



When it comes to the adorable baby brigade, Zachary Novak-Cicha will surely be at the head of the pack! Born on June 10, Zach and his parents are among the 3,000 families of new-borns at Mercy and University of Iowa hospitals who receive "Begin With Books" packets each year, courtesy of Hills Bank and Trust Company which has sponsored the program for five years. Pictured above at age 1 month, Zach checks out his first book—which is part of the packet. His mom, Terri, reports that "when my husband turns the page, Zach gets all excited!" Hills Bank recently renewed its commitment to underwrite the "Begin With Books" program which, since 1991, has provided information about books and the joys of reading to more than 14,000 families.

ICPL Gifts Come From a Circle of Friends

Now is the time to join the ICPL Friends Foundation's "Circle of Friends" by making a contribution to the ICPL Friends Foundation Sustaining Fund. This year's goal is \$100,000 to mark the Library's Centennial year.

In addition to supporting the Library's general operating budget, funds raised through this year's annual campaign will be invested in the Centennial Endowment Fund for the Year 2000 which helps provide funding for new technology.

Contributors of \$100 or more will be eligible to receive the new ICPL Second Century Card, a commemorative Library borrowing card that will replace the usual yellow Library card. Patrons with a Second Century Card can receive a free used book at future Friends Committee Used Book Sales and receive a 10 per cent discount on items promoting the ICPL Centennial. Contact the ICPL Development Office for more information.

In mid-November, members of the Friends Foundation Board of Directors and the Friends Committee will be stationed in the Library lobby where Centennial merchandise will be available for purchase. "Circle of Friends" campaign materials also will be available.

How Smart: To Live in the Library A 12-Year-Old Contemplates

In most of the Library, the sounds were only pages turning, the hushed brushing of shoes on carpet, and occasional soft murmurs of voices. The quiet did not at all exist in the Children's Room. There was always a constant babble of voices, including parents trying to shush their little ones. Games of pretend, dolls, cars and trucks, plus many more scattered throughout the large room. Sitting in the middle of all the quiet, and sometimes not so quiet, hub-bub was a librarian. The desk was like a rock in a stream, and many people stopped there to ask for books, help, directions, or just to have a friendly chat. Sometimes, the librarian was uninterrupted and sat, with one ear listening to the real world, in case she was needed, and the rest of her was buried in a book.

When I was only seven, or eight, I did not often stray from the Children's Room. Sometimes, when I was at the Library, my mom or dad would have to go look up or get a book. I followed them, always amazed at how many books were in the rest of the Library. One day, I was standing by my mom when I saw a man. He was not too old, but had an aged, tired

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Meeting Room A

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