



FY09 Enrich Iowa Report

State Funding for Iowa Libraries

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Enrich Iowa: Summary

"I believe the economy is driving people to use the library more this year and they are finding what they need and want with the help of Direct State Aid."

Dysart Public Library

Use of Iowa's 543 public libraries continues to increase year after year, but with the economic downturn of the past two years, librarians find themselves helping more people fill out job applications, write resumes and apply for unemployment benefits. In other words, libraries continue to be an indispensable part of their communities. In addition to public libraries, Iowa has 79 academic and more than 1,400 school libraries.

The Enrich Iowa program improves library services for Iowans. In accordance with 2009 IOWA ACTS, Chapter 184, Section 5 (6C), the State Library is pleased to submit this report on the impact of state funds on libraries and the Iowans they serve.

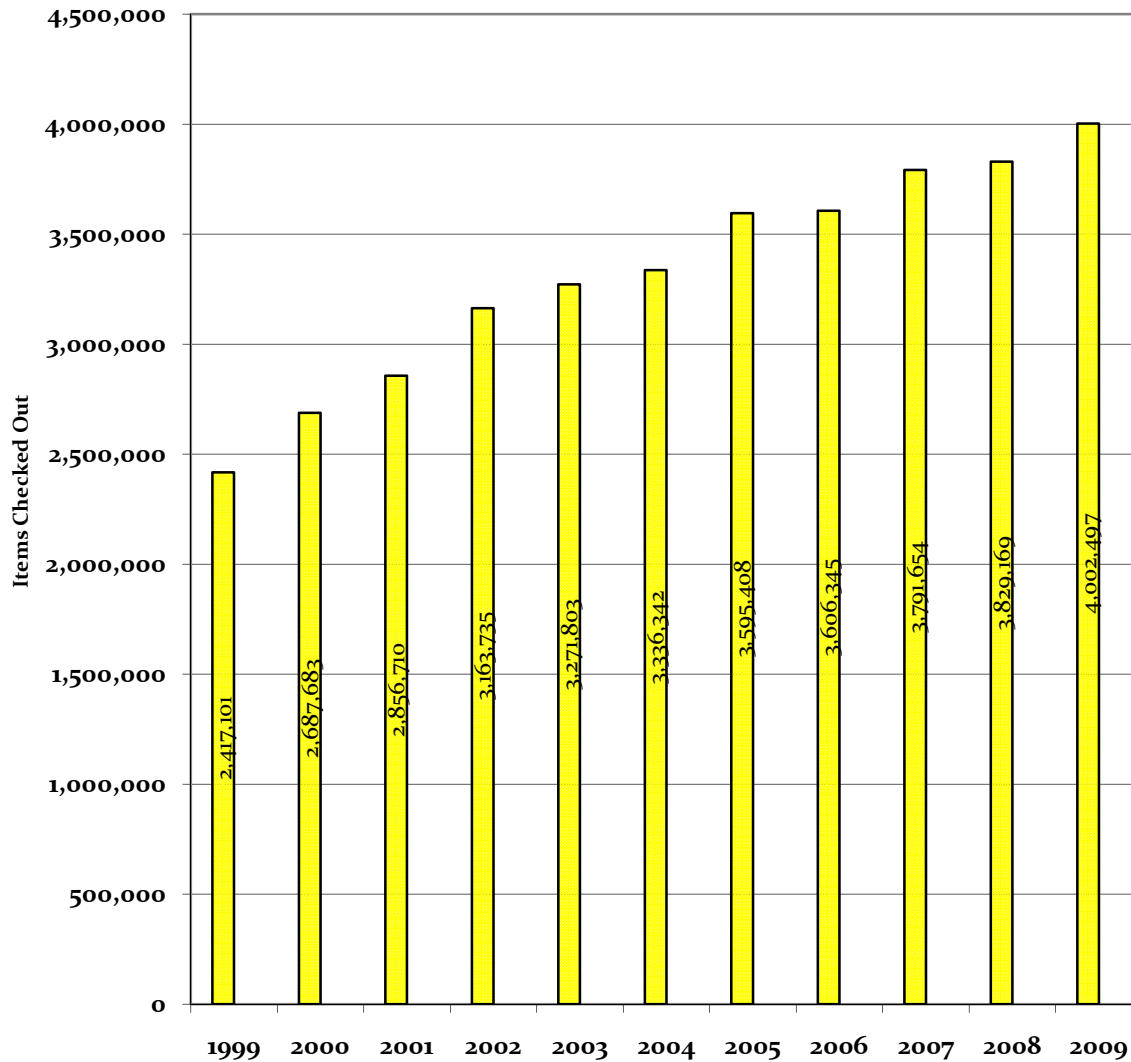
Enrich Iowa is comprised of three parts: **Open Access**, **Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement** and **Direct State Aid**. In FY09, \$2,746,081 was distributed to Iowa libraries through these funds.

OPEN ACCESS is a program that makes it possible for Iowans to go into almost any public library in the state and borrow books and other materials. People simply return the materials to their local public library, which ships the items back to the loaning library. Through Open Access, the state reimburses the loaning library a small amount of the expense involved. In the past 10 years, the use of Open Access has soared. Iowans checked out 65 percent more library materials - 2,417,101 in FY99 compared to 4,002,497 in FY09. State funds supported Open Access with \$1,276,321 in FY09 - \$543,205 from the general fund and \$733,116 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF). 608 Iowa libraries take part in this program.

If a library does not own a book that someone is looking for, it will borrow it from another library through the **INTERLIBRARY LOAN REIMBURSEMENT** program. State funding helps offset the costs involved. Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement (formerly known as Access Plus), was funded at \$469,760 in FY09 - \$252,876 from the general fund and \$216,884 from RIIF. Like Open Access, use of this service has substantially increased. Iowans borrowed 164,363 items through interlibrary loan in FY99 compared to 258,456 in FY09 - a 57% increase. 608 Iowa libraries take part in this program.

With **DIRECT STATE AID** funds, libraries have provided more books, programs and computers than they could otherwise afford. Direct State Aid funding in FY09 was \$1 million from the general fund. Direct State Aid is designed to improve library service and reduce inequities in library services among communities; to enhance, not replace, local funding; and to encourage achievement of statewide public library standards. Since its genesis in 1999, the Direct State Aid program has led to a 94 percent increase in the number of accredited libraries in Iowa, from 171 in FY99 to 331 in FY09. The following report shows the critical role Direct State Aid plays in Iowans' lives by promoting lifelong learning through libraries; providing safe, accessible library buildings; improving library Internet connections; and maintaining library hours that meet customers' needs.

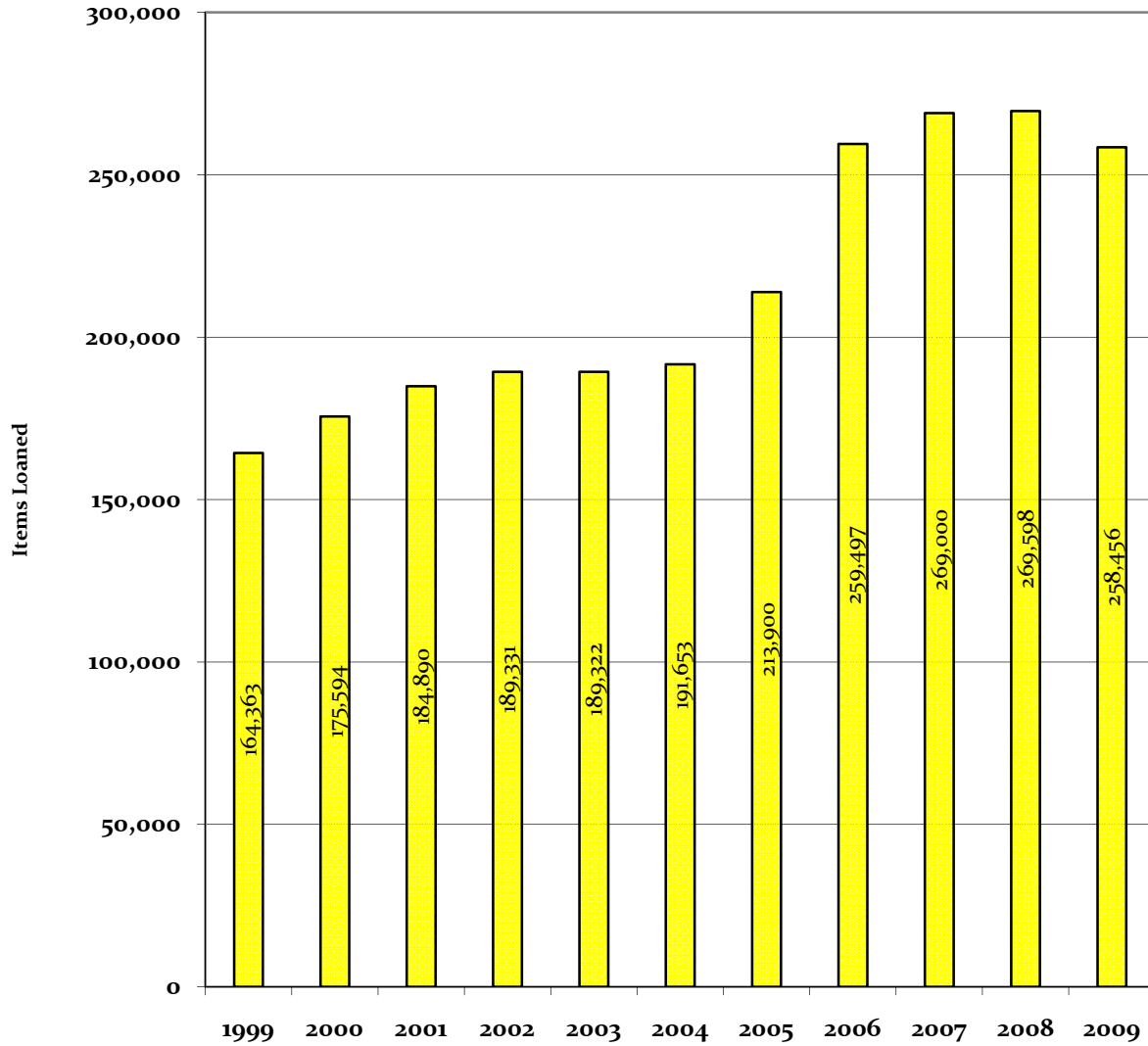
Open Access



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

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Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement



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Direct State Aid



Improved library services for Iowans and the reduction of inequities among communities are the remarkable outcomes of state funding support for Iowa's public libraries. Iowans use their public libraries. Two-thirds of all Iowans have active library cards, an increase of 21% since 1999. Iowans checked out 28,702,115 items from their libraries in FY09, an increase of 22% since 1999. And library visits rose 41% in the past 10 years to 18,744,599 (FY09).

The funding formula for Direct State Aid is composed of three tiers which include selected public library standards. Since the funding level increases with greater compliance with standards, the tiers provide incentives for improvements in library services.

Of Iowa's 543 public libraries, 331 received Tier 3 funding (highest level), 87 received Tier 2 funding, 53 received Tier 1 funding, and 72 were not eligible in FY09.

Public library directors use the majority of Direct State Aid funds for library materials and technology, but money is also spent on personnel, library programs, furniture, capital improvements, and other projects. As mentioned earlier, librarians have seen a dramatic increase in the number of jobseekers who have to apply for jobs online, but have never used a computer. Librarians are helping patrons find open job positions using a variety of Web sites, including Iowa Workforce Development. Libraries purchase books on how to write resumes and improve career skills, and also help people find online tutorials. And they are doing all of this while continuing to support the educational and recreational needs of their communities.

Iowa libraries enrich lives.

Here are a few of their stories.

Bayard Public Library - "We used these funds to replace a public access computer. Having computers with high speed Internet connections has been increasingly important to our patrons during these tough economical times. When money gets tight, one of the first things that can go from a family's budget is their Internet fees, and yet the Internet is exactly what they need for job searching/unemployment reporting. Keeping our equipment updated and in good operating condition is a priority if we are to serve the needs of the public, and it takes a large portion of our budget. Thank you for the Enrich Iowa Program!"



Bondurant Public Library - “We were able to purchase materials to supplement our non-fiction, reference, and picture book collections with the following items. We purchased 20 resume and cover letter books containing examples specific to a particular profession. With the addition of these materials, we are able to be a resource for people in our community who are seeking employment in this tough economic time. We were able to offer a library program on job seeking. We are able to be an additional resource for learning with our expanded reference collection, and we have been able to continue to provide quality story times and fresh



new resources for early childhood literacy. The first day we received the resume set and had it ready to be shelved, a college-aged library patron came in and mentioned she was looking for her first job. We told her about the new materials and she was very excited to use the book as a resource for putting together her first resume. The book title was "Resumes for First-Time Job Hunters: with sample cover letters." The book didn't even make it to the shelf before its first checkout!”

Colfax Public Library - “Just the other day a woman came in to the library and walked around for a little bit then started to leave. I asked her if I could help her and she proceeded to tell me about trying to find out how to get extended unemployment benefits through job training. She had contacted various people and tried calling a number that she had been given, but it finally came down to

having to use a computer and the Internet. She had no computer experience. I helped her get a form printed that she had to fill out to apply for these benefits. She was very frustrated and had just about given up. She kept saying that I had saved her life. I said, ‘Well you are not in school yet, but if you need any more help come back and we will see what we can do.’ “

Coralville Public Library - “The first Sunday after the flood hit Coralville we had special library hours [at that time, Coralville Public Library was not open on Sundays]. We had a large number of people in the community who were without power, without Internet access, and in need of contacting relatives and insurance companies to apprise them of their situations. Because we had not budgeted for additional library hours or additional staffing, it was extremely helpful to have the ability to support some of this need out of our Direct State Aid funds.”

Decorah Public Library - “In this year of budgetary restraints, technology advances, ongoing maintenance and increase in library use, it is extremely difficult to maintain adequate funding. Direct State Aid has been extremely essential this year. A large portion of the funding went toward technology. The vast number of people using our public access computers continues to rise. Where once it was for fun, e-mailing and research, now we see a great number of patrons using the equipment and connectivity for job searches, unemployment report submissions, and online learning to advance career awareness. An essential service in hard economic times.”



Denison Public Library - “More than one family has conducted long distance real estate searches and transactions using the online access at the library. These families were under extreme stress, having to relocate because of economic circumstances. They said we provided a lifeline to them.”

Des Moines Public Library - “Attached is a picture of a customer at the Forest Avenue library with library assistant Matt Couch (above right) who had helped him several months before with a study guide for the naturalization exam. The young man came in to tell Matt that he had passed and became a U.S. citizen on July 2, 2009.”



Joice Public Library - “New home repair books helped ‘do it yourself’ patrons in our community who have been laid off from the local factory save money by not having to hire a professional to do work they can do themselves.”

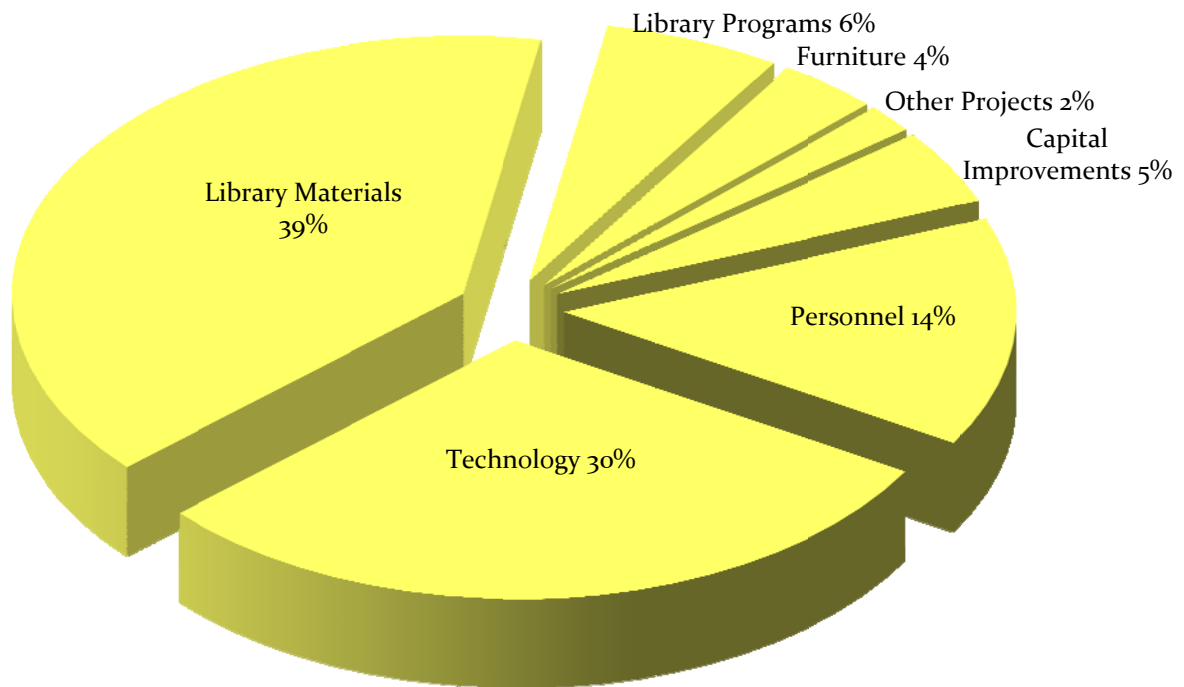
Knoxville Public Library - “Usage of the public computers has increased in the past year and continues to increase as more people cut back on expenses in this tough economy. People come to the library seeking information on employment, filling out job applications or writing resumes, communicating with friends or families, looking for entertainment or fulfillment of some kind. Quite a few people also file for unemployment benefits online. This would not be possible without the library offering free access to the Internet.”



