Residents
People living in Iowa City, Hills, University Heights, Lone Tree, or rural Johnson County are eligible for a resident card.

Non-Residents (Open Access)
Residents of Coralville, North Liberty, and most other Iowa towns may obtain an Open Access library card.

Temporary
Those who don’t have a permanent address in Iowa City but will be here for a short period can apply for a temporary card by providing proof of a temporary local address.

Institutional
Businesses within our resident areas are also eligible for a library card with some limitations on borrowing.

Visit Iowa City Public Library downtown or the Bookmobile this September for #LibraryCardSignUpMonth! To celebrate we have several back-to-school resources, Staff Picks for fall reading, and four new Library card designs for you to choose from including a much-requested set with both a keychain and full-sized card.

Free Things to Do with Your Iowa City Public Library Card:
• Enjoy free access to an amazing collection of books, films, and music.
• Download an e-book or e-audiobook.
• Stream television shows and movies.
• Learn a new language with lessons in 70-plus languages, including English.
• Check out works of art, Discovery Kits, WIFI hotspots and laptops.
• Research your purchases with Consumer Reports.
love the idea of new beginnings, including the start of a new fiscal year (Iowa City Public Library operates on a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year). There’s just something about the promise of starting again that fills me with energy, yet also encourages me to stop and reflect on the past. This year feels especially poignant as we navigate through the pandemic, dig into the work of reimagining the Library in the community, and continue to celebrate the Library’s 125th Anniversary.

COVID-19 has had a deep and complex impact on how we serve our community and think about librarianship. The pandemic created huge challenges, and continues to do so, but it also brought opportunities to creatively enhance and expand how we connect with you and provide services. I am proud of how our staff flexed and adapted to offer ongoing circulation, reference, and programming, but I think the most exciting work begins now, as we engage with the community about the future of Iowa City Public Library.

ICPL has a strong history of growing and changing to reflect the transformation of community needs and values. I am eager to continue this tradition by connecting with the community to learn more about your needs from your Library right now and in the coming years. Anticipate surveys, focus groups, and opportunities to dialogue as we reach out in different ways in hopes of hearing from as many patrons (and future patrons) as possible. Your candid responses will help us discern our shared path forward.

Thank you in advance for thinking about what you need and want from Iowa City Public Library. We may find that the community wants to go right back to pre-pandemic services, or we may find that people want to see big changes. Your input is a critical part of our future.

Let’s work together to honor the Library’s legacy by making the next 25 years of ICPL service remarkable. Reach out to me, with comments, complaints, questions, suggestions, or just to chat. I look forward to hearing from you as the Library evolves and we move toward a new future together.

Thank you,
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Laurette “Lolly” Parker was born on October 25, 1929 in Omaha, Nebraska. Lolly passed away on February 26, 2021. She grew up in Des Moines, Iowa. She was very interested in books and served as the editor of the high school paper. Her high school advisor, who was a Grinnell graduate, helped Lolly get a scholarship to attend Grinnell.

Lolly was the first in her family to attend college. While at Grinnell, Lolly’s future husband—Del Eggers—courted her on the golf course. In 1951, Lolly earned her bachelor’s in anthropology, married Del and moved to Iowa City.

Lolly began work at the Iowa City Public Library in June 1969 immediately after earning her MA in library science from the University of Iowa. She was the Director of the Iowa City Public Library for 20 years, from 1974-1994, when she retired.

Lolly continued to dedicate herself to the Library after she retired. She wrote two books: A Century of Stories, The History of the Iowa City Public Library, 1896-1997, published by the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation (ICPLFF); and Iowa City’s Irving Weber: A Biography, published in 2006 by Trafford Publishing. She also volunteered for many years at ICPLFF’s used book shop, The Book End.

“Lolly was small in physical stature but a giant in all ways that count. She built ICPL into a modern, nationally respected and locally beloved institution, always moving forward, always looking for ways to improve, relentless in her support of the public good,” remarked Susan Craig, Library Director from 1994 – 2018.

To view the digital exhibit exploring her life and honoring her contributions to ICPL and the community, go to icpl.org/lolly

Tutorials from LinkedIn Learning

The Iowa City Public Library now offers LinkedIn Learning (formerly lynda.com) for residents with a valid library card and PIN/password. LinkedIn Learning offers over 16,000 skill-building video tutorials in seven languages across business, creative, and technical categories.

