



FY11 Enrich Iowa Report

State Funding for Iowa Libraries



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Enrich Iowa: Summary

"Direct State Aid, Open Access and Interlibrary Loan funding are essential to our library. As a small library we are very grateful for these programs as we continue to provide the best library service possible."

Bellevue Public Library, FY11

The **Enrich Iowa** program improves library services for Iowans. In accordance with 2011 IOWA ACTS, Chapter 132, Section 5(4)(b), Iowa Library Services/State Library is pleased to submit this report on the impact of Enrich Iowa funds on libraries and the Iowans they serve.

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 customers' needs; improving library technology services; and providing safe, accessible library buildings.

Enrich Iowa is comprised of three programs: **Direct State Aid** to public libraries, **Open Access**, and **Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement**. In FY11, \$2,246,081 in state funding was distributed to Iowa libraries through Enrich Iowa. *This represents a reduction of \$500,000 (18%) in funding for these important programs.*

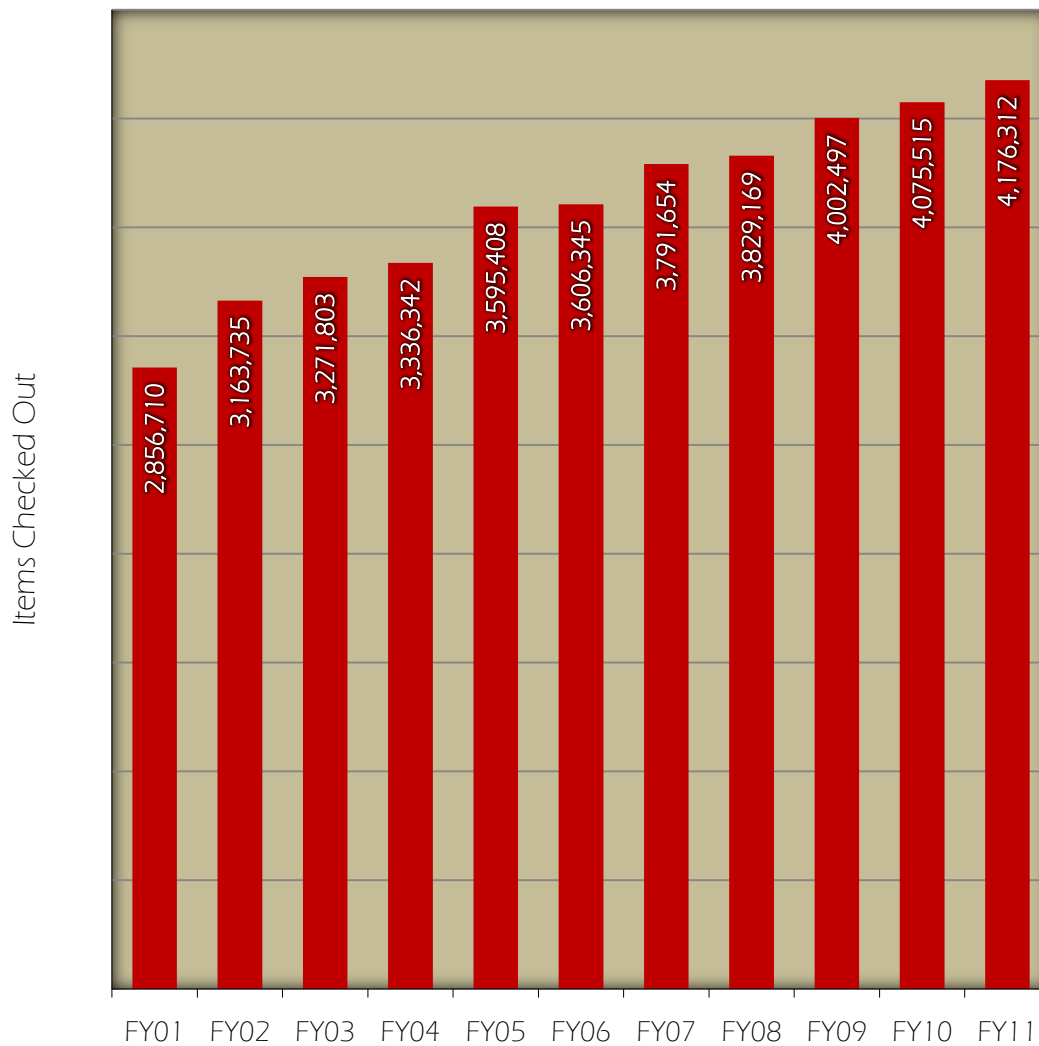
The **Direct State Aid** program helped 473 Iowa public libraries add more computers, purchase more books and other needed materials than they could otherwise afford. Since its inception, Direct State Aid funding has led to a 76% increase in the number of accredited public libraries in Iowa, from 199 in FY01 to 350 in FY11. Direct State Aid funding in FY11 was \$817,900 from the general fund, down from \$1 million in FY10.

The **Open Access** program makes it possible for Iowans to go into almost any library in the state and borrow books. Through Open Access, the state reimburses the loaning library a small amount of the expense involved. Iowans love this program. In FY11, Iowans checked out 46% more library materials through Open Access - 4,176,312 - than in FY01. State funds supported Open Access with \$1,073,232 in FY11, down from \$1,331,697 in FY10. \$720,028 came from the general fund and \$353,212 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF). 563 Iowa libraries participated in this program in FY11. 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 needs, 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 \$354,941 in FY11, down from \$414,370 in FY10. \$258,153 came from the general fund and \$96,788 from RIIF. Like Open Access, use of this service has substantially increased. Iowans borrowed 184,890 items through interlibrary loan in FY01 compared to 263,509 in FY11, a 43% increase. 564 Iowa libraries participated in the program in FY11.

Resource sharing among Iowa libraries puts more library materials in the hands of more Iowans. Last year, Iowans checked out more than 12,300 items every day through the Open Access and Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement programs. Unfortunately, participating libraries are beginning to question whether they will be able to continue to loan materials through the Enrich Iowa programs, due to the dropping reimbursement level. State funding for Open Access loans to Iowans now covers less than 25 percent of the cost of each loan, with the remaining costs borne by the local library.

Open Access

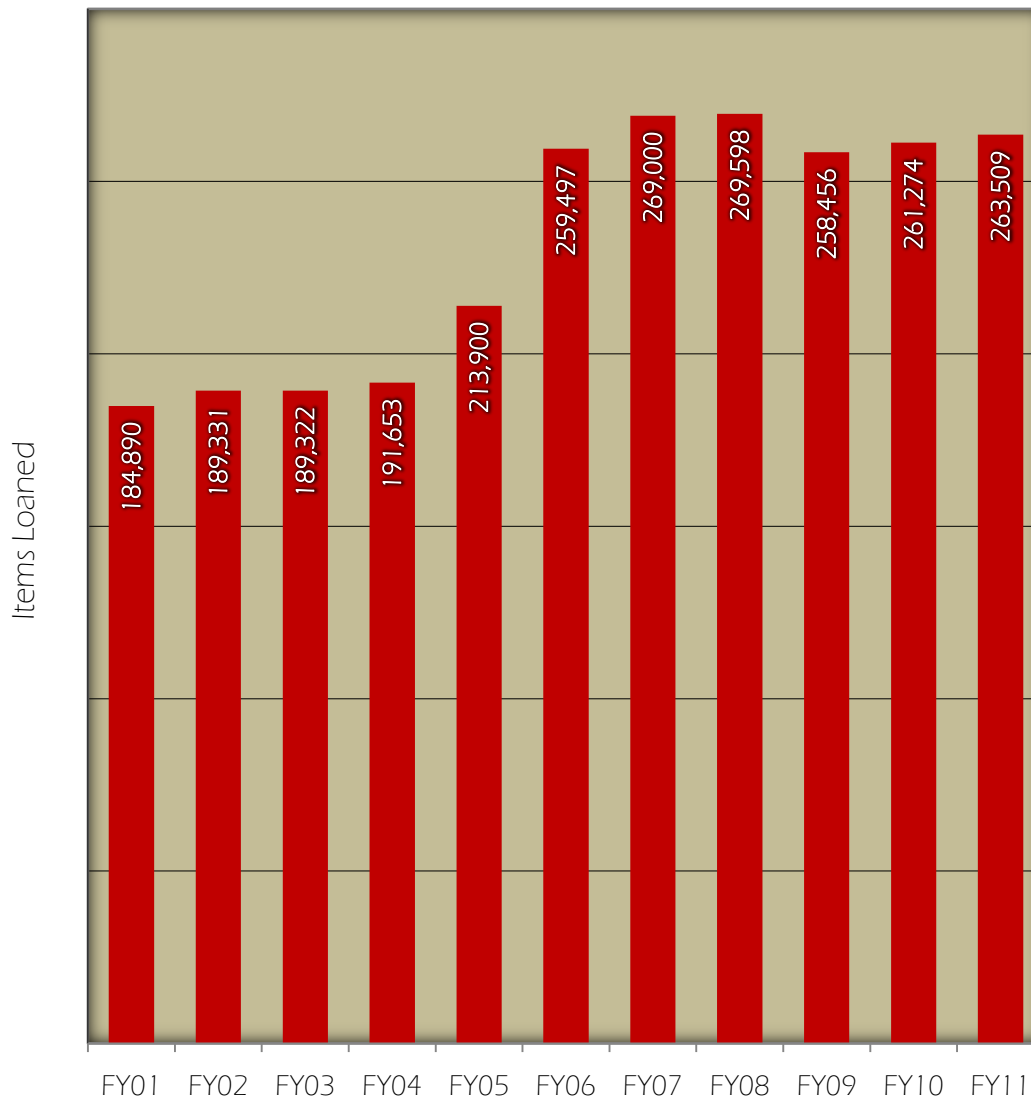


Established in 1989, Open Access allows Iowa library customers from a participating library to check out library materials at all other participating libraries in the state.

The number of items checked out has increased 46.2% from SFY2001 to SFY2011.

Open Access funding in SFY11 was \$1,073,232 (\$720,020 from the State General Fund and \$353,212 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).

Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement



Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement provides Iowa citizens with equal access to library materials through resource sharing among libraries. Libraries borrow materials from participating libraries to fulfill requests of their customers.

The number of items borrowed has increased 42.5% from SFY2001 to SFY2011.

Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement funding in SFY11 was \$354,941 (\$258,153 from the State General Fund and \$96,788 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).

Direct State Aid

State aid for public libraries significantly improves library services for Iowans. There is no question Iowans use their public libraries: More than two-thirds of all Iowans have active public library cards, an increase of 20% in the past 10 years. Library checkouts have gone up 16% since FY01, from 25.4 million in FY01 to 29.4 million in FY11. And library visits jumped 42% between FY01 and FY11. *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 of public library standards developed by the Iowa library community and Iowa Library Services/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, 345 received Tier 3 funding (highest level), 94 received Tier 2 funding, 36 received Tier 1 funding, and 68 were not eligible in FY11.

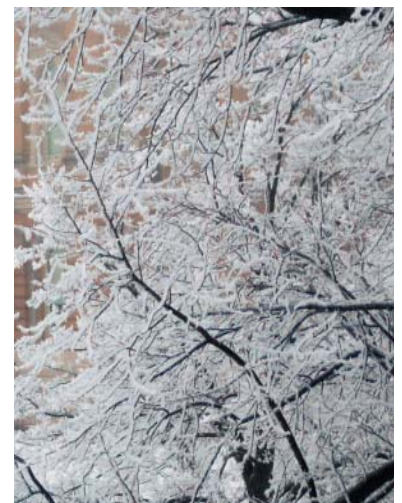
Iowa public libraries report using Direct State Aid funds to support the services library users want most: new books and other library materials (39% of funds); up-to-date technology (26% of funds); and staffing to help library users meet their needs (15% of funds). (See pg. 7.) Public libraries help 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 college degree programs. During the economic downturn, libraries have also seen a dramatic increase in the number of job seekers who turn to the public library for one-on-one assistance in writing resumes, searching for jobs, and completing online job applications. The following are some of the stories librarians shared about how they used Direct State Aid.

Those re-educating themselves may do research, complete homework assignments, and take exams. Providing our community with current technology enhances the quality of life enjoyed in Allison. One of our young, working mothers is studying to earn her master's degree in nursing. She commutes 30 minutes from our rural community to the hospital and another 30 minutes to attend classes. Between work, class, and her children's activities she spends a lot of time traveling. She appreciates taking on-line exams proctored right here at the library. We want to assist our patrons in achieving their goals. - Allison Public Library

Computers were purchased with these funds to add capacity to the patron computer lab. The funding enables us to accommodate the increasing number of people who use the library computers for taking online college classes, researching, filing e-government forms, making travel arrangements, or keeping in touch with family and friends. - Denison Public Library

A person came into the library to apply for a job on-line. She had never used a computer, but with our help and one of our new computers she was able to apply for the job and in the end was successful in securing employment. - Greenfield Public Library



Direct State Aid funding gives us solutions. And having a signer has been a positive experience for all of us. We get to communicate with Landon as we all learn some elementary signing. Landon has enjoyed being with other children at story hour and the Summer Library Program. He beams when the kids sign with him. It does take a village to raise a child and we are part of his village. - Blainstown Public Library

We use the Direct State funds for the director's salary to help with the extended hours needed to qualify for accreditation. The Marathon Public Library is the center of the community. It is where people come to look for jobs, fill out resumes, read their e-mail or have a cup of coffee and play cards. With the extended hours we are able to accommodate them. Because of my work with the kids on reading and the Junior Garden Club, I was awarded the state "Celebrate Literacy" award from the Iowa Reading Association. - Marathon Public Library

We have outreach programs at the nursing home and assisted living housing. These patrons need large print books in order to continue to read. Brian is a 51-year-old man who has a degenerative disease and lives at the nursing home. He is a voracious reader and he checks out approximately 20 books a month. He is almost completely paralyzed, but his mind is very active. **Being able to have new large print books has allowed Brian to keep reading and to keep his mind active.** - Stuart Public Library



Using computers in Winterset PL

We used Direct State Aid funds to enhance our online resources by adding e-books and continuing subscriptions to two online services – Newspaper Archives and Learning Express. All three resources have been very popular. Often when people come looking for test prep books, they find that the library's most recent materials are checked out and they don't have time to wait. **Learning Express (an online database) guarantees that the most up-to-date test prep resources are always available.** Our users have been surprised and greatly relieved to be told about this service and that it is there for them when they need it. - Burlington Public Library

The funds helped us to add to all of our collections. Whenever something unexpected happens, the book budget is the first place to take a hit. **This funding is vital to keeping our collection current and varied. When someone wants a title, I can usually supply or order it.** Happy patrons are what library service is all about! - Callendar Public Library

We had a parent come in and thank us for getting her child to read over the summer. They said that **without the encouragement from our Summer Library Program [paid for with Direct State Aid dollars] and seeing other kids excited about reading, her child may never have picked up a book this summer.** - Pomeroy Public Library

Every time our library takes a step in the direction of becoming more professional in performance and more resourceful in nature it gives me a great deal of satisfaction. *I was born in this community and after college and several years living elsewhere I came home. I stayed here to raise a family, and I fight an ongoing battle to make sure that this community is here for my children to come back to some day after their time away. Direct State Aid funding helps to make this possible.* - Leon Public Library

Our circulation has increased almost double from what we had last year at this time. We have many more people using not only our books, but also our computers and Internet services. Due to so many people being out of work, they are using our computers to look for work and they are using our other resources such as books and movies for entertainment. They have found the library to be a source of family activity without much cost. *Due to this funding, one gentleman in particular has found a job via the Internet instead of having to drive to do a job search.* He also used our Internet services to trace his family history and he has once again found enjoyment in reading. - Bonaparte Public Library

We have seen an increase of patrons updating their resumes and looking for jobs. Another up-to-date computer [purchased with Direct State Aid] has helped greatly. *I would have to say that we have made a difference in many lives through out the last year.* - Tripoli Public Library

Thank you for this opportunity. *Too often, as a smaller library, we hesitate to offer new opportunities for our patrons because of our limited funding. With your help, we were able to explore and gain confidence in our options.* - Solon Public Library

We used these funds to pay staff for additional summer help - to stay open in the evenings, and for additional staff to lead a new book group for middle schoolers. We also purchased a new laptop for staff. *Our new middle school reading group has brought home schoolers and community school kids together and improved their reading ability, comprehension and grades. One boy was SO proud, he told us his reading grade went from a D to a B-* - Britt Public Library

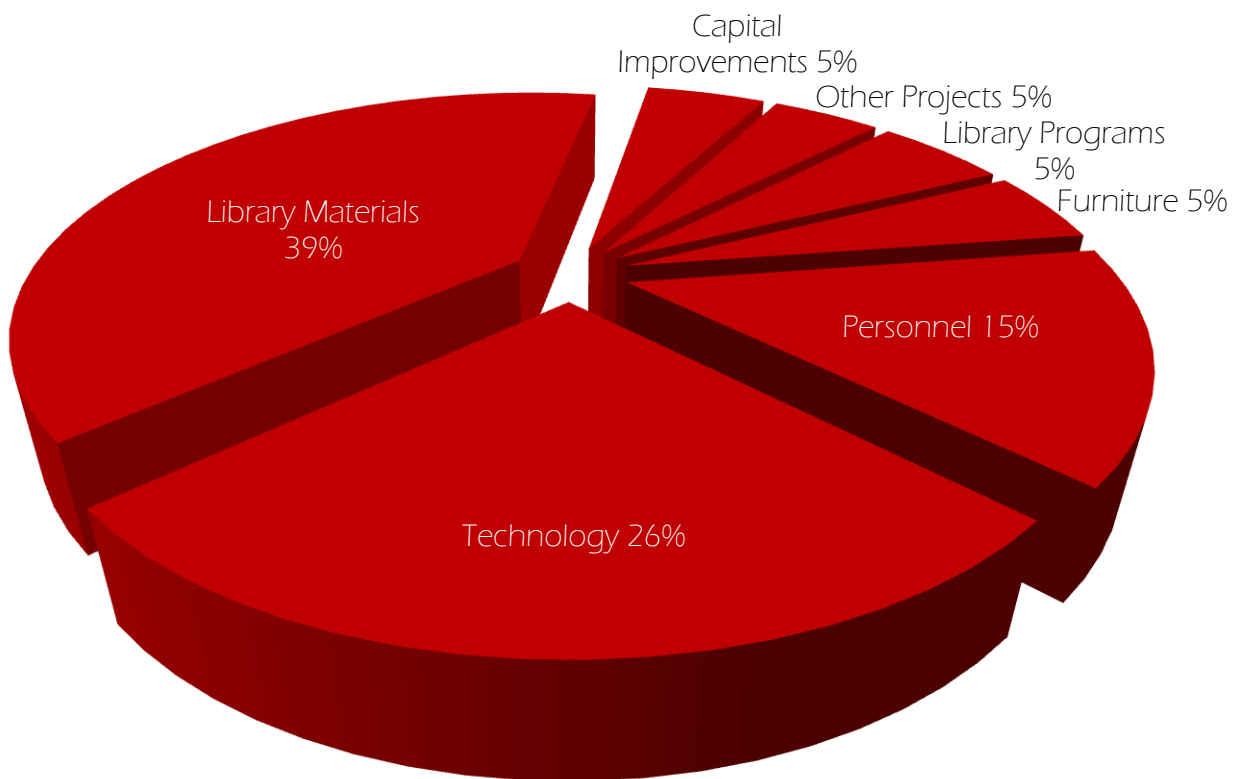
We have a family whose parents are unemployed. They frequently come to the library to use the "Charles City Press" and "Mason City Globe Gazette" to read up on job listings. Because they are at the library, they also have computers available to type up resumes and do online applications. - Rockford Public Library

We were able to provide a wider selection of best-sellers in print and audio CD. Here's a quote we used in our 2010-11 Annual Report: *"When I built my 3,100 square foot house, it took me two years and I did 78% of the building solo. Assisting me were 210 audio books on CD from the Oskaloosa library that I listened to while I was doing the work."* - Oskaloosa Public Library



Great grandma helps with math at the Des Moines North Side Public Library

Uses by Iowa public libraries of Direct State Aid (\$817,900)



Based on 473 Iowa public libraries reporting expenditures
of Direct State Aid funds

Ackley	\$ 1,359.49	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Furniture	We provided training for two staff and spent some of this money on a children's book cabinet to hold DVDs and Blu-Rays. This funding was awesome in the information gleaned from staff training as well as the children's books that added to our Summer Library Program. We received a grant for a new circulation area and it didn't cover the cost of a metal cabinet to hold our selection of DVDs and Blu-Rays, so it was great to be able to purchase this cabinet to complete our new area. The training was shared at both the board meeting and with the entire staff in how to better make use of our time and abilities in both record keeping and working with the public. The course in Mason City especially helped me to understand the mindset of patrons who are close to poverty.
Adair	NE	=	Not-Eligible
Adel	\$ 1,822.82	Library Materials and Supplies	We created a new area between the junior and the young adult section called Tween. We used some of the money for books in that section and replaced books that were in bad condition and needed replaced. We also added books for our general collection.
Agency	\$ 1,003.44	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs Other	Direct State Aid paid for new books, audio books, movies and magazines. It also helped purchase new computers and programming, and craft supplies for our Summer Library Program. We are implementing a Kindle check out program from Amazon, as soon as it is available. With technology taking over a large part of our lives, I think that we can continue to make the library an important resource for the community, even though we are a very small library, as long as we have needed materials. We have several patrons who use our computers to take online classes, especially when theirs are not working properly or are not compatible with the systems needed. In today's economy, the library has been very useful in our community.
Akron	\$ 887.92	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	These funds helped us purchase a Landmark Audio book lease program and Follett software to maintain tech support for the library system. This funding has been very important when we have to squeeze every single dollar in order to provide great service and good products for our customers. We have a mail carrier that loves checking out the CD books that we lease with this money.
Albert City	\$ 1,069.11	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for a H.W. Wilson adult fiction core collection catalog, children's books, and Summer Library Program supplies and presenters. We would not have been able to have the quality of presenters, supplies or books for our Summer program without the money. The funding made a difference in many young children's lives by providing fun entertaining presenters for our Summer Library Program as well as a host of

			fun, creative crafts and books to read geared toward our theme "One World-Many Stories."
Albia	\$ 1,269.38	Library Materials and Supplies	This money helped pay for audio books, large print books and DVDs. We don't have money in our budget for books on CD or DVD's. These are increasing in popularity here at our library and many patrons are grateful to have these items available. They bring many more people into our library and are wonderful for public relations. We have two patrons - one in his 90's and one in his 80's. They both have lost their wives and DVDs and large print books enrich their lives. The 91-year-old man is in every day to talk to us and get a DVD. This funding has enriched both their lives. Thank you for the funding.
Albion	\$ 720.95	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for new library books, movies, and work supplies.
Alden	\$ 1,181.29	Technology and Equipment	We were able to use these funds to buy new circulation software.
Alexander	\$ 1,095.86	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Other	These funds help pay our personnel costs. They also help pay for some of our print and video materials, office supplies, serial subscriptions, etc. The director of the library spent 92 hours over four months this spring painting a jungle mural in our library's children's area. The library director was paid his regular hourly wage for this work and the Direct State Aid helped supplement a large portion. The Direct State Aid the library received this past year was added to the budget with no particular project in mind other than being used as a supplement to regular city, county and local funding. Fortunately, the monies received this year made it possible to help pay the director in painting the jungle mural in the children's area of the library. This mural is floor-to-ceiling and runs 10 feet across part of the northern wall of the library. The mural has made the children's area much more inviting to our youth and their families.
Algona	\$ 2,213.50	Library Materials and Supplies	We used these funds to update some areas of the adult non-fiction collection. We also added to the youth and young adult audio book collection, which we rarely have the funds to do. We were able to purchase some much needed current history and science books to replace some of our outdated materials.
Allerton	NE		
Allison	\$ 1,113.70	Technology and Equipment	This year we used all of our Direct State Aid funding toward the purchase of two new public access computers, installation, and network updates. Patrons may create and update resumes, conduct job searches, and file for unemployment online. Those re-educating themselves may do research, complete homework assignments, and take exams. And citizens may keep

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Alta	\$ 1,271.74	Technology and Equipment	This funding helped us greatly. We were in dire need of a larger more efficient fax/printer/copier. We were unable to use our old machine to make copies for our programs, board meetings, etc. The new machine is a great addition to our library, and it is a great asset to our patrons. We had to make all our copies on the school's copier (per their approval), but I found that my children's program director was not marketing her programs as well in order to get our typical turnout because of our situation. I would like to think since we got our new copier/printer/ fax, it has allowed us to make more copies in order to reach more children/families. Our library's children's programming is thriving!
Alta Vista	\$ 1,027.19	Personnel Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid paid for additional salary for staff during Basic Computer Courses for the community. We had the classes during closed library hours. We also updated our shelving for the children's section of the library
Alton	\$ 894.04	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	This money helped buy a new fax machine and we are better serving our community as they send and receive faxes at our library. We were also able to present programs and purchase books for our children's Summer Library Program.
Altoona	\$ 4,050.33	Technology and Equipment Furniture	Direct State Aid helped pay for a computer lab printer, projector & cables. It also partially paid for Early Literacy Station/Teen area furniture. A reliable lab printer is necessary for daily operations and the library provided no teen area/dedicated space until now.
Ames	\$11,277.02	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid helps pay the wages for staff who work with the library's outreach program called Project Smyles. These individuals promote early literacy, reading, and interest in the library by providing story times for children, training for daycare providers and parents, and stock board books, bathtub stick-ons, and informational materials that are provided free of charge to parents of newborns in Story County. Through Project Smyles, kindergarteners and children in private daycares are exposed to librarians, library programs, and the bookmobile, even if they have no way of visiting

