



## GENERATIONS of *giving* grow the IOWA CITY public library

Patty McCarthy, Development Director

*Katherine Moyers, center, with her daughter Anna Moyers-Stone and her granddaughter Sylvia Stone.*

This year's celebration of the Iowa City Public Library (ICPL) quasiqui-centennial, wouldn't be complete without a chapter on the generous people who give time, talent, and treasure to benefit the Library. 125 years of sharing stories in the heart of downtown have been possible because so many Library friends are passionate about continuing excellence for ICPL.

That's certainly true for the John and Katherine Moyers family of Iowa City. Giving to grow ICPL spans three genera-

tions for them. With a smile, Katherine Moyers recalled the beginning—three decades ago—when she was the mother of two elementary school aged children and volunteered to serve as a Trustee of the Iowa City Public Library. “I grew up going to the Cherokee (Iowa) Public Library and wanted to contribute to my new community in Iowa City. The Library seemed like the best place to give back. Then, after a six-year term as a Trustee, I joined the ICPL Friends Foundation Board and got involved with building a new library building.”

That building was replaced by the current library which opened in 2004 on the same site.

The Moyers' daughter, Anna Moyers-Stone, recalled being about six-years-old when she received the ICPL card she continues to use today. With a laugh, she said the card features, “My name written in a child's block letters. Of course my brother and I knew a lot about the Library because of Mom's involvement.

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*Archie Greene at her workstation.*

## Donating Time and Talent

Peter Fegley, Asst. to the Development Director

When thinking of giving back to the Library, it's easy to think exclusively of making donations. While financial gifts are important, they are only one of many ways to give back. Whether making a gift, volunteering your time, or spreading the word about all of the resources the Library provides, you can make a tremendous impact on the success of ICPL.

Long-time volunteer Archie Greene began donating time at the Iowa City Public Library in the 1980s while she was also working on her graduate degree. Greene volunteered with Children's Services, helping children with word identification and phonics, and would frequently read along with children. She

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# Thank You for Giving

Elsworth Carman, ICPL Director

As the Director of the Iowa City Public Library, one of my primary responsibilities is managing the financial health of the agency. I am fortunate to work closely with the community, Library staff, the Library Board of Trustees, and the City of Iowa City leadership to effectively steward our operating budget in a way that moves our strategic initiatives forward, meets and exceeds community needs and wants, and provides services and materials that help us all connect, learn, and grow.

In addition to our operating budget, we are supported by the ICPL Friends Foundation. Each year, the Foundation receives donations from the community (and beyond), which in turn provides funding for select Library staffing, services, and events. These gift funds better enable us to focus on broader service throughout the community, develop delightful and exciting services like the new catalog and classes like "Be Pre-

pared for Car Ownership" with Chaya Miltchein. Your support also allows us to stay connected through hybrid programming like Sunday Fun Day which merges virtual learning with hands-on creating.

In the past year, we have used gift funds to acquire materials, contribute to an amazing new author talk series called Local Libraries LIT (which brings world-renowned authors to our community for book discussions, and is offered in partnership with several other libraries), and offer multiple events to celebrate ICPL's 125th Anniversary, including a Birthday Bash with live jazz, family activities, and birthday cake for all. I am deeply grateful to every donor who has chosen to give to the Library. Your gifts support the work of the Library in a unique and wide-reaching way; we truly could not do what we do without you.

*Thank you!*

**Elsworth Carman**

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recalls the importance of these programs during the summer months when children would forget some of the skills they had learned in school the year before.

Before long, Greene completed her graduate degree and was offered a full-time paid position in the Library Business Office which she gladly accepted. She continued to serve ICPL in this capacity until her retirement in 2010, but she quickly realized that she was going to miss the positive atmosphere, friendly staff, and access to literature provided by the Library.

Greene decided to continue serving the Library in a volunteer position again, this time cataloging books for the Book End store of the ICPL Friends Foundation. Her love for libraries goes back to her childhood in Ames where she was surrounded by books for as long as she can remember. For Greene, "libraries open the future to anyone who's willing to learn."

If you'd like to give back to ICPL by volunteering your time, please visit **[icpl.org/about/volunteer](https://icpl.org/about/volunteer)** to find and apply for current volunteer opportunities.





# How Your Donations Help

Catherine Erickson, Board President ICPLFF



Dear Friends,

While the pandemic drastically altered the way we interact with the world around us, I took great comfort in being able to rely on the Iowa City Public Library.

As a mother of two elementary school boys, avid reader, and lifelong learner, I utilized the Library in many different ways throughout the pandemic. Over the last year and a half, the Library's resiliency and ability to provide resources brought a sense of normalcy to an increasingly uncertain time. I continue to be impressed with the constantly-adapting Library staff. When presented

with a challenge, they find a way to provide the community access to ICPL resources. I was grateful when the Library added many online books, movies, and music, and curbside pickup of materials when everything was shut down.

