities parents and caregivers complete with their children. The preschool through sixth-grade game card has three levels of prizes, with a special award at the third level, to help keep participants motivated.

Teens & Adults

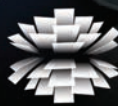
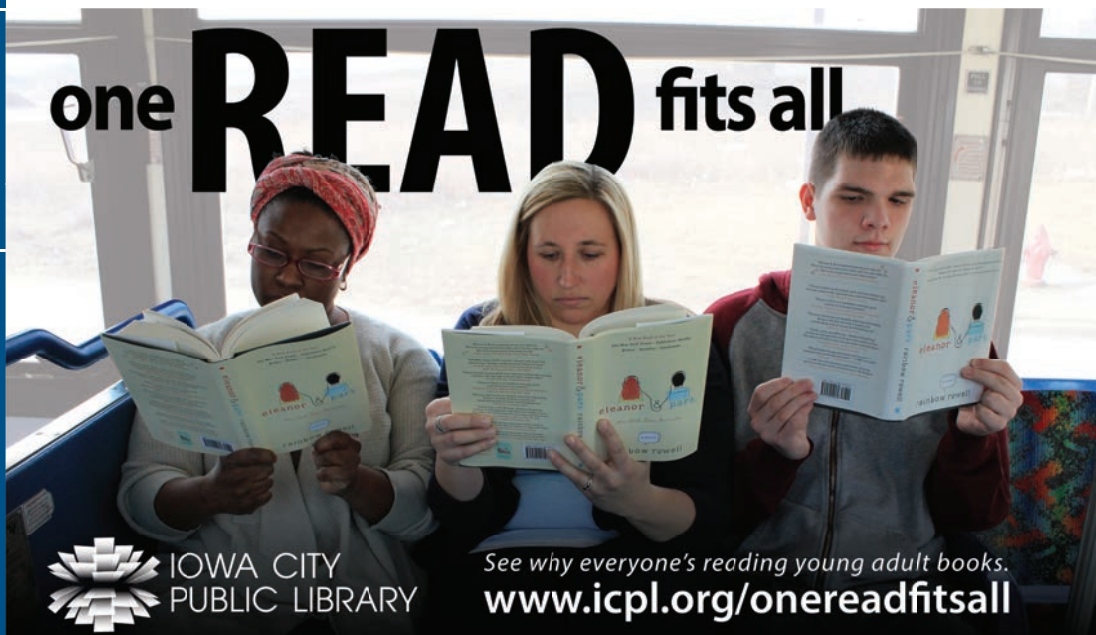
The teen Summer Reading Program, *Spark a Reaction*, and the adult program, *Make the Library Your Laboratory*, have two options for participants. Participants can either read five books, which are tracked on a bookmark they'll receive when they sign up, or read three books

and attend two summer reading program activities. All programs also have a bonus round for participants who meet their reading goals early and want to keep going!

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Adult Summer Reading Program Activities

All programs meet in Meeting Room A

Thursday, June 5, 7p.m. - Film screening "Ghostbusters"

Celebrate the movie's 30th anniversary at ICPL.

Monday, June 9, 7p.m. - All Iowa Reads 2014 – Little Wolves: An evening with author Thomas Maltman

Join us for an evening with Thomas Maltman, the author of the 2014 All Iowa Reads selection, *Little Wolves*. Set on the Minnesota prairie in the late 1980s, *Little Wolves* features the intertwining stories of a father searching for answers after his son commits a heinous murder, and a pastor's wife who has returned to the town for mysterious reasons of her own.

Tuesday, June 10, 12-1p.m. - TED Tuesdays

Join us every other Tuesday as we watch some of the most popular TED (technology, entertainment and design) Talks available. TED is an ongoing series of conferences that began in 1990 with the slogan "ideas worth sharing."

Tuesday, June 24, 12-1p.m. - TED Tuesday #2

Wednesday, June 25, 7p.m. - Geocaching 101: It's a treasure hunt!

Geocaching is an entertaining outdoor activity for people of all ages. Jim Phelps from the Iowa Geocachers Organization will share information about this great family-friendly adventure.

