



IOWA CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY WINDOW

Fall 2022



Your Library Needs You!

Elsworth Carman, ICPL Director

As a librarian and a library director, one of my deepest fundamental beliefs is that a strong public library reflects and amplifies the voices and needs of the people it serves. In the three and a half years I've had the privilege of serving as the director of the Iowa City Public Library, I have worked hard to ask the community for input and ideas and to make changes based on the feedback of our users.

We are presently in the final year of our current strategic plan and will begin crafting a new plan soon. Your input is more important now than ever; the last couple of years have been focused on working through and recovering from the COVID closure and reestablishing core services and in-person activities. Now that we can pivot our focus back to more traditional service delivery, we need to hear from you about what you need and want.

In hopes of hearing from as many community members as possible, we will offer several ways to provide feedback. Community focus groups will be held throughout the month of September and into October (*see schedule on page 5 for dates and locations*). We will collect survey responses online (use the QR code on page 2 or visit icpl.org/strategic-plan)

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ICPL Celebrates Intellectual Freedom

Jason Paulios, Adult Services Coordinator

Intellectual Freedom has been a long-standing tenet at the Iowa City Public Library. Access, equity, and privacy are considerations for all library services including collection development, research, outreach, programming, and circulation.

In 2018 the Library created a Confidentiality and Privacy key for patrons on what type of personal information is tracked by third-party literacy and learning apps and for how long. This resource has been adopted by libraries around the state to promote transparency and awareness of user data.

Intellectual Freedom is one of ICPL's seven core values. The work to maintain and uplift that value is founded in tradition and never ending. In February 2022, the Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees shared a statement supporting Intellectual Freedom in schools and libraries as they defined libraries to be "unique democratic ideas, spaces where open discourse is welcome, and where varied points of view are valued."

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Your Library needs you, continued from front page

and on paper (pick up a survey then return it completed to any service desk in the Library or on the Bookmobile). If you visit the Library in person, you may notice staff periodically asking questions in the lobby as users enter and exit, and you also may see some interactive opinion polling stations for kids and tweens in the Children's Room. If none of these options work for you, know that you are

always invited to reach out to me directly for a phone call or meeting.

Thank you for helping us be the best library for our community. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,
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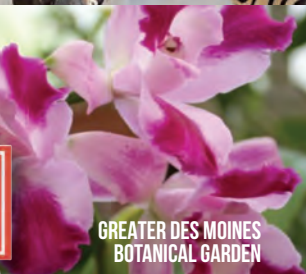
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for more information to reserve your pass and start adventuring!



ICPL Remembers Carol Spaziani

Anne Mangano,
Collection Services Coordinator

On February 1, 2022, retired librarian and friend of the Iowa City Public Library Carol Spaziani passed away. With a career spanning twenty-six years, Spaziani's contributions to this library are immeasurable.

Hired in August of 1968, Carol Spaziani served in many roles: a librarian, information specialist, and manager, coordinating volunteer, community, and audiovisual services. Carol believed that library services do

not end at the door. She introduced jail services and deposit collections at local organizations, some of the foundational programs of our outreach services. She helped develop the modern information services department, supporting local businesses by creating a Business Services Center that offered tax forms, directories, and local documents. Carol was also instrumental in creating our Art-to-Go collection as well as our volunteer program.

Spaziani was an advocate for intellectual freedom and First Amendment rights. She coordinated the library's Banned Books Week display each year and served as the President of the Hawkeye Civil Liberties Union. She also was a "policy wonk." In *A Century of Stories: the History of the Iowa City Public Library 1896-1997*, Lolly Eggers, former library director and colleague, states that Spaziani "served as the library's watchdog, trying to ensure that library policies and practices were inclusive, not exclusive." ICPL holds an annual Intellectual Freedom Festival in September in honor of Spaziani's work to support one of the Library's main values.

Like library services, Carol's impact doesn't stop at ICPL's door. She was the president of the Lucas PTA as well as chair of the Johnson County Regional Planning Commission. She was active in the League of Women Voters, Community Mental Health Center, the Pilot Club, and the Iowa City/Johnson County Arts Council. She was passionate about judicial fairness, educational reform, fair housing, equitable wages, and downtown urban renewal. Carol was awarded the Linda Severson award from the Iowa City Human Rights Commission in 1995.

Spaziani retired from the Iowa City Public Library in 1995. After retiring, Carol returned to participate in one of the programs she founded, as a volunteer for The Book End. She worked there for many years and was recognized as the 2009 ICPL Volunteer of the Year.

