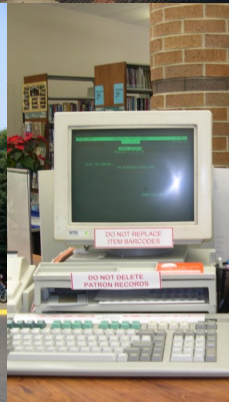
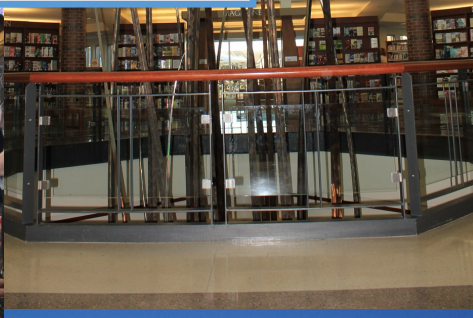


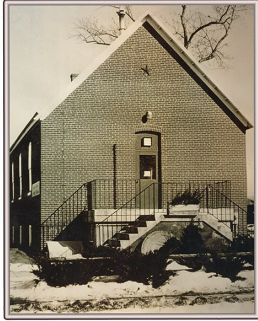
Coralville Public Library

Rich History, Bright Future

1965-2023



2 Rich History



Coralville Public Library's rich history began in the mid-1960s, when a small group of women decided Coralville needed a public library. A local Girl Scout Troop held a bake sale to start a library seed fund, local volunteers collected books and volunteer librarians cataloged them, and in April of 1965 the City Council passed an ordinance establishing the Library and its governance structure.

The **first Public Library** in Coralville opened in the basement of **City Hall** in September of 1965 with 2,250 books. In 1968, it moved to the **Fesler Building on 5th Street**, sharing it with the Coralville Rec Center. Groundbreaking for the current building was in 1985, and in March of 1987, the Library moved into **1401 5th Street** with over 50,000 items (ribbon cutting below).



Among the **Library founders** were (above, l-r) Fran Rogers, Pauline Lovetinsky, and Jean Schwab, who became longtime staff and played a central role in the Library's development and success. Also pictured is part-time employee Kathy Slaymaker.



Groundbreaking for the **expansion of the building** was held on July 5th, 2006, and the renovations were completed in less than two years, opening just days before the flood of 2008 (right) with 87,000 items.



Rich History 3



The Library has celebrated some milestones along the way, including the **35th Anniversary** of the Library in 2000.

Valery Kovalev's sculpture patio, featuring a Bear reading to children, was installed and dedicated and soon became a beloved feature of the Library.



The **50th Anniversary** was observed on September 13th, 2015 with an open house for the community featuring local musicians, storytellers, artists and historians, culminating in the dedication of the Library Founders' Room and the kickoff of the Library's Golden Endowment Fund.



The Library has embraced **many changes** in the last 58 years. We've kept up with technology, going from card catalogs to an automated system to having an app. We've had typewriters and records, then videotapes, cassettes, CDs, DVDs, computers, and now scanners, laptops, emedia, and hotspots.



4 Nurturing Literacy

To increase access to **reading programs**, we launched our **Beanstack** site and mobile app on May 31. Participation in the children's summer reading program doubled from 2021! Participants logged 293,196 minutes of reading, and 8,877 books.

The library hosted many exciting events for children and families, including a magician, a reptile show, and butterfly tents. More than 200 people had an opportunity to interact with butterflies (right).



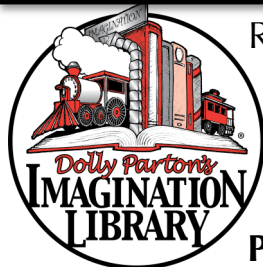
At the end of the summer, CPL handed out hundreds of books to children during **Servolution's Back-to-School event** (left). Through an IMLS/BCM Early Literacy grant award, CPL collaborated with the Iowa Children's Museum to develop early literacy



playdough kits for distribution during Servolution and for Coral Ridge Head Start families. Head Start is just one of nine early childhood sites that children's librarians visit monthly for storytime (above).