Tuesday, July 8, 12-1p.m. - TED Tuesday #3

Tuesday, July 15, 7p.m. - Iowa Ghosts & the Afterlife

Paranormal investigator Terry Fisk, co-author of *The Iowa Road Guide to Haunted Locations*, will take us on a ghostly journey to some of the most haunted places in Iowa.

Wednesday, July 16, 7p.m. - Documentary Film Screening: The City Dark

Filmmaker Ian Cheney embarks on a journey to America's brightest and darkest corners, asking astronomers, cancer researchers and ecologists what is lost in the glare of city lights.

Tuesday, July 22, 12-1p.m. - TED Tuesday #4

Wednesday, July 23, 7p.m. - Stargazing Basics and a Tour of the Summer and Fall Sky

This presentation with Brent Studer, Adjunct Professor of Astronomy at Kirkwood Community College, focuses on how to get started in astronomy as a hobby.



Teen Summer Reading Program Activities

Tuesday, June 10, 2 p.m. - Board Room Light Painting

We'll use flashlights and light-up toys to create light art with cameras and iPads.

Thursday, June 12, 2 p.m. - Teen Center Oculus Rift VR Demo

The S.T.E.A.M. Room Fab Lab is going to demo an Oculus Rift virtual reality headset. You can try it too!

Tuesday, June 17, 2 p.m. - Teen Center Steampunk Crafts

Join Jei and make awesome steampunk-inspired crafts.

Thursday, June 19, 2 p.m. - Teen Center Movie Club

Hunger Games: Catching Fire. Watch a movie and eat popcorn.

Tuesday, June 24, 2 p.m. - Teen Center Anime & Manga Club

We'll watch anime, talk about our favorite manga, draw and trade tips on cosplay.

Thursday, June 26, 2 p.m. - Computer Lab Minecraft Meetup

Do you play Minecraft and want to meet other Minecraft players? Then join us for our monthly Minecraft meetups!

Tuesday, July 1, 2 p.m. - Teen Center Teen Supernatural Party

Join us in the Teen Center to watch episodes of *Supernatural*. We'll also have *Supernatural*-themed crafts and activities!

Tuesday, July 8, 2 p.m. - Teen Center Smartphone Projector

Make a cool projector for your smartphone.

Thursday, July 10, 2 p.m. - Teen Center Candy Experiments

All candy. All science. All fun.

Tuesday, July 15, 2 p.m. - Teen Center Video Game Tournament

Bring your game face because we're throwing down with *Mario Kart 8*.

Thursday, July 17, 2 p.m. - Teen Center Movie Club

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug. Get outta the heat, watch a movie and eat popcorn.

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Fri., Aug. 1, 8 p.m.-10p.m. - Mtg. Room A Lock-in Finale Party!

Hang out at the Library after hours with your friends.

WEEKLY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Mondays

Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. - Storytime Room

Bounces and rhymes, stories and songs for toddlers.

Monday Matinees, 1 p.m. - Storytime Room

Favorite movies with friends!

Tuesdays

Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. - Storytime Room

Bounces and rhymes, stories and songs for toddlers.

Tweens on Tuesday, 2 p.m. - Storytime Room

Crafts and fun for the older ones.

Wednesdays

Stories in the Park, 10:30 a.m. - Willow Creek Park

Stories in the sunshine! In cooperation with the Iowa City Parks and Recreation Department. Rainy day location: Storytime Room at ICPL.

Wii Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m. - Storytime Room

Open Wii gaming for school-age kids.

Thursdays

Little Beakers, 10:30 a.m. - Meeting Room A

Special programs for preschoolers

Knowledge Seekers, 2 p.m. - Meeting Room A

Special programs for school-age kids.

Fridays

Stories in the Park, 10:30 a.m. - Mercer Park

Stories in the sunshine! In cooperation with the Iowa City Parks and Recreation Department. Cancelled if rain.

Book Babies, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - Storytime Room

An interactive storytime for our youngest patrons.

Rock and Read, 1-3 p.m. - Children's Room

Drop in and read with an RSVP volunteer and meet your summer reading goals!

Saturdays

Family Storytime or Program, 10:30 a.m. - Storytime Room

Sundays

Sunday Fun Day, 2 p.m. - Storytime Room

CHILDREN'S DAY!

