

Sam Helmick, Community
& Access Services Coordinator

On Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, Katie Roche officially began her role leading the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation. Roche previously served as the Development Director for The Englert Theatre, a position that she has held for the last 11 years.

While serving at the Englert, Roche also served as the Development Director for Strengthen · Grow · Evolve, the joint capital and programmatic campaign of The Englert and FilmScene. Roche studied photography and literature at the University of Iowa. She shared, “I am honored to join the team working to strengthen the programs, services, collections, and facilities of the Iowa City Public Library through my new role leading the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation.”

For nearly two decades, Roche has been a nonprofit advisor, fundraising consultant, and cultural advocate in the



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Johnson County area. She has collaborated with organizations such as Wright House of Fashion, South District SSMID, Iowa City Downtown District, and Public Space 1.

Roche brings her vast experience working with nonprofit organizations and proven experience in donor relations. We are honored to welcome her to the Iowa City Public Library. She succeeds Patty McCarthy, who served in the role for 18 years and retired from the position earlier this year. We interviewed Katie a bit to learn more about her.

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Freudenfreude Sam Helmick, Community & Access Services Coordinator

“I read more because you come,” Doug chimed as he descended the Bookmobile stairs with his weekly bag of books. Those kinds of comments are catnip for library workers and my entire countenance lit up. In truth, I have yet to work a shift for the Iowa City Public

Library, whether Downtown or out in the community, that didn’t contain a moment of joyful connection or pleasant exchange about how much the Library impacts the personal growth or entertainment of those we serve. It feels good to help others feel so good.

On the Bookmobile bench, Edna waited for me to scan her books, and tilted her head as she contemplated my beaming face. “There’s a German word for what you’re feeling right now, Sam: Freudenfreude.”

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THE WINDOW

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Director's Letter

Elsworth Carman, ICPL Director

Traditionally, the winter edition of *The Window* has been dedicated to acknowledging and thanking our donors, volunteers, and advocates. This tradition provides a rare and special opportunity to intentionally and specifically celebrate the impacts of the gifts we are given by community members and library lovers near and far. This year, it also marks a change in the leadership of ICPL's Development Office.

It is a privilege to honor the legacy of Patty McCarthy and the incredible work she did during her nearly 18 years as the ICPL Development Director, while at the same time, welcome Katie Roche into that role.

Katie has been an active member of the Iowa City community for a long time and will be a familiar face to many of you. Whether you already know Katie or haven't met her yet, I encourage you

to reach out and say hello. Share your library stories and listen to hers. Let her know about your ideas for library awareness-building and fundraising. Hearing directly from community members will help Katie—and the rest of the library staff—continue to adapt our services to best meet your needs.

The Library is so fortunate in its strong history of support from the ICPL Friends Foundation and broader community. It is a joy to reflect on and share the impact your investments and gifts create every day at the Iowa City Public Library.

Thank you for helping us make space for new and different approaches to library advocacy and fundraising and for remembering the shared successes of the past. ICPL is a living, growing organization, and we are so thankful for your support!

With gratitude, Elsworth Carman

The Book End Store

The Book End store, located on the second floor of the Iowa City Public Library, features gently used books for sale at extremely affordable prices! You're sure to find lots of great reads to take home.

- Hardcover – \$5
- Paperback – \$2
- Young adult – \$1
- Children's books – 25¢

The Book End is staffed entirely by volunteers who love reading and are happy to recommend books or authors for you to enjoy. From fiction and non-fiction to audiobooks and DVDs, there's plenty to explore at The Book End store! Stop by and find your next favorite book today!

STORE HOURS

Sunday	1:00pm – 3:30pm
Monday	10:30am – 7:30pm
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Wednesday	10:30am – 7:30pm
Thursday	10:30am – 4:30pm
Friday	10:30am – 4:30pm
Saturday	11:00am – 3:30pm

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ICPL Friends Foundation Book Store

Volunteers operate The Book End to benefit the ICPL. If volunteers are not available, the store is not open, and you may shop at The Book Nook on the first floor of the Library. Thank you!

What delights you the most about your new role so far?

I love this question! I've come to describe myself as someone who delights easily, but that makes it sound like something I merely experience by chance, when I'm really in the practice of deliberately activating my curiosity around everything I encounter throughout the day. Taking this practice into my new role leading the ICPL Friends Foundation, I've been delighted to observe and better understand the expertise, passion, and humanity that everyone who works here brings to their roles. Cardholders and ICPL Friends should rest assured that the Library is in good hands with this extraordinary team.

What are aspects of the Library and its services that you appreciate?

I believe strongly in lifelong learning and the Library has endless ways to feed each of us whatever we seek to learn more about. I was pleased to discover that resident cardholders can access over 16,000 skill-building video tutorials in seven languages across business, creative, and technical categories via LinkedIn Learning. I also appreciate the way the Library provides services to people at every age and stage of life, from Book Babies to early voting access. Finally, I've come to learn that our collections and outreach are admired throughout the region as something that other libraries aspire to emulate.