Popular topics include:
• Leadership and management
• Time management and productivity skills
• Public speaking
• Small business and entrepreneurship guidance
• Productivity software such as Microsoft Office, Google Docs, or QuickBooks
• Graphic design software like Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, and Canva
• Photography and videography overviews and tips
• Software programming and security: Java, Python, C++
• Web development with PHP, MySQL, HTML, and CSS
Back to School
Anne Wilmoth, Children’s Services

It’s back to school season, and the Library has resources to help your child get back on track and support learning success this year!

Every K-12 student can use their school ID as an AIM card, a limited library card. Students can check out up to three books or unlimited e-media with this card – if they don’t have the physical card in hand, ask at the desk.

Free Drop-In Tutoring for K-6 Students: Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m., starting September 6. Bring homework for help or a book to practice reading with a pre-service teacher from the University of Iowa.

Tumblebooks, an online collection of children’s interactive audiobooks can be found on our website: icpl.org/tumblebooks

Read-Alongs are physical books with an audio player in the back so kids can follow along with text and listen to the book too. Learn more: icpl.org/read-alongs

Find books to get kids ready for school, tips on easing jitters, supporting social-emotional learning, and more: bit.ly/support-kids-back-to-school

Try these 30 (mostly free) educational apps and websites for kids: bit.ly/apps-for-school

Tween Programs
Anne Wilmoth, Children’s Services

Tween programs are for grades 3-6
Tween Special Event - First Thursday of the month
Tween Minecraft - Second Thursday of the month
SciencTweens - Third Thursday of the month
Cookies & Comics Bookclub - Fourth Thursday of the month

IOWA READS
All Iowa Reads 2021

Virtual Author Visit: Remy Lai
Thursday, October 21, 4 p.m.
Teen Programs
Victoria Fernandez, Teen Services

Teen Works Initiative
Second and last Tuesdays of the month
Are you 13-18 and entering into the workplace for the first time, looking for an internship, or are you a more seasoned teen looking for a new job? Iowa City Public Library is here to help you get hired! ICPL Teen Works Initiative helps you with your résumé, gives you practice with mock interviews, and showcases people in our community who already work in areas you’re thinking about working in.

Resumé and Mock interview classes
Second Thursday of the month
Career Exploration
Last Thursday of the month
Explore careers with professionals from a different employment sector each month.

There's a new MyICPL app in town!
Alyssa Hanson, Library Web Specialist

The best part about our new app is that you never have to update it! You can find it by visiting my.icpl.org in your phone’s browser and installing.

Account Features
• Manage your account(s).
• Keep track of the items you have borrowed.
• Renew items that are due soon within the app.
• Place holds and check your position on the waitlist.

Programs & Events Features
• Browse upcoming events at the Library.
• Add events to your phone’s calendar directly from the app.

Find Books, Music, Movies & More
• Search the catalog books, movies, music, and more.
• Request interlibrary loans and make purchase suggestions.

Other MyICPL app Features
• Check our hours, both for the day and week, and see upcoming holiday hours.
• Connect with us for questions and comments.
• Read blog posts from the app to stay up-to-date.

If you have any questions or you would like help, call us at 319-356-5200 and we’ll walk you through it!

Teen Week of Halloween
Halloween 2021 will have you shaking in your boots! This year at ICPL we’re celebrating Halloween’s origins, traditions, and frights every night of the week leading up to Halloween.
BYOBook
Join Candice and Jason to discuss these great books! Copies are available at the Library as well as OverDrive/Libby. Registration is encouraged. (Location to be announced.)

September 14, 7 to 8 p.m. - A Walk in the Woods, by Bill Bryson
October 12, 7 to 8 p.m. - We Have Always Lived in the Castle, by Shirley Jackson
November 16, 7 to 8 p.m. - Hamnet, by Maggie O’Farrell

The Writers’ Rooms are writers helping writers. Join them at ICPL for two different recurring group meetings this fall.

The Violet Realm
Science Fiction and Fantasy writing community
Second and fourth Tuesdays, 6 to 8 p.m.