			<p>the library themselves. (In some cases, daycare providers would like to bring children in for story times or other programs, but their vehicles don't have enough seatbelts to accommodate them.) Library staff members present stories, often using felt boards or other visual aids and incorporating songs, finger plays, or touch-and-feel materials. Children's narrative skills and letter knowledge improve while they are having fun. Childcare providers and parents benefit from observing library professionals, learning about new activities and different strategies for promoting literacy, and having library materials left on location for later use. Deposit collections are now housed in 75 Ames daycare rooms. Books and materials are left for a month at a time; replacement items may either be requested by the childcare providers or selected by library staff members. Books for Babies packets encourage parents to begin reading to their children as early as possible. Packets include a free book and take-home materials designed to help create the tradition of reading in families. There is also information about library services, activity schedules, and a coupon that may be redeemed for a second free book at any Story County library. We believe both these programs contributed to the 5.7% increase in circulation of youth materials (8% increase in youth print) in fiscal year 2011 as compared to FY10. Most of our youth librarians have observed children who have been introduced to library services through Project Smyles bringing their parents to the bookmobile or the library building for the first time. The children are very excited to tell them about all the books, games, puzzles, and instruments that are available; they explain that Smyles (the library's mascot, a big blue dog) lives here; show them which doors to use to get on and off the bookmobile; and "teach" them about checking out materials. The kids express pride in their "ownership" of the library (or bookmobile) and take great joy in showing it off to their parents. We believe it also helps build their self-esteem.</p>
Anamosa	\$ 1,974.34	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for new books, program supplies and books on CD.
Anita	\$ 1,155.88	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	With this money we were able to purchase a barcode wand, slim client computer box, a keyboard, two anti-virus subscriptions, Destiny online database and support, plus the Summer Library Program books and incentives. Our patrons LOVE the Title Peek that we are able to provide with this funding. Slim clients allow our library to accommodate more patrons who can use the Internet at the same time. They greatly appreciate no waiting lines, and ease of accessibility. As one parent said, "I don't know what my children would do

			this summer if they couldn't come to the library and participate in the programs. My sister lives in an Iowa town and their library has no programming in the summer for the children!"
Ankeny	\$ 8,376.79	Library Materials and Supplies	The library was able to update and add to its children's non-fiction section using Direct State Aid. This section serves children of all ages. The children of the community are able to use this collection for education and entertainment. The young library patrons were impressed and we were able to match more books with children's interests.
Anthon	\$ 660.15	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	This money was used to purchase large print books and to expand our CD collection. State funds were also used to up-grade computer software. Money was also used to purchase supplies and prizes for the Summer Library Program.
Aplington	\$ 1,127.66	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for supplies for children's programs, paper, batteries, flash drives, copier maintenance, toner, laminating film, external hard drives and children's programming - Fancy Nancy. We had a Fancy Nancy Party which created widespread community "buzz" around the community for some time. It drew new patrons to the library.
Archer	\$ 356.49	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	These funds were spent on computer repairs. It was decided to budget more and buy newer computers. The money was spent on food, crafts and prizes for the Summer Library Program. We were lucky to get the computers fixed and up-dated as this service is used extensively by our younger customers.
Arlington	\$ 1,000.94	Library Materials and Supplies	This money was spent on large print books and the cost for the Arlington Public Library to join Neibors and provide one-year subscription to the audio books and ebook database for our library. We are so excited to be able to provide this service to our patrons. When Neibors was first started, the library board didn't think that patrons would use it that much. But with the addition of ebooks they decided it was time to belong. We can't wait to provide this service to our patrons.
Armstrong	\$ 1,087.07	Library Materials and Supplies Capital Improvements Other	This money was spent on books to improve our young adult section. We had a new furnace installed. We purchased a new vacuum cleaner. We were able to improve our building and our young adult collection as a result of the state aid.
Arnolds Park	\$ 1,242.09	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for new DVD movies - old classics such as Brief Encounter, Sweet Smell of Success (Tony Curtis) and Gone With the Wind. The money also paid for postage to be able to borrow multiple copies of discussion books for the adult's library discussion group. DVDs are very popular here - the downturn in the economy made even more people give up cable

			TV. They so much appreciate our collection. One grandmother who knows lots about films and literature has taken on a project of exposing her grandchildren to classic movies. She had them study and then watch Gone With the Wind (which was purchased with this funding). She said as soon as it ended, they all wanted to watch it again. She feels good about the quality of our entertainment.
Arthur	\$ 328.14	Library Materials and Supplies	This money was used for books and videos that were very much needed!
Asbury	\$ 8,498.98	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for partial funding of our annual subscription to Newsbank database. We contracted for service with a local computer company to set up public access catalog terminals, upgrade staff computers, implement email notifications, solve printer problems and purchase five new staff computers to replace outdated terminals. The most important use of Direct State Aid in FY11 was bringing some of our computer issues to rest. The library had capabilities through Library Solutions software but we had not been able to implement them without technical support. The contract with a local company provided 50 hours of a technician's time to bring up the PACs, email notification, public printing, etc. Through the same company we purchased five new computers which became staff terminals and the older computers are being used as PACs in several branches. This has greatly improved our service to customers. Now they can print from the public computers, they receive e-mail notification for holds and overdues, and they can be independent library users through stations for the public catalog.
Ashton	\$ 1,044.92	Personnel	We used Direct State Aid to enable our little "A" sized library to be open 20 hours a week to maintain our Tier status.
Atkins	\$ 1,155.04	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid allowed us to buy CDs, and computer and Internet access.
Atlantic	\$ 2,262.50	Library Materials and Supplies	These funds helped us to purchase a subscription for the Baker & Taylor's book leasing program. Receiving a current "best seller" is probably the most immediate need for most readers. A "Reserve List" becomes a necessity. Currently we have 41 patrons signed up for the new Janet Evanovich book. Then we have the authors who seem to write a book every other month such as Nora Roberts. We have 44 signed up for any of her new ones. When we changed to our Apollo system several years ago, we decided to increase the checkout time from two weeks to four weeks. The Apollo system has a Reserve Express option for

			automatic reserves. At this time we have 293 authors selected for this option. We have 149 patrons with a total of 1,529 reserve subscriptions. Without the leasing system the library could not afford to purchase the number of needed books, and therefore our patrons would wait possibly years before they would have a chance to read what they wanted. With the Leasing System through Baker and Taylor, we are able to receive more copies of the most wanted authors and titles and send them back when the major need for the books has lessened. This subscription has been a "God-send" for our library.
Auburn	\$ 423.22	Library Materials and Supplies	This funding was used to add books and DVDs to our collection which helps us have current reading materials and DVDs available for our community. Many in the community have commented on how helpful it is to have access to current DVDs and books without having to purchase or rent them in the current economic climate where money is very tight.
Audubon	\$ 1,504.36	Library Programs	The Library spent the entire amount of Direct State Aid on programming for the Library. Two Iowa Humanities programs, "Magic of Our Memories" and "Hollywood Cowboys," were presented. Other programs included Nebraska Humanities programs of "The Courage to Continue" and "Music of the" Many people were introduced to a wide variety of educational, cultural, and entertaining programs and events. The Peter Fletcher concert introduced people to a different type of music than they were used to hearing. One patron mentioned that he traveled all the way to Spain only to come home to Audubon to hear a more talented acoustic guitarist.
Aurelia	\$ 1,128.36	Library Materials and Supplies	These funds were allocated for children's and young adult books. There are so many good young adult series at the moment and I have wanted to order them. I have several junior high students who come in regularly requesting that I keep ordering these books. I have reserve slips made out for each of them and they stop by often to see if there are books for them. They also give me great ideas for new authors.
Aurora	\$ 660.21	Library Materials and Supplies	All state funds were spent on books for the children's area and non-fiction/reference books. Every bit of money helps but Aurora took quite a budget cut from the state (including Open Access and Interlibrary Loan funding) from the past fiscal year. We went from \$1,558.94 to \$721.31, a loss of \$837.63. That amount would fund our entire Summer Library Program with books and programming. We had to cut back on the amount of items purchased this year. A 4-H kid came in asking if we had any books on chickens, thinking that because we are so small it seemed unlikely. She was quite surprised and grateful that we had three books on

			raising chickens, as well as books on building chicken coops. She did very well with her hens at the county fair. The Enrich Iowa funds help supply that kind of reference book for our small library that very likely would not be purchased with our limited funding.
Avoca	\$ 1,239.15	Personnel Capital Improvements	Using Direct State Aid, we were able to pay additional hours to our children's librarian so we could begin a new Friday morning toddler story time. It has been a great hit with an average of 10 children and six adults each week. The adults have gotten to know each other and now schedule extended play dates. We painted an area inside that was water damaged. The total cost for painting was \$1,500.00. The library had the roof repaired with steel roofing and new siding replaced the aged cedar siding. After the spring rains this year the inside was dry.
Badger	NE		
Bagley	\$ 1,030.10	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	In order to maintain a morning hour open during the week and an afternoon hour on Saturday it is necessary to hire additional staff for these hours which are not budgeted for. Direct State Aid paid for this needed service. We were also able to increase our audio book collection due to heavy use by a homebound patron. We cleaned up and installed new software on all patron computers because users were abusing their Internet access and changing settings allowing virus attacks. The morning hour added on Wednesday was requested because the bank closes at noon and people wanted to be able to visit the library at the same time. People don't get moving very fast on the weekends so we moved an hour open from the morning to the afternoon. We were spending a lot having our computers worked on, so we got software to inhibit kids from messing with them. There are 301 happy people in Bagley who are very proud of this little library. A post office, bank and the library make up our town.
Bancroft	\$ 1,144.75	Technology and Equipment	We purchased two new barcode scanners and a used color laser jet printer using Direct State Aid.
Batavia	NE		
Battle Creek	\$ 1,036.82	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	These funds were used for salaries for additional staff and training. Children's books were purchased. Items were purchased for the Summer Library Program. The children enjoyed the new books and we were able to present wonderful summer library reading programs to the children because of this funding.
Baxter	\$ 1,161.92	Furniture	Direct State Aid helped pay to replace shelving that was unstable. This shelving was old and wobbly. It was an accident waiting to happen. We now have safe shelving.
Bayard	\$ 1,072.25	Library Materials and	This funding helped pay for large print books for adults.

		Supplies Technology and Equipment	Part of the costs for WILBOR online audio books was also paid with Direct State Aid. Without Direct State Aid, our library would not have been able to participate in the WILBOR program. Our patrons can now access downloadable audio and eBooks from our website. A patron came to our library soon after Christmas explaining that she had received an eBook reader from her children as a gift. She explained that as much as she appreciated the gift, she wasn't sure that she would be purchasing many books due to the cost involved. (She really likes to check out books at the library!) Once we explained how she could check out eBooks as well from our library she was amazed. Her comment was "This library is amazing. I just love libraries!"
Beaman	\$ 1,056.72	Technology and Equipment	Altogether we spent \$1,461.41 for Hosted Destiny, so our records are all offsite. We have a program on it that we can keep track of checkouts if the Internet goes down and then load it later to Hosted Destiny. As a result of this state funding for Hosted Destiny, we can look for people's names and books in a lot less time. Everything moves faster. More important than anything else is we don't have to have an expensive server and maintain it. Everything is on the Internet. The patrons love how it runs so fast.
Bedford	\$ 407.21	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for a maintenance agreement for our microfiche reader/printer. It helps us keep our equipment up-to-date and working properly at all times. People coming from out of state are very grateful when the equipment works properly. They feel like it wasn't a wasted trip.
Belle Plaine	\$ 1,477.98	Library Materials and Supplies	We purchased books, kid's CDs, and work supplies. We had more local newspapers transferred to microfilm. We also have changed our library hours, so we purchased new magnets with our hours and website address, and other information to give to the patrons. Our patrons were very pleased to get the magnets with all of our information. We suggest they use it to help keep track of the slip they get with their due dates, and library number so that it will be easier to make a phone call to renew their books, should they need to. We also hope it will help them make use of our website. People looking for local history and obits are always happy to know we have microfilms of the local paper.
Bellevue	\$ 1,468.27	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid has allowed us to purchase new computer equipment for our patrons that we could not have otherwise afforded. It is an extremely important program particularly for smaller libraries! Direct State Aid, Open Access and Interlibrary Loan funding are essential for our library. As a small library we are very grateful for these programs as we continue to provide the best library service possible.

Belmond	\$ 1,582.07	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	<p>I purchased a new set of medical encyclopedias to replace our set that had a 2002 copyright. Also, we purchased some extra audio and large print books. These are two formats that seem to be getting more popular with our patrons, but are also more expensive to purchase. We were able to renew our subscription to the online language learning program BYKI. We have several patrons who are using it regularly, so it was great to have the funds to be able to renew it. We renewed our movie licensing. With this funding we were able to improve our collection with updated reference material and a wider variety of audio books and large print books. By being able to renew our movie licensing we will continue to offer movie nights for after school programs, book club and our adult reading program. The online language learning program BYKI can be used from any Internet computer, once you come in to the library to sign up, so we are being able to provide a valuable service inside and outside of the library building. We have a patron who is legally blind and cannot read print anymore. She also lost her husband this past year and is alone. She relies on audio books to fill the days. She will check out 10 to 15 at a time, so it is hard for our collection to keep up. It is great to be able to offer her more new titles. She has told us many times how much she enjoys books and how thankful she is that we have audio books. We have told her about the Library for the Blind and that she can get a player and books from there, but she is not interested in this route for whatever reason. She only lives one block away from the library and during nice weather will walk here so we can help her select books by reading her the titles and descriptions. Otherwise if the weather is bad she will call and we will select them for her and deliver them. It is so nice to know you are making a difference in someone's life.</p>
Bennett	\$ 381.79	Library Materials and Supplies	<p>Direct State Aid was used to purchase new books, movies and magazine subscriptions. Our community is small, but people love having the library here. We are able to offer them more of what they like such as movies, books and magazines. Our patrons are very thankful for these funds and so am I. We have an elderly couple who has moved into our low income apartment in town; nicest people ever. They come in and use the computer and check out books and movies faithfully. When the wife is using our computer the husband loves to look at our magazines. They are so happy to not have to drive so far to get entertainment and knowledge that they need.</p>
Bettendorf	\$ 6,355.74	Technology and Equipment	<p>We used these funds to purchase PC Reservation software and e-commerce engine for the public. This</p>

			has allowed our public to reserve public commuters, share community printers, and access the wireless network in the library. The e-commerce tool has allowed our users to pay for printing, fines and fees with a credit or debit card.
Birmingham	NE		
Blairstown	\$ 1,047.24	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Capital Improvements Library Programs	We hired a signer for Story Hour and Summer Reading Programming. We had one three-year-old deaf boy attending. The other children were fascinated and watched intently. A good experience for all of us. We bought the newest version of the Leap Frog books and pen to help struggling readers. We also beefed up our children's collection with more international stories. We purchased video games for check out which is a new experience for us. And we signed up for the Children's Monthly Programming subscription through the American Library Association. We bought some perennial and annual flowers to dress up the south side of our building. We purchased a large world map for the Summer Library Program. We also bought some globes for prizes. We picked up some incentive prizes for the teen summer library program. It takes a little more money to impress this age group! This funding helps fill in the gaps that occur when funding from the city and county can't quite cover everything. When we realized that we were going to need to provide a signer for our story hour and summer library programming, it was a concern trying to figure out how to make it work. And it crossed my mind that we might have to discontinue the programming if I couldn't figure out how to cover the signer's bill. Direct State Aid funding gives us solutions. And having a signer has been a positive experience for all of us. We get to communicate with Landon as we all learn some elementary signing. Landon has enjoyed being with other children at Story Hour and the Summer Library Program. He beams when the kids sign with him. It does take a village to raise a child and we are part of his village.
Blakesburg	\$ 664.02	Library Materials and Supplies Other	Ink, copy paper, and a planner for use with the copier and fax machine for patrons were purchased using this money. It also helps pay for day-to-day operating expenses. We have seen an increase of patrons coming in to use computers to print things, or to make copies and send faxes. Everything that we receive is greatly appreciated.
Bloomfield	\$ 1,013.81	Technology and Equipment	We used Direct State Aid for updating our system to Alexander for cataloging. This new program will be user- friendly both for the staff and our patrons.
Bode	\$ 1,038.54	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	We purchased a large screen TV and mounted it on the wall. It is used for the Wii games by children and adults alike. We also use it for movie nights at the library. We

			used part of the money to have the Blank Park Zoo come and give a program at the end of our Summer Library Program. Some was spent on crafts for the summer program. We would not have been able to afford the TV without the Direct State Aid monies, nor would we have had the great crafts that we had for the Summer Library Program! Much appreciated.
Bonaparte	\$ 654.86	Personnel	Direct State Aid helped pay the salary for the director. Our circulation has increased almost double from what we had last year at this time. We have many more people using not only our books, but also our computers and Internet services. Due to so many people being out of work, people are using our computers to look for work and they are using our other resources such as books and movies for entertainment. They have found the library to be a source of family activity without much cost. Due to this funding, one gentleman in particular has found a job via the internet instead of having to drive to do a job search. He also used our Internet services to trace his family history and he has once again opened his enjoyment for reading. He and his wife enjoy our videos almost daily due to lack of funding for other means of entertainment in their home.
Bondurant	\$ 1,598.94	Library Materials and Supplies	Young adult, easy reading and juvenile fiction books were purchased with Direct State Aid. We used the funds to supplement books for the Summer Library Program. We had a wider selection of books available, and the library saw a big jump in circulation the month of June after we added the materials. One of our regular patrons, who has children from age 7-24, commented on how great it was that the library was able to add so many more new books. She said, "My children enjoy seeing the new books, and they are the ones they look at first."
Boone	\$ 3,512.59	Library Materials and Supplies	\$1,756.29 was used to purchase large print books for the adult department. \$1,756.30 was used to purchase children's non-fiction books. Thirty nine percent of the population of Boone is 45 years old and up. The town has three large retirement complexes which we deliver a selection of books to each month. There is a high demand for large print books. The Children's Department supports curriculum needs for three preschools and two parochial schools. Good current nonfiction is a must.
Boyden	\$ 845.26	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a new computer/screen with the Direct State Aid money. We are VERY appreciative of the funding that we receive-our patrons are too!
Britt	\$ 1,400.01	Personnel Technology and Equipment	We used these funds to pay staff for additional summer help - to keep all evening hours open, and for additional wages for a new book group (middle school). We also

		Library Programs	purchased a new laptop for staff. Our new middle school reading group has brought home schoolers and community school kids together AND improved their reading ability, comprehension and grades. One boy was SO proud, he told us his reading grade went from a D to a B-!
Brooklyn	NE		
Buffalo Center	NE		
Burlington	\$ 6,479.05	Technology and Equipment Furniture	The funds were used to make improvements to public computers, purchase a portable PA system, as well as online subscriptions. We also arranged for a Job Center display board and literature racks. With so many of our customers using the library to search for jobs, type resumes, and complete online job applications, we needed a Job Center. We pulled materials from the collection together in one convenient location and used Direct State Aid funds to purchase display materials. This new center has made it easier for our users to find what they need. We also used Direct State Aid funds to improve our public computers which assists job seekers and so many other library users. We used Direct State Aid funds to enhance our online resources by adding ebooks and continuing subscriptions to two online services -- Newspaper Archives and Learning Express. All three resources have been very popular. Often when people come looking for test prep books, they find that the library's most recent materials are checked out and they don't have time to wait. Learning Express guarantees that the most up-to-date test prep resources are always available. Our users have been surprised and greatly relieved to be told about this service that is there for them when they need it.
Burt	\$ 1,090.16	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	New books, a circulation computer and the Summer Library Program were all paid for using Direct State Aid. The circulation computer was a very old model and too slow to handle our new circ system. It repeatedly shut down and made life frustrating for both the librarian and patron checking materials out. It was replaced this year with a super speedy Dell which has made life so much easier. With the \$255.00 for the summer reading program we were able to bring in Creations with a Twist, and amazing balloon artist/storyteller combo. We have a local group home called Exceptional Opportunities, which brought in a group of residents for this program. That absolute delight on their faces and interaction with the storyteller were incredible to watch. Seeing their enjoyment, as well as that of the children, made me so glad we had the funding to bring in this quality show.
Bussey	\$ 350.44	Library Materials and Supplies	The library added a number of picture books and juvenile materials to improve our departments using

		Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid. The library also added library supplies to assist personnel with processing books, bulletin boards and the Summer Library Program. The library continues to add up-dated DVDs for the younger patrons. This money was spent on speakers for computers and a new mouse for current computer usage. We spent additional money on the Summer Library Program as we had a performer for the children and some funds were also spent on prizes for the children. The performer was a big hit for our community. The library is able to offer up-to-date materials for all of our patrons and especially the young people. We are seeing an increase in the number of young patrons wanting to check out more books and DVDs. We currently have at least one patron who has noticed the different materials available at the library and has visited the library more frequently. We also have noticed that this patron has told others in the community that the library has many different materials available for checkout.
Calamus	NE		
Callender	\$ 1,062.30	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for new books. The funds helped us to add to all branches of our collection. Whenever something unexpected happens, the book budget is the first place to take a hit. This funding is vital to keeping our collection current and varied. When someone wants a title, I can usually supply or order it. Happy patrons are what library service is all about!
Calmar	\$ 1,194.24	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	These funds paid for adult audiobooks on CDs and some young adult fiction books to add to our expanding young adult section. These funds were spent in July and August of 2010 for our Summer Library Program to purchase additional end-of-program prizes for participants in the Summer Reading Program, as well as purchasing small "thank you" gifts for our older elementary volunteers. In addition, the library continues to provide a member of the community who is legally blind and can only listen to books with a format that she can use and thoroughly enjoy. The audio books on CDs continue to be extremely popular with a large number of employees who work at Rockwell Collins in Decorah, IA. They are able to listen to the audio books on CDs while at work, which seems to make their shifts go along much faster, so we have been told. They share the audio books amongst themselves and really enjoy this format of books. We get credit for the circulations, but most importantly, the employees reap the benefits from being able to listen to books when they might not have the time to actually read a book. Many patrons use the audiobooks for recreational listening while traveling and are very appreciative of our

			selection of audio format. It also gives us pleasure to hear from our sight-challenged patron of how much she enjoys listening to stories, which I usually hand-select for her nearly every two weeks.
Camanche	\$ 1,656.27	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs Other	We purchased large print books, regular print fiction and non-fiction, and music CDs with this money. We purchased prizes for the adult winter reading program, prizes and supplies for the children's summer reading program, supplies and refreshments for children's story and craft times, adult book discussion group meetings, and middle school aged girls books. We also purchased a special movie license to show the "King's Speech" at the library.
Cambridge	\$ 367.20	Library Programs	Direct State Aid was spent on our Summer Library Program, which included a Science Center program and new books. The funds were also used on bags and bookmarks and prizes for our summer program. Without this money, we would have to cut back on a number of things. I had a couple of kids come up to me and thank me for buying a couple of books about China and Japan. They both were not very excited about reading, but started these books and both said they were very good, which surprised Mom and myself. I was so glad I had the extra money to get those books.
Cantril	NE		
Carlisle	\$ 1,706.60	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Furniture	We used some of this money on supplies to help us organize our bulletin board materials. We also purchased book covers and other book processing materials, as we had so many generous donations to add to our collection that took us over and above our regular budget for these items. We used \$1,000.00 of the Direct State Aid money towards the upgrade of our circulation system. The new system allows us to have our catalog online, allows patrons to renew materials and place holds online, and helps us keep more accurate statistics. We also bought a new AV Cart, which allowed us to remove our precariously wall-mounted TV to a safer location. And money was spent on a new easel with flannel and white board for more efficient storytime programs. We bought a new magazine rack. After we were able to get our card catalog online, we have had many people coming in each day telling us how excited they were, and that now they would use their own library (us) instead of other libraries because they could see if we had what they wanted before they came in. We have also had many people who have lived in town for years stop in the library for the first time because they heard about or saw all of our online improvements...improvements we were able to make because of Direct State Aid. The new flannel/white board easel has made a huge

			improvement to the quality of our children's programs. Our children's programming staff no longer have to juggle flannel board characters in their hands or on an improvised flannel board. This looks more professional and allows the audience of children and parents to better focus on the stories being told, which fosters more developed early literacy skills in the children.
Carroll	\$ 2,945.30	Library Materials and Supplies	We count on this funding to keep our book collection current.
Carter Lake	\$ 1,463.74	Technology and Equipment Furniture Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for Follett maintenance/support/renewal. We also purchased a new rocking chair for pre-school story time. In addition, we bought new "Books for Babies Program" books and bags.
Cascade	\$ 1,296.61	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a new computer and printer. With this funding it enables us to provide new technology when our old computers get outdated. Patrons come in to use our computers, as many do not have new computers at home or they have issues with their own computers and cannot afford to have them fixed or replaced.
Casey	\$ 417.08	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for the salary of our library custodian. We also purchased some new books. Our small town library has a very small budget, so we carefully use every penny we are given. We (the staff) appreciate being able to have a custodian so we can spend our time helping patrons, reading and playing games with the children, as well as promoting new books and programs in our library. This funding provided another employment opportunity in our community, and many people benefited from and enjoyed the new and updated literature.
Cedar Falls	\$ 7,853.81	Personnel	The entire amount received from Direct State Aid was used to fund the position of Third Age Coordinator. We share this position with the Waterloo Public Library. This person selects large print books for rotation in area nursing and retirement homes. She also selects books for the Cedar Falls Public Library, which also spent approximately \$3100 on materials and mileage for this project. If the Direct State Aid money was not available, I don't know how we could fund this program to be as extensive as it is. If we don't provide this program, there will be many seniors who have no library access, and will lose the mental stimulation that comes from reading and discussing literature. Some quotes from our Third Age Coordinator, and volunteers: "How do I tell the story of my one patron, 94 years old who lives near the old Rath Packing Plant building, in a house which has seen better days? Every time I go she enjoys chatting, not necessarily about books, but she wants the social encounter. She wants me to pet her dogs and cats, and tell her about my cats. She always enjoys the books

			<p>and magazines I bring. Recently she read Carol Burnett's new book and 'Dewey.'"</p> <p>"Several homebound patrons have very limited vision and also receive service from the Iowa Department for the Blind's library. One gentleman in particular prefers the Western authors and I take him about twenty audiobooks each month. He has tried the service from IDB, but prefers to use our Third Age service. I get his books from WPL & CFPL. In over two years of contacts with him, he has not spoken much with me beyond to call and tell me when he needs new books. He is very hard of hearing and I have to shout to be heard. I asked the activity director to facilitate his application for service from IDB, but she said 'he said he has tried them and he doesn't need their services, he has me and he likes me.' I took that as a complement that he indeed is happy with the service. When I visit him in the assisted living center, he is usually alone in his room, listening to an audiobook, waiting for me to bring the new ones.</p> <p>"One of my WPL patrons we served for a number of years died last fall, but her family would call me at least once a year to thank me and the library for providing this service. She was wheelchair bound and lived in a nursing home. It is readily apparent that none of these patrons would be able to come to the library in person to get materials to read. A few have generous and available friends or family members who do pick up and deliver books for them with the selection assistance of the Third Age Coordinator. Without the service they just would not have access to library books. If I don't come when the books are due, several residents call me to see if I have forgotten, and to make sure I know they are ready for new ones. They definitely want to keep getting library books."</p>
Cedar Rapids	\$23,093.25	Library Materials and Supplies	The Cedar Rapids Public Library used the Direct State Aid funding to purchase new books and ebooks in FY11.
Center Point	\$ 1,196.74	Personnel	This funding paid for additional staff for the Summer Library Program.
Centerville	\$ 1,357.75	Library Materials and Supplies	New books for the children's library and new young adult fiction were purchased with this money. Our library service improved because we were able to update some of our nonfiction titles in our children's library. Kids remarked on the new exciting titles and our circulation increased.
Central City	NE		
Chariton	\$ 1,826.19	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs Other	We made our last purchase, for \$357.90, of Follett barcodes for incoming collection items. With the new Destiny software, we'll be able to print our own barcodes from now on. Each year interest from one of

