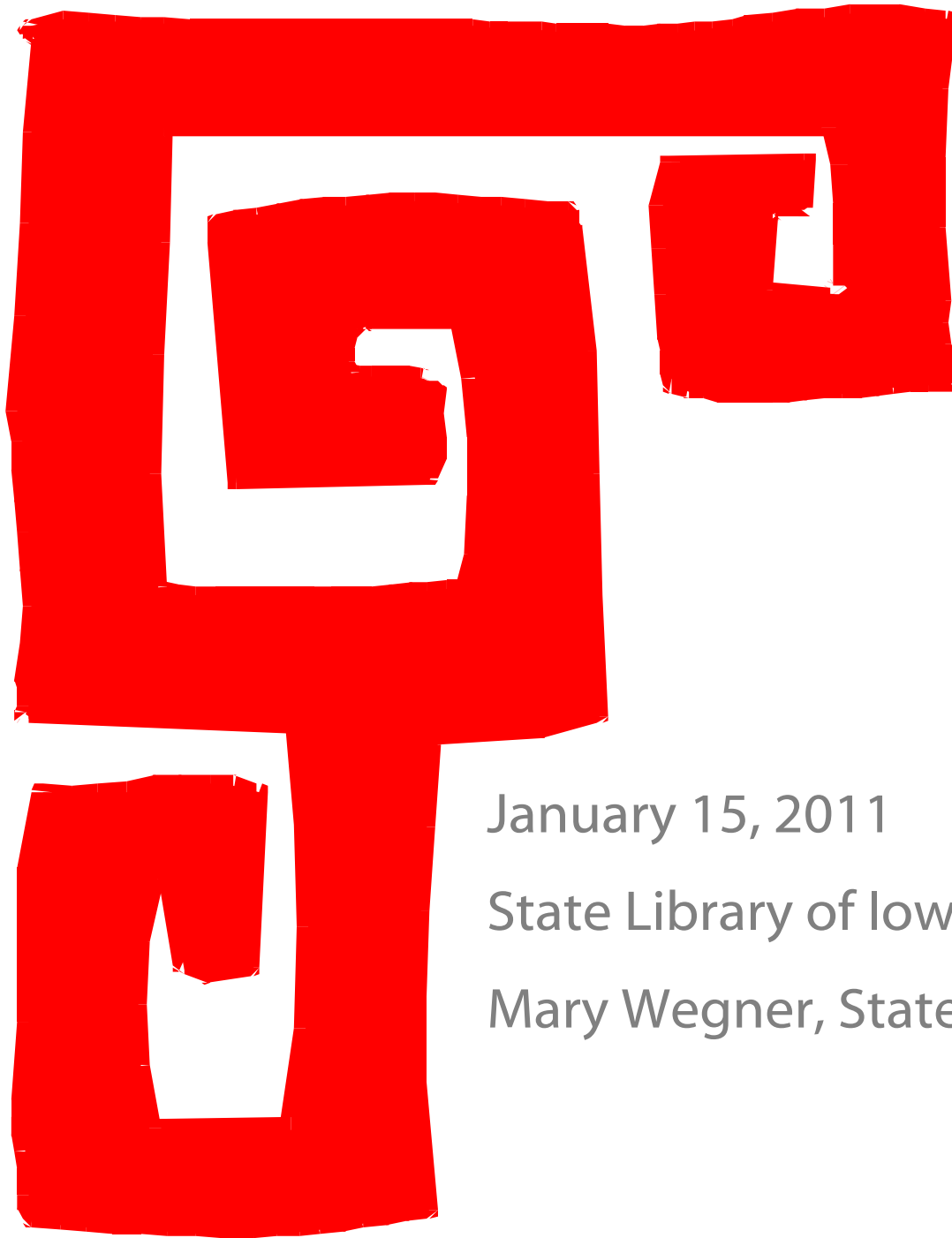


FY10 Enrich Iowa Report

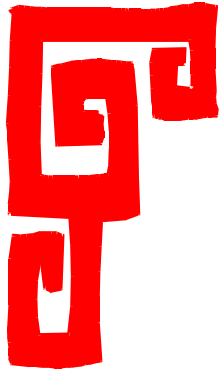
State Funding for Iowa Libraries



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Enrich Iowa: Summary

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The **Enrich Iowa** program improves library services for Iowans. In accordance with 2010 IOWA ACTS, Chapter 1183, Section 6(4)(b), the State Library is pleased to submit this report on the impact of state funding on libraries and the Iowans they serve.

Enrich Iowa includes three programs: **Direct State Aid** to public libraries, **Open Access**, and **Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement**. In FY10, \$2,746,055 in state funding was distributed to Iowa libraries through these programs.

The **Direct State Aid** program helped 471 Iowa public libraries purchase more books, programs, and computers than they could otherwise afford. The program is designed to improve library service and reduce inequities in library services among communities; to enhance, not replace, local funding; and to encourage achievement of statewide public library standards. Since its inception, Direct State Aid funding has led to a 102% increase in the number of accredited public libraries in Iowa, from 171 in FY99 to 346 in FY10. Direct State Aid funding in FY10 was \$1 million from the general fund.

The **Open Access** program makes it possible for Iowans to go into almost any public library in the state and borrow books and other materials. People simply return the materials to their local public library, which ships the items back to the loaning library. Through Open Access, the state reimburses the loaning library a small amount of the expense involved.

Iowans make heavy use of this program. In FY10, Iowans checked out 52% more library materials through Open Access – 4,075,515 – than in FY00. That's more than 11,300 Open Access loans per day. State funds supported Open Access with \$1,331,697 in FY10 – \$510,860 from the general fund and \$820,837 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF). 585 Iowa libraries participated in this program in FY10. By voluntarily sharing their resources through this program, Iowa libraries – both public and private – open up their collections to benefit all Iowans.

If a library does not own a book that someone is looking for, it can be borrowed from another library through the **Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement** program. State funding

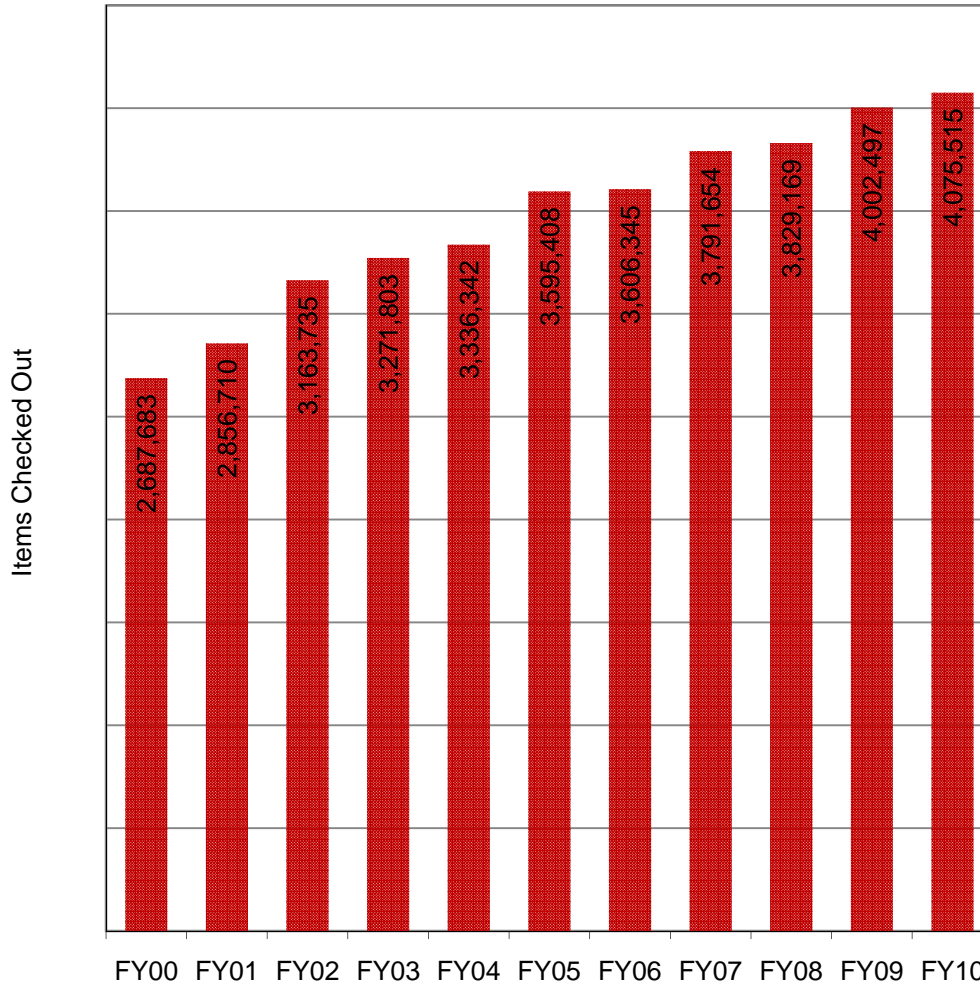




helps offset the costs involved. Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement was funded at \$414,370 in FY10 - \$184,090 from the general fund and \$230,280 from RIIF. Like Open Access, use of this service has substantially increased. Iowans borrowed 175,594 items through interlibrary loan in FY00 compared to 261,274 in FY10 – a 49% increase. 608 Iowa libraries participated in this program in FY10.

This report illustrates the critical role of Enrich Iowa funding in enhancing lifelong learning for Iowans through libraries; improving library resources aimed at assisting job seekers; maintaining library hours that meet library customers' needs; improving library technology services; and providing safe, accessible library buildings.

Open Access

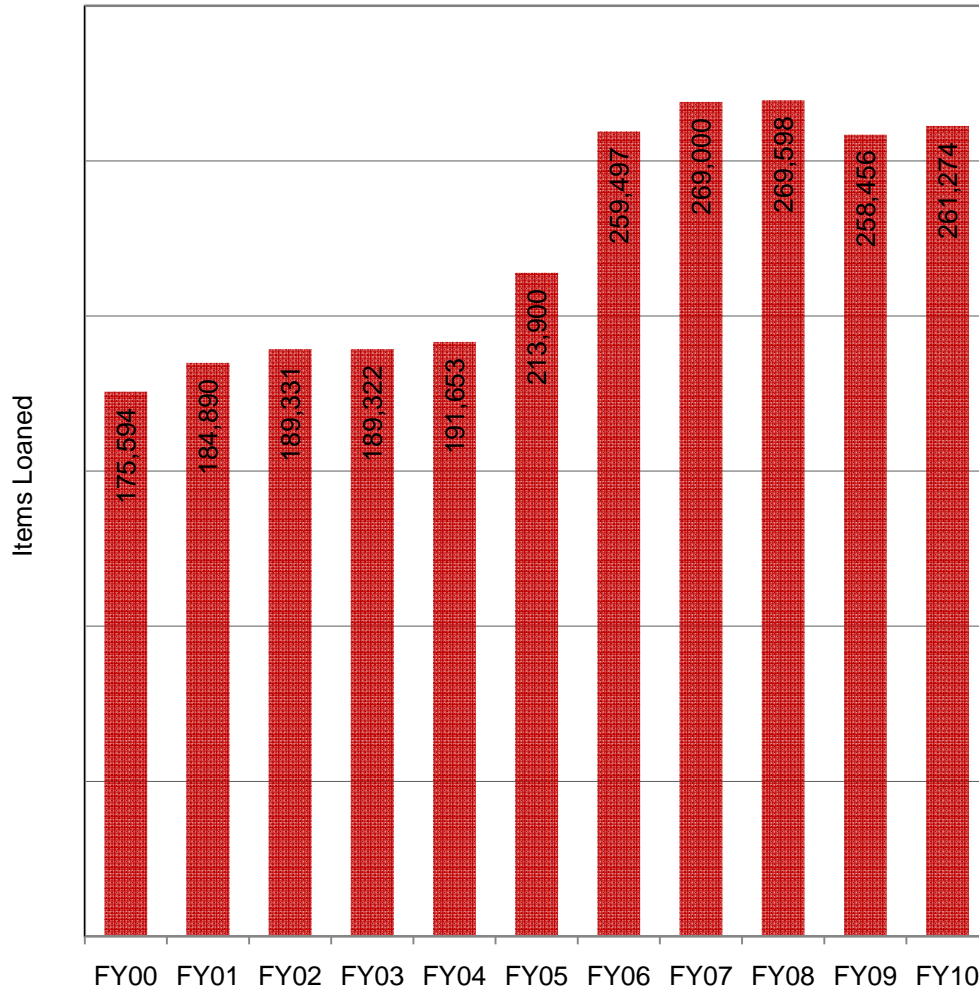


Established in 1989, Open Access allows Iowa library customers from a participating library to check out library materials at all other participating libraries in the state.

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Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement



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Direct State Aid

State aid for public libraries significantly improves library services for Iowans. There's no question Iowans use their public libraries: more than two thirds of all Iowans have active public library cards, an increase of 19% in the past ten years. Library checkouts have gone up 17% since FY01, from 25.5 million to 29.4 million checkouts. And library visits jumped 40% between FY01 and FY10. Last year, on average, there were 55,000 visits to Iowa public libraries every day of the year.

The funding formula for Direct State Aid is composed of three tiers which include selected public library standards developed by the Iowa library community and the State Library. Since funding levels increase with greater compliance with standards, the tiers provide incentives for improvements in library service.

Of Iowa's 543 public libraries, 346 received Tier 3 funding (highest level), 94 received Tier 2 funding, 36 received Tier 1 funding, and 67 were not eligible in FY10.

Iowa public libraries report using Direct State Aid funds to support the services library users want most: books and other library materials (41% of funds); up-to-date technology (28%); and staffing to help library users meet their needs (15%). Public libraries help get Iowans back to work and support Iowans' educational efforts. For many years, Iowans have used public library materials and computer resources to assist with homework, complete online assignments, and learn more about degree programs. During the economic downturn, libraries have also seen a dramatic increase in the number of jobseekers who turn to the public library for one-on-one assistance in writing resumes, searching for jobs, and completing online job applications.

Here are a few of the many stories librarians have shared about the importance of Enrich Iowa funds in their communities.

"NEW BOOKS! We also spent our money this year to improve the building entrance and repair the lights in the library. It makes the library so much more attractive. We spent the rest of our Direct State Aid on books to improve our collection. I recently received a thank you letter from a mother of eight children who are home-schooled. She said that she really appreciates my willingness to help her and her children to find books for their studies." Armstrong Public Library

"Direct State Aid was spent on audio books, Internet access and a computer. We have people looking for jobs and without the computers at the library there are a lot of jobs that they would not find out about or be able to apply for." Atkins Public Library



"We purchased a language-learning program with a gift from a former foreign exchange student. With Direct State Aid funds, we were able to purchase a laptop computer that our patrons can use to access this software. Since the program requires speaking, the patron can take the laptop to a location in the library where they will not be distracting other patrons while practicing the language. We have a large population of Spanish-speaking people. Many of them are eager to learn English, so this will be very helpful to them." Belmond Public Library



"Direct State Aid went for salaries, new books, new DVDs, office supplies, Internet access, printing access and supplies for patrons. Our library service in our community benefits and is improved with this funding because it allows for new programs, keeps our collection fresh and new, and helps us provide computer access to our patrons with Internet accessibility and printing capabilities. We had a few new patrons who moved into our community this year. One lady stopped by the library one day with her small child. We were talking about our community and things to do and I suggested our story time hour, which we are able to provide with the help of this funding. She felt it would be a great place for her and her small child to meet new people in our community." Collins Public Library

"The funding helped pay for personnel wages. We are a small community and this funding helps us stay open to the community by paying for staff. It is fun to watch the children and adults that come into the library grow in the library. It may be a development in their skills on a computer or their growth in reading. Your funding is very much appreciated. Thank you." Cumberland Public Library



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"Funding and spending at the local school has been cut, so databases for students from the library have been an important partnership in helping students find materials that they need." Le Mars Public Library

"Our reference librarian told me of a situation where he was trying to help a rather hostile older gentleman apply for work. The man was frustrated, couldn't use a computer well and had never written a resume. He almost left a few times before we got him logged on Optimal Resume and then he was very negative about his ability to work the program. When we got him going and he realized how easy it was and how much it helped fill in the information the gentleman started crying with relief. After finishing he thanked the librarian and the people at

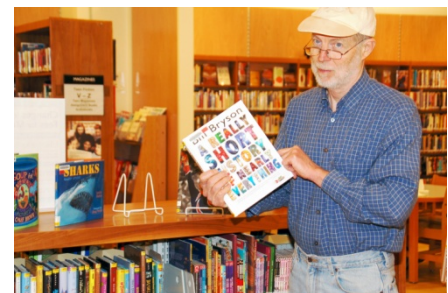


the desk profusely. Since that time he has referred numerous friends to the library to use the same product.” Muscatine Public Library

“We were able to get a technical book for a patron who was born with a rare disease. It enabled him to understand his condition so he could deal with it better.” Olin Public Library

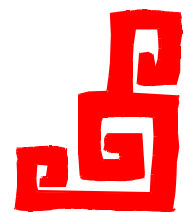
“There is a child in town who isn't very popular, but he has made friends with some of the other boys playing Wii at the library. They will come in and actually ask if he is here. Some of these kids have a Wii at home, but this offers them a central supervised location to all be together and create better friendships.” [Funding was used to purchase a Wii game.] Stratford Public Library

“All Direct State Aid money was spent to help supplement book purchasing. Without this money we would not have been able to purchase as many new books. With costs rising to keep the library open, plus utilities and maintenance, these funds are a necessity to keep the collection up to date. The books purchased with these funds helped keep new material coming in. Many of our patrons are elderly and live on a very fixed income. They depend on the library for entertainment and information.” Tabor Public Library

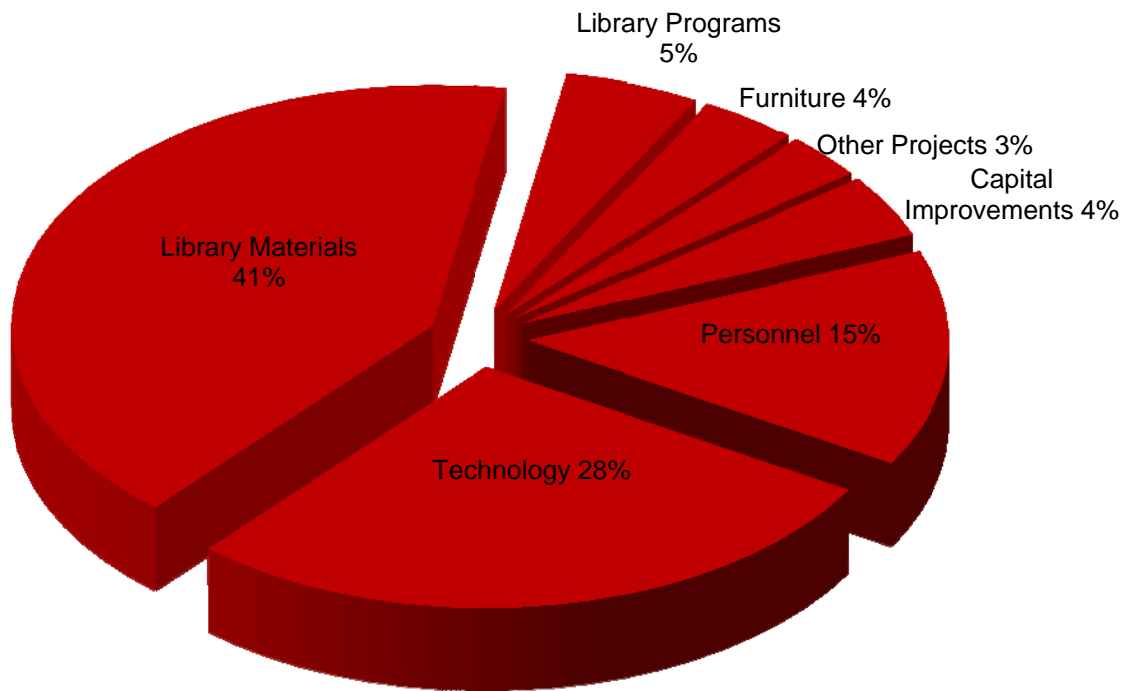


[Some of the library's funding was spent on a machine to do this.] “We copied some family VHS home movies to DVD for a patron. She had not seen these for many years. The first thing she saw was her father carrying her into the room, followed by her mother and sister. She cried, then I cried. She was so grateful to be able to see her parents again as they have been gone for many years.” Williams Public Library

“Direct State Aid funds allow us to stay open one evening per week. This is a great service for our many patrons who work during the day. Direct State Aid helped us repair our LaserJet printer as well as replace a hub for our network. One of two major employers in our community recently shut down. We were able to provide printer services for all the resumes that displaced workers created here at the library. We also provided help writing and printing resumes for prospective employers. Our patrons were extremely thankful for this service.” Winthrop Public Library



Uses by Iowa public libraries of Direct State Aid (\$1,000,000)



Based on 469 Iowa public libraries reporting expenditures of Direct State Aid funds

City	Amount Received	Categories Where Money Spent	Comments About Use of Direct State Aid
Ackley	\$1,673.81	Library Materials & Supplies; Library Programs	We purchased large print books, Playaways, DVDs, BluRays and children's books. We had over 50 attend our book signing which brought many men into the library who otherwise we don't see very often. Hopefully they will now become more regular visitors. The large print is greatly needed and welcomed with our growing elderly patrons and the kids love the new books, DVDs & Blu-rays. One patron loves to read but was having difficulty due to her eyesight. With our new large print books she is thrilled to be able to read a large variety of novels she would not otherwise be able to read. Also our Playaways are nice for those who have trouble reading but love to listen without any downloads.
Adair	Not eligible		
Adel	\$2,254.63	Capital Improvements	Our new library tends to be cold. The new hardware that was put in makes our staff and patrons happy because now our temperatures run normal. We appreciate having the money to fix things like this that aren't in our budget.
Agency	\$1,261.17	Library Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Audio books and an automated system. This money is allowing us to update our library for our patrons and our record keeping. It has allowed some of our patrons to renew books easier when they are unable to get into the library, as they have some health issues.
Akron	\$1,098.26	Technology & Equipment	We bought Follett, library software support, and cataloging software. Without this state funding, it would be very difficult to keep up with technology needed to run the library efficiently.
Albert City	\$1,315.00	Materials & Supplies; Library Programs; Other	We used Direct State Aid to buy Dr. Seuss Books, and posters and banners for the Birthday Celebration, paid the fee for children's author John Coy, and for the Summer Reading Program and evening adult program. We also purchased observation mirrors for the library. Without this funding, our library would not have been able to provide the Dr. Seuss books for the Birthday Celebration. We had a wonderful day with children and adults getting excited about reading Dr. Seuss books. Adults reminisced about reading them to their sons and daughters and picked out their favorites. This event stimulated a new generation of Dr. Seuss fans.
Albia	\$1,572.04	Library Materials & Supplies	Audio books & DVDs. We are able to provide our patrons with audio books and DVDs which are not in

			our regular budget. We have a local family who are long haul truckers. They have been borrowing our audio books and DVDs for the last few years. They said that we have saved them a lot of money since they can borrow here and then keep the items until they return to Albia.
Albion	\$883.76	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased library books, movies & work supplies.
Alden	\$1,428.30		New library director does not know how this money was spent.
Alexander	\$1,346.26	Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements Library Programs	We were able to buy paper, books on CD, and new books. Ordering the books has brought in more of the young adults and older teens with the selection of books that we purchased. The Halloween party, youth program and Octoberfest brought in new customers and the electric chair lift has helped many older citizens use our community room in the basement.
Algona	\$2,714.91	Library Materials & Supplies	Children and young adult audio books were purchased, along with science book sets. In the regular budget, there is no money for the purchase of audio books for the youth and young adults . Thus, for the past two years this is the only money we have had for that. Additionally, we were able to purchase some very nice and updated science books to replace ones we had that were from the 1970s and 1980s. With this funding we are able to update and improve collections that our community uses and benefits from that would otherwise remain stagnant. There is one young lady, probably in 5th or 6th grade, who has some difficulties reading. All of her sisters and friends are ravenous readers however. For her to keep up with their book discussions and feel included in their group, she really wants to read the books that they are reading but that is a challenge for her. She often requests the audio book version of the latest book that her friends are reading. Normally we have to get those through interlibrary loan--which is not always successful--but with this extra funding we are able to purchase many of the audio books that she needs. This not only allows her to know the story line for when she's talking with her friends, but it also encourages her to keep improving her reading skills by following along with the audio in the print book.
Allerton	Not eligible		
Allison	\$1,377.15	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid funding has allowed us to continue growing our DVD collection. Our community has NO

			movie rental source, so our patrons of all ages appreciate the opportunity to borrow movies. This funding has assisted us in adding to our large print collection for our senior readers. Recently, one of our regular readers had her great-grandchildren visiting from out of town. She was thrilled to borrow movies they would enjoy and has since borrowed movies for her own enjoyment. We are trying to grow this collection to meet our increasing demand and contribute to the quality of life in Allison.
Alta	\$1,565.72	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	This money purchased t-shirts for all staff to wear during the summer reading program. All shirts were personalized with Alta Community Library. We did a major weeding of our collection and used this money to buy replacement titles. Wilson Core Catalog electronic databases were purchased to assist with the process.
Alta Vista	\$1,264.70	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	We were able to hire a replacement staff person and provided 15 hours of training for her. We have never been able to give our new staff one-on-one training with the director for that many hours. We were able to get our entire collection on SILO. Our volume of SILO requests (interlibrary loan) tripled and we use our Direct State Aid money for the postage required to send out all our requests. Part of the funds were used to replace three computers. The biggest visible impact Direct State Aid has made involves our new shelving. The feel of our library is entirely different now that we have replaced the children's shelving and part of the adult shelving. We have many people commenting on the organization of the library books, the ease in which they find materials and how our library looks like a "real" library. Our community is seeing positive changes in the library with visible signs of how we are spending our funds for the betterment of the community and library services for our patrons.
Alton	\$1,097.93	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for new books and a new copy machine which will benefit both patrons and staff. Our old copier was no longer able to be serviced.
Altoona	\$5,109.44	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought new DVDs, music CDs and spoken word books on CDs. Our most in demand items are our physically smallest collections. Our ability to serve the different needs of our community relies in large part on state funding for newer formats, allowing us to continue to provide older formats as well.

