

Public Libraries: RESILENCE & RESPONSIVENESS in our communities



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• Safe Services:

- Curbside Pick-up
- Distanced Computer Lab
- Browsing Appointments









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THE CORALVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES STATEMENT ON RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Coralville Public Library Board of Trustees joins the Iowa Library Association in stating unequivocally that Black Lives Matter. Today and every day we stand together with our community to speak out against racism, to promote understanding, and to create a world that is smarter and kinder. The systemic racism that negatively impacts the lives of Black people is contradictory to all that libraries stand for as institutions committed to equal access to information, content, and services.

The CPL Board of Trustees officially endorses the Urban Libraries Council Statement on Race and Social Equity, which reads:

"As leaders of North America's public libraries, we are committed to achieving racial and social equity by contributing to a more just society in which all community members can realize their full potential. Our libraries can help achieve true and sustained equity through an intentional, systemic and transformative library-community partnership. Our library systems are working to achieve equity in the communities we serve by:

• Eliminating racial and social equity barriers in library programs, services, policies and practice

- Creating and maintaining an environment of diversity, inclusion and respect both in our library systems and in all aspects of our community role
- Ensuring that we are reaching and engaging disenfranchised people in the community and helping them express their voice
- Serving as a convener and facilitator of conversations and partnerships to address community challenges

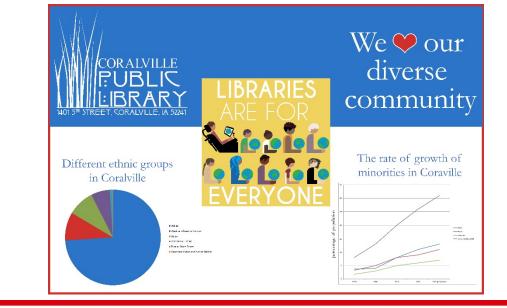
• Being forthright on tough issues that are important to our communities Libraries are trusted, venerable and enduring institutions, central to their communities and an essential participant in the movement for racial and social equity."

Throughout history, public libraries have often served as the epicenter of change and progress, and we are determined to work toward real and lasting change.



Promoting Inclusion and Celebrating Diversity





THE CORALVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES STATEMENT ON RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CONTINUED

We can, and will, do more.

Fighting against racism is about more than performative empathy; it's about redistributing power and committing to anti-racist action. The CPL Board of Trustees has outlined the following recommended actions for the Coralville Public Library:

- Encourage Black voices in all stages of the library experience, from patron to board member.
- Commit to increase the number of books by people of color.
- Commit to recruit staff members of color.
- Provide mandatory anti-racist training for all library staff.
- Offer How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi and/or other similar works as an employee-wide read.
- Create an Anti-Racism Advisory Committee to assess CPL's programs, policies, and practices within a racial justice framework and report findings to the Board of Trustees.

We are proud of how the Coralville Public Library has continued to serve our community through these difficult times. Our community depends on us; now is not a time to be silent. Let us stand together and support those seeking justice and equity.

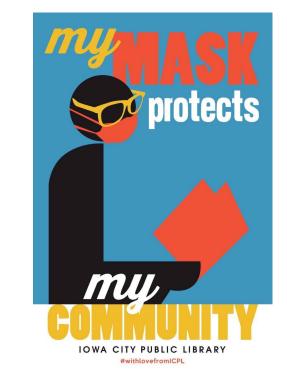


Developing Mail Services

Starting June 2, 2020, we began offering mail delivery of holds to any patron with an ICPL card.

Holds Delivery: Mail and Pick-Up, June 2, 2020-October 2,2020

Month	Mail	Pick-Up	Total
June	1,239 (46%)	1,430 (53%)	2,669
July	1,596 (33%)	3,250 (67%)	4,846
August	1,597 (32%)	3,350 (68%)	4,947
September	1,511 (30%)	3,537 (70%)	5,048
October	1,030 (through	37 (through	1,067
	10/28)	10/5)	
Total	6,973 (38%)	11,604 (62%)	18,577





Prioritizing Access to Social Justice Titles in OverDrive



We paired a carefully curated list of materials for adults and children with the most accessible ebook platform we have and promoted these items via social media.