Waucoma Public Library - “Direct State Aid funding helped purchase our new computers, expanding computer availability for our patrons. In our small library, we now have four computers for our patrons instead of two. People are using our computers for job searching and finding employment. One patron came in almost daily for six months and now he has found work. What joy!”

Winterset Public Library - “Many of our adult Internet patrons have no computer at home. Many others mention that they come to the library because their Internet service is so slow at home. We now have 12 Internet stations for adults. Our patrons' main computer activities are searching and applying for jobs, writing resumes and cover letters, doing taxes, creating invoices for work completed, applying for college and financial aid, taking college tests, checking e-mail, taking tests for recertification in several health professions, especially nursing and dietetics, and writing papers for classwork.”

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



Based on 470 Iowa public libraries reporting expenditures of Direct State Aid funds

City	Amount Received	Categories Where Money Spent	Comments About Use of Direct State Aid
Ackley	\$ 1,679.29	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid to hire a children's librarian, purchased magazines and a Blu-Ray player for in-house use. We also bought new materials for the Summer Reading Program. Patrons who bought Blu-Ray players can now check out these disks to enjoy. With the economy, patrons stopped purchasing magazines, but now they can check out our newest subscriptions. With 8 or more children's programs a month we were running low on supplies. Now the kids can really enjoy the crafts! Thank you.
Adair	Not eligible		
Adel	\$ 2,186.00	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Other	We were able to purchase new fiction and non-fiction easy and junior hardback books. Also purchased a new computer for staff, and an eraser board on wheels for our community room. These funds also allowed us to continue in the WILBOR program, which provides customers with downloadable books.
Agency	\$ 1,263.14	Technology & Equipment	We used this money to purchase new software (laser scanner and stand, training DVD, 1 year of extended support) and a computer to run the system. We will be better able to track library usage in more details, hopefully gaining better information on what is used most frequently and then tailoring the library collection and computer use to fit our patrons' wants and needs
Akron	\$ 1,098.38	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Heritage Microfilm for 2004 newspapers; Brodart Precision One - Cataloguing software; support software.
Albert City	\$ 1,318.37	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for a projector and remote control screen for PowerPoint programs. We also used the money for our Summer Reading Program "Get Creative @ your Library" supplies. With the purchase of the projector and screen we will be able to have PowerPoint presentations at our library. This was something we really needed and used it for the first time on July 16th with a program for trustee orientation. We are excited about being able to provide our speakers and audience with this technology. Summer Reading program affects several of our local patrons. To pinpoint its effect on one person may be difficult. I have seen numbers increase from previous years in the program. We were able to purchase a banner that advertized the program and many people were interested. All the children had a wonderful time being creative in our library. One child was in town to visit his grandmother and wanted to participate for just one

			day. We had plenty of supplies to accommodate him and he got to join in the fun with the rest of the children. The parents were very pleased.
Albia	\$ 1,577.80	Library Materials & Supplies	Audio books, DVD's. We are able to offer materials we could not afford otherwise. People tell us how audio books make car trips more enjoyable.
Albion	\$ 887.80	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought new books. Our teen section received a complete overhaul. Teens were not using the library very much and our teen section was very outdated. The impact was amazing. The teens were excited at all the new books coming in and the different series we purchased were a great hit! Our teen circulation went up dramatically.
Alden	\$ 1,432.92	Library Materials & Supplies	Purchased new books and audio books
Alexander	\$ 1,361.13	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We were able to pay the library director to work extra hours developing the Summer Reading Program, organize crafts and materials, choose books to read for storytime and coordinate prizes and events. We also purchased new picture books to increase inventory in children's section and specific books to use in the summer reading program. The money was also used to pay for "Pockets Full Of Fun" puppet program for the finale to our summer program. The circulation for our children's section has increased by 25% in the last few months. A family in town has twin boys who are around seven years old and a younger brother who is about five. They have virtually non-existent communication skills - it is very difficult to understand what they are saying. Prior to this summer, these children never came in to the library. I don't believe their parents did either. However, because of the Summer Reading Program, they have obtained library cards and come in almost daily. Their mother thanked me for allowing them to participate in the events that the library has to offer. Hopefully, through reading and more interaction, these children will develop better and increased verbal skills and positive experiences in the literary world.
Algona	\$ 2,727.51	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid money was used toward a technology contract with Northwest Communications, the business that handles our library's computer network systems. It covered the installation of 6 new computers that are used by the public. Now all of the public computers are the same and they take up a lot less room. The new computers also have USB drive capability.
Allerton	Not Eligible		
Allison	\$ 1,393.93	Library Materials & Supplies	State money was used to purchase the Iowa Children's Choice 2009-2010 collection, the

			Iowa Teen Award 2009-2010 collection, the World Book Encyclopedia 2009 set and DVDs. Direct State Aid has allowed us to make valuable additions to our young readers' collections. The down-turn in our economy has impacted patrons who rely more heavily on our public access Internet service, reading materials, and DVDs. Our small community is very rural and we do not have a movie rental store or theater. Many families and teens are enjoying free movies borrowed from our library for entertainment and stress relief. We are trying to grow this collection to meet their increasing demand and to contribute to the quality of life in our community.
Alta	\$ 1,571.99	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought a floor mat with the library logo on it. People are more aware of where the library door is with the library mat there. When we had a Friends of the Library coffee, people found the library much more easily.
Alta Vista	\$ 1,284.19	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for training and additional staff, as well as books, magazines, and book supplies. It also allowed us to purchase a new router, Norton Security System, and copy/fax machine supplies. Supplies for reading programs were paid for and an additional teen program was added. We had 11 teens show up for each program, which is very good for this small, Iowa town. We were able to get speakers to come to the library for our teen programs. We explored banking, hairstyles and we created avatars. The teens really enjoyed each program. We hope to continue the summer reading program for teens next year. I have two very young patrons who are voracious readers. They are new to the community and have been having a difficult time finding things to do. They have been coming daily to the library. Where funding has made a difference is in the materials I have been able to buy. I've added graphic novels to our collection along with comic magazines like "Scooby-Doo". These two children have checked out all the graphic collection. I am thrilled that we were able to have these available for the children through state funding. Many other children are reading these books, too.
Alton	\$ 1,104.90	Technology & Equipment	Computers. The new computers purchased will give our patrons access to updated software programs and faster Internet service.
Altoona	\$ 5,483.23	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased audio books on CD, Play-A-Ways (digital), DVDs, and music CDs. The library has been working toward the standard for audio-visual accreditation levels. This has helped our patrons enjoy an expanded collection with the quality that they wish and demand. With this money we were

			able to acquire many non-fiction audio books including many on salesmanship and positive thinking. One saleswoman stated that our collection helped her increase her sales and thus her income.
Ames	\$14,123.57	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We developed Early Literacy Stations/Books for Babies. Direct State Aid funds were used for promoting the development of language, imagination and creativity, and for encouraging a lifelong love of reading. We hear many comments such as this one from a new dad: "We were so happy to get the bag full of information about reading. We really want our daughter to grow up smart. We're planning to bring her to the library as soon as we start taking her out."
Anamosa	\$ 2,466.20	Library Materials & Supplies	We used this money to purchase new books, audio CDs and some music CDs.
Anita	\$ 1,435.74	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for the "Destiny" annual support fee which includes Alliance Plus and Title Peek. Also some equipment and local technology support was purchased, and Summer Library Program store items for "Book Buck" shoppers. Destiny support ensures easy access to our online catalog and Alliance Plus enhances that ability and visual experience with Title Peek. One of our patrons printed off her design for the tattoo artist in color, so she was thrilled with that ability.
Ankeny	\$11,804.16	Technology & Equipment	We used state funds for on-line resources: Thomson Gale (Testing & Ed. Resource Center) Proquest; Info USA; Newsbank; and EBSCO. We were able to fund 5 on-line databases with the Direct State Aid funds. Patrons now can access newspapers on-line, research their ancestors and access business directories...24/7. Gale gave patrons 4 databases: Price It (determines price of collectibles), car repair, preparing for college level exams...testing and education center and legal forms. EBSCO offered our patrons a wide range of resources on-line that they would not have had otherwise.
Anthon	\$ 826.26	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	These funds were used to up-date our adult nonfiction, adult large print, and young adult fiction sections. The money was also used to purchase headphones, microphones, and flash drives, as well as craft supplies and prizes for our Treasure Box of Reading. Circulation has increased because of the larger variety of adult large print books and young adult books. I have a parent who is sending two children off to college. They've had to write scholarship essays and she was thankful that they were able to be saved on flash drives. She forgot to buy one and the library was able to help her out.
Aplington	\$ 1,415.79	Personnel Library Materials &	We are now open to the public an additional 10 hours per week thanks to Direct State Aid. Office supplies

		Supplies Other	such as paper, headphones, display track, batteries, envelopes, stencils, ink cartridges, flash drives, and toner were purchased. Registration to the Kids First Conference was paid for with this money. The above items, training and additional hours were invaluable for our library's success during the 08-09 fiscal year. I think the additional hours are in a large part responsible for our increase in circulation this past year.
Archer	Not eligible		
Arlington	\$ 1,247.29	Library Materials & Supplies	We spent the money on new children books, large print adult fiction, westerns and Christian fiction. We have a large following for large print westerns and Christian fiction. Without these materials the people would no longer be able to read for enjoyment. A patron told me "you help pass my time. I don't know what I would do if I could no longer read." This year our school had no funding for materials. They turned to the public library. Our school is located about 5 miles from our town and it was great to see young adults and middle school children using the library again. The book "Twilight" was never on the shelf!"
Armstrong	\$ 1,360.60	Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements Other	We updated our adult fiction section. Our medical books were very old so these were among the books that we updated. We replaced all the balusters that needed replacing. We replaced the torn shades with new curtains.
Arnolds Park	\$ 1,534.50	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture	Playaway books for patrons (self-contained audio books). Round folding table for laptops/reading. Two café-style laptop tables. The playaway audio books are all juvenile fiction titles (and we own the bound book for each title). The idea is that this will be a fun way for kids who have difficulty reading to read and listen at the same time.
Arthur	\$ 410.71	Library Materials & Supplies	Our funding was spent on purchasing books and videos for our patrons in the adult, young adult, and children's sections. Customers are always asking for new materials, and this money went a long way towards purchasing items for all ages. New materials are checked out quickly, so this helped increase our circulation numbers and make our patrons happy!
Asbury	\$10,257.96	Technology & Equipment	We are opening a new branch in Asbury, so we used this money to purchase a new server, 4 public PCs and 2 staff computers. We also replaced 7 public PCs and three staff.
Ashton	\$ 1,307.83	Personnel	We continue to use these Direct State Aid funds to allow us to be open 20 hours a week.
Atkins	\$ 1,434.70	Technology &	We bought a new computer, Internet access for three

		Equipment	public computers and one office computer. Our wait time for a computer is down to 20 minutes from over an hour before.
Atlantic	\$ 2,820.81	Capital Improvements	Replaced our airconditioning unit.
Auburn	\$ 514.06	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for Public Library Management 1 training (mileage-tuition) director's hourly salary (now up to \$8.00) and the assistant director's salary (\$7.25). We also purchased computer software. Use of the library has increased. The number of people using the library has grown as more resources are available. More people than ever are taking advantage of the local newspapers as they job search and the DVDs are regularly checked out as people cannot afford to visit theaters.
Audubon	\$ 1,869.71	Furniture	The Direct State Aid money was used to purchase bookcases (vintage 1917) from the Audubon Middle School that is slated to be demolished this summer. The bookcases were an excellent match for the 1912 Carnegie library bookcases that are in the present library. The bookcases allowed much needed collection expansion and has allowed the reference and genealogy areas to be more easily accessed by patrons. Many people commented on how thrilled they were that the bookcases would be here in the library. It was a great project and made many people happy.
Aurelia	\$ 1,404.59	Technology & Equipment	One new computer and a wireless router were purchased with Direct State Aid. The new faster computer allows patrons to access and navigate the Internet more quickly. The wireless router allows patrons to use their laptops in our library. Recently an older lady wanted to retype guidelines for judging cooking events at the county fair. Her vision made it difficult to read the old guidelines. Not only were we able to assist her with the processing program on the new computer and using the printer, we were able to increase the font size easily.
Aurora	\$ 805.91	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid funds were spent on updating our reference section. We had several requests for books on digital photography so we were able to provide 4 books on that subject. Without the extra funding from the state we may have only purchased one book.
Avoca	\$ 1,073.41	Capital Improvements	The library's public restroom had a sink with oak vanity that did not meet ADA guidelines. We replaced the sink with a wall sink and insulated pipes. The plumbing cost alone was over the \$1073.41. Our public restroom now meets ADA and the library has qualified for full accreditation by the state.
Badger	Not eligible		

Bagley	\$ 1,278.63	Technology & Equipment	We used this money to purchase new patron computers. Many people here have let personal Internet service drop due to hard times. Our equipment was really old and didn't work well. New computers and free service give them some sense of well-being and connection to the outside world while dealing with job searches and such.
Bancroft	\$ 1,415.54	Technology & Equipment	Thanks to Direct State Aid, we purchased a new motorized roll film carrier for our Cannon Microprinter. Numerous patrons have commented on how much easier and faster it is to search.
Batavia	Not eligible		
Battle Creek	\$ 1,297.70	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	This money was used to help pay salaries for additional staff (20 hrs. @ \$7.25/hr.) We also purchased periodicals, supplies and necessary things for our Summer Reading Program. Every year there are more children attending our Summer Reading Programs and this money allows us to expand them.
Baxter	\$ 1,418.63	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Furniture	This money was used for the new library director to go to the Kid's First Conference. This was a great way to begin programming for children in our library. We also used part of the money to pay the start-up fee for WILBUR (audio books that can be checked out) in our library. The rest was used to buy more juvenile nonfiction books for our collection and to repair/rebuild a large table heavily used in our library.
Bayard	\$ 1,333.90	Technology & Equipment	We used these funds to replace a public access computer. Having computers with high speed Internet connections has been increasingly important to our patrons during these tough economical times. When money gets tight, one of the first things that can go from a family's budget is their Internet fees and yet what they need most for job searching/unemployment reporting is that same Internet connection. Keeping our equipment updated and in good operating condition is a priority if we are to serve the needs of the public and takes a large portion of our budget. Thank you for the Enrich Iowa Program!
Beaman	\$ 1,310.71	Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Library Programs	We added Norton anti-virus software to the server, a 16-port switch, and added Deep Freeze to two new computers. We also used money for new cornice, rods, material for cornice, photos, and accessories for our remodeling. We hired a Memorial Day juggler for families, especially the kids. The funding helped us finish remodeling the library. People have said they didn't notice how much it needed it until it was done after 20 years.
Bedford	\$ 509.67	Technology & Equipment	We paid for a maintenance agreement for the microfiche reader/printer. It helps us keep our

			equipment up-to-date at all times. We constantly have people from out of state coming to use our genealogy department who comment on the quality of our equipment.
Belle Plaine	\$ 1,838.89	Library Programs Other	We purchased prizes for four levels of summer programs (started an adult program this year), including supplies for crafts and activities, as well as food. I also made purchases for our new preschool story time, including big books. We purchased flowers for our outdoor garden. It was a joint effort with a school group. I began a story time for 18 month - 3 year olds, purchased some big books, and materials for crafts and learning. The group has grown, and has been very positively received. It has been fun to see the growth in the little ones, who were first shy when coming to the preschool program, and now are excited to be here.
Bellevue	\$ 1,815.34	Library Materials & Supplies	We used this money to purchase new library books for adults and children. The Direct State Aid money is extremely important to our library as it enables us to buy books and materials we would not ordinarily be able to afford. It has a direct and positive impact on our patrons.
Belmond	\$ 1,965.34	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We were able to provide a mid-year raise for our technical services librarian. Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase extra books and audio books, as well as a barcode scanner and an Inkjet printer. We needed to re-barcode everything in our collection to get ready to move from Follett to TLC library software, as we were using 5-digit barcodes and TLC requires 14 digit barcodes. Purchasing a second scanner allowed our technical services librarian to do this in the stacks rather than removing everything from the shelves and taking them to the circulation desk scanner. It also allowed this work to be done while we were open without interrupting business at the circulation desk. So, having this additional scanner made this job much easier and more efficient. Also, having extra money for more new books and audio books always makes our patrons happy.
Bennett	\$ 442.01	Library Materials & Supplies	Using Direct State Aid, we have been able to stay fairly current with our DVD and book selections. Our patrons appreciate this. With the economy in a slump, and the amount of pay cuts and job losses, people are utilizing the library far more often. They tell me they weren't aware that public libraries were as current as video stores with the selection, and that they will start coming to the library instead of the video stores.
Bettendorf	\$ 7,954.95	Library Materials & Supplies	RFID tags for self check out of library materials.