Ames	\$13,933.30	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	<p>Direct State Aid paid wages for staff who provide story times for children and training for daycare providers and parents through our outreach program called Project Smyles. (Smyles is a big blue dog, the library's mascot.) As part of the Books for Babies project, board books, bathtub stick-ons, and early literacy materials are given free of charge to all parents of newborns in Story County, along with a coupon that can be redeemed at any Story County library for a second book. Project Smyles provides story times and exposure to librarians and library programs for kindergarteners and children in private daycares (some of whom would otherwise not be able to visit the library because their daycare providers do not have vehicles with enough seatbelts to transport them). Childcare providers and parents also benefit from observing our professionals and having materials left on location for later use.</p> <p>Books for Babies packets increase awareness among new parents of library services that are available to them and their families. They receive schedules of activities and some take-home supplies to help them engage their children in literacy activities as early as possible. A parent recently told the outreach supervisor that on one particular day that he had off from work, he did not plan to take his pre-school children to daycare. When the children remembered that Smyles was going to be visiting that day, they begged him to take them to their daycare. A trip to daycare was not in his plans for that day, but he finally acquiesced. He took them to the daycare and ended up staying for the story time. After the program he told the librarian how impressed he was with the library visit and the work of Project Smyles. He expressed that he understood why his daughter talked so much about the library presenter and how she had come to use voices when reading aloud to make the stories come to life. The daycare operator added that having librarians as models helped make her a better caregiver.</p>
Anamosa	\$2,436.52	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase more items for our collection.
Anita	\$1,418.46	Technology & Equipment Other	We purchased a Destiny license support ,Title Peek and Alliance Plus software Databases and Wilbor Consortium fees were paid for. Title Peek definitely enhances the online catalog experience for our patrons as well as staff. A local minister had planned a road trip and was perusing the books on CD for the

			trip. The director suggested free downloadable books through Wilbor, and he was so amazed and pleased to be able to download something he would enjoy. It provides a much BIGGER selection!
Ankeny	\$10,878.67	Library Materials & Supplies	The library was able to purchase Playaway audio books for the adult, young adult and children's collections. The funds were also used to replace out-dated children's and young adult non-fiction books. The Playaway audio book format has given patrons a new way to listen to audio books anywhere. The Playaways have been popular with the younger patrons and they have appreciated having titles for their age level in this format. The adults have found the Playaways a great way to listen to books while commuting or exercising. The library would not have been able to provide this extensive of a collection for the community without these funds. The library was also able to update the children and young adult non-fiction collection with the funds. This has had a huge impact on the number of items the library is able to provide with current information on various subjects.
Anthon	\$816.31	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid money was spent on Western large print books, CDs, and materials to cover books.
Aplington	\$1,398.75	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Other	We used these funds to order work supplies - toner, video covers, book jackets, software, and repair of alarm system. The new software enhanced the catalogue selections on our web site, videos were able to be accessed, the carpet is looking brand new after the cleaning it received, and our alarm system is now working properly.
Archer	\$440.81	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid helped us purchase new DVDs, audio books and adult and children's books. This was the first year for our adult book discussion club and I was very pleased to bring in two new patrons.
Arlington	\$1,235.68	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We were able to buy large print books and some of the funds went toward a new server for our automation system.
Armstrong	\$1,344.22	Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements Furniture	NEW BOOKS! We also spent our money this year to improve the building entrance and repair the lights in the library. It makes the library so much more attractive. We spent the rest of our Direct State Aid on books to improve our collection. I recently received a thank you letter from a mother of eight children who are home-schooled.

			She said that she really appreciates my willingness to help her and her children to find books for their studies. Notes like this really boost my morale.
Arnolds Park	\$1,526.87	Library Materials & Supplies	Large print books in Westerns and romance were purchased. I don't know if it's the aging baby-boomers or what, but large print books have become more popular here than ever before. Many people need them, some people just prefer them, and we also use large print copies of bestsellers to give us extra copies for everyone to use. The large print book section used to be way in the back of the library. One day we had a brainstorm and moved it to the 'best' set of shelves, right up by the new books. It is amazing how popular they suddenly became. People notice it quickly. More people tried large print even though they didn't think they needed them. That broke the ice - several people discovered that maybe they did need large print after all.
Arthur	\$405.77	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was spent on books and tapes. Since we are a small library in a small town, the funding we receive rarely goes up, but materials are needed if we want to be used by the public. We have recently increased the number of DVDs we purchase and patrons really appreciate this!
Asbury (Dubuque County)	\$10,345.83	Technology & Equipment	We used the money to add computers, printers, scanners, a new server and networking for our newest library branch in Asbury.
Ashton	\$1,292.09	Personnel	We used the entire amount so the library can be open 20 hours a week. More hours means patrons can visit the library more often.
Atkins	\$1,428.27	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid was spent on audio books, Internet access and a computer. We have people looking for jobs and without the computers at the library there are a lot of jobs that they would not find out about or be able to apply for.
Atlantic	\$2,786.85	Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements	We needed a new public use copier and were able to replace our old one. It gets a lot of use being next to the genealogy room and is very close to the entrance. Our old copier was having more service calls, and "out of order" signs were used frequently. Genealogy is a "passion" for lots of people in our community and across the country and world. Our library has been a very important source for local history and research. Two things needed to change. The library needed a new public use copier and the microfilmed materials needed to be digitized. In this economy the library budget just could not financially

			take on these two things. Both of these needs are being met, though, because of Direct State Aid. Patrons are learning that the new copier is much more reliable and produces excellent reproductions! In May a reporter for the <i>Wall Street Journal</i> called our library for information about a World War I veteran who had lived for a time in Atlantic. We were able to make a copy of the soldier's picture and send that to the reporter for his article.
Auburn	\$515.38	Library Materials & Supplies	Funding was used to add books to our collection, especially children and young adult selections. The children and young adults of our small community have access to current reading materials readily available to them in their home town. A young adult who described herself as a "non-reader" became an avid reader when she found books she could relate to and get lost in the stories.
Audubon	\$1,847.22	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Children's books were purchased that followed the Summer Reading program theme, "Make A Splash - Read!"
Aurelia	\$1,389.85	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment; Library Programs	We really boosted our Internet service this year using Direct State Aid. We added a new router and a wireless printer. We also increased our 1 mg band to 2 for faster service. All of our computer patrons have remarked that things are faster and better. We also spent more on our Summer Reading Program supplies. We ordered more t-shirts, prizes and just overall general supplies for crafts and fun projects.
Aurora	\$806.81	Library Materials & Supplies	All Direct State Aid monies were spent on the audiobook consortia NEIBORS. We also purchased audiobooks and reference materials. We can offer a wider variety of subjects for our patrons in the reference section. Our commuters and exercisers love the availability of the NEIBORS database. We could never be able to offer the amount of audio books available if we didn't have the NEIBORS consortia. Had a patron receive an e-book for Christmas and she came in to see if NEIBORS offered books for download. At the time, NEIBORS did not but by the time she had returned from vacation in February, I had great news for her. NEIBORS has added the e-book and she has been very pleased with the service.
Avoca	\$1,569.91	Technology & Equipment Furniture	The library replaced a computer used by staff. The old computer was four years old and we couldn't get Internet access because of some virus. The IT person we use had worked on it several times and we finally

			<p>just replaced it. The public library book drop sits just inside the front door of the new elementary school. The appearance is so much better than the old milk crates we used to have for returns at the school. Also, we feel confident that the books they place in the return are not removed since it has a lock on it.</p> <p>The book browser bins we bought are awesome. The bins allow children to view the front of the books easily and these are checked out much more often. We rotate the books from the regular shelves so they see new titles. Often books in the bins carry a theme like dinosaurs, sharks, emergency vehicles, etc.</p>
Badger	Not eligible		
Bagley	\$1,294.99	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	<p>Salaries to extend open hours from 20 to 22 per week as per requests from patrons in the community was paid for using Direct State Aid. The money allowed us to begin participating in a standing order plan with a large print book vendor on a monthly basis so we can regularly add to the large print section at a more affordable price. The decision to be open two additional hours per week has increased our circulation and has made the library more accessible to our ever changing citizen population. The extra open hours are very much appreciated and we get positive feedback all of the time.</p> <p>The need for large print materials increases all of the time. For some it is a necessity and for others just a convenience, but an increase in the collection is needed. Large print is also a bigger investment and the Direct State Aid dollars gave us an avenue to make regular purchases and increase the collection. Being able to hire someone to do an extra session of summer reading took a load off of the staff and allowed us to provide a better program by splitting it into two sessions by age.</p>
Bancroft	\$1,407.38	Technology & Equipment	We purchased one new computer for patron use, purchased one new flat screen monitor for office use, and installed additional memory on two older computers.
Batavia	Not eligible		
Battle Creek	\$1,282.08	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Salaries for additional staff - 100 hrs/year @7.25/hr. - was paid for with Direct State Aid. Children's books were purchased. The children enjoyed the new books. We were able to have a wonderful summer reading program because of the extra money. We paid some of the presenters for the programs they did.

Baxter	\$1,421.50	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased Juvenile non-fiction books, which were not in our regular budget. We are a joint school/city library. The school is normally responsible for the juvenile department, but has been unable to update this area, so the board decided this is the least attractive area of our library, so we are on a quest to get new books in this area. Our shelf of new non-fiction books is the place where the kids look first when coming into the library. They especially love the animal books we purchased.
Bayard	\$1,320.81	Technology & Equipment	We needed to replace our copy machine and by having Direct State Aid funds were able to upgrade the old black and white version with a new color copier. The nearest place for our patrons to get color copies was 20 miles away and needless to say our patrons appreciate it.
Beaman	\$1,303.21	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	Since we needed extra hours for pulling books and inventory, we kept our student help for another 1 1/2 months and paid the salary with Direct State Aid. We also purchased a new 2010 World Book Encyclopedia and animal set.
Bedford	\$503.53	Technology & Equipment	We used the funds for a maintenance agreement for microfiche reader/printer. It helps us keep our equipment up to date at all times. People using our genealogy department comment all the time how nice it is to use equipment that works like it is supposed to.
Belle Plaine	\$1,827.59	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	DVDs for children and adults, books, flowers for the court yard, <i>Library Journal</i> subscription, and clip art imagery were paid for with these funds. We purchased a new FAX machine and a binding machine. The FAX machine has been used almost daily this year. We are the main place people come to send a FAX, and they really appreciate that we provide the service and that our cost is lower than the one other place in town (the grocery store), where they can send one. I am able to purchase craft supplies for my preschool story time, and the little ones REALLY like this. (moms too).
Bellevue	\$1,825.70	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased books and books on CD that we could not ordinarily afford but which are in demand. The impact of this funding makes a significant impact on our patrons as it allows us to purchase materials we could not otherwise afford.
Belmond	\$1,909.17	Personnel Technology & Equipment	Additional hours for our children's librarian to prepare for summer reading program was paid for with Direct State Aid. We also used the funds for a

			laptop computer, paper shredder, and a Circuit Electronic Cutter. We purchased a language-learning program with a gift from a former foreign exchange student. With Direct State Aid funds, we were able to purchase a laptop computer that our patrons can use to access this software. Since the program requires speaking, the patron can take the laptop to a location in the library where they will not be distracting other patrons while practicing the language. We have a large population of Spanish-speaking people. Many of them are eager to learn English, so this will be very helpful to them.
Bennett	\$454.97	Library Materials & Supplies	Books, videos, and Playaways were purchased. We have been able to stay very current with our book and movie holdings. Our nearest video rental store recently closed and I have had so many patrons express their appreciation for our current and free check out availability.
Bettendorf	\$7,859.20	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased RFID tags for our collection. We have just completed tagging our entire collection to RFID. This has already improved library services in our community. We have shortened the time to return items to the shelf from days to hours. We are now touching items 2-3 times instead of up to 8 times to have them reshelfed. We have removed the sorting shelves altogether. Patrons now can check out multiple items at once.
Birmingham	Not eligible		
Blairstown	\$1,294.96	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Library Programs	Using Direct State Aid, we bought audio CDs and accompanying books for elementary age children, and movies that teens would enjoy. We also purchased a Wii with four remotes, four numchuks, two games and a charger, and a flat screen TV for the Wii and our movie nights and early-out school days. We also purchased books and audio CDs for two book clubs and healthy snacks for a Patient Empowerment program. This is a small town and the Wii games will give our youth something else to do when time is weighing heavy.
Blakesburg	\$823.24	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Library Programs;	Direct State Aid was used for mileage to classes and certification classes. We also purchased a DVD rotation contract, new fax/copier duster for cleaning library purposes.

Bloomfield	\$1,253.63	Materials & Supplies Library Programs	This money was used for new books and CDs and the Summer Library Program. We were able to buy more children's books and enhanced our Summer Reading Program with different goodies for the children who attended.
Bode	\$1,244.70	Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	This money was used for children's non-fiction books, a wireless router, a computer, Mic & 16 port 10/100 switch. These funds are vital to a small library such as Bode. I really need to have a little more to spend on the summer program, kids are so appreciative! Am also slowly building up my children's non-fiction. The funding is wonderful!!!
Bonaparte	\$809.77	Library Materials & Supplies; Personnel; Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was used for librarian wages, a computer technician, and a carpenter. We were able to add a third computer station for public use. We had a great summer reading program involving several of the local children. We were able to purchase new book titles. Purchased a new printer. We have been able to help several people of the community with job searches. We have also had the opportunity to help people find information about treatments for cancer that are available for them. Our children's book section has grown, so many more of the children are interested in visiting the library on a regular basis.
Bondurant	\$2,070.65	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Other	Non-fiction books were added using these funds to cover a variety of topics including new technology books, college preparation, and resume and job seeking books. A laptop and case was purchased for staff to use at training, and for our patrons to checkout when using our meeting room. The money also helped with the Wilbor downloadable audio program for set up and one year of service. With the addition of the Wilbor downloadable audio book program, we are able to keep up with current technologies and deliver materials to our patrons that we would have been otherwise unable to purchase. The laptop will also assist staff continue their training so they are able to provide knowledgeable and high quality service to our patrons. In addition the laptop will assist our community groups with their presentations. The addition of the non-fiction materials has the impact of making readily available the resources needed by members in our community for education, self improvement, and life long learning.
Boone	\$4,343.50	Library Materials & Supplies	The money was divided evenly between the adult and youth departments. The youth department

			purchased non-fiction picture books and the adult department purchased non-fiction books.
Boyden	\$1,044.40	Library Materials & Supplies	Large print books and bilingual children's books were paid for using Direct State Aid.
Britt	\$1,727.29	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	The funds were used for salaries for additional staff hours January - May. We have been working with the NCLSA on the new library automation system (part of the Beacon project). We needed to place new bar codes on over 10,000 items and make those changes in our current automation system. As mentioned above, the new automation system was our BIG project. We had been using a system that was no longer supported for over four years. This was a huge jump forward and additional funds were spent on the actual bar codes needed to implement this change. The new automation system has been a huge undertaking, but one that was very badly needed. We had been using Winnebago, which stopped support and advancement many years ago. While the library planned and saved for the new system itself (plus requested some grant funds and were awarded them) we had not planned on the huge time investment necessary to prepare. Direct State Aid was a major factor in our ability to put in the extra hours and be ready in the first wave of those libraries implementing this new system. It's been fantastic! We have a more accurate inventory after checking each and every item within the library. Our service to the community is better - we feel part of the 21st century now. Younger patrons love the ease of use, the new website, and the ability to use technology to enhance their library service.
Brooklyn	Not eligible		
Buffalo Center	Not eligible		
Burlington	\$7,920.72	Technology & Equipment Furniture	We bought an LCD projector, online tools: Mango, Learning Express, Newspaper Archive, Summer Reader. With the heavy use of our meeting rooms, an additional LCD projector was needed for use by community groups. Summer Reader software allows our users to register for reading programs and track their progress online. This has been very popular, especially with our teen users. Teens also are enjoying the fun new furniture when they come to relax or to study in the teen space. Our website is becoming an online branch with great resources our users can access 24/7. With Direct State Aid funds we added a foreign language and ESL training resource, a

			test prep and skills building site, and access to digital historic newspapers, including our local ones. The online historic newspaper access has had the widest impact. The keyword search ability has opened up this treasure trove of local history and genealogy information. Among other things, individuals have used it to find their ancestors, learn the name of the "Popcorn Man," research a former local bookstore, and locate an heir for an estate. Facts that would have taken hours of searching on microfilm, and often remained undetected, are now quickly located with this online tool.
Burt	\$1,340.58	Technology & Equipment	We purchased two new computers, one for patron use and one for librarian use. We needed an adult use only computer as the children tie up the other three with games quite frequently. We were able to purchase a nice Dell with good capacity. It is much appreciated by the adults in our community. The librarian's computer broke down and was unfixable. With this funding we were able to replace our librarian's computer, the one I am working at right now. It is invaluable for my everyday use here at Burt. This library director would not have a computer to do her daily work on if it were not for this funding. Thanks!
Bussey	\$440.38	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	The library added a large print book program this past year. We also added a number of DVD format movies as we do not have very many and the DVDs are checked out more than the VCR format. The library changed signage around the departments to make it easier to find things. The library added speakers for one of our computer systems and also another printer for public use computers. The library is able to offer another format in the books we have and offer more movie choices for the public with the addition of the large print books and DVDs. We have noticed an increase in usage of our large print selections as we have added more choices. The DVDs have been checked out on a continuing basis as most patrons no longer have VCRs. We have a number of elderly patrons who have been able to read more books once again with the large print format. They are enjoying the new titles we add each month and are stopping by the library more often. We have enjoyed the way these patrons are telling other patrons about a particular book they have read and encourage them to read it even if it is in large print.
Calamus	Not eligible		

Callender	\$1,313.58	Library Materials & Supplies	We spent the money to increase the number of new books we could make available to all patrons. This funding allows us to purchase more materials than would be otherwise possible.
Calmar	\$1,474.03	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid was spent on our adult audio books on CDs and completion of purchasing "America the Beautiful" books (a collection of books of all the fifty states for reference purposes for young adults and junior patrons, completed in late fall 2009). As a result of Direct State funding received, the library is able to continue to purchase high-quality audio books on CDs for our patrons who find this format to be very popular and desirable, sometimes bypassing the print format in favor of the CD format. The library continues to provide audio books to one community member who is legally blind and cannot read anymore and thus benefits from the audio book format. She is listening to CDs more than previously, and certainly enjoys the ability to listen to popular books in electronic format. In addition, with the funding, we were able to complete the "America the Beautiful" series in the fall of 2009, to update those books from their previous edition printed in 1998, and young patrons are excited to have updated materials on the states in America for recreational reading as well as reports for school. Our audio books on CD section is especially popular with a large number of employees who work at a large business in Decorah (a branch of Rockwell Collins), who are able to listen to the audio books while working. Two of our patrons come in to check out the audio books which are shared amongst their co-workers. We get credit for circulation numbers, but most importantly, the audio books certainly get utilized and everyone comments on the increasingly popular selection we have available, with some patrons coming specifically to our library from outside Calmar because of our expanding collection, telling us that our audio books on CDs selection is by far one of the best in this area. Also being able to offer our sight-challenged patron the audio books on CDs is rewarding, knowing that we can offer a format that she can use.
Camanche	\$2,055.07	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid to purchase adult large print books and regular print books both fiction and non-fiction, movies, audiobooks and music CDs. Direct State Aid enables us to add more materials to our collection and provide little extras for our programs we wouldn't normally be able to do with

			our budget.
Cambridge	\$454.07	Library Programs	Because of Direct State Aid we are able to get programs that cost us money that we would not be able to do. This really helps our summer library program. I have these three boys that are cousins all about the same age. One is from Montana and was staying with his grandparents. The day the Science Center came they were all sitting together. I was told that they are not good sitting together but I have never seen it. The man who was doing the program was doing one with a film canister and an half of an Alka-Seltzer. He shook it up and the asked the kids to move back a little and then sat the container down. The top blew off and went quite a ways in the library. The look on those three boys' faces was priceless. They talked about that for quite a few weeks. So if we did not get Direct Aid we would not be able to do these programs.
Cantril	Not eligible		
Carlisle	\$2,027.02	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	This money was used to pay the salary for transition to new director, overlapping hours with the previous director for training. We also purchased new books for the juvenile collection. It was very helpful to the new (first-time) director to be able to work for a short time overlapping with the previous director. Working together allowed for several personal introductions which made a smooth transition into the Carlisle community.
Carroll	\$3,624.33	Library Materials & Supplies	Purchased large print books.
Carter Lake	\$1,808.95	Furniture	We purchased a computer counter, and oak magazine rack, three computer chairs, computer security software and a display cabinet.
Cascade	\$1,598.19	Technology & Equipment Other	Computer and APC back-up Security mirrors were purchased with these funds. The computer replaced a very old patron computer and the security mirrors helps staff to keep an eye on a few problem patrons, which makes for a more favorable environment for all other patrons. I think parents feel better about their children entering the restrooms when they can see the children in the hallway from the main part of the library. Its just safer.
Casey	\$510.91	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to hire a cleaning person as well as supplies and materials.

