

Spring/Summer 2017



ICPL Bookmobile Rolling Your Way

Autism Accessible Browsing at ICPL

The Iowa City Public Library is a busy place, which is a good thing – except when it isn't.

“We have an amazing public library that attracts a lot of patrons,” said Dina Bishara, co-founder of Iowa City Autism Community (ICAC). “But a consequence of this is that the Library - especially in the children's area - can, naturally, get very busy and a little loud. This type of environment can be very stressful for many autistic people.”

Not knowing how their children will react, or how others will respond to their behavior, parents of children with autism sometimes avoid libraries and other public places. That's why Bishara and Jessie Witherell, also an ICAC co-founder, contacted Angela Pilkington, ICPL's Coordinator of Children Services. The three met to discuss how the Library could accommodate individuals on the autism spectrum.



Allow us to toot our horn – literally and figuratively – as we present the new Iowa City Public Library Bookmobile!

The Bookmobile's Summer Schedule begins in June, bringing library resources to a variety of diverse locations in and around Iowa City. The new service marks the ICPL's biggest service extension since the downtown building opened in 2004.

The idea for the Bookmobile stemmed from discussions with patrons, focus groups and staff during a planning process that determined the Library's 2016-2021 strategic plan. There were multiple comments regarding extended Library services, so the question became “What is the best and most affordable way to accomplish this?”

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Friday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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ICPL BOOKMOBILE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The answer was mobile.

“The Bookmobile will offer collections and services beyond our downtown location, and increase Library services throughout the community,” Susan Craig, Library Director, said. “The Bookmobile will connect with our community in new places; engage with new partners and patrons; and enrich lives through better access to Library collections and services.”

The Library’s Bookmobile services also align with a goal of the City of Iowa City’s Strategic Plan: Fostering a more inclusive, just, and sustainable Iowa City through a commitment to healthy neighborhoods throughout the City, a strong and resilient local economy, enhanced community engagement, and advanced social justice and racial equity.

“To be able to share the Iowa City Public Library experience with our community neighborhoods is a very exciting opportunity,” Bookmobile Assistant Shawna Riggins said. “We’re looking forward to connecting with the community on the road.”

The Bookmobile is a 32-foot vehicle built on a truck chassis. There are three service doors; two with steps and one with a wheelchair accessible lift. It has two solar panels and generator to power the lights and computer system.

The Bookmobile holds more than 2,500 items, including popular

books and DVDs currently being circulated.

“You’ll find the best books and movies on the Bookmobile -- the ones that are in the most demand and are hardest to get downtown,” Collection Services Coordinator Anne Mangano said.

Beginning June 1, patrons can have holds from the Downtown Library delivered to the Bookmobile for an on-the-go pick-up opportunity. They can also return Library items at the Bookmobile.

In addition to circulation services, the Bookmobile will offer special programs. It will be staffed by two Library staff members at all times and will operate on three annual schedule periods.

The Summer Schedule runs from June 1 through August 18, and will focus on serving children and visits to high visibility locations. A complete schedule can be found on the back of this newsletter.

ICPL’s Bookmobile staff are also working with Antelope Lending Library, a privately run bookmobile in Iowa City, with the goal of both entities complementing each other’s services. More information about Antelope can be found at antelopelendinglibrary.org. For more information about upcoming Bookmobile events, visit icpl.org/bookmobile.





Library Friends: *Generosity in Action*

A passion for learning is partially responsible for the new ICPL Bookmobile. A generous estate gift from Mary Gilbert to the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation funded half of the cost to create the state-of-the-art Bookmobile.

Gilbert retired to Iowa City in 2002 after living most of her life in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She was passionate about dogs, gardening, and learning through reading, talking, and listening.

“When we talked about the best ways to spend time, Mary’s smile brightened every time while describing the latest books she borrowed from the Iowa City Public Library,” Development Director Patty McCarthy said. “She was curious

about everyone and everything. Nothing was better than days spent reading, walking in Hickory Hill Park with her beloved dog, Mercer, or talking with neighborhood children and friends.” Before she died in 2013, Gilbert named the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation as a beneficiary in her will. We are grateful to have been able to thank her. Her very generous bequest will strengthen our community for a long time through the Bookmobile.



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The result? Special Access Saturdays, during which the Library opens an hour early at 9 a.m. to serve individuals with autism and their families.

“We jumped right in, not knowing if anyone would come or if we would have a huge group. In the end, 62 people showed up on a bright, sunny Saturday morning,” Pilkington said. “Every face that came through the door had a smile. They knew we did this just for them.”

Now a regular Library event, Special Access Saturdays happen every other month. The North Liberty Community Library hosts an autistic-friendly hour on a Friday evening during the opposite months.