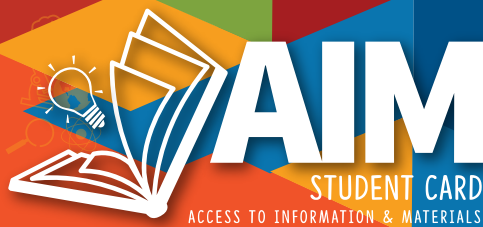
Her work was essential to our Library and served as a foundation to many of our current services. In a fantastic One of a Kind interview, Ellen Buchanan states this about Carol: "In serving the public, dedication, commitment, vision, tenaciousness, inclusiveness, and compassion have been her hallmarks."



ICPL Celebrates Intellectual Freedom, continued from front page

The Carol Spaziani Intellectual Freedom Festival is returning to the Iowa City Public Library. This festival was established in 1995 to honor Carol's 26-year career at ICPL and her lifelong commitment to the freedom of ideas. Spaziani believed that the public library's role is to be a resource and a forum for an individual's pursuit and expression of diverse points of view. Recent attacks on civil liberties including our freedom to read, learn, and communicate have manifested in the form of increased school district and public library book challenges and bans as well as new legislative restrictions on what can be taught or shared in schools and workplaces. ICPL will address these topics and more at this year's festival, featuring events and displays coinciding with American Library Association's annual Banned Books Week (September 18-24).

Learn more about the events planned for the Carol Spaziani Intellectual Freedom Festival at icpl.org/iff



AIM for a Great School Year

Angela Pilkington, Children's Services Coordinator

Start your school year off with your Student AIM Card and your Public Library!

In 2019, The Iowa City Community School District (ICCSd), in partnership with the Iowa City Public Library, Coralville Public Library, and the North Liberty Community Library, launched the student AIM Card. AIM or Access to Information and Materials is available to all ICCSD students grades K-12 and gives students the abil-

ity to check out three items at any of the three participating libraries by using their ICCSD student-issued ID number, instead of a traditional library card.

The card serves to supplement the library materials students have access to at their school, including access to digital books, audios, and online educational databases and is free of fines and fees. ICCSD students need only show a school-issued AIM card or their school ID number to check out books at

their library or get access to ebooks and audiobooks through Digital Johnson County on Libby and movies through Kanopy.

Caregivers must agree to their child receiving access to the AIM card when registering their child each year through the school district's registration portal. For more information go to: iowacityaimcard.org or email angela-pilkington@icpl.org.

Celebrate Library Card Sign Up Month

Sam Helmick, Community & Access Services Coordinator

Library Card Sign Up Month is celebrating its 35th anniversary as a national campaign. It began in 1987 as a response to then Secretary of Education William Bennett's call to "... have a campaign to help every child obtain a library card and use it." September is a natural time of year to champion the opportunities provided to library card holders across the nation as children return to school. Library cards are tools for early literacy, homework help, and academic achievement as they provide access to books, tutoring software, databases, and learning platforms like TumbleBooks, OverDrive for Kids, and Kanopy Kids.

You can celebrate with your library card every day of the year! Each time you use your library card to read The New York Times newspaper online or to take tech, business, or creative tutorials through LinkedIn Learning you celebrate your ICPL card! When you bring your card to the Bookmobile to check out books,

audiobooks, and movies you celebrate your ICPL card! When you place a hold to pick up art prints, Discovery kits, video games, and new books you celebrate your ICPL card! Every summer and winter when you track your reading to win great prizes, you celebrate your ICPL card! Any time you tell a friend or family member about the variety of services available at the Iowa City Public Library, you advocate for access, intellectual freedom, and lifelong learning while also celebrating your ICPL card!

Thank you so much for celebrating with us each day! During the "official" celebration this September we will provide a free ICPL pen (while supplies last) to new library card registrants. You can register for a new card at the Iowa City Public Library, on the ICPL Bookmobile, or by visiting icpl.org/cards to complete a form.





Your time to tell us

All are welcome!

In the Library

123 S. Linn Street, Iowa City

Saturday, Sept. 7	12-1pm	Magazine Area
Monday, Sept. 12	6-7pm	Board Room
Friday, Sept. 16	8-9am	Meeting Room D
Saturday, Sept. 17	10-11am	Board Room
Sunday, Sept. 18	1-2pm	Magazine Area
Tuesday, Sept. 27	7-8pm	Board Room
Wednesday, Sept. 28	1-2pm	Board Room

In the Children's Room

123 S. Linn Street, Iowa City

For adults caring for babies and children

Saturday, Sept. 10	10:30-11:30am
Wednesday, Sept. 14	11am-12pm

At the Senior Center

28 S. Linn Street, Iowa City - Room 302

Friday, Sept. 16	10:30-11:30am
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With the Bookmobile

Monday, Sept. 19	3:45pm	Lemme Elementary
Friday, Sept. 23	5-9pm	Climate Fest



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If you would like a focus group scheduled for your community group, please contact elsworth-carman@icpl.org!

