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- Ellen Buchanan*



## Ellen Buchanan: One of a Kind

### Ellen Buchanan's love of stories began at a young age.

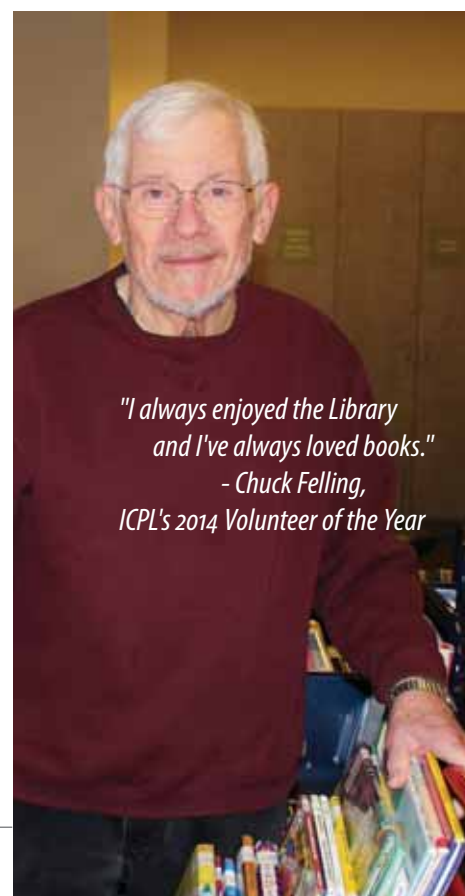
"I come from a family of readers; we love books," Buchanan says.

So it made sense that when she saw the opportunity to tell others' stories, she took it: first at a public radio station in South Dakota and then at KCJJ in Iowa City. In 1989, Buchanan brought her passion for storytelling and local history to ICPL with *Tell Me Your Story*, a series

of interviews with people who made a difference in Iowa City. "There are so many amazing men and women whose stories have shaped our community and made it what it is today," she says.

Buchanan recorded 40 programs for *Tell Me Your Story*. Guests included former University of Iowa football coach

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*"I always enjoyed the Library  
and I've always loved books."  
- Chuck Felling,  
ICPL's 2014 Volunteer of the Year*

## ICPL volunteer program celebrates 35 years

If we were to summarize the Library's volunteer program in one word, it would be **dedicated**.

For 35 years, more than 4,200 people have given their time to the Library, assisting with book check-ins, materials maintenance, prepping supplies for events, planning teen programs, operating The Book End, and serving on the Board of Trustees and on the Friends Foundation Board of Directors.

"Volunteers make it possible for staff to focus on helping patrons," says Stacey

McKim, the Library's volunteer coordinator. "The behind-the-scenes work they do is part of what makes ICPL great."

Just how much work are we talking about? Volunteers have served more than 251,000 hours at the Library since 1980.

"I think it's amazing how much people love the Library and that they want to spend their time with us," says Patty

McCarthy, the Library's Development Office Director. McCarthy oversees The Book End. Proceeds from this volunteer-run operation benefit the Library's Children's and Teen Summer Reading Programs, Art Purchase Prize, and new materials for the Library collection.

Nearly 300 volunteers gave 9,138 hours of service during the 2014 calendar year. Chuck Felling provided part of that

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number. A volunteer for more than 15 years, he checks in Library materials every Tuesday morning.

"I always enjoyed the Library and I've always loved books," says Felling.

Felling also gives his time at the food bank and senior center. He says he loves working with the people at the Library and seeing which materials circulate.

The Library honored its volunteers last month at the annual Adult & Teen Rec-

ognition Event. Felling was named Volunteer of the Year and 43 individuals were recognized for achieving milestone hours of service.

For more information  
about the Volunteer  
Program, and to  
fill out a volunteer  
application, visit  
[icpl.org/volunteer](http://icpl.org/volunteer)

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Hayden Fry.

While Buchanan enjoyed learning more about the area's big names, she knew there were others who had stories to share who weren't as widely-known outside of the city's limits. It was this philosophy that led to the creation of the series *One of a Kind*.

From 1993 through 2014, Buchanan recorded more than 100 programs for *One of a Kind*, highlighting individuals who make Iowa City unique, including John Alberhasky of John's Grocery, and Carol Spaziani, for whom ICPL's Intellectual Freedom Festival is named. Buchanan produced and hosted her final *One of a Kind* interview in September 2014.

Buchanan credits her two researchers for their tireless efforts and assistance. Suzanne Richerson filled the role first, followed by A.K. Traw. Buchanan calls the experience "a profound privilege."

"These were people from all walks of life and they were so generous in sharing their stories," she says.