Cedar Falls	\$9,540.75	Personnel; Library Materials & Supplies	<p>Direct State Aid goes towards the salary of the Third Age Coordinator and large print books. You won't find the Third Age Program when you're visiting the Waterloo or Cedar Falls Public Library. Nor will you find any trace of what it costs when you look through city tax expenditures. Yet it serves hundreds of local residents, and keeps one staff member and dozens of volunteers very busy.</p> <p>Third Age is intended to be one of those euphemisms for seniors. Whatever you call it, it has been popular since its inception, and continues to thrive. The program coordinates the delivery of library materials to area nursing homes, retirement homes, and homebound patrons. If they can't get to the library, we take the library to them. Several times per year, collections of large print books are rotated to these centers, or delivered to the homes of those who can no longer get out on their own.</p> <p>In addition to the rotating collections, the Third Age program experimented with coordinating book discussion groups in retirement homes. Some have been so successful they've morphed into two groups. The discussions are led by volunteers or regular library staff members, and are just as rewarding for leaders. The groups love the social interaction of gathering to discuss the books' themes, possibly with a connection to their own experience, or to swap titles of what else they've read recently. For those who can no longer retain the storyline, the library supplies Reminisce Kits containing objects that spark life memories. Discussion leaders guide participants through a session of remembering notable experiences.</p> <p>The Third Age program is funded using Direct State Aid money that is provided by the state of Iowa. Both libraries have dedicated these funds towards library services to residents who may never be able to visit the physical library building again. These funds, along with the dedication of the many volunteers, ensure that we will all have library services for as long as we want them.</p>
Cedar Rapids	\$28,437.79	Library Materials & Supplies	<p>Books, e-books, CDs, and DVDs . We used a bit of the funding to purchase a small collection of e-books for our Metro Library collaborative project. Many patrons have expressed gratitude for these and our</p>

			circulation numbers are great!
Center Point	\$1,581.54	Personnel Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid salaries for training new staff and extending programing. We also purchased networking equipment .
Centerville	\$1,582.48	Library Materials & Supplies	Our library was able to use the state aid funds to purchase additional new titles for our adult collection.
Central City	Not eligible		
Chariton	\$2,241.93	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	<p>Direct State Aid paid our annual automation subscription this year. It also paid for our BookWhere subscription, allowing us to continue securing records for items that we have been unable to locate. The biggest impact DSA provides for our small town is an opportunity to have a variety of visiting programs during our summer reading program. I mention the two that DSA paid for in this report, but those two are additional to what we also budget for ourselves. In the end, we offer 4 rather expensive programs instead of just the two budget-oriented programs we'd be able to pay for with our programming budget. And they are programs offering experiences totally outside of anything available here in town. Also, the automation/cataloging subscriptions we pay for using DSA funds make it possible for us to keep up with our incoming collection items. Yes, we might be able to get the same tasks done without them, but only over a much longer length of time. This funding eliminates any wait patrons might experience. As soon as an item is published and arrives it is quickly cataloged and put in their eager hands. This is greatly appreciated by our patrons and is a great reputation builder for us. We deliver what they want and we do it ASAP in a large part due to this funding.</p> <p>Excitement - it's been very obvious how differently we are perceived by the kids here in town since we started putting more money into the summer reading program by bringing exciting activities home to those who can't travel to them. The Science Center of Iowa comes to our library. The Blank Park Zoo visits us, too. We have a large number of families in town who cannot afford to visit these locations themselves and so we have become the place to be to experience these things. Each year we seem to depend more on the DSA funds for those extra expenses associated with the summer program. This year we bought more craft supplies than usual. We went the extra</p>

			<p>mile with the "sand dough" program, buying tools and shells and colored sand to make their creations more incredible but still easy enough that even toddlers attended the program and made something great! Since I've started considering the DSA funds as part of the programming budget, I worry less about using the "local resident" budget for non-collection expenses. I feel freer to splurge on programs and materials for creativity and more often I get to hear the "so cool" and "best ever" comments of kids at the programs. I don't have to feel like I'm taking the book budget and spending it on frivolous things because I get to decide where the DSA funds go.</p>
Charles City	\$3,096.74	Library Materials & Supplies	<p>We have increased the number of Playaway audio books and books on CD. This format has become very popular. We also have increased our large print collection as those readers are also increasing. We often purchase the regular and large print editions.</p>
Charter Oak	Not eligible		
Chelsea	\$427.72	Library Programs	<p>We were able to provide a great program this summer. The kids were so happy and can't wait until next year.</p>
Cherokee	\$2,381.41	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	<p>We used Direct State Aid funding to supplement our book and audio book collections. We also used this money to pay for our service contract with Follett.</p>
Churdan	\$1,375.52	Library Materials & Supplies	<p>We used Direct State Aid to purchase audio books, young adult books, magazines, local newspaper, and Halloween book bags. We have an increased number of audio listeners and young adult readers so the funding is very helpful to expand the collections. We also have a great number of magazine readers and they enjoy many Reiman publications, <i>Iowa History Journal</i>, <i>Our Iowa</i>, the <i>Iowan</i> and <i>Iowa Gardening</i>. We have a large "Irish" population, so they enjoy the magazine, <i>Ireland</i>. We have also have requests to receive both county papers. We have always received one of them for free, so with this funding we were able to add the second paper! Because we are so small, we only need to order Halloween bags every few years, so it was nice to be able to replenish our supply! We have a great many young adult readers right now. This hasn't been true for a few years, so with so many wonderful popular authors right now it is great to be able to fill their many requests. My daughter is one of these readers and we enjoy going to the book store to make selections, not only for her</p>

			reading preferences, but those of her classmates. I know we are getting books the kids will read and enjoy and become life long readers, plus it's a great mother-daughter time!
Clare	Not eligible		
Clarence	\$1,362.65	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment FurnitureOther	Supplies needed for the library, a new copy machine and printer, and a new vacuum cleaner were purchased using Direct State Aid. Our library has grown so much with the funding we received. Our new copy machine was a great asset as our other one didn't want to do the things we wanted when we wanted it done. It was very frustrating for the patrons who wanted to use it and had so much trouble. We purchased a new chair as the other one was not in very good condition so we only had one chair for patrons to use. We have a couple of women who come in and sit and read for a while during the afternoon. They are widows and single. The single woman that comes in just likes to visit and read, which is great. So we really appreciated the new chair for them to sit on.
Clarinda	\$2,419.00	Technology & Equipment	The Library was able to buy three new Dell computers using Direct State Aid. These computers replaced dated and broken ones in our computer lab. The computers also have Office 2007 installed on them and other library software. The computers have allowed patrons better access and use of our technology and the Internet.
Clarion	\$2,021.57	Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to purchase new computers, a monitor and a printer.
Clarksville	\$1,475.96	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements	We used these funds for book easels and stands for displaying, and magnetic bookends for shelves. We also used the money for JFJ Disc Repair System (for cleaning and restoring damaged discs); presentation projector cart with electrical hookup (for our PowerPoint projector and laptop); message sign for library's entryway/meeting room entrance; and a new CD/cassette player. With the funding we received, we were able to continue to develop our lower level meeting room to be more technology/user-friendly. A couple of years ago we purchased a laptop (with state funding) and also received a projector with other grant money. Without this funding none of this would have been possible! After several years of working to gradually update the lighting in the library, we have finally finished our history room. This room is used by local

			patrons and out-of-town visitors who come to see our old-fashioned classroom, collection of Clarksville class pictures, and other memorabilia from our town and local businesses. This room also holds some of our genealogy collection, which people are always using for research. The lighting has helped not only the staff see better, but our patrons as well. We also purchased a new CD/cassette player for our children's story hour area--all the kids love to sing songs, do finger plays and just dance around! We have been without a player for awhile since the last one broke, and kids are very excited to have their songs and music back. It brings lots of laughter, fun and silliness to story time!
Clear Lake	\$3,256.07	Library Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to keep up our subscription to NEIBORS. We also bought new audio books. There is an ever growing demand for audio books especially in downloadable format. We have a very active library user and supporter who has become visually impaired. Now in her 90's, she still wants to keep current in her reading. Direct State Aid funds assist us in supplying her with a steady stream of current audio book titles.
Clearfield	Not eligible		
Cleghorn	\$1,206.26	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	The funding allowed us to purchase a number of bestseller books and DVDs. Our circulation numbers and new patrons increased because of our up-to-date collections. Despite being a small library, these items are readily available to patrons. We contracted Lisa Laird to do our first summer library program. The children showed a lot of enthusiasm that carried throughout the remaining programs. Several of our patrons are elderly and rely on our books to increase the quality of their days and keep their minds active. Our young patrons develop a love of books because we continue to add new and popular children's titles.
Clermont	\$877.47	Technology & Equipment	New computers for public access, which run must faster, were purchased with this money.
Clinton	\$7,282.88	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid for a SirsiDynix replacement router for the Lyons branch library that connects to the main library. We were able to restore connections to the branch library using the legacy "Classic Dynix" circulation system. Native plant landscaping around the exterior of the library was extended to include adjacent areas as well as the "Welcome to Clinton" statue providing a pretty entrance to Iowa and the City of Clinton. DVDs were added to the collection in

			both dramatic and non-fiction categories expanding access to this format and materials not readily available from the "for profit" sector. Library Week program support costs were underwritten with Direct State Aid funds making ads and lodging available for author Michael Perry.
Clive	\$4,244.07	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid supplemented our collection budget and enhanced our media collection.
Clutier	Not eligible		
Coggon	\$954.73	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to build upon our selection of reading materials – books and audio books - with this money.
Coin	Not eligible		
Colesburg	\$1,245.22	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	With Direct State Aid, we are able to stay open longer. We are open five hours on Friday, two more hours on Thursday and one more hour on Saturday. This has given our patrons extra time to use our library. We have continued to buy DVDs for the convenience of our patrons. We have seen our circulation go up over 75% since adding this collection. We bought a new, large screen computer. With many of our patrons out of work, we are able to provide them with greater services at no cost. We are also able to reach a larger number of children and help them to keep up their reading skills by offering fun and exciting programs with incentive prizes at the end.
Colfax	\$1,043.76	Technology & Equipment Furniture	We purchased a Dell computer. Now we have three public access computers so we can serve more people in the community and not as many people have to wait to use a computer.
Collins	\$1,307.05	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid went for salaries, new books, new DVDs, office supplies, Internet access, printing access and supplies for patrons. Our library service in our community benefits and is improved with this funding because it allows for new programs, keeps our collection fresh and new, and helps us provide computer access to our patrons with Internet accessibility and printing capabilities. We had a few new patrons who moved into our community this year. One lady stopped by the library one day with her small child. We were talking about our community and things to do and I suggested our story time hour, which we are able to provide with the help of this funding. She felt it would be a great place for her and her small child to meet new people in our community.
Colo	\$1,458.06	Library Materials &	The Colo Public Library purchased multiple copies of

		Supplies Furniture Library Programs	the book <i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh</i> by Robert C. O'Brien for a book discussion. The library also purchased books for prizes that were used for the elementary after school program and preschool story time. The Colo Public Library serves a small rural community with a population of 868. Over 40 children attend the elementary after school program. We have offered the middle school Summer Reading Program for many years, but the past two years the attendance has increased. This past summer about 20 middle schoolers attended the program, which may not sound like a large number but for busy pre-teens and teens we were very pleased. We have also started offering programs for families, such as Oreo Day and a Star Gazing Party. Both events were very well attended.
Columbus Junction	\$1,624.79	Library Materials & Supplies	We used the Direct State Aid to establish a DVD collection, including a small DVD cleaning device. We dropped out of the movie/DVD rotation approximately 18 months ago. It had become apparent to us that there was a demand from our patrons for a more extensive collection.
Conrad	\$1,514.92	Personnel Other	These funds were used towards the expenses involved in getting the children's librarian certified, as well as additional hours for staff to provide programming. The money was also spent on postage beyond what was allocated in the budget.
Coon Rapids	\$1,453.36	Technology & Equipment Furniture	We used this money for a new display shelf and computer wiring.
Coralville	\$5,448.76	Personnel	We have continued to see a significant increase in the use of our Library. We had anticipated a large increase in FY09, due to the new building, but the impact of the flood paired with the economic downturn led to even higher usage of the Library than we expected. We have seen extremely heavy use of the Library -- from children's programs, to calls for additional outreach efforts, to heavy demands on the public Internet computers and resources available in our reference department and from our reference staff. The Direct State Aid funds have been essential to us in helping fund the additional staff needed to meet these public needs. We have had numerous reports back from patrons who were looking for jobs, and received vital support and assistance from our reference librarians through: > assistance in online searching for job opportunities > guidance in building resumes

			<p>> help in writing cover letters</p> <p>> computer assistance in submitting online applications</p> <p>For many people, the public library is the only place they can go to get this type of assistance at no cost, and this is essential in times of economic hardship for our citizens and our communities.</p>
Corning	\$1,627.42	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase new books for the library.
Correction-ville	\$422.75	Capital Improvements Furniture	The fire-proof drop box looks great and we love it! Now our library is safer. With our new tower we are able to hold more movies with less space improving what we can offer patrons and improving the looks of our library too.
Corwith	\$1,297.54	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid for librarian training/workshops. We also purchased new books and DVDs. With the help of Direct State Aid, we are able to provide an ongoing need for new material for our patrons to read and movies to view. With the economy the way it is, our movie check out is constant and we have a community that looks for and enjoys the new release books that we are able to provide. Direct State Aid helps fill the gap.
Corydon	\$1,466.20	Library Materials & Supplies	We used the funds for new books and work supplies.
Coulter	\$1,355.94	Capital Improvements	These funds helped us with a vestibule/entry with a new book drop, all of which is handicapped accessible.
Council Bluffs	\$15,029.95	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Furniture Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid part of expenses to send three staff members to the Public Library Association Conference in Portland, OR. We purchased new state and American flags and poles for our meeting room, work supplies and restocked library cards. These funds have helped us to furnish Teen Central, a new teen area of 2,000 sq. ft. We are averaging 80-85 teens every day this summer in Teen Central. The money also helped us to fund authors for the Bluffs Author Series. The whole series cost around \$60,000. Funding also helps us book good programs for both the children and teen Summer Reading Programs. With Teen Central, we are serving more teens this summer than we ever have. What a good use of funds! I think this year that the biggest difference is in the lives of the teenagers in our community. They are enjoying the furniture in Teen Central and a place at the library that they can call their own.

Cresco	\$855.79	Library Materials & Supplies	The funding was used for books and audio books. Cresco has a large elderly population and the large print books are quite popular. Their hearing is not good, so the audio books do not work well for them. However, they are avid readers of the large print books. They especially love the Westerns!
Creston	\$2,955.76	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	With Direct State Aid we were able to buy new books, periodicals, newspapers and a copier.
Crystal Lake	\$494.75	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We used this money for new books and DVDs. We also replaced laptop batteries.
Cumberland	\$1,228.15	Personnel	The funding helped pay for personnel wages. We are a small community and this funding helps us stay open to the community by paying for staff. It is fun to watch the children and adults that come into the Library grow in the library. It may be a development in their skills on a computer or their growth in reading. Your funding is very much appreciated. Thank you.
Cushing	\$379.04	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We bought new books, a computer monitor and CueCat tool. The children attending the "Story Hours" and Summer Reading Program benefited from this funding as fun prizes and supplies were able to be purchased. This funding made a difference to the library director as she is using the new monitor and CueCat tool to enter the book inventory into the system. Also the library patrons benefit as they will be able to access the books by computers in the library and at home.
Dallas Center	\$1,604.51	Technology & Equipment Other	We replaced monitors and a back-up battery. We have had to replace ballasts in several light fixtures and do repairs on the furnaces and air conditioners.
Davenport	\$22,403.86	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid funding allowed the library to be open for 29 Sundays during the fiscal year. Surveys continue to reflect the popularity of families using the library on Sundays. Because of opening a brand new branch library on July 10, we were able to print, for instance, 15,000 specially colored brochures to further publicize the library's programs and activities. Direct State Aid also enhanced opening day events at the new branch.
Dayton	\$1,422.51	Library Materials & Supplies	Funds were used for miscellaneous office and book processing supplies, as well as basic office functions

			such as computer repairs, upgrades which freed up other funds to purchase more books and periodicals for our circulation.
De Soto	\$1,368.62	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	About one-third of our Direct State Aid was spent on the award-winning book collection, the Iowa Children's Choice Award books, along with other award winning books for our children's collection. Every summer we have our "main" event in the library, our Summer Reading Program. We try to make this event special in some way so that the kids have something to look forward to. We have fun during the special and regular programs like the puppet show, and have some great memories looking back on the program. This year we had hermit crabs in the library and they were fun to watch. The kids have had fun naming them, watching them, and winning them. Yes, the top two Super Summer Readers took home the hermit crabs and their crabitats as their prizes (with their parents permission, of course.) The City's Holiday Party is always on the first weekend in December and Direct State Aid funds allow the library to purchase a hardback book to give to each family that attends the party. I purchase these books at Kohl's each fall for \$5 each and have been doing this for two years now. It is the library's gift to the city's families. It has been a big hit at the party along with Santa, crafts, and cookies.
De Witt	\$2,863.48	Library Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Other	With Direct State Aid we were able to buy new DVDs, books on CD, computers and monitors. Some of this money was also used for postage.
Decorah	\$3,456.47	Personnel Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid funding assists the Decorah Public Library to be open 42 Sundays during the school year. Many families have commented that they really like this time frame as it's one of the only times during the week they can come to the library together. This amount assisted in upgrades in software. One that has been most helpful is IClipArt. This, along with a larger computer screen, has assisted the library in creating professional posters that have drawn citizen response. We have seen increased use in the library. Programming and advertising for programs assures the public quality informational and educational opportunities. The Decorah Public Library is open 57 hours a week during the school year. Our monthly programming calendar is often overflowing with weekly opportunities. In addition, our meeting rooms

			<p>provide a welcoming arena for educational and non-profit opportunities. We are proud to partner with other non-profit organizations as well. All of the services would not be possible without the generous funding provided through the Direct State Aid program. Thank you. One of our summer programs has been "Tales To Tails". Magni, a 160 pound great dane, has been professional trained as a "reading to dogs" canine. This summer many children have had the experience to be near a large dog in a safe and gentle setting. The owner was providing one such program to a group of physically and mentally challenged children. One child was particularly agitated and vociferous. When the child saw Magni, he immediately smiled, approached the animal as instructed and proceeded to make friends. One more positive experience in the public library: Parents have reported that children who have been fearful of large dogs have been excited about interacting with Magni. The trainer does an excellent job of instructing all on how to approach large dogs and what to do. Once again a valuable learning experience right at their library. Thanks.</p>
Delhi	\$1,256.98	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	<p>We used this funding to add some much needed additional staff to help with programming and regular hours throughout the year. This money helped us buy some non-fiction books on children's issues - ADHD, hyperactivity, etc. - for our collection. We also purchased some general office supplies.</p>
Denison	\$2,918.43	Furniture Other	<p>Direct State Aid was used for our annual service agreement for microfiche reader/printer and for patron genealogy searches. Our goal is to evolve into a community center where all ages are encouraged to consider the library as a destination. After changing the entire main floor arrangement, we were able to carve out space for a commons area and a teen zone. Using Direct State Aid funding we have been able to create an inviting, user-friendly space where people use the free Wi-Fi, read, converse, browse books, and linger awhile. Several of our middle school patrons have let us know how pleased they are to have a special area designated just for their kids. They really do gravitate to that space, and the young adult book circulation has increased 34% from a year ago.</p>
Denver	\$1,728.30	Library Materials & Supplies Technology &	<p>We purchased children's non-fiction books, as well as wooden puzzles and puppets to add to our collection that are available for check out to our patrons. We</p>

		Equipment Library Programs	used some of the funds to pay for our yearly EBSCOhost database. We also purchased a book cart and a revolving display rack for holding pamphlets and free materials. In addition, we purchased a point and shoot digital camera. In the five-year plan for our library, one of our goals is to create a partnership with our local school district. We were able to contact the k-12 teachers in our district and asked them to give us suggestions for purchasing non-fiction books that would go along with their units of study. With a portion of our Direct State Aid funding, we purchased these and a selection of easy reader level books. We have promoted this, along with no school day events such as our movies at the school. The teachers and parents have appreciated the library's support. We approached a group of senior citizens who meet weekly for meals in our community center about showing a monthly movie after their lunch. We were surprised at the number of seniors who attended these movies. We now show a movie the third Thursday of each month. One older gentleman commented how he appreciated this social activity and had not watched a movie since his wife passed away.
Des Moines	\$45,459.95	Library Materials & Supplies	We spent Direct State Aid for periodical subscriptions for all six library locations. The remaining \$9904.72 was spent on books and media. The library's operating budget was cut by \$100,000 in FY2009 and by \$300,000 in FY2010. Using the Direct State Aid dollars for periodicals allowed us to retain staff and hours. The money spent for books and media allowed us to purchase materials we otherwise would not have been able to buy and helped move us toward our goal of a five-year collection age.
Dexter	\$883.90	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We were able to purchase a Epson Movie Mate 55 Home Theater Projector with built in DVD player to be used for showing movies in the library Wednesdays during the summer and on weekends during the school year. We show children and adult movies during different times of the year and with our annual fall festival we are able to show movies filmed locally. We were also able to have outside program providers for our Summer Reading Program.
Dickens	\$418.52	Technology & Equipment	This funding has been a tremendous help as we update our computers. We have many young people who come in after school and during the summer who like to use our computers. A young lady does not have access to a computer. If it were not for the

			Library, she would not be able to do her homework or keep up with the outside world.
Dike	\$1,493.03	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Furniture Library Programs	This money was used to pay for the extra time it took to order prizes, buy materials, and visit the school before they got out for the summer to promote our Summer Library Program. It also took extra hours to prepare handouts and articles for the newspaper to advertise the program. Since we had a lot of materials in our collection that fit the theme "Make a splash" we did not purchase collection material. We did purchase supplies for the crafts the children did each week. We also purchased books to give as prizes this year. We also bought a movable sign which is a great addition to the community. We will be able to allow community organizations a place to freely advertise their events, also. I think our programming is also such a positive thing that brings people into the library that maybe don't normally use it. When they see what we have to offer, they become library users and get a library card. We had a lot of children that couldn't believe they were getting a book to take home. When children get a positive and welcoming feeling at the library, they want to come back again and again.
Donnellson	\$1,384.09	Personnel Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid allowed us to extend our hours for 1.5 per week. We also purchased Adobe 9 software.
Doon	Not eligible		
Dow City	Not eligible		
Dows	\$1,463.92	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	The Direct State Aid was used for staff training, staff salaries, and new junior fiction books. The librarian retired in June and we used some of the Direct State Aid money to pay for training, mileage and salary.
Dubuque	\$13,916.13	Technology & Equipment	We were able to completely pay for our new website using Direct State Aid! Earlier in the year we received a grant from our Foundation to design a new website. Our new website has made a remarkable difference. Use has grown tremendously (30% increase in three months) with an average of 400 visits a day over the three months of September, October, and November. Of these, an average of 46% represent new and unique visitors to our site. Through this new website we are able to offer a more friendly interface and focus our services and message to online visitors. Please visit us at www.dubuque.lib.ia.us .
Dumont	\$1,305.33	Library Materials &	The money was used to purchase books for our

		Supplies Capital Improvements	children's and junior fiction sections. We were able to purchase books that were not in our regular budget. We were able to fix what we considered a safety issue.
Duncombe	\$1,322.02	Technology & Equipment Furniture	Direct State Aid paid for a new Dell Computer, Windows 7, and a Free Agent External Drive. The hard drive on our oldest computer (8 years old) crashed and it was necessary to replace the computer immediately due to the greatly increased usage of our computers. The external drive was purchased for use in doing complete backups of our library system. We just didn't have enough computers to be able to have our younger children (under age 7 or 8) be able to use the computers. When we purchased the replacement computer with Direct State Aid funds, we also purchased another computer with grant funds, and were able to move one of the computers to the new children's computer desk, which are used for games and, when we go live with our new web-based system, it will be used as our children's catalog. This has affected not just one child, but all of our younger children, and the staff has received an amazing number of smiles, thank you's and hugs.
Dunkerton	\$1,291.70	Library Materials & Supplies	This money always enables us to increase our budget for audio books, books, and books for the Summer Reading Program.
Dunlap	\$946.73	Personnel	This money was used to pay the director's replacement for vacation and sick days.
Dyersville	\$2,052.51	Library Materials & Supplies	The funds we receive from the state are included as revenue in our budget and are used to support collections - especially adding to and improving our DVD collections. This supplemental funding allows us to provide more materials to our community. Thank you.
Dysart	\$1,432.11	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Funding was used to train staff, to help with children's programming and to accomplish various tasks that cannot always be accomplished by a one-person staff. We bought more large print books and books on CDs to accommodate people in the nursing home. We got set up for wireless and replaced all the computer mice with new optical ones. This funding makes it possible for us to do more things to increase our collections and circulation by providing updated materials and collections that are clogged with old materials.
Eagle Grove	\$2,259.09	Library Materials &	We used Direct State Aid for NEIBORS--downloadable

		Supplies	<p>audio book participation, BYKI--online language learning participation, and additional book purchases that exceeded our budget. We have steadily seen the number of books downloaded via the NEIBORS project increase.</p> <p>We are looking forward to having the BYKI project up and running. I anticipate great interest in learning additional languages. Participation in the NEIBORS project made downloadable audio books available last winter when it was impossible to travel to the library. Several people thanked us for the service. It allowed them to have access to books when they were "out" of printed materials.</p>
Earlham	\$1,504.77	Personnel Library Programs	<p>Thanks to Direct State Aid, we now have two librarians to work at the same time because the library has so many programs. The funding really makes us able to offer more to our patrons because of the better service and the better tables we purchased. This year we really tried to get more people in and this funding has really helped us to do that. One of our new story hour tables is a child size picnic table. Every time this little girl comes in she always has to stop and read at "her little table." Her grandma says that every time they get in the car she asks if they can come to the library so that she can sit at the table!</p>
Earlville	\$931.97	Technology & Equipment	<p>Using Direct State Aid, we replaced our outdated public access Internet computers with two new ones that have been in use almost constantly since we set them up. I have seen patrons perform job searches, genealogical research, and take tests over the Internet. I think that especially in these difficult economic times, many people are cancelling their own Internet service at home and so are dependent upon the library to keep in touch with family members through email and look for employment and take online classes. It is a wonderful service that we provide. And even those who just come in to use the computer recreationally are finding respite from the stresses and hassles of everyday living. I know of one woman who was in here every week for several months, searching for employment. When she found a job that she felt suited her, she was able to fill out the application online here at the library and she got the job. It is rewarding to help people move forward in their lives.</p>
Early	Not eligible		
Eddyville	\$1,388.11	Personnel	Our Direct State Aid was spent on salaries so we are

			able to extend our hours and be more accessible to our patrons. Our customers appreciate that the library is open during times that are convenient for them.
Edgewood	\$1,391.07	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We added another staff person, so we added four more hours of paid personnel from February through June. They receive \$7.25 per hour and we used Direct State Aid to pay for this since it wasn't in our budget. We bought extra books for our summer reading program. We had 101 children sign up. Our population is only a little over 900, so you can see that we have a very good percentage of children participating in this program. Part of the program's success is from being open more hours, having new reading materials for them, and offering incentives to motivate them to read throughout the summer. We have had many parents thank us for this program as it makes it easier for them to get their children to read. The program is also set up so that they can do it when it's convenient for them. So with all the commitments of Bible school, summer school, little league, swimming lessons, county fairs, and family time, the parents appreciate the fact that they can add reading to an already long list of activities. We had a special event last week – a scavenger hunt. I put the kids in groups of two or three. There was one little girl at the event who is very shy and is often left out. I paired her with an older girl who I knew would be kind to her. Those two girls didn't care whether they were the first to finish, and I heard the older girl encouraging the younger one to try to do some of the things she wouldn't have had the courage to do if she had been in a bigger group or with another child with less patience. The event was to last an hour and they were here for an hour and 45 minutes. The younger girl was growing more confident by the minute. After she left I thanked the older girl for being so nice to her and having so much patience. She was pretty proud of herself, too.
Elberon	\$815.16	Library Materials & Supplies	The money was spent for books and work supplies. Our patrons have current books to browse, check out and enjoy. An adult student needed a specific title for her class reading assignment. She was so pleased to find the title on our shelves. So far this has happened every time she receives a new assignment. This saves valuable time for her since she drives past our library on her way home from class and doesn't need to go to another town's library.