The Rainbow Room
LGBTQIA+ writing community
First and third Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The International Authors series
Readings and panels from the 2021 Writers in Residence at the University of Iowa International Writing Program
Fridays, 12 to 1:30 p.m.
October 8, 15, 29 & November 5, 12, 19

Fall Storytime Line Up
Find us in Meeting Room A or out by the Children’s Garden at 10:30 am
Mondays - Spanish Bilingual Storytime with Raquel
Tuesdays - Chinese Bilingual Storytime with Fang
Wednesdays - StoryJam with Casey
Thursdays - Storytime and More with Mari
(check our fall calendar, these will take place out and about in the community)
Fridays - Book Babies with Karen
Saturdays - Storytime for All, Children’s Staff

Apple Storytime at Wilson's Orchard
Thursday, September 16, 10:30 a.m.
This special Storytime is all about yummy apples in the orchard. Meet at 10:30 am for Storytime, and then feel free to explore the many apple offerings of the Orchard, including a special sheep craft, hayrides, and sheep sightings!

Wilson’s is located at 4823 Dingleberry Rd NE, Iowa City, IA 52240. In the event of inclement weather, we will cancel Storytime.

Giving is easy
Opportunities open for everyone through the Iowa City Public Library when you give a financial donation. Your $10 monthly debit will bring more experiences for all.

Online - Visit icpl.org/about/donate to give by credit card.
Mail - Give by check.
Payroll deduction - Give through Iowa Shares if you work for the City of Iowa City, Johnson County, U of I, IC Community School District, and other local public and private employers.

Enclosed is a check made payable to the

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Mail to: Friends Foundation, Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., Iowa City, IA 52240. Questions? Patty McCarthy, (319) 356-5249 or patty-mccarthy@icpl.org.
ICPL Board of Trustees Welcomes New Members

The ICPL Board of Trustees welcomed three new members for six-year terms in July 2021. Learn more about each of our Library Board of Trustees at icpl.org/about/board.

Daniel Keranen is a long-time resident of Iowa City and, as a dedicated patron at three different libraries says he "lives in libraries". Keranen is currently a trainer and was a manager at GEICO for 28 years which gave him experience with balancing budgets and writing business plans. Keranen has served as a library volunteer and donor.

Noa Kim is a clinical informatics project manager and a former librarian. Kim has vast experience in regular library operations from a decade of work in both public and academic libraries at all levels, from shelving to developing new collections, programs, services, staffing models, and evaluation methods. As a volunteer, Kim has fundraised for the Internet Archive, developed graphics used by the Library of Congress, and mentored for Day of Code and Girls who Code. They have given presentations on libraries and social justice/anti racism, digital accessibility, web content strategy, design, technology, and entrepreneurship services in public libraries; and user-centered research and data analysis methods in library strategic planning.

Dan Stevenson is an eighth-grade US history teacher. He served on the West Branch Public Library board for eight years and was president of the board from 2012-2018. During his time on the WBPL board, Stevenson represented the library in the community and before the West Branch City Council, helped develop and oversee the annual budget, and created a three-year funding schedule. Recently, Stevenson helped to establish a citizenship program for immigrants in eastern Iowa.

New Staff at ICPL

Sam Helmick has served as the Community & Access Services Coordinator since September 2020. Sam is responsible for the Help Desk, Bookmobile, and PR and Marketing initiatives. They received their Master's of Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois. They are a published author on matters of social media marketing and human resources and currently serve on the ALA Executive Board.

Manny Galvez started as the Public Relations Specialist at the Iowa City Public Library in January 2021. He is responsible for developing and implementing the Iowa City Public Library’s Public Relations plan. He holds a bachelor’s in political science from the Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon and a Master’s in Regional Studies from the José María Luis Mora Research Institute. He has been working in the communication field since 2006.

Victoria Fernandez came to the Iowa City Public Library in September 2020 as the Teen Services Librarian. She oversees the daily operations of the Koza Family Teen Center; plans and conducts programs and instruction for teens and adults; interacts with teen patrons; and solicits feedback to develop pertinent activities and programming. She completed her Master of Information Science from the University of Iowa in 2020 and is passionate about public service, community building, and advocating for teens in her new position.

Amanda Ray has been serving as the Supervising Librarian for the Library Switchboard since June 2020. She is responsible for planning and directing the operations of the Library switchboard and interlibrary loan. Amanda obtained her Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
September 12, noon-5

Bookmobile • Crafts • Birthday Cake

big grove ’brary birthday bash

featuring The Dandelion Stompers

with Troy Peters Magician Big Bang Bubble Stations

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