You Wheely Like Us!

The Iowa City Public Library’s Bookmobile wrapped up its Summer Schedule last month and we’re happy to report it was a hit!

The Bookmobile racked up more than 1,000 miles visiting 24 sites weekly around Iowa City. Patrons got used to seeing us at city parks, retirement communities, mobile home parks, elementary schools, and local businesses.

“Our most frequently-asked question the first month of service was ‘Are you getting plenty of visitors?’ And our answer was yes!” Bookmobile Assistant Shawna Riggins said.

The Bookmobile averaged about 2,800 visitors per month, with our busiest stops having more than 300 visitors in an hour. We experienced everything from mass Library Card signups at an elementary school to record attendance at Stories in the Park. One girl attended Stories in the Park with her mom just so she could check out a book from the Bookmobile.

Celebrate Intellectual Freedom at ICPL

The Iowa City Public Library, with support from the Friends Foundation, is excited to host Brooke Gladstone of WNYC’s On the Media and author of The Trouble with Reality, during this year’s Intellectual Freedom Festival.

Gladstone will give a presentation about fake news and the media on Sunday, September 24, from 2 to 3 p.m., at the Englert Theatre in Iowa City. She will be in conversation with Lyle Muller, executive director of IowaWatch. The event is free and open to the public.

The Library established the annual Carol Spaziani Intellectual Freedom Festival in 1995 to honor its namesake’s career at ICPL and lifelong commitment to the freedom of ideas.

The 2017 Intellectual Freedom Festival will be held September 24 through September 30 in conjunction with Banned Books Week. Visit calendar.icpl.org/series/iff for more information.
“She didn’t know that Clifford the Big Red Dog was the special Stories in the Park guest that day,” Community and Access Services Coordinator Kara Logsden said. “When the door opened and he was standing in the doorway, she looked up and said, ‘BEST. DAY. EVER!’ Her mom agreed, saying, ‘This Bookmobile just gets better and better!’”

Most Bookmobile visitors remarked on the vehicle’s size and the number of items on the shelves. The diversity of the collection was also appreciated, with something available for readers of all ages and abilities. Staff restock the shelves every morning, so the collection always offers the most popular books and current DVDs – a distinction one patron used to her advantage.

“She saw that the only available copy was on the Bookmobile, so she drove to find us the same day and got the book much faster than waiting in the hold queue,” Outreach Assistant Stacey McKim said.

In addition to checking out books and movies, many patrons took advantage of the fact that they could pick up their hold on the Bookmobile, as well as return books. Bookmobile staff have story after story of patrons who saw the Bookmobile drive to a location and decide to follow it to return their books rather than make the trek to the downtown building. In fact, convenience is the top comment we’ve heard from Bookmobile visitors young and old.

“I had an older couple stop by and they mentioned they didn’t have library cards because they never visited the downtown Library,” Riggins said. However, because the Bookmobile stops near their residence weekly, they both signed up for their first library cards in years.

The Bookmobile also sparked a sense of nostalgia from adults who remember mobile libraries from their childhood, a feeling we hope will draw more adults to the Bookmobile during our Fall and Winter Schedules.

With school back in session, the Bookmobile switched over to its Fall Schedule on August 28. While our Summer Schedule focused on serving children and visits to highly visible locations, the Fall Schedule focuses on going to highly populated areas, such as retail store parking lots.

The complete Fall Schedule can be found on page 7. For more information about upcoming Bookmobile events, visit icpl.org/bookmobile. You can also sign up for our monthly Bookmobile online newsletter, The Windowshield, which is sent to subscribers on the second Thursday of the month. To subscribe, visit the City of Iowa City’s website at www.icgov.org and fill out the E-subscription form. If you already subscribe to one or more of the City’s e-mail or text alerts, you can add any of the Library’s online newsletters to your settings by logging in to your account and selecting the newsletter you want to receive.
ICPL Welcomes Two New Trustees

The Library recently welcomed Kellee Forkenbrock and Carol Kirsch to the Library Board of Trustees. Each will serve a six-year term that expires on June 30, 2023.

The Library expresses their thanks and appreciation to outgoing board members Thomas Martin and Meredith Rich-Chappell for their years of service.

Forkenbrock was five years old when she got her first library card at Woodson Regional Library on Chicago’s Southside, where she was born and raised. She’s been a resident of Iowa City since 2000 with her husband and two children. Forkenbrock works in education and applied to be a member of the Board because she wanted to play an integral part in enhancing the Library for her fellow patrons.

