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REMEMBERING 9/11

City leaders in Des Moines hosted a Special Remembrance Ceremony on the lawn outside of the Central Library on Sunday, September 11. An Honor Guard featuring Des Moines Police and Fire Department officers began the ceremony with a presentation of colors, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Des Moines Fire Chief John TeKippe and his daughter Gerene.

A giant American flag draped across the Central Library's colorful copper/glass exterior formed the perfect backdrop for the event. Library Director Greg Heid acted as emcee for the thirty-minute program which included remarks by the Honorable Mayor Frank Cownie, Police Chief Judy Bradshaw, and Fire Chief John TeKippe. Police Chaplain Rev. Carolyn King led the Invocation and Fire Chaplain Rev. John Harrell gave the Benediction. Joshua Burke sang *God Bless America* followed by SPO Chris Mock playing *Taps*.

Later that afternoon, the Central Library hosted a free showing of a documentary called, *9/12: From Chaos to Community*.

LIBRARY CLOSURES/HOURS

All six locations of the Des Moines Public Library will be CLOSED:

Veterans Day: Friday, November 11

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25

Christmas: Friday December 23, Saturday, December 24, Sunday, December 25, Monday, December 26

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LIBRARY TEENS ENJOY SOCIAL NETWORKING (IN PERSON)

Facebook, Twitter, Google+, and Foursquare are great ways to stay connected but Des Moines area teens are also discovering another great way to network. It's called the library!

MORE BOOKS! All six Des Moines library locations have experienced a surge in teen usage recently and we've been interested to note the reasons behind this trend. There are many. A grant from the DMPL Foundation in 2010 provided funding for staff hours so that our teen specialists could plan and conduct additional teen programs. Because of increased demand, the teen book collection has been expanded over the past two years.

FREE PROGRAMS! Several teen programs have been switched to match the early out days that are now part of the Des Moines Public Schools regular schedule. All six library locations offer at least one teen program every week during the school year. The programs appeal to a broad range of teenagers, from Wii gaming to board games, and from anime to movies and cosplay.

FUN CRAFTS! Teens love cooking afterschool treats for themselves, creating wacky items with duct tape, and are discovering the fun of Shrinky Dinks!

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS! Recognizing that today's teens are connected electronically, our teen specialists reach out to teens by co-writing a Teen Page on the library's web site. We also connect to teens via Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. But staff members quickly agree that the thing that seems to bring teens to the library is the chance to be with other teens! Activities like Pizza and Pages, an afterschool book discussion offered at many locations, draw young people in with tasty treats and a chance to share their hottest books.

GREAT SPACES! Each location now has a separate teen area where kids are welcome to hang out in a warm, friendly, and accepting atmosphere filled with books, computers, and other teens. Visit often and bring your friends!

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: THE CIVIL WAR

The Franklin Avenue Library was one of sixty-five public, academic, and community college libraries to receive the *Making Sense of the American Civil War* reading and discussion program grant. The library plans to offer programs next spring to engage participants in several discussions. Titles to be discussed will include *March*, by Geraldine Brooks, and *Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam*, by James McPherson.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from National Endowment of the Humanities to the American Library Association Public Programs Office, supported by NEH's We the People initiative.

Contact Kate Young at the Franklin Avenue Library for information about participating in these discussions and watch our web site for further details.

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GREG HEID

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WORDS OF WISDOM

During her thirty-two year career at the Des Moines Public Library, Deputy Director Sally Wisdom has worked in almost every department possible. She has been bringing Josephine Pickett's sweet potato pie to the Forest Avenue Library's Soul Food Festival for years. She has marched alongside the Rosie van in the Iowa State Fair parade. She is often the first to arrive and the last to leave at dozens of library events. And last year she served as Acting Director during the search for the library's new director.

