

ENRICH IOWA REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2015

Uses & Impacts of Enrich Iowa funding for Open Access, Interlibrary Loan, and Direct State Aid Library Programs



Iowa Library Services/State Library of Iowa annually administers funding appropriated by the Iowa Legislature to libraries in Iowa. Enrich Iowa consists of three programs to aid libraries in offering improved service to Iowans:

- **Open Access** enables Iowans from participating libraries to check out physical materials at other participating libraries, providing them with direct access to more materials and information resources.
- **Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement** provides Iowans with equal access to library resources by supporting loans of materials among all types of libraries.
- **Direct State Aid** improves library services and reduces inequities among communities.

This report is submitted to the Iowa Legislature and Governor in accordance with Iowa Code Section 256.57(6).

OPEN ACCESS

Open Access provides Iowans with direct access to more library materials and information resources. It is a reciprocal borrowing program that enables customers from a participating library to go to other participating libraries and directly check out materials.

As a result, Iowans have greater access to more library resources, more choices in library service, and the convenience of using a library where they work, shop, or visit.

The state reimburses the loaning library a small amount for each item to offset expenses.

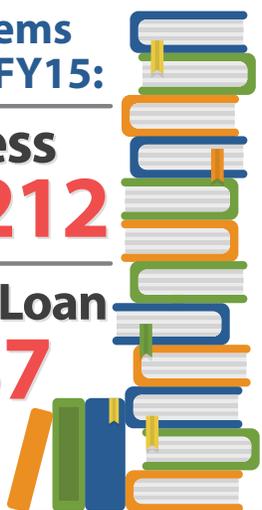


Bettendorf Public Library

Number of Items Borrowed in FY15:

Open Access
3,817,212

Interlibrary Loan
251,437



FY15 ENRICH IOWA FUNDING

FY15 Appropriation	\$2,574,228
Open Access	\$1,260,150
Interlibrary Loan	\$379,491
Direct State Aid	\$934,587

LIBRARY IMPACT: 498 Iowa libraries (public and non-public) participated in the Open Access program in FY15.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement provides Iowa citizens with equal access to library resources by encouraging and supporting the loaning of materials among all types of libraries. If a library does not own a book a local patron needs, it can be borrowed through interlibrary loan. Libraries are reimbursed with state funding to help offset costs.

LIBRARY IMPACT: 508 Iowa libraries (public and non-public) participated in the Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement program in FY15.

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DIRECT STATE AID

Direct State Aid provides financial support to public libraries from State of Iowa funds. It is carefully designed to:

- Improve public library service in Iowa through increased funding incentives
- Reduce inequities in access to information for Iowa residents
- Ensure local discretion in the use of resources
- Enhance, not replace local funding
- Encourage the adoption of recognized library standards with graduated payment levels

Direct State Aid moves library service in Iowa closer to the ideal envisioned by library customers, librarians, and governmental officials.

LIBRARY IMPACT: Since 2004, Direct State Aid funding has helped lead to a **30 percent increase** in the number of accredited libraries in Iowa. In FY15, **484 public libraries** (out of 544) in Iowa received Direct State Aid funding. Iowa libraries that receive Direct State Aid report on the funding use based on set categories. Libraries are also given the opportunity to provide comments or stories on the impacts of these funds. Below is a sampling of comments received; all comments are available in a more detailed report at www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia/eilr/leg-reports.

FURNITURE: \$42,372

"I had a mother of a story time patron tell me how much she appreciated us replacing the children's furniture with something safer. The furniture we purchased for the teen area... has made our young adult section more inviting to teens and pre-teens. We have already had numerous positive comments about the improvement."

Grimes Public Library, Dallas County

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: \$28,954

"We installed a new railing and sidewalks on the north side entrance. Many elderly people like to park and use that entrance since it is shorter distance to walk... [and] have commented how much better it is and [that] it greatly improved the appearance of the north side."

Avoca Public Library, Pottawattamie County

MATERIALS & SUPPLIES:

\$362,060

"The senior adult patrons really appreciate that we provide four local daily or weekly newspapers. With their limited incomes they can't afford the subscription rates."

Joice Public Library, Worth County

OTHER: \$50,307

PROGRAMS: \$67,278

"Pippa White performed the Orphan Train which enthralled the audience. The Hanson Family was part of the Summer Reading Program and they had a superhero theme to their program. We are very grateful for Direct State Aid."

Thompson Public Library, Winnebago County

PERSONNEL: \$119,446

"We hired additional help for the Summer Reading Program and it really makes a difference. One young hire in particular has grown more confident and self-assured working and having fun with the young kids and her peers. She talks about possibly studying Library Science and making it a career."

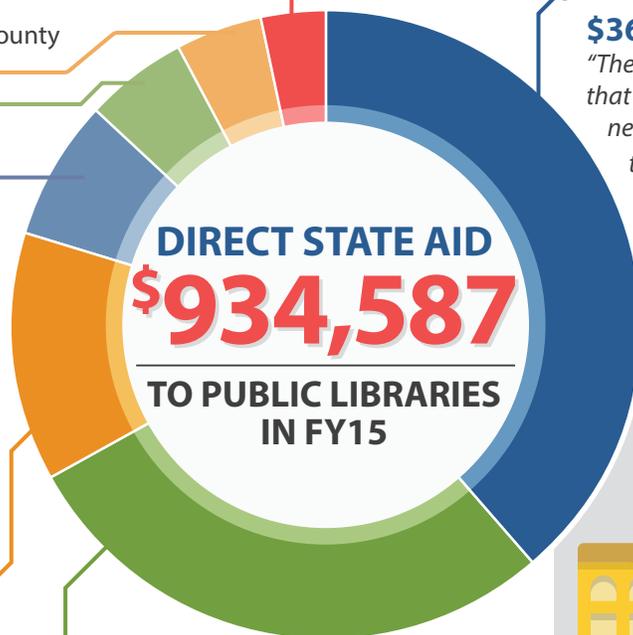
Knoxville Public Library, Marion County

TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT:

\$264,168

"All funds were used to digitalize our microfilm collection of our local paper. It has been received well by our Historical Society and several patrons looking for information. We also used it to track down information for our recent 150th celebration of the community."

Clarion Public Library, Wright County



The funding formula for Direct State Aid is based on three tiers of public library accreditation standards. Funding increases with greater compliance to standards, providing an incentive for libraries to improve service.



TIER 3

Highest Funding Level
354 Public Libraries*



TIER 2

Middle Funding Level
97 Public Libraries*



TIER 1

Lowest Funding Level
33 Public Libraries*

*In FY15, out of 544 public libraries in Iowa.

60 public libraries were not eligible for Direct State Aid funding in FY15.

See how your public library used Direct State Aid funding at www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia/eilr/leg-reports