Join the Iowa City Public Library for Music is the Word, a nine-month musical celebration to welcome the University of Iowa School of Music to downtown Iowa City.

“We love our location in the heart of downtown, and we want to give the University of Iowa School of Music a warm welcome,” Library Director Susan Craig says. “We are very excited about offering music programming of all types — authors, musicians, movies, and displays — for all ages.”

The fun begins with the Music is the Word Musical Revue at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 20, at The Englert Theatre. It will feature performances by local musicians, including The Recliners, Kol Shira, and The Extra Credit Project. Tickets are $10 per person; free for children age five and under. General admission tickets can be purchased on the Englert’s website at englert.org, or in person at the Englert or the Library.

The celebration continues with weekly programming from September 2015 through May 2016. The Library has composed a schedule of events that includes live performances and lectures, workshops and sing-alongs.

A listing of events for Music is the Word Season One, September through December 2015, is on pages 4 and 5. Check icpl.org/mitw for updates.

“In just over a year, we will welcome the community into our beautiful new building to enjoy our wide selection of free events,” says David Gier, Director of the UI School of Music. “Public engagement is an important part of our mission, and we know our proximity to downtown will afford us the opportunity to be an even bigger part of the rich cultural scene that makes Iowa City’s downtown so vibrant. All of us in the School of Music are grateful for the ICPL’s neighborly welcome, and we look forward to working together on the Music is the Word series, and on other projects for years to come!”

Music is the Word Season Two (January through May 2016) begins January 23 with the Jim Gill Family Concert at The Englert Theatre.
Angela Pilkington joined the Iowa City Public Library as the new Children’s Services Coordinator in June.

Angela received her master’s in library science from the University of Illinois and a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from North Central College in Illinois.

Angela was born in Fort Madison, and spent the past 13 years working at the Burlington Public Library. She has an 11-year-old son, Parker, and a 7-year-old daughter, Amelia.
New to Iowa City?
Make ICPL part of your routine.

**Where is the Iowa City Public Library?**
The Library is located at 123 South Linn Street in Iowa City.

**Library Cards**
Use your card to:
- Check out materials from the Library’s collection, including books, videos, music, games, and artwork.
- Access premium databases.
- Download eBooks and magazines.
- Use the Library’s public computers.

**Card Types**
Resident cards are available to all Iowa City residents, persons owning property in Iowa City, and residents who live or own property in areas covered by contracts for library service (unincorporated rural Johnson County and the cities of Hills, Lone Tree, and University Heights).

Persons living within the service area of an Iowa library participating in the State Library’s Open Access Program are eligible for Open Access Cards. Cards are also available for children of any age.

**Apply for a Library Card**
Apply for a card online at icpl.org/cards. Complete the online application, then stop by the Library within two weeks to pick up your card. You must have photo identification and proof of residence (current driver’s license, lease, or voter registration card; mail with a current postmark; preprinted checks from a bank; Johnson County Community ID).

To apply for a card in person, stop by the Help Desk any time the Library is open. You’ll need photo identification and proof of residence.

**Library Hours**
The Library is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

For our Holiday schedule, visit icpl.org/hours-location/holidays/
The Iowa City Public Library welcomes the University of Iowa School of Music downtown with nine months of musical programming.

**Music Is The Word**

**2015 schedule**

**September**

20 | 2:00pm | The Englert Theatre  
**Kickoff Event — Music Is The Word Musical Revue**  
Including The Recliners, The Beggarmen with Champagne Academy of Irish Dance, Kol Shira, The Extra Credit Project, Cedar County Cobras, and Combined Effort Theatre Men's Choir.  
COSPONSOR: ENGLERT THEATRE

23 | 12:00-1:00pm | Lobby  
**Music on Wednesdays — Scott Cochran & Matt Kearney**

24 | 10:30-11:00am | Meeting Room A  
**Preschool Storytime — Music Together**

26 | 12:30-2:00pm | Meeting Room A  
**Author Reading: David Gaines — In Dylan Town with music from Douglas Kramer Nye**  
Music begins at 12:30, Reading at 1:00  
COSPONSOR: UNIVERSITY OF IOWA PRESS  
2:00-4:00pm | Storytime Room  
**Sing-Along — Mary Poppins**

27 | 2:00-3:00pm | Meeting Room A  
**Family Concert with Celtic Guitarist & Storyteller Jerry Barlow**

**October**

3 | See iowacitybookfestival.org for event time | Meeting Room A  
**Author Reading at Iowa City Book Festival:**  
Stephen Witt — How Music Got Free  
Journalist Stephen Witt traces the secret history of digital music piracy.  
COSPONSOR: UNESCO CITY OF LITERATURE  
2:00-3:00pm | Storytime Room  
**Family Concert with Marc Falk**

8 | 10:30-11:00am | Meeting Room A  
**Preschool Storytime — Homemade Kazoos/Kidcphony**  
7:00-9:00pm | Meeting Room A  
**Movie: From the 50 Yard Line**  
"From the 50 Yard Line" tells the emotional marching band story through two high school bands. (2007) 94 min.