Title	Author	Checkouts
White Fragility	Robin DiAngelo	1,050
How to Be an Antiracist	Ibram X. Kendi	606
The Warmth of Other Suns	Isabel Wilkerson	356
I'm Still Here	Austin Channing Brown	177
New Kid (Children's Title)	Jerry Craft	149
Between the World and Me	Ta-Nehisi Coates	119
Total		2,457



New Strategic Plan Focused on DEI and Recovery/Renewal

Objectives include

- reimagining ICPL in the community by evaluating the services we offer and the ways we offer them
- committing at least 30% of resources allocated to programming, outreach, and collections to services for and with BIPOC
- identifying and addressing human resources and employment0related barriers to establishing a workplace that reflects the community
- creating a programming infrastructure for community-led, library-funded programs, with an emphasis on historically oppressed populations





We CONNECT.

Reinventing workflow

- Curbside Services
- Virtual community programming
- Laptop checkout for use with wi-fi
- Mask distribution program over 180 donated masks
- Mask of Wellness organization





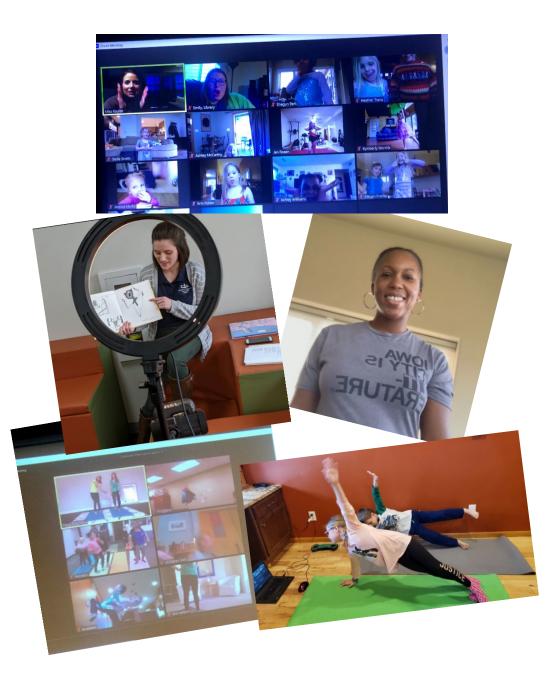


We ENRICH and CREATE.

Reimagining program structure

- Focus on education, recreation, and physical & emotional health
- Guest programs
- Weekly live and recorded (staff and guest presenters)
- Regularly distribute crafting kits for all ages





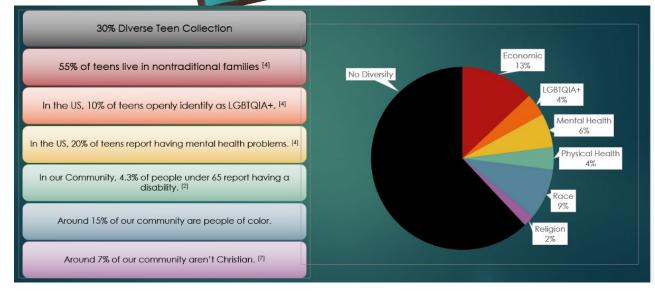
We THRIVE.

Valuing diversity, equity, and inclusion

- Inaugural Embody | Embrace launched January 2020
- Partnered on Kids' Peaceful Protest
- Diversity audit of collection
- Signer of the Urban Libraries
 Council Statement on
 Race and Social Equity







- New StoryWalk[®] installed in town at the park
- Partnership with Clear Creek Elementary Library
- New book installed every 2-3 months
- Active reading prompts further promote early literacy skills
- Patrons of all ages, as well as elementary classrooms visit and have provided excellent feedback





- Rotating "browse-able" window displays
- New books, plus a window dedicated to books by and about BIPOC
- Each book is front facing, with a small blurb about the contents
- Patrons have loved the windows, and these books are checked out more frequently











Springmier Community Library

COVID may have changed the game, but it didn't stop our community outreach!

The Springmier Community Library will continue our Curbside services, as well as sprinkling in a few socially distanced outdoor read alouds!



Springmier Community Library



We read diverse books here at the Springmier Community Library. Our goal is to continue building an inclusive and equitable collection to reach ALL of our patrons!