Birmingham	Not eligible		
Blirstown	\$ 1,299.77	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture Library Programs	We were able to buy books and audio CDs for our two book clubs, covering two months of meetings and discussions. Since the two months of our meetings, we have made them available to other libraries to use for their book discussion groups with no fees involved. We have decided to upgrade our library circulation software. After much investigation, we decided to upgrade to Atrium. It is expensive, but one of the best options for a small public library. Direct State Aid certainly helped put this within our reach. We bought a new area rug for the teen area to help define their area. It also packs a punch visually, which the teens enjoy much more than the rest of the library's sedate neutral scheme. We purchased three \$25 gift cards to use as prizes for the Iowa Teen Award contest. We challenge the teens to read the Iowa Teen Award books and when they do, their name is entered into a drawing for the gift cards, one for every book they read. When we go live with our Atrium software, we expect patrons will be using the online resource to look up their accounts and reserve books they would like to read. They'll have the advantage of seeing right away what the new materials are and reserving right away if they are interested. We've had several requests for this kind of service, so we know it is going to make many patrons very happy. I think our book clubs have made the most impact. We have several people who live alone that have joined. They really enjoy the discussion and the friendships they have developed through the book club. Everyone thinks in a small town, people know each other. They perhaps do, but sometimes in a superficial way. Our book club discussions get to the nitty gritty about life and choices and how we see the world. We laugh and we cry, and we leave knowing we aren't alone.
Blakesburg	\$ 429.03	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used for pay wages for an additional staff person. It also helped purchase book cards, computer software & a DVD rotation program. We also used the money for story hour and an Easter party.
Bloomfield	\$ 1,268.90	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture Library Programs	Books, audio books, four wooden/armless chairs for public computers were purchased with these funds. We also spent some of the money on our Summer Reading Program.
Bode	\$ 1,285.95	Library Materials & Supplies Technology &	We purchased library bound books (animals and new nursery rhymes) to use specifically for story hour. A new computer tower and a new

		Equipment Furniture Library Programs	printer/copier/fax/scanner was also purchased, as well as a new computer desk. Because of this money, we had a great summer library program. It is so nice to have the monies to do extra things and projects!
Bonaparte	\$ 420.47	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Furniture Library Programs	We try to purchase the newest and most popular books that our readers seem to enjoy. We also try keep the printer paper stocked and the computers available for those who needs them. Our computers have been upgraded for anti-virus protection and we have DSL for internet connection. We had new flooring put down in the rooms and it looks so nice and is easier to keep clean. We bought a table and chairs for the patrons who like to work on genealogy, or to just sit and read and relax. We had a very good group of children and three very enthusiastic volunteers to keep the kids captivated and excited about checking out books. We had a very good turnout for the summer reading program and next year we are talking about having a program for adult readers, too. Our library numbers are up somewhat with the addition of the new books and table with chairs for people to sit. We bought large print books for the elderly and reading impaired. We also purchased new shelving for the disabled to make the books more accessible to them. Also, we spruced up the entrance to the library with plants to make it more inviting to our patrons. Since these improvements have been made, our numbers have increased in library use.
Bondurant	\$ 2,191.41	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase materials to supplement our non-fiction, reference, and picture book collections with the following items: 20 resume and cover letter books containing examples specific to a particular profession. With the addition of these materials, we are able to be a resource for people in our community who are seeking employment in this tough economic time. We were able to offer a library program on job seeking. We are able to be an additional resource for learning with our expanded reference collection, and we have been able to continue to provide quality story times and fresh new resources for early childhood literacy. The first day we had received the resume set and had it ready to be shelved, a college-aged library patron came in and mentioned she was looking for her first job. We told her about the new materials we had just gotten and she was very excited to use the book as a resource for putting together her first resume. The book title was "Resumes for First-Time Job Hunters: with sample cover letters" The book didn't even make it to the shelf for its first checkout!
Boone	\$ 4,379.14	Library Materials &	We used this money to purchase new adult, large

		Supplies	type books, as well as children's books.
Boyden	\$ 634.62	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase a laminator and the supplies that go along with it. Our budget does not allow for very much and we so appreciate being able to purchase items that benefit the library and our patrons.
Britt	\$ 1,742.95	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements Furniture Library Programs	Salaries for additional staff for summer reading programs, and evening children's programs were paid for with state funding. We also purchased audio books for the juvenile fiction section, bathroom improvements (paint, wallpaper border, new ceiling light/fan, new cover/protection for handicap patrons under the sink, new over sink lighting). In addition, we got a new chair for the reading area, and supplies for Story Hour & Tot Time programs. Every dollar helps - really and truly. Each of the seemingly small improvements made an impact on our library, our patrons and our community. The additional personnel is necessary to help provide a quality program. Having a great turn out is wonderful, but additional staffing is now necessary - the programs would not have been the same without the money/help. The audio books were to supplement our collection that is growing for our younger readers (although many adults enjoy these titles as well). Titles were selected from teacher suggestions (both public school and home school). And again, children's programs have seen an increase, so this money helped us replenish supplies and serve more children. The Tot Time is a new program for our library for children 3 and under. It's been a big hit!
Brooklyn	Not eligible		
Buffalo Center	Not eligible		
Burlington	\$ 7,914.35	Technology & Equipment	Along with Direct State Aid funds from FY08 that we carried over, a portion of the FY09 funds was used as our match for a Gates Foundation grant to purchase laptop computers for public computer classes. The remaining funds were used for a disc cleaning machine, a wireless lapel microphone, a new printer, public computer classes, laptops. The disc cleaning machine has greatly improved the life of our DVD and CD collections so that library users are much less likely to have a movie that skips or a book on CD that stops playing just as the mystery is about to be solved. The wireless lapel microphone has improved the sound quality of our public programs. The new printer can do posters with the contest winners on them that we were able to print with this printer. The public computer classes have been a huge hit

			<p>with our users. The laptops have allowed participants to work hands-on which is the best way for novice computer users to learn. Information Technology Manager, Lois Blythe, has heard story after story about kids giving their parents a computer so they can stay in contact with them, but the most important missing element is how to use it. The intention is wonderful but many people are afraid to touch the computer in fear of breaking it. In response to these stories, Lois has developed several basic computer skills classes. She began with offering one class per week and now offers two classes per week. Lois teaches Wilbor Downloadable Books, Mouse Skills, Basic Email, Email and Beyond, Online Catalog, Internet Searching, Downloading, Basic PowerPoint and Keyboarding. Lois says, "It has been rewarding to see the growth and confidence building that has taken place with the students as they practice their new skills. Just the other day, one of my students shared with me that he has communicated more with his brother now that he has learned how to use the email account that we set up in class."</p>
Burt	\$ 1,348.52	<p>Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture Library Programs</p>	<p>Direct State Aid allowed us to buy new magazines, Follett Software, a children's kitchenette with play food and dishes, and Summer Reading Program materials. The children in our library play with the kitchenette and play food every day. This enables parents to look for books while their child is wholesomely engaged in creative play. What a great addition this has been to the Burt Public Library! One family was going through a marital separation, and all six of their children came to the library on a nearly daily basis as it was a safe, stress-free place for the children to play. The kitchenette set became a favorite of the two youngest children, keeping them from making mischief in other ways. What a wonderful way to help this family through a difficult life transition.</p>
Bussey	\$ 441.74	<p>Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture Library Programs</p>	<p>This money paid for training and meetings for the library director. We added large print books to our collection for the benefit of our older patrons and updated signage in the juvenile department. We also upgraded our Internet access to include wireless, purchased a wooden arm chair, supplies and crafts for Summer Reading Program and supplies for younger patrons who use them anytime they're in the library. The library has been able to retain many of our older patrons with the large print books we have added and many of these patrons are reading more than previously. We have a patron who enjoys using the computers in the library. However, as this</p>

			patron has a difficult time getting in and out of our computer chairs, this was always a challenge. She suggested we have an arm chair to assist her and other person who has the same problem.
Calamus	Not eligible		
Callender	\$ 1,329.59	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased new books. This funding is vital to our library. We couldn't provide as much as we do without it! I was able to provide some resources for learning Spanish because of this funding, which allowed for greater communication between some of the young people in town.
Calmar	\$ 1,490.48	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	As a result of Direct State funding, we are able to continue to purchase audio books on CDs for the many library patrons who find this to be a very popular and desirable format. We can also continue to provide this format to one community member who is legally blind and cannot read books anymore. With the funding, we are also able to continue to purchase the "America the Beautiful" state reference books for young adults and junior patrons in order to update them from the previous edition released in 1998. We will finish this series in the fall of 2009. As mentioned above, our audio book section is very popular. We have some ladies who are able to listen to audio books at work, and once they are finished, they share the audio books with their co-workers. Also, being able to provide audio books to our sight-challenged patron is rewarding, knowing that we can offer a format that she can use now that she can no longer see to read. She comes to the library about every two weeks to exchange audio books and is always happy to receive new ones, which I help her pick out.
Camanche	\$ 2,062.45	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Large print books, DVDs, and regular print books were purchased with Direct State Aid. Also, prizes for the adult Winter Reading Program, the children's Summer Library Program, and the Presidential Trivia Quiz contest and refreshments for the Wii Family Night and Wii Adult Day. Also use the money for the National Library Week book bag giveaway. We added new books and DVDs to our collection that we otherwise would not have been able to afford.
Cambridge	\$ 459.02	Library Programs	We spent this money on William & Blackjack, a visit to the Blank Park Zoo and new books for our little ones and young adults. We also spent money on supplies and prizes for our Summer Reading Program. We have had a greater number of kids come this year over last year. We have been having 40 children every week. We also have parents and daycare providers coming and we always have at least two

			babies and as many as five. We would not be able to do all the things we have done if not for Direct State Aid. We had such a variety of programs. This we can do because of Direct State Aid. It really helps us.
Cantril	Not eligible		
Carlisle	\$ 1,452.84	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We purchased paper rolls for our patron receipt printer, audio books on CD, new books and a subscription to a database made available through the State Library. Patrons have commented on the usefulness of printed patron receipts, in regard to keeping track of what they have checked out. Use of audio books has been increasing, as well as circulation of print materials. The EBSCOHost database has increased the number of periodicals that our patrons can have access to, for both leisure reading and study purposes. The wife of one of our patrons, who has been hospitalized for quite some time, has been checking out audio books and tapes for her husband to listen to while he is in the hospital.
Carroll	\$ 3,668.12	Library Materials & Supplies	The money spent on large print books allows us to increase this collection, which we also share with other county libraries and with three other public libraries in Iowa on a rotating basis. The audio books purchased have allowed us to increase the size of this collection to meet the growing demands of our patrons. In February, I was helping a man check out the seven audio books he wanted. I asked him how long it would take him to listen to them and he told me he was a trucker and he came into the library every Friday to get a new set of books. He said he loved listening to books while he drove because it expanded his world and allowed him to experience new thoughts and ideas that he couldn't get by listening to the radio.
Carter Lake	\$ 1,831.00	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture Library Programs	State aid allowed us to get portable audio books, to replace lost or damaged accelerated reader books, purchase table/chairs/area rug for children's area, support the Summer Reading Program incentives/performers, and start an adult book club. The adult book club is made up almost entirely of elderly seniors and retired patrons who look forward to the discussions so much that we have added an extra evening and morning session. We have also started adding our own multiple copies of books read to our own collection.
Cascade	\$ 1,612.38	Capital Improvements	Along with a grant from the Dubuque Racing Association, we were able to install two new glass doors along with the handicap accessible button for our library. For the persons with disabilities, the accessible doors just makes life easier for our persons

			with disabilities, mothers with baby strollers, and the delivery men are very happy with them also.
Casey	\$ 514.26	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	We used the money for housekeeping supplies, janitor services, continuing education for staff, bound local newspapers, and new books.
Cedar Falls	\$ 9,613.11	Personnel	We spent the money on salary for our Third Age Coordinator, Mary Kabel. This outreach takes our library service outside the walls of the physical building, and into retirement and nursing homes. Residents of these homes have rotating collections of materials delivered to their sites. They also have volunteers who come and lead book discussion groups, right on site. The library provides the multiple copies of books. The participants enjoy receiving library materials (some have limited mobility outside the home), and enjoy the chance to come together and discuss books and socialize. In addition, the 3rd Age Coordinator oversees delivery to homebound. This program utilizes regular library staff and volunteers. From Mary, our 3rd Age Coordinator: "One of these patrons I have conversed with over the phone quite a few times since I started, so I have developed a good rapport with her. She is over 90, lives alone in her own home, and depends upon us for her audio books. Lately she wanted to read the Laura Ingalls Wilder books, in sequence, so I filled out the order, got her the CD books from our collections, and had the ones we don't own borrowed from interlibrary loan. She was delighted.
Cedar Rapids	\$28,719.70	Library Materials & Supplies	The moneys were used to great advantage for an Opening Day Collection for our downtown branch library. Thank you.
Center Point	\$ 1,531.43	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought new books, audio books and movies. We also created "Classic Kits" in conjunction with the high school's classes; American Literature, World Literature and Modern Literature.
Centerville	\$ 1,597.81	Library Materials & Supplies	Books, work supplies, and periodical subscriptions were purchased. The Drake Public Library's book collection improved with the addition of this money.
Central City	Not eligible		
Chariton	\$ 2,263.75	Technology & Equipment Library ProgramsOther	Direct State Aid paid our annual automation subscription this year. It also paid for our BookWhere subscription, allowing us to continue securing records for items. We invite more performers every year for our summer reading program. We utilized Direct State Aid to pay for a visit from Mad Science of Iowa and for a program by Fax Gilbert. During the summer of 2008, we purchased a dehumidifier to correct the moisture issues in our storage room. This location is where we keep the thousands of items donated for

			our annual book sales and our historical documents and fragile collection items. A local daycare professional who operates out of her home has been able to bring her group to the library to enjoy some of the programs that they once would have had to travel to Des Moines to attend. In fact, for many of our local students, a trip to see these types of programs in Des Moines is an impossibility for a variety of reasons. We're able to bring these outstanding programs, like those you find at the zoo or science center, directly to our students because of Direct State Aid.
Charles City	\$ 3,131.07	Library Materials & Supplies	We have added the Playaway audio books to our collection. We find the customers are learning how handy this media form is. Every new form of media is an opportunity for additional education for our customers. The Playaway is new to us but is rapidly becoming a favorite audio book form. This is in addition to the downloadable books from the Overdrive site, which are also catching on quickly. The most difficult part is helping each customer--especially those with extended life experience time--to learn how to comfortably use the hardware. But things are going well.
Charter Oak	Not eligible		
Chelsea	\$ 429.91	Personnel Technology & Equipment	Library Director paid for staff training, seminar fees and travel. I was able to go to my Public Library Management 2 classes and became a better librarian. We bought a new public computer. We now have three public computers. It really helps because we don't have as many patrons waiting for computer time.
Cherokee	\$ 2,406.03	Library Materials & Supplies	We used these funds to buy new books and large print books, DVDs, and audio CDs. We have seen a huge increase in the demand for DVDs. This money helps to keep our collection current. Due to our aging population, we are always in need of more audio books. Our city book budget has been stagnant for several years as we deal with other needs, so we are grateful to have additional funds for materials.
Churdan	\$ 1,394.98	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We bought large print books, Microsoft Office 2007 for 1 office computer, and two public access computers. In our very small town the library is the city community center. We provide a place for the town's residents, of all ages, to gather - many on a daily basis. Any money we receive.... as part of Direct State Aid, memorial donations, county/city funds... all goes into books, magazines, movies that can be circulated, and items for programming. The money also allows us to be open every day of the week, for

			at least 5 1/2 hours each day. This summer we were able to provide a safe place for many of the latch key kids. We provide a place for the young people after school, or between school and activities that might start later in the evening. This summer we have had a family with 4 children move to town. The children are here most everyday and have been able to meet other children who will be their classmates in the fall. This interaction with kids their own age has made the move a much more pleasant experience for the whole family.
Clare	Not eligible		
Clarence	\$ 1,379.25	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs Other	Books and supplies for our Summer Reading Program were purchased with this money. The library got new software for our automation system and also a new cartridge for the printer. We also had new shelves built for our DVD's, and a new drop box for our book return inside the library. We had our children paint on their t-shirts for our "Be Creative at Your Library" program. It was a fun project. The kids had a great time and did a really good job on their shirts. We had a mom who just lost her husband a few months back and was kind of lost on what to do with her children for the summer. They started coming to the library, then joined our Summer Reading Program. She could not thank me enough for the time the kids were able to listen to the stories and do crafts. They had a really good time.
Clarinda	\$ 2,429.82	Technology & Equipment	The funds helped the library up-date its server and add three new desktop computers. The updating of the server will allow the library to be ready for the future. We have already started to virtualize a few of our machines. The improvements will allow the library staff to better handle questions and work. It will also speed up the access to our Web site and programs.
Clarion	\$ 2,032.01	Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid was used for our library expansion project.
Clarksville	\$ 1,493.94	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Youth and teen books (animal and geography series), shelf-end displays, story hour resource kits, books, and book displays were bought with these funds. We also purchased supplies and materials for the Summer Reading Program and story hours. We used much of these funds on items for our story hour (ages birth to school-aged). By having more activities, books, resource kits, and supplies available, we are able to offer richer story hours for these young kids. Our weekly numbers for these programs have also increased! We have several middle school classes that do projects each year on different countries

			around the world. We've never had enough or the right books to provide them. With this funding, we were able to purchase sets of books on these countries to better assist them with their projects (and now we don't have to borrow so many from other libraries). For the students in these classes, the materials are now much more accessible to them.
Clear Lake	\$ 3,289.30	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid allowed us to buy audio books and take part in the Neibors audio book subscription. We also purchased a new computer and improved our Internet access.
Clearfield	Not eligible		
Cleghorn	\$ 1,218.76	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	With this funding, the library was able to enhance our Summer Reading Program by providing fantastic programs which grew our attendance by leaps and bounds. A pizza party was held for the class that had the greatest attendance. Also, the library increased the number of adult programs offered during this past year. With the economy, the library has experienced an increase in the number of DVDs that are being checked out from the library, so we purchased new ones.
Clermont	\$ 884.29	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We bought audio books on CD, new books, a wireless Internet service, router and set up. Our patrons are enjoying the wireless service. One person commented it saved him a trip to neighboring town.
Clinton	\$ 7,342.07	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	The new music CDs and DVDs we purchased each has a label indicating the item was purchased with Direct State Aids funds from the legislature. We also used the money for architects and electricians for our roof project.
Clive	\$ 4,320.63	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased 288 new books.
Clutier	\$ 405.45	Library Materials & Supplies	This money was spent continuing to update our collection of area history books and artifacts. Our library is mentioned in tourism brochures for the area due to the state championship basketball trophy kept here as well as the pictures of all graduates. The historical items in our library draws not only local people, but tourists and former residents. This gets people involved and often results in donations, bequests and memorials. Because our library is so underfunded we depend on these for our budget and are able to keep up with funding for children's services and new books and movies for our regular patrons.
Coggon	\$ 962.37	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to expand our collection using Direct State Aid money.
Coin	Not eligible		