What are you looking forward to in the near future?

I am excited to learn all of the services, programs, collections, and facilities that the Library offers and to be able to lead the advocacy for ICPL, inspiring others to become committed advocates, donors, and volunteers. I'm also looking forward to meeting all of the ICPL Friends who help to strengthen the Library and understand what inspires their support!

What spaces and conversations do you look forward to seeing the Library play a part in this next season?

As the conversation around banned books and intellectual freedom continues to be front and center, I'm looking forward to the Library helping our community to engage with educational programming and information that allows our community to more deeply understand these complex issues.

What are you excited to contribute as the new Development Director?

I'm committed to helping our community understand how our Library is funded and why their support is vital to our future. If you are in a position to support at any level, your support is welcome and appreciated.

Respecting your rights to intellectual freedom and privacy, I wonder if you might share what you are currently reading?

I appreciate the opportunity to share! I am currently reading two books that are very relevant to my new role:

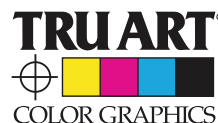
1. *A Century of Stories: The History of the Iowa City Public Library, 1896-1997* by Lolly Eggers
2. *The Library: A Fragile History* by Andrew Pettegree and Arthur der Weduwen

In the scope of human history, public libraries are still fairly new institutions and need our continued advocacy and protection. Throughout history, libraries have been threatened or even destroyed during hostile regime changes and times of political strife. Libraries are truly one of the greatest achievements of human history and have come from a hard fought place to become the center of our communities. As writer Caitlin Moran says, "On a cold rainy island, (libraries) are the only sheltered public spaces where you are not a consumer, but a citizen instead."

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VOLUNTEER AT IOWA CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Adults and teens are eligible to participate in the volunteer program. Each department has a minimum expected time and commitment of attendance. Volunteer opportunities depend on the number of openings and applicant's availability.

“Yep! It’s like the opposite of schadenfreude. Freudenfreude is a feeling that functions kind of like vicariously living through someone else’s wins. It is experiencing happiness when others are happy and thriving.” She went on to explain the nuances of schadenfreude, freudenfreude, and even gluckschmerz (which is displeasure at other’s good fortune).

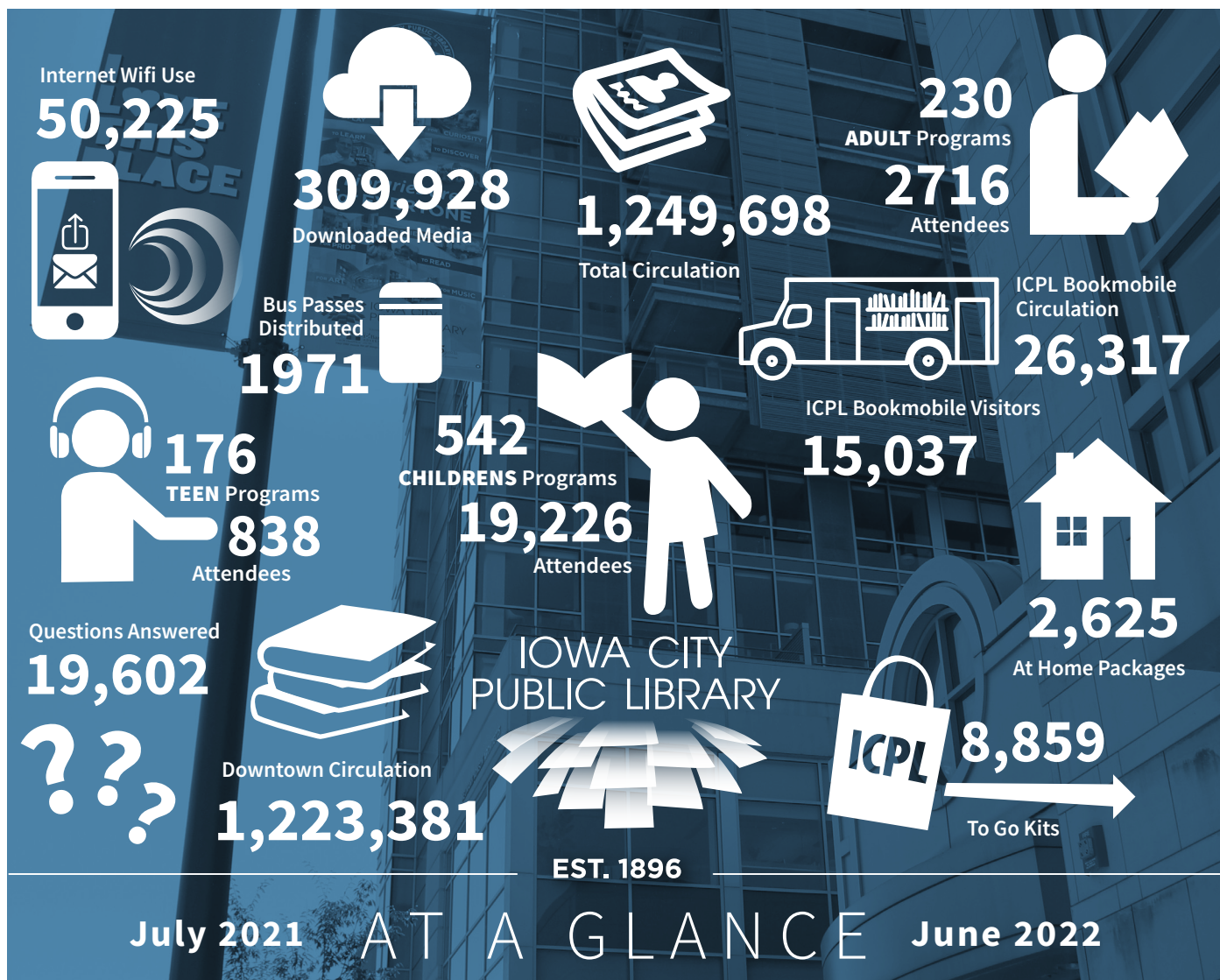
Learning is a common side effect for both sides of a library interaction. Staff serve as informational guides, encouragers, and thought partners to the community and in turn we learn from you. We help you deep dive into fascinating topics and your examples of perseverance, determination, and enthusiasm instruct us too. Everybody wins.