“Libraries have always been a sanctuary for me, both as a reader and as a writer,” Forkenbrock said. “I feel blessed to serve my local library as a board member.”

Carol Kirsch is a retired librarian who has worked at the Cedar Rapids Public Library and the State Historical Society of Iowa. She moved to Iowa City 23 years ago with her husband and three children. Her family has since expanded to include two grandchildren, and Airedale and Norwich terriers.

Kirsch applied to be a Board member because she sees libraries as important community institutions and she would like to contribute to ICPL’s continued success. She loves being surrounded by books and sharing the Children’s Room with her grandchildren.

“I’ve worked in several different types of libraries throughout my career but my favorites have been public libraries,” Kirsch said. “They serve all people in the community equally and with respect. In my experience, library staff strive to be as helpful as they can and are anxious to share their enthusiasm for libraries.”

Gifts Make a Difference

When you donate to the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation, you give more to read, and provide experiences which connect, engage, and enrich the quality of life for everyone! Donating is easy:

ONLINE
Visit our secure site at icpl.org/about/donate and use your credit card to make a donation by clicking on the Give a financial gift button. We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover.

PAYROLL DEDUCTION
Give through Iowa Shares if you work for University of Iowa, City of Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa City Community School District and other employers.

ACH
Direct debit from your bank account. Contact Patty McCarthy (see below) to provide information.

MAIL A DONATION
Make a check payable to ICPL Friends Foundation. Send to the Development Office, Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., Iowa City IA 52240.

BRING A DONATION
Visit the Development Office in the Business Office on the Library’s second floor, weekdays 10a.m.-noon and 1-5p.m.

DEPOSIT IN DONATION BOX
Located near the book return slots inside the Library.

Questions? Contact:
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Development Director
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**Library Card**

An Iowa City Public Library Card helps you to connect to resources, enrich your life, and engage in lifelong learning.

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, including unincorporated rural Johnson County and the cities of Hills, Lone Tree, and University Heights. Cards are available for children of any age.

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.

Stop by the Help Desk to apply for a card. You’ll need photo identification and proof of your residence address (current driver license, lease, or voter registration card; mail with a current postmark; preprinted checks from a bank; Johnson County Community ID). You can also apply for a card online at icpl.org/cards. After completing the online application, stop by the Library within two weeks to pick up your card. You must have photo identification and proof of your residence address.

**Kids**

Visit the Ellen Buchanan Children’s Room or icpl.org/kids to learn more about programs and services for children from birth through sixth grade, including early literacy, book lists, and programs and events.

**Totally Tweens**

The Library offers age-specific programs for tweens in third through sixth grades. Visit calendar.icpl.org/categories/tween for a list of upcoming Tween programs.

**Teens**

The Koza Family Teen Center is a space just for Teens in middle and high school. Located on the second floor, it’s open whenever the Library is open. Come during Tech Times to play video games on the big screen, or check out iPads and laptops. Stop by for a calendar or go to calendar.icpl.org/categories/teen for Tech Times and other Teen programs.

Welcome to ICPL

**Where are we?**

The Library is located at 123 South Linn Street in downtown Iowa City.

**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. To access the Holiday Hour Schedule, visit icpl.org/hours-location/holidays/

**Contact Us**

Have a question? Our phone number is 319-356-5200. Reach us online at www.icpl.org/services/ask. You’ll also find us on Facebook, Instagram (@iowacitypubliclibrary), and Twitter (@ICPL).

**the Book End**

The Book End is the Friends Foundation’s used book store located on the Library’s second floor.

Volunteers staff the store and proceeds from sales help provide prize books for the Children's and Teens Summer Reading Programs, purchase art by local artists for the popular Art-to-Go project, and add to the Library’s collection.

icpl.org/about/book-end for hours and donation information.
Our digital collection includes eBooks and audiobooks, digital magazines, the Local Music Project, The Library Channel, Digital History Project, and Online Resources. All can be accessed on our website at icpl.org.

Our eBooks and audiobooks collection is offered through OverDrive, in partnership with the Coralville Public Library and North Liberty Community Library to form Digital Johnson County. Coralville, Iowa City, and North Liberty library users have access to more than 9,000 eBooks and 5,000 audiobook titles.