Eldon	\$938.91	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was used to pay DVD/CD book rotation fees. Three years ago our board cut this program, but we were able to reinstate it thanks to state funds. We used the balance for book processing materials (tape, book covers, etc.) and to document to USAC (E-rate) so we have funds in the budget to cover telephone costs. Funding from the state allows the library to have more DVDs and books on CD than our budget would allow us to buy. Several local families disconnected cable television due to financial circumstances and the movies from the library are their entertainment source at this time.
Eldora	\$1,956.89	Library Materials & Supplies	We used these funds to purchase new books. Thank you. Lending books remains the number one service we provide to library users. This money helps us provide current book titles.
Eldridge (Scott County)	\$12,239.91	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was used to purchase Optimal Resume, an online service for the public, a new server for Internet access for the public and staff, as well as backup devices. We were also able to buy five staff computers and a new printer. The funding allowed us to maintain and improve our in-house and online presence by updating our aging server which links to our catalog and all other services we provide to the public. Without this funding these improvements could not have been accomplished without cutting deep into our materials budget. The Internet service allows our patrons to develop resumes, along with giving them Internet presence through Blogs, web pages as well as printed documents. We deeply appreciate this funding because it keeps us viable as a public library.
Elgin	\$1,280.78	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase books and audiobooks, as well as online catalog access. We have many rural patrons who find it difficult to always get to the library on time to renew materials, but most have Internet access now, so the convenience of being able to renew and reserve materials with our new online catalog has made a difference. One woman commented recently, "Oh, I just couldn't get in here at all in June, but it was so nice to be able to renew from my house. It saves me time and money!"
Elk Horn	\$1,290.79	Library Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to buy new books.
Elkader	\$1,557.70	Library Materials &	This money allowed us to purchase new books,

		Supplies	access to the EBSCOhost database, and Landmark Audio.
Elliott	\$827.71	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	This funding has improved our library service greatly. We have been able to keep our patrons interested in reading by keeping our book collection updated. The summer library program shows kids of all ages how important and enjoyable libraries are. This funding makes a difference in ALL our patrons' lives. We are able to keep our children's books updated as well as the adult and large print books. The elementary school children are required to read the Iowa Children's Choice books for school, therefore we purchase them so the children can complete their assignments.
Ellsworth	\$1,308.44	Technology & Equipment Furniture Other	We used the money to purchase Office 2010 for three public access computers. We also bought outside and inside signage to comply for accreditation through the State Library. Inside directional signs matching the outside signs were installed for patrons' convenience. Office 2010 was purchased and installed on the public access computers to help patrons write documents, use Excel spreadsheets and do PowerPoint presentations. The mobile workstation makes presentations easier and it is also handicapped accessible. Our library has a handicapped man who comes in to play games with the Wii on the big pull-down screen. The previous set-up available to him was not convenient for a man in a wheelchair. Since getting the mobile workstation, he has even organized a bowling tournament for interested residents of the community.
Elma	\$1,370.13	Library Materials & Supplies	We were bequeathed a monetary gift from a local patron who was always interested in genealogy. We put that money plus Direct State Aid to change our microfilm newspapers to discs. In the process we found additional older newspapers that were not microfilmed. Our microfilm viewing machine no longer makes copies, so something had to be done for those looking up old news items. This should make it a lot easier for anyone interested in making copies and viewing the old newspapers. Changing our old newspapers from microfilm to discs will make it easier and faster to find a particular article in the papers.
Ely	\$1,575.99	Library Materials & Supplies	The majority of the money was spent on purchasing children's books for our collection. We have not been able to make a major book purchase for this

			department in quite a few months. We also purchased additional audio books for young adults.
Emerson	Not eligible		
Emmetsburg	\$2,251.56	Library Materials & Supplies Other	Using Direct State Aid, we were able to buy Blackstone audiobooks on CD and a BCR-Cat Express subscription. The library has been able to continue its service of offering high quality MARC records for its holdings from an authoritative database. Materials are able to be put in the collection much more quickly with this subscription. The library staff is able to focus more on programming with the improved workflow.
Essex	\$1,311.35	Technology & Equipment	We used our Direct State Aid funds to upgrade our automated service this year. We purchased Destiny from Follett so that we would be able to have Internet access to our card catalog from our website. The local school also uses Destiny, so students are now able to access our catalog from the Internet which is a big improvement for our community. Not only can they see what we have in our library, but they can put that item on hold for themselves and also renew their own books. We also feel that it will encourage more teens to use our library because they will be able to see what we have and if we don't have something they want, we can interlibrary loan it for them. One of our board members was very much in favor of Destiny because she has three older children and a new baby. She used the Internet access to another library in our area because she could put books on hold and then just run into the library and pick them up without waiting while she was running a multitude of errands. Now, she can do that here and we are all happier!
Estherville	\$1,800.13	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped us buy a flat screen LCD T.V.'s - one for the community room and one for the children's story time room - and a VCR/DVD Blu-ray for the community room. We also purchased electronics for the community room - amp/speaker/wireless microphone. The children's department accommodated three special programs during the summer reading program. Speakers could incorporate their presentation with the new equipment in the community room. One of the programs we had for the summer reading program were the Storm Chasers. He was very impressed with the technology we had available for him for his presentation. He said it made the information so much more electrifying.

Evansdale	\$1,578.49	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for almost the entire annual subscription fee for our Learning Express database. The database provides testing help for many different types of jobs as well as computer classes, which are very beneficial given today's economy and job market.
Everly	\$879.56	Technology & Equipment	We purchased an Epson PowerLite Projector, Plantronics head set with microphone and two stereo headphones. We are now able to show movies and provide more adult programming with the LCD projector. The headphones were needed for the patron computers so they can listen to music without bothering others. As library director, I am able to attend online classes and earn credits toward recertification. The classes require a headset and microphone. We didn't have a way to show a DVD before we bought the projector. Now we can use the DVD for library board education.
Exira	\$1,382.91	Library Materials & Supplies	We spent our funds on various library materials. We appreciate this funding. We have not received an increase in our library budget and this was a life saver for us. Being able to continue to order the latest releases for our patrons is important.
Fairbank	\$1,402.76	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	This money was spent on print and audio books. By being able to have the Grout Museum come to the library this summer for programming, some people that don't normally come into the library came to our programs and checked out the library! They have since gotten a library card and checked out materials. We have been able to add many new children's books this year. The Amish classes were getting tired of the same stories year after year. They enjoyed having some new books to read in their classes. Our teachers were happy to have some new books to work on their teaching strategies. I have a patron who cannot afford to buy books. He is happy to be able to find books here that he wants to read.
Fairfax	Not eligible		
Fairfield	\$3,999.61	Library Materials & Supplies	Our Direct State Aid income allows us to supplement our small materials budget to purchase books, AV materials, and music CDs that would not otherwise be possible. Patrons are happy to find all these new items in our collection, thanks to income from Direct State Aid.
Farmersburg	\$1,200.55	Personnel	We used these funds to pay for additional staff.
Farmington	Not eligible		
Farnhamville	\$523.20	Capital	As a result of our remodeling, we weeded and

		Improvements	cleaned all shelves and books. We now have a very well kept library. We also rearranged our shelves so we have a new look. Thanks for Direct State Aid.
Fayette	\$1,443.49	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Children books were purchased for 7 th and 8 th graders as those students will visit our library next year. Our elementary students will be going to Hawkeye and West Union. Each year the board designates Direct State funds toward purchasing one computer for the library. This year we replaced one of our patron access Gates computers. It is quit an improvement.
Fenton	\$1,282.65	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Library Programs	We used this money for computer repair and we cleaned up files. Our Library very much appreciates this funding as it allows us to do some extra things for our patrons.
Fertile	\$1,268.90	Library Materials & Supplies	We use these funds to rent books from McNaughton and audio books from Taped Editions. We get a fair price this way and have a faster turn over on them. They make up around 1/4 of our adult fiction section. This brings in more people to our library to check out our items. With this money I was able to get a travel book(one of several choices)for a patron. They used it for their vacation, singing its praises when they returned.
Fertile	\$1,297.30	Library Materials & Supplies	The money received from Direct State Aid allows us to purchase books we would not be able to afford. We are able to purchase quality large print books for our vision impaired patrons and subscribe to NEIBORS audio book down load program.
Fonda	\$887.86	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid funding helped us to replace our two desktop computers for patron use. People were still having to use the two computers that we had received from the Gates Foundation Grant seven years ago, so the new computers are a big improvement. We have recently had one or two patrons using the new computers for job searches, which is definitely less time consuming and easier with the new computers.
Fontanelle	\$1,281.91	Library Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Library Programs	We were able to purchase catalog cards, labels, and book jackets so we can process books. We also purchased book bags and labels. We used some of the money on computer repair, and paid for a newspaper ad for our Christmas program and supplies for our bulletin board for the Summer Reading Program. We have been able to purchase

			new books that the public like and our circulation has increased quite a bit. The kids and parents have enjoyed the programs and more young people are using the library. We have a person who was able to take required online classes on our computers. She was very appreciative.
Forest City	\$2,181.02	Furniture Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used for a new book drop and the summer library program.
Fort Atkinson	\$1,279.69	Library Materials & Supplies	These funds helped us add the NEIBORS program (online downloading of audio books for our patrons). It helps us keep up with the demand for newly released books that our patrons request. I've received good comments from the online downloading of "free" audio books that our patrons can now access. One commented how she is telling all of her friends about this service. She said she isn't frustrated about not being able to get as many books read anymore since she can now listen to a book while driving, walking or working around the house.
Fort Dodge	\$7,651.13	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Without this funding we would not have been able to hire additional staff to work throughout the summer to assist with the Summer Reading Program. We also purchased audio books, DVDs, processing supplies, a DVD player, printer, and an APC replacement battery cartridge.
Fort Madison	\$1,296.33	Library Programs	This funding has supplemented the resources provided in the library's genealogy collection. While we have significant resources for local genealogy, the two databases we purchased offer access to nationwide resources. Historians researching their family's past can try to find information locally before traveling to other places.
Fredericksburg	\$1,443.72	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	With Direct State Aid, we are able to be open extra hours. We also spent funds for the children's library programming and staff training. We purchased "Battle of the Books" books for the middle and high school kids, and Iowa Children's Choice Award books. Our computer system needed updating so we replaced two printers. Our library was able to maintain and support the programming for children of all ages, as well as the adult READ IT group. This morning the READ IT group got several senior citizens involved who previously were reluctant to join a book group for fear of not being able to discuss a book intelligently with younger adults. This program has given them the confidence to be able to participate

			and they enjoy coming each month.
Galva	\$805.09	Library Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to buy books, DVDs and audio books. We are a very small town so the library offers many services for our community free of charge. We have an extensive DVD collection that is used often by all ages. This money has helped us buy the new releases of DVDs and keep our collection up to date. We have had many people compliment our library for giving the public such a good selection of entertainment. We also buy the best selling books with the extra money. This money is very important to our library and therefore to our community. I had a lady who was a shut-in so her husband would come down and pick up movies and books for her. I knew what she liked so I could send home the right movies and books. When her husband died and the lady moved to her son's house in a different state, she said she would miss our special library and always remember the hours of enjoyment she got from our collection.
Garden Grove	Not eligible		
Garnavillo	\$1,404.58	Capital Improvements	We used this money for the installation of new doors, making entering and leaving the library easier for anyone with a disability, stroller or the elderly. The library has received many compliments and people have stated that the doors are a great improvement to the library.
Garner	\$1,996.96	Personnel	We used Direct State Aid to pay for a children's assistant. With this funding we are able to provide services to our children and young adults, particularly those in daycare.
Garrison	\$454.45	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase new books for children and young adults
Garwin	\$858.11	Library Materials & Supplies	We appreciate this funding because our small town has a very low tax base and we have a very small amount of money to work with each year. We were able to get books for juniors this year, which we haven't done in a while, and they are really enjoying the chapter and series books.
George	\$999.50	Technology & Equipment	The library is just starting the automation process so we used the Direct State Aid funds to help pay for our start up costs.
Gilman	Not eligible		
Gilmore City	\$1,282.19	Library Materials & Supplies	We spent the money filling in gaps in our collection. We've had an increase in circulation, especially in the young adult and children's areas. These were areas I thought would help bring our numbers up as our

			elderly population is declining. We are a small rural town so keeping the kids engaged and excited about reading and the library is vital to keeping the doors open. We have a little girl in our summer reading program that was so excited about the program and what she'd been doing, she had her mother bring her in to get books. This family had never been in the library and signed up for the first time. It's great to see the children bringing the parents in. I feel like we're doing what we are suppose to be doing!
Gladbrook	\$928.16	Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid made the library much brighter and pleasant. The older patrons really appreciate the new lights. The fixtures are now in the ceiling and do not cut off the heat and A/C.
Glenwood	\$2,494.45	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We bought new books on CD and young adult books. Direct State Aid helped us provide DSL Internet access for our patrons. The books on CD are a hit with the patrons in our community who commute to the Omaha/Council Bluffs metro area for work.
Glidden	\$538.50	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid for new Christian fiction books and magnets to promote the library's hours. We have a home delivery program for local daycares called Traveling Tales. We are constantly getting more daycare providers in Glidden, so in turn we need to keep purchasing quality, study canvas totes for all of the books that are delivered each month. Having Direct State Aid to help with this expense has been great.
Gowrie	\$1,452.02	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	I purchased books, CDs, DVDs, items for children's crafts, and office supplies with Direct State Aid. I also purchased a new fax machine and a wireless scanner. I was able to provide more crafts for the kids, which brought more kids into the library. I have a boy that comes in who is interested primarily in the civil rights movement, but he is very low functioning. With some of the extra money I was able to purchase a couple of books with him in mind to keep him interested in reading.
Graettinger	Not eligible		
Grafton	No report		
Grand Junction	\$1,383.78	Personnel	Total salary for additional staff was \$3,278 (wages and benefits). Direct State Aid paid a portion of this.
Granger	\$847.87	Technology & Equipment	A new laptop computer for the director was purchased using Direct State Aid. For the first time, the new director has a computer! She can organize files, send e-mails, edit the library website, and take online classes with the computer. A step forward to

			modernize the staff work environment. Building the website with modern tools keeps people in the community better informed of library news and events.
Greene	\$1,410.42	Personnel	This funding allows us to be open on Friday mornings and gives our staff more time to work on special projects such as seasonal decorating and program planning. We have older ladies who get their hair done on Friday mornings and then stop in for some weekend reading materials. Retired gentlemen congregate at the library in the mornings to visit and get caught up on their daily newspapers. During the summer months, the kids can hang out at the library, use the computers and keep cool until the pool opens at 1 p.m. It's all about being able to offer services for as many hours of the week as possible.
Greenfield	\$1,615.14	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Furniture Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid for new audio books for adults and DVDs for the juniors' room. We also purchased a copy machine for the office. The library partners with the local extension office to bring many educational and fun summer programs for the youth of this area. They engage the talents of local teens in 4-H who provide leadership for the children who are involved. Without the library this would not be possible. The library provides the books, some funding, and the space to make all this happen. A patron who loved to read recently lost their eyesight and depends on the library's audio books so she can still enjoy "reading."
Grimes	\$2,632.56	Capital Improvements Other	We used Direct State Aid on half of the amount to purchase a Wii and appropriate software and equipment. So far it has been extremely popular, especially at our Teen Tuesdays. We have some children whose parents cannot afford to purchase a Wii system. This allows those children to blend into conversations about gaming that is becoming a major part of a kid's world. I'm not trying to save the have not's, but to keep communication open between children in any way is always a positive effect. Also, this provides children a chance to be together in a safe place. So, while we are not babysitters as these kids are older, it presents a safe, fun, and even an educational setting for them to spend quality time with a friend, or even meet a new friend during our gaming times!
Grinnell	\$3,174.10	Library Materials & Supplies Technology &	We moved into a new building during this fiscal year, and of course we encountered many additional expenses that we had been unable to anticipate in

		Equipment Furniture	budgeting. This allowed us to purchase an additional book cart, which made the logistics of checking in materials far more efficient, and large print books. We were also able to fund the Learning Express database despite a tight budget year.
Griswold	\$1,410.88	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for Wilbor audio books, movie licensure, audio CDs and terminal server programs. Due to our limited budget we are not able to purchase all the latest formats. It is also difficult to keep up with all the updated software that people expect and have access to in local schools and community colleges. So now when they come to the library they can continue to write their papers or work on their projects using programs that are compatible with their CDs and jump drives. The public is becoming much more sophisticated in their technology and will go where they can use the latest updates. So we are thankful we can keep them local instead of traveling to the city. We have had numerous people looking for jobs and updating resumes. We helped two people this year find jobs as a result of using library computers. I hope there have been others who have also been successful that I don't know about.
Grundy Center	\$1,936.94	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture	We purchased materials for the library using Direct State Aid. Examples are CD books, and new books for all ages. We have wanted to provide specific computers (separate from the adult computers) for quite a while. This money allowed us to purchase the tables and two chairs for this project. This project will definitely make the staff's life easier and allow children to have their own computers in their own area. This funding is most welcome to our library and we do thank you for all your support.
Guthrie Center	\$1,661.68	Technology & Equipment Other	All of our Direct State Aid funding was used for databases for our computer users. We purchased a Wii game with accessories, as well as some Christmas decorations for our Festival of Trees. The databases we purchased have helped so many patrons in so many different ways. It has been a great aid especially to our genealogy researchers who have been amazed that they could access these tools at our library. The purchase of the Wii game has been really great for our younger patrons. We have noticed that a number of them are getting a significant amount of exercise from playing some of the games which is so healthy for those who don't get much activity otherwise.

Guttenberg	\$1,707.58	Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid was used to help replace the library's heating and air conditioning system when it unexpectedly failed this past year. The new system is much more energy efficient, saving money in the long term. We are grateful for the new system, which makes it comfortable to be inside the library and also controls the heat and humidity for proper computer function.
Hamburg	\$961.83	Technology & Equipment	Heritage Microfilm digitized and provided Internet access to an additional 13 rolls of microfilm. Reels scanned were for the <i>Hamburg Reporter</i> , <i>Fremont Democrat</i> , <i>Hamburg Republican</i> , and <i>Democratic News</i> . Included were a set of searchable CDs. This was paid for using Direct State Aid.
Hampton	\$2,682.43	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to pay for Public Library Management classes and mileage. We also purchased audio books and an e-book subscription. Keeping a staff trained is always beneficial to our community. Patrons need answers to their questions and we are here to provide those answers. Also the e-books are a great way to show our community that libraries are as vital a service as ever. The Internet and e-books only make us more valuable....not less. A patron who hasn't utilized the library in a long time was thrilled when she found out through our book discussion group that our website offered e-books at no cost.
Hanlontown	1268.9	Library Materials & Supplies	These funds were used for renting books from McNaughton and audio books from Taped Editions. We get a fair price this way and have a faster turn over. They make up around 1/4 of our adult fiction section. With this funding we are able to provide a wider selection of materials for our patrons. This brings in more people to check out our items instead of them going somewhere else.
Harcourt	\$1,281.36	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for books, DVDs, work supplies, computers and Internet access. All these give our patrons a better selection and helps our circulation. Internet access helped students with reports for school and helped others look and apply for jobs.
Harlan	\$2,545.82	Library Materials & Supplies	We have used Direct State Aid to purchase books for our young adult collection and DVDs for our general collection. Our revamping of the young adult collection has staved off a decline in circulation. While our general purchases have a typical reception, our new young adult collection is attracting new readers and stimulating new followers for these

			authors. We have an aspiring writer that has devoured these new books, and she is at the stage of submitting her manuscript to a publisher. She says that these books have helped her write, and have given her confidence that she can achieve this life-long goal. She has also passed these books on to her daughter (age 11), who has gone from voluntary illiteracy to confirmed bookworm, and her son (age 13) who is being weaned away from comics, movies, and television.
Harpers Ferry	\$448.32	Personnel Library Programs	We used some of the funding to help us get trained on using our automation system.
Hartley	\$1,529.88	Library Materials & Supplies	Some of these funds were spent on our DVD collection. We've updated from VHS to DVDs and buying classics such as "Arsenic and Old Lace" as well as new DVD's. We have had a large increase in circulation as a result of this update. Our patrons have been pleased with the variety and selections we made. Classics seemed to be a big hit and we are seeing a lot of the older generation checking them out. Our children's books are always an improvement as teachers and parents alike enjoy getting and checking out new books on various subjects.
Havelock	Not eligible		
Hawarden	\$1,882.79	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Thanks to Direct State Aid, we were able to enroll in a CD book lease program, purchase a World Book Encyclopedia online for library and at home use. The online encyclopedia allows our patrons the most current information at home or at the library. The books on CD are so popular with patrons who commute or are going on vacation. I had a mom call about a child's assignment and explained to her how she could access the World Book at home on her computer. She was ecstatic!
Hawkeye	\$1,235.44	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We were able to buy Follett Support, Follett Alliance Plus online subscription, and Internet Access. Because we are a rural community, we have many patrons who come in just to use the computers and the Internet. Many had to discontinue their own and they are so grateful to be able to come here and use ours for "free." The Follett Support helps to improve our catalog so that patrons can find books faster. We were able to purchase a few more items for our summer reading program.
Hedrick	\$1,308.83	Technology & Equipment	Virus protection, software, fax, ink, and a printer were purchased using Direct State Aid. This funding