“I feel it too,” Edna shared. I imagine that is very true. Two of her holds were to read with her grandchildren over Zoom. Another two were for the multiple (and decades long) book clubs she maintains with friends and family. The Library enables us all to taste freudenfreude. Just like Doug and Edna, all are welcome to access and potential.

It is uplifting to observe tech, job seeking, and reference queries shine both virtually and in-person. Programming for all ages is bursting at the seams in variety and attendance. The Library collection (which is often described as world class) flourishes. More than 1.2 million items circulated last year! In 2022, Outreach

and ICPL Bookmobile stops expanded by over twenty-percent to build connection, community, and joy.

If I were to assign a daily theme to ICPL, words like change, exciting, developing, and happy leap to mind. The Library’s positive impacts and purpose is made manifest by patrons, volunteers, supporters, and staff. Our wins are shared and far reaching. Together we build opportunity, learning, and community which makes every day a freudenfreude day. Thank you for your gifts of advocacy, time, and support to those wins. Thank you for using your Library. Thank you for your joy which permits us to experience more joy too.





Angie Pilkington, Childrens Services Coordinator

The Iowa City Public Library Winter Reading program starts Sunday, December 18. *Reading Makes Me Hoppy* is open to all readers age 3 and older. You can register yourself (or group), log your winter reading online, or print *Reading Makes Me Hoppy* gamecards at icpl.org/wrp. You can also pick up a gamecard at the Library or the ICPL Bookmobile.

When you complete the program you will receive a themed mug and cocoa! ICPL staff can connect you with wonderful stories this season to match your favorite topics, genres, and format. Connect with us at icpl.org/ask or at 319-356-5200 to learn more.

creativebug

Stacey McKim, Adult Services Library Assistant, Digital Media Lab

The Iowa City Public Library provides free access to the popular *creativebug* online resource for resident cardholders living in Iowa City, Hills, University Heights, Lone Tree, or rural Johnson County.

ICPL patrons can enjoy unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft class videos for all skill levels, including *creativebug*'s "daily practice" series to explore things like watercolor play, bookmaking, Procreate, carving rubber stamps, and keeping a sketchbook.

The easy-to-navigate website features topics in art & design, sewing, paper crafts, holidays and parties, knitting and crochet, quilting, jewelry, and more. Plus it keeps track of your progress through your partially-watched videos and what you want to try next! With new classes added every month, users can browse by skill levels, quick or multi-part projects, specialty techniques, or video tutorials best suited for children.

To access *creativebug*, visit creativebug.com/lib/icpl. Enter your library card number and PIN/password to create a free account. Contact us by phone, email, chat, or in person with your questions or success stories.

COMING SOON

ICPL is adding a Cricut Maker 3 to the Digital Media Lab in the coming months, so you'll be able to take advantage of the many Cricut projects in *creativebug*, too!

December 15, 6pm



Online browsing

Melody Dworak, Librarian

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You can filter by your areas of interest when you

browse online! For a completely random pick check out the Surprise Me! game. Select your areas of interest and see what the game pops up! Hit the button as many times as you like to grow your list. This tool is great for people who wish to try a new book outside their regular reading habits.

At Home patrons can have their picks mailed to their home. For the rest of us: Browse online, reserve your favorite options, then select your preferred destination (the Downtown Library or ICPL Bookmobile) for pick up!

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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, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (Fiscal Year 2022) by the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation. Please contact us at 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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