June 7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., City Plaza

Celebrate the arts at this annual event produced by ICPL with the Summer of the Arts during the Iowa Arts Festival. Get creative at the activity booths and enjoy a show on the Family Stage, which will feature Eulenspiegel, Orchestra Iowa's Pied Piper String Quintet, The After School Specials from Shimek Elementary, and more!

KNOWLEDGE SEEKERS: SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGE KIDS

2 p.m. - Meeting Room A

June 12 *ISU Insect Zoo*

June 19 *Blank Park Zoo—Zookeepers Are Scientists, Too!*

June 26 *ECICOG's Walter the Farting Dog Goes on a Cruise—All about Gas, Uh, Methane Gas!*

July 3 *Iron Giant Movie*

July 10 *MacBride Raptor Center's Birds of Prey*

July 17 *Stories with Darrin Crow, Talespinner and Troubadour*

July 24 *Lego Mania*

July 31 *Last Splash of Summer with the Iowa City Fire Department (10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)*

WEEKEND FAMILY FUN SPECIALS

June 1, July 6, & August 3, 2-4 p.m., Sit, Stay, R.E.A.D.

Read aloud to the Therapy Dogs of Johnson County.

June 21, 10:30 a.m., MusicIC Presents!, Meeting Room A

From stories to music, hear Strega Nona, Madeline, and more presented in a whole new way with musical renditions by MusicIC.

June 28, 1-3 p.m., Chemists in the Library, Storytime Room

Discover the wonder and excitement of chemistry with science experiments and demonstrations. Fun for the whole family.

July 5, 10:30 a.m., Boogie in the Barnyard, Meeting Room A

Toe-tapping fun with musician John Dugleby.

July 12, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Messy Science Day, City Plaza

Play with non-Newtonian fluid, create chalk bombs and Mentos soda rockets and make some messy science fun. Wear old clothes!

July 26, 10:30 a.m., Bubble Wonders, Meeting Room A

Bubble caterpillars, snowman, volcano and more! Even a kid in a bubble! With bubbleologist Geoff "Merlin" Akins.

LITTLE BEAKERS: SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

10:30 a.m. - Meeting Room A

June 12 *ISU Insect Zoo*

June 19 *Blank Park Zoo—Zookeepers Are Scientists, Too!*

June 26 *The Zinghoppers—Fizz, Boom, Pow Concert*

July 3 *Preschool Storytime*

July 10 *MacBride Raptor Center's Birds of Prey*

July 17 *Sing a Song of Summer*

July 24 *Dan Wardell's Reading Road Trip (9:30 & 10:30 a.m.)*

July 31 *Last Splash of Summer with the Iowa City Fire Department (10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)*

Summer Programs for Children & Families start June 7



Interactive Touch Table

The Children's Room will soon debut an interactive touch table described as a table-sized iPad.

"This table is the final piece of the Children's Room technology update," IT Coordinator Brent Palmer says. "It is an exciting piece of technology, but there isn't that much ready-made software that would take advantage of its features."

Palmer has contacted local developers and student groups to build custom applications for ages 6-12 that are multi touch, multi-player, and easy to get started with. The vision for this table is that it fosters collaborative fun and exploration.

University of Iowa's EPX Studio and indie developer Virtually Competent have already produced prototypes of custom apps for the table. Teen programmers of CoderDojo are excited about participating as well. "Ultimately, we hope this table becomes not only an attraction for the Children's Room, but a centerpiece for cooperation with local groups," Palmer reflected.

If you have a great idea or want to help build something, contact Brent Palmer at brent-palmer@icpl.org. The table is expected to be installed in the Children's Room in June.

Children's Garden

Vegetables, flowers and herbs will take root for a third summer just outside the Library.

Children are invited to help plant the City Plaza Children's Garden during Children's Day on June 7. Scott Koepke, the education and outreach coordinator for New Pioneer Food Co-op's Soil-mates program, and Rachael Carlson, who works with the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature organization, will be at the garden all day and look forward to working with many young helpers. "There's so much to learn when you're taking care of plants," Koepke says.