Colesburg	\$ 1,249.09	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	This money was spent to extend the librarians' hours in order to have the extra story hours and movie time for children. Our librarian also completed Public Library Management 2 and some of the money was spent for extra hours spent in class time. We bought new DVDs each month for our movie time and for the convience of our patrons. We have many low income folks who really enjoy the free movie rental. We also bought a laptop for our patrons. We bought supplies for our story hour program and incentives for our Summer Reading Program. We also brought in speakers for the program. Our numbers have more than doubled this year. We are able to reach out to a greater number of people. I have reached the teen group with a laptop and a teen room. We are also providing services for a greater number of children by having the extra programs and hours. It has shown in our check-out numbers. Our library is definitely a growing place in our small community.
Colfax	\$ 1,056.48	Technology & Equipment Furniture	We used Direct State Aid for a new Dell Computer, and two study carrels to hold the computers. The new computer has brought our public access up to two now and our Internet usage has really increased. Word has spread in the community that we have Internet access. The computers are used for research, travel plans, job applications, communication and e-mail, access to popular trends, Facebook and Internet gaming, and in this community the library is the only location with free Internet. This has given people in our community an advantage that they did not have even two years ago. Just the other day a woman came in the library and kind of walked around for a little bit then started to leave. I asked her if I could help her and she proceeded to tell me about trying to find out how to get extended unemployment benefits through job training. She had contacted various people and tried calling a number that she had been given, but it finally came down to having to use a computer and the internet. She had no computer experience. I helped her get a form printed that she had to fill out to apply for these benefits. She was very frustrated and had just about given up. She kept saying that I had saved her life. I said, "Well you are not in school yet, but if you need any more help come back and we will see what we can do."
Collins	\$ 1,270.45	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We hired a school bus driver for our summer programming. We also purchased new books and DVDs for the Library. The money helps pay for a weekly storytime, summer reading and school programming. Due to state funding, the library has been able to serve the entire school population

			through weekly programs and special events. We also saw an increase in attendance in our summer programs due to specialized services. One child in our community is currently isolated from his social group due to medical issues and he attended programming every week as well as participated in our teen advisory board and now serves in a volunteer capacity due to increased confidence and acceptance of his peers. Even though he is younger than the others on the board, they gladly welcomed his participation.
Colo	\$ 1,514.85	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	The Colo Public Library is gradually phasing out all VHS movies from the collection. Many videos will not be replaced, however many classics must be replaced in a DVD format. Also, the library Increased memory in two public computers. This past year we had many speakers for the elementary and middle school programs, such as the ISU Department of Entomology, Blank Park Zoo, ISU Hip Hop Club, and Daniel "Outdoor Dan" Young.
Columbus Junction	\$ 1,630.33	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was used for a new automation system. It looks like it will lessen the workload. We have many Mexicans in our community. The children speak English, but many of their parents do not. We try to serve them with material they can read and understand. It makes living in a foreign land much more enjoyable.
Conrad	\$ 1,523.61	Other	This money was spent on the library's utility bill. This is the first full year that we were in the new building and we are still adjusting to the different expenses.
Coon Rapids	\$ 1,471.07	Technology & Equipment	The library put all of the Direst State Aid into new computers and software for library patrons. The new computers have helped so many patrons and staff at the library. Wait time for the computers has decreased. Patrons are using the computers for banking, job searches and so much more. Hopefully the program stays funded and we will be able to replace the old, slow ones.
Coralville	\$ 5,519.86	Personnel	This past fiscal year, we used our entire Direct State Aid allocation for additional staff salary. We opened the renovated and expanded library building on May 31, 2008 and shortly thereafter the flood hit our community. The first Sunday after the flood hit Coralville we had special library hours [at that time, Coralville Public Library was not open on Sundays]. We had a large number of people in the community who were without power, without Internet access, and in need of contacting relatives and insurance companies to apprise them of their situations. Because we had not budgeted for additional library hours or additional staffing, it was extremely helpful to have the ability to support some of this need out

			of our Direct State Aid funds. As I mentioned earlier, the increased need in our community for Internet use, and library resources in general, continued well after the "crisis" of the flood had passed. We have seen record numbers of patrons in the Library this year ~ well beyond the increase that we had already planned for with the new facility. The supplemental Direct State Aid funds directly impacted our community, in allowing for more library hours and additional library staff help in a time of great need.
Corning	\$ 1,636.27	Library Materials & Supplies	We used the Direct State Aid for new books.
Correctionville	\$ 427.90	Technology & Equipment Furniture	We were able to purchase a scanner and a computer desk. This has improved our automation system. We now have a computer station just for kids to play games on while their parents use the library, or use while waiting for an Internet computer to open up. They are not taking up the slot of an Internet computer just to play games.
Corwith	\$ 1,309.77	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for training/workshop expenses for staff, new books, DVDS, a new computer and the Summer Reading Program. Being from a small community of 350 with a limited budget, the extra funding allows us to better serve our patrons.
Corydon	\$ 1,493.84	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a server for Follett Distiny Resource Manager for our automation project, which will make check out easier. When we get our catalog tied to our Web site, it will make searching for books easier for our customers.
Coulter	\$ 1,370.63	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We bought children's and adult books, new DVD's, and office supplies. We would not be able to provide a Summer Reading Program without this money, and we couldn't give adults and children good programs and books to read. This keeps them coming to our library.
Council Bluffs	\$14,891.15	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs Other	Direct State Aid was used to buy books, audio books and music CDs. Direct State Aid is very much appreciated. It allowed us to add more materials for checkout. Council Bluffs had an author series and this money helped pay for their visits. The Bluffs Author Series is an annual event. We have had several well known authors in the past three years. Direct State Aid helped us to have Jennifer Chiaverini. We were able to buy supplies to have a booth at Project Homeless in Omaha. This is a yearly outreach that the area does for the homeless. We give information to the homeless on how the library can help them look for jobs and other information they need. We need to let the homeless know that we are much more to them than just a warm place in winter

			and a cool place in the summer. The Jennifer Chiaverini author event had people coming from western Nebraska all the way across to eastern Iowa. One asked me if she could have a tour of our library. She had never been in the library before. I told her that we closed for business and we were not letting people into the library itself. After the event was over, I went over to her and asked her where she was from. When she told me she was from Cedar Rapids and how she missed their library building, I said, 'Come on with me and I will show you the library.' After the tour, she had tears in her eyes and said, 'I look forward to the day when we have a nice library building again.' By the time she left, we both had some tears.
Cresco	\$ 2,188.63	Library Materials & Supplies	The funding was spent on books, audio books and CDs. The Cresco Public Library has always had many patrons who enjoy the audio books and general fiction. We have been able to order more books and audios in the last fiscal year. We have a gentleman who is a long-haul truck driver who checks out 15-20 audio books at a time to listen to as he travels. He really appreciates our large selection of audio books.
Creston	\$ 3,002.07	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Books, audio books, copier maintenance, and toner were all purchased with state funds. It allowed us to keep most of the subscriptions to magazines are patrons like to read. We were able to purchase some extra reading and listening materials the budget would not allow for.
Crystal Lake	\$ 1,265.62	Technology & Equipment	We purchased two new laptops. We used the money to buy headphones for all of our computers so that we could teach the preschool-1st grade kids library skills on the computers.
Cumberland	Not eligible		
Cushing	\$ 383.65	Furniture Library Programs	Desk/shelving unit - built with volunteer labor – was paid for with this money, as well as the Summer Reading Program. Having this new desk unit has improved the library service because the director can have processing materials such as donated or newly purchased books, and cataloging materials all in one place. This move has helped the library meet Standard #73: "Adequate space is provided for the staff to work in a non-public area." The children that attended the Summer Reading Program this year benefited from the activities that were done during the summer sessions around the theme: "Creating a Splash at the Library." In one particular session a local artist talked to the children about how she used the library as a resource when she was painting. She also led the children in a drawing experience. It was

			wonderful. Two children were especially moved by this experience. One young child remarked about what a good artist she is. (She happens to be the artist who painted a superb wall mural in our library.) This session also sparked an interest in drawing in one 12-year-old boy. The artist invited the children to come draw with her anytime. This child is likely to take her up on the offer.
Dallas Center	\$ 1,604.60	Technology & Equipment Other	We added extra hard drive to our file server to use for back-up, networked two new computers into the system, reconfigured placement of book shelves and added a new light fixture.
Davenport	\$22,676.82	Personnel Library Programs	<p>With these funds, we supplemented the library personnel budget, allowing the library to be open three hours for 29 Sundays. Past surveys reflect heavy usage by families on Sundays. With tightening budgets, Enrich Iowa funds allowed for several staff to attend the annual Iowa Library Association Conference. It provided for extra programming for youth services. Last week, I received a call from an educator thanking me for the EBSCOHost database on the library's Web site. She explained that she has used it to answer questions and get information for her work as a music teacher as well as other informational needs. She told me that she really appreciated the library making that resource available 24/7, and she was amazed at all the things it contained.</p> <p>From another call I received, I learned that a mother wanted to thank us for helping her daughter so much with our story times. She explained that her daughter is graduating from college soon, and she has used our services from the time she was a little girl coming to our weekly story times. She explained that she believed the story times helped her daughter gain confidence in herself at an early age. Her daughter has used the library's resources throughout her education, and she would not have known to do that without starting with the story time programs. The mother just wanted us to know what an important part the library had played in her daughter's life, and she thanked me.</p> <p>Today a gentleman requested that I find a book for him by H. Allen Smith that was written in 1941 because it has a section about his father. He had misplaced his copy and really wanted to see that section about his father. Even though our library did not have a copy, through our interlibrary loan program we located a library that did have a copy so it will be coming to him soon.</p> <p>A young couple and their daughter stopped at the Information Desk to compliment the library after</p>

			<p>having just left our story time program. They had just moved from Boston, Massachusetts, and have lived in other towns in Massachusetts, big and small. They could not say enough about how great the Fairmount Library is and the whole way we do libraries. They had never heard of libraries cooperating as we do in Iowa. They just wanted us to know how pleased they were to be here.</p> <p>None of this would have been possible without the assistance from the Enrich Iowa Program. More than 449,218 people visited the Davenport Public Library within the last fiscal year and checked out 688,000 items. We had a 76% increase in attendance at our library sponsored programs, with 22,490 participants attending the programs.</p>
Dayton	\$ 1,439.84	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	<p>Books, magazines, and other supplies such as paper and computer repairs were made available through Direct State Aid funds. I use part of this money to buy large print books and we take them to the care center for the patrons to read. This is really a good service for them because of the larger print.</p>
De Soto	\$ 1,379.34	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	<p>The Library purchased "Easy" books to augment our collection. Among these books were a new "Sound Box" library, 26 books that introduce the alphabet that include phonics. We also purchased Literary Cards through UpStart along with their respective books. We bought Scholastic Books, both hardbound and paperback, as prizes for our summer incentive reading program. Our town has a number of emerging readers. The response to these hardbound and paperback books was great! Our Summer Reading Program is by far our largest library program. This year we made a concerted effort of targeting emerging readers with an increased selection and hardbound books as prizes in the incentive reading program. We saw these kindergarten, first grade and second grade readers blossom in their reading abilities.</p> <p>We have a very precocious four-year old. She has been coming to the library for two years now and her family has taken advantage of all the programs geared toward children. At the beginning of our Summer Reading Program she was reading well for a four-year old, e.g., one sentence per page books. In our summer program we have the children report on one book per week from all the books they read. They give in essence an oral book report, what the book was about, what they liked about the book, etc. By the end of the summer, our young reader had read over 250 books. She is, in fact, our Superest Summer Reader this year. We are thrilled to be a part of her emerging reading.</p>

			<p>Our second story is very similar in that another young patron that is between 2nd and 3rd grade started out reading well for his age and grade. However he made it his mission to read, read, read for the six-weeks of the Summer Reading Program. He advanced from reading small chapter books to reading much longer books, e.g. Fablehaven. He was also one of the Super Summer Readers.</p> <p>We stress to our young readers and their mentors in an ongoing dialogue that when you can read well you can succeed. It not only helps you in numerous aspects of your life but it is an ability that you will own forever.</p>
De Witt	\$ 2,711.31	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	With this money, we bought DVDs, CDs, and two new computers. Our library budget does not allow enough funding for DVDs or books on CD so this supplements these purchases.
Decorah	\$ 3,493.10	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	Direct State Aid helped pay for library materials and supplies, computer upgrades, equipment and computer supplies. The library had to replace a main server and this money was extremely beneficial. We also purchased tables for the public meeting room. In this year of budgetary restraints, technology advances, ongoing maintenance and increase in library use, it is extremely difficult to maintain adequate funding. This funding has been extremely essential this year. A large portion of the funding went toward technology. The vast number of people using our public access computers continues to rise. Where once it was for fun, e-mailing and research, now we seen a great number of patrons using the equipment and connectivity for job searches, unemployment report submissions, and online learning to advance career awareness. An essential service in hard economic times.
Delhi	\$ 1,267.14	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	This money was spent for additional staff working part time throughout the year. We purchased several non-fiction children's books to improve that area of our library, as well as replacement printer and copier cartridges. This money was spent on children's programs, as well as a Master Gardener Program that we did for adults.
Denison	\$ 2,956.18	Technology & Equipment Furniture	We purchased three new computers with 19" monitors to add to our patron Internet computer lab. We added computer tables from Iowa Prison Industries to accommodate new computers. On an average day, all 15 patron Internet computers are in use (with a 1-hour time limit) from opening to closing time. This continues to hold true even as we add new computers. Our patrons let us know how thankful they are for this invaluable service. More than one family has conducted long distance real estate

			searches and transactions using the online access at the library. These families were under extreme stress, having to relocate because of economic circumstances. It was their feeling that we provided a lifeline to them.
Denver	\$ 1,714.30	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We purchased several children's audio books for our listening center. We expanded our DVD collection considerably. Some of the funds were also used to purchase a collection of graphic novels for our teens. We used Direct State Aid funds to pay for our Symantic Anti-Virus subscription and we also purchased a cataloging software subscription to MARC Wizard. Our library patrons expressed an interest in family movie showings at the library. We were able to purchase a one year movie license and the response has been excellent. We also used some of the funds to purchase items to promote National Library Week. With the economic crunch, our library has experienced an increase in usage, especially in the area of entertainment and programming. Patrons are coming to the library to check out movies and bring the family to movie showings and other programs at the library that are free of charge. We have one younger patron at our library who is wheelchair bound. He was not a regular user of the library in the past, but once he noticed in our weekly newspaper article that we were adding new movie titles, many of them new releases, to our DVD collection, and it was free of charge to check them out for 2 days, he started making regular visits several times a week to check out movies. It was something he enjoyed and improved the quality of his life. Eventually, he became a source for making some of our movie purchases. In becoming exposed to what the library had to offer, he now is an avid reader of books and user of the computers. There is hardly a day he is not here to say hello and use the library.
Des Moines	\$46,288.73	Library Materials & Supplies	Books, audio books, and compact discs were purchased with Direct State Aid funds. This funding has improved and updated our collections and helped us move toward our goal of a five-year median age for our collections. We have a picture of a customer at the Forest Avenue library with library assistant Matt Couch who had assisted him several months before with a study guide for the naturalization exam. The young man came in to tell Matt that he had passed and become a U.S. citizen on July 2, 2009.
Dexter	\$ 902.39	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We used this money to buy our automation computer and a new time clock for the library. We also used this to help pay for the programs and prizes for our Summer Reading Program. We had 75 children participate in this year's program. We had