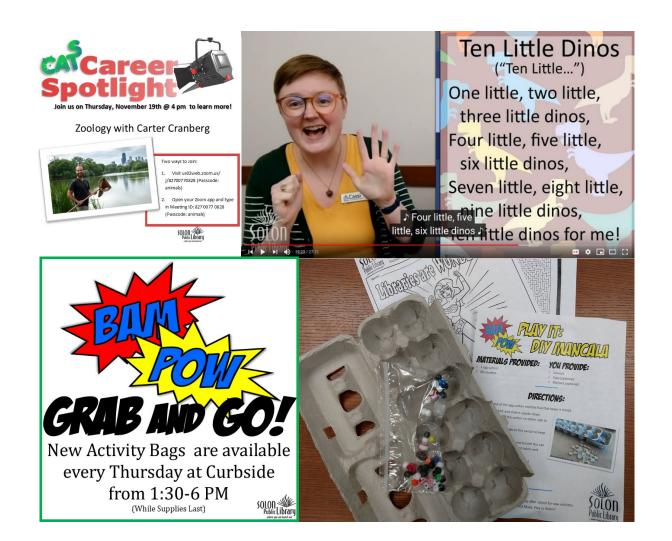
#WeNeedDiverseBooks



Youth Services

Digital Storytime

- Closed captions make programming more accessible
- Split screen allows for focus on song cards, book illustrations, or activities that we're doing together
- Available anytime for easy access
- Youth Activities
 - Weekly Grab & Go activity bags for k-12th graders
 - Career Spotlights to help teens to think about their futures





Adult Services

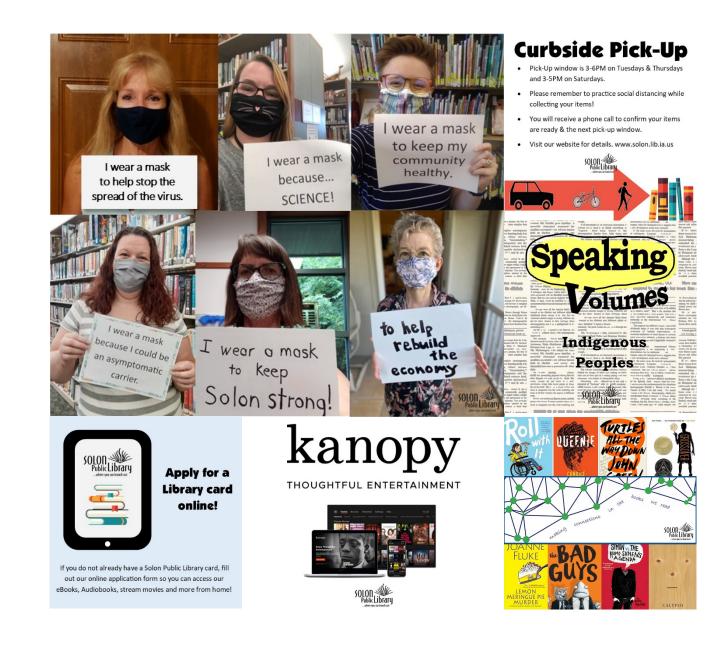
- Moved online to Zoom and Facebook group formats
- Cookbook Club and DIY Night saw increases in patron involvement with the new format
- Provided Zoom Practice sessions for patrons looking to familiarize themselves with this new program





- "I wear a mask..." initiative to encourage community to mask up
- Provided no-contact curbside
 pick up of materials
- Started a Book Blog & "Speaking Volumes" posts to highlight different titles and voices in our collection
- Increased online resources with Kanopy and online library card applications







Virtual School – Learning Pods

Families who opted for full virtual learning sign up for one –hour sessions where they are the only people in the building. Staff works with each family on their particular curriculum needs.



The Library Lawn became the community dumping spot for tree debris, with "The BEAST" chewing it all up. 142 truckloads of mulch was hauled away in one week's time.

BEAST

Books Are Just The Beginning

August Derecho – Swisher lost power and water for more than five days. The Library, with a back-up generator, distributed water, food, and of course, information to the community.

One case

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Early Voting

Working with the Johnson County Auditor we brought an early voting satellite station to the North West part of the County for the first time. In four hours over 200 people voted.



