Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County

Rotary Library

Why and Where

- The Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County
 - Broadway, Pheasant Ridge and now Towncrest neighborhoods
 - 51 years of service connecting families with critical resources
 - Affordable accredited Early Childhood Education from birth to 5
 - After school programs in schools and at the Centers
 - Youth development
 - Family support
 - Community engagement
 - Neighborhood outreach
 - Family home visits, parent support groups
 - Summer programming
 - Neighborhood events and outreach

Mission

 We work together with neighbors and neighborhoods to build better futures through education, outreach and inclusive programs that celebrate diversity, strengthen families and create safe spaces for community.

Family Support

- Credentialed program with trained professionals who work with parents to enhance parenting skills, advocate for their needs, connect them with networks of support
- Parenting home visits to help families work through issues, set goals, and provide an environment where parents can talk about and practice skills
- Group-based programs, prenatal services, adult education with a focus on Maternal Child health, school readiness and strong families

Early Childhood Education

- An accredited program providing education and highest quality care for more than 100 children to date. The new Towncrest campus will accommodate 50 more children.
- Licensed after school programs at select schools and Pheasant Ridge Center, collaborating with community partners to provide a diverse range of enriching activities including STEM, arts, sports and leadership.
- Summer camp for kids of all ages and abilities including swimming, arts and crafts, sports and weekly field trips.
- Programs are safe, DHS-licensed and affordable

Towncrest location: Arthur Avenue south of Muscatine Avenue

- Early childhood learning for 50 aged birth to 5
- 30 after school slots for elementary students
- Multi-purpose classroom/community space
- 600 sq ft library (the new Rotary Library)
- Commercial grade, licensed kitchen 47x13 ft
- On bus line in a walkable neighborhood near SE Junior High, Lucas Elementary, Willowwind School, City High
- Large computer lab/classroom, 48x15 ft
- Outdoor playspace for early childhood education
- Flexible learning spaces adaptable to various needs
- Sustainable energy efficient structural design, a resiliency hub in the neighborhood

The Rotary Library

- 600 sq ft with color, tables and chairs, reading areas
- Emphasis on children and youth but a resource for the neighborhood
- Curated by the Iowa City Public Library
- Volunteer opportunities!
- Supports Rotary goals of Education and Literacy for children and adults



How to Support the Rotary Library

- Gifts should be made to the Community Foundation of Johnson County, directed to the Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County-Rotary Library Charitable Giving Fund
- Gifts of cash, stock, charitable IRA rollovers and transfers from personal donor-advised funds are welcomed!