Sally graduated from Roosevelt High School and has lived most of her life in Des Moines. She received her library degree from the University of Arizona and began working as a librarian at the Franklin Avenue Library in 1979. From there, she went on to become a senior librarian at the East Side Library, worked as the collection librarian at Central Library, and served as the branch manager at the Forest Avenue Library. She became the library's Deputy Director in January of 2008.

Throughout her career, Sally has been an active advocate throughout the Iowa library community as well as in local neighborhoods. She has gained the respect of coworkers for her teamwork and management skills, as well as her great sense of humor. As Acting Director, Sally impressed city leaders and community members with her thumbtack depiction of the many staffing changes the library has faced due to budget cuts. And during the recent move back to Franklin Avenue Library, her fresh peach pie even inspired a tired Building Force to move a refrigerator!

Following her retirement on December 30, Sally will be using her storytelling skills with her new grand-daughter, Miriam. Please join us in wishing Sally the very best in her next reading assignment.





Hundreds gathered outside the Franklin Avenue Library for its grand reopening on Sunday, August 21, 2011.



Ribbon-Cutting Time! Pictured l. to r.: Ellen Hubbell, Chris Coleman, Barb Hildebrandt, Mayor Frank Cownie, Tom Vlassis, Halley Griess, Christine Hensley, Kent Herink, Jule Thorsen, and City Manager Rick Clark.

FANTASTIC REVIEWS FOR NEW FRESH FRANKLIN

More than 500 customers of the Franklin Avenue Library walked, biked, and drove to be a part of its long-anticipated reopening held on Sunday, August 21. Anticipated to be the first LEED Platinum-certified library in Iowa, the library celebrated its new fresh look on Sunday, August 21. This \$8.4 million renovation is latest project in the Des Moines Public Library's system-wide \$48 million capital campaign that included a new Central Library and renovations at all five of its branches.



The Friends of Franklin Avenue Library Served Cookies and Lemonade.



Librarians Prepared for Patrons. Pictured, front l. to r.: Linda Vlaming, Kate Young, Carolyn Greufe, Sally Wisdom, and Sara Erickson

The Franklin Avenue Library offers dozens of energy efficient features and visitors are thrilled to notice the roof-based photovoltaic solar panels, the large, double-lined glass windows, and even charging stations for electric cars! If you'd like to learn more, check out the green interface flat screen on the west end that offers visual feedback on energy and other sustainable methods.

In addition to all of the green features, customers appreciate the new face-out shelving, the colorful lounge style seating in the fireplace area, and the abundance of electrical plug-ins for laptop users. Library users have quickly discovered the increased number of computers available for public use and are making good use of the study rooms, four self-checkout stations, and the greatly expanded area for children's services, with plenty of kid-friendly computers and kid-sized tables and chairs. Colorful lighting fixtures and picture book bins, plus a two-story, window-lined storytime "silo" add a whimsical feel to the kids' area. And now teens have their very own area, equipped with comfy study chairs and plenty of space for graphic novels, anime, and books.

In keeping with the green nature of the building, native landscaping materials have been used outside and staff members have already established plans for composting and recycling. The library is offering dozens of "green" programs in the coming year, ranging from home energy advice to movies about environmental issues, and even some craft projects using recycled objects.

In addition to the great comments from library customers, the library's staff members have also been thrilled. Although it was the last branch to be updated, staff members agree that it has been well worth the wait!

GREAT FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Franklin Avenue Library staff member Stephanie Fruhling collected several stories during the first week after the library reopened and shared some of her favorites:

1. A woman I have known for years came in yesterday and said she had a wonderful experience. So great that she made a point to seek me out so that I could pass on the good comments. She said she had interactions with Eric at the Circ Desk, and Kate at the Children's Desk, and gushed about how great the service was. "Where have you been keeping these people?" Then she added that "the renovation was beyond her wildest dreams!"
2. When I asked young Andrew Milne if he liked the library (Andrew is 7, I think), he looked at me like I was crazy. "How could you NOT like this library", he said. "You'd have to be crazy not to like this library...if you don't like this library...well, then you must not like libraries at all!"
3. Mariella Theuma LOVES the new neighborhood areas (where collections of books on similar subjects are all grouped together), especially the Memoirs which she said were "wonderful... absolutely delicious."
4. No less than six people have told me that they got teary-eyed when they saw the children's area.