Every *Tell Me Your Story* and *One of a Kind* video interview is available for checkout. The programs also can be viewed online at [video.icpl.org](http://video.icpl.org) or downloaded at [www.icpl.org/podcast/](http://www.icpl.org/podcast/)

"It means so much that we have an archive of oral histories of people who have made Iowa City what it is today," says Bond Drager, the Library's AV specialist. "Ellen has given our community a priceless gift."

Though she is retired, Buchanan hopes the Library will continue to share people's stories.

"I think it would be wonderful to have a new perspective because there really is no way to stop," she says. "Everybody has a story to tell."



# Helping kids learn through play

The Iowa City Public Library's Children's Room is host to a new interactive exhibit: Playing is Learning.

Playing is Learning emphasizes the importance play has on children's development. Eight skills were identified – creativity, self-regulation, spatial awareness, language, healthy bodies, number knowledge, social skills, and conceptual thinking – which research has shown improves while children have fun.

The Library invites parents and caregivers to test the data by playing the "Game of Games." Each card in this interactive game contains two parts: "Did you know?" describes an aptitude play builds while "Try this at home!" describes games parents and children can play to develop each skill.

The Library's exhibit includes cards from the "Game of Games" deck for patrons to use during Library visits or to take home. Parents also can purchase the entire "Game of Games" deck for \$7 at the Help Desk.

"We are excited to have this exhibit at the Iowa City Public Library, and to provide more opportunities for families to play and learn together," says Children's Services Coordinator Vickie Pasicznyuk.

Playing is Learning is a collaborative project with The University of Iowa, the DeLTA Center, the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, the National Science Foundation, The Iowa Children's Museum, and ICPL. For more information, visit [www.playingislearning.org](http://www.playingislearning.org)



Go to a program

Take a child to story time

use the Internet

Check out the permanent art collection

make copies

HANG OUT IN THE TEEN CENTER

AND PLAY A GAME

watch a DVD

Meet a friend

READ A MAGAZINE

Fill out a resume

listen to music

What can you do in an HOUR at your Library?

Peaceful time in a study room

explore the world

Scan some photos

Take a class

READ A NEWSPAPER

Fill out a resume

Color a picture

Research your family history

ASK FOR A BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Check out an art print

Play a board game

Get homework help

Put on a puppet show

Play Minecraft on the iPads

Print photos of your favorite celebrity

Children can read a story together with their caregiver

Look at some old local maps

Use a study room

Flase fun in the play kitchen

Apply for a job

Get a Tech question answered

AT THE TRAIN AND LEGO TABLES

1ST HOUR FREE PARKING IN DOWNTOWN RAMPS

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Shelved 3 carts of Young Adult & Nonfiction AV materials



The Library Board approved a staff recommendation to appoint three community members to the Art Advisory Committee



Trained a new Checkin Volunteer



Fizz, Boom, Pow! Zinghoppers children's program (STEM Programming)



The Library Board discussed the Library's Mission, Values and Goals for the Library's new Strategic Plan



\$591.70 collected in Fines & Replacement charges



30 bus passes issued



Checked out 4 DVD players at the 2nd Floor Page Station

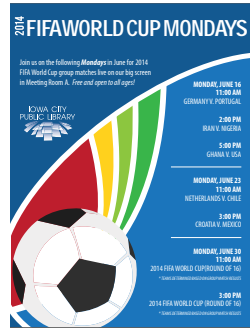
437 added items added to the collection



2014 FIFA World Cup USA vs. Germany (All ages)



Catalog use data:  
1,309 Sessions  
927 Users  
11,461 Page Views



Assisted 4 patrons with copy machine questions



The Library Director had her annual evaluation by the Library Board of Trustees



3406 items were checked out;  
2512 were checked out at Self Checkout  
869 items were renewed

Received requests for 3 Interlibrary Loan items from other libraries and received 9 Interlibrary Loans for our patrons from other libraries

Social media: Posted 2 images on Instagram; sent out 8 tweets; had 8 posts on Facebook and received 2 new likes.



Development Office staff prepared for the Library Links Golf Classic fundraiser held on 6/27. It raised \$10,730 to support the Library



437 people entered the Library between 10 and 11 a.m.



Teen Minecraft Meetup

Delivered Library materials to 32 inmates at the Johnson County Jail



Issued 20 headphones at the 2nd Floor Page Station



The Library Board reviewed a report of FY14 accomplishments and set goals for FY15.



Loaned 12 print cards



23 new Library card accounts created



Senior Tech Zone (55+ group)

The Business Office posted a permanent Library Assistant III position

## A Day in the Life of the Library: June 26, 2014

## Get Ready for Children's Day

Mark your calendar for Children's Day as part of the Summer of the Arts Festival.