Individuals who attend Special Access Saturdays enjoy the same Library services as the general public, but in an environment tailored to accommodate their needs. This includes dim lighting and a quieter, less busy, environment. There are also therapy animals and storytime entertainment geared towards audiences on the autism spectrum.

“It sends a message to autistic people that they, too, belong in our community, and we care enough to try to make this community a place that is more welcoming, inclusive, and accepting of them,” Bishara said.

Special Access Saturdays are for any person of any age on the autism spectrum.

“We would love to encourage more adults to come and participate. There are no ‘rules’ when it comes to age appropriate activities and we would love for anyone to participate in whatever they find enjoyable,” Witherell said. “We want everyone to know that the Library truly is a resource for everyone.”

summer reading program

srp.icpl.org

BUILD *a better* WORLD

JUNE 1 - AUGUST 11

TEENS



UPCYCLED CRAFTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

2:00-4:00 PM

teen center

City of Iowa City Recycling Coordinator Jen Jordan will talk about the City's landfill, recycling and composting programs. Then we'll upcycle some items that you might see as trash into new, useable items, and learn about resources and projects for fixing stuff.

HELP AT FREE LUNCH OF IOWA CITY

THURSDAY, JULY 27

12:00-4:00 PM

teen center

Meet us in the Koza Family Teen Center on the 2nd floor of the Library. We'll walk to the Free Lunch Program together and start helping. You'll receive volunteer hours for your work! Registration Required. Must be registered by July 21.

sponsors

The Library thanks our 2017 Summer Reading Program sponsors: Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation; Aspen Leaf Frozen Yogurt; Blank Park Zoo; Brueggers' Bagels; Buffalo Wild Wings; The Iowa Children's Museum; Iowa City Parks & Recreation Department; McDonalds; Pizza Ranch; Walmart; Westdale Bowling Center & Lazer Tag; and Z'Mariks Noodle Café.



"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it." – Nelson Mandela. That's what the theme of the 2017 Summer Reading Program – **Build a Better World** – is all about!

Join us **June 1 through August 11** for programs, actions and activities designed to show how readers of all ages – babies through adults – can make a difference. Here's are a few of the fun events we have planned; a full listing of programs can be found at srp.icpl.org.

Studies have found that participation in summer reading programs helps babies and toddlers develop early literacy skills, alleviates summer vacation learning loss for school-age children and teens, and improves memory skills in adults. Keep your mind active, your imagination strong and your hands helpful with **Build a Better World**.

Registration begins June 1. Register online at srp.icpl.org, in person at the Library, or at the Bookmobile!

kids

JIM GILL'S NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR PLAY

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

10:30-11:30 AM

meeting room a

Jim Gill's concert is an active sing-along and clap-along. He bangs out energetic rhythms on his banjo while everyone claps, jumps, dances and even sneezes along.

DAN WARDELL'S READING ROADTRIP

THURSDAY, JULY 13

9:30-10:15 AM & 10:30-11:15 AM

meeting room a

The ICPL is a stop on Dan Wardell's Reading Road Trip! Join us to meet this incredible TV celebrity, who is hitting the road this summer to visit libraries across Iowa as part of "Dan's Reading Road Trip." Kids can track his progress and read his stories from the road at IPTV's website, www.iptv.org/kids.

adults

FRONT PORCH MUSIC FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7-8:00 PM

meeting room a

The Longfellow neighborhood's Front Porch Music Festival is a neighborhood celebration of music-making. Now in its third year, the festival includes musicians of all ages and experiences, performing in a wide range of musical styles and traditions.

Trevor Harvey, Ph.D., Lecturer in Ethnomusicology from the UI School of Music, and one of the co-founders of the Front Porch Music Festival will share the Front Porch story. He will be joined by other festival organizers and neighborhood musicians to get us in the mood for the 2017 Festival happening this weekend!



PHOTO BY MARK GROMKO

BUR OAK LAND TRUST - SAVING OUR NATURAL AREAS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

7-8:00 PM

meeting room a

There is a rich diversity of plant and animal species native to eastern Iowa, but they continue to be threatened by development. Bur Oak Land Trust is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to protect and conserve the natural areas of Johnson and surrounding counties.

Tammy Wright, Executive Director of Bur Oak Land Trust, will tell us about the organization and give us an overview of their properties, including Big Grove, which we will tour on Saturday, June 24.



NANCY



Chicken Story Time
by Sandy Asher

"This book was made for me to share.
What's better than chickens in the Library?"



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Off We Go!
by Will Hillenbrand

"This is a cute picture book about learning to ride a bike – and for a reward, he gets to visit the storymobile!"

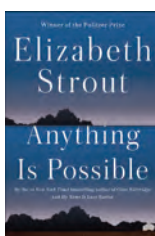


Ride, Fly Guy, Ride!
by Tedd Arnold

"Fly Guy books are great for beginning readers or for those who have already mastered reading, they're so much fun! Everyone loves Fly Guy!"