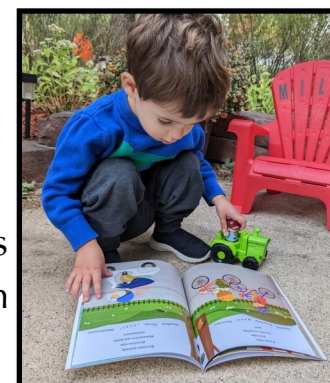


The Library received a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act Grants and sponsorship from the CPL Foundation to purchase a **Book Bike**. It arrived last July and went out 7 times, to the Farmers' Market (right) and other area events. This summer the Book Bike will continue to take the Library out into the community.



Research shows that greater access to books and increased opportunities to enjoy reading with caregivers helps to advance early literacy skills. CPL, the Library Foundation, and Friends of the Library fund the **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** to help place books in homes

of children. Children ages 0-5 can register for free and receive books in the mail monthly. Since February of 2022, 3,742 books have been mailed to Coralville children.



Celebrating Literature 5

The first **adult book group** met at the Library in 1991. Four years after that, *It's a Mystery* was founded and continues to go strong to this day. This group regularly has 20 – 30 attendees each month.

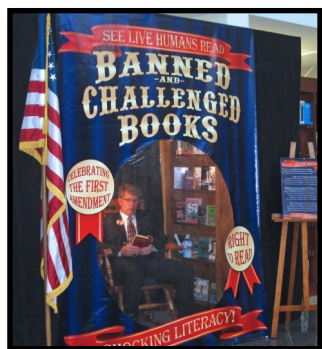
It's a Mystery!
Book Group



Novel Conversations has been meeting monthly for eight years. Book discussions cover classics, contemporary fiction, and nonfiction titles from a variety of authors. There were about 350 attendees at adult book groups last year.

We have a decades-long **summer program** that encourages **adult literacy**, and for the past 20 years we've also had a **winter adult reading program (WARM)**. Registration numbers average 500 in the summer and 250 in the winter. Over the years, we have held a number of Salons during WARM. Patrons and staff share readings, jokes, poetry, and music.

Pictured to the right is the 2005 Salon.



The Library champions every person's **right to choose for themselves** what they want to read, and we draw attention to threats to this right every September during **Banned Books Week**, and at other times as well. We highlight books that have been challenged or banned around the country, and this often sparks great conversations about the freedom to read! Left is our city manager Kelly Hayworth, reading a challenged book in our live display.



Poet Laureate Robert Dana reading his dedication poem at the 2008 Grand Opening.

Through the years the Library has welcomed numerous authors, both locally and nationally known. We host the annual literary **Paul Engle Prize**, and the presentation to author Rebecca Solnit last fall drew over 150 people. Over the last few years, we have partnered with other organizations to present **Local Libraries LIT**, a series of virtual author events. There were three held in 2023.

Joe Hill signing books for his fans after a 2016 event, below.



Children & Teen author Dori Butler giving a reading, 2012



Rebecca Solnit, winner of the Paul Engle Prize, 2023

6 Bright Future



Samira Abdalla is the new CRN, seen here serving at the Soul Food Dinner

Our partnership with the Coralville Community Food Pantry led to the addition of a **Community Resources Navigator** to our staff and a Community Fridge in the vacated library café space. The Fridge is stocked by the Food Pantry, and is heavily used by the public.

The need for a Community Resources Navigator became very apparent when we were assisting community members with filling out the complicated Rent and Utility Assistance applications.

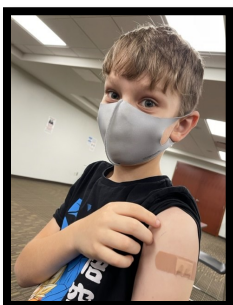
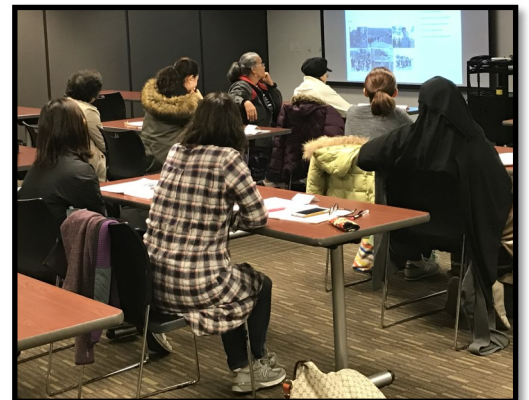


The CRN has connected with area social services agencies and helps those in need navigate the social services network. She has helped with job applications, citizenship applications, financial assistance, winter apparel needs, and translation.