**Saturday, June 6 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

- Sign up for Summer Reading Program
- Hands-on activities
- Live entertainment
- Plant the City Plaza Children's Garden
- Visit [icpl.org](http://icpl.org) for more information





## 2015 summer reading program

It's a bird ... It's a plane ...  
No, it's the Iowa City Public Library's  
Summer Reading Program!

june 1 -  
august 9

this summer  
everyone can be  
a super hero!



babies, toddlers  
and older children:  
every hero has  
a story

Every Hero Has a Story participants will receive a game card to track their progress toward meeting summer reading goals. The game card for babies and toddlers promotes early childhood literacy skills,

participants can attend weekly storytimes & special programs at the Library.

the pre-school through sixth-grade game card has three levels of prizes to keep participants motivated throughout the summer. Every student who turns in a completed game card will be entered in the grand prize drawing.

adults:  
everyday  
heroes

Movies, book discussions, and hands-on presentations are among the list of adult activities.

Participants will receive an oversized bookmark to track their progress toward meeting summer reading goals. Adults can either read five books, or read three books and attend two Summer Reading Program events to receive a prize and be entered into the grand prize drawing.

a complete  
listing of  
programs can  
be found at  
[srp.icpl.org](http://srp.icpl.org)

Anyone who completes a game card or bookmark early and wants to keep going can pick up a Bonus Game Card. Completing the game card will result in one additional entry for the grand prize at their program level.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins May 18. Patrons can register in-person at the Library or online at [srp.icpl.org](http://srp.icpl.org).



The Library thanks the following sponsors for supporting the Summer Reading Program: ICPL Friends Foundation, Aspen Leaf Frozen Yogurt, Blank Park Zoo, Chick-fil-A, the Iowa Children's Museum, Iowa City Parks & Recreation, McDonald's, and westdale bowling center.

teens:  
unmasked

Unmasked participants will receive an oversized bookmark to track their progress toward meeting summer reading goals. Teens can either read five books, or read three books and attend two Summer Reading Program events to receive a prize and be entered into the grand prize drawing

This year's teen activities include crafts, movies & games.



# Are you ready to be WOWed?

**W**OW -- Weber on Wednesday -- is a month-long program created specifically for local history buffs. WOW is held in conjunction with Irving B. Weber Days, which honors Iowa City's unofficial historian, the late Irving B. Weber.

## **Plum Grove Gardens Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**

*Wednesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room A*

Iowa State Extension Master Gardeners Betty Kelly and Caroline Murphy will talk about the gardens at Plum Grove, the home of Iowa's first Territorial Governor. Co-sponsored by the Iowa State Extension Master Gardeners of Johnson County and the Johnson County Historical Society.

## **The History of Downtown Iowa City**

*Wednesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room A*

Author Marybeth Slonneger will share fascinating facts about Downtown Iowa City. Co-sponsored by The Friends of Historic Preservation.

## **Iowa City Food History from 1830 -1900**

*Wednesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room A*

Join Rachel Wobeter, a UI Museum Studies student, for this talking tour of Iowa City's food history with refreshments. Co-sponsored by Historic Foodies.

## **History of Corner Grocery Stores of Iowa City**

*Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room A*

Tom Schulein will present details about Corner Groceries in Iowa City. Co-sponsored by the Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Center.

Other WOW events include genealogy classes, a scanning event for the Library's Digital History Project, and a speech about Helen Lemme presented by Lemme Elementary School students. Visit [icpl.org](http://icpl.org) for details.

## In Memory of Barbara Curtin



In Memory 1944-2015

Barbara Curtin loved her family, reading, and public libraries. She served as the Library Development Director from 2000-2004. Barbara's legacy will continue thanks to many generous gifts received in her name to purchase books for all ages.



**E**njoy an energizing evening with Library friends on Sunday, May 17, during the Friends Foundation's newest fundraising event: Looking Forward.

The fun will begin in Room A at 6 p.m. with "The Future: From Fiction To Fact" presented by Dan Reed, UI Research and Economic Development Vice President, and Brooks Landon, author and UI Professor of English. Guests will have a lot to talk about after hearing these two futurists whose acclaim is in technology and science fiction.

Guests will also be treated to appetizers and libations, and the opportunity to learn more about the beloved Library during informal "behind-the-scenes" tours. Reservations are required. \$125 per person. Online registration available at [icpl.org/support/looking-forward](http://icpl.org/support/looking-forward). Registration ends May 8.

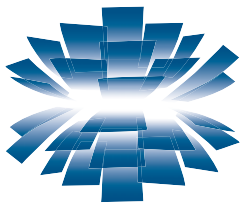


**D**o you live to golf? Do you love the Iowa City Public Library? If you answered yes to both questions, we want you for the Third Annual Library Links Golf Classic.

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 26, at Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City. The event begins with lunch for golfers at 11:30 a.m. with a 1 p.m. Shotgun start. Register online at [icpl.org/support/library-links](http://icpl.org/support/library-links).

For more information on Looking Forward and/or Library Links, contact Patty McCarthy, Development Director, 319.356.5249 or [patty-mccarthy@icpl.org](mailto:patty-mccarthy@icpl.org)



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