			<p>our bequests, the Allender bequest, pays for most of our audiovisual collection, but this year that fund fell far short. So we spent \$445.49 of Direct State Aid (DSA) to purchase DVDs and another \$255.20 to purchase cases to process our incoming CD audiobooks, which we purchase unprocessed and process ourselves to save on audiovisual costs. We purchased \$200 in local Vision II Theater "bucks" as incentives for our Summer Leading Program. We spent \$56.61 on supplies for children's programming, including craft supplies, promotional supplies and snacks. We spent another \$160.99 on pizza for the kids. We used DSA to pay for performance rights from Movie Licensing USA for \$175. We regularly show children's movies in our meeting room, both for our own programming and sometimes in partnership with the local school. This was the first year we were able to really get our summer program out of our building by partnering with another city department (the pool) and with the local county fair. If we hadn't had the funds from DSA, this would not have occurred. These are special events. Having the leeway we do in spending our DSA funds gave us the opportunity to try something new, bringing us to the attention of many who do not use our facility regularly, and allowing us to treat our summer reading participants to something special in settings where we are not conspicuous. They had a great time & we got some good publicity within our community.</p>
Charles City	\$ 2,504.34	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Other	<p>We used \$327.09 of our Direct State Aid to augment our budget for large print books. We used \$607.25 to purchase a current license for anti-virus protection on all of our computers. We spent \$1,570 for a subscription to Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest Online. These are popular genealogy databases. Our library was able to continue to purchase two of our most popular databases as a result of the Direct State Aid funding. We were also able to continue to purchase a large amount of large print books. Both the large print books and genealogy databases are very popular with our seniors who are a large segment of the population. All of our customers depend on the use of both staff and public computers to checkout books and do their daily online business and communications. By purchasing protection, the library was able to ensure more reliable computers. One of our elderly patrons who is a voracious reader was tickled to find that not only did the library purchase the popular fiction in large print but also had a selection of classics and non-fiction. This patron commented that being able to get a variety of large print reading is helping her to cope through times of bad health.</p>

Charter Oak	NE		
Chelsea	\$ 345.90	Library Programs	We used this money to buy gifts and prizes to give out at our Summer Library Program. We also used it to buy food and gifts for a Groundhog's Day party we had for kids in Chelsea. The kids at our Summer Library Program were so happy with the gifts they got at the end of our program.
Cherokee	\$ 1,932.42	Library Materials and Supplies	Using Direct State Aid we purchased new books including large print, CDs and DVDs. DVDs are one of the most active parts of our collection.
Churdan	\$ 1,121.52	Personnel Technology and Equipment Capital Improvements	We were able to add a couple of hours to one of our aids using Direct State Aid. We were awarded a \$500 grant for a new computer, and Direct State Aid paid the balance of the new monitor etc. We have had to side our building and repair the brick front. Half of the building was built in 1961, and that brick has severely deteriorated over the last few years. The other half was built in 1980 and the building has shifted the cement block structure. The greatest impact was being able to apply the money toward the building repairs. It was also very helpful to purchase our last computer, now 7 of our computers are less than a year old! So often one of our aids works past her assigned time, but only marks down what she is supposed to work. Late in April she became ill and missed working all of May. It was nice to pay her for ALL the hours she worked once she was well enough to return!
Clare	NE		
Clarence	\$ 1,103.67	Library Materials and Supplies Capital Improvements	This money was used to purchase new books and audio books. We also used the funds for two new windows. We have been getting a lot of patrons who are now commuting back and forth and use our audios all the time. Even my husband has now been taking them in his truck for listening! Our patrons also have been using the computers for resume writing and sending in applications for jobs. The use of our computers has doubled in the past year or so. I try to make our library a great place for kids to come. Of course the kids in our town have no other place to go except the library and park, so they choose to come here. I have one patron who doesn't like kids too well and she was upset that when she came in there were kids here, having a good time, helping me get ready for a magician that was coming to our town. She made the comment "I don't know how you stand it." I love kids and that is what our library is all about.
Clarinda	\$ 1,956.24	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid allowed the library to replace three public access computers and extend the wireless internet (WiFi) of the library. The funds also provided needed software and support for the computers to be used at the library, such as Office 2010. Up-to-date

			<p>technology and software is important to libraries and communities and they provide equal and free access to everyone in the community. Also, current computers and software allow the library to mirror what patrons will encounter at home or in the workplace and leading technology allows the library to offer current computer classes, such as Excel 2010 or PowerPoint 2010. Finally, current technology also helps reduce the cost and headaches of old equipment and software which can breakdown, shut down, and generally become an I.T. nightmare. The library has offered Facebook 101 classes for patrons, both online and on-site. Many grandparents have taken the classes and have become better connected to their children, grandchildren and even old friends.</p>
Clarion	\$ 1,634.85	Technology and Equipment	Computer installations, Internet usage, software updates, virus protection, etc., was also paid for using these funds.
Clarksville	\$ 1,193.61	Library Materials and Supplies	<p>New books (adult and children's fiction, and replacement of out-dated nonfiction titles), work supplies and book preparation supplies, audio books, and book displays (easels, stands, etc) were paid for with Direct State Aid. With the funding we received, we purchased many new adult and children's books, and also new audiobooks, which are becoming more and more popular in our library. We were also able to replace many of our out-dated and worn nonfiction titles. Along with those books, we purchased the necessary materials and tools needed to prepare the books for circulation, and also more easels and stands to display the books. We've had a larger number of middle school and high school students visiting the library this past school year - looking for books and sources for school projects. Unfortunately, we didn't always have the information they were searching for, or our sources were too out-dated, so we purchased new and replaced old books on the specific topics they wanted. The kids sometimes needed these items for several weeks at a time for their projects, and they were always appreciative when we were able to buy books for our library for them to use for extended periods. These extra funds made it possible for our library to better accommodate our local students.</p>
Clear Lake	\$ 2,628.80	Library Materials and Supplies	<p>We spent Direct State Aid funds on CD audio books. This allowed the collection to continue to grow while we expended other funds on access to downloadable audio books. We have several visually impaired library users who look forward to the new additions to our audio book collection each month. They often offer great suggestions for new titles to add.</p>
Clearfield	NE		

Cleghorn	\$ 979.88	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for new children's books, large print books and adult programming. Many of our patrons wanted more large print books and with this funding we were able to start a new collection. Our library offered a number of adult programs which were well attended. We reached out to those who didn't use our library.
Clermont	\$ 711.47	Technology and Equipment	A new computer was purchased with these funds for our patrons to use.
Clinton	\$ 5,852.41	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	These funds were used for replacement of worn, damaged and lost non-fiction books. We also bought new DVDs for children and adults. Other things we were able to purchase were rug spot cleaner, pressure sprayer, Novelist Online and the database Ebscohost. This money was used to enhance readers services by replacing materials either in disrepair or in need of replacement because of loss or previous weeding activities. Some materials were replaced for currency of information. The DVDs are very popular. Our library budget is unable to meet demand for new titles so the infusion of funds for new materials is helpful and much used by both adults and children.
Clive	\$ 3,421.47	Library Materials and Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to join WILBOR - a source for downloadable audio and e-books.
Clutier	NE		
Coggon	\$ 774.93	Library Materials and Supplies	New books and CDs were purchased with these funds. We were able to add to our collection to further serve our patrons.
Coin	NE		
Colesburg	\$ 1,001.08	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	We hired an additional staff person with Direct State Aid to help with the added hours and extra programs. We updated our "tween" area which had not been done for years. We weeded almost 2,000 books not checked out since 2000 or later. Our circulation for that age has improved and we see the younger kids coming in with requests for books that they want which is exciting. We bought prizes, craft materials and books which featured different cultures and included different languages to go with the Summer Library Program theme. We had over 50 kids this year which is an all time high. We are able to be open more hours which benefits the working population and children after school.
Colfax	\$ 844.09	Capital Improvements	A new breaker panel box was installed to make our electrical circuits safer and not overloaded. Additional outlets, circuits and plug strips were installed for computer usage and for wireless laptop computer usage. None of this would have been possible without Direct State Aid. Many more people can comfortably use laptops now because of increased outlets. Also we have more panel box space for future growth of our

			technical equipment.
Collins	\$ 1,176.33	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	The funding through Direct State Aid has enriched our library with the resources necessary to provide useful and beneficial materials and information sources for the library patrons of our community and surrounding community members. We have provided computer resources, updated circulation materials, and enriched our children's programs due to this funding. A member of the surrounding community has expressed gratitude in being able to come use our library computer resources as he recently became unemployed. He appreciates the public access to online resources as he searches for employment.
Colo	\$ 1,170.93	Technology and Equipment	Colo Public Library used Direct State Aid to purchase two HP Pro All-in-One MS218 and McAfee Antivirus Plus 2011.
Columbus Junction	\$ 1,308.68	Technology and Equipment	We purchased two Dell laptop computers, software and cases. These computers are used for people taking online classes here in the Library. We have high school students as well as community college students who are taking tests.
Conrad	\$ 1,228.39	Other	This is the third year in our new building. We are getting closer to budgeting the correct amount for utilities, but a very cold winter provided some larger than normal bills. Direct State Aid was a great help.
Coon Rapids	\$ 1,192.86	Library Materials and Supplies Furniture Library Programs	We used this money for DVDs. We purchased a entertainment cart to house our TV and DVD player. It makes it possible for us to safely move the cart to different areas in the building. We also used this money for the Summer Leading Program.
Coralville	\$ 4,511.84	Technology and Equipment	We were able to purchase a new microfilm reader printer this year due in part to the availability of the Direct State Aid dollars. Our old machine, which was the only equipment that we owned allowing access to microfilm backfiles of local newspapers, was about to die. We are a very busy library, with heavy demands on our public Internet computers and resources available in our reference department. The upgrade on the Public Internet Network was crucial in maintaining quality service for our patrons. Our old microfilm reader printer was long past its useful life, and the upgraded replacement machine was much more costly than the earlier models. Upon seeking out grant funding, we were able to replace the old machine with a new digital machine by utilizing some of the Direct State Aid funds towards this project. We have a number of patrons who come in looking for old newspaper information that is only available in microfilm format. Without this new machine, we could not meet those information needs.
Corning	\$ 1,329.24	Library Materials and	Our city council has only given our library an increase in

		Supplies	money one time since 2006 and that was used for salary increases. We use the Direct State Aid money on library materials for our library. If we did not have this, we would not be able to buy any new materials unless it was a memorial or donation to our library. This helps us immensely and without it we would be in very big trouble and not have many new materials in our library.
Correctionville	\$ 341.88	Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid was used to purchase new shelves for two areas in the library.
Corwith	\$ 1,051.43	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Training, workshop fees and other expenses were used with these funds, as well as books and DVDs for the Summer Library Program. Direct State Aid helps tremendously in helping purchase new items for our patrons. The people of Corwith look forward to newly released material and are so happy we have such a nice facility here in Corwith that tries to provide new items as much as possible for our patrons.
Corydon	\$ 1,181.07	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid was spent for both librarians' salaries. City Hall does payroll and we have to pay them back. This money was also used to buy books, book covers, and other supplies the library needed. This money has greatly helped our library stay on track with our budget and allowed us to buy new books and offer programs for our patrons. We had a great turn out for our Summer Library Program this year and it allowed us to provide the kids with fun crafts that everyone enjoyed.
Coulter	\$ 1,105.87	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was used to purchase up-to-date books for the children's and teen's sections of the library. Without this money our collections in these two areas would suffer. We also purchased a printer/copier for the public to use.
Council Bluffs	\$12,796.32	Technology and Equipment Other	This money was used for a DVD cleaning machine and API for setting up authentication for downloadable ebooks. This funding also allowed the library to replace an old DVD cleaning machine which was worn out. It also allowed us to setup authentication for downloadable ebooks on our website. I find the downloadable ebooks a wonderful asset to the Library. When I am traveling, I download ebooks to read while traveling. If I read the book, I simply turn it in, and download another ebook. No matter where I am in the US, I have access to our library's collection through ebooks. Also, holding a small lightweight Nook is much easier for me now than holding a heavy book.
Cresco	\$ 1,759.72	Library Materials and Supplies	The funding was used for books, audio books, and CDs. The community of Cresco includes two care centers and the Howard County Residential Care Facility is just outside of town. One of the care centers uses the library's audio book collection for an "Audio Book Club." Residents listen to books on CD then enjoy

			a group discussion about the book. A resident of the Howard County Residential Care Facility recently discovered our audio books. He is a special needs gentleman who has always enjoyed the library's DVDs. He now listens to audio books as well.
Creston	\$ 2,383.45	Library Materials and Supplies	We purchased periodicals, and adult and children's books with this money. One of our patrons comes into the library daily. He uses the computer and then spends about two hours reading various magazines. He cannot afford to subscribe to magazines, but using the library allows him to keep up on news, science and other areas of interest.
Crystal Lake	\$ 399.06	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid went towards the purchase of new books and DVDs, as well as expenses for our Summer Library Program. We are a small library so this money really helps us keep more current with new book and movie releases.
Cumberland	\$ 1,001.97	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	With these funds we paid part of the salaries for the director and two assistants. We also bought new books, movies and supplies to help with our Summer Library Program and book club. I have seen the growth in the reading level of these children through the summer program. The funding we receive from the State helps pay for the assistants to work when I am not available. We would probably have to close the library on those days without this funding.
Cushing	\$ 306.53	Personnel	Direct State Aid paid the salary for the library director as she entered the book inventory on her website. Patrons can now go to the library website to see what is available in the inventory. A shut-in with computer access is able to go on the library website and select a book from the inventory. The library director then delivers the book to her home.
Dallas Center	\$ 1,283.17	Library Materials and Supplies	Books and DVDs were purchased using Direct State Aid. We were able to greatly enhance our DVD collection for both children and adults as we've seen an increase for these items. We also replaced some of our outdated non-fiction adult books which has appealed to adults and given us a chance to promote our non-fiction section. We have a child about 9 years old who comes in to the library on a regular basis to check out DVDs. Since enhancing our collection his mom has started coming in with him. Hopefully this has given them something to do as a family.
Davenport	\$18,118.02	Personnel	We are able to be open 27 Sundays during the school year because of Direct State Aid and this continues to be well received by the community.
Dayton	\$ 1,150.37	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	I started as director in July 2010 and state funds enabled me to have my assistant work during hours I was cleaning up and reorganizing the library. Our teen

		Capital Improvements Library Programs	and beginning readers' books were very old (we had a large amount of materials dating back to 1950's and even prior) and falling apart. I used Direct State Aid, in addition to county funding, to enhance our youth collection, bring it up-to-date, and fulfill young patrons' requests for newer books. The funds also helped pay to have the library repainted. (It had been 20 years and looked extremely dingy and dirty--it's made a huge difference!) The funds also helped pay for our Summer Library Program refreshments and entertainment. We had over 80 children sign up and had a large party at the end of July with entertainment and refreshments.
De Soto	\$ 1,105.82	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	I used Direct State Aid money to buy books for our Summer Library Program (SLP) storytimes--other cultures' versions of Cinderella, Anansi the Spider, Chilean folktales and more. I'll read these books at storytimes and special programs, and when the SLP is over, shelve them with the rest of our collection. I used the majority of the funding on library programs. I used it to buy prize books from Scholastic for our Incentive Reading Program. As well, I used it for European candy, a Japanese Dragon Kite, a Guatemalan Worry doll and more for our "Around the World SLIP. It would not be nearly what it is without Direct State Aid. Our program funding is minimal, so having this funding means we are able to have a great finale picnic to end our program as well as provide prizes to entice kids to keep reading and participating in our trivia program. Some of our programs this year--Salsa Making and "Evil Enchantments and Terrific Tales-The Most Famous Fairytale from around the World"--are funded exclusively through Direct State and Aid and wouldn't have been offered without it. As to the books we give away at the holiday party, I feel like it's a nice way to give to the community, helping spread goodwill towards the library and attract new patrons to the library that attend the party. Many of my young patrons are "latch-key" kids. Offering these programs lets these kids have a time of feeling important and included--something that is too often lacking in their life. When they know they are included and welcomed to our library programs, they learn the library is a safe and fun place to spend their time. In turn, this has essentially plugged them into their community and access to information, even if all they're noticing right now is that they get to make fairy princess crowns.
De Witt	\$ 2,234.67	Library Materials and Supplies	We used this money to purchase new DVDs.
Decorah	\$ 2,839.32	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	This year we upgraded from Follett InFocenter to Follett Destiny. To assist staff in learning the modules for operation, they traveled to area libraries to learn from

		Technology and Equipment	<p>fellow Destiny users. Our library does outreach to three area nursing homes, care facilities, and preschools. This amount assisted in off setting the rise in postal costs for interlibrary loan shipping. Interlibrary loan is a valuable service to our patrons who live in the rural NE corner of Iowa. We also used a portion of this money to purchase additons to the books on CD collection. This collection has become popular with many of our patrons. The change from InFocenter to Destiny was costly. With the assistance this funding, we were able to upgrade needed servers. We also purchase two new scanners. One for the processing department that aids in use of barcodes as entered and one for the public. The funding provided by the Direct State Aid program supports ongoing services that meet the needs of our citizens by providing up-to-date technology for patron use, staff use for circulation and processing of materials; additions to our collection in the form of books as well as books on cd and securing materials through interlibrary loan. Direct State Aid closes the gap between larger urban area opportunities and the rural population in the north east corner of the state. Outreach services provide much needed home deliveries to patrons who have used the library for many years. Patrons who are no longer able to physically use the library, but continue to read and reside either in their homes or at the area facilities, are served through outreach. It allows for the children's librarian to reach young pre-readers. There is a high percentage of parents who work outside the home that require day care. Her visits encourage life interest in both reading and use of the library as they grow.</p>
Delhi	\$ 1,021.31	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	<p>We spent Direct State Aid for a part time person at the circulation desk and extra hours for our children's librarian. We also used the funds for books and supplies for our Summer Library Program and the cost of new toner for the copy machine. The state funding has helped so much with employees that make our children's programming a success! Where budgets are so tight, your help is very much appreciated to keep providing services to our patrons. Thank You!</p>
Denison	\$ 2,397.51	Technology and Equipment	<p>Computers were purchased with these funds to add capacity to the patron computer lab. The funding enables us to accommodate the increasing number of people who use the library computers for taking online college classes, researching, filing e-government forms, making travel arrangements, or keeping in touch with family and friends. An elderly patron was able to spend extra time on a library computer in order to become skillful enough to use email. She now communicates regularly with her grandson, who is stationed in Iraq.</p>

Denver	\$ 1,386.90	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	We used Direct State Aid for children's and large print books, puppets, a Sony e-reader, an MP3 Player, and a new scanner. Our library was able to purchase a nice selection of library bound non-fiction children's books to go along with science units taught at our local elementary school. We also serve a large base of elderly patrons who enjoy the large print books and this funding helped in purchasing some new titles. We were also able to purchase an ereader and MP3 player for our staff to train in downloading and using e-books from our NEIBORS program. Our older patrons are always telling us how grateful they are that our library has large print books. Some of those patrons could not enjoy books without the larger type. Large print is often one of the areas that we rely on outside funding to purchase. Without Direct State Aid, we may not be able to purchase these books.
Des Moines	\$36,793.00	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid funds were used to provide and expand the variety of periodical subscriptions available to DMPL customers. The DMPL budget was cut by \$535,000 in FY2011. Using Direct State Aid dollars for periodicals allowed us to retain staff and keep as many hours as possible and keep up with the ever-rising cost of periodical subscriptions. Magazines are especially popular with non-English speakers/readers and we have been able to expand the range of titles provided, especially in Spanish and Vietnamese. These are two groups for whom we have made a concerted effort to better serve. Magazines provide up-to-date information on topics such as health, especially for those who may eschew electronic resources. Teen and tweens who may be overwhelmed by an entire book will often read a magazine.
Dexter	\$ 711.00	Library Programs	We used this money to add more children's programs. We held a Children's Day in June, we participated in the Fall Festival with activities for children at the library, and we added more programs to our Summer Library Program (SLP). We have a lot of children home during the day while their parents are at work. We still show movies on Wednesday, SLP on Thursdays, and have added activities at the library during the week. We encourage reading with prizes and tickets to events around Des Moines as well as locally. This funding has allowed us to build our services for the community as we continue to grow. This funding made it possible for us to continue our SLP and other summer activities. This has affected a lot of the children in the Dexter area as we had 75 signed up for the SLP. We offer a structured activity for them once a week for 6 weeks and expose them to programs they may not have had the chance to see. Next year we plan to expand our

			services more if possible. Many were disappointed to see the SLP end.
Dickens	\$ 647.44	Library Materials and Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to purchase books the patrons LOVED and have been checking out like crazy! I personally read one of the new books and it gave me a whole new respect of our country's service men and women -- the mental suffering is sometimes worse than the physical.
Dike	\$ 1,210.69	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	The library has a high circulating DVD collection that is added to on a regular basis with this funding. Patrons use this collection vigorously as there is no other DVD vendor in the community. The book collection is added to weekly and includes youth/young adult, adult, Christian fiction and large print titles. The magazine collection also circulates on a high level and the titles are adjusted as patrons' needs change. We have a growing collection of audio and CD books for youth and adult patrons. Funds were spent on high speed Internet and Wi-Fi. As a small community with limited technology resources, the library acts as a hub for Internet connectivity both for laptop computers and library owned computers. Dike Public Library was able to provide summer library presentations to both youth and community members. Attendees enjoyed an award winning magic show, a presentation on tornadoes and weather, storytellers who enacted stories from around the world. This funding has helped our small community stay abreast of technological changes by allowing the growth of digital collections, Internet connectivity and offering devices and software that help our patrons use the technology (i.e., e-readers). As a small community, the library acts as a hub for the city of Dike. On any given day, a patron can attend a story time or join a book discussion. Wi-Fi helps patrons stay connected to the world. State and local newspaper collections help patrons stay connected with life in the community. Patrons relax and visit while sharing a puzzle. Just before a long holiday weekend, a humid July day, or a snowstorm, patrons stock up on DVDs, books and magazines. And a child can celebrate with a birthday cake in the shape of a tractor or Strawberry Shortcake because of the cake pan collection. State library funds help the library fulfill the wide variety of community needs for our patrons.
Donnellson	\$ 1,124.02	Personnel Other	Direct State Aid paid for the wages and the energy costs to be open an additional 1.5 hours per week.
Doon	NE		
Dow City	NE		
Dows	\$ 1,202.45	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	New junior fiction books and Summer Library Program crafts and awards were paid for using Direct State Aid.

Dubuque	\$11,235.38	Capital Improvements	The Carnegie-Stout Public Library completed a \$7 million renovation to the facility in FY11. The library is a destination. The new space is incredible. The community is so proud of its new library. This is hard to believe, but yesterday a couple stopped by who had retired from Texas and they looked around other communities in NE Iowa before selecting Dubuque because of the library. They chose this city because of the library! Thanks for Direct State Aid.
Dumont	\$ 1,062.72	Library Materials and Supplies Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid paid for new books and to update our fire alarm system. We have added an automatic dialer so the alarm goes directly to emergency personnel. We have an alarm system that will actually work now.
Duncombe	\$ 1,069.12	Technology and Equipment	The total amount of Direct State Aid was applied to the purchase of two new computers, one for patron usage and the other for the circulation desk. Both replaced computers purchased in 2002. With the high unemployment in our area and with the number of people taking classes at ICCC, our computer usage has quadrupled. We need to provide the best technology possible for our patrons. Many have been affected by major changes in their lives. Many have never used a computer before but need them and truly don't have the funds to purchase their own. Having four computers in our small library for patron use allows them to learn how to use the new technology with our help, and to do what they have to do online for their college courses. It has been a truly heartwarming experience for staff as well as for the patrons to see them so excited to enter the new world of technology.
Dunkerton	\$ 1,042.99	Library Materials and Supplies	Audio books, books for the Summer Library Program, and books for the general public were purchased with this money. This funding helps us add to our collection and meet the needs of our patrons. Many who visit us can't afford to purchase books, so they truly appreciate the books we have to offer at no cost to them.
Dunlap	\$ 722.67	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was spent to pay for a substitute for 40 hours vacation and sick days when the director was gone, and to attend the Iowa Library Association Conference. Money was also spent on DVDs for the library collection.
Dyersville	\$ 1,670.74	Library Materials and Supplies	All funds are used to improve the library's media collections. This funding allows the library to purchase additional media such as DVDs and Play-aways.
Dysart	\$ 1,161.54	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	This money pays for additional hours needed for training on the new circulation system. We also purchased new children's choice award books and four new hard drives for aging computers. This funding enables us to offer things to our patrons that we otherwise would not be able to offer.