Our digital magazine collection is also a Digital Johnson County service. Digital Johnson County currently offers more than 175 digital magazines to residents of Coralville, Iowa City, North Liberty, Hills, Lone Tree, University Heights, and rural Johnson County.

The Local Music Project features music by Iowa City and Johnson County performers.

The Digital History Project collects digital items that reflect the history of Iowa City and rural Johnson County.

Computers and Technology: Wifi is available throughout the building. A password isn’t required. Computers with internet access and a variety of software applications are available on the second floor.

Printing, copying, faxing, and document scanning is also available on the second floor.

Meeting Rooms: Our meeting rooms provide space for library programs and community events.

Displays: Johnson County individuals and groups are invited to create displays for designated spaces in the Library.

Study Rooms: Study Rooms are available on the second floor. There are many open areas for reading or studying on both floors.

Accessibility: Individuals unable to visit the Library due to a physical disability can access our At Home Services. For more information, call 319-356-5200.

Outreach Services include the Bookmobile, Tales and Travels Memories, small collections at Broadway Street and Pheasant Ridge Neighborhood Center, and storytime visits at local day care centers and preschools. Visit icpl.org/services/outreach for more information about these programs and services.

The Library Channel is available on local cable channel 20 to those who subscribe through Mediacom. Programming focuses primarily on Storytimes, Children’s Specials, and a variety of adult programs.

Access our database collection online (icpl.org/resources), including local history (icpl.org/resources/local-history) and community resources (icpl.org/resources/community).

Check it Out

Art-to-Go: 8 Weeks
Book Club Kits: 6 Weeks
Books, Audiobooks, Nonfiction DVDs, CDs, Books on Disc, Toys, Storytime Kits, Audio Player: 3 Weeks
Express Books: 2 Weeks
DVDs, Video Games, Magazines, Laptops, DVD Player, Video Cameras, Mobile Hotspots: 1 Week
Express DVDs: 2 Days
Giant Chess/Checker Pieces: 1 Day
Forever by Judy Blume
“My mother told me not to read this book. I had a sleepover with some friends and we stayed up late reading it aloud with a flashlight. I will always love this book!”

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark by Alvin Schwartz
“Being scared is fun and scary. This book was the 8th most banned book in 2012, 4th in 2008 and 6th in 2006.”

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
“Honest, heartbreaking, and vital. Be sure to read with tissues and watch for the graphic novel release this upcoming February.”

Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White
“Because Charlotte rocks the casbah! Because friends never let friends die if they can help it. Because the people who wanted the book banned think animals can’t talk, or more importantly, shouldn’t talk.”

The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
“The Lorax was said to be Dr. Seuss’s personal favorite of all his books. Its pro-environmental message made it a target for censorship.”

Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers
“The first book I remember reading as a teen from my library’s YA section. I was really struggling to find any fiction that resonated with me and this was the one that got me back into reading.”

The Dead Zone by Stephen King
“This 1979 Stephen King novel, which has been made into a movie and TV show, claimed a spot on the ALA’s top 100 banned books of the 1990s. Don’t let that stop you from visiting Castle Rock and exploring the limits of the body and mind in The Dead Zone.”

Banned Books Week 2017 September 24 - 30
Librarians are such rebels! Here are some of their favorite Banned Books!
The Book Festival is a multi-day celebration of books, reading, and writing. The festival includes readings, discussions, and demonstrations by various authors, illustrators, and bookmaking experts.

**OCTOBER 8-15, 2017**
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

This year’s festival features a mix of authors, events, and themes, and will include partnerships with several groups, offering a wide variety of programs, including the Iowa City Public Library.

While speakers were still being confirmed at press time, this year’s festival will include the 2017 One Community One Book author G. Willow Wilson, presented in partnership with Hancher Auditorium, as well as events that will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the University of Iowa’s International Writing Program.

**Special Access Saturdays**
Saturday, Sept. 9
9:00-10:00 am
Iowa City Public Library

The Library will open an hour early in order to serve individuals with autism and their families. Special Access Saturdays happen once a month, every other month.

What do you think of the Library blog?

Do you read it? If yes, what do you like about it? If no, tell us why.

The goal of the blog is to share relevant and interesting content, and we’d like to know if we are meeting that goal. Let us know what we’re doing right and what we could be doing better by filling out the following survey: [bit.ly/icpl-blog-feedback](bit.ly/icpl-blog-feedback).

The survey should only take about five minutes to complete and will help us as we work to improve the blog.