			<p>programs from Dallas County Conservation, Blank Park Zoo, and Creations with a Twist, as well as others. Our community benefited from these funds because we were able to give the children a Summer Reading Program with great incentives that kept them reading. The new shelving has expanded our nonfiction section and has allowed us to purchase more books in that area. The community will benefit when we have our library automated as they can go online and check to see if we have books available and any upcoming events. Our staff will benefit from automation as we will no longer have to send out overdue notices to those with Internet access. Without this funding we would not have been able to give the children of Dexter a Summer Reading Program. To a lot of the children this is the highlight of their summer with the economy the way it is. The library itself is a place for them to go during the day while their parents are working. We also saw a lot of Stuart children here as they are currently moving into a temporary home while their new library is being built. Our program is much different than theirs as we have programming for each week with scheduled activities.</p>
Dickens	\$ 423.61	Technology & Equipment	<p>This money went toward a new computer. We had two computers quit and we desperately needed new ones. The children and young adults use our computers a lot and this has helped tremendously toward making our young folks happy.</p>
Dike	\$ 1,501.45	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	<p>We were able to buy New Inventions and Discoveries, Early People Set, Children's Choice Awards, Teen Awards, and Iowa High School Award books and miscellaneous books for children. We were able to offer two very nice programs that the kids really loved. One little girl just loved our Summer Reading Program. She asked us to continue it for the whole summer.</p>
Donnellson	\$ 1,389.20	Personnel Library Programs Other	<p>We used the funds to extend hours. We are open an additional 1.5 hours per week, paying an average of \$12.00/hr for the additional employee. In addition, we use more utilities during this time. We added an adult book club, a senior computer class, and a writer's group in the past two years. We spend an additional amount on postage to order books, and library and volunteer personnel to help with the classes. The additional hours are so much better for our families and for senior citizens. Our first customers through the door are usually here to use the computers.</p>
Doon	Not eligible		
Dow City	Not		

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Dows	\$ 1,497.00	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We used the money for a movie license, junior fiction books, a new computer, the Summer Reading Program crafts and supplies. We have been able to have better Summer Reading Programs because of the extra money from Direct State Aid and Enrich Iowa funding. We were able to purchase more junior fiction books that helped the first graders with their reading program at school. Many of the books were different levels of reading abilities which made it easy for the kids to pick out their own books.
Dubuque	\$14,014.06	Capital Improvements	The Library is undergoing a \$7 million renovation and restoration project. One feature of the Carnegie building is a rotunda. It was repainted an off-white color. Later we found photographs which depicted this area as decorated with elaborate stenciling. The result of restoring the rotunda to its original splendor is magnificent and it will be enjoyed by generations to come. It will remain a focal point and will never stop causing "oohs and ahhs." Thank you.
Dumont	\$ 488.83	Capital Improvements	The money was combined with a donation from the Friends of the Library to purchase a wooden folding door for our community room. The library holds movie days in the community room. The entrance of the community room has windows that go from the floor to the ceiling. It was very hard to see the TV with the glare from the windows. We would use screens and other items to form a wall to block the sunlight. This would make the room seem like an obstacle course. The wooden folding door allows us to easily block the sunlight as well as making a separate room. This has been something that was needed in the past when the facility was rented. We would not have been able to afford to purchase this door without the state funding. Many of the ladies who come to the movies do not use the library on a regular basis, but they are now library supporters who can be counted on. They enjoy having a reason to get out of the house.
Duncombe	\$ 1,338.12	Technology & Equipment Furniture	We purchased a new computer station with three positions for patron computers. The copy machine is ten years newer than the one we were using in the library. The city of Duncombe leases a new copier every five years and they offered us the option of taking advantage of the buyout so we could update our equipment for a very small sum. Of course this translates into faster, better quality copies for the public as well as the staff. Having the funds to purchase a new computer station has made a difference in many patrons' lives. We have one patron who uses a wheelchair and a wheelchair can

			be wheeled up to the station. The new station was set at handicap height and has no trays that have to be pulled out for the keyboard. Also, having the catalog computer at the same location with the public computers has greatly increased the use of the public catalog.
Dunkerton	\$ 1,307.44	Technology & Equipment	We used the entire amount to change our automation system. It has been great to have our catalog online and members are very appreciative of this.
Dunlap	\$ 957.95	Personnel	Used the money to pay the salary of my replacement for vacation and sick time.
Dyersville	\$ 2,087.15	Library Materials & Supplies	All of our Direct State Aid goes to support and increase our DVD collection. Thank you for enabling us to have a better collection!
Dysart	\$ 1,441.33	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Furniture Library Programs	Extra staff needed for our Summer Reading Program and a second person during pre-school story hour during the school year were hired using Direct State Aid. It was also used for large print books, children's award books and library supplies, a new rolling office chair and book club expenses. I believe the economy is driving people to use the library more this year and they are finding what they need and want with the help of state funding.
Eagle Grove	\$ 2,320.56	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	This money was used for our NEIBORS participation fee. We purchased two public access computers and one staff computer. Our participation in the NEIBORS project has introduced the concept of downloadable audio books to the community. By replacing two public access computers and one staff computer, we have been able to improve efficiency for the computer user. We also have the flexibility of placing two of the older computers back in service if the demand continues to increase.
Earlham	\$ 1,523.66	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	We used the money to extend hours so that we could have a more involved Summer Reading Program. We always like to get a nice supply of new books before the kids get out of school and this year we used some of the state aid money to buy them. We also purchased a computer router, and new picnic tables for our Summer Reading Program.
Earlville	\$ 932.35	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to buy new books, videos and DVDs. Circulation continues to rise, with the economy in a downward swing, and people who did not use the library before, or who haven't used it for many years, are coming back for our services. Free Internet access is a big draw for patrons who have discontinued Internet service at home, and also those who use it to search for jobs. The free magazine, movie and book checkouts also keeps patrons coming in. I feel we truly offer a great community service.

			The Summer Reading Program has been very successful this year also, with over 50 kids registered and using the library services to enrich their summer. We have an elderly patron on a fixed income and she checks out books regularly to help fill her days. She also comes into the library just to visit, for some social interaction. I think that coming to the library is a high point in her day.
Early	Not eligible		
Eddyville	\$ 1,405.65	Personnel	We use the Direct State Aid funds to help pay for additional staff so the library can stay open until 6:30 p.m. four evenings a week. Offering extended evening hours benefits those who are unable to use the library during the daytime hours. (Examples are: students, working adults/teens, and others who may have daytime committments). Offering extended hours benefits many in our community. There are those who tell us they are appreciative of the access to library services in early evenings.
Edgewood	\$ 1,402.89	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We bought new books, audio books, DVDs and a movie license (part of a year). We have been purchasing all the Children's Choice books and more books on CD for seeing impaired and commuters, as well as more DVDs. Our "After School Movies" have been a huge success! We show these movies on days when the school lets out early. We never had fewer than 30 kids and a couple times we had more than 60. We have been complimented on this service many times, especially from working parents who know their kids have a safe place to go until they get home.
Elberon	\$ 808.13	Library Materials & Supplies	This money was used to buy paper rolls for the patron receipt printer, audio books on CD, and new books. The area students did not have to depend solely on their school libraries for access to Iowa Children's Choice Books, Iowa Teen Award Books, and Iowa High School Award Books. They had access to them at Elberon Public Library. Using part of our funding from Direct State Aid, our library bought the complete sets of these books. Area schools cannot afford to buy many sets of these books, so demand is high and the reservation lists are long. On one occasion a mother asked for one of the books needed by her son for a school assignment; his turn hadn't come to borrow it from his school library and the assignment deadline was near. She stated that if our library didn't have it, she would have to drive to Cedar Rapids and try to buy the book. It happened that the book she wanted had just been reshelved, and she was able to check it out. She was pleased to

			be saved the trip to Cedar Rapids, and her son was able to complete his school assignment on time.
Eldon	\$ 945.13	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements	We paid the subscription fees for CD and audio book rotations from Southeastern Library Service area. Used to show USAC (E-rate) that the library had funds in its budget to cover the expenses remaining after grant monies applied. Used to pay state boiler inspection fee, and have lawn treated and fertilized. After the flooding in 2008 and the wet spring, the outside of our building and our lawn needed attention. Used this funding to improve the grounds and since the library is directly on Hwy 16, it's a very visible building and grounds. Our town takes great pride in this facility. There are two elderly ladies in our community who can no longer physically read books. They have still enjoyed books through the audio book tape rotation we subscribe to. It will be a challenge to update them to CD books.
Eldora	\$ 1,955.32	Technology & Equipment	This money helped pay for five computers we bought this year. In particular, this money made possible the purchase of a laptop computer, with which we can now more easily present programs. Also, parents visiting the library wanting to keep an eye on their child can borrow the laptop and use it in the children's area. The laptop also serves as an extra computer when the other computers are all in use.
Eldridge	\$11,990.04	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for library cards, Thomas Gale databases, Tutor.com, a public copy machine, software licensing for public computers, and movie licensing. State funding helps us continue to serve our county wide patrons with the services they demand even as costs go up and revenue remains static. Services such as homework help provided by databases and Tutor.com would not be possible with out state aid. We cannot say enough about the value of state funding. Tutor.com brings in the most stories of appreciation. We had a high school junior come in and tell us how much help he got from an online tutor with calculus. He apparently had difficulty understanding a concept or two and the tutor was able to explain it in such a way that he caught on to it. Parents of younger students call or stop in to say how thankful they are for the online tutor. They can get to it from home and don't have to make a special trip for help or resources because of access to databases or tutor services. We will tell our patrons that it is state money at work for them.
Elgin	\$ 1,292.58	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	This money was used for new books and audio books, computers and monitors. A man near retirement age who has worked for the same company for many years was laid off recently and came in to use the computers to search for jobs. He commented that it

			had been so long since he'd had to look for work, that he'd forgotten how and we helped him do that. He also said that so much job hunting had to be done on the computer, and he did not have one at home, so he would never have been able to apply for these jobs without the library's free resources.
Elk Horn	\$ 1,301.66	Library Materials & Supplies	These funds allowed us to add more audio and large print books than was in our budget.
Elkader	\$ 1,574.42	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was used for NEIBORS-Downloadable Audio Landmark - Audio Lease, and EBSCOHost database. If not for this funding, we would not be close to meeting our community's need for audio books or on-line data bases. We have several homebound patrons that spend their time listening to audio. They go through large numbers of them.
Elliott	\$ 837.79	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We purchased a new copy machine and used this money for our Summer Library Program. The library program has encouraged the children to come back and check books out and enjoy the library. The customers doing genealogy appreciate the copy machine.
Ellsworth	\$ 909.95	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	This funding paid for CD audio books, DVDs, computer technology, and library sponsored events. More up-to-date CD audio books and DVDs were added to the library collection, resulting in increased usage. Several interesting library sponsored events were added this year. And the computer tech was able to keep the public access computers running smoothly with the Direct State Aid funding. A farmer discovered the CD audio books in the library and started using them as he did his field work. He said it was less monotonous listening to books as he went back and forth across the field.
Elma	\$ 1,365.68	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	This money was used to buy mostly books. Special emphasis was placed on board books and biographies for the children and young adult section. Many of the biographies in this section were old and in bad shape. We did extensive weeding in these areas. The Summer Reading Program also needed some help in funding. We scheduled a puppeteer, balloon program, and a card-making program. This money was used to help cover those expenses and others to have a successful Summer Reading Program. It's wonderful to have up-to-date biographies for the youth. Every year we seem to have students come in looking for a biography for a school assignment. They are much more apt to select a new book rather than an old tattered book. We have an outreach program with the Elma Early Childhood Learning Center. They only want us to bring board books. It was necessary for us to get a nice supply as we are taking some books there every two weeks. A better selection of

			books to choose from is always a plus for our patrons.
Ely	\$ 1,627.05	Library Materials & Supplies	Approximately half of this amount has been spent on increasing our audio books (books on CD) collection. The remaining amount was spent on purchasing children's books and junior non-fiction. Library service in our community has improved because we are able to provide a better collection of books on CD for our patrons. Many families take vacations during the summer and have been checking the audio collection out to listen to during their travels. As a result, this part of our collection has seen more circulation. We have some children who do not love to read and are at a lower reading level than their grade. They have checked out some of the more recent and popular books on CD and have enjoyed them. We have also seen an increase in the circulation of our junior non-fiction books since we have weeded and updated the collection.
Emerson	Not eligible		
Emmetsburg	\$ 2,269.34	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We purchased Office Elements, copier toner cartridge, Bibliographical Center for Research, CatExpress (OCLC) subscription, 2000 records, Direct State Aid funding helped the library to obtain high-quality MARC records from an authoritative database for all library materials. Because the library staff was able to quickly and efficiently download records for audio/visual materials, the library staff was free to hold more computer classes than in the past. The classes were very popular among the older segment of our population.
Essex	\$ 1,320.75	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We used this money to help pay for a new set of state books for our junior non-fiction section. The set that we had was incomplete and was published in 1967. We did a fund drive for money for the set. We asked people to "Sponsor a State." We again had a bookmark contest at our elementary school for the kids in the Summer Reading Program. We asked them to use the program's theme. All of the kids in grades K through 6 participated. Because of this funding, we were able to encourage the kids to read (provide new books for them). Because of this funding, we were also able to have other contests at the school to encourage the kids to read. (We were able to direct some other funding for smaller prizes for those contests.) We were able to provide more up-to-date research material for our library as well. One of the nicest things was the teacher telling me how great it was that the kids had such wonderful new research material to work with. Some of the kids had taken the books to school so she was able to see what we had

			to offer. That is pretty wonderful in my opinion.
Estherville	\$ 2,674.50	Technology & Equipment	These funds were available at a time when we needed to update one circulation computer at the main desk and add one computer and slip printer in the children's department. It allowed the children's department to handle more of the traffic flow of children when they needed to check out for several members at one time, for example when there is a special class or program where there are several children. Beth Reineke who is the newest staff person in the children's department now has the capability of being more involved in the total automation/circulation process.
Evansdale	\$ 1,595.06	Technology & Equipment Furniture Library Programs	The money paid for a portion of of EBSCOHost for an annual subscription of the database package, including home repair, small engine repair, auto repair and hobbies and crafts. Haycraft Cabinets constructed three floor to ceiling oak bookcases for our book nook area. We also paid Grout Museum for their Bugs on Parade program for our Summer Reading Program, as well as some prizes. This is the first year we have been able to provide digital databases outside of EBSCOHost for newspapers/magazines and Novelist for RA. The idea of the databases has been very well received, and we hope to be able to continue providing these for our patrons for years to come.
Everly	\$ 877.24	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a new computer, new modem, wireless capability, and virus protection for three computers for two years. This included installation and support. We added another patron computer, (we now have two for patrons) and provide a wireless Internet connection for our customers and visitors to our community. A woman from Minneapolis, MN is here visiting her ailing parents and is using our wireless connection in order to keep in touch with her job in the city.
Exira	\$ 1,399.76	Personnel	Used Direct State Aid for staff salaries. With this funding we are able to pay staff and not have to cut hours the library is open.
Fairbank	\$ 1,400.34	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We bought new encyclopedias, president books, large print books, and anti-virus software. A lady that is having trouble seeing has started to take the large print books. She is really enjoying them!
Fairfax	Not eligible		
Fairfield	\$ 4,016.53	Library Materials & Supplies	Books, audio books, music CDs, films. Direct State Aid is critically important in helping us to pay for library materials. The fact that we met the standards for Tier 3 accreditation really helped our materials budget. Every week we receive many patron

			requests for new materials, so this revenue is a key to patron satisfaction.
Farmersburg	\$ 1,214.36	Personnel	This money was used for Friday library salary hours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Before the library received the funding, the library was only open evenings and on Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon. This now gives patrons a mid-morning/early afternoon option. It is a win-win situation for patrons and the library, as it has increased the library statistics for the year in all areas.
Farmington	Not eligible		
Farnhamville	\$ 523.28	Capital Improvements	We put in a door for our entry using Direct State Aid. We also made it so that it complied with the State Fire Code. Our new door provided our patrons with easier access in and out of the Library. We also put in a new railing for handicap patrons.
Fayette	\$ 1,456.08	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We purchased large print books. The patrons at our library want and need the large print books and they make up a large part of our circulation. We were able to purchase a standing order of two westerns and 2 Christian fiction and 2 clean reads with this money. This money also helped us purchase a new badly needed staff computer. The library board has designated Direct State Aid funds to purchase one computer each year. This year our Friends of the Library are going to match those funds so we can purchase an additional computer.
Fenton	\$ 1,290.44	Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Furniture	We were able to repair and install a computer and programs, as well as a heater and vent fan for the meeting room.
Fertile	\$ 1,307.34	Library Materials & Supplies	Without this funding we would not be able to purchase quality large print books. We are able to add a minimum of 2 new large print books to our collection each month. The demand for large print is growing.
Fonda	\$ 895.22	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	We bought DVDs to replace some that had been checked out and never returned. We also purchased a disc repair machine, a small shelf for the children's area and a new step stool. DVDs are very popular at our library and due to this, we have a large collection. DVDs are sometimes returned with major scratches and being able to repair them will save money over time rather than having to purchase new copies of those that are damaged. With this savings we will have more money available to purchase new titles for our patrons to check out. The shelf will hold puzzles, coloring books, games, etc. in the children's area. The step stool replaces an old worn one and is much more appealing for patrons to see by the shelving.
Fontanelle	\$ 1,293.76	Library Materials &	Money was spent for book cards, book pockets, book