Eagle Grove	\$ 1,871.91	Technology and Equipment	We used our Direct State Aid to assist with the expenses encountered when we joined the Beacon project. Expenses included the software from TLC, conversion of data, and new computers. By using Direct State Aid we did not have to deplete other portions of the library's services and materials. Joining the Beacon project has enabled our patrons to use a number of other libraries's catalogs without registering at that library. Patrons enjoy the ability to access their accounts from home using the Internet. They enjoy the convenience of renewing materials, placing holds, checking our catalog, searching other libraries' catalogs from home and other features of the TLC software. Tracking Open Access users is easier and more accurate. Today a visitor asked if she could check out a book she was interested in. I was able to tell her that she could use the card from her home library to do so without filling out our registration card and issuing her another library card to carry. She was very excited about walking out of our building with the book and the possibility that she could return it to her home library and they would mail it back to us. All of this was accomplished in a matter of seconds rather than minutes.
Earlham	NE		
Earlville	\$ 754.05	Library Materials and Supplies	The money we received from the state was spent adding to our collection of adult and children's books that circulate within our community. The economy has negatively impacted nearly everyone in our community, so having access to our free library materials is an easy way for them to enjoy our collection without spending any money, which is in short supply almost everywhere.
Early	NE		
Eddyville	\$ 1,125.93	Personnel	The funds are used to pay part-time staff to work extended hours in the late afternoon/early evening. Library patrons are appreciative that the library is open those hours. After school, students are able to do their school work on the public computers and use the printers to print out their homework.
Edgewood	\$ 1,130.11	Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we purchased two desk top computers to replace one computer that quit working and another old computer. We see more and more people coming to the library to file for unemployment, to do job searches, and to update resumes as well as use social media. They are very pleased to have faster computers to get their searches done. They also are usually able to get right on a computer and not have to wait to get access. There is one gentleman who visits the library at least three times a week. He checks unemployment, social security, etc. There were some days that he would go to at least three computers to

			finally get his computer business completed. He is thrilled to be able to come in and sit at one computer and get things done with relatively no problems. He lives a distance from the library and doesn't always have a lot of time, so it certainly has helped his frustration levels...as well as ours!
Elberon	\$ 661.20	Library Materials and Supplies	Books and work supplies were purchased with these funds. Our service to our patrons improved because they were able to check out books they needed here at their local library. A high school student who needed a book for a school assignment was able to access it here instead of being put on a "waiting list" at the school library. The student could take time to really absorb the information needed, and received an excellent rating on the assignment.
Eldon	\$ 762.89	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	These funds were used to purchase books and cataloging supplies (tape, book jackets), and to do maintenance on public access computers. A gentleman out of work came in very often this spring to use our public access computers to complete online employment applications. He was not computer literate and did not have an email address. Only because there were the resources at the library – paid for with state funds - could he keep looking for employment and doing applications. He was able to learn basic computer skills and could save his resume to a flash drive.
Eldora	\$ 1,564.80	Library Materials and Supplies	Thank you. This money helps the library provide a larger selection of books for our costumers.
Eldridge	\$10,680.86	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Other	We used Direct State Aid to pay for library cards, three public computers, two staff computers, two server back-up power supply devices, two Wi-Fi access points, and web services for patrons: Universal Class and Optimal Resume. We were able to renew our software programs - Symantec and Cisco, as well as a Pharos upgrade for public computers. Web services are being used to help patrons beef up their resumes directly by using Optimal Resume, or by taking classes on line which are free to the public and add umph to their resume. It also lets us purchase other items such as Wilbor for e-books. We also used these funds to add a new copy machine for public use, thanks to Direct State Aid. Several people stopped by to thank the circulation desk personnel for the resume website. Several were able to get an interview and land a job. Many others are taking classes on Universal to aid in job hunting or just for the information needed for their hobby interests. The Pharos upgrade has aided patrons in getting on our public computers more easily.
Elgin	\$ 1,037.58	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and	Direct State Aid was used to buy books, audio books, and the Computers After School program. Because of our updates to computers, computer usage recently

		Equipment Library Programs	went up from 178 users in one month to 310 users the next month. Those who use the new computers will also check out books and other materials. This funding increased our service to the community. There was a man who came in to file for unemployment and did not have an email address. The library director was able to help him with both these things by using one of the new patron computers, making this much easier for the man, who did not own a computer himself.
Elk Horn	\$ 1,047.59	Library Programs	
Elkader	\$ 1,265.60	Personnel	This money paid for salaries for staff to cover heavy traffic times such as after school.
Elliott	\$ 678.13	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for books for our Summer Library Program and we were able to keep our book collection up to date. That keeps our patrons coming in to the library. When the patrons come in with small children, the children see what a wonderful place the library is. They can find all the new books as well as all of the interesting things our library has to offer. The new teen books keep the teens off the streets. They come into the library to read and socialize. Without this funding, we would not have been able to do any of these things. We had a little shy girl in town. Her dad finally talked her into coming to our Summer Library Program. After she saw all the other children having so much fun, she finally wasn't so afraid. She had so much fun coming to the program. She comes in and checks out the new children's books all the time. Everyday she comes in to say hello and asks if there are any more new books she hasn't read yet. Without this funding this little girl would never have come in and found out how fun it is to go to the library.
Ellsworth	\$ 1,059.98	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	We filled in series books plus added additional books in the Young Adult section using Direct State Aid. We now have more young adults checking out from that area. The yearly fee for "The Library Corporation" - BEACON circulation computer program was paid for with these funds. Knowing the money will be in the budget for the yearly fee of the computer circulation program is greatly appreciated. A middle school girl is now reading more and checking out books from this library with series books available in her age range.
Elma	\$ 1,110.68	Library Materials and Supplies	\$869 of Direct State Aid was used to purchase 2011 World Book Encyclopedias. The rest of the money (\$241.68) was used to purchase books. We still have older patrons who prefer to use an encyclopedia to find information. Our previous set was eleven years old. It was time to get a new set.
Ely	\$ 1,317.85	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and	This year we spent a portion of this money to purchase DVDs to replace some of our VHS tape collection we are phasing out. We also purchased additional audio

		Equipment	books for young adults. The remaining money was spent on purchasing books for children. We purchased a web cam and flip camcorder to be used for our young adult tech programs.
Emerson	NE		
Emmetsburg	\$ 1,814.18	Personnel Technology and Equipment Library Programs	With Direct State Aid we contracted with an independent library consultant from Ankeny to advise us on our ILS migration project. We purchased MARC records from OCLC through their CatExpress service. This service greatly streamlines the workflow of obtaining records and helps to ensure their quality. We purchased a blanket public performance license through MPLC to supplement the one we have from Movie Licensing USA. This enables us to show movies from Fox studios and others not covered under the MLUSA license.
Essex	\$ 1,060.49	Library Materials and Supplies	Because we have so many older people in our community, we started purchasing more large print books. We also have people who drive to Omaha to work and use the audio books we bought with Direct State Aid to listen to during their drive. I feel that it makes a huge impact on everyone by providing materials that they need and can use. We have two board members who must have large print books in order to read. One has had diabetes for years and that is affecting her eyesight. The other has a problem that causes her to see "through water." It is as if there is a drop of water on her eye that she must look through. Without the large print books, neither of them would be able to read and both are avid readers.
Estherville	\$ 2,136.84	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was used towards an automation upgrade with Biblionix Advanced Systems, Inc. The money was also used for programming adjustment costs on the copy machine to coordinate with automation system technology features. The Apollo automation system from Biblionix has provided a much more efficient and user friendly system not only for library members but for staff reporting.
Evansdale	\$ 1,313.83	Furniture	This money was used to purchase new shelving units for our newly remodeled library. For the first time in the 14 years I have worked here, we will have matching wooden furniture and are very excited about it.
Everly	\$ 711.30	Furniture	16 (14") chairs and one Best-Rite Early Childhood Easel was paid for using Direct State Aid. The smaller chairs are used for younger children during story time, crafts and movies. The easel also has a flannel board on the other side, so we can use it for story time which is now more enjoyable for all; children behave better and keep their hands to themselves when seated on a chair. Our makeshift flannel board propped against a wall often fell in the middle of the story. Now with the

			new easel/flannel board it will stay in place even when little hands are helping put up the flannel characters. It was also fun to use the easel to announce the name of the country we were traveling to during this year's Summer Library Program.
Exira	\$ 1,123.62	Library Materials and Supplies Other	Direct State Aid helped us purchase new books and pay for our WILBOR consortium -- a nice addition to our library. We have had patrons inquire about e-books but had never joined the consortium. This funding made it possible to fill another request made by our patrons. I found it fascinating that the interest in e-books was from so many different ages. It is always nice to be able to provide what our patrons want but it is really nice to purchase something that pleases so many age groups. We would not have been able to provide this service to our patrons at this time if it was not for the Direct State Aid funding. Thank You.
Fairbank	\$ 1,130.27	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Large print books and children's reference books were purchased with this money. We had a caricaturist and a presenter from Grout Museum for our Summer Library Program. We also were able to purchase several large print books and new children's reference books. The teachers will like seeing some new reference books when school starts! We have an older reader who has macular degeneration. The large print books have been life savers for her so she can join in our book club!
Fairfax	NE		
Fairfield	\$ 3,075.85	Library Materials and Supplies	Our library's materials budget from the City of Fairfield decreased over the years. Direct State Aid really helped to pick up the slack. We began weeding and updating the adult non-fiction collection. New residents and visitors often comment about how much they appreciate our library.
Farmersburg	\$ 972.47	Personnel	These funds were spent on additional staff hours.
Farmington	NE		
Farnhamville	\$ 428.41	Library Materials and Supplies	This money was spent on new books, and CDs to expand our collections. CDs are really good in our library because we don't have any other place in town to get get them. This funding helps us purchase more things that are needed for our library. Any amount of money we receive helps our small library.
Fayette	\$ 1,169.79	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	\$176.79 went toward the \$300 we spend for access to the NEIBORS e-books and downloadable audiobooks. A public access computer replaced our Gates 2003 computer, which was very slow and the software was outdated. The funds are so important to our library. We would not be able to maintain and replace our computer for public access without these funds. The patrons are so thankful for the new computer and the new Microsoft Office software that we purchased through Tech Soup.

Fenton	\$ 1,042.76	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for computer maintenance, AVG software, Microsoft Word, the Summer Library Program, and mileage for staff training.
Fertile	\$ 1,054.82	Library Materials and Supplies	We used the money to buy books and subscribe to NEIBORS audio book & e-book download program. I love to see the smile when a patron gets the newest book by their favorite author, whether it's fiction or nonfiction. I am often told "I don't know what I would do if we didn't have this library!"
Fonda	\$ 723.14	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	We joined the WILBOR consortium in the spring with a donation from the local bank, and used Direct State Aid funding to purchase a Nook, along with accessories, and also an MP3 player to have in the library so we are be able show patrons more about its features. With this funding we were able to purchase a Keurig beverage machine (and a variety of K-cups for it) to use for our monthly book discussion group and also for other programs throughout the year. We also purchased snacks and materials to make crafts for our children's programs. Having a Nook and MP3 to show patrons how to use WILBOR is helpful, especially to those who are trying to decide whether they want to purchase an e-reader and/or MP3 player. The Keurig beverage machine works well for book discussions and other programs so that people have a variety of beverages to choose from. We were able to serve healthier snacks and had better choices of craft projects for our Summer Library Program.
Fontanelle	\$ 1,040.73	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Books, periodicals and materials for the Summer Library Program were purchased with these funds. We also bought a computer hookup, and could afford to have staff from the Blank Park Zoo visit the library with a show & tell program. The presenter is very good & interacts with the audience well. She brought four different animals for show and tell. We have been able to purchase new books and more people are coming in. We also purchased more periodicals that our patrons enjoy. Computer use is up. We have a lady who is widowed and comes in to visit. She said that she wouldn't know what to do without the books and magazines that she gets at the library.
Forest City	\$ 1,772.55	Technology and Equipment	This money was used to pay for the BEACON Project.
Fort Atkinson	\$ 1,036.27	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	We used some of these funds toward our Summer Library Program for the extra staff needed during this event. Plus this allows extra hours to be paid for our staff to cover the adult book discussion group that is held monthly. This money helps our library to keep up with the demand of newly released books and add to our audio books plus our NEIBORS program etc. We hired a magician this year for our Summer Reading

			<p>Program with some of the Direct State Aid funds. We have been able to keep the service of NEIBORS and our EBSCOhost databases and added Wi-Fi. All of these services have increased the usage of our library. In our small community our book group has become a welcoming group of sorts. We recently had a new family move into the area from Des Moines. The mother was looking for a reading group to join since that was one thing she missed from "home". She was so happy to learn of our group and came and joined us. I believe we now have a new library friend.</p>
Fort Dodge	\$ 6,187.55	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	<p>Audio books, CDs, DVDs were purchased with Direct State Aid. We also bought anti-virus protection for 35 computers, paper cutters, a computer monitor, a shredder and a camera. All things we would not have been about to afford without these funds.</p>
Fort Madison	\$ 1,071.34	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	<p>The library has several standing order plans through Junior Library Guild to help keep our children's collection up-to-date and relevant to current readers' needs. Purchasing children's materials is one of the areas where our library is weaker and these funds strengthen our library collection. The money also pays for EBSCOhost which offers our library patrons access to a far wider range of magazines than we would ever be able to house. This funding allows patrons to do research both at the library and from home after the library has closed.</p>
Fredericksburg	\$ 1,170.52	Personnel Technology and Equipment Library Programs	<p>With this funding we were able to add additional hours to train our new assistant director. Training hours were needed to train the new director as well. These funds were used to help purchase a new computer. Materials were purchased for Family Fun Nights, movie nights, adult movie afternoons, and programming for preschoolers. We were able to start showing movies 2-3 times monthly for both the youth and the adults. There are many adults and children that enjoy these evenings/afternoons and we hope to continue this program. We are also adding new programs for both adults and children-classes, activities, and special interest programs. We hope to continue to do these things with this funding. It made a difference in my life. The additional training I received enabled me to better serve my community when taking over for the retiring director. I have had many people comment on what a good job I am doing and I always praise the previous director for the excellent training I did receive. The funds have also impacted some youth who aren't regular library users. They are getting more involved with the activities at the library and they are now checking out books when they are here for special events.</p>

Galva	\$ 651.07	Library Materials and Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to add to our book and DVD collections.
Garden Grove	NE		
Garnavillo	\$ 1,135.72	Capital Improvements	This money was used for window replacement on the front second story of the library. The windows on the front of the library were in desperate need of replacement, and the city stated they would not put any money into the exterior upkeep of the building. Although the project did not directly effect library service, the window replacement improved the curb appeal of the library and made the library more inviting to potential and existing library patrons.
Garner	\$ 1,619.50	Personnel	These funds paid the partial salary for a children's librarian. This money allowed us to expand our children's and young adult programming, like going to daycares to do storytimes, since they can't come to us. With the continual cuts to this funding, those programs are in jeopardy of being ended.
Garrison	NR		
Garwin	\$ 694.42	Personnel	Direct State Aid was spent on salaries.
George	\$ 820.00	Personnel	The Direct State Aid money was used for additional staffing during our automation process.
Gilman	NE		
Gilmore City	\$ 1,052.46	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to replace a bunch of elementary books that were old and tattered with new titles that are more geared to kids of today. We've had the school bring in groups of elementary kids to tour the library and get an idea what is here and what we do. A lot of them came back with their parents to check out books and movies. There are two little boys who live in the country. When they come to town they are excited to get to come in and get a pile of new books. They have no game systems or television, so reading is their only evening entertainment. They genuinely love books!
Gladbrook	\$ 759.01	Library Materials and Supplies Furniture Library Programs Other	Direct State Aid paid for Summer Library Program reading supplies, two new computer chairs and three adult classes. We also purchased a new flag pole and light. The three adult class brought new patrons to the library.
Glenwood	\$ 2,049.69	Technology and Equipment	We used the Direct State Aid dollars to purchase new computer hardware to upgrade our network. This included a server and six smart terminals. The money was combined with city funding and a county grant so that we could maximize our purchase. The computer hardware we purchased is waiting to be installed. It will greatly improve the lives of Glenwood residents since our public access computers range between five to seven years old. Patrons have been complaining they cannot get to our website, enter job applications, etc.,

			with our current hardware and software. This will help immensely.
Glidden	\$ 453.01	Technology and Equipment	We had to use these funds to purchase a battery powered surge protector for our server and office computer; and 3-six outlet surge protectors for patron computers. Without additional funding, we would never have had the money in our budget to protect this investment with a battery powered surge protector for these two very expensive items. With the help of Direct State Aid, our budget money can be spent on materials and supplies for programs and the patrons instead of equipment replacement for the office .
Gowrie	\$ 1,174.25	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards large print books, puzzles, a DVD player, a new fax machine, and work supplies. The fax machine is perhaps the only one in the community that is available for the public to use. Therefore, I get a lot of people coming in with documents that need to be faxed. Some are people who are regular library patrons; others are not. I have an elderly lady who is homebound and can only read large print books. Every week she calls and requests two books, so I pick out a couple, take them to her and we visit for a bit.
Graettinger	\$ 797.47	Personnel	We only have one full time employee, and have a tight budget with very little opportunity to have two people at the library at the same time. This past year, because of the Direct State Aid, we were able to have an eight-week Summer Library Program. This had a HUGE impact! This library has never had a turn-out for the reading program before, and we have a lot of people excited for next year. There is a young mom who was in the hospital during the first part of the summer. The grandma brought her daughters down to have activities with other kids, and with all of the fun events and activities we had a lot of photos for our Facebook page. The mom sent me a message that it was so wonderful to see her older daughters having a good time and not just sitting at home.
Grafton	NE		
Grand Junction	\$ 1,133.51	Technology and Equipment	We used this money to upgrade computers and equipment. Everything works for much faster now.
Granger	\$ 681.45	Personnel	With this money we were able to add a temporary staff member to help us clean up our data base. This has made it easier for our patrons to find the books they need on our online catalog.
Greene	\$ 1,135.55	Personnel	Direct State Aid funding pays for the first 123 hours of the year worked by our fourth librarian. In these times of tight budgets, this funding helps us to pay a staff member for additional hours which extends the services that we are able to offer to our community. Sandy, our

			fourth librarian, is creative, friendly and hard working. This funding allows time for her to set up artful displays, assist with the planning of children's programming, and make our library a welcoming place. Our patrons look forward to coming in regularly to see what changes she has made to the library's decor.
Greenfield	\$ 1,305.92	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was spent on CD audio books. We have a great demand for them. We also purchased three new computers - one for the office and two for public use. The library is being used more than ever to fill the public need for entertainment (audio books) and computer usage (job applications, test taking and communications). A person who had never used the library before came in to apply for a job on-line. She had never used a computer but with our help and one of our new computers she was able to apply for the job and in the end was successful in securing employment
Grimes	\$ 2,110.25	Library Materials and Supplies Capital Improvements	We spent the money on a disc buffer which has already saved over its cost in Blu-rays, DVDs, music CDs and disc games that would not have worked any longer due to scratches. We also offer this service to the public and the public is very willing to spend \$1 to save a \$49 Wii game (example.) So THANK YOU. We would not have been able to purchase this without Direct State Aid! We also installed blinking emergency notification lights in our restroom to be ADA compliant.
Grinnell	\$ 2,579.47	Library Materials and Supplies	These funds were used to purchase large print books. Grinnell has a number of retirement and nursing homes. The town attracts many retirees who are avid readers, due to the vibrant intellectual life of the community, thanks to Grinnell College and many arts and cultural organizations and activities. The library's home delivery service increases the number of elderly people using our resources. The availability of a good-sized large print collection is very important to this group of readers, and they use it heavily. It would be impossible to maintain a current large print collection within our regular materials budget without the assistance of state funds, especially in these tight budget times, when our budget is very strained.
Griswold	\$ 1,149.74	Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we purchased three of the eight new computers with screens as part of a major technology upgrade. We now have 10 public access stations, three children's computers, two staff computers, and two dedicated online catalog computers. Patrons no longer need to wait for access to a computer. They may be used for job searching, filling out forms, health information, and e-mailing correspondence with relatives as well as reference searches. Some of the computers are available for downloads and gaming. We are changing from a book

			warehouse system to an information center for the community. Computers have changed how we all do business. One family planned their summer vacation by using the Internet to seek information about places and sights, to hook up with tour groups in the local area, and to make connections with some of those people. Another was notified by a foreign country where he lived previously that he still had money in an account overseas. He established e-mail connections with them to work through all the red tape, although this is still yet to be resolved. He uses the computers, Internet and fax service to communicate with them. A third person checks her e-mail daily to keep up with friends and her church conference news.
Grundy Center	\$ 1,582.78	Library Materials and Supplies Furniture	We used this money to help pay for the Ancestry Library Edition. Our genealogy room is used a great deal and this adds to our attractiveness. We have worked very hard at adding materials for research and this is very nice addition. We purchased two new computer tables for two new computers in the children's area. The new computers for games opened up our other computers for persons to use for job searches, school work, resume writing, etc. We've heard success stories from people who used our computer for resume writing and were able to find jobs. Also, a patron used Ancestry Library Edition and found a copy of his grandfather's induction papers from World War I.
Guthrie Center	\$ 1,351.14	Technology and Equipment	All of these funds were spent on a replacement computer and computer repairs throughout the year.
Guttenberg	\$ 1,356.43	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for newspaper and magazine subscriptions. More patrons are coming to the library to read the newspaper and to read magazines, since some have discontinued home subscriptions. Magazines are available to check out. Patrons appreciate having these resources available. Some people request back issues for research reasons as well.
Hamburg	\$ 779.73	Technology and Equipment	Hosted Service provides our library with centralized, web-based access to Follett Software's Destiny without the need for us to purchase a server, install and upgrade the application, or provide technical support for an automation system. Thanks for Direct State Aid.
Hampton	\$ 2,190.65	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	Part of Direct State Aid was used to buy large print books for patrons with vision problems. This is a very important special collection that serves our elderly patrons, who really appreciate still being able to read. Most patrons in this group are shut in during the winter months. Maintaining our public access Internet is a constant expense that we have a hard time keeping up with. This money will pay for a quarterly update we just did. We serve a whole new group of patrons with public

			Internet access.
Hanlontown	\$ 1,031.86	Library Materials and Supplies	I spent the whole amount on McNaughton rental books. I can afford more of the best sellers sooner with the help of this money so more people can check them out here instead of buying them or checking them out somewhere else. A lady who had gotten a Kindle for Christmas told me she came in to check out one of our best sellers because at that time she could not afford to purchase it on Kindle and she knew we would have it. We were both happy.
Harcourt	\$ 1,036.24	Library Materials and Supplies	With these funds we were able to add updated books, audio books, and DVDs to our collection, which gave our patrons a better selection and helped our circulation.
Harlan	\$ 2,065.29	Library Materials and Supplies	We used this money to improve our young adult collection. We are attempting to purchase materials that will encourage non-reading teens to keep their literacy skills sharp. City funding was frozen at previous years' levels, and we had numerous capital improvement projects to fund. Direct State Aid enabled us to keep some collection growth during this time.
Harpers Ferry	\$ 363.91	Personnel Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was used to train new staff and to upgrade computer software. With our library's small budget, this helps with wages and other items. We all wish for more but glad we get this much.
Hartley	\$ 1,237.21	Library Materials and Supplies	We purchased books with these funds in combination with the school to involve our teens in a quiz competition with other schools. Battle of the Books was a program that we felt was a good way to connect with our teens. Working together with the school and keeping the communications open to such programs benefit both entities. We also purchased some classic videos as a way to draw the older generation into our library, as well as educate the younger generation in experiencing a different kind of entertainment without so much violence. There is great interaction with patrons of all ages in this library. The staff greets the public in a pleasant and courteous manner. They handle all kinds of questions, interact with the patrons and all the activities that are going on. The atmosphere is an enjoyable environment to be part of. A volunteer at the library has enjoyed working and becoming familiar with many different types of literature. As she puts a book back on the shelf, she then "rewards" herself by taking books that she wouldn't have known about otherwise. There are a number of books in the middle school/ young adult section that have been entertaining. She plans to keep choosing various authors and titles.
Havelock	NE		
Hawarden	\$ 1,530.03	Library Materials and	We used our money for a lease program for CD books

		Supplies	and the World Book Encyclopedia Online. It's great to have an online encyclopedia on our website. A patron called just before closing, needing information and we could literally walk him through the process of using the encyclopedia. He had his information and was very happy with our services. This is a win-win for everyone. CD books continue to play an important part in the lives of our commuting patrons. Many of them cannot stand to be without a book on CD. We are happy to use our Direct State Aid funding to help bring a large number of books on CD to our users.
Hawkeye	\$ 1,000.74	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	This money helped pay for our Follett Alliance Plus online subscription and the Summer Library Program. Because of the downward spiral of our economy this past year, many of our patrons had to give up their Internet connections at home. So it was very important to us and to our patrons to have the computers up and running and to have the online card catalog. With this funding we were also able to purchase more books and incentives for our Summer Library Program.
Hedrick	\$ 1,058.98	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for virus protection for three library computers, as well as our Summer Library Program: Prizes for children reading books throughout the summer, party supplies and games. We also purchased two sets of books for our winter book club program. This funding allows a tiny library like Hedrick Public Library to interact with the public using our facilities. We can hand out treats for children who visit the library. We can have pens or magnets to hand out to each new patron with our hours of operation on them. We can offer bookmarks to both children and adults. We can have prize drawings for children who read books in both the Summer Library Program and the winter reading program. These prizes do draw children in and encourage them to read.
Hiawatha	\$ 2,542.52	Personnel	We use our Direct State Aid to offer Sunday hours during the school year. It is particularly important to us in the last few years as we have experienced budget cuts. We are trying valiantly to not reduce our services, and the aid from the state is particularly important to us. In the last few years as we have experienced budget cuts. The aid from the state is a tremendous help.
Hillsboro	NE		
Holstein	\$ 1,176.56	Technology and Equipment Capital Improvements	The library used this money to help pay for two new public access computers and a new bench outside the front of the library.
Hopkinton	\$ 729.02	Personnel	These funds pay for a cleaning person. Our librarian and assistant librarian are able to focus more on the library services and programs rather than cleaning.
Hospers	\$ 1,167.32	Library Materials and	We bought new books for the ever growing young adult

		Supplies	collection.
Hubbard	NE		
Hudson	\$ 1,407.87	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Furniture	Direct State Aid paid for audio books, electronic games, computer management software, outdoor planters, signage and end-cap displays. Most of our collection of electronic games for the kids has come from state funding. They are grateful that we have them available both for in-house use and for checking out. The computer management software has saved lots of staff time managing the checkout of our public access machines. The sign we purchased is for outdoor use and has resulted in better attendance at our library sponsored programs. The end cap displays (used in the non-fiction area) are boosting checkouts of the books we put out to tempt the patrons.
Hull	\$ 1,039.44	Library Programs	This year our Direct State Aid money was used for prizes for different programs and events throughout the year. For National Library Week, we used Direct State Aid money to purchase 'mood' pencils to give out to everybody who came into the library. This funding allows us to purchase a different and unique prize set each year. Last year we were able to purchase frisbees and beach balls for our Summer Leading Program and this year we were able to purchase miniature rubber basketballs and footballs. It is nice to be able to purchase something unique each year for the kids who reach a certain goal, and is also hopefully an incentive for them each year to try and achieve that goal. Having the same prizes each year can prove to be dull and tiring and so by having something new each year for the kids allows us to avoid that.
Humboldt	\$ 1,918.02	Library Materials and Supplies	Audio books were purchased with these funds.
Humeston	\$ 661.15	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was used to purchase new books and office supplies. We replaced the fuser assembly and toner in the public printer. Many of our patrons were getting frustrated with the poor print quality on our public printer. This money allowed us to purchase the necessary supplies to repair the printer.
Huxley	\$ 1,455.64	Library Materials and Supplies	Books and DVDs were purchased with Direct State Aid.
Ida Grove	\$ 1,345.72	Library Materials and Supplies Furniture Library Programs	This money helped pay for new books and DVDs, three new office chairs for staff, as well as our Summer Library Program costs.
Independence	\$ 2,283.18	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for adult audio CDs, AccuCut supplies, a Nook, NovelList, and auto repair and EBSCOhost databases.
Indianola	\$ 3,840.76	Technology and	We purchased a new outside book return and also