ANGIE



Anything is Possible
by Elizabeth Strout

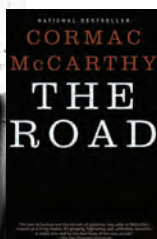
"This as a lyrical novel that explores family bonds, relationships, and reconciliation. The reader cares for the characters and finds contentment in the hope for a better future."



KARA



PAUL



The Road
by Cormac McCarthy

"Post-apocalyptic, dystopian, bleak, with all too fleeting glimmers of hope. But above all, well written and worth the often arduous journey."

Need a book recommendation?

Our Bookmobile staff give these books two thumbs up!



TOM



The Monkey Wrench Gang
by Edward Abbey

"Do you like madcap pagan vandal fantasy? Check out The Monkey Wrench Gang."



Moone Boy: The Blunder Years
by Chris O'Dowd & Nick V. Murphy
"Watch the TV show first to get the Irish accents in your head, and then laugh along with the witty and absurd stories of a not-so-bright kid and his imaginary friend set in the late 1980s/early 1990s."



STACEY

Jaws
by Peter Benchley

"As warm weather approaches I turn to my favorite summer read. Check it out for a well-rounded novel filled with the drama of small town politics, midlife woes, and a man-eating shark."



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MOBILE HOT SPOTS

Circulating at ICPL

The Iowa City Public Library recently added mobile hotspots to its list of circulating materials.

Users can connect to the Internet anywhere on any wireless-enabled device, such as a laptop, tablet, or smartphone, expanding Internet access to patrons who don't have it at home.

ICPL HotSpots are available to Library users living in Iowa City or a contract service area – Hills, Lone Tree, University Heights, or unincorporated Johnson County. A HotSpot can be borrowed for seven days.



Want to know the latest Library news?

Subscribe to our online newsletters!

The Little Window focuses on children's books, programs and events. It is sent to subscribers the first Thursday of the month.

The Windshield is our Bookmobile newsletter. It's sent to subscribers the first Thursday of the month.

Our original online newsletter, **Check It Out**, is sent to subscribers the third Thursday of the month.

To subscribe, visit the City of Iowa City's website 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 newsletters to your settings by logging in to your account and selecting the newsletter you want to receive.



Download the ICPL App

Did you know there's an Iowa City Public Library app?

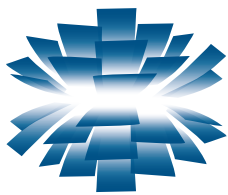
Launched in December, you can use the MyICPL app to keep track of your library account information, including items you have checked out, materials on hold, and fines. You can also renew items through the app.

The app allows for multiple accounts, so if you're a parent who wants to make sure your kids are returning books on time, you can add their account to the app – you'll need their Library card number and password – to see their due dates. The app even makes a copy of your Library Card barcode, so there's no reason to dig your card out when you're checking out Library materials.

One of our favorite features is the scan tool. If you're at a bookstore and see a book you'd like to read, scan the barcode to see if we have it in our collection. If we don't, ask that we request it from another library or suggest we purchase it. You can also check out what's happening at the Library from our event page or connect with us on social media.

We want to improve the app, so please share your suggestions. There's a Feedback page within the app under the menu. Include your email address you'd like to hear back from us.

The MyICPL app can be downloaded from the Apple Store or from Google Play.



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June 1 - August 18 Schedule

Monday

10:30-11:30am Willow Creek Park
Noon-1:00pm Lemme Elementary
2-3:00pm Grant Wood Elementary
3:30-5:30pm Pepperwood Plaza

Tuesday

9-10:00am (1st & 3rd Tues.) Legacy Senior Living
9-10:00am (2nd & 4th Tues.) Melrose Meadows
10:30-11:30am Oaknoll, George St.
Noon-1:00pm North Dodge Hy-Vee
2-3:00pm Forest View, Laura Dr.
3:30-4:30pm Iowa City Marketplace

Wednesday

10:30-11:30am Wetherby Park
Noon-1:00pm Creekside Market
2-3:00pm Cole's Community, Riverside Dr.
3:30-5:30pm UI Community Credit Union,
Mormon Trek Blvd.

Thursday

Noon-1:00pm Frauenholtz-Miller Park
1:30-2:30pm (1st & 3rd Thurs.) Sunrise Village
1:30-2:30pm (2nd & 4th Thurs.) Modern Manor
3-4:00pm Saddlebrook Association
4:30-5:30pm Gateway One
6:30-7:30pm Party in the Park (various locations)

Friday

10:30-11:30am Mercer Park
Noon-1:00pm Breckenridge Estates
2-3:00pm Lake Ridge
3:30-4:00pm Regency Mobile Home Park



Remote Book Drops

• First Avenue Hy-Vee 812 1st Ave.
• UI Community Credit Union
825 Mormon Trek Blvd.

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