		Supplies Technology & Equipment Library ProgramsOther	covers, two fax cartridges, ink cartridges, and non-fiction books for elementary and junior high children. This money was also spent updating and repairing the computers, copy machine and fax machine and for our Summer Reading Program. (We had a puppet lady who came and entertained the children.) Two John Hopkins medical books were purchased to update our medical information. The library service in our town and surrounding rural area improved through having the library open until 6 P.M. and being open on Saturday mornings. Patrons make much use of our books - both for children, youth and adults, as well as using the three computers. A young single mother spent many hours using the computer here at the library in order to complete homework assignments when she was attending our community college and night classes at Drake University in Des Moines. She has now completed her college courses and is working and providing for her family and has a daughter attending Iowa State University. This funding has certainly helped her to better herself financially.
Forest City	\$ 2,207.59	Personnel	The library was able to extend staff hours with Direct State Aid. The additional hours permitted staff to stay and assist patrons during the Summer Reading Program, story time and crafts, and when the library was busier. Having staff extend hours allowed more librarians to help during programming. One time librarians were cleaning shaving cream out of kids hair, ears, and clothes (the older children had way too much creativity) and another time assembling orderly lines of kids with fingerpaint on their hands to wait to wash up and not touch anything. Parents appreciated the assistance when they brought more than one child.
Fort Atkinson	\$ 1,294.31	Library Materials & Supplies	We recently signed up for the NEIBORS service through our Library Service Area. We also purchased new DVD's -- there is no movie rental in our small community so I try and keep up with the current releases to provide Fort Atkinson with easy access to movies without having to run to another town. By getting extra monetary help from the state we were able to justify signing up for NEIBORS online audio checkout service. We are gradually getting the information out to Fort Atkinson community people that when they can't get to our library physically, they can still access the Internet at home or work. So we have been able to improve the usage by reaching out a little farther.
Fort Dodge	\$ 7,744.34	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	Without this funding we would not have been able to purchase additional audios, DVDs, and do the programming that we do without the extra staff

		Technology & Equipment	throughout the summer. We also purchased a TV for the meeting room.
Fort Madison	\$ 1,318.71	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	This money was used to begin a collection of book/CD packs for the children's section. As tape players become less common, we need to begin changing the book/tape kits to the next technology. This money helped to pay for our ongoing subscription to ancestry.com and Heritage Quest. Parents who were looking for a way for their kids to read a long with a book but no longer had a tape player can now find books pared with a CD of that book being read aloud on CD. The parent of a pre-schooler, upon discovering that we had book/CD kits for kids, comes in about every other week to pick out a couple with her son and this is improving his reading skills and readiness for kindergarton.
Fredericksburg	\$ 1,457.54	Personnel Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We added two more evening hours, and upgraded our computer monitor. We are able to sustain our family fun nights, and "Read It" adult book discussion. We have been able to start adding a monthly schedule of classes for adults ranging from gardening tips and planning, financial planning, enhancing photos and digital scrapbooking, as well as computer classes. There are three older women who love to read but because of age don't get to be involved in many activities. The "Read It" group is a special group that meets in the morning, arranged around the senior citizens' meal site. They have gotten very involved with this group and feels like it is "theirs".
Galva	\$ 814.89	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought books, DVDs and computer games. We do not have a movie rental store in our town so the DVDs are a big hit at our library.
Garden Grove	Not eligible		
Garnavillo	\$ 1,419.27	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Other	By using the Enrich Iowa and Direct State Aid funds for various items, the staff was able to provide services (lamination and a new computer monitor) for public use. The replacement of the bathroom floor and the purchase of a new vacuum helps to make the library a more pleasant experience. The Garnavillo Public Library has a patron who is very into scrap booking and appreciates the lamination service that the library can now provide as some of the items she is archiving needs protection due to its age.
Garner	\$ 2,013.52	Personnel	Salary for a children's staff person. This money lets me have a children/YA's staff person. She does storytimes, goes to daycares, gives class tours, and helps me plan and carry out all proگرامing for our kids. We could not offer these things without her.
Garrison	\$ 449.02	Personnel Library Materials &	The state funds have helped us with many projects - new computers, more current books and DVD's, as

		Supplies	well as documentaries. In addition it has helped pay wages and encouraged more community use of the library. Like Spencer's "Dewey," our library is starting to help bring the community back together. Without state funds, this would not be possible. Gabby is a mixed race child of Native American, African American and Caucasian. She is constantly in our library and was ecstatic when we extended the hours. She is part of the Volunteer Program which we have established due partly to state funds. Gabby has become an avid reader and also volunteers at her school library. The school librarian is also very proud of her. Thanks to the state funding, the volunteer program, and the result of community awareness, the state has given her the chance and a dream of someday becoming a librarian.
Garwin	\$ 863.49	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	This money was used for children's books and Internet access.
George	\$ 1,002.46	Personnel	The Direct State Aid was used for salaries for additional help at the library. The library has seen increased usage this past year so additional staffing was necessary.
Gilman	Not eligible		
Gilmore City	\$ 1,309.27	Technology & Equipment	We bought two computers. Our computer usage has risen dramatically with the downturn in the economy. As a result of the two new computers, we are able to provide service to more patrons. They are using them to file unemployment claims, find jobs and to keep in touch with friends and family. We have a young single mother dealing with the loss of her job. She had to cancel her television and Internet services. She uses the computer each day and as a result is going back to school. She is also able to get movies for her children since she no longer has cable service. She has told us how very happy she is to have the library services to help her through these rough times.
Gladbrook	\$ 940.17	Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Furniture Library Programs	We bought new computer monitors for patrons and the installation of a back door. We updated our periodical area with two new oak magazine racks and the two new monitors take up less room and give us an updated look and feel. One man was able to find work using the internet to file an application.
Glenwood	\$ 2,506.24	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Large and regular print books. We replaced our network server, and used this money on the project. This money enabled us to keep up with technology and provide smooth service to our customers.
Glidden	\$ 1,002.36	Library Materials &	Without Direct State Aid funding I wouldn't be able to

		Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	provide Summer Reading Program incentives to the kids, as this is an extra expense. I don't have a "programs" line item in my budget so I depend on Direct State Aid to help purchase things I normally wouldn't be able to get, like library magnets with our hours, Christian and children's fiction books, and computer repairs.
Gowrie	\$ 1,469.71	Furniture Library Programs	Purchased a new table and four chairs for the back room. Also used this money for our Summer Reading Program. I used the money to help pay for The Spoonman, a show that I haven't been able to afford before. The kids normally don't get to do things like this.
Graettinger	Not eligible		
Grafton	\$ 523.72	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We were able to pay for extra staff for weeding the collection, bar codes, and for library computer repairs.
Grand Junction	\$ 1,401.13	Personnel	All Direct State Aid was used for additional staff. We added an afterschool program and the amount of patrons in the library on those days was too much for the staff to handle without additional help.
Granger	\$ 838.61	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to pay the salary for a person working on our automation project. We also purchased Iowa Choice books (for high schoolers, children and teens).
Greene	\$ 1,427.60	Personnel	It was necessary to cut two hours a week from our schedule (now open 48 hours per week), but because of this funding, we were able to hang onto our staff and continue to offer our same quality of services. The librarian who was hired years ago because of this funding has been invaluable. She has taken over the monthly decorating of the library and given the building a certain sense of style. Many of our patrons comment on her wonderful displays and tell us how welcoming the library seems. She has been a definite asset and was hired originally because of Direct State Aid.
Greenfield	\$ 1,629.64	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Other	We purchased audio books and large print books, subscribed to the WILBOR program and help pay for a maintenance contract for a micro-film reader/printer. The money helps pay for purchase of local newspapers in the county on micro-film for our genealogy collection. This funding is helping to serve our patrons ever growing demand for audio books. We are hoping that the WILBOR program will also help fill that gap. As our city's population of senior citizens is growing, so is the need for large print books. We are able to purchase more of these books with help from Direct State Aid funding. We are able

			to supply a lady who lives in assisted living at a local nursing home with books all year 'round. Very rarely does she leave the facility and her main entertainment and comfort is reading large print material from the library.
Grimes	\$ 2,782.99	Technology & Equipment	We used the Direct State Aid money to purchase our new automated circulation system. The library paid the difference. This funding enabled the library to provide better service to our patrons by receiving help to purchase a new circulation system that is Web based and allows patrons to access their accounts safely online, renew items, place holds, and monitor their accounts to avoid loss and fines. Many patrons have expressed thanks for the e-mail notices our new software sends out notifying patrons of items due.
Grinnell	\$ 3,225.88	Library Materials & Supplies	Our community has a large retired population and large print books are heavily used. This supplement to our materials budget is very helpful in maintaining the collection. We also circulate the collection to smaller libraries in our region, extending the impact of this funding.
Griswold	\$ 1,428.07	Technology & Equipment	We purchased three computers, network hookup, labor and software. This expanded and updated our network of computers from five to six as we replaced two old computers and added another new station. All six are served by a host computer and Microsoft Office 2007 was added as software. This has allowed us to serve some of our Iowa Western students that we couldn't accommodate before, offer more computers for job searches, resume writing, keeping contact with families and other loved ones serving in the armed forces. One of our patrons has a boyfriend stationed in Afghanistan that she can communicate with over the Internet using Yahoo Messenger. This gives both of them an opportunity to visit one-on-one and hopefully provide support in times of need. They greatly appreciate being able to do this through their local, small-town library.
Grundy Center	\$ 1,960.53	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We used this money to purchase audio books, and young adult, juvenile and adult books. We upgraded one of our computers with these funds. This funding allows us to make purchases above the budget we have each year. Our computer funding is lacking in our budget so this generous amount is very welcome. Our children and juvenile readers really get excited when they come in and find new books on display in their sections.
Guthrie Center	\$ 1,676.52	Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase two computers to replace two public access computers that were old and very slow. The two old ones will be able to be used for kids to play games. The remainder of the money

			went toward a new receipt printer. With the declining city budget, it was obvious that we were not going to be able to replace the two computers that had become outdated and very slow.
Guttenberg	\$ 1,691.24	Library Materials & Supplies	Newspaper and magazine subscriptions were purchased. Every day, patrons come to the library to read the newspapers; many are looking for jobs in the classified ads. Some are interested in the state news and especially enjoy <i>The Des Moines Register</i> . Patrons also check out many magazines; some have canceled their own personal magazine subscriptions to save money, due to the state of the economy.
Hamburg	\$ 973.55	Technology & Equipment	TechSoup offered ESRI's ArcView and an Adobe Special Donation Program. Adobe Creative Suite 3, Adobe Premiere Elements 7, and ArcView 9.3 were purchased. ArcView provides capabilities for creating maps that show information such as population characteristics. The Boy Scouts have used ArcView for their mapping projects. Photoshop and Illustrator were used to create flyers for community events. One of our patrons has very poor eyesight; however, he has been able to use Adobe Premiere Elements to edit some of his homemade videos. He is very pleased to use this program instead of spending hundreds of dollars for a video mixer.
Hampton	\$ 2,710.49	Technology & Equipment	We replaced all our public access Internet CPU's as well as two CPU's utilized by staff only. We had the Bill Gates Foundation computers but they were becoming obsolete. This funding was really needed for our public access Internet computers which are used daily by patrons from all walks of life. This year especially, the library saw new patrons coming in to look for jobs and type resumes on our public access computer stations. It was great to be able to help!
Hanlontown	\$ 1,278.60	Library Materials & Supplies	The whole amount was used to rent books and audio books. With this money our small library is better able to provide a wider variety of books and more of them. Thus we can serve more people with different interests than just on our own. A young boy (new to our area) only checked out movies. With the librarian's help he discovered that some of the movies that he liked were also books. So he tried a book. Now he will ask if a movie has a "book." This was refreshing from the other way when people ask if a book has been made into a movie.
Harcourt	\$ 1,296.97	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for new books, DVDs and equipment upkeep.
Harlan	\$ 2,572.57	Library Materials & Supplies	Books and video materials (DVD format only) were bought. We have been able to provide approximately

			120 new items for the library patrons because of the state funding. A large portion of the funding went to our new business section, housing materials that will aid anyone interested in creating or growing a business.
Harpers Ferry	\$ 453.40	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs Other	The funds were spent on personnel for learning a new automation system. This is a tremendous help when purchasing office supplies, especially with the small budget we have. It's used for fax machine paper. We have a fairly new building, (2001) and so far we have needed no building improvements, but have purchased newer furniture and shelving. The money also helps with the Summer Library Program materials and books, and t-shirts/supplies for the end of the summer program. This funding is a tremendous help for us as our budget is stretched as far as it can be. We hope it will be possible to continue receiving the funds. Thank you
Hartley	\$ 1,548.52	Library Materials & Supplies	Due to a lack of updated audio CDs, we were able to update and add to our collection. Our patrons have been very pleased and comment on how nice our collection is now. Our nursing home and assisted living patrons have enjoyed the delivery service of audios since their eyesight has become such that they are no longer able to read. By listening to the audios they are able to enjoy reading again.
Havelock	Not eligible		
Hawarden	\$ 1,898.01	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We spent Direct State Aid on our CD lease program, an online (Web) encyclopedia, and new audio books.
Hawkeye	\$ 1,247.05	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	The money paid for Follett support, Follett Alliance Plus online subscription for Internet access, and our Summer Reading Program. The Follett support helps improve our catalog so patrons can find books faster. We were able to extend our Summer Reading Program with the added supplies and materials.
Hedrick	\$ 1,325.99	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We used this money for computer virus protection, and Summer Reading Program supplies (art supplies/craft materials/summer reading books/party supplies/gifts for reading prizes/a clown for the party/and handouts for the Summer Reading Program). We also use some of the money for our winter reading program supplies - craft materials/gifts for the reading prizes. We are a very small library with a very small budget. The state money allows us to have a very nice Summer Reading Program, party, and gifts that we otherwise could not afford. Also a smaller winter reading program for both elementary and high school students

			encourages them to use the library during their busy winter months. On the first day of spring, we have a drawing for kids who have read books during the winter reading time. Our entire community benefits from our Halloween activity. The City Council chooses the Beggar's Night date, and the library puts on a nice neighborhood activity. We start out with a costume parade beginning at the fire station at 5 p.m. The little ghosts and goblins follow a fire truck down Main Street to the community center. Our library board and staff prepared hot dogs, chips, chili, and drinks for the children and the adults who accompany them. We have both picture books for the little ones and chapter books for the older kids. We give each trick or treat a glow stick or necklace to make them more easily visible. Trick or treating follows immediately until 8 p.m.
Hiawatha	\$ 3,032.30	Personnel	We used Direct State Aid for paying staff so that the library could be open on Sundays during the school year. We have been increasingly busy on these days, and the community is well served by this expenditure.
Hillsboro	Not eligible		
Holstein	\$ 1,472.60	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	The money helped pay for part of our Wilbor subscription. It also paid for Disc-go-Devil and a disc repair machine.
Hopkinton	\$ 908.55	Personnel Furniture	We used this money to hire a person to clean our library so our regular staff would have more time to work with patrons and take care of daily tasks. Because we had this money available we were able to add display shelving to our junior section. This allowed us to display the new books we were getting in and helped tremendously with our checkouts for that particular group.
Hospers	\$ 1,457.84	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was spent on improving the beginning reader and picture book collection.
Hubbard	Not eligible		
Hudson	\$ 1,706.10	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We used the money for DVDs and a laptop for showing movies with a projector. We also got a digital camera and purchased a movie license for in-house viewing. We are showing children's movies on "early out" afternoons during the school year. Parents and caregivers are appreciative of this service. They know that the children are safe and happy.
Hull	\$ 1,275.35	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We switched to a new automation system eight months ago and decided that it was a good time to get library cards for our library which we haven't