		Equipment	added book covers to our online catalog. Both were much needed and appreciated!
Inwood	\$ 1,166.01	Technology and Equipment	The money went toward the purchase of two larger screen computer monitors and the balance was spent on adding WILBOR to our library.
Ionia	\$ 1,034.65	Personnel	We used the money to hire a part-time, back-up person.
Iowa City	\$15,268.74	Other	A facilities consultant was hired using these funds to study library services in Iowa City and consider the need for branch libraries or other types of remote services. The consultants' analysis showed a neighborhood in town that was overly represented in the study of people using our public access computers and recommended considering a limited service to provide computer access in the area. This fall we will be opening a public access computing center a couple of hours, two days a week, at a police substation in the target neighborhood. The state funding gave us an opportunity to study and document a community need that we were able to respond to. Now, more people will have access to today's primary information resource -- the Internet.
Iowa Falls	\$ 2,125.30	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Furniture Other	With this money, we have been adding to our audio book collection this year due to popular demand. We also added to the young adult materials. Both of these collections are popular and have seen increased circulation. The Barlow Library has a monthly book discussion group for adults (average of 12 people/month) and we add titles (sometimes in multiple formats) selected by our book discussion facilitators. We also purchased processing supplies for these collections. We upgraded our wireless router and paid for a new router and network assistance. Patrons bringing in their laptops and using our wireless connection has grown steadily over the last several years. We needed a new entryway rug. Our people-count over the year has also grown. The number of people using the library for various reasons from library programs, to meeting room use, to family gatherings does take a toll on things such as rugs. We grew a garden of vegetables in front of library. We planted corn, tomatoes, peppers and other garden vegetables to coordinate with a community reading program book related to agriculture. Our garden was very popular with patrons. While it is a small project, our garden created such positive comments from the public. It was one of the most constructive enterprises we've done. Like many gardens, we had more produce than we could use, so many of the public took a little bit here and there. No one complained and it seemed everyone had to make a comment on the progress of the garden when they were at the circulation desk. Naturally we

			<p>had displays inside with gardening materials highlighted. We have one patron who moved to Iowa Falls a few years ago. This patron has Macular Degeneration and only "reads" with audio books. The patron is older and doesn't feel comfortable with downloadable audio materials. Patrons such as this person depend almost entirely on our audio book collection. They have said many times how happy they are to have new audio books they can check out at our library.</p>
Irwin	NE		
Jamaica	NE		
Janesville	\$ 1,261.41	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid allowed us to pay staff to work on Saturdays. We were also able to purchase new books.
Jefferson	\$ 1,859.15	Library Materials and Supplies	<p>Educational toys for the children's Creative Learning Center, WILBOR audiobook subscription, movies, and teacher resource books were paid for with Direct State Aid. Two important areas of our library would not exist without Direct State Aid funding: the children's Creative Learning Center and the Teacher's Shelf. These areas provide resources that help develop skills, and the items are well used. We are very thankful for the funding that has enabled us to create and add to these areas. My favorite story that parents tell me is that whenever they drive by the library, their children beg to come in to play in the Creative Learning Center. We often see grandparents bring their visiting grandchildren in to use the CLC. We have received many positive comments about this unique area in our library, and adding new items each year allows us to change the displays often to keep the area exciting for the children. Thank you.</p>
Jesup	\$ 1,416.82	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	<p>We decided it was necessary to make one of our half-time personnel full-time. Because budgets are tight and our budget for the year had already been set, we used money from several line items where we could spare the money. We normally buy some books for the NEIBORS subscription so our patrons can download e-books and e-audio books. These funds helped pay for Center Point Large Print Books. Our large print collection is in great demand as our elderly population grows each year. We are continually trying to grow our DVD collection. Our children's services improved and our face in the community improved by making our half-time person full-time. Whether she was doing a program, calling over-dues or working on the website, she made the community more aware of what the library is about, what we have to offer and how friendly we were. Also, having the money for NEIBORS and more large print books makes many people happy.</p>

Jewell	\$ 1,222.70	Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid went towards electrical work, installation of new carpet and other miscellaneous expenses. A major project making physical improvements was completed.
Johnston	\$ 3,874.24	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid enabled our library to continue to fund downloadable audio books and to add e-book offerings for our library users. Both these services are popular with our customers. These funds supplemented our costs for Internet access and overall desktop maintenance (e.g. upgrades, security protections, etc.) throughout the year. We have 14 Internet computers for public use, and these computers are utilized heavily during the hours we're open. We strive to offer our users virtual resources in addition to physical materials. The provision of downloadable audio and e-book resources meets the demand expressed by readers who rely on portable and mobile devices. A number of our customers obtained e-readers during the holiday season of 2010, and adding e-book offerings was very popular. Many of these customers relied on our library staff to step them through the process of using their new devices. This provided an additional way for our library staff to be viewed as a valuable resource for information and assistance, as well as offering a new format for our readers. When we first added downloadable audio a number of years ago, it took a while for this format to catch on. The e-books, however, almost immediately equaled the number of monthly circulations for downloadable audio. As budget dollars grow tighter for library materials, the option of Direct State Aid supplements the formats that we can provide to our library users. In addition, we had approximately 2,000 uses per month on our public computers, so regular desktop maintenance is essential for smooth operations. Some of our most technologically-advanced library users lead very busy lives, and they find it difficult to come to the library during the hours we are open. One of our key library supporters commented recently on how pleased she is that we added e-books. She is now able to further utilize our library because she can access e-books on WILBOR at her own convenience from her home.
Joice	\$ 1,032.21	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs Other	These funds were spent on new books, Summer Library Program supplies and incentives, programing, an outside accountant/technologist for computer crashes and bookkeeping restoration. This funding helped us out when the budget was very tight and funding keeps getting cut. We had a crisis in our technology and it cut into our budget severely. This helped get us back on track.
Kalona	\$ 1,590.57	Personnel	In December 2010, using this money, we opened 13

			more hours per week and hired a new part-time person 20 hours per week to accomodate those evenings/mornings. The response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive!
Kanawha	\$ 1,119.62	Technology and Equipment Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid paid for computer technology updates, high efficient-flourescent lights and computers. The new lights make it much easier for our patrons to work and read, and they are much more energy efficient.
Kensett	\$ 732.28	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	With this money we purchased new books and work supplies. We also had updates done on our two public use computers, as well as mine. They are now much more efficient to use.
Keokuk	\$ 3,008.93	Technology and Equipment	Thanks to this funding we were able to get a new disc polishing machine - the RTI Eco Auto Smart. We checked out over 34,000 A/V items last year, including CDs, DVDs, and audio books - an increase of 16% over last year! Our new disc polishing machine means a LOT less staff time spent on switching pads and polishing scratched discs. Now we just drop the disk in, work on another project, and it ejects when finished - a smooth surface, ready for the next patron! We had a lot of issues with our old server. The power would blink, and then no one had access to forms, files, the catalog, etc. The rest of the money that we received from Direct State Aid went towards a new server. You have no idea how inconvenient technology can be until it starts to malfunction, and we are so happy to have received this financial help to replace the old dinosaur.
Keosauqua	\$ 740.43	Capital Improvements	The Keosauqua Public Library Board of Trustees voted to use the money for new entrance doors and painting around the top of the library.Utilizing money received from the state on things like capital improvements allows us to beautify our library without jeopardizing whether or not we will be able to put the newest James Patterson novel on the shelf.The library has used this money for capitol improvements over the last few years and I feel it is making a tremendous difference in traffic coming into the library. Because our patrons see that we care about the library and we want to treat it with the respect it deserves, they are making donations to try and do their part.
Keota	\$ 1,081.55	Library Programs	This money was used toward our Summer Library Program supplies, including books, crafts, hanging decorations, prizes, tote bags, pencils, paper plates, napkins and other summer craft purchases for children and teens.We are a very small town and each added patron, whether young or not so young, is important to us. The Summer Library Program offers us a chance to appeal to children who otherwise might not come to the library. We then have a greater impact on our community by reaching new families with our

			<p>services. There is a woman who would come in occasionally with her two young daughters, ages 12 months and 4 years. The older daughter came every week to our Tuesday Summer Library Program and enjoyed herself very much. This young mother and her two daughters have come in very regularly since then, engaging in conversation, feeding our guinea pig named Hawkeye (he's very famous in our town!) and generally have become much more open and friendly. We love to have people come to our library and feel at home, meet new friends and just enjoy themselves. We appreciate the funding we receive as it makes these programs possible.</p>
Keystone	\$ 1,048.12	Personnel Technology and Equipment Furniture Library Programs	Direct State Aid went towards the Summer Library Program books and crafts for kids, earphones, and a software stand up desk for our on-line catalog.
Kimballton	NE		
Kingsley	\$ 839.08	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	With this money we paid for our Summer Library Program leading performer and also paid a person to run the summer program. We will spend the remainder on crafts and prizes. We could not have a Summer Library Program if we didn't get this money. Money is getting very short and every penny is taken in the budget -- this extra money helps immensely.
Klemme	\$ 1,102.40	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid went towards computers, a fax machine and a printer.
Knoxville	\$ 2,463.03	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	<p>We use this money to hire part-time staff to cover the evening hours and weekends. We are one of the few libraries in this area that are open on Sundays during the school year. The library users appreciate that and we stay busy during the weekends. Part of the funding went towards paying our subscription to WILBOR, the consortium that provides e-books and audio books to our patrons. These formats are gaining in popularity and we expect to see increased usage of these services in the future. We think good, well-trained, professional staff is important for the library and how it can impact people's perception of libraries. We also believe it is important to keep up with new technologies such as the e-books and various mobile devices, computer programs, software and hardware. Libraries are changing with the times and, unfortunately, our budgets are not keeping up with our needs. State funding is essential to our libraries. We saw dozens of people who came in after Christmas with bright shiny e-readers and their delight in learning that the local library provided FREE downloadable e-books for their pleasure was wonderful. All they needed was their library card.</p>

La Porte City	\$ 1,362.12	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for salaries and to update an employee's vacation time benefits. We also spent funds on extra books and DVDs to go along with our Summer Library Program.
Lacona	\$ 672.06	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Large print books, audio books, crafts, treats and books for the Summer Library Program were paid for with Direct State Aid. As our town was broke this past FY, this money helped to buy these items. Thank you from several patrons who are able to enjoy a good book.
Lake City	\$ 1,418.73	Library Materials and Supplies	This money paid for DVDs and a WILBOR subscription for downloadable audio and e-books. Interest in materials in electronic formats is increasing. Our patrons are delighted to find that they can download e-books and audiobooks through the library. Our DVD collection began with a grant several years ago and has been extremely popular. Keeping it fresh for our patrons has become a priority.
Lake Mills	\$ 1,383.58	Capital Improvements	We used the Direct State Aid funds to help finance the seven new energy efficient windows in the newer part of our building. We used other funding to pay the remainder. During this time of shrinking budgets, we are always looking for ways to save money. Having energy efficient windows should lower our utility costs and leave more money for materials.
Lake Park	\$ 1,134.35	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs Other	Direct State Aid paid for books and materials for summer reading theme "One World, Many Stories." We were able to have a magician, story teller, zoo-mobile, science from Lakeside Lab, a puppet show and table top puppet theater. We could not have brought these enriching programs without the additional funding. This year we opened the Summer Library Program to all ages - babies to senior citizens - which made better use of programming resources. We saved families gas money by bringing the Sioux Falls Zoo-mobile to them.
Lake View	\$ 1,221.09	Technology and Equipment	The entire amount received was used to help pay for a technology person who keeps our computers virus free and is available whenever we have a computer issue. Her yearly pay is higher than the amount received from Direct State Aid. With the increase in use of computers by our patrons, having working computers is a vital need in our library. She is well worth the money.
Lakota	\$ 1,024.95	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for training for the library director. We also purchased new materials, a copy machine/computer which helped tremendously with our copier/computer costs. Patrons are always amazed at the services a small town library can provide. They are also very excited about the new and updated materials we can provide for checkout.
Lamoni	\$ 1,332.01	Library Materials and Supplies	We were able to purchase the Best of History Channel DVDs and other non-fiction DVDs for the community.

			In addition, we purchase a large print standing order plan and receive four large print books a month, including an assortment of general fiction, non-fiction, westerns, and thought-provoking book club fiction. These are much enjoyed by our large population of seniors. The rest of Direct State Aid went into our book trust fund, which we use to purchase books that are beyond the reach of our annual budget. Direct State Aid funds allowed us to expand our collection into areas that we can't afford with just the regular library funding. A surprising number of people have checked out the history DVDs. Our seniors are always eager to get new large-print books in a variety of genres.
Lamont	\$ 691.16	Personnel	Direct State Aid helped pay the librarian's salary.
Lansing	\$ 1,148.95	Library Materials and Supplies	We divided the amount of Direct State Aid we received into three parts: adult books, children's books and audio books. Because of the shortage of funds it came in handy to be able to buy audio and e-books. We had not purchased anything in that category for a long time. E-books have been a great success. Adult nonfiction books were in the history and biography section. I am finding we have a lot of adults that read those. It is a great help. Thank you so much.
Larchwood	\$ 804.49	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	I purchased a copy of Jean Auel's <i>Land of the Painted Caves</i> audio book with this money. We have a large number of patrons listening to audio books, and we appreciate help paying for an expensive audio book like this. We upgraded our copy machine. Our patrons truly appreciate using a copy machine that makes clean, two-sided copies. The copier received a lot of use during tax season. It made a difference in my life because I was able to deliver good, readable copies of receipts and forms to my patrons.
Laurel	NE		
Laurens	\$ 1,214.07	Technology and Equipment	This year's money was spent to update staff computers. We are able to offer better service to our patrons because our new computers are so much faster. We are also much more fun to be around because we aren't frustrated by our slow and out-dated technology!
Lawler	\$ 1,057.07	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for adult and children's books. Sadly, children's books always took a back seat to adult's when I put in orders. Then, last summer after several poor years, kids were coming out of the woodwork when it was time for summer story hour. Circulation went way up, and I was determined to spend more money on children's books. It's been paying off this year, as the kids have been checking out much of that new material. Moms, daycare providers and kids all get an hour of free entertainment during story hour. I see how shy kids get more social by

			coming every week; for some of them, it's one of the few times they get to interact with kids their age. The adults visit with each other and really seem to enjoy doing crafts and activities with their kids.
Le Claire	\$ 1,379.20	Technology and Equipment	These funds were used to supplement the purchase of four new public access computers, replacing aging equipment. Residents of LeClaire depend on the LeClaire Community Library for free Internet and computer access. Many residents are without Internet service entirely, while others depend on intermittent or occasional access due to service interruptions or personal home computer equipment malfunction. To meet the needs of the local community, the library must provide updated equipment and software. The library's computers were aging and not reliably functional. It is apparent that the current economic decline has impacted the personal resources of local residents across various economic brackets. Internet usage and public access computer sessions at the library remain high. While many residents use the library's free Internet access to search and apply for employment, an increasing number of residents utilize the library's Internet connection and computers to actually complete work assignments. In LeClaire, there are a number of patrons who work from home for catalog order businesses. One of these patrons can no longer afford in-home Internet service. Although she is fortunate to remain employed, she depends on the library's Internet connection and computers to fill and submit her catalog orders. Public access to quality technology is critical for those who can no longer afford in-home equipment. Without free public access to the Internet and good quality computers, individuals such as this woman would not be able to keep employment.
Le Grand	\$ 1,097.21	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Software upgrades, programs for adults (Gardening, Barn Quilts), and programs for children (Summer Library Program and Storytime).
Le Mars	\$ 2,629.91	Technology and Equipment	We purchased six new computers for a total of \$5,870.00
Ledyard	\$ 400.06	Furniture	With Direct State Aid money, the Ledyard Public Library purchased two wing-backed chairs for use in the library. Ledyard is a typical small town, where everyone knows each other. The young at heart socialize with area people of all ages. Where the groups gather is any place convenient in town. With these two new wing backed chairs in the public library, it will not only be additional and comfortable seating but it will also just make the seating and atmosphere cozier. The library itself has a large variety of magazines and newspapers for people to read here or checkout. The idea of centering the two new chairs in the area of the

			<p>periodicals is to draw more people in. The more comforts of home, the more likely library use will increase. One of the citizens of Ledyard has a very visible handicap. This person has a very difficult time walking by herself. She uses a walker to move from one area to another. When she entered the library, after the chairs were put together, she was really excited. She was able to sit on one of the chairs and feel safe and comfortable. She was also able to adjust moving to and from the chairs with relatively no problem.</p>
Lehigh	\$ 1,100.54	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	<p>Direct State Aid went towards one month's book budget, and a majority of the office supplies. We also used some of the money on the Summer Library Program. State funding helps expand my budget for the purchase of materials my patrons request, and allows me to shop for quality items through distributors such as Penworthy and Olympia books. This keeps my kids interested both in reading and coming to the library, which sets the foundation for a lifetime of reading and education. When I shop for craft materials for the Summer Library Program, I tend to buy far more than we need that one day. This leaves a surplus of materials that the kids can use year round. I have some children who wait in the library after school for parental pick up and when they already have a book to read, doing a craft keeps them peaceful and focused. As a bonus they then have something lovely to take home to their parents. I have some very creative children who make things I have never even considered. They are full of fun. Extra crafts materials have allowed me to appreciate my younger patrons and has allowed them a calm and quiet way to express themselves.</p>
Lenox	\$ 1,134.32	Capital Improvements	<p>The Direct State Aid was used to for a basement remodeling project - new walls, ceiling, lights and shelves. Previously our basement was unusable, except for storage. Now we have a beautiful new space for our programs. This improvement will allow all the children to attend the Summer Library Program. Prior to this we did not have enough space for all the age groups to attend.</p>
Leon	\$ 842.49	Library Materials and Supplies	<p>We used a little over half of the funds to buy books. The rest was used on a variety of supplies - everything from day-to-day cleaning supplies, book covering items, promotional pens, postage, and bulletin board die cuts. These last two were especially important because they show the most improvement in our services. When our library first began offering interlibrary loans, I am not sure that we tried to budget for the ebb and flow of the postage expenses. In the almost five years that I have been director, I have been trying to find a workable way</p>

			to address this. Recently, our board voted to increase the postage fund. Money from Direct State Aid helped to fund the increase. Furthermore, it may seem like a small thing to some, but I have been very pleased at how using die cuts purchased from Southwest Iowa Library Service Area for our bulletin boards has improved the look of our library. It is so much more professional looking (and faster) than the hand made bulletin board themes we were doing before. Every time our library takes a step in the direction of becoming more professional in performance and more resourceful in nature it gives me a great deal of satisfaction. I was born in this community, and after college and several years living elsewhere, I came home. I stayed here to raise a family, and I fight an ongoing battle to make sure that this community is here for my children to come back to some day after their time away. Direct State Aid funding helps to make this possible.
Letts	\$ 1,029.32	Technology and Equipment	We moved to a new building and we purchased new computers and a fax machine with this money.
Lewis	\$ 711.74	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs Other	Direct State Aid paid for childrens books (required reading for school) and archival supplies. The funds were also used for the Summer Library Program, the reading incentive program (ongoing) and Saturday reading program (for children who need extra help with reading). We also used the funds for our EBSCOhost database subscription and MARC Wizard renewal. The greatest impact is our Saturday reading program. One of our grade school boys was failing in reading. He started attending our Saturday morning sessions and it helped raise his grades to a passing level.
Lime Springs	\$ 1,075.09	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Furniture	These funds were used to purchase toner for the Laserjet printer and one child's magazine. The money was also used to purchase a maintenance agreement for the copy machine and to purchase two white folding tables. Our library is very grateful for the Direct State Aid money that we recieved.
Linden	\$ 640.13	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid allows us to be open Saturday and evening hours. The money was also spent on new and renewed magazine subscriptions.
Linn Grove	\$ 372.85	Personnel	
Lisbon	\$ 1,407.03	Technology and Equipment	The funds were used to buy a refurbished Dell PC and adapter, and consulting and network cables. With the addition of a third patron computer, we were able to designate two computers for student use and one for adult use or catalog searches only. This resulted in a reconfiguration of space in the library to create an attractive youth area that serves preschoolers through young adults. The library is a safe haven for many children after school and in the summer. For many of these young patrons who have no Internet access at

			home, use of the library computers is a privilege. Having two computers designated for their use and adjacent to the books in their interest and skill range affirms their place in the library.
Little Rock	\$ 641.45	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to purchase cartridges for the copiers and printers. We also added a few new books,DVDs and supplies in general.We needed a good used computer so that I could take the Public Library Management 1 class on-line during April and May.We also replenished the prizes for our Summer Library Program. Along with the theme of "One World, Many Stories", we are having a 'bee-keeper' come in and talk about the world of bees. Each of the kids will get a \$1 jar of honey.I believe that we really drew the attention of more kids with better prizes. There have been a lot of readers and they really enjoyed the prizes[which my three grandchildren selected for the library]. They knew what those kids really wanted! We also had three speakers come in to talk about their travels in Mexico,the Ukraine, and Zimbabwe. They really learned that their lives right here in Little Rock is pretty good.With the purchase of the "new " computer, I, myself have become more enlightened about the goings-on in a library. After taking the Public Library Management classes, I really see a whole new side of the library. I'm more concerned about getting things going on the right path and knowing the reasons for it.
Livermore	\$ 1,051.25	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	This money was used for a variety of things, including the Summer Library Program books, work supplies, computer repairs and maintance, book club postage, and a halloween party and Christmas breakfast for kids.
Logan	\$ 1,198.37	Library Materials and Supplies	Library service improved because of the ever rising cost of audio books. This funding allows us to provide a better selection of them. This funding affects more than just one patron. More and more we have people discover that we have audio books available and they are being checked out by a number of people who have lost sight and who can no longer read hand held books so much like Joann. And Myrna who wants to be able to do things around the house and doesn't always have time to sit and read her books. It helps these people along with the many commuters in our area who work in the city and those who love to listen to audio books any time they have to make a road trip for work or are traveling on vacation.
Lohrville	\$ 1,078.72	Personnel	We are able to be open more hours thanks to Direct State Aid. We added hours in the morning. We have the elderly in the morning hours and the school age children after school. We help them with their homework,etc. Thank you for the extra money. It helps

			so much!!!!!!
Lost Nation	\$ 656.24	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	The money was used to add new books and office supplies. Part of the money went towards new computers and a printer. This money helps the library keep updated books on the shelf that the patrons are always looking forward to reading. Also, updating our computers was a big plus for the public. The kids use the Internet for school projects. A lot of people do not have the Internet anymore because of cost. They come everyday to the library to check e-mail and keep in touch with family.
Lowden	\$ 1,100.52	Library Materials and Supplies Capital Improvements Library Programs	We purchased additional DVDs for our children's collection, as well as the subscription for EBSCOhost databases. We also repaired the roof on our building. We put a lot of the funds into our Summer Library Program and Toddler Time. We had 83 children sign up for our program. Sixty-seven completed the program and were awarded t-shirts. A mom told me that she got busy and forgot that it was story time day at the library. When her daughter, age 6, realized it she made her mom come anyway, even though she was about 25 minutes late. The children look forward to storytime each week and really miss it when I don't have it.
Lu Verne	\$ 1,082.24	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for children's, juvenile, and bestseller books. The funds were also spent on the Summer Library Program, back to school carnival supplies, reading incentives, and a public performance site license. This funding helps us provide children's programming, with new books to coordinate with the programs. The new books, for all age levels, keep the patrons coming back for more! Teachers and parents appreciate the Summer Library Programs. The kids have a lot of fun. The senior citizens like having access to bestsellers right here, without having to drive out of town.
Lynnville	\$ 567.29	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a printer, copier, and fax machine for public use. The bank in town is the only other fax machine. Our library has more evening hours and is open to the public at times the bank is closed. People use it to communicate with lawyers, doctors, insurance companies, etc.
Lytton	\$ 725.98	Library Materials and Supplies	We bought audio books, large print books, paper and ink supplies. We are a very small community. Just recently our school closed so the library is very important to our people. Every bit of the money we can muster to use for books and reading materials is important to us. We appreciate state aid.
Madrid	\$ 1,422.63	Library Materials and Supplies Other	Direct State Aid paid for audio books, a subscription to EBSCOhost databases, an auto repair database, A to Z to the USA database, a mobile laptop lab, WILBOR ebooks, and audiobook consortium. This funding helps

			us provide downloadable audio books and ebooks for our patrons through WILBOR. We have been thanked many times for providing ebooks for our patrons. We have been able to help troubleshoot problems people have been having downloading to their ereaders. Many patrons said they would have given up trying to use the WILBOR system if the library staff hadn't helped them figure out their problems.
Mallard	NE		
Malvern	\$ 1,140.45	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	We used this amount for two staff members' extra hours for the two programs we held for children in Malvern and surrounding areas. We purchased three audio books and three DVD's, four posters for the event, and two full sets of books of the Twilight series as well as nine teen books and six non-fiction books related to Gingerbread making. The money also paid for craft materials, and five books that help involve the family in activities. Without Direct State Aid there would have been no possible way we could have put on such wonderful programs! We just have not had it in the budget. Children in our area count on the library to host programs of this nature. Due to the high gas prices, people cannot afford to go and enjoy things outside Malvern very often. So, the fact that we could put these programs on, give children and parents something to look forward to, makes it all worth while. They LOVED IT!!
Manchester	\$ 2,013.20	Technology and Equipment	The money was used to purchase a color laser printer for our network. Money was also used to pay partial costs for two public computers with the newest version of Deep Freeze. Having a color laser printer on the network has been great. The inkjet printer we had before this new printer was not as reliable for color images. The two new public computers have been great because they have Windows 7 and the newest Microsoft Office on them. The public loves new computers! 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	NE		
Manly	\$ 1,255.88	Library Materials and Supplies	We spent the entire amount on books for our library. We try to reach as many people and their interests as possible. This funding really helps us come closer to this goal.
Manning	\$ 846.08	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	We purchased incentives for the Summer Library Program, a new monitor for three public access computers and a printer. We had a Blank Park Zoo children's program in June 2011.