		Library Programs	allows our little library to reach out to the community, encourage children to read, and help our library to be an asset to the community.
Hiawatha	\$3,032.45	Personnel	Direct State Aid was used for salaries to cover Sunday hours. (Open from 1-4 pm on Sundays from Labor Day through Memorial Day.) Our Sundays have become so busy that we could really use more staff!
Hillsboro	Not eligible		
Holstein	\$1,454.88	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased audio books and large print books with our funds.
Hopkinton	\$894.85	Personnel	Direct State Aid was used for cleaning services in our library that includes organization and decluttering, as well as weekly cleanings.
Hospers	\$1,446.62	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	The money was used to increase our large print book circulation. We are circulating a good number of large print books to the senior citizens and have also started sending some to the local medical center. The patrons love it.
Hubbard	Not eligible		
Hudson	\$1,723.19	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we bought Leap Frog games, PS3 and Wii games, Blu-ray movies and a patron counter. We are grateful to have a patron counter instead of trying to estimate how many people come to the library. We think our numbers were/will be much higher than previously reported, which will help our case for funding. The games we purchased are for both in-house use for youth programming and for circulation. They help us get kids to the library that we can then serve in many different ways. Some of the kids who take advantage of the electronic games we purchased would not have access to them otherwise. They may be games, but they are important to those kids.
Hull	\$1,267.63	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	This money was spent for new library magnets. These magnets display the library's address, website, phone number, and operating hours. They have been very well received and appreciated. Our online catalog is still a relatively new service we offer and so by including our website on the magnet people are able to get to our catalog and search for, reserve and renew library materials, something that many people have told us that they appreciate. Because of this funding we were able to purchase many extra prizes for our summer reading programs this year. Both the frisbees and beach balls have been enjoyed by the children in our program and we have received nice compliments about the water bottles from adults in

			our adult reading program. The extra prizes for the kids have been especially nice as they add a little extra incentive for children to participate.
Humboldt	\$2,361.05	Library Materials & Supplies	We used these funds to purchase new audio books.
Humeston	\$816.53	Personnel	Additional hours were added for FY10 so the library could be open 20 hours per week. An assistant director was hired to cover the extra hours each week. So many community members are thrilled that the library is now open another afternoon each week. Direct state aid played a significant role in adding an additional staff person to cover a 3 hour shift on a day that we were previously closed. This funding has made a difference for many people. It has provided part-time employment for a recently retired individual. It also allows students at the local school to have another afternoon to use the library and computers when they have school work or Internet research to complete.
Huxley	\$1,843.17	Library Materials & Supplies	We used these funds to buy more books for the library.
Ida Grove	\$1,664.05	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased books, audiobooks, and DVDs using Direct State Aid.
Independence	\$2,782.93	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Other	We were able to purchase new audio books and books: Adult audios, children's books and large print books. NEIBORS Annual subscription was also paid for with these funds. Accucut - The Accucut makes it simple to create materials for programs and displays. Our library was able to offer a better collection of audio books and books as a result of the funding. These have been used extensively by our community, with the largest increases in usage being with the audio books on CD and the NEIBORS downloadable audio books.
Indianola	\$4,696.61	Capital Improvements	Without this funding, we would have found it difficult to do the proper study for a new library.
Inwood	\$1,424.88	Library Materials & Supplies Other	With this money we were able to expand our juvenile audio books and purchase more children's DVDs. We also purchased reusable book bags to give to each of our patrons and refrigerator magnets with the library's hours. We have received a lot of positive feedback on the book bags and magnets. Parents were very appreciative to have bags they could designate to their children. The books had to be put back in the library bag to be returned so they could keep track of them more easily. Also the magnets were a hit because our hours are hard for people to

			remember.
Ionia	\$1,283.48	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We gave a salary increase to the director. We added to our DVD collection and discontinued our video collection.
Iowa City	\$18,564.79	Technology & Equipment	This year Direct State Aid made it possible for us to complete a major upgrade of our RFID system. We purchased new reader pads (antennas), software and security gates. We had budgeted to replace our three old self-check machines because they were breaking down a lot and we need to depend on them because they handle about 750,000 circulation transactions a year. However, as we began to investigate our options it became clear that to upgrade the self-check machines we would also have to upgrade our RFID readers and security gates. This money had not been budgeted. Direct state aid helped make the project possible.
Iowa Falls	\$2,457.33	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We used \$200 of Direct State Aid towards a staff development day. We hired Kim VanDeest, from Waterloo PL to instruct staff on Office 2007 products, primarily Word and Excel. She is a great trainer and added significantly to this staff training. We also used money for the NEIBORS program which is very popular with our patrons. We continue to add to our audiobook (CD) format with DSA money. CD format audiobooks are also very popular with patrons especially during the summer when families are traveling. We purchased Office 2007 software and Symantec antivirus software and had them installed on all computers with the aid of a computer network specialist. Plus we hired this same business to troubleshoot some computer problems we encountered this year. In particular the DSA money is hugely impactful when it comes to computer troubleshooting. As the director, it is my responsibility to handle most of the computer issues but without adequate computer skills I find that the company we've been able to hire to handle these issues is better equipped to do so and I feel more comfortable with the results. This means the public is served better because computers are more available to them. Less down time for staff to try and figure out how to fix them. We have people with eye diseases that cause them to be unable to read regular or large print books. But when we add to our audio book collection, these same patrons who have been huge readers in the past, still get to stay current with

			their favorite authors. Or in the case of one of our patrons, she is able to read/listen to all the books that the book discussion group discusses monthly. She still stays involved because she is able to read/listen to the book selection in audio format. It is her brother that gets to keep up with his favorite authors of suspense and mysteries in audio format as well. Both have macular degeneration.
Irwin	Not eligible		
Jamaica	Not eligible		
Janesville	\$1,536.53	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for Saturday staff hours and new books.
Jefferson	\$2,298.93	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture	Puppets, movies and educational DVDs, teen books, WILBOR audiobook subscription, county history books, and items for the children's Creative Learning Center were purchased using Direct State Aid. A year ago we were able to remodel and enlarge the teen area, including doubling the amount of shelving for teen books. Direct State Aid funds were used to purchase many new teen books. As a result, the number of teen books checked out this year increased by 669. We are thrilled to have more teens in the library "checking out" their new area and enjoying all the new books! We do not have enough money in the budget to cover the purchase of educational DVDs. There is no other location in our town that offers this service, so we feel it is important to be able to add several new non-fiction DVDs each year. Direct State Aid funds make this possible. Direct State Aid funds have been used each year to purchase new items for the Creative Learning Center in the children's department. This is a special area for young children where they can learn as they play with educational toys and other materials. It is common to see families together in this area, and frequently grandparents bring visiting grandchildren to spend time together in this area of the library. More than one parent has commented that they can't drive by the front of the library without their children begging to come in to play in the Creative Learning Center. Thank you for Direct State Aid funds which make this area possible to have in our library.
Jesup	\$1,737.15	Library Materials & Supplies Library	Money was mostly spent on books and books on CD. We were also able to get a historical art print of Jesup for the city's 150th to hang in the Library.
Jewell	\$1,505.31	Capital	Building improvements done in the library's

		Improvements	community room were paid for with Direct State Aid. The room is used by the library for its programming and by the community as a meeting space.
Johnston	\$4,927.00	Library Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid funds for several of our online databases. Due to economic conditions, resources that are particularly useful to library users are Learning Express Test Prep & Job Skills database and Ferguson's Career Guidance Center. Online resources enhance access by making information available to our users 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We know that our library users are increasingly dependent upon online resources rather than printed reference materials. We are continuing to expand our online offerings in a variety of areas, and these funds have helped us to grow our "virtual library" resources. During these tough economic times, there are people who are discovering that resources at the library will help them re-tool for different jobs. Some of those jobs require passing certification tests. We have recommended the Learning Express database to our customers as a means to study and practice taking tests that will help position out-of-work individuals for new careers. If the customer is not already comfortable with using a computer, learning to use the Internet to access an online resource helps develop an added, critical skill for the individual.
Joice	\$1,269.33	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased books, CDs, work supplies, and office supplies with these funds.
Kalona	\$1,876.39	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped pay for a new server and upgraded equipment for wireless access and automation. It's financially difficult to keep our technology current. Our previous automation server was 8 years old and we needed to upgrade in anticipation of a new automation system (current system is over 10 years old). The Direct State Aid funds helped us with those upgrades.
Kanawha	\$1,381.86	Technology & Equipment Furniture	We were able to buy a thermal slip printer. Our library underwent a remodel this past year, which made our library more user friendly for our patrons.
Kensett	\$898.46	Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements	We used this money to update some of the books in our juvenile non-fiction section of the library.
Keokuk	\$3,692.04	Technology & Equipment Furniture	We used a majority of the money to purchase: a new laminator (to replace a 1970's machine), a "fax kit" for a photocopier (to enable faxing, and replace a slow and outdated machine), and a staff laptop with

			software licenses.
Keosauqua	\$915.58	Capital Improvements	Our community strives to retain its unique "villages of old" appeal. Our building was built in the 1960s. The insulation in both the attic and in the basement had served its purpose. The heating and cooling bills were atrocious. Both bills have lowered substantially since putting new insulation in using Direct State Aid. Another problem we were encountering was a leaking basement. Yes we have had a wet spring and summer, but the boards holding the gutters on was rotten and most of the downspouts had been run over by lawn mowers so ALL of the roof water was saturating the ground even further. The rotten wood was pulled off, new wood was put in along with new gutters. (The basement IS drying up!) Everyday our patrons tell us how beautiful we are making the library. They love how we are taking care of our building that most of them can remember as kids.
Keota	\$1,346.64	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We used this money to help us pay for a technology tech to update all of our 10 public computers. Our computers are used everyday and they were in need of some serious updating. Now our computers are running faster and our patrons are happy. We had a new family move into our town and the children are benefiting from all our library. It was a great way for these children to get introduced to our town and of course our library.
Keystone	\$1,296.05	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid pays for DVDs to replace videos, and the second part of Atrium Automation System.
Kimballton	Not eligible		
Kingsley	\$1,027.99	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We were able to hire a person to run our summer reading program, hire entertainment and purchase supplies for the summer library program .
Klemme	\$1,360.35	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a new printer, fax, scanner, copy machine for the office using Direct State Aid. The rest went to updating the computer room for the general public.
Knoxville	\$3,038.62	Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements	We replaced three public access computers that were seven years old using these funds. With the help of donations through TechSoup, we also updated the Office programs to Microsoft 2007. Our Friends group helped to fund the new computers also. We are excited to have the adjacent old building down

			and to have a green space at present. We have had outdoor activities there with the children. We also look forward to exploring possibilities of expanding the current facility. The funding through Direct State Aid helped move us forward. We have had many positive comments on the development of the green space next to our library. We had a children's program there last week (water show) that attracted more than 150 people. Everyone seemed to be having fun and we created many positive emotions about the library and its services. We hope we made a difference in someone's life then.
La Porte City	\$1,656.46	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	This money was spent on additional staff hours to help with the various programs we offered throughout the year. We purchased several new books with this money. Some were specifically for summer reading and other books were added to our general collection. We are seeing an influx of children using our library so we need to add new books to keep them coming in. Through the funding we have received through the state we have been able to offer more programs for the people in our community. We have found that our library is becoming an integral part of our community and our circulation rates are going up.
Lacona	\$831.05	Furniture	A new circulation desk was purchased.
Lake City	\$1,741.26	Library Materials & Supplies	DVDs and Young Adult books were bought with this money. We had a program for our teen readers that enabled them to select books for the library to purchase for the young adult collection. Direct State Aid helped to fund these purchases. We received a grant last year to start a DVD collection. This collection has been very popular, and the funds from Direct State Aid have helped us to keep it growing and keep our patrons coming back for more.
Lake Mills	\$1,700.03	Technology & Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase a new circulation system from The Library Corporation. Our old circulation system was 12 years old and not being supported by the company so it was imperative that we go to a new system.
Lake Park	\$1,399.76	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We purchased themed books, CDs, and DVDs to go with the Make A Splash Summer Reading Program. We also bought a new CD Player. This made a huge difference to our community. We have a six week program, 1 ½ hrs. for 4-6 year olds, and 1 ½ hrs. for 7-9 year olds, that is attended by 50-75 children every week. This brings in all ages, from little ones to senior

			volunteers. Our patron count on a Tuesday averages 150 in the summer, which is approximately 15% of our town's population. Since we are rural, there are 2 choices for kids, the library or the pool, so this money helps meet the needs of families in the summer.
Lake View	\$1,501.99	Library Materials & Supplies	New books, audio books, and DVDs were bought with Direct State Aid. With the increase in the cost of library materials and the economic issues of the country, any funding received for our library is greatly needed and appreciated. We have recently become the only source of media material for patrons of our small town which has increased the circulation of our DVD section immensely. Those patrons I know are especially glad we spend money on new DVD arrivals each month.
Lakota	\$1,260.80	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for training for the library director, a new computer/copy machine, and new materials we may not have been able to purchase, which also helps our circulation. I was able to attend some valuable training. Patrons of all ages are amazed at the services we provide for a small town. The new and updated materials we can provide for checkout helps to make my day!
Lamoni	\$1,646.77	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture	A Platinum Fiction series of 24 large-print books from Center Point Publishing, received 2 books per month throughout the year, was paid for with these funds. Lamoni has a large number of elderly citizens and has been designated as one of two model elder-friendly communities in the state of Iowa. Elderly residents are frequent users of our collection of large-print books. Direct state aid helped to increase the size of our large-print collection and keep it current. The new display case, purchased in part with Direct State Aid funds, has become a focal point for the library. Each month, we fill it with a new themed display, and advertise the display in the local newspaper. We also feature books related to the display theme. The displays have drawn people to the library, encouraging people to discover and use resources that they had not previously known about. They have also encouraged interaction among people of the community based on the items displayed. Display themes have included artifacts from Japan and Korea, items from South Africa, musical instruments from around the world, wedding photos of couples married 40 years or longer, and "watery wonders" -- everything from seashells and sand

			dollars to fishing lures. Displays including Civil War-era music, veterans' photos, and early 20th century beautician supplies are being planned. Music classes from Lamoni Elementary School came to the library to view the display of unusual musical instruments. Kids had the opportunity to touch and play a variety of instruments, including a folk harp and an African djembe drum. Weeks later, children are still talking to the librarians about the instruments and their desires to take music lessons.
Lamont	Not eligible		
Lansing	\$1,417.85	Library Materials & Supplies	We put these monies towards the purchase of books. Half of the amount went toward children's books this year. The other half went for adult books. We are trying to get new books into the youth section. Because we are improving our children's section, we are seeing more use and more of their books are being checked out.
Larchwood	\$972.80	Library Materials & Supplies	Audio books (children, young adult, and adult) were paid for with Direct State Aid. We also bought processing supplies. More and more patrons of all ages want to check out audio books. Our own budget cannot buy enough new audio books to fill the demand. Direct State Aid helps fill this need. Truck drivers and other patrons who spend many hours on the road really enjoy our audio book collection. Children are as eager for new audios as their parents. Many families going on vacation stop at the library and check out audios for the entire family to listen to while driving. Our audio collection is better traveled than our library staff.
Laurel	Not eligible		
Laurens	\$1,493.34	Technology & Equipment Furniture	We used this money to purchase a laminating machine and supplies to be used for the library and for patrons.
Lawler	\$1,307.56	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	We bought new DVDs and made repairs on our laser jet printer and computer. My computers are always busy and the chairs were getting to be in bad shape; it made sense to replace them. Same with keeping the equipment in good running condition. The small desk was something of a whim, but laptop users always had to sit in a busy area and plug their computers into the wall where the cords were in the way of regular computer users. Now they have a quiet area towards the back. A bonus: people will often sit there to look at books or newspapers. I've also noticed that DVDs aren't necessarily a bad thing

			to have in the library. Very seldom do people only check out a DVD. They are much more apt to check out reading materials along with them, especially parents who come in with their children. Maybe it's incentive for the kids to read, but a lot of them end up taking home a bunch of books. Right now I have several people who come in regularly to search for jobs. I'm glad I'm able to get my computers repaired quickly so they can use them for this purpose.
Le Claire	\$1,882.09	Library Materials & Supplies	The Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase the teen, juvenile and picture books nominated for the Iowa Children's Choice, Goldfinch, Teen and High School awards. Having displays of the books nominated for the Iowa awards makes it easy to guide even reluctant readers to a book they will enjoy and can discuss with classmates.
Le Grand	\$1,275.19	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for a portion of our software to upgrade our CIRC/CAT system from Spectrum to Destiny. We never would have been able to upgrade from a 10-year-old system to a new one without this money!
Le Mars	\$1,145.17	Library Materials & Supplies	The library used their Direct State Aid money to purchase databases and e-books. We bought the Hobbies and Crafts database from EBSCOhost during their promotion. We also purchased Britannica Online. We also now have nine new travel e-books available. It would not have been possible for us to add databases to our collection without the funding that we receive from the state. We are able to serve many more people by having databases accessible to our patrons 24/7. Funding and spending at the local school has been cut, so databases for students from the library have been an important partnership in helping students find materials that they need.
Ledyard	\$1,197.40	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We spent some of the Direct State Aid (\$25.00) on food, napkins, decorations, etc. for hosting the Kossuth County Library Association meeting at our library. I also got paid mileage for attending a library class meeting. We purchased a bookshelf for the music CDs and also for new books. I also bought some new movies,. There are more people coming in to check them out. I also added more best sellers on my book orders.
Lehigh	\$1,312.49	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	This money is used to purchase requested materials outside of the standard book order. For example the Methodist Reading group is very active in our community so I try to purchase a few books from the

			<p>most recent book list each year. My summer reading program runs anywhere from nine to eleven weeks, and we have treats every week, so it's nice to have a little extra money in the coffers for these necessities. It's also helpful to the library image as a community organization to be able to pick up books that are requested by local groups for their activities. I know that the community appreciates both these things we do and we couldn't do it without the monies we receive from the state. There's very little for the children to do here in Lehigh other than come to the library, which is why I run such a long program. This way the kids get mental stimulation on a weekly basis and the parents get a break from having the kids at home day in and day out. We can create a safe environment for the kids to spend their time both in and out of summer reading, and that has made for some very grateful adults. We have one grandma who is raising her three granddaughters and will soon be adopting them. She knows she can leave the girls down here for an hour, that they'll be safe and occupied and she can talk to lawyers, social workers, or just go have a cup of coffee with her friends. It's a very large part of her "me" time in the summers, and I know both she and the girls have fun during Summer Reading.</p>
Lenox	\$1,402.64	Technology & Equipment; Library Programs	<p>With Direct State Aid we were able to buy a TV, DVD, and video player, stand and a movie license. Money was also spent on our Summer Reading Program. We have wanted a movie license for a long time. We never would have been able to buy it without this help. It is so appreciated. Some of our little children are Hispanic and some don't have a TV. We thought showing movies would be a great way to get them interested in the library. At least get them in the door.</p>
Leon	\$1,041.79	Library Materials & Supplies	<p>These funds help pay for work supplies. The supply line on our budget includes postage, collection processing materials, and any consumable that does not fit under one of the other lines. Sometimes it begins to look quite creative. Our supply line always goes over budget each fiscal year because we cannot anticipate postage costs and because purchases of materials and receipt of donated materials (all of which need processing) do not follow regular patterns. Perhaps we can iron out some of these issues, but for now, we do the best we can. This money allowed us to free up other money in the</p>

			<p>budget to: 1. present the Eulenspiegel Community Puppet Theater Presentation "The Flea" in our county; 2. to help us fund a new piece of equipment in our genealogy department; 3. may help us toward building funds to make our library handicapped accessible. If we had not had Direct State Aid, it would have been difficult if not impossible to have been able to have done these three things. Because this funding was available to us, and we were able to use another part of the budget to help fund the Eulenspiegel Community Puppet Theater, we were able to present a bilingual (Spanish/English) puppet play to more than 60 people in our county-one of which came in a wheelchair. This play created the opportunity for 12 local residents of both genders and several generations to participate in a professionally produced and directed puppet theater. Members of the audience watched the performance in rapt attention (even preschoolers). Then, in the days following the play, members of two families described how their children performed at home with finger puppets made following the play or marionettes they created themselves. We hope some of the finger puppets will appear in some website films.</p>
Letts	\$1,272.82	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	<p>We were able to pay a high school kid to help clean out closets and cabinets on Saturdays to prepare for our move to a new building. We also purchased a new printer.</p>
Lewis	\$476.36	Technology & Equipment Library Programs Other	<p>Direct State Aid was applied toward a new computer and renewal of MARC WIZARD records. Without these monies we would not have been able to do the extras for our Summer Reading Program. Since we are not automated, part of this funding always goes toward our renewal of MARC Records. Two of our children who attended our Summer Reading Program were so excited to have books given to them TO KEEP.</p>
Lime Springs	\$1,326.01	Technology & Equipment	<p>The Direct State Aid funds were used to help purchase two new computers for the library. This funding has helped our library purchase new computers. It is important to update our computer systems. The patrons use this service daily. We appreciate the funds received.</p>
Linden	\$787.68	Personnel; Library Materials & Supplies	<p>Direct State Aid was used to hire extra staff for evening and Saturday hours. We were also able to purchase new children's books and adult fiction</p>

			books.
Linn Grove	\$454.18	Personnel	We used these funds to help pay salaries.
Lisbon	\$1,708.53	Furniture	An old handmade high bookshelf that divided the library's main floor area was dismantled and removed. It was replaced with four low, double-faced bookshelves that we have placed at angles to improve accessibility. Comments from patrons have been very positive. It has made a huge difference in the lives of the many community members who are increasingly using the library as a gathering place. The lower shelves create a brighter, more open and welcoming atmosphere for everyone. The placement of them leads patrons to browse further into the library's collections whereas the old shelf created a barrier. Thank you for helping us make this important change!
Little Rock	\$876.49	Library Materials & Supplies	We used this money for new books, audio books and DVDs. Our budget was cut very much this last year, so we keep up with the new books for adults and children using this money. It keeps our patrons from going to nearby towns to check out new books coming out. We were also able to obtain new books for our Summer Reading Program.
Livermore	\$904.85	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	With Direct State Aid, we bought children's books, Wi-Fi and Symantec Endpoint. I had a grandmother who moved back to Livermore and she would send her kids to Story Hour and the Summer Reading Program. She called to see if we still had the programs so her grandkids could come because her own children enjoyed the library program when they were growing up.
Logan	\$1,471.83	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought new audio books. We are able to offer more items and more current titles because of this funding. Since discovering audio books we have made Joann's life happier in that she was always running out of large print books to read and now she can do other activities while listening to someone read to her.
Lohrville	\$1,311.64	Personnel	We were able to be open more hours using Direct State Aid. We had more people come into the Library and we are meeting the needs of our community. We are open in the mornings and stay open at night for people who are getting off work.
Lost Nation	\$814.25	Library Materials & Supplies	We used this funding to supply books for our patrons and book processing supplies. We now have patrons that actually come to the library for newer reading materials. They tell us over and over how grateful

			they are we are here and are able to purchase new items.
Lowden	\$1,330.74	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for microfilming the local newspaper, work supplies , a new fax machine, EBSCOhost data base, and the balance was used on software support.
Lu Verne	\$1,330.31	Library Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Library Programs	We used this money for new children's and easy reader books. Children's books were also purchased for the Summer Reading Program. We purchased a new printer capable of printing resume quality letters. Our Summer Reading Program keeps kids interested in reading. Many patrons use the library computers and printer to apply for jobs and they need a top quality resume. The new printer gives them a professional looking one.
Lynnville	\$679.84	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a new computer to use at the circulation desk when we updated to Destiny with Follett. This has made our catalog available online for our customers. They can search for items we have and request items to purchase or borrow for them. This has made our system very convenient for people. They can check and see when their materials are due or request a hold on something. Also people can request information online.
Lytton	\$897.99	Library Materials & Supplies	DVDs, books, large print books, and magazine subscriptions. Direct State Aid makes it possible to keep current reading materials available for our small community
Madrid	\$1,753.73	Library Materials & Supplies Other	Direct State Aid was used for new books, the WILBOR Audio book Consortium, an EBSCOHost auto repair database, and a mobile laptop lab. We have been able to provide computer training classes at any time, not just in the evenings as we did in the past, due to the mobile laptop lab. We have also been able to use the laptops for staff training such as Google searches, EBSCOhost database training, and more. Many patrons enjoy having access to more audio books through the WILBOR consortium. We have been able to provide basic e-mail skills to a number of elderly patrons who were afraid to try it. With the mobile laptop lab we have been able to provide a one-on-one session to teach the basics of a free e-mail account. We always let the patrons know that we are there to help and provide handouts to help them at home. I have been thanked several times for helping them learn this "new" skill and I look forward to

			helping many more.
Mallard	Not eligible		
Malvern	\$1,410.23	Capital Improvements	A working fire alarm is extremely important. With all the cuts we wouldn't have been able to purchase one without Direct State Aid. We did have our alarm go off during a small fire in our wall in the men's bathroom - everyone was removed safely and the problem fixed but the fire department new it before we did! Thank you for these funds. We couldn't have replaced it without this money.
Manchester	\$2,469.74	Technology & Equipment	The money was used to purchase a slip printer, two wireless barcode scanners, and a circulation computer (partial payment). Having working, up-to-date circulation computers, scanners, and slip printers is a necessity for fast, efficient customer service at the circulation desk. We plan to replace our technology equipment before it breaks and appreciate the money received from Direct State Aid to help us accomplish this goal.
Manilla	Not eligible		
Manly	\$1,545.92	Personnel	Since it was a year of transition, we used the majority of Direct State Aid on salaries that included training for new personnel. We have a director and two librarians. A new director and children's librarian were hired and trained. Our library was really straining to meet its obligations to stay within the state requirements and to not cut hours or personnel. Without this state funding, we would have had to possibly cut hours. Our staffing is already at a minimum.
Manning	\$1,024.54	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was spent on books ordered from Baker & Taylor. We also spent money to transfer of databases, switches, cable and surge protector plus labor.
Manson	\$1,755.85	Technology & Equipment Furniture Other	Direct State Aid paid for tech support, subscriptions (including updates) for automation and cataloging software, and chair mats to protect new carpeting. SILO and interlibrary loan are very important to our library. Cataloging software that meets the State Library's standards has made it possible for the library to easily upload to SILO and know that the records meet the minimum requirements, as well as to keep our library's catalog up to date. Our patrons are very appreciative of our ability to find the books they are looking for. Families love the new children's furniture that allows them to enjoy books together in our library. We were without a table and chairs for