			<p>purchased in 20 years. We used these funds to help supplement our Summer Reading Programs. This is only the second year that we have had an adult Summer Reading Program and so this year we purchased and gave away book bags to everyone who signed up for this program as an incentive. As a result, more of our adult collection is being checked out and adults are looking for new authors and books to read, not only for themselves, but for their children as well. Also, while not fully implemented, the cards are helping circulation run smoother and more efficiently. Many people like to bike around town in the summer and that includes biking to the library. One person told us how much they liked the book bag that they got because now they could check out a lot of books, movies, and audio books and have an easy way to transport them on their bike.</p>
Humboldt	\$ 2,376.64	Library Materials & Supplies	<p>Adult and young adult books on CD, and adult and young adult DVDs were purchased.</p>
Humeston	\$ 421.44	Technology & Equipment	<p>This covered most of the renewal fee for our automation system. The total fee was \$495 so this helped tremendously. Our library raised special funds in order to automate about 4 years ago. The renewal fee each year is \$495 and is a bit steep for a small budget. Using Direct State Aid to help cover this expense ensures that we have the most up-to-date software version and we have customer service just a call or click away. Maintaining our automation system is crucial now that our patrons have adjusted to its usefulness. Numerous patrons ask staff if they have checked out a book or not and with two clicks of the mouse we can tell them if they have or haven't. Keeping our software insured against future problems by maintaining the service agreement is very important and ultimately improves our customer service.</p>
Huxley	\$ 1,854.77	Technology & Equipment	<p>We used all of this money (and other monies) to purchase a RTI ECO-Senior II Fully Automatic Disc Resurfacing Machine to fix all DVDs, CDs, etc.</p>
Ida Grove	\$ 1,684.32	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Other	<p>We purchased new books, audio books, and DVDs to add to our collection. Most of the books purchased were for our teen area. We replaced our 10-year-old vacuum with a new one. We purchased five new computer chair mats to protect our carpet and tile floors. We recently added a children's room in our facility. Due to moving our children's collection we were able to create a teen area in the main library. This funding allowed us to purchase numerous books to add to that area. We have noticed a significant increase in circulation for this age group.</p>
Independence	\$ 1,920.40	Library Materials & Supplies	<p>We were able to increase the size of our audio book collection for children, teens and adults. This</p>

		Technology & Equipment	collection is heavily used in our library, especially by those adults who are commuting to work, and families who are traveling to visit other family members or who are on vacation.
Indianola	\$ 4,759.50	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture Other	We used Direct State Aid money to purchase online databases such as EBSCO, Reference USA, Heritage Quest and the Encyclopedia Britannica. This year we purchased a video projector for use in library programs. We also purchased a new public printer. We also purchased a replacement monitor for our security system. Our new public printer needed a stand. When funding ran short from our regular budget, we used this money to purchase replacement CD cases.
Inwood	\$ 1,424.55	Personnel Technology & Equipment Library Programs Other	We hired a person to do fall story hour. It also helped partially pay for a new circulation computer, our Summer Reading Program supplies and new shelving.
Ionia	\$ 1,296.13	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	The funds helped pay the director's salary and to add to our collection of DVDs. People in our community are switching from VCR to DVD and are using our small but growing collection of DVDs.
Iowa City	\$18,506.13	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We purchased a new server and switches to add redundancy to our system to insure that we can maintain computer access even if part of our equipment fails. We also purchased additional storage so we are able to store larger files, such as video. We planned a four-month-long series of programs, Thinking Lincoln, from November 2008 through February 2009, to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. We have never had such a long running, quality exhibit and it brought many people and groups to the library. It was great to see people of all ages learning more about Abraham Lincoln.
Iowa Falls	\$ 2,487.27	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We added to our collection this year, especially the audio book formats. We also began a small Playaway collection which we hope to expand. Currently, however, our books on CD format are the most popular. We also are part of the NEIBORS project. We've continued and expanded our "ONE BOOK" community reads program. This past year we partnered with the community college and used a book that garnered much public support from new areas of the community. We had students at some public library events. Our ONE BOOK selection, "The Last Town on Earth," dealt with the flu epidemic of 1918. It was historical fiction. We had a member of the public bring in a very personal story of a family member, a soldier, who was part of the epidemic. Her memorabilia was highlighted in a local

			newspaper article and helped kick off the program.
Irwin	Not eligible		
Jamaica	Not eligible		
Janesville	\$ 1,533.87	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	The money was used to staff the library on Saturdays and for new books.
Jefferson	\$ 2,316.19	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid funds were used to extend the subscription to WILBOR audio books, purchase new items for the children's Creative Learning Center, purchase both adult and children's movies on DVD, purchase many new teen books, and purchase new puppets for the children. The funds were also used to extend a subscription to HeritageQuest genealogy database, and purchase software and accessories for the library's new Wii gaming system. DSA funds were used to renew the library's movie license. Many people use audio books - those who are visually challenged, enjoy "reading" while exercising, commuting and traveling. WILBOR downloadable audio books allows us to offer more titles to our customers (available on-line) as we are limited in space and funds. Being part of a consortium is a great way to economize. We were able to remodel our teen area this year. We doubled the shelf space, so were very excited to purchase many new teen books with this money.
Jesup	\$ 1,719.77	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased new World Book Encyclopedia, paid for our downloadable books subscription (NEIBORS). Even though children can get a lot of information off of the computer, some don't have an encyclopedia or a computer at home. We have five patron' computers that children can use, so they all can't be on them at once when a class comes to do research.
Jewell	\$ 1,515.93	Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid helped supplement the cost of replacing the back doors, the doors entering the library's community room, with energy efficient ones. The replacement doors have not only helped the library keep its utility bills in check, but have also provided easier access to the room and a much easier lock system with which to secure the room upon exiting.
Johnston	\$ 5,330.35	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	This year we updated the juvenile collection, especially the juvenile non-fiction area. These funds augmented our budget and enabled us to focus on a portion of the collection that needed to be updated. Two additional public computers/monitors were purchased in response to the increase in demand by library users. Due to weeding and the purchase of new items, the juvenile non-fiction circulation is up

			18% over the comparable months in the prior fiscal year. Young people have greater access to more current materials to assist them in homework projects and to support their intellectual curiosity. Due to the economy, our public computer use has increased dramatically. Adding two additional public computers reduces the number of times that people need to wait for an available machine. Many of our users are utilizing our computers to increase computer skills, develop resumes, or conduct job searches. The two new computers are a welcome addition.
Joice	\$ 1,279.04	Library Materials & Supplies	We used the funds to replace aging reference books, update serials, and replenish work supplies. New home repair books helped "do it yourself" patrons in our community who have been laid off from the local factory save money by not having to hire a professional to do work they can do themselves.
Kalona	\$ 1,859.13	Personnel	We extended the hours of the youth librarian to full time. This increased the number of library personnel with health benefits from one person to two people. When the Direct State Aid is added to our city and county contributions, we are able to continue to offer our community a top notch library. We were able to hire an outstanding youth librarian last fall because we had the ability to offer her a full-time position with benefits. That was because of Direct State Aid.
Kanawha	\$ 1,395.11	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for new continuing education books, new desks for the librarian and patrons, new double door going into community room, and the Summer Library Program. This amount seems small, but it helped cover areas that are important to the library! Thanks!!!
Kensett	\$ 903.65	Library Materials & Supplies	We updated our children's books, replaced a set of books that was in bad shape, added new series, purchased DVDs, and purchased some games to use when we have parties.
Keokuk	\$ 3,731.53	Technology & Equipment	We purchased three new staff computers, upgraded the RAM, purchased extended warranties, productivity software and paid for networking and installation. My staff is thrilled to get new computers, and I was thrilled to have the state aid funds to make that possible. We tend to focus so much on the public that we forget to take care of the staff behind the scenes. Two staff computers that were plagued with problems were replaced, and one circulation desk computer that was often "crashing" was also replaced.
Keosauqua	\$ 926.66	Capital Improvements	In the fall of 2008, we completed a huge remodeling

			project. Our library had not been updated with paint and carpet for over 40 years. We fixed all the cracks in the ceiling and walls, and painted all the walls, replaced all the floor covering and used the space we have more effectively. This has had a great impact on our library patrons, who love to see our updated, new look.
Keota	\$ 1,382.42	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Large print books and audios were purchased and we bought computer maintenance and software updates and maintenance. Our mailman in town loves to listen to audio books when she delivers the mail instead of the radio. She loves all the new audio books she gets to listen to without commercials!
Keystone	\$ 1,300.87	Technology & Equipment	We used the funds to buy Atrium Automation Software and pay for training. The upgrade to our catalog will allow patrons to browse our catalog on-line and provide better records for staff.
Kimballton	Not eligible		
Kingsley	\$ 1,031.48	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We were able to hire a person to help with the Summer Reading Program, as well as the needed supplies. We were also able to buy t-shirts for prizes for the program. The children love to be entertained and also like to earn a t-shirt.
Klemme	\$ 1,376.93	Technology & Equipment	The library was able to purchase a new computer. With the usage of computers in the library, there is always a need for upgrading. We heard of several families in our community that have cancelled their Internet services and have started using the library more than they did in the past.
Knoxville	\$ 3,087.94	Technology & Equipment	We bought two Dell computers for public use. They replaced old systems in our efforts to maintain and upkeep the technology. There is a total of 14 public computers at the library and seven are wired for the Internet. It is important to be up-to-date on the technology. Usage of the public computers has increased in the past year and continues to increase as more people cut back on expenses in this tough economy. People come to the library seeking information on employment, filling out job applications or writing resumes, communicating with friends or families, looking for entertainment or fulfillment of some kind. Quite a few patrons also file for unemployment benefits online. This would not be possible without the library offering free access to the Internet.
La Porte City	\$ 1,652.70	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	This money was used for salaries to hire people for special programs at the library. We also purchased books for the library that could be used for summer reading and other programming. These were books that were purchased above our budget amount. I

			have one child that attended the Summer Reading Program and has become very interested in making balloon animals. I was able to purchase a new balloon sculpture book that he could check out and use for his own benefit. He is trying to learn this so he can make these at his parent's restaurant.
Lacona	\$ 835.60	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was used for an electric pencil sharpener, staplers, staple remover, blank labels, copy paper, books, DVD's, pens, children's crafts, treats, postage, clear lable protectors, sheet protectors, audio CDs, a cordless phone, a wireless network, Microsoft office installing CD, and ear phones. This money helped tremendously as we lost everything in the library due to a fire, August 2008
Lake City	\$ 1,749.87	Library Materials & Supplies	In conjunction with two new reading promotions for teens, we used the Direct State Aid funds to purchase books for our young adult collection. Our young adult collection looks fresh and exciting. Many of the new books were selected by the readers themselves, so the interest in this collection has grown.
Lake Mills	\$ 1,720.74	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid was used for an easel, craft supplies, laser printer and ink, two computer monitors, Wii console and games, and sink guards to be ADA compliant.
Lake Park	\$ 1,413.58	Library Programs	We started a school "early-out" program for children who had no other place to go. We used money for supplies, games and promotion of the program. Money also covered extra time to pay staff. Many parents were grateful to know where their children were during the hours that school was dismissed and the parents were working. We averaged 50 children per afternoon.
Lake View	\$ 1,512.69	Technology & Equipment	A technology consultant was paid for with these funds. We now have a totally remodeled children's area and continue to add approximately 40 items each month to or collection.
Lakota	\$ 1,268.46	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We spent money to train the library director, purchase new materials, computer/copy machine costs, and for additional Summer Reading Program prizes. People are always telling me how amazed they are at what services and up-to-date materials we provide in our small town library. It makes my day!
Lamoni	\$ 1,667.13	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid was spent on junior fiction and non-fiction books, and materials and supplies for our Summer Library Program. We continue to develop our outreach to the children of our community and as we do this more materials are required. Younger families are having fun using our library. Our community enjoys our summer program and having

			Direct State Aid allows us to provide a quality program for them. As our library becomes more and more the gathering place for children after school, for families of young children during the day, and as our outreach continues for our senior citizens, we are well aware of how important the funding is and are very appreciative of the monies supplied by the State of Iowa as well as those of our local government to assist us in being an exciting place for our community.
Lamont	Not eligible		
Lansing	\$ 1,434.71	Personnel	With these funds, we are able to extend the library hours by six a week from June through September. Thank you very much. We have a lot of tourists using the internet and these extra hours are very helpful for them as well as helping the children.
Larchwood	\$ 975.10	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for music CDs and music books, audio books, CD cases and processing supplies, juvenile audio books and story DVDs Most of these items went along with this year's Summer Reading Program theme of "Be Creative @ Your Library."
Laurel	Not eligible		
Laurens	\$ 1,507.21	Technology & Equipment	We were able to buy new staff computers - the six we were using will now become patron use computers. With the increased use of our computers, this is a very timely addition!
Lawler	\$ 1,322.51	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	This amount was divided between DVDs and young adult books, and computer updates. The three public access computers were giving me lots of problems and all needed updating and new anti-virus software. The color printer only worked off one of the computers. I'm glad I had them worked on as they are getting all kinds of useage now. DVDs go really well during the summer months, and more than once people have told me that they would much rather check them out here for free than to have to pay to rent them at the convenience store in town. I have also been trying to overhaul the young adult section with more up-to-date books, and books that the teens ask for.
Le Claire	\$ 1,726.23	Library Materials & Supplies	The LeClaire Community Library, using Direct State Aid funds, has enrolled in a book program so that we automatically receive a specific number of new, popular-titled large print books each month. We feel that this purchase meets the needs of many of our customers. Until now we ordered just a few large print titles, but this helps us to have an ongoing new supply readily available.
Le Grand	\$ 1,371.11	Library Materials &	Direct State Aid helped us purchase DVDs, EBSCOHost

		Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Furniture	databases, CatExpress, a copier maintenance agreement, a new door opener to decrease air infiltration and improve handicap accessibility. We were also able to repair a defective air conditioner, buy a new desk for a public access Internet computer, and purchase a new shelving unit for DVDs.
Le Mars	\$ 3,286.88	Technology & Equipment	We were able to get a new automation system which allows us to have our catalog up and running on our Web site. Our patrons are now able to check their account, renew, and reserve from anywhere they have access to the Internet.
Ledyard	\$ 486.91	Furniture Other	We were able to purchase a new chair for our computer station. We also had a unique book shelf put up. On top of our bookshelf are music, sport, and art plaques from our school.
Lehigh	\$ 1,352.97	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	This money was used to enroll the library in the NEIBORS program through the North Central Library Service Area, and to purchase new children's books. This money was spent to purchase a new all-in-one printer/scanner/copier/fax machine, as the old one ceased to function. This money has gone toward paying for supplies and prizes for the Summer Reading Program. These services have improved patron satisfaction and service greatly. I have a patron who is quite fond of audio books, and was having a difficult time finding a certain book on CD. I could not locate the title, and tried our new NEIBORS account to see if it was there. I was completely new to the system, but I found the title, checked it out for her, downloaded it to CD, and made a patron quite happy in the process. Not bad for a training run!
Lenox	\$ 1,419.73	Technology & Equipment	We were able to buy one copy machine and one laptop computer. We could not manage without it. We really needed a new copier and of course the laptop. We have only three desk stations for the public so this can be moved around. More people can use the computers at a one time. The copies for people are numerous. There aren't many places in our small town that do coping for the public.
Leon	\$ 1,054.96	Capital Improvements Library Programs	Equipment and installation of a new, energy efficient central air conditioner was paid for with Direct State Aid. The money also helped pay for our Summer Library Program advertising and supplies. This money was important since our 2010 budget was cut by \$1,475 after being flatlined for 3 years. The money that went toward the Summer Reading Program was especially appreciated as it replaced money budgeted from our endowment fund that became inaccessible due to the condition of the stock market. Between the middle of June and the end of July, we have been seeing an increasing number of patrons after

			something of a slow spring.
Letts	\$ 1,281.18	Personnel Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped pay for salaries and Internet access.
Lewis	\$ 482.16	Library Materials & Supplies Other	Adult and teen books, movies and a nice selection of board games and card games were purchased with these funds. They also helped us renew our MARC records which is necessary for our continuing job of card cataloging. Also, additional monies for books and DVDs make it possible to increase our new selections. We have a family that very much appreciates our selection of books and movies. The economy has made it very hard for them and others to have any of the entertainment they used to be able to afford. We have one "family" that comes in and plays board games and cards. More young people are using the library to watch a movie, play cards or board games.
Lime Springs	\$ 929.62	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture	These funds were used to purchase audio books, DVD's and large print books, as well as a card table set and four black chairs for the computer station. We have monthly social games so a new card table set was appreciated. We have more patrons using audio CDs and large print books. The children are checking out more movies. Our library is very grateful for the Direct State Aid money we received.
Linden	\$ 410.91	Personnel	This money was spent for additional staff. Having the same person working the evening and weekend hours has made people more comfortable in asking for help and knowing who will be working.
Linn Grove	\$ 828.01	Personnel	The money was used for staff wages. We are able to open more hours for our patrons and others who come to our town and our library.
Lisbon	\$ 1,732.81	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture Other	We used some of Direct State aid for a subscription to NEIBORS, an audio book library that patrons may download from their home computers onto listening devices. Funds were also used on a Tumblebooks subscription for our Web site that enables children to listen to stories while they read along. Money was also spent for a new scanner for our Follett circulation system, for a low round table from for the young adult section of the library, and for membership dues for the Linn County Library Consortium. In the current economy, more people than ever are using our library, even when they don't come in. Through the NEIBORS and Tumblebooks subscriptions linked through our Web site, people can use the library's services at home or work. We have been making a bigger effort to serve the young adults of our community, which we see as an underserved

			population. By purchasing special furniture for their use, we are making a comfortable and welcoming environment. Several young adults in our community use the library as a second home and a safe haven.
Little Rock	\$ 481.42	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought adult and children's books - both hardback and audio. We also bought DVDs. We do not have a movie rental in town so our supply of videos and DVDs are a source for the town. The money was important since our budget was cut.
Livermore	\$ 1,304.68	Personnel Technology & Equipment	We had the preschool come once a month for a story hour and used this money to help staff the program. This did not include preparation of story hour. We also spent some of the money for Internet access. Our Internet provider dissolved so we had to pay extra money that we didn't get from e-rate. We also made computer repairs and purchased a fax receiver box to transfer the phone to fax. This funding helps a lot in keeping our computer/ Internet services up and going. Computers are a service we provide to our community that is highly used and appreciated. We lost our school in town, and therefore lost our story hour, so we wanted to reach out to the kids so we can keep them interested in the library and books.
Logan	\$ 1,489.44	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to buy more audio books because of this funding, more current titles. We have a gentleman who loves to read but had limited time because of an on-the-road job. He discovered we have audio books and now is a weekly patron that enjoys the current titles.
Lohrville	\$ 1,321.15	Personnel	Some of Direct State Aid was spent on salaries for the staff so we could be open extended hours to serve our patrons and community. We are able to have more morning hours, which our older patrons enjoy. They stop after the post office and their coffee stop. They will usually stay until around noon, then go home for lunch and come back around 2 p.m. We have a lot of single, older patrons who like to come in just for the interaction and company of anyone who is in the library.
Lost Nation	\$ 425.49	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased adult and children's books, book processing supplies, and paper renewal. We are unable to purchase most of our items due to our low funding. We rely heavily on donations and Direct State Aid for new books and library supplies. The patrons of our community are grateful for newer books to check out here, rather than travel to a larger library.
Lowden	\$ 1,339.18	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	This money paid for new books, part of a Destiny license and EBSCOHost database. The money also goes towards toddler time and the Summer Reading Program, and purchased a bicycle rack from Iowa