A Poetry Reading by Best-Selling Author James Autry.



VOLUNTEERS FROM PRINCIPAL ASSISTED WITH THE MOVE

Pictured are four volunteers from Principal who assisted with our move back to Franklin Avenue Library for their Principal Volunteer Network Day of Action project: Melissa Mosbach, Martha Crist, Alexis Warden, and Justin VerSteeg.



NORTH SIDE LIBRARY MURAL

Saulaman Schlegel, a Grand View University student majoring in English and Creative Writing and Visual Arts, recently completed a colorful mural at the North Side Library. Whimsical characters from nursery rhymes and children's books are scattered across the wall.

This project is another example of the wonderful support the library receives from the Friends of the North Side Library. Recently, the Friends group also donated three laptop computers to the library, which have proven very popular with younger patrons. The computers are being enjoyed by kids during programs like *39 Clues* and as part of the library's weekly Lounge activities for teens.



GOV DOCS BLOG IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations are in order for librarian Marci Behm who recently received word that her DMPL Gov Docs Blog won a Spotlight award from the Federal Depository Library. Marianne Mason, Federal Information Librarian for Reference and Library Instruction, made the nomination.

Federal depository libraries serve the public every day by providing free access to a wealth of U.S. Government information products. The Spotlight award features a different Federal depository library each month by highlighting its unique services and offerings. Marci began her blog more than two years ago as another way to promote the library's government documents. Recent posts have included information on applying for energy

credits, homework assistance, even gardening tips! If you have not yet discovered the vast information available from government sources, visit <http://dmplgovdocs.wordpress.com> for more information! Or follow the DMPL on Facebook to stay current with all kinds of information and blog postings!



NOT SUCH A RANDOM RETIREMENT

You may not know her face, but if you follow the library on Facebook™, you probably recognize her frequent posts. Librarian Margaret Jane Scott, the person behind the library's Random Acts of Information blog, has announced her upcoming retirement in December. MJ was the pioneer of blogs here at the Des Moines Public Library and her witty, creative style has brought a smile to many since she started her Random Acts of Information blog over three years ago.

Covering a multitude of subjects and filled with tidbits of knowledge gathered during her thirty-one year library career, MJ's frequent comments have developed quite a following. Her blog has generated hundreds of posts from library customers and will be greatly missed. We wish her the very best in her retirement.



FRANKLIN iPADS

Teens at Franklin enjoy using the four new iPads recently purchased by the Friends of the Franklin Avenue Library. Staff members use the iPads to teach teens about new technology and make them available to teens for homework and information searching. Librarians also use them during adult book discussions to help members learn more about the books and to view interviews with the authors.

WORDS FROM OUR CUSTOMERS

Compliments from online book clubs:

I just told my co-worker how much I LOVE the DMPL...then I was directed to this feedback link. So, now I'll tell you: I LOVE the DMPL. You make everything so easy and convenient. I choose what I want online and pick it up at the drive-thru. It's amazing. Thanks for all the work you do to make the community better! Sara V. Brown

This is the best way to read. I love doing it every day. I even told my wonderful husband of seven years to do this. I know, in about four or five years, our daughter will hopefully be reading these books with us or just listening to a bedtime story. Either way she will make us proud. Since starting this reading program two years ago it has made me more outgoing. I love mysteries, romance, adventures, and suspense and my husband likes horror and mysteries. So we are going to tell our families to try this because it's a wonderful way to read. Our best wishes,

- Desiree, Scott, and Hemi.