			almost a year as we waited for the completion of our renovation project and it is very rewarding to see how happy they are to sit and read!
Mapleton	\$1,426.04	Library Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid money to supplement our CD and DVD purchases. This money almost doubled the amount of items we were able to purchase for our library patrons.
Maquoketa	\$2,594.10	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid fund allowed us to participate in the NEIBORS audio and e-book download consortium, to continue to purchase large print books for our biggest group of readers--those over 60 -- and to keep our children's non-fiction collection current. Funding for books, videos and other materials is chronically inadequate from city and county tax funds. State aid funds are the major supplement to the materials budget that makes good service possible for our community.
Marathon	\$1,226.93	Personnel	We use this money for salaries to extend hours and enable the library to be open 20 hours a week to qualify for accreditation. We are very busy and are the center of the community. We have many meetings, showers, parties, etc. We partner with the Junior Garden Club to landscape the grounds in front of the community center. We have 33 kids in our Jr. Garden Club. We plant seven gardens in town and the kids take great pride in what they have accomplished. We now have a certified butterfly garden and we do a lot of training in gardening and nutrition. This fall we are going to make salsa from our salsa garden.
Marble Rock	\$1,279.03	Technology & Equipment	We purchased five computers for the library using these funds.
Marcus	\$1,406.54	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	With Direct State Aid we purchased additional books, large print books, and audio books, as well as a new computer with a flat screen monitor.
Marengo	\$1,290.87	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	These funds helped us buy new books, books on CD, supplies for the Summer Reading Program, and computer security system updates. We were able to offer a variety of programming, such as family movie nights, children's story times, and a monthly speaker series for adults. We have families in our community that are having a difficult time making ends meet in these economic times. We are able to provide entertainment and educational programming free of charge to the community that they might not be able to afford otherwise. People who can not afford a

			computer can use our library computers to look for jobs, sign up for unemployment, and keep in contact with friends and relatives through their e-mail.
Marion	\$7,801.84	Technology & Equipment Furniture Other	Direct State Aid helped us buy seven laptop computers for patron checkout; we will use these for training, as well. We bought a new cabinet with electrical power for housing the laptops. The money was also used for the partial cost of Faronics Deep Freeze software to install on laptops and a game cube for children's area. We are very excited to have been able to get seven laptop computers for the library with Direct State Aid funding! We have recently begun checking the computers out to the public and they are really popular! Patrons can use the computers in the library with our free Wi-Fi access, so they have complete access to the Internet for checking e-mail, job applications, etc. We have also installed Open Office software so patrons can use the document, spreadsheet, and slide show applications. This is a great new service in our area, and we wouldn't have been able to provide these computers without this funding. Thank you!
Marshalltown	\$7,052.44	Personnel	Our library used our Direct State Aid, as we have done in years past, to fund part-time staff, allowing us to extend hours. We moved into a new facility in December 2009 and Direct State Aid allowed us to continue to fund part-time staff salaries that we could not have done without this money.
Martelle	\$848.16	Library Materials & Supplies	These funds were used to buy new books.
Mason City	\$8,165.70	Personnel Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped us pay salaries for the children's department Staff. We were able to buy public access computers for the young adult and children's areas. As a result of the Direct State Aid funding we have computers in the children's and young adult areas for the first time ever. There is a little girl about 9 years old who comes in the Library every day by herself. Her parents are divorced and they both live within walking distance of the Library. They work lots of hours, so she spends a lot of time here. Now she can do her homework in the children's department and use the computers there. We are better able to help her because she is close to the circulation desk. She is a sweet girl and brings all of her friends to the library to get Library cards. She has been a great ambassador for us with her peers.
Massena	\$867.97	Personnel	We were able to pay our children's program assistant

			and the rest of Direct State Aid went to training and meeting purposes. We are able to take more training and pay our children's program assistant what she's worth. This enables us to provide the best services to our community. I don't think people realize how much work is involved with setting up programs or the hours of training we librarians have to attend to be certified and to keep current. Without the state aid funding I don't know if any of this would be possible.
Maxwell	Not eligible		
Maynard	\$1,238.10	Technology & Equipment	The Maynard Community Library used the Direct State Aid funding for technology. The library replaced the circulation machine, purchased a wireless router and used the remaining for networking the machines.
McGregor	\$1,597.53	Library Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State to purchase books and audio books for adults and children. This money has been vital to help us keep up with increasing needs of the public during tough economic times.
Mechanicsville	\$1,433.26	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for new books, audio books, DVDs, and library supplies.
Mediapolis	\$1,697.87	Library Materials & Supplies	We used this money for adult and juvenile books.
Melbourne	\$1,318.43	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We were able to purchase books and videos with this money. We were able to update our support for Follett Software for the year, a flash drive, ink, toner, and a drum for our copiers. We were able to add many new items into our collection thanks to this money from the state. This really helps especially with our continued budget cuts.
Melcher-Dallas	Not eligible		
Melvin	Not eligible		
Menlo	\$884.91	Personnel	We used all of Direct State Aid to partially pay for wages for an assistant who will work eight hours a week. We appreciate every bit of the help.
Merrill	Not eligible		
Meservey	\$823.72	Technology & Equipment	We were able to use our Direct State Aid funding to help purchase two new computers for public use. It made for much less congestion on our previous two Gates computers. We have much happier patrons since they do not have to wait so long to use a computer.
Milford	\$1,778.19	Library Materials & Supplies	We continue to use this funding to upgrade our audio-visual collection and the supplies needed to maintain it.
Milo	\$1,337.91	Library Materials &	Direct State Aid paid for new audio books, DVDs,

		Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	Tinker Tots Play Parachute, copy machine maintenance and a TV.
Milton	Not eligible		
Minburn	\$838.47	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to buy children's books and a subscription to Junior Library Guild levels. We've been able to diversify all sections of our children's collections.
Mingo	Not eligible		
Missouri Valley	Not eligible		
Mitchellville	\$1,745.98	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid monies have helped us provide better programs throughout the year and enhanced summer programs; it also increased our collection of books and audio books.
Modale	Not eligible		
Mondamin	\$824.37	Technology & Equipment	This money was used toward the purchase and installation of three new public access computers.
Monona	\$1,580.37	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Other	Direct State Aid helped us become part of the NEIBORS online audiobook and an e-book subscription. Also, circulation software support and a new patron laser printer. These funds were also used to match funds for a grant for a new patron computer station and laptop. Funding for NEIBORS enables the library to offer our patrons a service that speaks to those using new technology, especially the e-books. Money for the circulation software support is essential to library services. The library was able to replace a laser printer with a new one, just another way to keep up with uninterrupted services. The very day that I had a patron ask about e-books, was the day that the library received an e-mail stating that a NEIBORS subscription would include this media. I called the patron and she was thrilled. Another patron has had many changes in her life this year moving to a nursing home and having her eyesight deteriorate. She has been enjoying the downloadable audio books from the NEIBORS website. She would not be able to do this if the library did not offer this service.
Monroe	\$523.74	Library Materials & Supplies	This money was used for magazine subscriptions and children's books.
Montezuma	\$1,048.28	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used for Scholastic and Baker & Taylor books.
Monticello	\$2,027.50	Personnel Library Programs	The money was used for salaries for additional, temporary staff. Having enough funding to provide

			good programs for the children has made this the best attended summer reading program we've ever had! Last year was the first year we did a teen reading program. We only had 16 sign up and very few completed the program. This year we had 33. There are also a lot more that are finishing the program. There was a father who was bringing his kids to our drop-in craft day on Fridays. He made the comment that he didn't think he was going to like doing this, but he found he was able to spend a little extra time with his kids and enjoyed making the crafts. He was actually looking forward to coming to the next one.
Montrose	\$501.94	Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase a new computer.
Moorhead	Not eligible		
Moravia	\$1,277.90	Technology & Equipment	A laptop computer and software were purchased to aid attendees of PLOW (Putting Libraries on the Web) and other workshops scheduled by the State Library. The laptop computer is used to send pictures of library events to the local paper. It is also used to update the website. A patron was able to go on the Internet and update his refrigeration and furnace repair licenses. He did not have to take time off from his construction work do this test.
Morley	\$452.80	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchase DVDs for our collection. We are a small town and DVDs circulate a lot.
Morning Sun	\$1,395.81	Technology & Equipment Library Programs Other	We purchased new computers using Direct State Aid. We were able to give kids in our community activities to participate in. Irma Richenberger had been with the library for many years. We were able to provide her with a celebration at the time of her retirement for her dedication to the library. All her family attended and she was excited about the number of people from the community who attended to show their appreciation for her.
Moulton	\$1,289.38	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	This funding has made it possible for us to be able to better meet the needs of the community and the surrounding area. We are able to stay open 24 hours a week which without the funding would be impossible. We are able to purchase books both entertaining and current. We also renewed our subscription to Marc Wizard which has greatly improved our records and takes only half the time to catalog.
Mount Ayr	Not eligible		
Mount Pleasant	\$3,175.72	Technology &	Using Direct State Aid, we were able to provide our

		Equipment	patrons with up-to-date computers with the current software our patrons needed.
Mount Vernon	\$2,182.97	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid allowed us to expand the large print and the audio book collections in our library. We have purchased large print titles and audio books in response to our visually impaired library patrons needs. We have a new patron who is visually impaired. When she came to the library I gave her a tour and showed her how to use the computer to find our large print titles. It was impossible for her. She then explained to me what it is like to be visually impaired. She can't even see the cursor to move it around on the screen. I had wanted to expand our large print collection and have it in a specifically designated area for some time. Her visit and the Direct State Aid money was just what I needed to make this a reality for our library. We now have a large print area with many new fiction and non-fiction titles. It is placed right next to our audio book collection so that visually impaired patrons have several resources located together. We have also expanded our audio book collection knowing that they are also a helpful tool for the visually impaired. This fall I started a reading program for our local assisted living residents and having this new large print collection is a wonderful resource for them as well.
Moville (Woodbury County)	Not eligible		
Murray	Not eligible		
Muscatine	\$5,205.37	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We purchased Optimal Resume for our patrons. We were able to offer a free educational activity for youth and families with Everybody Eats. All fifth graders attended and most brought back parents. Many families had never been in the library before and we took advantage of the situation to show them other resources. We also provided many additional resources around the topics of nutrition and health. We found those attending were not typically library users. Many of those took advantage of the opportunity to get a library card. This program helped us attract non-library users and demonstrate relevance. The Optimal Resume again touched many non-traditional users. We have a high unemployment and many of those are in manufacturing fields. They are very uncomfortable with writing a resume or finding work via on-line

			<p>methods. Through site visits to Iowa Workforce Development and other agencies we have informed many of the product and let them know we can help them at the E-library. They have taken us up on this offer and we are helping more patrons with job searches and applications using this product. Our reference librarian told me of a situation where he was trying to help a rather hostile older gentleman apply for work. The man was frustrated, couldn't use a computer well and had never written a resume. He almost left a few times before we got him logged on Optimal Resume and then he was very negative about his ability to work the program. When we got him going and he realized how easy it was and how much it helped fill in the information the gentleman started crying with relief. After finishing he thanked the librarian and the people at the desk profusely. Since that time he has referred numerous friends to the library to use the same product.</p>
Nashua	\$1,589.42	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	<p>2010 Iowa Children's Choice Award books, 2010 Iowa Teen Award books and 2010 Iowa Young Adult award books were purchased using Direct State Aid. Microfilming expenses of our local newspaper for our archives were paid for with this money.</p>
Nevada	\$3,008.80	Technology & Equipment	<p>These funds were used for a Destiny software upgrade and a new server. We are just installing the software this week. Customers will be able to renew their items from home and hopefully receive an e-mail to flag upcoming due dates.</p>
New Albin	Not eligible		
New Hampton	\$2,088.79	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Other	<p>We were able to purchase multiple copies of books for discussion groups. Money was also spent on NEIBORS downloadable books and a new fax machine to replace the broken one. In addition, we used these funds for purchase speakers for TV/DVD to enhance programs, i.e.. Winter Fest Family film, and membership in the American Library Association. We are able to purchase more copies of book discussion books to have in-house to facilitate a growing program. This allows more people to participate and we can order multiple large print for those that need it. In addition, we make these available to other libraries. We have a patron who has an at-home consulting business (early literacy education) who never comes in the library but regularly checks out the downloadable books. She has thanked us many times via e-mail.</p>

New Hartford	\$817.75	Personnel	Direct State Aid was used for salaries for additional staff.
New London	\$1,106.75	Capital Improvements	After painting the exterior of the library building this past year, new lighting was purchased and installed on the exterior of the building making it much brighter and inviting in the evening hours. Thanks for Direct State Aid.
New Market	Not eligible		
New Sharon	Not eligible		
New Virginia	\$831.99	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	This funding allowed us to purchase a new computer to replace a very old and very slow one. The public enjoys the increased speed. The new CD player we bought enhances our story times and enables children to learn new songs.
Newell	\$1,353.73	Technology & Equipment	Using Direct State Aid, we purchased a complete computer system with Windows 7.0 to coordinate with what the school uses for homework. We have been getting more demand for computer use in the past year. I am not sure if this is due to the economy alone, or a combination of advertising of available library services with the downturn in the economy. We have seen an increase in the patron number of both children and adults coming in to use our services. Since our computer was still an original Gates computer, we decided it was time to replace this and meet a demand in the community. This funding didn't just affect one patron but many. When we decided to update the computer system, we also increased the speed of our computers cutting down on complaints about slow speed and outdated programs. The community as a whole is happy because we are the only source of computer/Internet free access in the community.
Newhall	\$1,339.18	Personnel	The Direst State Aid money will continue to pay salaries for our increased hours.
Newton	\$5,084.92	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Using this money, we purchased new CDs, summer reading supplies for programs, online database subscriptions (Ancestry/Heritage Quest, Auto Repair Reference, Novelist Plus, Novelist K-8 plus, and children's education game software). Using these funds for databases brings a higher level of service that we would not be able to provide otherwise. The auto reference database seems to be the most economical way for libraries to provide auto repair information since Chilton has changed its publishing format. Being able to use these funds for the grand finale of the summer reading program allowed us to

			use other funds for more programs for children to encourage them to continue to read during the summer.
Nora Springs	\$1,566.04	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to hire a cleaning person which was not in our budget. We also paid for newspaper renewals, supplies and more books that were not in our budget.
North English	\$1,461.92	Library Materials & Supplies	Part of the money was spent on new DVDs and CDs for our children's collection and also for the adult collections, and the remainder was spent on books for adults and young adults. This extra money gives our library a chance to buy exactly what our patrons are asking for.
North Liberty	\$2,971.72	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Other	We were able to join NEIBORS and offer our patrons downloadable audio books sooner than planned. We were able to purchase three new computers for staff use. This freed up the three older computers to be used at three of our Internet stations. We used this amount to partially pay for the purchase of a projector for use with library programs. We had been borrowing the Telecommunications Department's projector for our programs but did have to work our programs around their needs. Patrons have been asking for downloadable audio books and we didn't think this service would be possible until the next budget year (FY11/12). With the purchase of the three computers we can upgrade our software, have "better" computers for patrons to use and be able to "Frankenstein" the oldest computers for bits and pieces when we need parts for repair. Being able to purchase a projector of our own means we can schedule more Movie Mania days as well as use for other programs.
Northwood	\$1,154.24	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to buy junior non-fiction, large print books and, books on CDs. The junior non-fiction materials that we purchased replaced older and out-of-date books and also added books on timely subjects that our local students use for reports and papers. We are always in need of new large print books and book on CDs for our ever increasing population that can no longer read regular print, or those who find the large print materials so much easier to read. Our books on CD are also checked out by our patrons that commute to Mason City and back daily for their jobs
Norwalk	\$3,123.33	Furniture Other	A mural depicting favorite storybook characters was painted in the children's department. Direct State

			Aid funds enabled the completion of the reorganization/redecoration of the children's department that began in FY09/10. Eloise, Winnie-the Pooh, Curious George and other fun and colorful storybook characters are part of two life-sized murals that provide a welcoming, inspiring, and fun addition to the much used department. Also, the board book collection is now properly housed and can be expanded to offer a larger and more varied selection. And, the addition of a table/chair set provides a place for children to read, color, and play. The library has received innumerable compliments on the improvements to what is now a kid pleasing area.
Norway	Not eligible		
Oakland	\$1,541.61	Personnel Other	Direct State Aid was spent on personnel to help run the Summer Reading Program. We also used the funds to purchase prizes to those who participated in the program. Several new families have started using the library as a result of our Summer Reading Program. One family has two young sons who are so excited about the prizes that they are reading even though they do not like to read. The oldest son told me last week that the last book he read was really good.
Ocheyedan	\$908.36	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for additions to the adult and junior fiction collection and DVDs. This funding enables us to purchase items we could not otherwise afford on our limited budget. We have a number of home-schooled patrons who often use materials from our collection they would not have access to otherwise. Due to the bad economy in our area we have many patrons checking out more books and DVDs. They also have access to our computers with Internet service as many have dropped their home Internet service.
Odebolt	\$1,466.44	Personnel	From the beginning we have used part or all of this money for Wednesday morning hours. Other than Saturday, this is the only morning we are open. In January we were open three more hours.
Oelwein	\$2,743.54	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture Library Programs	With Direct State Aid, we bought a special commemorative book on the Olympics; books for the adult and young adult section; magazine subscriptions for adults, teens, and children; and some new-release DVDs. We opened up a new service desk near the main entrance of the library. This new service desk is staffed by a librarian to greet patrons and answer any questions. It is particularly

			appreciated by newcomers to the library. Since our circulation desk is located midway down the length of the library, it is an asset to have a librarian within 15' of the main entrance ready to help anyone who comes into the library. Also, it allows the librarian to be more accessible since it is located on the floor instead of a desk behind a large circulation desk. It also allows staff to spread out among different service points instead of one area. One can see the relief on a newcomer's face when they step into the library for the first time and they zero in on the desk just off to the side of the entrance with a sign that reads "Ask a Librarian." No one wants to look lost or like they do not know what they are doing. Having this help desk removes the stress of the unknown.
Ogden	Not eligible		
Olin	\$1,358.20	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We spent this money on new books and the Summer Reading Program, which helps to keep the children of the community engaged in improving their reading skills. We were able to get a technical book for a patron who was born with a rare disease. It enabled him to understand his condition so he could deal with it better.
Onawa	\$1,865.19	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	We purchased Creative Products, PR materials, Penworthy books and Summer Reading materials. We also bought a new server for Atrium software, and a subscription to EZ Cat so we can find some of our hard to find ISBNs to catalog. We had to upgrade our technology with a server because of the upgrade in our automation system. This upgrade enabled us to merge systems with our local school district. The blinds for the director's office helped with some of the confidential items and keeps some documents and money from public view.
Orange City	\$2,601.84	Technology & Equipment	We replaced some old computers and added additional workstations for the public. We also were able to get larger monitors.
Orient	\$424.39	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used for videos -- five new "family" type movies were purchased for library patrons. Our video collection is very small and this money at least enables us to offer a few new videos each year. Amazingly, the preschool parents discovered them this year. We are able to offer a preschool story hour during the summer. Not many libraries do this during the summer, but because we are a combined school/public library we can't do it during the school year. Attendance has been

			<p>excellent and there is a lot of enthusiasm for the program. Thank you. During the Preschool Story Hour we offer during the summer, parents also browse library materials, etc. around the library. One parent happened on the WILBOR brochure and business card. She asked about it and I told her how it works. A week later she said they took their computer (which is not hooked to the Internet) to a friends house and downloaded a book. She then transferred the file to her phone. Then she listens to her book on her phone when she walks with the baby stroller. I was tickled pink to think that because she was at the public library for a story hour she happened to find out about WILBOR and then was easily able to use it!</p>
Osage	\$2,167.52	Other	<p>This money was used for the installation of a large base built of bricks and cement to mount a new flagpole that had been purchased prior to this fiscal year. The whole project is very attractive (bricks match the building's bricks.) We have found that people make it a point to stop in and tell us how nice the front of the library looks, many of whom have not been regular customers. Even among those who do not tell us, I believe people perceive the library in a new light and are very pleased at the important statement it makes, not only to the community, but to travelers passing through town. A beautiful new safety center is being built in the same block as the library, and it is very important that we both reflect well on the city.</p>
Osceola	\$2,169.53	Technology & Equipment	<p>Direct State Aid was spent on CatExpress which allows me to process books and other media in a more accurate and timely manner, thus our patrons are able to check out new materials almost as quickly as I receive them. New materials are shelved in a special area so patrons know exactly where to find them.</p>
Oskaloosa	\$4,088.32	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	<p>Additional part-time staff hours were paid for with these funds. We also bought supplies needed to prepare new materials for check out and to prepare handouts for patrons. By using brochures to promote library services we have had an increase in patron use of our database and our website. We have issued more patron cards than ever before.</p>
Ossian	\$1,422.84	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	<p>This money paid the salaries for additional help for our Summer Reading Program and Teen Program. It also paid for our audio book lease Program and extra supplies to support and advertise our programs. Our</p>

			programs had 137 participants during the summer. Monday morning story time had an average attendance of over 50 children. Without these funds we would probably have to revamp how much we can offer. We already heavily use volunteers so losing financial support would hurt. One of our patrons has been having serious health problems involving her eyes. A friend suggested she try audio books and she has been enjoying them ever since.
Ottumwa	Not eligible		
Oxford	\$488.07	Library Materials & Supplies	This money paid for children's books and processing supplies. We use our Direct State Aid to purchase a new batch of children's books just in time to start summer reading every year. The kids come in to see what new children's books we have and to check them out. A couple of years ago, one of the purchases was "The Dangerous Book for Girls." This year a grandmother brought in her granddaughter specifically to get that book. "We check it out every year at least twice," she told me. So the new books do make a difference.
Oxford Junction	\$1,327.21	Capital Improvements	We have slowly been updating and fixing our old, unsafe building. The funds help toward these projects so other money can be used toward our patrons' needs.
Palmer	\$439.45	Personnel Technology & Equipment	This money was spent to help keep the library open until 6 p.m. on Wednesday. These funds were also used to pay for the phone line in to the library for the computer.
Panora	\$1,516.48	Furniture	We used these funds to replace the tables that were very heavy to move. The public was very pleased to have the lighter weight ones.
Parkersburg	\$1,576.74	Capital Improvements	The library staff and board appreciate the time and commitment that our grant writer has taken. She has been instrumental in guiding our board in decision making, as well as the time lines we need to follow in order to get the job done to secure funds for the library expansion.
Paton	\$1,214.77	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased new books with Direct State Aid.
Paullina	\$1,397.87	Library Materials & Supplies FurnitureOther	Direct State Aid paid for six Chilton's Repair Manuals and two "Reader" statues placed outside the building. Our meeting room tables are 36" X 72" and take up a lot of space in the room. The new, narrower tables we purchased allow for more room so more people are able to attend meetings comfortably. Our public computer chairs were not in

			very good shape and now we have new very comfortable chairs for the patrons and have had many comments on how nice they are.
Pella	\$3,601.02	Technology & Equipment	Our Direct State Aid funds went towards the replacement of the server we share with Central College in Pella.
Perry	\$2,955.19	Technology & Equipment	We were able able to purchase four new computers and software to replace four that had become unreliable and had broken components. We were also able to renew our backup software subscription, which backs up essential library database and other work. Without our Direct State Aid, we would not have replaced our computers this year. Our local funds would not allow us to maintain our computer replacement schedule. Despite the increased use of personal laptops in the Perry Public Library, our computer use has not dropped in FY 2010. Our public computers continue to be used constantly, and remain one our most popular services.
Peterson	\$844.71	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We hired a programmer for our Summer Reading Program and purchased new books using Direct State Aid.
Plainfield	\$1,324.15	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to purchase a spinner for paperback exchange books. Patrons like having "free books" available in the paperback exchange spinner. I'm told many take a few for plane trips as they then don't have to be concerned about losing them. The money was also spent on DVDs and supplements our movie budget which makes it possible for me to purchase more of the book-based movies that perhaps are not as popular but tie in nicely and encourage more readership. The money was also spent on middle school books as we build up a program we have begun where middle school students walk to the library once a month to learn library skills and check out books. We partner with middle school teachers by ordering some series books they recommend, as well as Children's Choice Award books that they use each year. I had a 5th grader in with the class who had never had a library card before. He saw that we had a series of books he wanted to read that they didn't have at the school. He was ecstatic and couldn't wait to check them out. I hope it made a difference in his life. It made a difference in mine just to see his eyes light up!
Pleasant Hill	\$3,161.96	Technology &	This money was used to purchase new computers for

		Equipment	the public . The machines we purchased are faster and have more up-to-date software installed. Computer purchases with the help of Direct State Aid funds has resulted in our patrons being able to access information faster and work more effectively.
Pleasantville	Not eligible		
Plover	\$426.38	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture Library Programs	Direct State Aid let me attend some programs and hire someone to cover the library while I was gone. We also purchased new children's books for the Summer Reading Program. We had to purchase a new printer/copy machine this year and also get a new hard drive for one of our public computers.
Pocahontas	\$1,600.42	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	These funds help us purchase books, audios, and large print books. We're trying to add to the latter and Direct State Aid has been a big plus to help us achieve this goal. We also use this money to help keep up our antivirus software, help pay for Internet service, and to add Microsoft office 2007 to our existing computers. This funding is very important to us as we are a small rural library and we like to keep current in our services. Providing services to the community is part of our mission and this funding helps us meet it. Since our demographics are changing, large print books are in demand and the people who read them are always thanking us and commenting on how nice it is to be able to come in and find books to read.
Polk City	\$1,877.84	Personnel	Direct State Aid pays the salary for computer/telephone support. The library now doesn't have to wait if we have trouble with our computers or telephone system. He does all of our backups, troubleshoots if we are having problems and has taught the staff and myself so many things that now we can even troubleshoot ourselves and fix easy problems. My customers would be lost if we did not have computers and a printer for their use.
Pomeroy	\$987.86	Technology & Equipment Furniture Library Programs	We used part of these funds to pay for the renewal of our Concourse and EzCat programs. This money helped us afford to make the programs for the children of our community more exciting and enjoyable and it helped fund a brand new program available to infants. It also helped us to to purchase the necessary resources needed for the daily operation and organization of our library.
Postville	\$1,770.67	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for new audio books and membership in the NEIBORS program.