Manson	\$ 1,430.53	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for chair mats to put under new computer desks as part of our renovation project. We were able to pay for two extra database subscriptions and our WILBOR consortium start up and subscription costs. The remainder went towards library operating budget. The two popular additional databases through EBSCO provide additional resources for our community. The library made a commitment to join the WILBOR consortium and provide downloadable audiobooks and eBooks to our community and to keep up with current technology and services. Once eBooks were included with WILBOR we knew that this would be something our patrons would want, and requests for it increased in January, after the Christmas gift giving season.
Mapleton	\$ 1,154.78	Library Materials and Supplies	This funding went toward audio books and new books. This money helps us extend our budget and buy the extra materials that our patrons want and have come to expect from us.
Maquoketa	\$ 2,056.72	Library Materials and Supplies	The audio book collection and the collection of current DVD movie titles was enhanced using Direct State Aid funds. Our low-income community uses the library as a source of inexpensive entertainment and has made extensive use of the new DVD titles. Our customers who commute to nearby cities have a constant need for audio books.
Marathon	\$ 997.76	Personnel	We use the Direct State funds for the director's salary to help with the extended hours needed to qualify for accreditation. The Marathon Public Library is the center of the community. It is where people come to look for jobs, fill out resumes, read their e-mail or have a cup of coffee and play cards. With the extended hours we are able to accomodate them. Because of my work with the kids on reading and the Junior Garden Club, I was awarded the state "Celebrate Literacy" award from the Iowa Reading Association.
Marble Rock	\$ 1,043.12	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Capital Improvements Library Programs	Direct State Aid went towards the purchase of new books, a printer and supplies, rock for landscaping, a new vacuum cleaner, the Summer Library Program and supplies for it.
Marcus	\$ 1,141.85	Furniture	We had a contractor remodel and build additional new shelving. Because of this, we were able to eliminate spinners containing several hundred books, gain floor space, and improve accessibility to materials. Direct State Aid helped pay for this. Our customers are enjoying the open, uncluttered feel of our modified and remodeled space.
Marengo	\$ 1,044.36	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for new books and books on CD, a new CD player for children's programs and a digital

		Technology and Equipment Library Programs	camera for pictures of programs and activities at the library. We were also able to add more programs in our library for both children and adults. Being able to provide more programs for both children and adults is beneficial to the community because we can offer free entertainment during these difficult economic times.
Marion	\$ 6,366.66	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Capital Improvements Furniture	We used this money to purchase books to supplement our collection. We purchased a supplemental package to go along with our new RFID circulation system called Envisionware Branch Manager, which provides patrons with the option of getting emailed checkout receipts. We replaced lobby ceiling fans, added automatic toilet flushers to all toilets and urinals in the building, and replaced fabric panels on several OPAC stands. We also purchased a new sound lectern for the meeting room. We are excited to be able to offer our patrons the green and convenient option of emailed receipts when they check out. We also finally have a very nice lectern for our meeting room with a built-in microphone, which many community groups will appreciate. Finally getting our long-broken lobby ceiling fans replaced has made a huge difference in the temperature regulation of our lobby, also noticeable at the circulation desk just inside the lobby doors. We are hopeful that the auto toilet and urinal flushers will mean fewer emergency plumber calls – fingers crossed.
Marshalltown	\$ 5,727.48	Personnel	All Direct State Aid money continues to be used for part-time staff, allowing us to maintain the number of hours the library is open which is needed for accreditation. The surge in use when the new library opened has continued and we are able to be open evenings and on Saturdays when working patrons are available to use the library.
Martelle	\$ 687.98	Library Materials and Supplies	These funds were used to purchase new books.
Mason City	\$ 6,603.60	Personnel	Direct State Aid paid the salaries to fully staff our Children's Department. The renovation of the building caused heightened awareness about our library and library programs. This has caused usage to increase to threefold. Attendance at our Summer Library Program and other children's and young adult's programs have greatly increased since we reopened. We had 309 people come to the first story time of the summer. This funding allows us to have enough staff to keep the children's room open the entire time the library is open and it allows for us to have enough staff to answer questions and help patrons in the children's room.
Massena	\$ 710.69	Personnel	Direct State Aid paid for health insurance, vacation and a Good Friday holiday off. It might not have impacted the community but it certainly impacted the library director's life. When you go almost eight years with

			basically no benefits and then receive some, it makes a difference. When the council and the library board decided to give me these benefits, it not only made me feel appreciated, it helped me to contribute to the rising cost of my personal health insurance premiums. It's also nice to have some paid vacation time.
Maxwell	NE		
Maynard	\$ 1,002.92	Technology and Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to replace our Gateway computers. We purchased two public access computers, a new wireless router, and licenses for Microsoft 2007 software.
McGregor	\$ 1,302.39	Library Materials and Supplies	This money went towards the purchase of new books for children -- fiction and non-fiction titles. In a small library such as ours, every amount makes a difference to what we can provide.
Mechanicsville	\$ 1,192.67	Library Materials and Supplies	We purchased new books and DVDs.
Mediapolis	\$ 1,408.99	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	We added additional DVDs to our collection and we had more Summer Library Programs than we normally do.
Melbourne	\$ 1,064.10	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for jacket covers, shelving labels, book supports Marc On Demand software and Follett software. This funding helps us in many ways. We really count on this to help get things for the library that we would not be able to afford otherwise. We were able to renew both our Follett and Marc on Demand software. We were also able to improve the appearance of the library with the purchase of several book supports, jacket covers, and shelving labels. Direct State Aid funding makes a HUGE difference in the life of a librarian. This year I was able to renew my software (less time to enter new books into the system) so I had time to concentrate on cleaning up the library. After weeding the junior non-fiction and young adult sections (had been 6 years), I was able to organize the book shelves better with the purchase of several book supports and shelving labels. This in turn helped the children find things easier and also increased my circulation. I am looking forward to moving on with more organization as more funding comes available.
Melcher-Dallas	NE		
Melvin	NE		
Menlo	\$ 1,032.74	Personnel	With this money we were able to add more open hours to do more programming.
Merrill	NE		
Meservey	\$ 690.88	Library Materials and Supplies Capital Improvements	We used some of the funds to purchase a few large print books. We are having more requests all of the time for these and they are more expensive than regular print books. We installed seamless gutters on the front of the library. In the winter, as the snow melts,

			water drips on the sidewalk by the front door. This turns into ice and is a hazard for our patrons entering and leaving the library.
Milford	\$ 1,440.95	Library Materials and Supplies	We spent the entire amount of our state funds on additions to, and supplies for, our audio/visual collection.
Millersburg	NE		
Milo	\$ 1,083.22	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we expanded our DVD collection. We are slowly weeding out the VHS tapes and switching over to DVD. This has been a costly process, but video circulation has increased. This has been where we have concentrated the majority of our Direct State Aid funding. The Milo Public Library is working on becoming automated. We started using Library World to automate our library. This was purchased in part with Direct State Aid money. We live in a small town and only have one movie rental store. They are usually very picked over and sometimes unaffordable for children. Any patron is able to come check out a movie free of charge at the library. With our vast selection of movies, we have noticed that we are the primary spot to check out movies.
Milton	NE		
Minburn	\$ 679.51	Library Materials and Supplies	These funds paid for a subscription to Junior Library Guild to receive children's books each month. This is our only way to purchase children's books. The money also helps pay for the library to offer Wilbor downloadable audio books for our patrons. Without the help of Direct State Aid we would no longer be able to offer as many children's storytimes. Direct State Aid is the only way we are able to afford children's materials.
Mingo	NE		
Missouri Valley	NE		
Mitchellville	\$ 1,370.92	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	These funds went towards new books, audio books, book jackets, spine labels and the Summer Library Program.
Modale	NE		
Mondamin	\$ 672.86	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards a librarian substitute and new books.
Monona	\$ 1,282.80	Library Materials and Supplies Other	We use this money for our library's subscription to NEIBORS. The library spent \$771.86 on replacement bulbs for our florescent lights. We had many to replace. The library also spent \$90.94 for caulk for our roof. We have fabricated slate shingles from 1972. Without the state funding, this amount would have to come out of our regular budget. When it comes to maintenance of the building, it is hard to know what future breakdowns many occur. The roof was a bit out of the blue. We were lucky that some of the labor was donated.

			NEIBORS is very much enjoyed by patrons. There are now as many audio as e-book checkouts. There were actually a few people that became patrons in our community for that purpose only. The library is happy to increase its patronage.
Monroe	\$ 427.79	Library Materials and Supplies	We purchased magazine subscriptions and children's books with these funds.
Montezuma	\$ 857.12	Library Programs	This money was used for Upstart, Summer Library Program supplies and incentives, including books and a visit by Duane Murray, caricaturist.
Monticello	\$ 1,643.57	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Furniture Library Programs	Direct State Aid allowed the director to attend the Iowa Library Association Conference in Coralville. We also purchased new books and bean bag chairs for the teen area, Wii Fit Plus, Wii remote and a movie license. The Direct State Aid funding has helped our library to maintain and improve programming, add to our juvenile non-fiction collection, add to our teen area and be able to show more movies. We have made a "teen center" in a corner of the library. The staff has noticed an increase in the number of teens who attend programs. Two of the boys in particular spend more time in the library after school and I like to think that by coming in the library they are doing constructive things and have a safe place to come after school until their parents come home from work.
Montrose	\$ 421.48	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was used for computer supplies and software.
Moorhead	NE		
Moravia	\$ 1,033.43	Technology and Equipment	We were able to purchase two new desktop computers with this money.
Morley	\$ 368.24	Library Materials and Supplies	With this money, we bought more DVDs for our collection. We are a small town and our DVDs are a big part of our collection.
Morning Sun	\$ 1,128.79	Technology and Equipment Furniture	We purchased four software applications of "Deep Freeze" using these funds. We also purchased four computer carrels, four computer chairs, and partially paid for four chair mats. The new carrels allowed for increased privacy for our patrons, and the chairs are more comfortable. Our public access stations are used by young and old alike. Now space and privacy is better managed as the younger ones on games are in their own space as an older patron checks his email without crowding or bothering each other.
Moulton	\$ 1,042.46	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to pay the salary for additional staff. We also purchased Books Marc Wizard. This funding has helped us in meeting the needs of our community by purchasing current and entertaining materials, being able to keep better records because of the Marc Wizard, and keep our library open 23 hours a week.

Mount Ayr	NE		
Mount Pleasant	\$ 2,645.86	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	We used this money to buy the new DDC 23, teen and large print books to supplement collection by buying missing volumes of some teen and adult series. We bought a digital camera and video camera for programming, insurance and inventory needs, and to partially pay for two Cisco Small Business Pro ESW-520-48 -switch - managed - 48 ports Device Type Switch. Our wireless service works better. We could record and take pictures for insurance and inventory purposes and for programming. Bought the new Dewey to help with cataloging. We made many patrons happy, particularly with the wireless improvements.
Mount Vernon	\$ 1,780.71	Library Materials and Supplies	Using our Direct State Aid money we were able to contact Prison Industries and have them build a shelf unit to put in place of the desk and built another shelving unit along our last unused wall. What a difference! The readers are all together and can easily be chosen. It really allowed us to highlight those titles. The other wall unit has allowed us to expand our DVD titles and offerings.
Moville	NE		
Murray	NE		
Muscatine	\$ 4,259.19	Other	Our Direct State Aid went towards sending the director, information services manager and youth services manager to the Computers in Libraries Conference in Washington D.C. When we came back we used the information from the conference to develop an extensive plan. We'll be starting our training in Oct. 2011 and have a final report in January 2012.
Nashua	\$ 1,287.35	Furniture	This money went towards the purchase of four reading area lounge chairs. The chairs we are replacing are 25 years. The padding has shifted and the upholstery is worn and soiled. The new chairs will be more comfortable for our patrons and will also give the library an updated look.
Nevada	\$ 2,424.78	Technology and Equipment	We purchased an Early Learning Station which is a computer with games for children 3-10 and is bilingual - Spanish and English. The children really enjoy the station. It is a great way for parents and children to use technology together in a controlled environment. We have a young man with some challenges that really likes to use the station. His mother brings him here as a reward for meeting goals.
New Albin	NE		
New Hampton	\$ 1,692.22	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for a portion of the migration to Apollo Automation system. Before, our patrons could not access our catalog from home. The new system will be web-based and include book jacket images in the online catalog. Patrons will have control of their

			accounts.
New Hartford	\$ 661.32	Furniture	This money went toward book cases.
New London	\$ 937.18	Technology and Equipment	Three Lenovo ThinkCentre A70z 0401 all-in-one computers were purchased with Direct State Aid. This funding helps us to keep our technology up to date, which the public expects and deserves.
New Market	NE		
New Sharon	NE		
New Virginia	\$ 1,011.17	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs Other	Direct State Aid went towards new books, DVDs, toner cartridges, computer backup DVDs, a new router, our Summer Library Program and a step ladder. The new router improved our wireless service, which had been going down repeatedly. We were also able to have three outstanding presenters for our Summer Library Programs because of these funds. A young boy came to the reading program for the first time when we had a ventriloquist presenting. He has had some unfortunate family problems and has been very withdrawn and quiet. I watched his face during the program, and at first, he remained sullen, but as the program went on he began to smile. Before the program ended, he was laughing out loud. I know this made a positive difference in his day. The library could not have afforded this particular program without Direct State Aid.
Newell	\$ 1,100.31	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a new computer package, including Windows 7 for the staff area to accomodate patrons who need to work on, or download, items requiring Windows 7. Since our schools, as well as many universities and web-based schools, are now using Windows 7 we are able to help our patrons who are required to do schoolwork using this program. It has also helped in our beginning computer classes to enable us to have the same programs as the students do in their own homes. Due to the installation of this new computer system, I had a patron who is a single mother who was able to take an online nursing course to better her situation. It was fantastic to be able to help her reach her goal!
Newhall	\$ 1,083.71	Personnel	Direct State Aid continues to pay the salaries for staff to maintain our extended hours. We extended our hours so we could be open later which makes it easier for patrons to use the library after work hours.
Newton	\$ 4,167.29	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	These funds were used to purchase subscriptions to EBSCOhost, an auto repair reference Center, NoveList, Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest. Our Summer Library Program finale was used to rent the pool and a shelter house. The databases are heavily relied upon by students, genealogists, and librarians helping people who read genre fiction. Mechanics are finding the auto

			repaid center helpful at home after having librarians show them how to use it in the library.
Nora Springs	\$ 1,268.21	Personnel	With this money were are able to hire a cleaning person.
North English	\$ 1,180.72	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	This year the money was spent on the purchase of more adult reading books, as well as teen books. We were also able to get a few DVDs for children on sale. We replaced our fax machine and the printer for the public computers and supplied the ink for the new printer. It seems as if we're in a position where we needed the fax and the new printer NOW and we gave no thought to purchasing the items with Direct State Aid money.
North Liberty	\$ 2,402.35	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs Other	Direct State Aid was spent on audio books, programs and supplies for programs throughout the year, including appreciation gifts for our volunteers during Volunteer Week. This money was also used to partially fund NEIBORS (downloadable books), and the database (World Book). Our volunteers are wonderful and give around 6,000 volunteer hours a year and it is nice to be able to provide a small token of our appreciation to them. NEIBORS has become an extremely important part of our collection as downloadable audiobooks and e-books become more popular. We do not have a print reference collection and it is important to be able to fund the databases we currently have. World Book is an important part of our database collection.
Northwood	\$ 939.13	Library Materials and Supplies	Audiobooks, large print, and juvenile non-fiction books were purchased with this money. We are able to offer our patrons more materials in each of these areas. As a result, we are seeing an increase in checkouts and an increase in patrons viewing these materials. It has also helped fill in the gap in our non-fiction books for youth.
Norwalk	\$ 2,299.48	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	We were able to purchase a subscription for an online universal classroom program for our patrons, as well as a language learning program subscription. We were able to use some of the money for three of our "big" Summer Library Programs. The online language learning and universal classroom have been excellent additions to our library services. Our patrons have been very excited using these new services. The state funding also allowed us to host several Summer Library Programs that our patrons love. These programs are always some of the highlights of the summer. They were absolutely wonderful programs that families of all ages could enjoy!
Norway	NE		
Oakland	\$ 1,296.01	Personnel Library Programs	This money was spent on personnel we needed to help run the Summer Library Program. We could purchase

			prizes to our best readers. We had at least four new families begin using the library as a direct result of the Summer Library Program. One second-grader needed to improve his reading and the prizes motivated him.
Ocheyedan	\$ 734.59	Library Materials and Supplies	Additions to the adult, junior fiction and non-fiction collection and DVDs were purchased with the money. 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 economy in our area, we have many patrons who have checked out more books and DVDs. They also have access to our computers with Internet service as many have dropped their home Internet service.
Odebolt	\$ 1,192.35	Personnel	We are open Wednesday mornings and have always spent Direct State Aid to be able to do this. This is the only weekday morning we are open. By increasing hours we enable more people to come to the library. This also helps those who work until 5 p.m. We previously were only open after 5 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. As time passed, I've seen a big increase in patrons coming in after work. Also the morning hours allow the pre-school to visit us once a month with their morning class. The children get their first library card at this time and can check out a book until the following month when they return.
Oelwein	\$ 2,222.59	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Furniture Library Programs Other	With Direct State Aid, we purchased some books and periodical subscriptions that are unique to our town. We also enhanced our DVD collection. We purchased some external hard drives for backing up our server. We purchased some acrylic sign holders and pamphlet holders for display areas. We purchased some popcorn bags and prizes for our Summer Library Program. Mileage was paid to a guest speaker for a program on Iowa Trivia. We purchased an outdoor American flag. Patrons especially enjoy reading books about our community; the school yearbook, the book written about our town, local authors, and magazines about Iowa. We had successful programs this year. We had at least one special program for adults and one for children each month. We will continue with this plan with fresh programming for the upcoming year. A patron left this comment: The Oelwein Library has become our family's favorite public place. Other community places may provide enrichment like the William's Center to wellness and education of families. However, the library is special to our family. Thank you for the hours open and programs.
Ogden	NE		
Olin	\$ 1,101.27	Library Materials and	These funds paid for new books and DVDs. There is

		Supplies	never enough money to go around. With these funds we are able to purchase some items we would not have been able to purchase, such as books supporting special needs (e.g., We purchased some specialized books for children to help them cope with cancer and Alzheimer's disease in the lives of their loved ones.).
Onawa	\$ 1,517.02	Technology and Equipment Capital Improvements Other	Direct State Aid money helped pay Book Systems to upgrade the technology of our circulation system. Our lawn care was heavily impacted by the budget cuts that the city required. We used our Direct State Aid to help maintain the yard (such as it is). We are hoping that the city will notice that the yard has deteriorated in the past year and see fit to appropriate funds towards its maintenance. Our promotions budget was zeroed out. We used some of the Direct State Aid money to promote different activities and reading throughout the year (posters, bookmarks, pens, etc.). People were so happy to have these items.
Orange City	\$ 2,112.79	Technology and Equipment	We were able to add two computers to our public Internet access area with this money. We were also able to replace all the 15" monitors with 20" widescreen displays. We have been able to serve more patrons at a time when computers are in high demand. This has cut down on the time people have to wait. Patrons have also appreciated the faster computers and larger monitors.
Orient	\$ 347.35	Library Programs	The money was spent on ou preschool story hour. Our weekly story hour is held eight weeks during the summer because as a combined public/school library the schedule doesn't allow for a story hour during the school year. The summer preschool story hour introduces children to the library, to new situations, to new social skills, to new books and activities. Also, parents and caregivers see first hand what the public library has to offer and as a result use those services.
Osage	\$ 1,802.98	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Furniture Library Programs	Adult large print and audio books on CD were paid for with Direct State Aid, as well as a fax machine and office equipment. We got additional shelving for DVDs, and prizes, give-aways and entertainment for the Summer Library Program.
Osceola	\$ 1,751.01	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was used for computers, computer services and a computer consultant.
Oskaloosa	\$ 3,309.42	Library Materials and Supplies	Because of limited funds, we used Direct State Aid for the purchase of books and audio books for our adult collection. We were able to provide a wider selection of best-sellers in print and audio CD. Here's a quote we used in our 2010-11 Annual Report: "When I built my 3,100 square foot house, it took me two years and I did 78% of the building solo. Assisting me were 210 audio books on CD from the Oskaloosa Library that I listened

			to while I was doing the work." Paul F. Callahan
Ossian	\$ 1,152.74	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to extend hours for our Summer Library Program and Teen Summer Reading Program. We started adding our own large print books instead of relying on books from Decorah. A few of our regular patrons now need large print and we can order to their tastes. We got a lease for audio books which keeps our collection fresher for our patrons. The money also helped pay for crafts for the Summer Library Program.
Ottumwa	NE		
Oxford	\$ 394.70	Library Materials and Supplies	Once again we spent the funds on the children's book collection and supplies to process them. We always time this purchase right before the beginning of the Summer Library Program in order to have an extra burst of new books available for the participants. This summer a young girl came in and told me she wanted to check out her favorite book again, <i>The Daring Book for Girls</i> , which she reads every year. One of the titles we spent on this year was the sequel and she squealed with delight. She loves trying out the new things she learns from these books.
Oxford Junction	\$ 1,071.12	Library Materials and Supplies Capital Improvements	The money was spent for library supplies, books, processing supplies, and gutter repairs. Our gutter was destroyed during a wind storm and everytime it rained it leaked into the museum next door. We used additional funds for supplies for the Summer Library Program, book processing and basic supplies such as toilet paper and paper towels.
Palmer	\$ 359.87	Personnel Technology and Equipment	This pays for the extra half hour we are open to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and the phone bill for Internet access. The computers get a lot of use in our small town.
Panora	\$ 1,232.31	Technology and Equipment	We were able to purchase two computers and replace a monitor with these funds.
Parkersburg	\$ 1,257.42	Capital Improvements	The money received is all going towards our library renovation/ expansion project that is currently underway. Our library was built in 1968 with only a few minor changes made during that time. We will be adding 1,800 sq. ft. and renovate the existing library. We will be adding a children's addition and redefining areas to accommodate the needs of today. This will be a huge "plus" for our community in meeting the needs of the Aplington-Parkersburg community and surrounding areas.
Paton	\$ 991.71	Library Materials and Supplies	This money was spent for new books, and CDs and audio books.
Paullina	\$ 1,130.46	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for 15 history DVDs and six children's DVDs. We also bought a multimedia projector and a small refrigerator for the meeting room. When there are meetings in the library, the projector will be

		Other	available to use for PowerPoint presentations and other uses.
Pella	\$ 2,959.79	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for a wonderful, networked copier that replaced both our outdated public copier and our no-longer-working staff copier. THANK YOU! The youth services librarian literally danced for joy when it only took 40 minutes to print off the Summer Library Program logs--a job that took three days last year due to repeated copier jams.
Perry	\$ 2,367.31	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Three Dell computers were bought to replace workstations for fulltime staff using these funds. We had Kay Fenton Smith and Carol Roh Spaulding, authors of Zakery's Bridge, come give a family storytime. They introduced their book, which encompasses 10 stories about children that had immigrated to Iowa. We have a connection in that the last story in the book is about a family in Perry. We have kept up-to-date with our new computers introducing the staff to Windows 7 and Office 2007. The staff then learn the new software and are familiar with it as we push it out to the patron computers. The family storytimes are such a great way to introduce both parents and kids to books. This year's theme gives us a double bang for our buck as it also widened our community's view of the world with its theme, "One World, Many Stories." They talked about how to make a newcomer to your community feel welcome. One of the stories is about a boy from a village in Kenya who fled with his family to the United States. Kay and Carol introduced our audience to African native musical instruments and traditional dress. The children dressed up in the traditional dress, and using the instruments to make music they performed a ritual dance with Kay. Everyone had a good time while increasing their awareness of a different culture and learning how to welcome newcomers to their community.
Peterson	\$ 683.12	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for new books for our Summer Library Program.
Plainfield	\$ 1,076.31	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	This money went toward books for 5th and 6th graders to check out for their program, and for all in the general age bracket of 4 th through 8th grade. We work with the teachers to be sure we have the books they use in class. Some of the funds went towards new DVDs, a Logitech optical mouse, an HP fax machine, an HP ink cartridge for the fax, and a 6th grade school program which takes place once a month all school year. We also had some money to spend on Dewey Decimal posters and bookmarks. Our junior fiction readers have been thrilled with the extra additions to their section. In a small library like ours with limited funds, there is only

			so much that the materials budget can cover when divided amongst so many sections. The children can't wait to see what we have new. The same is true for movies. This funding allows us to do more than "business as usual." We had a gentleman who had been searching for a job since last fall. He liked to come in and sit at the computer with the new monitor to apply for jobs, as it is larger than the others and he could see better to fill out applications. He came in one day with a big smile on his face. He got a job! He needed to fax some documents right away to the new employer and, having had difficulty in the past with faxing from our old fax machine, immediately got a worried look on his face. "Is the fax machine working today?" I was happy to tell him that we had a new machine and yes, it was working wonderfully.
Pleasant Hill	\$ 2,518.99	Library Materials and Supplies	Additional books for the children's area were purchased with these funds. We are in the process of updating and expanding this area and more books were definitely needed. Because of the additional materials which were purchased, children and parents have more choices. The childrens books which are available will be well used. These books check out more than any other type.
Pleasantville	NE		
Plover	\$ 348.98	Technology and Equipment Furniture Library Programs	We purchased one new computer for patrons to use, which increased our computers to four, and new computer chairs. I purchased crafts for the Summer Library Program. We had really neat crafts for the children. This was one of the first times that I got crafts from a factory. Each craft each week went with the country we learned about.
Pocahontas	\$ 1,300.67	Library Materials and Supplies	We used the entire amount on helping to purchase large print books. Our demographics are changing and these books have been in major demand . We've had many compliments. We are also trying to phase out our audio cassette tapes and replace them with audio CDs so this funding has been a great help in reaching our goal.
Polk City	\$ 1,510.73	Personnel Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid is used for an information technology person to help with the computers and telephone support for web hosting.
Pomeroy	\$ 805.46	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	We renewed our contracts with Book Systems and EzCat. We purchased craft kits, art supplies, and prizes for our reading logs for the Summer Library Program. It also allowed us to pay for our book automation system that is needed to have an up-to-date library. We had a parent come in and thank us for getting her child to read over the summer. They said that without the encouragement from our Summer Library Program and seeing other kids excited about reading, her child may never have picked up a book this summer.

