Join us on **Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** for the official opening of our new Digital Media Lab!

Located on the Library’s second floor, in the former Computer Lab, the renovated Digital Media Lab is an open workspace with technology for creating digital media projects, providing users access to programs and technology they might not have at home.

“We wanted the space to be open and available to patrons beyond programming or classes,” Library Assistant Jennifer Eilers says. “There’s a lot of talk about Maker Spaces, but what we wanted most was a place for patrons to work on projects that were inspired or started in the classes we were teaching.”

At the same time, Eilers said, the old space was locked in the outdated teaching style, where students face the front and the teacher teaches.

“We hoped to change the space from a rigid, fixed formal classroom arrangement to an open, flexible space that would accommodate a variety of uses at the same time as well as offer more space for larger programs,” Library Director Susan Craig says. “The renovation nearly doubled the room’s capacity.”

The Digital Media Lab’s new seating and laptop computers allows users to spread out and work together, whether it’s during a Library class, a Minecraft session, or individual projects during open Lab hours.

The technology and resources in the Lab support the creation of projects such as photo books with edited family pictures; digitizing old photos or family memorabilia; making movies with tran-
sitions, credits, and soundtrack; logo or graphic designs; cards, calendars or other printable items; and transferring VHS home movies to digital storage.

Adobe Creative Cloud suite software – which includes Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign – is among the programs available, as well as a large format scanner for photos and slides, a color printer, and portable photo scanners.

“We wanted to have a space for people who had the know-how to use specialized software to come and use it,” Eilers said. “Adobe is professional-level software that is very expensive. We can’t put it on all of the Library’s computers, but we could make it available to individuals if they became members of the Lab.”

Library patrons with a valid Library Card become a Lab member by completing a 15 to 20 minute orientation. Several orientations will be held throughout the day of the grand opening, along with tutorials on using the Lab’s equipment.

Funding for the project came from the City of Iowa City and the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation.
Thank you for supporting the Iowa City Public Library

The new Digital Media Lab’s state-of-the-art technology equipment and software are possible thanks to gifts from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust, and the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation.

The Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust awarded $45,000 to enable you to create amazing videos, scan your treasured photos, and have access to equipment and programs which might be too expensive to purchase for home use.

The Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust is committed to improving communities through public library grants and has awarded millions of dollars in support of projects like the Digital Media Lab.

And, thank you to everyone who donates to the ICPL Friends Foundation. Every year, the Friends Foundation gives the Library at least $100,000 to be used for whatever is needed most. Those needs change continually. For example, when everyone wants to read the latest just-published book, gift funds can be used to order enough extra copies to meet demand. Gift funds also cover the additional costs experienced when Library visits soar during summer months because children are out of school and attending daily programs.

Your generosity changes people’s lives. During the recent Friends Foundation Looking Forward fundraising event, Library Director Susan Craig shared this comment that was received during the ICPL user survey in March: “As a low income resident I rely on ICPL for a huge part of my access to life, society, culture and knowledge. My life would be seriously compromised if ICPL were not available to me.”

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 **Donate** button. We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover.

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

**ACH TRANSFER**
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.

**USE OUR DONATION BOX**
Located near the book return slots inside the Library.

**Questions? Contact:**
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**ICPL in the Pride Parade**
Saturday, June 16, Downtown Iowa City

**LATE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY**
SATURDAY, JUNE 23
VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT
7PM, MEETING ROOM A
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Available to residents of Iowa City, Hills, Lone Tree, University Heights, and rural Johnson County.
Libraries Rock, the 2018 Summer Reading Program, will be held June 1 through August 11, with 11 weeks of programming events designed to inform, entertain, and keep everyone reading all summer long.

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“Studies have shown students can lose up to two reading levels during summer vacation if they don’t read,” Teen Services Librarian Brian Visser says. “You want to maintain over the summer and the best way to do that is read. We don’t care what you read. You can read comic books, magazines, or even listen to books. All of it counts; all of it is reading.”

“Participating in our Summer Reading Program helps keep kids’ minds engaged,” Pilkington adds. “The program is designed to motivate readers of all levels in fun, new ways.”

Libraries Rock is available to readers of all ages and abilities, babies through adults. Registration begins May 24, during which participants will receive game cards to track their summer reading goals. The program itself won’t begin until June 1. Summer Reading Program prizes will be available for distribution beginning June 4. Programs start that day, too.

To learn more about Libraries Rock, see this year’s full lineup of programs, and register online, visit srp.icpl.org. You may also register at the Library.

Stories in the Park will be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. beginning Monday, June 4, through Friday, August 3. There won’t be Stories in the Park or Bookmobile service on Wednesday, July 4.

Stories in the Park is a mix of traditional storytimes and special performances. Once again, the Bookmobile will be present at all Stories in the Park dates.