And it's not just children gaining this knowledge. "I will come downtown during the summer, find a bench away from the garden, and watch the families as they walk by," Koepke says. "I listen as they talk about what's growing, point to what they see, and just smile."

All produce harvested from the Children's Garden is donated to Table To Table, which provides food for the area's hungry, homeless and at-risk population by partnering with nearly 30 organizations in Johnson County, including the Crisis Center Food Bank.





Strategic Planning Update



The Library is a busy place, as evidenced by the people who walk through our doors every day and according to responses from our strategic planning surveys.

More than 80 percent of respondents said they visited the Library in the past six months; 31 percent visit three or more times a month while nearly 37 percent visit once or twice a month.



Our patrons like what they see, with more than half of the respondents giving us an overall rating of excellent. Another 30 percent rated the Library very good, but we want more comments in the excellent column. That's why the Library undergoes a strategic planning process every five years. "It's about looking at the community, how it has changed since the last strategic plan, and what the Library can do to meet those changes," Library Director Susan Craig says.



Physical improvements were a key issue in the last strategic planning process, resulting in the Library's Better Building, Better Service initiative. The Library also made several improvements to customer services, including the addition of Switchboard services and increasing the number of holds a patron can request.



Committee members are currently reviewing the information gathered during meetings with focus groups and from survey results. This information will be used to determine the focus of the Library's next five-year plan. "Our goal is to have a new plan developed and ready for approval at the Library Board's June meeting," Craig says.



Weber on Wednesday

WOW—Weber on Wednesday—is a new twist to Irving B. Weber Days, which are held every May in honor of Iowa City's unofficial historian, the late Irving B. Weber. Every Wednesday in May, the Library will host an event that delves into local history.

*The Annual Irving Weber History Lecture:
The History of Transportation in Iowa*

Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m. - Meeting Room A

Leighton Christiansen, Librarian at the Iowa Department of Transportation, will present the Annual Irving Weber History Lecture "A Journey in Transportation: The Iowa DOT Centennial and Iowa Transportation History Highlights."

How East Iowa City Came To Be

Wednesday, May 14, 7 p.m. - Meeting Room A

This presentation by Dr. Thomas Schulein will trace the history of early manufacturing concerns in the neighborhood and describe the suburban development of "East Iowa City" up to present day.

Caring for Keepsakes:

What do you do with that family memento or keepsake?

Wednesday, May 21, 7 p.m. - Meeting Room A

Preservation staff from the University of Iowa Libraries, Archives, Special Collections, and University Museums will talk about caring for your collections at home. No appraisals will be done.

ScanIt! @ ICPL - The Digital History Project

Wednesday, May 28, 5-8 p.m. - Meeting Room A

Do you have old photographs of Iowa City or Johnson County or family photos that have recognizable locations or buildings in the background? Librarians will teach you how to scan these photographs. Appointments are one hour each and registration is requested. To register, call the Library at 356-5200.

May also is National Historical Preservation Month, and the Library will partner with The Friends of Historic Preservation for a special Saturday presentation on May 10.

College Green Park: Covered Wagons to Tornadoes

Saturday, May 10, 2 p.m. - Meeting Room A

Sponsored by the Iowa City Public Library and the Friends of Historic Preservation, this program is held in conjunction with the Friends of Historic Preservation's Historic House Tour of the College Green neighborhood on May 11. For additional information, visit www.ic-fhp.org



Do you live to golf? Do you love the Iowa City Public Library? If you answered yes to both questions, we want you for the Second Annual Library Links Golf Classic.

This annual fundraiser on the green is held to raise green for the Library. All funds raised at this event will be used by the Library to continue providing dynamic collections, programs, and resources that make it the busiest public library in Iowa.

Join us for a day of fun and prizes on **Friday, June 27**, at Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City. The event begins with a Pancheros Mexican Grill lunch for golfers at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun is at 1 p.m.

Register your foursome or as an individual at <https://icplff.ejoinme.org/?tabid=515786> or contact Patty McCarthy, Development Director, at (319) 356-5249 or patty-mccarthy@icpl.org with questions.

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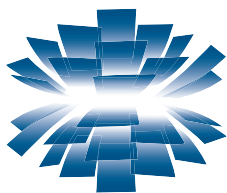
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