WORDS FROM OUR PRESENTERS

Thanks Laura for all your hard work on this (year's adult literacy) luncheon. I left truly inspired.

- Elisabeth Buck, Senior VP of Community Impact at United Way of Central Iowa

WORDS FROM OUR STAFF

One day at the Forest Avenue Library, a patron asked me for help posting an ad for his car on Craigslist. He was completely unfamiliar with Craigslist, so I spent a few minutes helping him navigate the website. He also wanted to post a picture of the car. He had no idea how to transfer the image from his phone (which happened to be an older style flip phone) to the computer. We had to set up an e-mail account for him to transfer the image from his phone, and then I showed him how to upload the photograph to Craigslist. I spent about twenty minutes helping him get the ad posted. Literally two minutes after we completed the post, his phone rang. Someone had seen the ad and wanted to look at the car. He told me, "I would hug you if I could; you have no idea how much this money will mean to me. I could never have done this without you." It was instant gratification knowing I helped make a difference for this patron.

- Staff Member Kathy Boozell

FALL AUTHOR VISITS:

JENNIFER WILSON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 6:30 PM
CENTRAL LIBRARY

Colfax native Jennifer Wilson will share her story, *Running Away to Home: Our Family's Journey to Croatia in Search of Who We Are, Where We Came From, and What Really Matters*. The Book Store will offer books for sale and signing.

SPARKLE ABBEY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 6:30 PM
CENTRAL LIBRARY

If you think this author's name sounds like it should belong to a pet, you're right. In fact, it belongs to two! Their owners are Mary Lee Woods (Sparkle) and Anita Carter (Abbey), co-writers of a new Pampered Pet Series from Bell Bridge Books. Join us at the Central Library as they share their writing experiences and launch their first book, *Desperate Housedogs*.

WINI MORANVILLE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 6:30 PM,
FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY

For almost twenty years, Des Moines writer Wini Moranville has spent six weeks each summer in France, which led to her delightful new cookbook, *The Bonne Femme Cooking: Simple Splendid Food that French Women Cook Every Day*. Wini writes a monthly wine column for *Relish* and also writes about food and wine for several publications including, *Better Homes and Gardens* and *The Des Moines Register*.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP TO FEATURE PUBLISHED IOWA AUTHORS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 6:00 PM,
CENTRAL LIBRARY

Join us for a fascinating conversation with members of the Published Authors Liaison (PAL) as part of the November Writers' Workshop at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 7, at the Central Library. Local authors Jan Blazanin, Eileen Boggess, Wendy Delsol, Rebecca Janni, Mike Manno, Sharelle Byars Moranville, Wini Moranville, Susan Schmid, Kimberly Stuart, and Kali VanBaale will share their knowledge and experience in getting published. Preregister online or call Laura at 515-283-4957.



SNEAK A PEEK AT A PLAYHOUSE PRODUCTION

Every year the Central Library and the Des Moines Playhouse partner to bring sneak previews of the Kate Goldman Theater productions to the library. On the first Saturday of each production, actors stop by the library and perform a scene from the show. They answer questions, pose for photos and talk about the production. The Playhouse does a drawing to give away free tickets to some lucky family attending the library event.

All of the Kate Goldman children's productions are based on books and fairy tales, so what could be more natural than bringing that literature alive at the library? Next up is holiday hijinks with Junie B. Jones in *Jingle Bells*, *Batman Smells* on Saturday, November 19 at 10:30 AM in the Children's Area of the Central Library.



Asaad Rashad and Author Deborah Ellis



The children loved the chance to dance.



Participants performed a circle dance around the Central Library meeting rooms.

