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From the Development Director

**Development Office Hires
New Director**



Patty McCarthy

Patty McCarthy has been selected from an outstanding field of highly qualified candidates to fill the directorship of the ICPL Friends Foundation. We feel very fortunate that Patty's former position as the Director of the ICCSD Foundation has given her experience and enthusiasm for her new role with us. Please stop in to introduce yourself and welcome her.

It has been a privilege to get to know many of you during my four years at the Library. I thank you for your outstanding generosity and support of Library programming and services.

Barbara Curtin

**Hills Bank and Trust Company
Wins Library Award**

Iowa City Public Library joined with other area libraries to nominate Hills Bank and Trust Company for the Iowa Library Association's Citation of Merit Award. A long history of supporting library programming and services made Hills Bank an ideal candidate for this award. Congratulations to Dwight Seegmiller, President, and all the staff of Hills Bank & Trust Company on receiving this honor.

Iowa City Spells 2005

On February 8, 2005 teams will gather at ICPL to test their spelling skills against the reigning champion, The Killer Bees of Kirkwood Community College. The Kirkwood team has been the reigning champion for three consecutive years. Could this be the spelling bee that challenges them?

Each three member team is sponsored by a business, civic group or individual which pays the \$300 registration fee. If you would like to sponsor a team or participate as a speller, call the Development Office at 356-5249 for more information. All funds raised support the Iowa City Public Library.

**Ellen Buchanan Children's
Room Dedicated**

On Saturday, Oct. 23rd, the Library held a special celebration to dedicate the Ellen Buchanan Children's Room and unveil the beautiful and newly-completed mosaic art entryway and slide. Ellen and John Buchanan and their grandchildren were the official ribbon-cutters and area families took part in stories and crafts about creativity and the arts.

Designed, created, and installed by Cedar Rapids artist Karla McGrail, the Children's Room mosaic features thousands of small cut tile pieces, which emphasize the main colors of our interior design and form familiar images that children can search for and explore. Some images are childlike, such as a book, teddy bear, bicycle, or soccer ball. Others include letters and pictograms from various

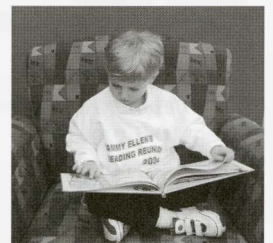


The John and Ellen Buchanan Family

alphabets and languages—including Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and English. Then there are images actually taken from Iowa and Iowa City, like the Old Capitol building and the new Iowa quarter. As you walk into the area, be sure to look above you to see several constellations (the Big & Little Dippers). Both children and adults are invited to measure themselves against the six-foot tall corn plant each time they visit.

A free coloring and scavenger hunt sheet is available to help you and your children explore and find all the objects hidden in the wonderful mosaic of the Ellen Buchanan Children's Room. Ask for one today and have fun while you "Read...Learn...Grow" at the Iowa City Public Library.

We thank John and Ellen for their generosity and Karla for sharing her talent with us.



Michael Buchanan