Postville	\$ 1,436.70	Other	We purchased an eight camera security system for the library. We have been broken into twice in the last few months. It brings a lot of peace of mind.
Prairie City	\$ 406.74	Library Materials and Supplies	We used this money to offset the first-year subscription to WILBOR (downloadable books) for our library. I am so excited to be able to offer the WILBOR program to our patrons! The initial fee coupled with the first year's start up costs was prohibitive to us until we received a grant from our regional office to help cover the cost. Those monies, along with our Direct State Aid, allowed us to begin this program in our library. I have many patrons that are as excited as I am about this. Thank you!
Prescott	NE		
Preston	\$ 1,173.00	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for new books, audio and video materials, as well as periodicals. It also helped pay for the Summer Library Program supplies, story hour craft projects and book discussion sets. We were able to purchase additional materials for a variety of patron groups using our facility and we were able to continue a top-notch Summer Library Program for our community's youth. Our program has always received rave reviews and this year was no exception. One family is now coming to our library from a larger community (with a library) as a result of our being able to provide so many opportunities for our youth during the summer.
Primghar	\$ 1,089.62	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for new books and audio books for children, adults, and juveniles.
Quimby	\$ 682.53	Library Materials and Supplies	New books, audio books, DVDs were bought with this money. We have a great selection of new books for adults, young adults and children. A resident in our town has trouble seeing since she had a stroke. She loved to read. Now she gets books on CD from our library, and can still enjoy the stories from her favorite authors. When and if her sight improves, she can browse our large print section and find the latest from her favorite authors.
Radcliffe	\$ 1,112.54	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Capital Improvements	Additional staff was needed for the Summer Library Program, allowing more individualized assistance for younger kids. Award winning books were added and placed in a new section for young adult readers. The money also helped pay for the final work on our landscaping project, which included the last handrail. The middle school had a book list for the accelerated readers, which was one of the lists we used to purchase young adult books. A student recommended many of these titles to his friends and brought them here to show them where they are shelved.
Rake	NE		
Randolph	NE		

Readlyn	\$ 1,175.55	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	With Direct State Aid, we purchased Children's Choice Award, Iowa Teen Award, the Goldfinch Award and Iowa High School Award books. We also used the money for an adult program, the Summer Library Program and a movie license. We use the license to provide programming for kids on early dismissal days. This is an invaluable service for working parents to know their children are safe and being entertained.
Red Oak	\$ 797.07	Technology and Equipment	The library invested in computers this year using these funds. After remodeling we are able to have more stations, so we felt it would be well spent on more Internet access stations for the public. The support we receive does not go unnoticed. Every new thing we have to offer has increased our usage and need for additional space and services. This funding has helped us to add on to the library and remodel the old areas. People appreciate what modern libraries have to offer and showed this with their support for our project. This funding [for computers] helps us to be a modern library. Our community is working very hard to offer assistance to our patrons who are trying to find jobs, write resumes or fill in applications, go back to school, or open their own businesses. We have had many happy patrons who finally land a job or finish their degrees. We are happy to be a part of them reaching their dreams. Having the new technology helped us assist a patron to complete his masters degree online.
Redfield	\$ 747.39	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for a new computer, monitor and software.
Reinbeck	\$ 1,380.52	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	These funds were used to purchase new books, a computer for public use, three Summer Library Programs – Wonderweavers story tellers, Storm Chasers, and a magician. The presenters help act as a drawing card for kids to take part in the Summer Library Program. Programs are open to the community. Our patrons are enjoying the new computer. We use this funding to help replace our older computers. People with older computers at home have been coming in to use the library computers.
Rembrandt	\$ 679.32	Personnel	This money was spent on salaries so we can be open on Saturday. My patrons appreciate the library being open for them then. Those who can't make it during the week are able to stop in and pickup the materials they need. Students are able to use the computers with school assignments. We have one family who love to read but can only get to the library on Saturdays. We have smiling faces as these young children go home with a new bag of books. Thanks so much!
Remsen	\$ 886.63	Library Materials and Supplies	We use this money for our large print book section. This area continues to grow in our ever increasing senior population. However, patrons of all ages enjoy these

			books.
Renwick	\$ 1,030.51	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid went toward a new computer for the librarians to use during the Summer Library Program and story time. We also purchased incentives from our local Fastway store where the kids earned coupons for ice cream cones and small pizzas. We had a child that did not like to read and this really helped him get started since he really wanted to win the prizes. This funding helped us make it possible.
Riceville	\$ 1,193.17	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	We needed to continue to increase our young adult collection so some of the money went towards that. It hadn't been updated in years. We continue to see an increased interest in our community programs. Through this funding we were able to bring in speakers we would otherwise not be able to afford. By providing these funds we are able to increase the viability and necessity of the library in our community.
Richland	\$ 1,024.32	Library Materials and Supplies	We purchased additional books for children, young adults and adults, new DVDs and books on CD. The vast majority of our patrons come in for new items: the latest best seller, the next book in a series they are reading, or the newest DVD. With a tight budget it is sometimes hard to keep the collection current. Direct State Aid helps us provide these items which means the patrons stay active visiting the library and borrowing items. The Book-on-CD Rotation we participated in was discontinued due to budget cuts to the library service areas. One of our patrons, a truck driver who is an avid fan of books on CDs, commented that he had listened to just about every one we owned and was disappointed that the rotation was discontinued. I was able to assure him that even though the rotation had ended, we would still be able to add new CDs to our collection.
Ringsted	\$ 666.37	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for mileage to and from meetings, new books, anti-virus protection for two years for five computers and two new headphones for public access computers. The funds also helped pay for the Summer Library Program.
Ripley	NE		
Rock Rapids	\$ 1,045.17	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	This money was used for new audiobooks, computer service, and anti-virus software.
Rock Valley	\$ 1,569.29	Furniture Library Programs	Direct State Aid allowed us to get a new circulation desk and pay for WILBOR (downloadable books) service.
Rockford	\$ 1,147.71	Library Materials and Supplies	We spent some of the money on large print books. We also purchased barcodes to be used in our automation

		Technology and Equipment Furniture Library Programs Other	system. We spent funds on subscriptions to two newspapers (The Globe Gazette and the Charles City Press) and seven magazine subscriptions. We also spent this money to replace a USB hub that had gone bad on a computer. We bought shelves for our children's room puppets. We purchased a movie license so that we could legally show DVDs at the library. We used the money to pay our yearly subscription fee in NEIBORS (downloadable books program). Our library could not afford to keep as many magazines and newspaper subscriptions as we do without the use of the funding provided by the state. We definitely could not afford to subscribe to the NEIBORS service without the funding. As a result, our local patrons can use the library in person and find several local newspapers and have a wider choice of magazines. Those who prefer their library more high tech will find that Rockford is keeping up in providing the audiobooks and ebooks. We have a family whose parents are unemployed. They frequently come to the library to use the Charles City Press and Mason City Globe Gazette to read up on jobs listings. Because they are at the library they also have computers available to type up resumes and do online applications.
Rockwell	\$ 1,178.44	Library Materials and Supplies	This funding paid for magazine subscriptions - renewals and new magazines. This funding helps our library enhance the services and materials we can offer our patrons. The magazines are read by all ages both in the library or at home. Many of our older patrons like reading the magazines from the library because they don't have to spend the money on a subscription. For them, it means no recycling, no stacks of magazines building up and no subscriptions to think about renewing.
Rockwell City	NE		
Roland	\$ 1,260.71	Other	This was our first year in a new building, so many of the unanticipated costs associated with settling in (display shelving, floor mats, etc.) were purchased with Direct State Aid funding.
Rolfe	\$ 1,057.89	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	We used Direct State Aid for training, to attend meetings and pay for mileage, a subscription to our area newspaper (Fort Dodge Messenger), and work supplies.
Rowan	\$ 1,057.03	Library Materials and Supplies	I was able to apply the entire amount to purchasing books for our easy readers, juvenile non-fiction and juvenile fiction sections. The books are often used to supplement our Summer Library Program theme. The books were checked out consistently throughout the weekly programs.
Royal	NE		

Rudd	\$ 737.86	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	We used some of these funds to pay for extra hours worked training a new assistant. Some went toward our scanners which we used to become automated. We used some money to hire a magician. Every little bit helps us to keep going!
Runnells	\$ 312.72	Furniture Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for beanbag chairs for the children's corner and prizes for the Easter egg hunt that the library provides at the city park each year.
Ruthven	\$ 1,108.82	Technology and Equipment Other	Two 8 GB USB drives were purchased for the purpose of handling slide shows created for display on a large flat screen television. Our library was able to participate in the WILBOR Consortium (the eBook start-up collection), subscribe to Britannica Online, and have a small CatExpress subscription. The impact of the funding on our small library is great. We would otherwise be unable to offer all these services. Our challenge is getting people to know and expect these services from our library. Often, we have patrons who are surprised to know that we are offering the same services as some of the larger nearby libraries.
Sabula	\$ 1,072.31	Library Materials and Supplies	Our library spent all of our Direct State Aid on books, DVDs and magazine subscriptions. Many patrons have commented on the expanded selection of DVDs that are now available thanks to these funds.
Sac City	\$ 1,405.33	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Approximately \$36.82 that was not spent on technology related items was spent on the library collection purchasing books and other materials. Most of the Direct State Aid funds the Sac City Library received this year were used for technology-related subscriptions including: 1) Annual support fee from Book Systems for our online catalog; 2) Annual subscription for WILBOR for audio books. 3) One time license with Movie Licensing USA to show "The King's Speech" to kick off our "Movies at the Library" programming for library patrons. We also upgraded our Microsoft Office software for staff computers. The impact that Direct State Aid has on our library is substantial. Without this funding, we would have to either cut these services or reduce the amount of material purchases for the library from our meager book budget. Either option is bad for library patrons and negatively impacts the programs and services available to them. Recently, a woman came to the library needing to create a flyer to help find her missing dog. With the new upgrade to our staff publishing software, we were able to help her create a flyer in less than 10 minutes that was much nicer than what we could have created with our old Office 2000 version. Productivity has sped up as well as the ability to create really nice marketing material for library programs and events. Patrons using WILBOR are

			ecstatic about the addition of e-Books to the database. We give at least one or two WILBOR demonstrations to patrons every day. They love the idea that the library can come to them wherever they are.
Salem	\$ 1,032.47	Library Programs	We paid for our Summer Library Program and Halloween and Christmas programs. Without our state funding we would not have been able to have these programs or handle the number of kids who participate in them.
Sanborn	\$ 1,170.60	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for a Cricut machine, a laminator and supplies for them. We also purchased a laptop computer that we used to show movies to the kids during our Summer Library Program! Of course we also have a movie license. We have had good turn-outs for the movies. With our cricut & laminator we are able to greatly improve our marketing efforts.
Schaller	\$ 789.12	Personnel	Direct State Aid paid the salary for personnel to fill in for me when I was receiving continuing education and when I was on vacation for a week. We also added staff so we can be open Saturdays.
Schleswig	NE		
Scranton	\$ 1,060.41	Personnel Furniture	These funds paid for training on our new library automation program. Some money was also applied to the purchase of a book cart.
Sergeant Bluff	NE		
Seymour	NE		
Sheffield	\$ 1,284.37	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	These funds helped defray the cost of beginning to replace our Gates computers. We were able to purchase four new computers. We spent it on supplies and prizes for our Summer Library Program and to help fund needed technology. We are so glad to receive any additional funds. Obviously, with technology, we will be able to offer faster and more up-to-date computers. We will be able to hook up our printers to the new computers, since the old ones are not doing well in this area. The Summer Library Program is always so well received and needed. We were able to host 13 programs with 262 in attendance during all activities. We are able to motivate kids to continue to read, provide a safe place for them to come and have fun, and teach them a little about our country's history. We had a young lady--fourth grader--who signed a contract for a really amazing goal of reading during the five weeks that we ran the Summer Library Program. This was the first year we really had kids stretching to make their goal. This young lady made sure she was in attendance at every program and her knowledge and retention were helped so much by the reading. She even volunteered to help us with the preschool programs that we had. So the money that is spent on

			summer reading is valuable because it challenges the kids to read, provides fun activity in a small town, and even gives a young girl the heart to volunteer and help others begin their reading journey. We are grateful for this money.
Sheldon	\$ 1,794.82	Library Materials and Supplies	We purchased audiobooks for children and adults, as well as board books for children. Audiobooks are extremely popular here, with both adults and children enjoying them. Our budgeted amount from the city remained flat for more than four years, so without state aid, we would not be able to purchase much in this area. Due to a special promotion, we were able to take advantage of a drastic price reduction and purchase 20 new board books for our wee listeners. We have several over-the-road truckers who check out stacks of audiobooks before they begin another trip. One in particular, who drives from Sheldon to New York City every week, is grateful for the audiobooks. He checks out 7 - 8 unabridged audiobooks at a time.
Shell Rock	\$ 1,168.68	Library Materials and Supplies	The Direct State Aid money was used to purchase books. There is never enough money in our book budget, which includes not only books, but audio books and DVDs. We are able to better keep up with new books and best sellers. We also purchased Iowa Children's Choice Award books and Iowa Teen Award books. We bought some easy children's books. The Direct State Aid money is very much appreciated. I feel we need to keep up with the new books, or our patrons will go somewhere else. Therefore, the funding is important. We also get patrons from Waverly, because there is such a wait for the new releases at their library and we have several patrons from other communities who come to get our inspirational fiction books. We also bought new children's books that we use for story hour. It is important that the little children become familiar with the library. We do an alphabet letter each week at story hour. Our attendance has increased and parents say what fun the kids have at the library story hour. I feel we are making a difference in the children's lives.
Shellsburg	\$ 1,092.83	Library Materials and Supplies	With library budgets being cut in all directions, Direct State Aid is a vital source for providing additional materials for our patrons throughout the year. We were able to provide our young adult patrons with the additional books and materials to enhance their library experience and thus increased circulation in this age group.
Shenandoah	\$ 1,931.00	Library Materials and Supplies Furniture	These funds were used to buy A to Z online databases, ProQuest genealogy databases, and our WILBOR / Gale e-books. We also bought book carts to make our circulation computers mobile and to move collections

			during our approaching construction. They already worked great at the book sale. Spending some of the monies on online access to specialized databases and new e-books keeps us relevant and satisfies members of our community.
Sibley	\$ 998.70	Library Materials and Supplies	We continue to partially fund our audio book collection from the Direct State Aid money we receive. We have a leasing agreement with Landmark Audio Books and our annual fee is \$2,880. So the Direct State Aid money helps to cut down our expense and make it more affordable for our library. Even though many people have e-readers now, we have many patrons who can't afford one and still use our audio book collection. If we did not have the State Aid money, we wouldn't be able to provide this service.
Sidney	\$ 1,154.80	Personnel Capital Improvements	This money was used for various staff seminars. It was also used for signage outside of our building.
Sigourney	\$ 1,349.01	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid money was spent to become a member of the WILBOR (downloadable books) program. With many of our current patrons coming into the technology age, iPods, iPads, Macbooks and many different brands of e-readers are now being used in our community. The WILBOR program allows patrons to search and checkout items at their leisure. We have already seen a very nice leap in our circulation stats since making this available. It has been used quite a bit by our school system since Sigourney has the 1-to-1 Macbook program. This has brought in students' friends, parents, babysitters and grandparents. We only expect for it to continue to grow.
Silver City	\$ 659.27	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Capital Improvements Library Programs	This money will help buy work supplies for some projects for the Summer Library Program. We hope to update some of our computer programs. We are going to make some improvements in our library to make more room. We've been able to hire presenters to come to the library for interesting programs. Our computers are used a lot by large families that cannot afford a computer. They can come to the library and do their homework or research things on the Internet.
Sioux Center	\$ 2,242.15	Library Materials and Supplies Furniture	Direct State Aid paid for Spanish and bilingual books; Wilbor audiobooks; and tables for our meeting room. The library has truly become a community center with meeting room usage of over 1,500 hours the past year. We are serving local organizations as well as state and national events. Everyone who has used our facilities is impressed with the types of services and variety of group sizes that we can accommodate in a small, rural community such as Sioux Center. The growing Hispanic community of Sioux Center have found the library a comfortable place for improving literacy, staying in

			contact via Internet with family and friends, and finding many items available in Spanish. The new patrons are from all generations and from diverse economic and educational levels. Our staff now boasts four Spanish fluent staff who welcome and converse with many of our new friends. The bilingual story hour has provided a family friendly environment for improving literacy skills.
Sioux City	\$15,778.57	Personnel Technology and Equipment	This money was used to pay staff to deliver library outreach collections to children's preschools and day care centers. The funds were also used to replace and upgrade equipment to support electronic services; the library purchased a virtual machine server which allows the library to develop a next-generation web site. It will allow all computers in the library to connect to subscription databases, offering dependable electronic service to those who depend on the library for e-government, e-commerce, and e-learning. From a November staff meeting review of patrons comments we found this: "What a great service. It saved my life," said a middle-aged man, dressed in business attire after he hurried in, used a computer station, printed something on the public printer and buzzed out past the reference desk.
Sioux Rapids	\$ 731.34	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	We spent this money on books for our patrons and supplies such as ink cartridges and copy paper for our copy machine and our printers. We also bought craft supplies and incentives for the children for the Summer Library Program. We need this funding desperately to help offset some of our expenses. We are being cut in so many areas it is hard for any size library to keep going. We were able to get a few new large print books for my care center patrons and others. They were so thrilled and even mentioned the new books to their care givers and families. So we have five new patrons from just those few new large print books.
Slater	\$ 1,146.73	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for a laptop computer, projector screen, computer speakers, a CD player, musical scarves and music CDs for children's programming. All of the items purchased with Direct State Aid will allow us to increase our programming for all ages. We will be able to have family movie nights, Skype with speakers, supplement story times with educational programming from the Internet, etc. Thank you! Our program attendance has more than doubled in the past few months and children are being engaged in new interesting ways in the library. We are working to educate and excite the next generation of library users.
Sloan	\$ 761.91	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a new staff computer for our circulation desk. This replaced the Gates computer used for our automation system. We also purchased the Microsoft

			Office Professional Plus 2010 software package from TechSoup. We were always very frustrated with the old Gates computer and were constantly backing up our information in anticipation of a computer crash. The Direct State Aid money came just about the time we requested a new computer from the board of trustees. It has made our work at the library much easier and more enjoyable!
Solon	\$ 2,019.57	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	We used this funding to try a language database called byki. Our regional library did not provide a shared subscription for a language database so we decided to jump in and try it on our own. At the time, we knew that the fee was high for this first year but we chose a language (byki) database that we hoped would be picked up by our regional library. Our community and local school were very excited to explore this on-line option and it was a great way to start. We have since had the option to add another language database and we compared in the two. In the future, we will choose one that provides fewer languages but is more user-friendly and definitely more economical for a small library. We spent the remaining direct state aid on supplies for advertising so that we could market our new database within the community. Thank you for this opportunity. Too often, as a smaller library, we hesitate to offer new opportunities for our patrons because of our limited funding. With your help, we were able to explore and gain confidence in our options.
Somers	NE		
South English	\$ 305.55	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	We used Direct State Aid for new books, audio books, book covers and pockets, and toner for the color printer. Due to the sparse amount of young adult books, we lost many of our teen readers. I am encouraged by the appearance of teens now that we have a growing inventory of books for them. I have a twelve year old who has basically given up on reading and is having trouble in school because of it. I had just purchased the first set of a series by Rick Riordan titled <i>Percy Jackson and the Olympians</i> with Direct State Aid. Though he was hesitant to try it, I discussed the story line of the first book and mentioned it had been made into a movie. Immediately, it sounded familiar to him and he said he would give it a try (he liked the movie). Of course I went on to explain how much more detail you get in a book and how your mind can create its own movie from just words.
Spencer	\$ 3,018.35	Technology and Equipment	We purchased four computers for public access and a scanner for the library. Two of the computers are net books (small) for the public to check out and use in the library with our wireless Internet. The other computers are desktop models. A program was started to offer

			scanning of photos or documents for the public. Some library users don't want to learn how to scan their own photos. They like this new service because of the convenience and speed. Other library users use the equipment by themselves to send pictures with their e-mail.
Spillville	\$ 1,034.86	Furniture	With this funding we replaced the circulation area furniture with a new desk and cabinets. The library is better organized to serve the public.
Spirit Lake	\$ 1,918.84	Personnel	We use the funding to pay for additional summer help during our tourist season.
Springville	\$ 880.64	Library Materials and Supplies Capital Improvements	We used this money to purchase books on CD for our commuters and others. We also added new shelves for our store room. And we rewired the main library area to assure that there are not as many lights on when the library is closed.
St. Ansgar	\$ 1,267.11	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to purchase 14 new children's books, and a new computer and software for the public. The Wonderweaver storytellers came and put on a program to kickoff our Summer Library Program. The program was enjoyed by young and old alike in our community. Our public computers are in constant use and having a more efficient machine will help our patrons with their job searches, resumes, and other needs. The new books in the children's area helped to enhance what we already have, but also to entice the children to read more this summer. A grandparent was able to share in the enjoyment of our storytellers with her grandchild – a time to officially be silly together.
St. Charles	\$ 764.45	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	We used these funds to purchase additional books for our young adult section. We also paid for a magic show, 25 t-shirts, and treats, prizes and crafts for our Summer Library Program. We had a large turn out for our magician's program (52 children and 30 adults). We had more children at this year's Summer Library Program than past years, including children from two day cares. I am hopeful we can have a program. The poor economy has had a big impact on our library. Our young adult section was poor at best. We have weeded out some really old books and have been updating it as our young adult patronage slowly increases.
Stacyville	\$ 1,144.48	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Furniture Library Programs	This funding allowed us to have our high school employee help each week with the Summer Library Programs where we had an average attendance of 52 children each week. We also expanded our audio books on CD collection and our large print book collection. A patron with macular degeneration is able to continue to enjoy reading as she takes advantage of our large print and audiobooks. We purchased the Iowa Children's Choice Award books and additional shelving to accommodate our expanding collection of large print

			materials.
Stanhope	\$ 731.78	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for children's, adult and audio books. This helped with our after-school program and storytime. Our patrons look forward to our programs. We are a small community and our library is an extremely important resource for all ages. We want to thank you for the Direct State Aid funding. It helps us better serve our community.
Stanton	\$ 1,043.46	Personnel Technology and Equipment Library Programs	This funding allows us to continue the extended library hours. We also purchased ink cartridges for two computers, computer virus protection for two computers, and our Summer Library Program prizes for the children. Without the funding it would be difficult for us to have the extended hours and with the funding it helps us greatly with all the technology costs. We are able to have extended hours because of the funding and because of this I have several patrons who come in late and take advantage of those hours.
Stanwood	\$ 1,035.99	Technology and Equipment	We updated and refurbished computers for the patrons using this money. Some of our computers were 10+ years old and the technology was outdated. We now have Windows 7.
State Center	\$ 798.96	Library Materials and Supplies	The money from Direct State Aid was used to purchase more children's books for our collection. Children tend not to complain that we do not have the latest book by a favorite author, because our library uses this funding to freshen and enhance picture books, beginning reading and juvenile chapter books. A number of our local children participate in our weekly story time. These children have become quite savvy about using their public library and routinely check for new books in the children's room. Thanks to this funding they are enticed to read with beautiful, clever, fresh new books.
Steamboat Rock	\$ 712.59	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	We purchased new books with these funds, and we were able to replace an old printer with a color laser printer.
Stockport	NE		
Storm Lake	\$ 2,847.80	Personnel Technology and Equipment Library Programs	These funds were used for staff training. It also allowed us to purchase shirts for all staff to wear on Fridays. The bulk of our Direct State Aid money was spent on technology this year. We purchased earbuds to give away to promote WILBOR (downloadable books). We purchased a database to assist with collection development. We purchased a new camera to use during programs. The money allowed us to have a special program for adults about Gladys Black. We also used some of this money to purchase Nooks for our library. These devices will be used to train staff on how to assist patrons with e-Book readers. We will also use

			the Nooks for classes about e-Books and using WILBOR. The ultimate goal is to make these devices available to patrons for checkout. This new service would likely not have been possible without Direct State Aid dollars.
Story City	\$ 1,492.71	Capital Improvements	We replaced our front entrance doors to the library using these funds. Apparently these had been cut down to "fit" the brick entrance, and over time the hinges had completely dropped the door to the point we couldn't get the locks to line up. We had to keep calling locksmiths for repairs. When given the choice of repairing the door again, or replacing it, we felt justified to replace it. This was an aggravation for the public, who used the library
Stratford	\$ 1,074.95	Technology and Equipment	We used our Direct State Aid to help pay a portion of our new computers and a new printer. Our old computers were really dated and slow. The patrons who use the computers have been very pleased with the newer, faster computers. The kids especially express their joy with the new computers. There was one computer that had more capabilities than the others. The kids always wanted that specific computer. Now they all have the same capabilities and the kids can play games together on the Internet.
Strawberry Point	\$ 1,242.98	Library Materials and Supplies	Because of Direct State Aid, we were able to spend more on books, DVDs and audio books than we had budgeted. We get compliments on our collection development and patrons are happy when we can purchase a book they request. One of my part-time staff members works for a well-known manufacturer. She is able to take audio books to the people that work on the factory line for them to listen to while they work. Our circulation has gone up a lot since.
Stuart	\$ 920.23	Library Materials and Supplies	We have outreach programs at the nursing home and assisted living housing. These patrons need large print books in order to continue to read. Brian is a 51-year-old man who has a degenerative disease and lives at the nursing home. He is a voracious reader and he checks out approximately 20 books a month. He is almost completely paralyzed, but his mind is very active. Being able to have new large print books has allowed Brian to keep reading and to keep his mind active.
Sully	\$ 1,299.34	Library Materials and Supplies Furniture	I bought easy reader books, some picture books, and a few sets for the juvenile fiction collection using Direct State Aid. The kids love these and are always excited to see what's new. I also bought a card catalog stand. We wouldn't be able to buy or update as much if it wasn't for this money. Greatly appreciated!
Sumner	\$ 1,443.72	Library Materials and Supplies	A variety of children's books were purchased with these funds. Many are in a different format than we usually