Back to School for Teens & Adults

Jason Paulios, Adult Services Coordinator

Welcome to new and returning Kirkwood Community College and University of Iowa students and their families! ICPL offers many resources to aid your study and project work. Our second floor has quiet and considerate volume seating areas as well as single and small group rooms that may be checked out for two-hour sessions. Swing by and use a computer for last-minute printing or scanning. You can even email files to print@icpl.org and we'll let you know the cost and times for pickup. Forgot your laptop at home? We have PCs and in-library laptop use with a library card.



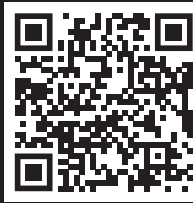
All Skill Levels Welcome in our Digital Media Lab

Stacey McKim, Library Assistant

Do you want to use industry-standard software for your digital creations without paying \$600/year for a personal subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud? We've got you covered. Come in and touch-up photos in Photoshop, create digital art in Illustrator, lay out booklets with InDesign, and edit videos with Premiere Pro at the ICPL Digital Media Lab for free!

If digital creations aren't your thing but you have old slides and VHS tapes hanging around, consider turning them into digital files using the lab's equipment. For artists, our scanners can reproduce artwork up to 12x17" at 14,800 dpi resolution.

Not sure how to do some of that? We can recommend resources for self-guided learning, or stop by during Digital Media Lab Help Hours for one-on-one support from Emma and Stacey. Fall Help Hours: Mondays 4-9 p.m., Tuesdays 5-7 p.m., Thursdays 2-6 p.m., and Saturdays 1-6 p.m. Find more info at icpl.org/DML



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YOUR Digital Library

Did you know you can use Iowa City Public Library from the comfort of your home? All you need is an internet connection, and your ICPL library card and password. Some digital resources require a resident library card.

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS



e-books, audiobooks, & magazines



e-books, audiobooks, music, & videos



films & documentaries



magazines



K-5 ebooks, audiobooks, & videos



download music from Eastern Iowa musicians

NEWS

The
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Times

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JOURNAL

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LinkedIn Learning

video tutorials across business, creative, & technical categories

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language learning courses



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RESEARCH

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NEWSPAPERS

historical newspapers



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for our Fall 2022
schedule!



Visit the ICPL Bookmobile

Sam Helmick,
Community & Access Services Coordinator

The Bookmobile brings the Iowa City Public Library into your neighborhood! Bookmobile services include access to books, DVDs, audiobooks, and library holds. You can sign up for a library card, use the Bookmobile WIFI, and get tech help for Digital Library resources like Libby, hoopla, and Creative Bug.

Beyond regular neighborhood visits, the Bookmobile can be found at area schools and community events too! We look forward to connecting you with our services while we are out and about! Learn more about our stops, services, and occasionally closures due to inclement weather by visiting icpl.org/bookmobile

HISTORICAL IOWA CITY NEWSPAPERS

Fall into the Past with ICPL

Anne Mangano,
Collection Services Coordinator

Love local history? Exploring an historical topic? Take a deep dive into the past with ICPL's local digital newspaper collections.

Our Historical Iowa City Newspaper collection (icpl.org/resources) covers the earliest of the City's printed journalism from the 1840's to the 1920's. Find both major daily papers to small neighborhood weeklies.

With NewspaperArchive you can search worldwide over 10 million newspaper pages dating back to 1607 from 40 different countries and all 50 states. Find solid coverage of Iowa City newspapers from the 1920's to the 1970's.

Looking for something more recent? Through our ProQuest subscription (icpl.org/proquest-newspapers), you can search for Iowa City Press Citizen articles from January 1965 to the present.



LIBRARY WING WORK BEGUN — Librarian Joyce Nienstadt watches a dream beginning to come true as a workman begins to break up cement in a city parking lot, preparatory to the start of construction on a new \$300,000 addition to the city's public library. Voters have approved overwhelmingly a \$265,000 bond issue to help finance the project. (Press-Citizen Photo.)





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2022 Volunteer Reception