PARTNERSHIP BRINGS AUTHOR AND IRAQI COMMUNITY TOGETHER

This fall, the library partnered with CULTUREALL, a local organization, to bring together the community and Deborah Ellis, author of *Children of War: Voices of Iraqi Refugees*, in a true cultural experience. Members of the Iraqi community brought food for a buffet and shared a display of clothing, flags, games, and prints by an Iraqi artist. An Iraqi band, The Peace Band, performed traditional music while some of the men in the audience performed a circle dance. After the tasty buffet, Deborah Ellis read a couple of the stories from her book and talked about what it was like meeting the children she interviewed in refugee camps in Jordan. More than 150 children, teens and adults enjoyed this special evening. (Photos of the CULTUREALL event were taken by Nikola Pavelic.)

DOES THE LIBRARY KEEP KIDS AND TEENS BUSY?

You bet we do! In fact, we had 5,562 children and teens sign up to read this summer! And 44% of those who signed up completed their reading goals of fifteen hours. These eager readers spent 58,000 hours over the summer reading books, magazines, graphic novels and listening to audio books. Our six library locations hosted 233 free programs, from story times, to teen crafts, to magic, science, and music shows, puppet shows, cultural events and animals up-close. All the programs kept our staff busy and our libraries buzzing as 10,500 children, teens and parents came through the doors to attend the events.

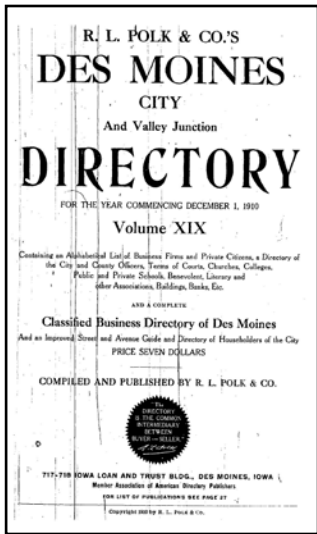
WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS!

Many local businesses support literacy and encourage summer reading by contributing coupons and passes for kids and teens as they reached their reading goals. We would like to thank the businesses for their generosity this summer: Iowa Cubs, Blank Park Zoo, Godfather's Pizza, Fazoli's, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, and North 40 Miniature Golf. In addition, the Merle Hay Target store donated a gift card to every location for a grand prize drawing.



TEEN VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

This summer, our libraries had 130 teens volunteer helping to keep the summer reading program running smoothly. As a reward for volunteering 1060 hours this summer, teens were invited to a special after-hours pool party, just for them, at the Birdland Aquatic Center. Late afternoon brought rain and thunderstorms, but by 7:00 PM, when the party started, thirty-two teens enjoyed some clear skies, pizzas, ice cream and an awesome time.



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To sign up, simply visit:
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Attendees will need an internet connection and a phone line to participate.

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Learn how to use ReferenceUSA as part of your Career Searching Strategy. Learn the importance of having accurate information for applications and resumes. Create engaging cover letters, assemble a network of references and referrers, and find key persons at a business to act as your mentors.

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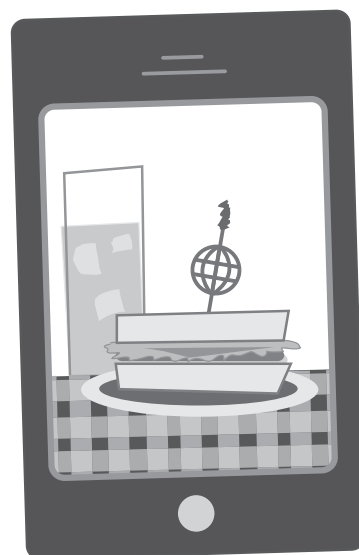
The DMPL regularly digitizes historic Des Moines images and books. In the past year we have digitized and uploaded a number of items to Archive.org and Flickr to make it easier for our patrons and staff to access historic Des Moines documents. One of our larger projects of the year was digitizing and uploading historic Des Moines City Directories (1866-1922) to Archive.org (www.archive.org/details/desmoinesandpolkcountycitydirectories). We have also started a large project of digitizing local weekly newspapers, and are currently looking into options for public access.