Prairie City	\$494.27	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	This money pays for additional staffing during the Summer Reading Programs. We were also able to purchase new books and audio books above and beyond what our budget allowed.
Prescott	Not eligible		
Preston	\$1,447.24	Library Materials & Supplies	The funds received were used to purchase additional books and CDs, and computer software for the library collection. The patrons of our library appreciate the fact that we are better able to purchase additional, current materials for their use as a result of Direct State Aid.
Primghar	\$1,347.37	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for children's and adult books. Without this funding we would not be able to provide the quality of materials we buy.
Quimby	\$838.56	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	This funding was spent for the library director's mileage expense to a workshop. We used Direct State Aid funds to purchase books, books on CDs, DVDs, and magazine subscriptions. We purchased a new copier and a new calculator. With Direct State Aid, we are able to provide up-to-date materials for our library.
Radcliffe	\$1,364.95	Capital Improvements	People entering the library comment on how attractive and inviting the new landscaping makes them feel. The security of new sidewalks, without cracks and holes, and a stable railing on the sides not only enhances the beauty, but amplifies safety. Since the library is on main street, the project has made a noticeable improvement to the overall community beautification small towns strive for. A local patron has assisted with the outside care of the library and with the new foliage, the time involved in caring for the exterior has been minimized. An outside water source was installed with a sprinkler to make the watering process easier. The results have been rewarding thanks to Direct State Aid.
Rake	Not eligible		
Randolph	Not eligible		
Readlyn	\$1,444.66	Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements Library Programs Other	With Direct State Aid, we purchased Children's Choice Award, Iowa Teen Award, High School Award and Goldfinch Award books. The money was also used to cover the cost for mailing our newsletter.
Red Oak	\$963.94	Other	We put new outside lighting on the front of the building using Direct State Aid. The library now has eight new lights highlighting our unique library and two new lights for our flags. We feel it is safer and

			makes the library more noticable and used when we let people know we are here and we care about them. We have received a lot of compliments about the extra light and the look for the library.
Redfield	\$918.76	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for a new router, wiring, memory cards and computer updating.
Reinbeck	\$1,702.36	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	The funding was used for processing supplies, audio books and a computer. We now have one for public use and one for circulation. We recently upgraded from the Winnebago Spectrum automation system to the Follett Destiny system, which is the same as the five other libraries in the county. Our old checkout computer did not support the new system very well.
Rembrandt	\$833.15	Personnel Library Programs	This money pays staff to work Saturday hours. Many patrons come to the library on Saturday to use the Internet, do homework assignments and check out library materials. The Summer Library Program kickoff at school was very good. We had the Great Plains Zoo come with animals and 200 children heard about our Summer Reading Programs presented in our four communities.
Remsen	\$1,096.36	Library Materials & Supplies	We use this money for our large print books. This area continues to grow in our ever increasing senior population. However, patrons of all ages enjoy these books.
Renwick	\$1,271.60	Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Library Programs	We are using this money to get started on the shared catalog program called the Beacon Project in north central Iowa.
Riceville	\$1,463.78	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We continue to increase our collection in the junior and young adult sections of our library using this money. This section had been in need of new books for several years. We updated our Microsoft Office Software on all of our computers. Through the Direct State Aid funding, we have seen an increase in the circulation of our junior and young adult books. We have heard many of our computer users (especially school age) express satisfaction in having current computer software and we have had good attendance at several of our programs for the community. Community members have overall expressed their satisfaction in the improvements and/or additions we have been able to make through this funding.
Richland	\$1,239.83	Library Materials &	We were able to buy books for the juvenile and adult

		Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Library Programs	fiction and non-fiction areas, books on CD, DVDs and JFJ EasyPro CD and DVD cleaner. The extra summer programs give the children in our community extra activities they can participate in. We purposely waited until the end of the summer when church camps, ball games and other activities were over, but school hadn't yet begun. This funding is helping us expand our small books on CD and small DVD collections. We have a few truck drivers who spend long hours on the road. They have said that the books on CD really make the drives much more enjoyable and help pass the time.
Ringsted	\$824.00	Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements Furniture Library Programs	We purchased new books. Direct State Aid funding is very important to keep our little library going strong and we thank-you!
Rippey	Not eligible		
Rock Rapids	\$1,277.48	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was used to purchase DVDs, audio books and computer service.
Rock Valley	\$1,931.34	Personnel Technology & Equipment Library Programs	These funds paid the librarian's salary to attend 13 classes. We also purchased a second laptop for public use.
Rockford	\$1,419.20	Library Materials & Supplies	Our small library had very few young adult materials and also a small large print collection. The Direct State Aid money was spent on purchasing materials for these areas of our collection.
Rockwell	\$1,493.62	Other	The circulation system our library was using has become outdated. There were no more updates and very little support. The new system we purchased with this money gives us an online catalog, more reports and is easy to use. This will help the library staff better serve our patrons.
Rockwell City	Not eligible		
Roland	\$1,568.50	Library Materials & Supplies	Collection development in the areas of adult fiction and non-fiction, children's books and DVDs were paid for with Direct State Aid.
Rolfe	\$1,301.79	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid expenses for the library director to become certified in the State Library's Public Library Management II classes. It also paid the salary for additional staff to help with the Summer Reading Program, and paid a one-year subscription to the Fort Dodge newspaper. We also bought a guide for

			weeding books, fax film cartridges and tape. In addition, this money was used for IDrive (daily backup and offsite storage program/service), a computer backup battery replacement, and repair of computer headphones. The additional support during the Summer Reading Program provided participants the opportunity to come in any time during normal library hours to report on their reading. The newspaper subscription is especially appreciated by members of the community who cannot afford their own subscriptions. Older members enjoy articles that bring back memories, and they want to know when they lose a comrade.
Rowan	\$1,308.85	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We were able to purchase more large print, easy and board books for our collection using Direct State Aid. We also purchased a new printer. Increasing our large print selection provides books for our growing number of readers who like them. Purchasing easy readers and board books for our younger population has encouraged them to read more.
Royal	Not eligible		
Rudd	\$912.40	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid is used to purchase new books, movies etc. We were able to hire an entertainer for our programs and that made them more interesting. Any funding in our library is helpful as we are on a very small budget and try to give our patrons the same services as the larger libraries, so we make a difference by offering books, movies, magazines, computers and a place to socialize!
Runnells	Not eligible		
Ruthven	\$935.48	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for Heritage Microfilm for the digitization of the local newspaper (2000-2004), a subscription to Britannica Online, movie licensing for a blanket license to show movies to the public. Our Direct State Aid was used to great advantage this year. We digitized another chunk of our newspapers on microfilm, thereby making access more convenient and universal. We subscribed to an online encyclopedia to bolster our reference collection and provide a good complement to what the local school is offering. We increased entertainment options in town by getting a license to show movies at the library, and some money went towards upgrading our automation system to include federated searching in the catalog. A person searching for a more recent obituary in the newspaper was able to access the library's digital

			newspaper from home. A child doing a report was able to access information from the library's online encyclopedia. A person was able to spend a night at the movie without driving out of town. A person was able to access search results from the library's EBSCOhost databases right in the library's online catalog from home.
Sabula	\$1,310.55	Library Materials & Supplies	We used these funds for new books, a Booklist subscription, and work supplies.
Sac City	\$1,729.80	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	This money was used for genealogy section updates - 2010 Sac County plat maps and updated cemetery records for Sac County. We also got a one-year Junior Library Guild subscription for kindergarten and primary grade levels (24 great books per year). One year support fee for automation system provided by BookSystems. The funding we receive in the Direct State Aid program helped us provide many great services to patrons of all ages this year. We were able to update our genealogy resources by buying new plat maps and the complete cemetery index for the whole county; we started a new subscription to the Junior Library Guild which allows us to purchase great new books that usually end up on the honors lists for our preschool patrons; we maintained our subscription to the Wilbor Consortium for audio book downloads, and started a subscription to Book Page so that our patrons have the latest book reviews. We also paid for one year of support for our automation system including ezCat and web OPAC services ensuring that our patrons have access to the library catalog from home and our staff has access to good MARC records. Virtually every aspect of library operations was impacted by the money we received from the State and we truly appreciate the additional funding. With the Wilbor Consortium our patrons get a great audio book service that is worth every penny. On numerous occasions, older patrons will tell us that they used the service to download audio books while they were in the hospital or after having eye surgery and that it really saved them from boredom or even depression that they could not read anymore. Farmers use the service during planting and harvest when they spend much of the day on a tractor, and even our local quilter's group has spread the word about the service. Many of them have come into the library and received tutorials on how to download the software to get started. They plug in and listen while they are quilting! Talk about multitasking...

			We are very excited that e-Books will soon be added to Wilbor because we get requests all the time about when we're going to start offering that service.
Salem	Not eligible		
Sanborn	\$1,447.51	Technology & Equipment	We bought a new copier this year and all the money went towards that. We can now make color copies and many other things with an updated copier. We can even e-mail a scanned copy. We are one of the very few places that makes copies for people in our community.
Schaller	\$967.83	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies FurnitureOther	This money was used to pay for extra hours my assistant and I worked on the Summer Reading Program and also daycare, kindergarten visits and a senior citizens program. I also had to go out to collect frogs for our frog jumping contest and that took longer than I expected. We replaced some older copies of much loved and used books in the children's section, like the Berenstein Bears, Seuss, etc. We unexpectedly needed to replace our vacuum. The extra time and effort for the frog jumping contest was well worth it. The kids loved it and we made the news in area newspapers. I don't know if the poor frogs recovered from it but the kids are still talking about it.
Schleswig	Not eligible		
Scranton	\$1,312.54	Personnel Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid went towards extended hours in June and a 2-hour workshop for all employees. We also bought a new computer and laser printer.
Sergeant Bluff	Not eligible		
Seymour	Not eligible		
Sheffield	\$1,598.53	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We used the money towards replacing our old laptops with new ones. Technology needs to be kept fresh and up to date--hard to do on our library budgets anymore! We used our funding to supplement two primary areas: technology and the summer reading program. We were able to add to a grant that was written to update current needs in our laptops. We needed to phase out our old laptops due to issues with Internet usage. We will be able to get our patrons back online with our new laptops. The second area is the Summer Reading Program. Obviously, this is an ongoing need every year. The funding that we used from the state helps us to buy resources to use for the various programs that we run in the summer. It also helps us to get prizes kids can use! We have two elementary kids who are immigrants from India who have lived in our

			community the past three years. This is the first year they attended our Summer Reading Program. They became so excited at the fun we were having, that they brought their cousin with them each time---he lives in a different city. They were at every program that we had. We were out doing a little pirate treasure hunting one day, and the little girl said that she couldn't wait to come back to the library for our next week's event. It was a real success for these children. Thank you for the funds to create programs that our community's children will enjoy.
Sheldon	\$2,219.38	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards DVDs and audio books. With no movie rental businesses left in town, the library noted a sharp increase in the number of DVDs and videos checked out. The grocery stores stopped movie rentals in 2009, and Movie Gallery closed in April, which leaves the library as the only source. Audio books continue to be very popular with commuters and over the road truckers.
Shell Rock	\$1,417.60	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid money is always used at our Library to buy materials that we would not otherwise be able to purchase. For example, Iowa Children's Choice and Iowa Teen Award Books are purchased every year and are widely read. We have quite a few patrons who live in Waverly, but come to Shell Rock to the library to check out our inspirational fiction books. One lady has lost her husband to suicide and has had a difficult couple of years. She says our library and our abundance of inspirational books has helped keep her sane during some very hard times. We look forward to seeing her and visiting with her when she comes in. She is one of our very special patrons.
Shellsburg	\$1,350.46	Library Materials & Supplies	The library always takes a cut in the materials portion of the budget in order to meet other budget needs of the library. The amount of Direct State Aid greatly enhanced our collection this year. We were able to purchase materials for the library collection that we would not have been able to this past year
Shenandoah	\$2,387.78	Technology & Equipment Library ProgramsOther	We used the money to purchase Flash software, Tumblereadables and a people counter. Also a TV/DVD "sign" inside the front door. We started looking for a digital frame to advertise at the front desk, but we went with an HD LCD TV with DVD player, etc. We have it stationed inside the front door, and the pictures taken at the various library programs are scrolling. The kids love to see themselves "on TV"! (Their parents and

			grandparents don't mind it either!)
Sibley	\$1,234.94	Library Materials & Supplies	We continue to partially fund our books on CD from the Direct State Aid money we receive. We lease our audio CDs from Landmark Audio Books and our annual fee is still \$2,880. Therefore, almost half of our fee comes from Direct State Aid. Without this funding we would not be able to provide books on CD for our patrons, which would be a great loss. The community really uses it - especially for exercising, vacations, business trips, those who commute to work outside of our community, and those who are truck drivers. We are reaching an area of our community that might not otherwise use the library. During the Summer Reading Program this year, we had several young girls who struggled with reading and would rather listen to a book instead of reading it themselves. We ordered all of the popular 39 Clues books on CD through our leasing program and were able to provide these reluctant readers with a way of reading that worked better for them. They were also able to participate in the Summer Reading Program with their friends and win prizes which was great for their self-esteem!
Sidney	\$1,425.69	Other	We are preparing for automation and have spent Direct State Aid funds. Thus far, \$625.26 on supplies and \$800 toward our yearly maintenance fee.
Sigourney	\$1,666.68	Library Materials & Supplies	The Direct State Aid money was spent by the previous director on classic movies and CDs. By using the money towards a classics movie collection, our library's movie circulation has reached higher and higher numbers. All ages have been checking these classics out, giving grandparents and parents a chance to show and teach the younger generation where and how far movie production has come. We will continue to add to it as the year progresses.
Silver City	\$812.52	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to attend workshops, purchase supplies for the computers, and some library materials for adult programs coming up. We have a new KLED sign and if we ever get the right cable for this to reach the window to our lap top computers we will be in business to advertise all kinds of programs on this sign from outside. It should be completed in a month.
Sioux Center	\$2,455.22	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Some of this money was used for translation service for Spanish language brochures and library signage. We began purchasing Spanish language materials-- books, videos, and children's materials. We made a

			major collection upgrade for young adult materials that encourage young readers to recommend titles for purchase. Several parents have said they are pleased that we are focusing on services to young adults. They have been concerned that this age group has lost interest in reading, and have been encouraged by the library's efforts in this area. Our Hispanic residents are becoming much more visible at the library and at the early literacy programs. We have actively sought their input through one-on-one interviews and working with various agencies involved in services to immigrants. This has encouraged us to develop Spanish language brochures and signage and also this fall we will launch our first bilingual story hour on Thursday evenings.
Sioux City	\$19,817.61	Personnel Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for maintenance personnel hours, outreach deliveries to day care and Head Start centers. Technology funds were used to enhance speed and security of networks at The Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library and at the Morningside Branch Library. Specific purchases included a firewall, 6GB Ethernet, and additional bandwidth at Main. The network improvements and additional bandwidth have made a noticeable difference to those who depend on their public library to bridge the digital divide. The Library sees 72,000 public computer use sessions per year, and as the graphic intensity of Internet use increases, our bandwidth was in desperate need of an upgrade. With the closing of the John Morrell plant in Sioux City, 1,400 workers were without jobs. The library noticed an increase in first-time users of the library's Internet service right before and after the plant closing, and helped specific referrals from Iowa Workforce Development, who all appreciated the faster Internet speed.
Sioux Rapids	\$904.24	Personnel; Library Programs	These funds helped pay salaries and attend classes, as well as hire extra staff for the Summer Reading Program. We also used money for incentives, books and crafts for the Summer Reading Program. This money enabled us to have a part time person come in when my assistant had knee replacement surgery and I had to be gone for medical reasons. If we did not have this funding, we would have had to close and our children wouldn't have had their programs for three weeks. This money is so important to us to keep our libraries running and to provide programming for children and families.

Slater	\$1,418.45	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Books to start a young adult collection were purchased using Direct State Aid. We also bought a wireless Internet router and Internet access, and a new fax machine/copier/scanner. Direct State Aid helps us to expand the services we can offer. With an almost flat budget for the city this year and projected for years to come, this state aid helps us to supplement our subscription costs to various services we can offer to the public. When we started offering wireless Internet access a teenage girl came in, laptop in hand, muttering about how she really didn't want to use a public computer because she hates them. I told her we actually had wireless and her eyes lit up. She was prepared to manually type data from her computer onto the public machine to set up her cell phone. She was ecstatic.
Sloan	\$911.31	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Part of these funds went toward purchasing new library cards for our new automated system. We have updated and purchased a new staff computer and a computer headset for continuing education. The new staff computer has increased our office efficiency and the new headset has helped with our online continuing education. The new library cards have streamlined our check-in and check-out procedures greatly.
Solon	\$2,372.37	Personnel Technology & Equipment	Our library solved some challenging after-school issues with teens by adding a part-time staff position using Direct State Aid. Our new teen activities coordinator meets with these young adults two afternoons after school for two hours, providing an adult who will listen and help them. We also replaced a computer. State funding provides wonderful flexibility for problem solving. This year our staff was having an unusual amount of discipline problems with kids after school. We would often have 15 - 20 young teens meeting at the library after school for several hours at a time. Although good kids in general, in a group they became an irritation for our other patrons and the staff who had to spend too much of their time "checking up" on the kids to quiet them down or to make sure they weren't sitting too close on the couch, sprawling all over the counter tops in the study rooms, etc. With state funding, we hired a part-time staff person just to work with these kids: to develop a space of their own (specific days of the week in the meeting room) and with their help to coordinate activities that they were geared to their interests. We noticed a difference right away! The

			teens were responsive, they appreciated being asked for their opinions, they appreciated having someone to talk to and to listen to them. We also provided a better place to "snack" after school. The rest of the staff were happier and they all worked harder to provide a more welcoming, respectful approach to the teens which, in turn, encouraged the teens to respond more respectfully. We would not have had the resources to add a part-time position, mid-year, to help solve this problem without the extra money provided by this state funding. Our entire staff sends their appreciation.
Somers	Not eligible		
South English	No report		
Spencer	\$3,732.35	Technology & Equipment Other	Five public access computers were purchased for the adult department. A subscription to Dear Reader was purchased on a one year trial basis. The new computers have increased the user satisfaction with Internet access. Our teen users are especially happy with the extra speed of the computers and the lack of freeze ups. The Dear Reader subscription has allowed us to market less well known books to our users. People have found new authors to read and broadened their book selections. One of our users called the library to ask why we didn't own the book that she had been reading on her computer from Dear Reader. Staff told her about the interlibrary loan program and also told her that she could request that the library purchase a new book that she would like to read. She immediately requested two new books and the library purchased them. She was very happy and said that she would tell her friends about our "new" service. We find that word-of-mouth advertising works best in our community.
Spillville	\$1,279.04	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to buy children's books and some adult fiction. The children of the community are enjoying the extra books that we were able to provide this year over and above our regular budget. The young boys in the area love to watch Scooby-Doo shows and I was able to find books with Scooby-Doo as the main character. These boys that were not all that interested in reading are starting to like it.
Spirit Lake	\$2,358.29	Personnel	We used the funds to hire additional summer staff to help during our Summer Reading Program and during the tourist season at the Iowa Great Lakes.
Springville	\$1,088.95	Technology & Equipment	Our library upgraded to a different automation system for better ease in circulation, record keeping,

			and allowing the patrons to have access to a better card catalog.
St. Ansgar	\$1,589.80	Personnel Technology & Equipment	This went for additional staff time for summer reading programs and our storytime. We had stories and crafts on Tuesday and Fridays for the children. We had to have some computer work done on our patron and staff computers. We also needed an update on virus and firewall protection. Patron computers are in constant use and our customers rely on the library to provide this service. Staff computers have to be working properly for our staff to do their jobs. We also have to have protection for our computers so that hackers do not destroy our information. Many patrons use our computers to look for jobs online; some customers use the computers for online banking. Children use the computers for school work and Face Book and this summer for games and video clips. The children that do not participate in sports enjoy our Summer Reading Program and stories and crafts.
St. Charles	\$930.27	Furniture	Our budget is small and any extra funding we receive helps to provide better service, whether it is more books we might not have been able to purchase, activities for the Summer Reading Program or in this case, new furnishings.
Stacyville	\$1,430.15	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	CD audiobooks and large print books were purchased to expand the collection.
Stanhope	\$900.66	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Within the last year our library has purchased three new computers and an automation software program. The funds received from Direct State Aid have helped us advance our endeavor of insuring our patrons receive the best affordable resources available. The automation software alone unclogged a system bogged down with slow, outdated, and ineffective control measures. Every penny that is given to our library not only contributes to the success of our library, but to our community as well. Thank you. The librarians enjoy the automation; the children enjoy the computers, and everyone enjoys the programs.
Stanton	\$1,279.46	Personnel Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid allows us to continue extended library hours, purchase ink cartridges, printer repair, and computer virus protection. We are able to keep the library open longer giving patrons more time to use it. The summer reading program funds allow us to purchase prizes for the kids who complete the

			reading program. This in turn gives the children more incentives to read during the summer.
Stanwood	\$1,273.55	Personnel	Direct State Aid allowed us to hire a second substitute librarian, enabling us to keep the library open all necessary hours. The library is able to be open during all posted hours even if emergencies or any other situations arise. As the library director, I was able to take the time off that I needed after my child was born and there were no worries about the library being covered or having enough staff to help the patrons.
State Center	\$995.38	Library Materials & Supplies	Using Direct State Aid, I am able to replace tired, worn copies of our children's books. Children never complain, or ask why we do not have the latest book by Lauren Childs. The funding our Library receives is spent on beautiful, appealing, and award-winning picture books. Instilling a love of reading is a top priority at Gutknust Public Library. Everyone likes new things and placing irresistible books on a shelf a child can reach has impacted our children's book circulation in a way that confirms what I see daily; children, excited to be here. ("The 'truck book' is mine." Luke Vawter, 4)
Steamboat Rock	\$887.99	Technology & Equipment	This money went toward a laptop computer to be used as our third patron computer, to show DVDs and to access our online catalog. Also, Direct State Aid helped pay for a new automation system through the BEACON Project.
Stockport	Not eligible		
Storm Lake	\$3,500.87	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Furniture	We purchased Wilson Core Online Databases for personnel use. We also purchased library materials, library cards, and ear buds with Direct State Aid.
Story City	\$1,829.14	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a laminator and replacement laminate for processing our book jackets. We were experiencing more and more torn covers from used book jackets and wanted to buy something with multiple functions so we went with a very professional machine based on recommendations from other libraries. This is something we've wanted to do for a long time!
Stratford	\$1,362.63	Technology & Equipment Other	Direct State Aid went toward a new TV, Wii, and Wii accessories, as well as a new vacuum. We have more children coming into the library now to play the Wii. The kids are developing friendships with each other and are encouraging each other to keep improving. This also gives them a new place to hang out in a positive manner. Normally they hangout on the

