DIRECTOR LETTER

Welcome to another summer of reading and fun at the Iowa City Public Library! The Summer Reading Program includes programs and events for all ages in the library and throughout the community. Come find new adventures at your library!

Elsworth Carman, ICPL Director

We’re excited to share highlights of our summer offerings in this document along with links to more information—including full program schedules and additional game cards—on our website. Share your thoughts at icpl.org/participate.

Locate your nearest Bookmobile stop, place holds on materials to pick up onboard, and check in on the latest events happening out and about in the community.

Party in the Park

Thursdays, Jun 6-Aug 15, 6:30-8 pm
icpl.org/party-park
Enjoy the Bookmobile, live music, STEAM Investigation Stations, and outdoor recreation activities.

Stories in the Park

Mondays-Willow Creek Park
Wednesdays-Wetherby Park
Fridays-Mercer Park
9:30-10am, Various Locations
icpl.org/stories-park
Join us for Stories in the Park all summer long! Share stories and sing songs with us! The ICPL Bookmobile will be available rain and shine!

For Bookmobile schedule see
icpl.org/bookmobile
or use the QR Code.

For various technology classes, see
icpl.org/DML
or use the QR Code.

The Digital Media Lab is an open workspace with technology for digital media projects such as:

- Editing photos
- Creating movies
- Digitizing VHS & cassettes
- Scanning photos & slides
- Graphic & logo design
- Producing printable items for gifts
- Audio recording
Find all our programs and sign up to read at icpl.org/srp-kids or use the QR Code.

Staying connected with books and reading over the summer is a proven way to avoid loss of academic skills over the break. Infants through adults, sign up for our Summer Reading Program, track your reading, and earn prizes! Plus, visit the library for free, enriching, and exciting events held daily for children. Register for the Summer Reading Program starting May 28 and find out more about events at icpl.org/summer

**Everyday Programs**

- **Sunday Fundays (2pm)** - Drop in to make fun crafts to keep or share.
- **Make-it Mondays (1pm)** - Learn to make with your hands!
- **Try it Out Tuesdays (1pm)** - Try out something new and exciting each week!
- **World Wednesdays (1pm)** - There is a great big world out there, come explore it with us!
- **Thrilling Thursdays (10am & 1pm)** - Come ready for a show! You will be wowed, you will be amazed, you will be thrilled!
- **Friday Flicks (1pm)** - Beat the heat and watch a movie with us on our big screen!

**TOTALLY TWEENS** for grades 3-6

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 4pm

You won’t want to miss Mind Ninjas, Squishmallow Summer Kickoff, Scientweens, Pokemon Kawaii Drawing, Taylor’s Dance Camp, and more!

**Plus, so much more!!!**

The ICPL Children’s Department is offering a great line-up of free summer activities and events including musicians, animals, puppets, STEAM experiments, and more! See the full line-up of events at icpl.org/srp-kids.

The Ellen Buchanan Children’s Room will also have weekly scavenger hunts and guessing games for prizes all summer long!

Registration is not required for any events. Sign up to track your reading and earn prizes by visiting the Children's Desk or icpl.org/summer!

**ALL ABILITIES CLUB**

These programs are intended for people of all ages who are neurodivergent, or who experience intellectual or developmental disabilities.
Enjoy afternoon programs for middle and high schoolers in June, then anytime drop-in programs in July & August in the Koza Family Teen Center. For the full calendar of events see icpl.org/srp-teens or use the QR Code.

**Last day of school Pool Party**

*Wednesday, June 5, 5:30-8pm, City Park Pool*
Get your swimsuits ready and head over to City Park pool for our second annual End of School party! There'll be live music, games and food as we ring in the start of summer.

**Browsing Party**

*Friday, May 31, 5-7pm*
Browse for your summer books with snacks, background music, and recommendations! For adults and teens.

**Astronomy Night @ Eastern Iowa Observatory**

*Saturday, June 15, 8:30-10:30pm*
**Palisades-Dows Preserve, Ely Iowa**
The Cedar Amateur Astronomers will give ICPL a tour of the Eastern Iowa Observatory & Learning Center and a short program of what’s in the night sky followed by plenty of turns at the telescope.

**June Programs at 1:00 in Teen Center**

- **Mondays are for MAKING** - Let’s make something new each Monday.
- **Tuesdays are for PLAYING** - Healthy competition, co-operation, and innovation through console, tabletop, and good old fashioned board games.
- **Wednesdays are for EXPLORING** - Discover something new each Wednesday in June.
- **Thursdays are for CREATING** - Get creative through art, tech, design, and more!
- **Fridays we EAT and CHILL** - Grab some food, create a recipe, and watch a movie.

**Adult Day Camp**

*Saturday, July 13, 10am-3pm*
Have you ever wished you could go back to summer camp? Here’s your chance! Spend the day with us for a variety of camp-like activities, including arts & crafts, quiet times for reading, and timely snacks.

**Puzzle Palooza**

*Saturday, July 20, 1pm*
**Puzzle Swap**
1:30pm Team Puzzle Contest - limited to 8 teams of 3-4 players with 90 mins to complete a 500 piece puzzle.

**LibCon**

*Saturday, August 10*
Save the date for our fourth comic con for fandoms across all ages. Watch for more announcements about vendors, events, and special guests!

**Try This series**

Let us pique your curiosity with a weekly array of fun activities and enriching experiences for adults:

- LEGO printmaking
- Fountain pens & fancy papers
- Digital audiobooks
- Make a candle
- Tai chi
- Cricut paper crafts
- Writing poetry
- Mixing potting soil
Your support of the Friends Foundation helps to make the Summer Reading Program and its prizes possible.

Help support early literacy and a lifetime love of reading by donating today!

www.supporticpl.org

Name: ____________________________

Email/Phone: _______________________

Adults/Teens
read 4 books

Kids
read 20 books or 20 mins/square

Prizes will be awarded for each age group when you have completed the game card (while supplies last).

icpl.org/summer  May 28 - Aug 10