The Marvel Culinary Universe
Get ready to cook snacks and treats in the style of our heroes from the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Teens are invited to cook up a storm of fandom eats. Cooking is encouraged! For grades 7-12.

Explore the Devonian
Fossil Gorge with the Cedar Valley Rock & Mineral Society
Geologist Ray Anderson and members of the Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society will help us explore the area and answer questions. Copies of the Corps of Engineers self-guiding tour brochure will be available for those who want to explore on their own.

Geodes! Iowa’s Mysterious State Rock
Iowa designated the geode the official state rock in 1967, but geologists are still not certain how these beautiful and mysterious geologic wonders form. Join Ray Anderson from the Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society as he shares the secrets of this most mysterious of rocks. We may even crack a few open to discover the treasures inside!

Escape from Hogwarts
“Registration is required” Something evil has returned to Hogwarts! Use your magical knowledge, skills, and spells in a real-life adventure game to escape Dementors and Death Eaters. Teens or Tweens come together as Hogwarts Houses to solve a series of puzzles and clues to break out of the wizarding school. Pumpkin juice and butterbeer will be served.

Children, parents and caregivers should remember to bring their Library Card in order to check out books and DVDs from the ICPL Bookmobile. Anyone who doesn’t have a Library Card can sign up at icpl.org/cards and pick-up their new card on the Bookmobile. In the event of rain, the Monday and Wednesday storytimes will be held at the Library and the Friday storytimes will be cancelled. However, the Bookmobile will still travel to the parks, rain or shine, so visitors can check out items.

Libraries Rock will be present at all Party in the Park events, as well as other scheduled stops around Iowa City. Visit icpl.org/services/bookmobile for the latest schedule and Bookmobile news.

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ICPL's collections on display

While many visitors come to ICPL searching for a specific book or information, there’s a special thrill that comes from watching a patron choose a book from one of our book displays – especially if it is a title that a staff person added to the shelves.

“Just as books open people’s minds, passing by a display about an important or surprising topic makes my day more interesting,” Library Assistant Stacey McKim says.

With nearly 175,000 books to choose from in ICPL’s collection, it isn’t possible to shine a spotlight on every single title.

“Library displays are meant to cultivate serendipitous moments of discovery for patrons – micro-moments when something new is learned, a passion kindled, or a memory sparked,” Community and Access Services Coordinator Kara Logsden says.

Most displays are rotated every two weeks, while smaller displays marking a current event – like the death of an author – may remain until all items are checked out. Display topics range from current events and awareness months, to pop culture and lasting trends.

Library staff contribute display ideas, adding to the variety of titles featured. Library Director Susan Craig suggested our “Bottoms Up” display, featuring books that live on the bottom shelves. This display gave some of these titles their day in the sun and was kind on patrons’ knees.

We’ve also had displays imagining what items characters from beloved TV shows – like Parks and Recreation, and Friends – and literature, like Harry Potter, would check out from ICPL.

Once a display theme is determined, staff search the catalog for titles that satisfy the subject. Some displays are easier to fill than others. For instance, any book with a red cover can go on the “I don’t remember the title, but the cover was red” display, while “Armchair Travel” is more specific and includes titles about exploring the world.

“I really enjoy the Time Machine displays,” McKim says. “With a wide variety of books, movies, and music created in a particular decade together on the display, you’ll be transported back in time and might be surprised by the juxtapositions.”
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June 4 - August 17 Schedule

Monday
10:30-11:30am Willow Creek Park
12:30-1:30pm North Dodge Hy-Vee
1:30-2:00pm Legacy Independent Living
2:00-2:30pm Bickford Senior Living
3:00-3:30pm Regency Heights Apartments
3:45-4:30pm Lemme Elementary

Tuesday
9:30-10:15am Weber Elementary
10:30-11:30am Oaknoll Retirement Comm., George St.
11:45-12:15pm Melrose Meadows
12:30-1:00pm Emerson Point
2:00-2:30pm Alexander Elementary
3:00-4:00pm Grant Wood Elementary

Wednesday
10:30-11:30am Thehrsby Park
12:30-1:00pm First Avenue Hy-Vee
1:30-2:00pm Iowa City Rehabilitation
2:30-3:00pm Fraunholtz-Miller Park
3:30-4:00pm Forest View
4:30-5:30pm UI Comm. Credit Union, Mormon Trek

Thursday
11:00-1:00pm UI College of Medicine
2:30-3:30pm Mark Twain Elementary
4:00-4:30pm Regency Mobile Home Community
5:00-5:30pm WaterFront Hy-Vee
6:30-7:30pm Party in the Park (various locations)

Friday
10:30-11:30am Mercer Park
11:30-12:00pm Breckenridge Estates
1:30-2:00pm Cole’s Community, Riverside Dr.

All stops are open to the public.

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