			<p>street corners with their bikes and skateboards sitting around. We chose our games to help them to work together to win which has been great to be able to watch and foster. The new TV is bigger so we can start having group showings and the kids can play the Wii. Our old TV was very small and we couldn't do any public showings of anything. Our old vacuum just wasn't able to keep up with all the traffic. The new vacuum is now able to get in the corners and around all the shelves with ease. It is picking up far more and makes the library look cleaner and less dusty. This was important to us and all our patrons with allergies. There is a child in town who isn't very popular, but he has made friends with some of the other boys due to playing the Wii at the library. They will come in and actually ask if he is here. Some of these kids have a Wii at home, but this offers them a central supervised location to all be together and create better friendships.</p>
Strawberry Point	\$1,539.40	Library Materials & Supplies	<p>We spent the money on adding to our large print book collection and DVDs. Being able to add more and more large print books, which are more expensive, is a great service to our community. We have an older population and I am thanked many times a week for continuing to purchase large print materials.</p>
Stuart	\$1,134.48	Library Materials & Supplies	<p>We bought audio books (CDs) and DVDs in order to meet standards for state accreditation. At the end of fiscal year 09 we had very few DVDs. We now have over 200 and we have new library patrons who use the library just to check them out. This increased our circulation figures by about 25%. Books on CD have been slower to catch on, but we now have regular CD users as well as patrons who check out books on CD especially for vacations. One of our patrons works for the county and drives a snowplow in the winter and a road grader in the summer. He comes in twice a week to check out audio books and he said that listening to these books saved his sanity this winter while he tried to keep the county roads open -- especially those days when he worked 24 hours at a stretch.</p>
Sully	\$1,695.70	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture	<p>We bought picture books and easy readers using Direct State Aid. The kids have had so much fun with these new books. Some were requested and some a nice surprise. We would not have been able to buy these books otherwise because our budget just didn't allow it.</p>

Sumner	\$1,771.39	Library Materials & Supplies	Most of our state aid funds were used to purchase children's books and the supplies to process them. The books included all types from easy readers to young adult books, both fiction and non-fiction. The remaining money was used to purchase movies on DVD to enhance our collection. The increase in children's materials has enabled the library to replace outdated materials and materials in poor condition in the children's section of the library. Patrons have shown great interest in the new materials to the point of a waiting list for many of the books. We've had a definite increase in circulation for children's books. In addition to regular reading materials for children, many new graphic fiction and non-fiction titles were added to the collection. The mother of a junior-high aged boy stated that she loved that we had such a good selection of new reading materials. Her son had always hated reading before, but due to the graphic novels and non-fiction, he is now asking to come to the library to get books. He has even begun to read some of the books that do not contain the graphic format.
Sutherland	\$1,307.48	Library Materials & Supplies	These funds were used for books (regular & large print), magazines, and DVDs. Without the funding we would be unable to purchase the large print materials that have become so popular in our library.
Swaledale	\$810.74	Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid was used in our day-to-day operation of the library. Our old door was warped so badly the snow would blow in and the storm door had cracks so big we could see daylight through them. Now we have an insulated tight fitting door that will help our heating and cooling efficiency.
Swea City	\$1,363.37	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Furniture	Direct State Aid was used for mileage to attend training and roundtables this year. Books and DVD's were added to our collection with the majority of the funding. I purchased a set of ink cartridges for our printer. We added a mouse to use with our computers, and headphones for privacy. Because of this funding I am able to purchase countless books for our children's section that I would otherwise not be able to do. This makes not only my Summer Reading Program more special, but my weekly toddler time also. With money received from Direct State Aid, I was able to fix our computer area making more access for the endless job seekers who frequent the library. They appreciate the extra room since they are here so often.
Tabor	\$937.25	Library Materials &	All Direct State Aid money was spent to help

		Supplies	supplement book purchasing. Without this money we would not have been able to purchase as many new books. With costs rising to keep the library open, plus utilities and maintenance, these funds are a necessity to keep the collection up to date. The books purchased with these funds helped keep new material coming in. Many of our patrons are elderly and live on a very fixed income. They depend on the library for entertainment and information.
Tama	\$1,746.31	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for a new printer, supplies, headphones, Sonic Wall-firewall, and network/IT labor. It also paid part of the cost for a new computer. We were able to replace a staff printer that was over six years old and very worn out. We were able to purchase new headphones for the public to use with our computers --ours had all quit working. And we were able to replace a 7-year-old server with the new Sonic Wall equipment. This will help with the light bill and will make our system more secure.
Terril	\$875.13	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture Library Programs	This money was spent on Demco office supplies and the Terril telephone cooperative for Internet charges. The atmosphere in the Terril Library is pleasant with the new upholstery on the armchairs. Previously, the chair seats were stained beyond cleaning.
Thompson	Not eligible		
Thornton	\$918.64	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Library Programs	We spent this money on new books and updating our computer. The State funding helps our library remain current and up-to-date in our materials and services to our community. We are continuing our afterschool program (our third year), which benefits 8 - 15 kids each time.
Tiffin	\$891.38	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid let us add more open hours and buy additional books and supplies.
Tipton	\$1,911.99	Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements	We networked computers to a centralized printer using Direct State Aid.
Titonka	\$1,337.16	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We spent money on two items in this category last year. We spent money purchasing new plastic key tag patron cards. We also spent money on audio books to increase our collection. We purchased a new computer tower for patron use. By purchasing a new computer for the public access area, we are fulfilling a need in the community with newer technology. The new computer is faster and works better than the

			other computers in our public access area. This makes searching, browsing, and information available sooner. With the additional funding, we are able to offer new, plastic patron cards to our patrons. These cards include the key tag and it makes our job a little easier since we don't have to spend that extra time looking up patron numbers. We are a small library and know most of our patrons by name and face but this just gives us a little extra added touch that shows we are changing with the times and with technology. We have a patron who is legally blind but loves books. With the money that we receive from Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase more books on CD for the patron to listen to. This is a person who will listen to two or three books a week. She feels that we are offering a great service to her by increasing and adding to this collection.
Toledo	\$1,710.77	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We were able to buy printer ink, supplies, books, periodical subscriptions, DVDs and antivirus renewal. The library was able to renew periodical subscriptions allowing us to maintain the wonderful collection of magazines that are available to our community.
Traer	\$1,528.26	Library Materials & Supplies	Audio books, DVDs and DVD sets were purchased with this money. With the economy as it is, we have more and more patrons who are requesting and checking out DVDs and audio books. With the Direct State Aid monies we are able to provide these free forms of entertainment to our patrons.
Tripoli	\$1,570.27	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements Library Programs	We were able to staff additional help for our story hour program through out the year and we could allow the first grade classes from school to come and visit. We were able to update some of our Christian fiction series. And we also were able to continue adding to our junior collection. We were able to offer another service to our patrons by adding handicap accessibility. The installation of the panels has also benefited children and the elderly. The funds have also helped us to continue to strive to meet our current patrons needs. With the help from this funding we were able to help our handicapped and disabled patrons enter our library a little easier. It has also greatly helped our local day care provider who brings her pre-school age children and several stacks of books to easily enter the library. With these funds, the day care children also have been able to take part in some special programs this year.
Truro	\$1,305.94	Personnel Library Materials &	We were able to hire additional help for our summer reading program. We also purchased books, a

		Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	newspaper subscription, paper, ledger, DVDs, ink cartridges, and a copier and warranty. We also had more funds for large print books, especially Westerns, Large print books are easier for our homebound people to read.
Union	\$1,357.52	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to pay for training so staff are certified by the State Library. It also helps staff to better serve patrons with their new knowledge. We purchased an assortment of materials for all ages. Staff is better able to help patrons with their questions, meet library needs and computer technology needs alike. A non-reader has become a book CD lover. He stated, "They help make the miles fly on our trip out of state to see family."
Urbandale	\$10,291.23	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Other	We used Direct State Aid to purchase foreign language books and English as a second language (ESL) materials including books, DVDs and CDs. We also bought two public Internet computers, two online databases (Learning Express Test Preparation and Mango Languages). We are trying to build our foreign language and ESL offerings to better serve the needs of our community. The Learning Express test preparation database will help customers of all ages prepare for important tests, such as the ACT and SAT. Public computers are always in demand and get a lot of use for job searching and information gathering.
Ute	Not eligible		
Van Horne	\$1,302.34	Library Materials & Supplies	We have really been expanding our large print book section in recent years. It has been a positive thing for the library as many of our patrons comment on the selection. We also have a number of patrons that will only borrow large print.
Van Meter	\$459.84	Library Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to purchase large print books.
Varina	Not eligible		
Ventura	\$1,381.32	Library Programs	We use this money to offer different programs that are bringing more people in the library who then sign up for library cards. Our circulation has gone up.
Victor	\$1,446.86	Capital Improvements Library Programs	Our Summer Reading Program is greatly enhanced by being able to hire professional presenters and entertainers using this money. They have brought in a much larger group of children and have had a great impact on them.
Villisca	\$1,437.07	Library Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid for large print and audio books. We have people who have eye problems, and they need large print and audio books to enjoy reading. We have a person who had a stroke, and

			she enjoys reading books. She can no longer read , so she has been checking out our audio books. With extra money from Direct State Aid, we are able to provide her with more audio books to listen to. She really appreciates being able to continue to enjoy her books.
Vinton	\$2,330.25	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements	This money was used to buy new Accucut dies, including an alphabet, laminating film, and last but not least, books. A new router for our wireless configuration, and a new fax machine were also purchased. Having the wherewithal to purchase the router to enhance our wireless service was great. As light bulbs burn out and ballasts go bad we are replacing them with the more energy efficient T-8s . It will take a couple of years to completely finish this project, but having funds to begin it was wonderful. Fixing the wall certainly improved the appearance of library. The Accucut dies allow us to make things for the children for crafts during story time, and create bulletin boards much more easily. And last but not least, what's a library without books?
Volga	\$809.95	Personnel	Direct State Aid was used to pay the salaries of staff so we can remain open 20 hours a week. Because of Direct State Aid, our library can be open four out of seven days a week, which I think is great for our community of 247 people. We are able to offer various hours during the week to accommodate the lifestyle of our community. It also provides the minimum wage for the staff as well as the director. Because of our limited budget, we only have one person working at a time in the library. As I stated before, the variety of hours we are open has especially helped several people who work out of town. They are able to come in after working hours to take tests through the Internet to keep up with their occupation. We also have several adult students taking classes through the community college and they work online and take their tests here at the Library.
Wadena	Not eligible		
Wall Lake	\$1,398.81	Technology & Equipment	The Wall Lake Public Library purchased a new automation system - Atrium by Booksystems - in January 2010 and went online with the new system and catalog on April 1, 2010. Our funding sources from the city and county have remained the same with a small cut from the City for 2010-2011. Without Direct State Aid, the library would have to cut back on purchases of books, CDs, DVDs, and

			programming.
Walnut	\$899.71	Technology & Equipment	We used this funding for an Epson Powerlite Projector. With the addition of the projector, the library is now equipped for presentations for large groups. In the past, we have used our television for programs, but it was very difficult for everyone to have a clear view of the screen. The projector enables us to present programs that everyone is able to see and enjoy. We use the projector to have movie presentations in the afternoons for the children of our community. This gives the children a fun, safe place to spend the afternoon while their parents are at work.
Wapello	\$1,685.62	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid money was used to purchase our online library automation system. We had a Winnebago/Spectrum system that was no longer being supported. The Library Board was able to choose a new "on-line" system that offers our patrons features such as being able to access their library accounts, renew books online, reserve books online, receive e-mail notices, search not only our catalog but nearby libraries that have the same system, just to name a few. Without this funding we would still be struggling with our old system or would have had to make cuts somewhere else in order to purchase the system.
Washington	\$2,229.41	Technology & Equipment	We used these funds to purchase a number of thin client computers for use as public access catalog stations.
Washta	\$444.50	Library Materials & Supplies	Without this funding we would not be able to provide as many new books and audio books for the library.
Waterloo	\$16,703.37	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	<p>Direct State Aid goes towards the salary of the Third Age Coordinator and large print books. You won't find the Third Age Program when you're visiting the Waterloo or Cedar Falls Public Library. Nor will you find any trace of what it costs when you look through city tax expenditures. Yet it serves hundreds of local residents, and keeps one staff member and dozens of volunteers very busy.</p> <p>Third Age is intended to be one of those euphemisms for seniors. Whatever you call it, it has been popular since its inception, and continues to thrive. The program coordinates the delivery of library materials to area nursing homes, retirement homes, and homebound patrons. If they can't get to the library, we take the library to them. Several times per year,</p>

			<p>collections of large print books are rotated to these centers, or delivered to the homes of those who can no longer get out on their own.</p> <p>In addition to the rotating collections, the Third Age program experimented with coordinating book discussion groups in retirement homes. Some have been so successful they've morphed into two groups. The discussions are led by volunteers or regular library staff members, and are just as rewarding for leaders. The groups love the social interaction of gathering to discuss the books' themes, possibly with a connection to their own experience, or to swap titles of what else they've read recently. For those who can no longer retain the storyline, the library supplies Reminisce Kits containing objects that spark life memories. Discussion leaders guide participants through a session of remembering notable experiences.</p> <p>The Third Age program is funded using Direct State Aid money that is provided by the state of Iowa. Both libraries have dedicated these funds towards library services to residents who may never be able to visit the physical library building again. These funds, along with the dedication of the many volunteers, ensure that we will all have library services for as long as we want them.</p>
Waterville	\$420.67	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased new books, DVDs, and book processing supplies using Direct State Aid.
Waucoma	\$1,189.38	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for new computers. People seldom have to wait in line. A young patron came often to use the computer to do homework for classes in training to be a registered nurse. She completed her training and then used the computer to search for a job. She found one and is very happy working for a nursing home!
Wauke	\$2,931.52	Personnel Capital Improvements Library ProgramsOther	Direct State Aid paid for two library employees to become Iowa Library Association members. Some of the money was used for a professional paper cutter for staff use (for preparing promotional materials such as handouts, bookmarks, etc.). We were able to make improvements and repairs to our building by fixing soffit damage (due to an ice dam), rerouting electrical and computer connections to study tables when we reorganized, and improved public computer locations. The funds also paid for rerouting electrical connections to the staff work area to improve space

			<p>and work efficiency, repainting study rooms, and adding a phone line to our conference room. The extra phone line enabled us to conduct a live author interview for our book group and allowed trustees to attend board meetings via long distance. It also allows the public to utilize phone conferencing options for their meetings. The improvement in the staff work area has enabled us to improve our check-in processes, which ultimately benefits the public through improved service. The other repairs were necessary to help keep our building in good condition for public use. One of our volunteers, who was assigned to us as part of his "community service" sentencing, happened to be a professional painter. When we learned this, we were able to use his volunteer hours that not only helped him work off his sentencing in a way that helped him retain his self-worth, but also made improvements to our library's public meeting and study rooms at the same time. It was a win-win situation for everyone. We were also able to conduct an author visit with Jaimie Ford via phone conferencing since we used the funds to install a phone line in our conference room. Several people, including our book club members, attended and commented how much they appreciated having the opportunity to talk directly with the author.</p>
Waukon	\$2,330.72	Technology & Equipment	<p>Direct State Aid paid for an Autosmart Disc Cleaner and repair kit. The library no longer has to pull items from circulation while discs are being cleaned or repaired at the local video store. The library's efficiency of service has improved. As the library adds to its CD and DVD collection, the investment into these purchases is protected by the ability of the library to clean and repair discs on site. A patron checked out an audio book on CD and was unable to play the second disc on several different CD players he had at home. He returned the book, the library cleaned and repaired it, and the patron was able to check it out again and finish the story he had been drawn into.</p>
Waverly	\$3,499.39	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture	<p>This money went towards early reader "kits" that can be checked out. The kit includes books plus a puzzle, a game, etc. all on a similar topic. We also bought additional library books and DVDs. The original set of early reader kits was purchased in 08-09, and those kits were so popular with parents and teachers that the shelf was always empty. Adding to the early reader kit collection this year has been greatly</p>

			appreciated by our patrons. We constantly hear good comments about what a good idea the early reader kits are, making reading and learning a fun experience. This new collection helps us fulfill one of our library goals of nurturing budding readers!
Webb	\$439.57	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment FurnitureLibrary Programs	We spent this money at an auction for tape, tape holders, book pockets and etc., to catalog books. We bought a used computer and headphones for the children's room. This funding has helped tremendously with buying much needed materials, a computer, tables and shelving for the Library. We got many new and used books from the school system for the children's room. We needed all this to make our library so much nicer and utilized by the children with so many new books and programs that have made many young people very happy. I would say many young people have been able to enjoy all that we have been able to acquire.
Webster City	\$3,067.19	Library Materials & Supplies	Kendall Young Library uses the Direct State Aid financial support to partially pay for the Baker & Taylor book leasing service. Our total lease contract is \$4,033.68 for one year. Direct State Aid makes it possible to order multiple copies of best sellers. Service to Kendall Young Library patrons is enhanced when multiple copies of best sellers are available. This shortens the time patrons must wait for best sellers.
Wellman	\$1,508.61	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was used to buy a set of History Channel DVDs to improve our non-fiction movie collection. We bought a new HP Laptop for the director's use and her old one is used by staff. The additional computer allows my staff to work more efficiently (only had one staff computer before laptop purchase with two to three staff sometimes needing to use it at the same time). The History Channel DVDs are a hit in our community, as many cannot afford (or refrain) to subscribe for cable or satellite TV.
Wellsburg	\$1,441.44	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We used this money for new DVDs for children, children's puppets, a computer and a scanner.
Wesley	\$1,298.02	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	This money was used for a salary increase for staff. We also purchased more large print books for patrons and a new scanner.

West Bend	\$1,421.71	Library Materials & Supplies	We used all the Direct State Aid money we received this year on books, CDs, DVDs, magazines and newspapers.
West Branch	\$1,676.87	Personnel	Direct State Aid has been used to extend staffing for the children's librarian position for the last few years. In that time, program attendance has more than doubled from the years before with over 5,000 participants this year and over 1,100 at the Summer Reading Programs in June of 2010.
West Des Moines	\$12,468.69	Technology & Equipment	We used these funds to pay for a portion of the HVAC environmental control operating system. The prior system was outdated and undependable causing problems for customers and staff. The library is attempting to improve its use of resources by better managing energy expenditure while also providing a better environment for our users. The temperature forecast for today is in the 90's and the library is a place where people can find relief from the heat and also benefit from our services and resources.
West Liberty	\$1,952.34	Library Materials & Supplies	We spent the entire amount on Spanish materials, books, DVDs, and audio books.
West Point	\$1,379.59	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was spent on juvenile and easy books, as well as adult books and an Infocus projector.
West Union	\$1,734.82	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	New audio books, inspirational fiction books, and juvenile fiction books were bought with these funds. We were also able to buy two new computers with monitors, keyboards, mice, speakers and headphones. The new computers have improved patron access to electronic resources and they have enriched patron's "multimedia" experiences.
Westgate	\$795.44	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	This money was used to extend our book budget and to renew our Mitinet subscription which allows us the technology to keep an online catalog of our collection and to print out catalog cards. This funding allows us to maintain a current and relevant collection for our patrons and gives us the technology to maintain that collection in an efficient way. This funding allowed us to keep a current large print collection for a patron who had cancer and needed large print material so she could continue to enjoy her favorite books.
Westside	Not eligible		
What Cheer	\$860.93	Library Materials & Supplies	Adult and children's non-fiction and fiction books, as well as DVD's were purchased using Direct State Aid.
Wheatland	\$1,277.91	Library Materials & Supplies	Because of Direct State Aid, we are able to provide and maintain a copy machine, fax machine and a

			microfilm reader for patrons in the community. We have several people who use our copier and fax machines regularly. The other option would be to drive at least 30 min. to another town to get this service.
Whiting	\$1,294.89	Personnel	Direct State Aid funds allows us to expand hours on Mondays and Wednesdays. The two-hour time frame from 1 to 3 p.m. on those days is usually the busiest part of the week, so we can tell the public appreciates it! People are waiting at the door on Mondays in anticipation. I can't begin to count the number of times we have been told how much patrons like the consistency of the hours, with the opening time the same on 4 days of the week. We REALLY appreciate Direct State Aid!
Whittemore	\$1,314.72	Technology & Equipment	A new computer with a flat screen monitor was purchased to replace our circulation computer. The old one was getting unstable and unreliable. It was great to be able to have the funds available to replace the circulation computer.
Williams	\$1,324.54	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	This amount was spent on building up our collection of children's books, and DVDs for all ages. This money was spent on security software, a device with which to copy family VHS movies to DVD, a Wii Fit and Wii Sport package with all the equipment necessary to play the games. We used the new books for our Summer Reading Program which included activities for early literacy. Our patrons have enjoyed the new movies available and we have gained new patrons. Our budget for books, DVDs, books on CD, and magazines is only \$3,500. We could not have purchased these items without state funding. We copied some family VHS home movies to DVD for a patron. She had not seen these for many years. The first thing she saw was her father carrying her into the room, followed by her mother and sister. She cried, then I cried. She was so grateful to be able to see her parents again as they have been gone for many years.
Williamsburg	\$1,307.83	Library Materials & Supplies	All of our Direct State Aid money went towards the purchase of materials. We have lost materials budget money in the last two budget years so the Direct State Aid helped us keep new materials on the shelf. It's so important when patrons come in the library that there is something new on the shelf each time - even if it is only a half a dozen books or new DVDs. Direct State Aid helps us do that.

Wilton	\$1,832.47	Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to purchase a new copier/printer that prints both black and white, and color. It will be networked to our computers when we move this fall to our new facility. This machine is also capable of making duplex copies, scanning, and printing from a USB. We are able to provide copies to our patrons much more efficiently with this machine. The fact that it prints both black and white and color and will duplex copies makes it much easier for the staff. This will make it easier for the patrons to have one printer with these capabilities. A patron came in looking for a place to make copies of an invitation for her daughter's graduation party. We are the only place in Wilton that makes copies. She was very happy that she didn't have to drive the extra miles to Muscatine, Davenport, or Iowa City. It saved her time and gas money. Our patrons really appreciate this service.
Winfield	\$982.01	Library Materials & Supplies	Using Direct State Aid, we purchased new books for our library.
Winterset	\$2,514.90	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for an RTI Eco Auto Smart Disk Repair System which has improved the ability of the library staff to provide timely customer service because it released the staff from a tedious and time-consuming process of cleaning the scratches from our heavily-used CD and DVD collections. Our special needs citizens who live in group homes are thrilled with their weekly trips to the library. In addition to reading materials (especially our magazines and books about movie stars), they love to check out movies and music on DVDs and CDs. The Disk Repair equipment allows the library staff to provide scratch-free videos and also to spend more time helping library patrons.
Winthrop	\$1,341.12	Personnel Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid funds allow us to stay open one evening per week. This is a great service for our many patrons who work during the day. Direct State Aid helped us repair our LaserJet printer as well as replace a hub for our network. One of two major employers in our community recently shut down. We were able to provide printer services for all the resumes that displaced workers created here at the library. We also provided help writing and printing resumes for prospective employers. Our patrons were extremely thankful for this service.
Woden	\$1,254.07	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	Extra hours were needed to do some rearranging and training of an assistant so Direct State Aid was used to pay for staffing. We also added more teen books

		Technology & Equipment Library ProgramsOther	and supplies for the library, including Follet support software. We paid to have snow removed during last year's harsh winter. We have many new families move into town and new books were needed to add to the collection for this new group of readers. An increase in both the teen, young adults and children's collections has been noticed. New supplies were needed for the children's story hour. Some of the children need someplace to go after school and during the summer. To be able to offer more books and programs has really had a positive affect on the children in this community.
Woodbine	\$1,002.78	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	We used these funds to purchase history videos for our youth library. We also purchased a color printer - copier – fax machine. We started offering teen and youth magazines to the collection so our new magazine rack was a nice addition. The book cart was much needed to haul books around. The history videos are very well received by our patrons - youth and adults are enjoying them. Our color printer and copier really makes it easier to make colorful posters and announcements for our patrons and for library use.
Woodward	\$1,423.25	Library Materials & Supplies	We spent all of our Direct State Aid funds on books and work supplies that we couldn't have gotten otherwise.
Wyoming	\$935.55	Library Materials & Supplies	Funds were used for additional DVDs and books for the library. Thanks to the funding we were able to give our DVD collection a much needed boost. Our local movie rental place has been out of business for two years now, and the closest video rental is now 17 miles away. The demand for DVDs has increased and the funds allow us to purchase a variety of new and older DVDs to expand the collection.
Zearing	\$1,536.72	Personnel Other	This money was spent for three internships at \$500.00 each. These high school interns are being trained in basic library procedures and are given special projects when required, e.g. creating material for our Reading Club, and sorting and preparing books for our "Reading Passport" club. We also spent funds for supplies and programming. This year we created a "Reading Passport" Club and used the money to create "Passports" where members record what and when they read. Our interns allow us to provide more services and materials for our patrons. One patron needed extra help finding books for a grandchild. One of our interns assisted her and she was kind enough to call and tell us how it made her

			feel like she was making better choices and saving her time.
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