NEW GALE REFERENCE SERVICE

DMPL now offers an online reference collection from Gale Reference Services which will be available 24-7 for all staff and patrons to use. It will include reference sources on virtually every topic, including medicine, business, and literature. Find it on our web site under ONLINE RESOURCES.

CUSTOMER FRIENDLY CALENDAR COMING SOON

DMPL customers can look forward to a new and improved online calendar that will be introduced around the first of next year. Some new features that customer will enjoy include: easier sorting of events and programs, selection of programs by age and/or type, downloading of events to a customer's calendar, and email reminders of upcoming programs. Watch our web site for details about this exciting new service.



TECHNOLOGY SANDWICHED IN!

Spend your lunch hour learning about the newest advances in technology with the folks from Geosync Global. Join us in the Meeting Room at the Central Library.

4 ANYONE: THE SKYPE'S THE LIMIT
November 4, 12:00 to 1:00 PM *

Heard of Skype? This application can be used to speak to people on the other side of the world via the Internet, saving your phone minutes. Use it to have a video call, exchange chat messages, share photos and files or even share your PC screen.

4 ANYONE: ABOVE THE CLOUD
November 18, 12:00 to 1:00 PM*

Heard of the "Cloud" and wonder what is so special up there? This session will share how this term is applied to real life tools and work challenges. Don't forget your lunch!

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2011

DES MOINES MARRIOTT

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5:45-6:45 PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION

7:00 PM DINNER & PROGRAM

with Master of Ceremonies Mollie Cooney

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The Des Moines Public Library Foundation has announced the three authors to be honored this year at the annual Iowa Author Awards Dinner. Honorees include Elvin McDonald, author of more than fifty books, and Emerging Authors Barry Griswell and Bob Jennings, co-authors of *The Adversity Paradox*. Longtime library supporter, Judy McCoy Davis, will receive the Friend of Literacy Award.

In celebration of Iowa's outstanding literary heritage, the foundation has honored thirty-seven Iowa authors over the past eleven years. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the programs and services of the Des Moines Public Library.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Robert Montana at 515.248.6402 at the Des Moines Public Library Foundation.



FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY OPENING GALA A BIG HIT

The Gala Opening of the newly renovated Franklin Avenue Library was held on Saturday, August 21, and was a complete success. The evening began with tours, and guests were treated to champagne and hors d'oeuvres while viewing and bidding on the silent auction items. Background music was provided by Dan Stevenson and the group *Objet d'Art*. These Iowa musicians had previously

performed at the Salisbury House for the Chamber Music Series, Music Under the Stars, and the Temple for Performing Arts.

The gourmet dinner was provided by Jennifer Kennedy, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of Iowa and consisted of Mussels with a Saffron Sauce, Lobster Macaroni and Cheese, Stuffed Pork Tenderloin, Stuffed Beef Tenderloin, Shrimp Waldorf Salad, just to name a few ... Everyone had a wonderful time and the Foundation raised over \$10,000 after expenses to help support the renovation.



2011 AViD “RECEPTIONS, CONNECTIONS, AND REFLECTIONS”

This year the Foundation put together a series of receptions prior to five of the eight visiting author programs during the 2011 AViD (Authors Visiting in Des Moines). “Receptions, Connections, and Reflections with the Author” was designed to give attendees of AViD the opportunity to meet and connect with the author prior to the 7:00 PM free public program. For a nominal fee the receptions provided attendees with dinner, drink, an AViD tote bag and an autographed copy of the author’s book.

“These receptions are wonderful. I was able to come down early, get a parking spot, have dinner and enjoy friends old and new. I especially enjoyed having my book signed by John Shors and having my picture taken with him. All the ladies in our group had a wonderful time and we look forward to the 2012 AViD series!”

- Leslie Morrison

The AViD receptions raised over \$10,000 which will help to support future AViD events and programs.

The following donations were received by the Des Moines Public Library Foundation between June 15 through September 30

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