The Library is once again welcoming in-person visits and services such as the Book End store, sending the Bookmobile into the community, and providing countless opportunities for growth and learning as we slowly return to a sense of normalcy. If you are able, I invite you to join me in supporting this tremendous resource for our community with a financial contribution.

Every gift—no matter the size—makes an impact to the Library and helps to enrich our community, provide valuable resources, and continue the Library's 125-year legacy of service for everyone. Please use the enclosed envelope to deliver or mail your donation, or give online, or scan the QR code above.

With your generosity and support, we can look forward to another incredible year of exciting programming, community outreach, and (of course!) reading.

I look forward to seeing you at the Library soon.

*Thank you!*

Catherine Erickson



## Generosity Makes a Big Difference for ICPL

Generous contributions from the following friends of the Iowa City Public Library made a difference for thousands of people. The special gifts of money, books, movies, music, and other items were received from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (Fiscal Year 2021) by the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation. Please contact us at [development@icpl.org](mailto:development@icpl.org) or **319-356-5249** with any questions. *Thank you for showing your library love with your wonderful generosity.*

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# ICPL's NEW Catalog

Melody Dworak, Librarian II

We heard you! In 2017, Iowa City Public Library patrons answered our survey about the Library's catalog, telling us what worked and didn't work for them. Library staff listened to that feedback and used it to build our own catalog—one of the few in-house catalogs in the nation! Our goal is to tailor the search experience to a person's interests and needs. This is the community's catalog. Our dedicated staff built this catalog just for you, dear patrons.

- You asked for stronger spell-checking features. We added them in!
- You requested at-a-glance information to navigate your account? You betcha. We've got that too!
- You wanted a more seamless transition between the catalog and Libby. Your wish is our command!

The enhancements won't stop there! We will continue to learn what you use and what you need, and we'll find ways to make our collections easier to find, reserve, and borrow. Your happiness is our happiness. We even have a feedback form for when you want to report an issue. Be ahead of the curve and try out our new catalog today. You'll never miss the old one.

Questions about the catalog? Call 319-356-5200 or go to [icpl.org/ask](http://icpl.org/ask) for more information.

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*Katherine Moyers, reading "Miss Nelson is Missing!" by Harry Allard to her grandchildren.*



*Jeff Stone, enjoying storytime with his wife Anna Moyers-Stone and their daughter Sylvia Stone.*



*Katherine Moyers reading, "Lexie the Word Wrangler" by Rebecca Van Slyke to her granddaughters.*

It's always been a place which feels familiar and like a third home."

Anna's return to Iowa City after college also brought a return to ICPL and the beginning of her own service as a community volunteer and donor for the ICPL Friends Foundation. "I recall that I was really into Steven Pinker's books. I went online to put a hold on his latest at that time and was delighted to find that I was number 12 on the list. I love being in a place with Pinker fans who are library users too."

Now, during visits to downtown Iowa City, Anna and husband Jeff Stone often include a stop at ICPL with Sylvia, their eight-year-old. Jeff said Sylvia asks to go the playground and the Library. "She loves the children's programs, especially those with skits and music," as well as being able to independently describe her current interests to Ellen Buchanan Children's Room staff who guide her to sections of books which she selects and, with assistance from a foot stool, scans and checks out "all on her own." Anna adds, "Teaching her to be a reader has brought Jeff and me back to reading physical books too. We're hav-

ing fun modeling reading to show her that reading for pleasure is something everyone can do."

Asked to describe why they value ICPL enough to give their time, talent, and treasure to help support it, Jeff Stone said, "I'm partial to the word 'public' in public library. It's a great community resource which is available to everyone and that's important." John Moyers, an avid fan of the wide range of audiobooks available to borrow from ICPL, also noted the library's role in "creating educated and empathetic citizens which is needed more now than ever. And it just seems right that in a City of Literature known worldwide for its great writers, it should have great readers. We do-thanks to the Iowa City Public Library."

Thanks to the Moyers, and Moyers-Stone families, and the amazing generosity of everyone else who contributes to the ICPL Friends Foundation, the love of reading will continue in future generations as will the evolution of ICPL as an important community center. You can join the celebration by giving a "cheers to the next 125 years for ICPL" financial gift online at [icpl.org/about/donate](http://icpl.org/about/donate).

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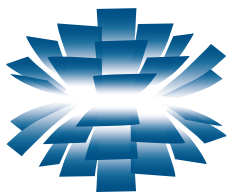
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