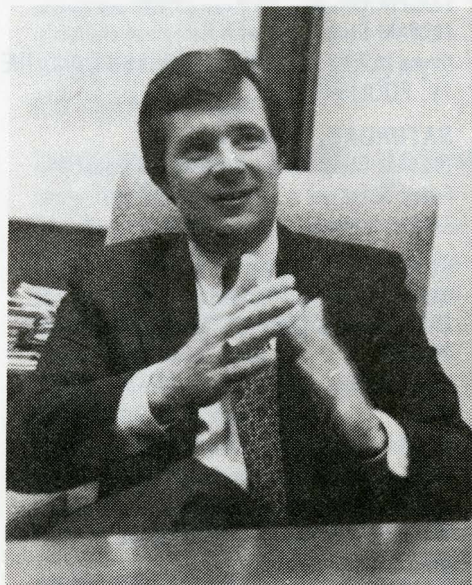


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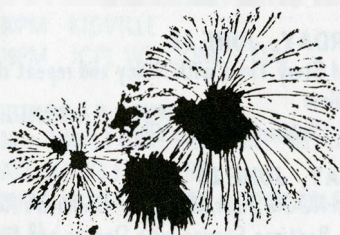
## RUSS SCHMEISER TO CHART FUTURE FOR ICPL FOUNDATION

Russ Schmeiser, Senior Vice President at the First National Bank, was elected President of the Library Foundation in May. A UI Business Administration and College of Law graduate, Russ' family includes wife Cyndie (on staff at American College Testing) and daughter Allyson, age one. Though racquetball and flying are activities he enjoys, most of his time and energy is wrapped up in his job (financial planning for the Bank) and his work for several community organizations. Russ has helped achieve firm financial health for United Way, Iowa Endowment 2000, the Boy Scouts and the Johnson County Heritage Trust.

The Library Foundation will now benefit from Russ' ability to take a look at an organization and help plan where it is going and how to get there. The core of the problem, as Russ sees it, is to assure the community that it "will always have a free public library with the quality collections and services this community deserves." He

believes that ICPL is a worthwhile cause and is essential to the community. It stands out in relation to libraries in other communities with a high use level. Public funding, though generous, is not enough to enable the Library to keep up with the demand, and budget constraints have been an ongoing concern."

Russ is anxious to continue building on the good groundwork established by previous Foundation boards which have raised \$725,000 in gifts, grants and pledges so far. His goals for 1989 are to continue planning and implementation of a drive to obtain \$500,000 in bequests to complete the Centennial Endowment Fund by 1996 when ICPL will be 100 years old, and to establish a Development Office to incorporate fund raising, FRIENDS, recognition and public information functions. "The bottom line," says Russ, "is to have protected funds so the earnings from them will be there over the years to enhance the collection and insure the continuation of the free public library."



## LIBRARY RE-OPENS THURSDAY NIGHTS AND FRIDAYS STARTING JUNE 2

The City Council has approved additional staff to allow the Library to re-open Thursdays from 6-9pm and Fridays from 10am-6pm.

REMINDER: Beginning May 29 the Library closes Sundays for the summer. Open again October 2.

## HAZEL WESTGATE - IN MEMORIAM

The Library and the community will miss the presence of Hazel Westgate, Children's librarian here for 40 years, who died suddenly after a brief illness on May 17. Several generations of Iowa City children have benefited from Hazel's superb knowledge of children's literature, her gentle intelligence and whimsical imagination. She was known to many children as "the library lady." Hazel began work here in 1949 after graduating from Library School at the Univ. of Wisconsin. An event honoring Hazel is being planned. The family has requested that memorials be sent to the Iowa City Public Library Foundation.

## FRIENDS BOOK SALE DATES SET FOR SUMMER

What: Great selection of used books at prices \$1 and under

When: Saturday, June 11 10am-4pm, and Saturday, July 16 10am-4pm (FRIENDS' members preview 9-10am)

Where: Library Garage - enter through alley door behind the Library.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM SPECIALS

READ FOR THE FUN OF IT!

Recent research demonstrates that children who participate in a summer reading program show an increase both in vocabulary and in comprehension. Those who do not participate show a decrease. The Library is offering two reading programs for children to practice their reading skills and have fun at the same time!

HEAR ME READ: Monday through Friday, 10AM-NOON and Tuesday and Wednesday 7PM-8PM, June 20-July 29. Volunteer listeners will encourage and help readers. All ages and capabilities of reading children are welcome.

KIDS' STUFF-SUMMER READING GAMES: Tuesdays at 4PM, June 7-July 21.