

**The Library Channel FY09 Annual Report
Iowa City Public Library
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Mission

Under the supervision of the Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees, The Library Channel's primary mission is to extend Library programs for adults and children to a wider audience; to promote Library collections; and to foster literacy and lifelong learning in our community.

Other programming includes meetings and events of local non-profit organizations and community groups held in the Library's meeting rooms that may be of interest to the community, as well as programs focusing on the history of Iowa City and Johnson County.

FY09 Overview

In the fall of 2008 we began an upgrade of a variety of equipment in Meeting Room A and the Library Channel control room. A NewTek video toaster replaced our old switcher and a variety of microphones were replaced. A new presentation podium for Meeting Room A designed and finally installed in May 09.

University of Iowa Film Studies student Emily Tow was hired in January 09 as The Library Channel's new intern. She worked 10 hours a week during the Spring semester and is working 40 hours a week this summer. She will continue on as our intern during the 2009-2010 school year, assisting with all aspects of The Library Channel operations.

ICPL continues to post Library Channel local history programming on the web via Overdrive. The ICPL site can be found at overdrive.icpl.org

Channel Programming

Programming on The Library Channel consists mainly of programs produced by the Iowa City Public Library. Programs include Library programs and events for both children and adults. Children's programs and special events include both local and national guest performers.

Adult programming on The Library Channel includes a variety of programs and events, either Library sponsored or co-sponsored with community groups.

Total number of programs cablecast in Fy09 was up by 11% to 8865, an average of 739 programs each month. Video programming runs from 6:00am to 11:00 pm. The number of unique Flash message run on the channel was 963.

Local Non-profit groups or organizations who utilized the Library Channel in FY09 include:

- Friends of Historic Preservation
- Johnson County AARP
- League of Women Voters of Johnson County
- The Parkview Neighborhood Association
- People for Justice in Palestine/ Sabeel

Community Partners who coproduced programming with ICPL that was broadcast on The Library Channel :

- Project GREEN
- Iowa City Community School District

- Iowa City Hospice
- Eco Iowa City
- The U of I College of Nursing
- The U of I International Programs Office
- The U of I International Writing Program

Library Channel Productions

Over 190 programs were videotaped during FY09, which included 106 storytimes, special guests, and special events specifically for children. 59 events specifically for adults and teens, and 13 programs produced by local community groups with the assistance of the City of Iowa City Television Services division. 168 programs were broadcast live on The Library Channel in Fy09.

Special productions, teen and adult programming during FY08 included:

- 12 *International Mondays* programs co-sponsored with the UI International Programs Office.
- Eight *International Author* programs with the UI International Writing Program.
- Six individual author events with authors Jennifer Banash, Sarah Prineas, Jan Brett, Augusten Burroughs, Andre Dubus III, and Jay Walljasper.
- Six programs with 2009 ICPL Author in Residence Jack Gantos.
- Five *Third Thursdays / 55+* events, including pianist Merrill Sparks; a program on the Amana Colonies; Emancipating Iowa: Lincoln's Proclamation and Black Freedom in the Upper Midwest
- Four new episodes of the local history series *One of A Kind*. Ellen Buchanan interviewed Author and University of Iowa Professor Peter Nazareth; Retired Univ. of Iowa Art Professor George Walker; and Author, Poet, and Director of the UI International Writing program Christopher Merrill. In honor of her 20th anniversary producing local history interviews for The Library Channel, Ellen herself was interviewed by guest host Liz Matthes.
- Four *Community Reading Month Book Talk Lunches*. Topics for the year were Recommended books for Teens; Good Reads for Grades K-2, Grades 3-6, and Adults.
- Three Project GREEN Second Sunday Garden Forums discussing hostas, perennials, and good/bad garden bugs.
- Two Intellectual Freedom programs, one on Online News and Message Boards, and one on the intellectual freedom issues inherent when making music for a living.
- Two programs cosponsored with Iowa City Hospice: *Dementia Beyond the Basics*, and *Coping with Unexpected Loss*.
- The 12th Annual *Iowa City Spells* city wide spelling bee.
- *The Ultimate Cheapskates' Roadmap* a program with NBC's Today Show's Jeff Yeager.
- *Lessons From The Flood: Collaborating in a Crisis* cosponsored by the UI Obermann Center for Advanced Studies.
- The Project Lincoln Log – Lincoln Log Building fund raising event was broadcast live with the help of the City of Iowa City Community Television Services division.
- “Nursing – Not Just A Job” in conjunction with the University of Iowa College of Nursing.