9 | 5:00-8:00pm | Downtown Iowa City  
**ICPL Book Cart Drill Team and Kazoo Band at the UI Homecoming Parade**

14 | 12:00-1:00pm | Lobby  
**Music on Wednesdays — Pigs and Clover**  
7:00-8:00pm | Meeting Room A  
**Iowa Roots Music — David Zollo with Andy Fleming**  
2:00-3:00pm | Meeting Room A  
**Family Concert with The Dandelion Stompers**

16 | 7:00-9:00pm | Meeting Room A  
**Movie: State Fair (1945)**  
Based on the book by Phil Stong, this musical was written directly for the screen by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. 100 min.

18 | 2:00-3:00pm | Meeting Room A  
**Family Concert with The Dandelion Stompers**

20 | 7:00-8:00pm | The Mill  
**B.Y.O. Book — Reservation Blues by Sherman Alexie**  
Registration for book club is encouraged due to space limitations. (319-356-5200)

23 | 7:00-9:00pm | Meeting Room A  
**Movie: State Fair (1962)**  
A Rodgers and Hammerstein Musical: An Iowa farm family, the Frakes, head to the Iowa State Fair. 118 min.

24 | 10:30-11:00am | Meeting Room A  
**Orchestra Iowa Pied Piper: String Quartet**

25 | 2:00-4:00pm | Storytime Room  
**Sing-Along — The Nightmare Before Christmas**

28 | 12:00-1:00pm | Lobby  
**Music on Wednesdays — Saul Lubaroff**

29 | 10:30-11:00am | Meeting Room A  
**Preschool Storytime — Halloween Dance Party**  
Come in costume for a Halloween dance party and parade.
November

2 12:00-1:00pm | Meeting Room A
Lunch Talk: David Gier – Voxman Music Building
Join us for a presentation by David Gier, Director of the University of Iowa School of Music. David will give an update on the progress of the new School of Music building scheduled to open in fall of 2016.

4 7:00-8:00pm | Meeting Room A
Spanish Culture’s Impact on Russian Literature and Music
Guests: University of Iowa adjunct professor Anna Barker, pianist Sasha Burdin.

6-7 Various times | Meeting Room A
Witching Hour Festival
See witchinghourfestival.com for event times and guest information.

10 7:00-9:00pm | Meeting Room A
Movie: Note By Note: The Making of a Steinway L1037
Twelve months, 12,000 parts, and 450 craftsmen. “Note by Note” follows the creation of a Steinway concert grand, L1037. (2007) 81 min.

12 10:30-11:00am | Meeting Room A
Preschool Storytime – Homemade Instruments

13 12:00-1:00pm | Meeting Room A
Preucil School of Music

15 7:00-9:00pm | Meeting Room A
Jazz Concert: Dick Watson & Eve Minkler
Dick Watson is a jazz pianist. Eve Minkler is a jazz singer, who happens to be Dick’s daughter. They’ll play standard jazz tunes to warm up your Friday evening.

17 5:30-7:00pm | The Mill
B.Y.O. Book – Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain by Oliver Sacks
Registration for book club is encouraged due to space limitations. (319-356-5200)

19 10:30-11:00am | Meeting Room A
Family Storytime – History of the Marimba with Matthew Coley

20 2:00-3:30pm | Meeting Room A
Cocoa & Carols – Combined Efforts Theatre Men’s Choir
Stop by for cocoa, cookies and an old-fashioned sing-along.

Displays

September 8-October 11 | First Floor ICPL
Celebrate the tradition of marching bands in Iowa City

October 12-November 29 | First Floor ICPL
Give Thanks for Music features materials from the UI’s Special Collections and University Archives

November 30-January 3 | First Floor ICPL
Celebrate the holidays with the Smithsonian Folkways Holiday Music Map featuring music from Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa and other holiday traditions

December

2 7:00-9:00pm | Meeting Room A
Movie: Under the Boardwalk: A Ukulele Love Story
with the Ukulele Club of Johnson County
Under the Boardwalk chronicles the history, community, and joyous spirit on the Ukulele Club of Santa Cruz. (2011) 75 min.