		Furniture Other	<p>purchase, such as bilingual children's books and books in graphic novel format. A large oval rug was purchased for the children's area. It has greatly brightened up the area and is enjoyed by all. It has the alphabet around the outside and numbered clouds inside. The children love to hop around the alphabet and play games on it. We also bought a subscription to NEIBORS (downloadable books). This adds greatly to the number of audio books we can make available to our patrons. We are unable to afford e-books with our budget, but they are now available to our patrons through NEIBORS. Because of this funding we were able to purchase items that were not within our budget. One of our regular patrons is an avid reader, but due to health issues cannot get to the library as much as she would like. She could have books delivered but she likes to pick them out herself. Because of NEIBORS, she is able to download audio books and e-reader books. This service is especially appreciated while she is traveling to and during her medical treatments. She has stated that the books have helped to make an unbearable situation bearable.</p>
Sutherland	\$ 1,057.36	Library Materials and Supplies	<p>Last June we were hit with 13 inches of rain in four days (5 inches in one night) causing massive sewer back up in the library basement. Everything in our meeting room, storage room, furnace room, and historical room was lost. While we waited to see if the city insurance and FEMA would cover the cost of cleaning, repairs, and replacement of meeting room furniture and supplies, our materials budget was frozen to be used for necessary repairs. During that time we were able to continue to purchase new books with Direct State Aid funding. We were able to purchase more large print books for our aging community as well as supplement our regular materials budget.</p>
Swaledale	\$ 678.48	Technology and Equipment Furniture	<p>We put this amount towards an automation system for our library. We replaced our conference table chairs as they were getting unstable. The automation system is in place and we are diligently putting our collection in it. It will be a great asset to the librarians and our patrons when we are fully operational.</p>
Swea City	\$ 1,108.79	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	<p>The largest majority of this money was spent on mileage to and from classes or meetings. We also used funds for new books, movies and library supplies. A small amount was used for our Summer Library Program prizes for our kids. Without this funding all of the classes that we attend would not be possible. These classes afford us the education that we rely on and the fellowship of other directors. We gain so much from just being in their company it is worth the drive to meet with them. Our town recently opened an assisted</p>

			living center across the street from the library. This lovely man moved in and shortly after he could no longer see well enough to read. We do not have money in our budget for new audios but after meeting his family I decided to start purchasing his favorites on CD. Of course he is not the only one who found use for them, but he is so happy to listen to his book at night and fall asleep to the words he found so familiar. It was perfect just being able to bring the world he was losing back to him if even in a small way.
Swisher	NE		
Tabor	\$ 768.01	Library Materials and Supplies	This money was spent on new books. Thank you. Improving the collection with new books improves many people's lives.
Tama	\$ 1,412.24	Library Materials and Supplies	With this funding we were able to purchase more titles and a few second copies of some of the most popular authors, such as Janet Evanovich. The waiting list gets pretty long.
Terril	\$ 707.72	Technology and Equipment Furniture	Direct State Aid paid for a Wii Console, Wii remotes/nunchuks, games, light bulbs, and two battery charging systems for the Wii remotes. We also purchased two used Queen Anne chairs and one glider rocking chair, and a 32" HDTV for the gaming cart. The furniture makes a friendly, comfortable meeting site for our book discussion club, as well as for any group or individual in the library. The Wii gaming system has increased the number of children who come to the library. They hardly have anything to do in this small community. I think the children appreciate the service.
Thompson	NE		
Thornton	\$ 762.22	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Capital Improvements Furniture Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for new books, an HP computer printer/scanner/fax machine and ink, electrical work, storage shelving, furnace repair, and Summer Library Program supplies. This funding helped us update our equipment and materials. Our public computers are used by children who otherwise don't have computer access.
Tiffin	\$ 720.86	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for new books and supplies.
Tipton	\$ 1,518.46	Capital Improvements	Old door was in sad shape. With these funds we replaced it and the framework to the main entrance of the building.
Titonka	\$ 1,096.22	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	We were able to add large print books for our patrons. We have many patrons who live in our local care center and we need to keep these books updated. The cost of large print books is much higher than normal print, so thank you. This money was also used to update our computer area (one computer). When you are a small library it is always hard to find the money to give our local patrons a much needed communication area, so

			thanks again. The money was also used for our Summer Library Program. We were able to buy glue and craft items for our craft time. As a new director, I know it can be impossible to update our technology area and to add to our large print section. None of this could have been accomplished without this funding.
Toledo	\$ 1,381.15	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Other	Direct State Aid paid for National Geographic DVDs, ink toners for copiers and printers, and a picnic table. The Toledo Public Library appreciates the funding that is received from the state. The funds are put to use by helping us serve our community in a variety of ways. This year, the library purchased an outdoor plastic coated picnic table for our patrons and staff to use. The picnic table has been on our wish list for several years and is a much needed addition to our library. The table will be used for children's programs, a seating area for the public to meet, sit and relax, and a nice place for kids to sit and wait for a ride. Staff have enjoyed the table for eating lunch and enjoying their breaks. This table will be very much appreciated by the community for many years.
Traer	\$ 1,237.96	Library Materials and Supplies	We used this money to buy audio books, non-fiction and fiction, and DVDs. We still have patrons who prefer to check out audio books rather than use the downloadable audios. Our book budget is stretched very tight and the Direct State Aid funds allowed us to add to our audio collection. We have made an effort to buy some of the Iowa Public TV DVDs – again, this money made it possible.
Tripoli	\$ 1,282.17	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Capital Improvements	With these funds we were able to hire additional help for our Summer Library Program and our special events during National Library Week. We purchased some adult novels along with some new children's titles as well. We were able to finish installing a new public access computer. We had to replace and update some of our lighting fixtures. We also had to do some outside maintenance to our trees. We had great attendance during National Library Week and our Summer Library Program. I think having new children's books available for the program was a wonderful asset for the kids. It helped to enhance their reading throughout the program and also helped them to achieve their overall reading goal of 17,000 minutes. We have seen an increase of patrons updating their resumes and looking for jobs. Another up-to-date computer to use has helped greatly. I would have to say that we have made a difference in many lives throughout the last year.
Truro	\$ 1,060.78	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Technology and	This money was used so the librarian could take classes. We also purchased paper, supplies, new children's books, DVDs, black and color printer toners, and a cassette radio. We are still adding to our large

		Equipment	print book collection, especially for home-bound and elderly. Circulation is improved by adding the large print books and DVDs.
Union	\$ 1,123.89	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was used for training staff, which helps them to better serve patrons. We also purchased an assortment of materials for everyone. We have a patron who is a delivery person and travels many miles daily. He stated that the books on CD we purchased makes the time go by more quickly. He says, "I just get started listening and before I know it I'm at my destination - four hours later! I'm getting better keeping track of the many characters, also."
Urbandale	\$ 8,159.54	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Furniture	Direct State Aid helped pay for the following: materials in a variety of formats to the collection—books, DVDs, audio books, e-Books, etc. We also subscribed to an interactive database offering practice tests and tutorial courses for academic/licensing tests, hired a firm to redesign the library's website, installed a business grade wireless controller and completed associated wiring. We also replaced six OPACs, purchased a terminal for patron self-registration, and bought lightweight folding tables for use at outdoor events.
Ute	NE		
Van Horne	\$ 1,053.92	Personnel	We used our Direct State Aid to help supplement our payroll. Our library would not be able to pay support staff adequately if we did not have these funds and it would affect the amount of open hours we would be able to provide. Our library lost a valued employee this last year due to cancer. She had worked for the library for 40+ years, many of those at a fraction of what she deserved. She was a very loyal, reliable, friendly person and helpful to our patrons. She is greatly missed. When she was unable to work any longer we were faced with the dilemma of filling her position. We would have had a hard time finding a capable, knowledgeable person to take over her responsibilities without these funds to supplement the payroll. We now have a very reliable, helpful and energetic new assistant who is anxious to learn and assist the patrons.
Van Meter	\$ 370.66	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards new books.
Varina	NE		
Ventura	\$ 1,124.88	Technology and Equipment	This funding was used towards the purchase of a new automation system for the library. This new system has provided better and more efficient services for our library and customers. Direct State Aid has certainly helped with this new project.
Victor	\$ 1,170.07	Furniture Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid to purchase an audio/visual cart for gaming and movie events and movie. It was also used for our Summer Library Program performer

			and supplies. This funding has allowed us to have a professional performer come to our library each year for our Summer Library Program. This has brought in many people from the community that don't regularly use our facilities. We are hoping that the movie and gaming events will do this also.
Villisca	\$ 1,170.93	Library Materials and Supplies	Large print and young adult books were purchased with these funds. The need for large print books keeps growing because of our aging population. One of the other things that we found is that if we have books that our teens would like to read they'll come in more often to check them out. They request certain authors and series, and this money helps us provide them. This past year was a trying time for our library along with all the libraries around the state. The one thing that makes us feel better is the strong support that we received from our community, especially the middle school kids. They were very concerned that our library might not be able to stay open. They were going to go before the city council and tell them how important the library was to their lives. That made us feel like we have a purpose, and that we are doing a good job.
Vinton	\$ 1,884.48	Technology and Equipment Library Programs Other	Direct State Aid paid for a new firewall license; technical support; Office Pro 2010 for all the computers in the library; and repaired the microfilm reader/printer. The money was also used for Summer Library Program prizes and pertinent books for the theme. We also purchased magnets with our hours on them. Patrons complained that we didn't have Access on all our computers and because we were running Office 2003, documents that they had saved on newer systems often came up in a more interesting fashion than they desired - especially resumes. Office 2010 should solve that problem. All the funding we received was spent to better serve our patrons.
Volga	\$ 656.59	Library Materials and Supplies	This money was spent purchasing new books - fiction and non-fiction. We are on a very limited budget. This funding helps us to purchase young adult and children's books that I otherwise would not be able to buy. Our patrons appreciate this extra funding because it helps us to provide up-to-date reading material. I purchased several young adult series that several of my middle school patrons were interested in reading. They were very happy to be able to get them from our small town library. They ask me to keep a list of books that they want and when I receive the Direct State Aid funds, I am able to purchase them.
Wadena	\$ 339.59	Technology and Equipment	We shared the cost of a new copy machine with the city of Wadena using these funds.
Wall Lake	\$ 1,137.66	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for a one year contract for Book Systems, Deep Freeze for three computers, WILBOR

			downloadable and e-Books. Without Direct State Aid, the library would not be able to afford to participate in WILBOR.
Walnut	\$ 742.25	Furniture	New shelving for our genealogy department was paid for using these funds. The new shelving for the genealogy department enabled us to organize the materials in the area, and give greater accessibility to patrons doing genealogy research. Many people visit our library doing genealogy research about family members who lived in our town. The new shelving enabled us to organize our materials so that visitors can find what they need without help from library staff. The ease of access to the materials has made their queries much more productive. We get many nice compliments about our genealogy department.
Wapello	\$ 1,357.46	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was used to help pay for the Apollo Library System. It is an on-line library system with an annual fee. Thanks to Direct State Aid, we can have a library system that allows easy patron access to our catalog, their accounts, and our paid databases such as EBSCOhost. Patrons enjoy the system generated e-mail notices reminding them when books are due and when reserves are in. It has also saved staff time. With Apollo, patrons can easily access our card catalog from home. Our catalog lists items from the WILBOR (downloadable e-Books) collection and a link to the item on the WILBOR site. Our library makes monthly visits to the local care center to bring a selection of books for residents to choose from. One of the residents had a new lap top computer so we gave her the library website. The next time she came to the library she was so excited that she had been able to go to the card catalog, browse books, and even download an audio book. She said it was like having the library in her room!
Washington	\$ 1,846.75	Library Materials and Supplies	With these funds, we purchased large print and young adult books.
Washta	\$ 363.85	Library Materials and Supplies	Without this funding we would not be able to provide as many books/audio books for our library patrons.
Waterloo	\$13,527.27	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies	\$10,454.48 of this funding was used to fund the position of Third Age Coordinator. We share this position with the Cedar Falls Public Library. This person selects large print books and books on CD for rotation in area nursing and retirement homes. We also use these funds, in combination with other money, to purchase multiple book sets in large type for discussion groups in these facilities. The titles are posted on the multiple copies website, and loaned out to other Iowa libraries. For some residents no longer able to read a book, we also purchase Nostalgia kits, used to stimulate the mind by reminiscing about previous

			<p>experiences. Many of the people in these facilities would be unable to visit the library, and while some nursing homes have a small, donated library, it would not be a satisfactory selection for people who really want to read and stimulate their minds. Often people in nursing homes do not have the resources to purchase books. They don't have the means to organize and attend book discussions. That is--if we don't provide this program, many of these residents lose not only recreational reading, but the intellectual stimulation that comes from it. Some quotes from our 3rd Age Coordinator, and volunteers: "How do I tell the story of my one patron, 94 years old, who lives near the old Rath Packing Plant building, in a house which has seen better days? Every time I go she enjoys chatting, not necessarily about books, but she wants the social encounter. She wants me to pet her dogs and cats, and tell her about my cats. She always enjoys the books and magazines I bring. Recently she read Carol Burnett's new book and <i>Dewey</i>. Several homebound patrons have very limited vision and also receive service from the Iowa Library for the Blind. One gentleman in particular prefers the Western authors and I take him about 20 audiobooks each month. He has tried the service from the library for the blind, but prefers to use our 3rd Age service. I get his books from the Waterloo and Cedar Falls public libraries. In over two years of visiting him, he has not spoken much with me beyond to call and tell me when he needs new books. He is very hard of hearing and I have to shout to be heard. I asked the activity director to facilitate his application for service from the Iowa Department for the Blind Library, but she said 'he has tried them and he doesn't need their services. He has me and he likes me.' I took that as a compliment that he indeed, is happy with the service. When I visit him in the assisted living center, he is usually alone in his room, listening to an audiobook, waiting for me to bring the new ones. One of my Waterloo Public Library patrons we served for a number of years died last fall, but her family would call me at least once a year to thank me and the library for providing this service. She was wheelchair bound and lived in a nursing home. It is readily apparent that none of these patrons would be able to come to the library in person to get materials to read. A few have generous and available friends or family members who do pick up and deliver books for them with the assistance of the 3rd Age Coordinator. Without the service they just would not have access to library books. If I don't come when the books are due, several residents call me to see if I have forgotten, and to make</p>
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			sure I know they are ready for new ones. They definitely want to keep getting library books."
Waterville	\$ 340.53	Library Materials and Supplies	Books and book processing supplies were purchased with this money.
Waucoma	\$ 963.39	Personnel Technology and Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used for staff training and extra work hours. The funds also helped us update our technology and helped us pay for the Summer Library Program for our young patrons. Direct State Aid helps our library keep-up our public computers. It also helps to have enough staff to handle story hours and to help younger patrons enjoy their summer break at the library. The staff we hire keeps them out of poverty and in return helps the library provide more attention to our patrons, especially during the summer when school is out.
Waukeez	\$ 2,387.79	Technology and Equipment Library Programs Other	We used the money to buy two degaussers, three barcode scanners, a CD/DVD buffer, a "vend kit" for the public copier, a diecut machine, National Library Week promotionals (bookmarks, pencils), an Eric Carle book and matching stuffed animal (for storytimes), and a hand dryer for the public men's room. The primary impacts were from the technical equipment we purchased. The vendor kit enabled us to transform our former staff copier into a public-use copier, whereby patrons can do their own printing from public computers and not have to bother staff to retrieve the copies. Staff time, as well as patron privacy, have been preserved. The CD/DVD buffer enables us to quickly repair our materials instead of stockpiling the damaged items before sending a collection of them off-site for buffing. This new buffer puts damaged materials back on the shelf faster for patron use. We have repeatedly had patrons tell us how happy they are that we now have the option for them to do their own printing (instead of having to go through the staff as a mediator). Patrons have expressed satisfaction in this change because it provides them with faster service and more privacy. Another positive factor in purchases was from the hand dryer that was installed in the men's room. Previously, the library experienced problems from paper towels being put inside commodes. Plumbing problems were happening too often, so we eliminated paper towels in the men's room. Obviously, that wasn't the best solution, but it did prevent plumbing problems until the hand dryer could be ordered and installed. Patrons now have an effective way to dry their hands without the worry of misdeed-doers abusing the solution, and the library does not have to worry about the various plumbing problems resulting from misdeeds. We have had positive remarks from patrons about the new hand dryer.

Waukon	\$ 1,894.03	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	The library was able to beef up its relatively small DVD collection with Direct State Aid. DVD circulation increased by about 94% after they were purchased and processed. We purchased the complete Chilton Service Manual for 2010. We have had frequent patron requests for this set and we have not been able to afford to purchase it since the mid-90's. This set has attracted patrons to the library who have rarely used it. The library kicked off its Summer Library Program with Family Fun Night. Direct State Aid funded a performance by Mad Science of Iowa. The program was a success and it was in keeping with the 2011 Summer Library Program theme of "One World, Many Stories." Our library has no money budgeted for programming and has only been able to offer minimal programming, usually through volunteers, in the past. The children and their parents expressed appreciation for this educational and fun program. Our DVD collection has been very minimal and is in fact smaller than our VHS collection. The library was able to "play catch up" and purchase several classic feature films and documentary films.
Waverly	\$ 2,853.40	Technology and Equipment Furniture Library Programs	We used this money to purchase a mobile computer cart dedicated to a machine that allows patrons to Skype. The money also paid for part of the new battery back-up unit for our servers. Iowa Prison Industries took 30+ of our wooden chairs from the children's area and repaired & refinished them for \$1,200. They are beautiful, and were much less expensive than buying new chairs. The remaining money was spent on seating for very small children. These funds supported our DIY (Do-It-Yourself) programming that we offered for the first time this year. Spring sessions were on cooking, quilting and jewelry-making. The extra funds allowed us to experiment with some new programs that turned out to be a great success!
Webb	\$ 345.28	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for supplies to buy and catalog new books. We inherited many books from the school that shut down, so we needed cards, book pockets and supplies to catalog the books and get them on the shelves. We also bought adult books.
Webster City	\$ 2,478.88	Library Materials and Supplies	Kendall Young Library uses the Direct State Aid financial support to partially pay for the Baker & Taylor leasing service. Our total lease contract is \$4,140 for one year. Direct State Aid makes it possible to order multiple copies of bestsellers through the lease program. It is helpful to be able to return books to Baker & Taylor after interest has waned.
Wellman	\$ 1,221.13	Technology and Equipment Library Programs	These funds helped pay for a slip printer, a HP computer, and the Mad Science of Central Iowa Summer Library Program. Money for these things had

			not been budgeted, so the Direct State Aid funds were an enormous help. We had over 60 people show up for our program which was a huge hit.
Wellsburg	\$ 1,168.97	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Capital Improvements Furniture	Direct State Aid went towards large print books, wooden puzzles, work supplies, a computer server battery, a vacuum cleaner, wall designs, and a table and shelf unit. We truly appreciate Direct State Aid funding. Being a small library we also have a small budget and depend on this money for the "extras"!
Wesley	\$ 1,055.10	Library Materials and Supplies	The money went towards the purchase of large print and audio books. About 80 percent of our patrons require or just prefer the large print books. I have one patron who commutes almost five hours (one way) to work twice a week. She joked that my selection of audiobooks are what kept her car on the road. I also have several that check out the audiobooks to use while exercising, making both their mind and bodies healthier.
West Bend	\$ 1,160.82	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	We used a lot of this money to buy more books on CD. The audio books are a huge item at the library. We also cover all of our items so we go through a lot of supplies. We also used some funds for our story hour program which runs from October to April, two days a week.
West Branch	\$ 1,372.10	Personnel	The West Branch Public Library has been using Direct State Aid to help fund an increase in hours for our youth librarian. Three years ago, we were able to bring the position to a full time status with the assistance of Direct State Aid.
West Des Moines	\$10,060.13	Furniture	The funds were used to re-cover the library's leisure seating chairs. Due to exposure to the natural lighting in the building, the fabric had become faded, brittle and worn. Now the chairs look brand new, making the library a more welcoming place. Keeping the facility and furniture in good repair inspires the public to make use of the facility, and to take pride in the library. Our citizens use our chairs daily and appreciate having an attractive and well cared for environment.
West Liberty	\$ 1,587.44	Library Materials and Supplies	We use the funds to increase our materials budget. For the past five years it has specifically been used for the the Spanish collection and to increase the materials used for the collaboration with the dual language program at the school district. We now have books for parents, along with workbooks, so they can work with their children, enhancing the ability to learn together.
West Point	\$ 1,139.56	Other	This money was used to help maintain our newly installed security system. Our Library facility is a combination library, museum and community activity center. Besides providing normal library services we also house a large collection of local memorabilia and

			artifacts. Our community room is the only handicap community room in our town. So when our facility was broken into and antique watches were stolen, the library trustees made it a priority to secure the facility. Our foundation paid for the security system but the monthly maintenance is the responsibility of the library. Thanks to the Direct State Aid money we are able to keep our facility secure.
West Union	\$ 1,406.52	Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs	This money was spent on audio books, large print books, adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books. We also purchased two new Dell computers and used money for supplies for the Summer Library Program. Direct State Aid funds improve our service to patrons with specific book requests. The library was able to replace a 10- year-old patron computer and our circulation desk computer which was running on Windows 2000.
Westgate	\$ 644.70	Personnel Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid has helped supplement salaries so we can maintain a staff for the 20 hours a week we are open. This money was also spent to renew the Mitinet subscription, which allows the library to have the technology to keep an online catalog of our collection and to print cards which are accurate and comply with MARC records. Direct State Aid helps support our library with needed technology which allows us to maintain a more accurate and viable collection for the community.
Westside	NE		
What Cheer	\$ 696.93	Library Materials and Supplies	We used this money to buy adult and children's non-fiction and fiction books, and DVDs.
Wheatland	\$ 1,036.05	Library Programs	We now have a license to show movies in the library, thanks to this money. We also bought new DVDs and offer movie events for a variety of interests and age groups. We are close to the local school and with movie licensing we are able to show movies on early-out school days. All activities include refreshments and sometimes prizes! We have a patron who has a physical disability and limited transportation. Attending movies and book talks gives him a place to go that is not a long drive.
Whiting	\$ 1,048.21	Personnel	When Direct State Aid funds first became available, we used the amount to increase library hours by four per week, making opening times consistent, and responding to community requests for additional hours. The budget had been stretched to the maximum, and this was the only way we were able to accomodate the community. With the drastic cuts in funding, our amount no longer covers a year's worth of extra hours. We are still committed to providing the best possible service to the community and maintaining those hours open, so we have had to make cuts in other areas of

			the budget.
Whittemore	\$ 1,068.75	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment	This money was used for extra work hours and staff that were needed in April, May and June while the director was out on medical leave. The extra staff also helped with the Summer Library Program in June. We purchased a two-shelf book truck from Brodart to be used in the main Library, and a wireless scanner to be used at the cataloging desk and act as a back-up unit if problems arise with the wireless scanner at the circulation desk. A scanner makes cataloging go faster.
Williams	\$ 1,067.49	Library Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for adult fiction books, audio books, children's board books, easy readers and picture books, and several new DVDs. The money was used to supplement the purchase of materials to use with the "One World, Many Stories" Summer Library Program and the children's story time. We were able to improve areas of our collection that would not have been fully funded -- DVDs and Audio Books, especially. This funding helps our small libraries so much. I have a little girl who comes into our library with her Mom and two siblings. When she saw the new board books sparkling on the shelf she said "Aha! New books Mom!" in the sweetest little voice I have ever heard. They have checked them all out now and are ready for more!
Williamsburg	\$ 1,055.71	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was spent on library materials and supplies, primarily new books for both our adult and juvenile collections. Library patrons love to see new materials when they come to the library!
Wilton	\$ 1,486.30	Technology and Equipment	The money was spent on switching to the Apollo/Biblionix program for circulation/checkout. We just moved to a new facility last fall. Everything is very high-tech in our building. Now we have a circulation system that is high-tech with many features for our patrons. With our new system, people are able to renew, reserve, ask for interlibrary loan, or suggest a book for purchase on our on-line catalog from home. There are many features available, such as a three day notice that items will be due either by text or e-mail generated by the program. Also, our patrons can choose whether they would like to be called, e-mailed, or have a text sent on overdue items or reserved items. The card catalog is great -- showing pictures of the books along with a short summary. Also, the card catalog shows what has been added in the last week, two weeks, one month or two months. When patrons checkout, their receipts show how much they have saved by using their public library. One patron stated that it was great -- she hadn't realized how much she would have spent if she had purchased the items herself. They notice that and appreciate the service provided. One mother is always looking for our new

			books for her children. They have been avid readers and always enjoy our new items. She gets on our on-line catalog at home and reserves our new books. Before we open, we run the reserve report and find the materials that she has requested. This program just makes things so much easier for all. It helps to remind them that it is much more cost efficient to use your public library.
Winfield	\$ 808.90	Library Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards needed supplies and materials.
Winterset	\$ 2,074.77	Capital Improvements	With Direct State Aid, we rekeyed all library locks (30 cylinders), installed two Detex door alarms, and two KABA keypad mechanisms. We also repaired one exit trim and two exit strikes. Staff keys did not consistently unlock the doors. Opening the library had become a game of chance. Two library door alarms could not be serviced due to antiquated fixtures. Undesirable neighbors moved into the house just yards from the main staff entrance (north door), including a father with an ankle monitor, the family friend who is a sex offender, and five juveniles with numerous ongoing police interactions. We had a rapid turnover rate of janitors, with six different janitors in seven years. Some of them brought in helpers who presented a security risk in having access to the library building. The library is viewed as a safe haven in our community. During recent tornado warnings, we have taken several families to the basement to wait it out. When children have troubles near the library, they frequently come in for help. With the Direct State Aid, we enhanced the security of the building so that it is much safer for our nine staff and all our patrons. It addressed an important issue for us.
Winthrop	\$ 1,092.15	Personnel Technology and Equipment	The money from Direct State Aid was used to fund additional staff for our evening hours. This allows us to stay open during a time that is convenient to our patrons. Without these funds, we could not serve our patrons in the evening. We purchased a new fax machine. We were able to serve displaced workers when our local factory closed. These patrons filled out job applications online, applied for workers compensation, and updated resumes. Without these funds, we would not have been able to serve these displaced workers.
Woden	\$ 1,015.93	Personnel Library Materials and Supplies Technology and Equipment Library Programs Other	Direct State Aid went towards extra hours to put in the new Beacon Project. We also used the money to buy some large print Western books and others, along with some new audio books on tape. Work supplies needed replenishing. A movie license and barcodes were purchased, as well as two sets of headphones and ink for the printer. Direct State Aid also paid for supplies for

			the Summer Library Program. A family with a new baby receives a library bag with a few board books. Being able to provide the reading incentives makes it more exciting for the kids to come to the library for the Summer Library Program and reaching out to the public with gifts for the newborn babies introduces them to being a library user. With the economy the way it is the patrons appreciate what our library is able to offer them. Being able to offer more large print books and books on tape has allowed some patrons to be able to read books that they were having a hard time with because of their eyesight.
Woodbine	\$ 813.81	Technology and Equipment	We used these funds for a new computer plus labor to install it. Our patrons really enjoy our extra computer. It is new and they spend less time waiting to use a computer.
Woodward	\$ 1,164.40	Library Materials and Supplies	We chose to use the Direct State Aid on additional library books. We would not be able to offer these without this money.
Wyoming	\$ 760.15	Library Materials and Supplies	Funds recieved this year were spent to increase the library's DVD collection; all the VHS tapes were weeded this year. We also increased the young adult section and we are seeing an increase in demand for them. We increased the large print selection, too.
Zearing	\$ 1,209.69	Library Programs	We spent our entire amount on our Summer Library Program activities and awards. Last summer we had no children in our program. This year we had almost 50. We spent a portion of our money to send fliers to all our schools this spring which made a big difference. We also have a wonderful collection of materials for activities. We had several children coming to the library that we had never seen before.