The CRN also started a **Community Ambassador Program**, pictured above and on the left at the **Community Meal**, with the goal of reaching segments of the population not currently connected to vital resources and services. The Community Ambassador Program consists of 12 Coralville residents with established connections to under represented communities. They speak nine different languages among them.

We are expanding our **English Language Learners Program**. A part-time employee has been hired to oversee the classes as well as to recruit and manage both students and volunteers. Volunteers help with classes and meet students one-on-one for conversation help. Classes are still offered both online and in-person.



The **University of Iowa's Mobile Medical Clinic** takes place monthly in the Library's lower level. They offer basic medical services including physicals, vaccines, and even sometimes dental, eye, and physical therapy.

The **Teen Advisory Board** hosted a **Hygiene Drive** for the Coralville Food Pantry in December. They made signs, promoted it at their schools, on social media and had a drop off box at the library. The community was extremely generous! In addition to this, they also received a \$250 grant to purchase additional personal hygiene items for the pantry. We filled two vans with all the items and delivered them on Dec. 21 (right).



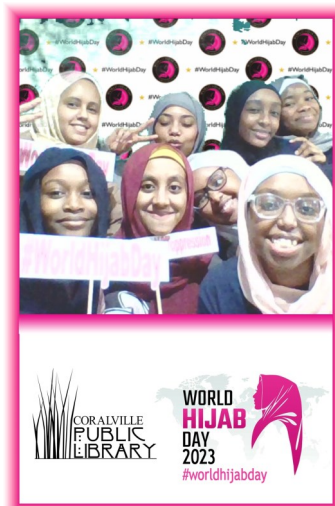
The Teen Advisory Board also assisted our Friends of the Library group with their **December book gifting**. We went to Barnes & Noble and chose 225 books for kids, babies – 6th grade (left). They wrapped all of the books and handed them out to kids at a Community Meal (right).



In our quest to be welcoming to all members of the community, the Library varies **outreach efforts**. This year, staff had a booth at Coralville's first PRIDE festival (left), hosted a Soul Food Dinner (below), and celebrated World Hijab Day (below right). The Community Resources Navigator hosts weekly Chat 'n' Chai in the café space, creating an informal and welcoming environment where she is approachable to those needing her assistance.



The February Soul Food Dinner and Movie, free to the community, drew 336 attendees (above & right).



8 2022 By the Numbers

419 laptop circs
1,345 hotspot circs



42,464 log-ins
to our catalog



17,334 retrievals of
electronic information
from our databases
80,807 eMaterials
downloaded



8,824 uses of
public internet
computers, 34,968
wireless sessions



13,811
launches
of our app



126 English
language classes
with an average of
11 attendees
per class



21 video submissions
for Blind Date
with a Cookbook



309,804 views
of our website
by 42,815
users



3,830 attendees at
adult and general
interest library programs



232 children's
and teen's programs with
6,317 people
attending



672 kids' crafts kits
480 teen craft kits
852 adult crafts to go



105 teens had
a blind date
with a book



264 attendees
at movies
screened



7783 followers
on social media



197 patients served
at 9 mobile
health clinics



1052 seed packets
circulated from
Seed Library,
and 200 were
donated back



More By the Numbers, Then & Now

347 family cards in 1966
5,362 registered
patrons in 1982
42,026 in 2022



56,819 total
items circulated
in 1972
180,650 in 1992
290,963 in 2022

39,595 patron
visits in 1982
179,413 in 2002
206,510
in 2022



914 reference
transactions in 1982
7540 in 1992
14,767 in 2022



3998 items were held by
the Library in 1965
22,746 items in 1972
58,706 in 1992
78,560 in 2002
115,090 in 2012
165,905 items
held in 2022



5.1 full-time equivalent
staff in 1982
8 in 1992
11.3 in 2002
22.88 FTE
in 2022



875 interlibrary loans
received from other
libraries in 2002
526 loans received in 2022
211 loans provided to
other libraries in 2002
748 loans provided in 2022



\$16,200 in City
funding in 1966
\$98,038 in 1982
\$652,170 in 2002
\$2,064,041 in 2022