9 12:00-1:00pm | Meeting Room A
Music on Wednesdays – Preucil School of Music

10 10:30-11:00am | Meeting Room A
Preschool Storytime – Christmas Sing-Along

15 5:30-7:00pm | The Mill
B.Y.O. Book – Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain by Oliver Sacks
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Family Storytime – History of the Marimba with Matthew Coley

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24 10:30am-12:00pm | Storytime Room
Sing-Along – The Muppet Christmas Carol
FY 2015 Annual Report Highlights

FY15 was a record-setting year for visits, with 826,217 people entering our doors. This increase was reflected in our programs, which saw record attendance.

Connect-Engage-Enrich: Library patrons will see these words a lot, as they are the focus of our new strategic plan approved in July by the Library Board of Trustees. We will focus on ways to:

· Connect people with information and offer opportunities for enjoyment and personal growth
· Engage people in discovery, learning and our community
· Enrich the quality of life in Iowa City through diversity, imagination and creativity

A value highlighted in the strategic plan is collaboration. Partnerships play a significant role in Library activities. The most recent is Digital Johnson County, a sharing agreement with Coralville Public Library and North Liberty Community Library that combines our digital audiobook and eBook collections. Residents of the three communities and our contracting areas now have access to the same electronic collections.

Several changes were implemented last year to connect people with materials faster, including increasing the number of holds a person can have at one time from eight to ten. This, combined with allowing patrons to reserve items on the shelves, accounts for a 10 percent increase in holds overall. One patron championed the change, telling us it’s challenging to browse when she visits the Library with her young children. “I appreciate being able to pick books up at the front so I don’t disturb other people. This service you offer makes my life so much better and easier.”

The complete annual report, photos from programs and events throughout the year, plus the 2015 Fact Sheet, is online at icpl.org/annual-report/.

Meeting rooms modernized, user experience improved

Upgrades to technology in our meeting rooms, the Storytime Room and Computer Lab means improved service for patrons.

“We modernized the technology available to us and our patrons for a better Library experience,” says Bond Drager, the Library’s AV specialist.

We added wireless capability in the Library’s largest meeting space, Meeting Room A, and a Blu-Ray option. This provides more viewing choices, and the ability to connect Smartphones, tablets and other technology to Library equipment.

Improvements in the Storytime Room will enable staff to connect to apps on tablets and iPads. Upgrades in the Computer Lab means more hands-on classes.

“We’ve had classes about how to use your Smartphone or tablet, but not the technology to allow people to connect their personal gadgets,” Drager says. “Now it’s easier to come in, connect a device and go from there.”

We also upgraded the Library’s Control Room, which shares all content for The Library Channel, Iowa City cable channel 20.
Every contribution has a positive impact on your Iowa City Public Library! Thank you for giving as generously as you can to ensure the Library’s continued success.

**Giving is easy**

**Online** - Visit our secure site at [www.icpl.org/support/donate](http://www.icpl.org/support/donate) to use your Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express.

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

**Check or Credit Card** - Use the form below. Mail to ICPL Development Office, 123 S. Linn St., Iowa City, IA 52240.

**Questions?** Contact Patty McCarthy, Development Director, at (319) 356-5249 or patty-mccarthy@icpl.org

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ICPL’s At Home library services program is available to residents of Iowa City, Hills, Lone Tree, University Heights, and rural Johnson County. Patrons have full access to most Library materials, and the Interlibrary Loan service.

At Home patrons can request materials by telephone (319-356-5200), e-mail (athome@icpl.org) or mail (At Home Services, 123 S. Linn St., Iowa City, IA 52240).

Items are mailed by the Library. A postage-paid return label is included.

For more information, or to enroll, call the Library during regular business hours.
This musical revue marks the kickoff of nine months of special programming by the Iowa City Public Library to welcome the University of Iowa School of Music to downtown Iowa City. The show will feature performances by many local groups, all of whom have donated their talent to this great event for all ages. Tickets available at the Iowa City Public Library and the Englert Theatre.

$10 general admission | children 5 and under free

icpl.org/artsandcrafts

Donations now being accepted.