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*About the cover: The Hank Ketchum illustration is one of more than 800 original children's book illustrations collected for the Cedar Rapids Public Library by former children's librarian and benefactor Evelyn Zerzanek.*



In the 1950s, Hank Ketchum (1920-2001) donated this Dennis the Menace illustration to the Cedar Rapids Public Library. Following the 2008 flood, the library's large collection of original children's book illustrations was placed in storage.



We want more than a good library, we want a great library!

Established in 1972 by a group of forward looking citizens, the Cedar Rapids Public Library (CRPL) Foundation secures resources in order to enhance and enrich library programs, services, and facilities not normally met by public funding.

Following the catastrophic 2008 flood, the Foundation has been accepting and securing donations to rebuild our beloved main library. Public funds will provide the majority of funding, but private funds will allow our community to have the first-rate facility we want and need. In the meantime, programs and services are offered from CRPL West at Westdale Mall and CRPL Downtown location in the Armstrong Centre.



**"Whenever I go to the public library, I feel free."**

Previously, our most ambitious project was the construction of the First Street S.E. main library in the early 1980s. In addition, the Foundation has helped fund technology, children's programs, equipment purchases, citizen surveys, and art work. We often collaborate with *The Friends of the Cedar Rapids Public Library*, another library support organization.

### Who we are

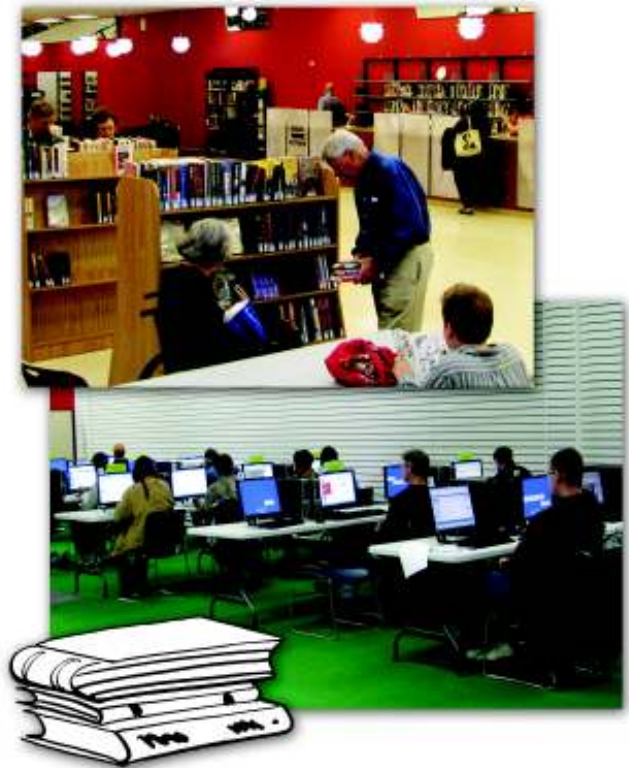
The Foundation's volunteer board of directors shares a vision of the library as an integral part of education, a center for community life, and a catalyst for economic development and civic engagement. This vision is as relevant today as it was when the library was founded by Ada Van Vechten more than 100 years ago.

### What are the best things about your public library?

- It's for everyone — regardless of age or socio-economic status
- It's constantly changing — the latest books, on-line services, music, movies, and more
- It's free!

Giving to the Foundation, which is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization, helps secure a bright future for one of the community's most important institutions.

Tax deductible gifts are made in many ways. Among them: cash, bequests and other planned giving vehicles, real estate and insurance policies.



*Photos: (Left) View of the former 1985 library in downtown Cedar Rapids on SE 1st Street and 5th Avenue during the June 2008 flood. (Above) During this interim period, library services and programs are thriving at CRPL West at Westdale Mall and the CRPL Downtown in the Armstrong Centre on 3rd Street SE.*

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