



Experience

EXTRAORDINARY Art • Literature • Architecture • Nature



The Kendall Young Library features an elaborate Beaux-Arts style architecture and is home to many one-of-a-kind collections.

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Kendall Young Library

Kendall Young Library, with its gold-marble columns, terrazzo and mosaic floors, stained-glass windows, and glass dome, is a hallmark of the Webster City community. Established through an endowment left by Kendall K. Young in 1896, Kendall Young Library completed construction and began operation in 1905. Throughout the years, Kendall Young continued to support its community through early literacy programs, summer reading programs, and a place to gather as a community.

As the community of Webster City grew, so did the needs of the community. In 1984, fundraising for the 9600 sq. ft. public library began to raise money for additional room to accommodate the growing community it served.

Construction began in March 1997 and was completed by 1998, giving the library an additional 12,700 sq. ft. The beauty of the original building was maintained, and many of those features that made Kendall Young Library so special, were included in the expansion to enhance the appearance of the seamless addition.

Today this well-known public library gives its patrons access to literacy programs, books, computer services, printing services, digital literacy classes, and a variety of special collections including the Abastenia St. Leger Eberle Sculpture Collection, the Jane Young Stained-Glass Window, The Foster Doll Collection, the Van Ness Native American Collection and more. Kendall Young Library is a welcoming community center that empowers lifelong learning for all.

Extraordinary Art Immersed in Nature

The board is excited to announce it has joined the "Sculpture One" network with 3 other communities: Mason City, IA, (Sculptures on Parade), Mankato, MN, (Walking Sculpture Trail), Eau Claire, WI (Sculpture Trail).

By partnering with this group, Arts R Alive will have access to several high quality sculptures which will be rotated between 4 cities.

Our involvement with this network will also offer opportunities for overall program development including the Call to Artists, securing figurative and abstract sculptures every year, installation and deinstallation of sculptures, fundraising, board development, marketing, artist reception, sale of sculptures, and economic development efforts.

New sculptures will continue to be installed in early May of each year. And our Annual Sculpture Event will still be held during the summer at West Twin Park.

The Arts R Alive Sculpture Committee is preparing for its 13th Annual Sculpture Event scheduled for August 2023 in West Twin Park.



Grow
by Tim Adams

Sounds of Color
by Tim Adams