		Library Programs Other	Prison Industries. This funding helps to provide services as well as special projects in our library. My patron was able to use EBSCOHost for some research and found everything he was looking for. Direct State Aid makes a difference in the life of the library by providing the license for our automation program (Destiny) which has been a huge time saver.
Lu Verne	\$ 1,336.66	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid allowed us to buy quality children's and adult books, new release DVDs, children's programs, the Summer Reading Program and adult programs. New release DVDs draw new people in, as the library is the only place in town to rent DVDs. Our new book display is next to the new DVD display, so when they come in for DVDs, they also see all the new books. This has increased our circulation. Saturday morning movies at the library are very popular. The young children really enjoy the new picture books.
Lynnville	\$ 647.01	Technology & Equipment	We had to do an emergency replacement of our circulation computer and paid for it with Direct State Aid. We also use this computer for staff and reference work for the public. This funding is helping the public who are coming into the library looking for help with job opportunities.
Lytton	\$ 901.95	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to buy 15 adult books, 9 DVDs, 10 children's books, printer ink, copy paper, two magazine subscriptions and two reference books.
Madrid	\$ 1,770.11	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture Other	We purchased new books, three media carts, and paid for our WILBOR consortium. The library was able to provide our patrons more access to audio books through the WILBOR consortium. Many patrons enjoy downloading these audio books to their MP3 players and computers. We were able to add many new titles with this funding which keeps our patrons happy. Game days are very popular here and with this funding we were able to purchase media carts. These carts hold our extra TVs and game systems; if a patron needs to use a TV or DVD in our meeting room, they can do so without our employees spending a lot of time setting them up. Many people have commented how easy it is to download audio books from WILBOR. With the new bike trail here, many people enjoy this free service and listen to audio books while walking or riding bicycles on the trail.
Mallard	Not eligible		
Malvern	\$ 1,404.97	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology &	We used part of these funds for salaries and for educational programming. Chad Lewis - speaker and paranormal investigator - came and spoke to over a hundred people at our library. We also used this

		Equipment Library Programs	money to purchase new books and some movies for our children's section. We also purchased a new networkable 'Brother' printer for patrons to use. We purchased craft supplies for our Summer Reading Program. Circulation regarding the books and movies has increased by five percent. Everyone loves them.
Manchester	\$ 2,489.52	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a new public catalog computer and made partial payments on two new children's public computers. The public catalog computer replaced an older computer that did not work as well. The public uses the new computer frequently to look up books and other materials in our system. The two new children's public computers replaced two older computers that were unable to support current software. We installed over 30 educational and fun games, as well as Microsoft Office on the new children's computers. We have seen a tremendous increase in children's computer usage - over 70%. A child saw other kids playing a game on one of the computers and came back to try the game another day. She loved it and has been returning to the Library regularly to play not only that game but other educational and fun games. We have many children at the library who love the new computers and the games on them. The staff also enjoys the new computers as they are easier to maintain and administer.
Manilla	Not eligible		
Manly	\$ 1,558.99	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library ProgramsOther	A World Book Encyclopedia, new copier, and "Madd Scientist" visit to the Summer Reading Program, as well as our EBSCOHost subscription were paid for with Direct State Aid.
Manning	\$ 562.39	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We purchased a book on the Parkersburg Tornado and used the remainder of funds towards a book by a local author, and a Concourse automation system update.
Manson	\$ 1,764.62	Capital Improvements	This funding provided part of the matching funds needed for the library's community foundation grant. A new circulation desk was built as part of our "Turn the Page" renovation project. The custom built oak desk was designed to better fit the needs of our patrons and staff, as well as the available space. The dual height desk provides a work area for staff, with room and hookups for a workstation as well as the circulation computer. There is plenty of room for checking library materials in and out. All of this allows us to better meet the needs of our customers. Our "Turn the Page" renovation project has updated our

			library with new carpet, light fixtures, ceiling fans, display cabinets and a circulation desk. The children's furniture is being replaced and the older tables and chairs will be repaired and reupholstered. Gone is the dirty orange carpet, cracked orange formica circulation desk and worn out orange children's furniture. Considerations for this project included energy efficiency, recycling and a low carbon imprint. The positive response from our community has been wonderful. They were there with donations for this major project as well as volunteering to help move books and shelving, to remove the old desk, to clean and to landscape around the building. Some have offered their support by simply stopping by to see what we were up to. My favorite response to the new lights, carpet and circulation desk was "now it looks like a real library!" And it does. The new circulation desk makes an impressive, welcoming statement as you enter the library.
Mapleton	\$ 1,443.63	Library Materials & Supplies	We used the money for an update to the young adult area of the library. We purchased an art print, a new area rug, new curtains and book display materials. Since completing the "mini makeover" in the young adult area, we have noticed an increase in useage and circulation.
Maquoketa	\$ 2,615.80	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased large print titles which are more expensive, but they are essential to the library's outreach to homebound persons and those in institutions. They are also becoming more popular with general leisure readers.
Marathon	\$ 841.32	Personnel	Direct State Aid paid for salary to extend hours needed for accreditation. Because of the extended hours that I am open, the library has become a social spot in our community with many meetings taking place here. I have many older women who are handicapped with walkers, etc. They are unable to have meetings in their homes because of stairs and all the work involved. They now schedule many of them at the library.
Marble Rock	\$ 1,294.62	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	We bought kids' books, a new printer/scanner/copier/fax machine and ink cartridges, and four computer task chairs.
MARCus	\$ 1,421.48	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We've been spending more on large print books (in themselves more expensive per item) so have used this money toward books in various formats. We budgeted for one new computer – with Direct State Aid we were able to purchase an additional computer (two total). This funding was especially useful as one of our public access computers developed serious problems this spring and we were able to replace it.

			Our aging population benefited by an increase in materials available for their use.
Marengo	\$ 1,286.99	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid was spent on books, books on CDs, and supplies needed for processing materials. It was also spent on providing programs at our library for adults and children.
Marion	\$ 7,836.19	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture	We bought books, audio books, CDs, DVDs, children's materials, and shelving for expansion of the adult fiction collection. The Marion library is bursting at the seams! Direct State Aid money this year allowed us to purchase additional shelving to go all along one of our walls so we could shift some of our adult fiction collections around and create a little additional space for continued growth of our adult book collection. This will provide some temporary relief from our space problems. We spent the balance of the money on materials for the collection in all areas, a real need as we continue to work to satisfy patron requests. This was especially challenging this past year in the wake of the flooding of the Cedar Rapids Public Library, one of our partners in the Metro Library Network.
Marshalltown	\$ 7,123.09	Personnel	This year we used this funding, as in the past, to support the salary of an adult services assistant. We moved to a new library facility in December of 2008. Our new building is twice as large as the old facility, and we have seen an incredible surge in use (our circulation count increased by 63% in May 2009 over May 2008). We were unable to hire more staff when we moved to our new facility so part-time staff -- paid for, in part by Enrich Iowa funding, is even more vital. We have been able to maintain our evening and weekend hours in our new facility thanks to this funding.
Martelle	\$ 855.98	Library Materials & Supplies	Purchased books.
Mason City	\$ 8,159.82	Personnel	This money helped us continue to keep enough staff in the children's department to offer multiple weekly programs throughout the school year. Our Library is becoming more of a "community hub" than it has in the past and this is a result of the more consistent schedule of programming we can offer now.
Massena	\$ 482.60	Personnel	We used the Direct State Aid for our staff's salary increase. We are better able to keep up with the cost of living increases for our staff with the state funding; otherwise our budget would not allow for any increases in pay. Salary increases, even though small, help the morale of the staff. It makes them feel appreciated for the hard work they do for the library.
Maxwell	Not		

	eligible		
Maynard	\$ 1,249.73	Technology & Equipment Other	Direct State Aid was used for Follett circulation and card catalog support, a MARC Wizard subscription renewal and postage. The funding allows for our library to keep up to date with the ever changing technology that is needed to keep the library running.
McGregor	\$ 1,579.87	Library Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to purchase books and audio books in the adult and children's collections. This was vital in such an economically difficult year to keep up with demand from the public.
Mechanicsville	\$ 1,441.08	Library Materials & Supplies	This money helps us purchase library materials, books, CDs and movies.
Mediapolis	\$ 1,716.90	Furniture	We purchased chairs for our teen area, computer workstation chairs, two new tables for the computers and a new shelving unit for our board books.
Melbourne	\$ 1,338.88	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase 97 new books for the collection and 33 new/used DVDs. We needed to buy the support for our library's software programs from the Follett Software Co. This funding is huge for our library. We really count on this to help get things for the library that we wouldn't otherwise be able to afford. We are able to do many great things, and purchase many things for our library also. This funding has helped us so that we are able to offer an online catalog on our Web site made available from the Follett Software Co and our volunteer IT guy. They have made it so others can search what we have available before they even make a trip into the library. This helps many individuals.
Melcher-Dallas	Not eligible		
Melvin	Not eligible		
Menlo	\$ 497.33	Personnel	We added an 8-hour-a-week assistant. The total of \$3016.00 that we paid our assistant at \$7.25 an hour, an average of eight hours a week @52 weeks a year. The money from Direct State Aid was a nice supplement to our budget.
Merrill	Not eligible		
Meservey	\$ 850.36	Technology & Equipment Other	These funds were used for a MARC Wizard renewal subscription, advertising and supplies for our 40th anniversary, promotional pens and notepads to give away at the celebration. We are now automated and I am working a full-time job besides being library director. The MARC Wizard software makes it easier and faster to input new items and be able to print labels and cards right from that. We celebrated our 40th year in late 2008. With the Direct State Aid funding that we received, we were able to purchase the supplies for our community celebration.

Milford	\$ 1,794.37	Library Materials & Supplies	For the last several years, we've been spending our state funds on multimedia needs for our customers. This includes books on CD, DVDs, the WILBOR consortium subscription, and all supplies and promotional materials for these collections. This money has enabled us to forge ahead with new formats and remain relevant and current to our community.
Milo	\$ 1,351.10	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	We purchased an easel for big books, a vacuum cleaner, memory upgrade for the computer, and new chairs.
Milton	Not eligible		
Minburn	\$ 854.37	Library Materials & Supplies	This money went towards new children's books and the downloadable audio book consortium, WILBOR, which enables our patrons to have greater access to audio books than we could ever purchase or house on-site.
Mingo	Not eligible		
Missouri Valley	Not eligible		
Mitchellville	\$ 1,708.85	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	The money was spent on adult, children's and audio books, as well as the Summer Library Program. The Mitchellville Public Library has a better summer program and collection of library materials thanks to Direct State Aid.
Modale	Not eligible		
Mondamin	\$ 834.15	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid was spent on new books (56 paperbacks, 8 adult, 2 junior fiction and 6 young adult), library programs, the Summer Reading Programs, a senior computer class, and supplies, cake and giveaways for the 75th anniversary of the library.
Monona	\$ 1,595.12	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	The funds were used for the NEIBORS online audio book subscription, a new computer, and circulation software support. Our NEIBORS circulation has gone up from 11 audios per month in MARCH 2008 to 41 per month in May 2008. This is a very convenient and cost efficient way to provide audios. State funding has allowed the library to maintain technology. We have a patron who is a home bound. She has called the library several times looking for an address or a phone number that she would have no other way to find without the use of the Internet. For the librarians, the answer is only a couple of mouse clicks away and the reward was immeasurable.
Monroe	\$ 517.57	Library Materials &	These funds enable us to provide materials to our

		Supplies	patrons which we could not otherwise afford, such as juvenile books and a magazine subscription.
Montezuma	Not eligible		
Monticello	\$ 2,047.43	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	The money was used to buy new books on CD, a HP laser jet color printer, two Dell refurbished computers and monitor, and two split level computer tables for the children's area. Our plan is to move the Gateway computers to the children's area and purchase software with games, etc. to be used by children. This will also free up the PACs for patrons wishing to use the Internet. Because of this funding we are able to provide more programs and materials for children after school and on days when there is an early out. It keeps them exposed to the library and its services and will hopefully encourage library use as a life-long experience.
Montrose	\$ 508.05	Technology & Equipment	We updated our computer update and wireless access.
Moorhead	Not eligible		
Moravia	\$ 1,291.82	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Materials & Supplies Furniture Library Programs	New books, DVDs, large print books, tote bags, antivirus protection, a new printer, EBSCOHost database, Office 2007 software, file drawers for DVDs and toddler time for preschoolers were all paid for with Direct State Aid.
Morley	\$ 455.80	Library Materials & Supplies	We spent the money on DVDs. We are a small town of 88+ . The DVDs go out a lot because the patrons don't have to drive miles away to rent them.
Morning Sun	\$ 1,391.43	Technology & Equipment Furniture Library Programs	We purchased new head phones and a cordless telephone. Extensive repairs were needed twice to our microfilm machine reader. We also purchased a locking file cabinet and four mats for the public access computer chairs. More than half of this amount was spent on our Summer Reading Program. Additional craft supplies were purchased for our new program "The Saturday Kid's Club." We also bought \$149.72 worth of Wii accessories for gaming programs. The funding has allowed us to add additional kids' programs and in turn has motivated two of our older teens to become involved and actively participate in the library programs.
Moulton	\$ 1,302.79	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We used these funds for salary for additional staff, new books and MARC Wizard. If not for this funding, we would not have been able to purchase the number of new books that we purchased. Also, by renewing our subscription to MARC Wizard we now have records that are greatly improved and it takes

			only half the time to catalog a book. Having a regular substitute librarian has made a great impact on time - I don't have to spend as much time training and retraining to do the basics.
Mount Ayr	Not eligible		
Mount Pleasant	\$ 3,471.88	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We spent on the money on new books and a server so we could upgrade our network and Web site.
Mount Vernon	\$ 1,521.86	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We bought new DVDs for the children's room, audio books for adults, and the Linn Area Reads program. Our children's room had an old revolving rack for VHS tapes and DVDs. It was large and difficult for children and their parents to use. We polled library families and found that very few still used the technology and those that had it available also had a DVD player. We decided it was time to get rid of the rack and update our movies. It has been a wonderful improvement in our children's room. The shelving we replaced sits against the wall making more room for children to sit and enjoy story time. Without Direct State Aid it would have been difficult to make a sweeping change. We would not have had the money to spend on a large number of DVDs all at once. We have had many compliments on both the new space and the new collection. Many people in our community commute. They find the audio books a wonderful tool to help with their daily trip. One patron in our community, due to the recent economic down turn, closed her business and is now working in Cedar Rapids. I hadn't seen her recently but one evening she was in the library. I asked how she was doing and expected to hear about having to close her business--instead she shared how excited she was about our audio books. She had even brought a friend from her new work place to show her our collection. When she had her own business she never had time to read. Now she is making up for lost time. With Direct State Aid we have been able to continue to purchase these rather costly items, keeping our collection current.
Moville	Not eligible		
Murray	Not eligible		
Muscatine	\$ 5,184.14	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase a microfilm reader/printer. They were old, not working well and were often out of commission. Our new machines now digitally scan and make great looking prints. We have a regular patron who does contract genealogy

			work. She says it's made her life easier.
Nashua	\$ 1,611.01	Library Materials & Supplies	We spent half of this money on 2009 World Book Encyclopedias and the other half on 2009 Iowa Children's Choice Award Books, Iowa Teen Award Books, and Iowa Young Adult Award Books.
Nevada	\$ 3,042.71	Technology & Equipment	We purchased five computers for the library. Three for the public Internet stations, one for staff, and a laptop for the staff. We needed to update the patron computers as they could not access many of the Web sites and forms they needed. The patrons have been thrilled with them since they can access the information that they need.
New Albin	Not eligible		
New Hampton	\$ 2,115.66	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture Other	We are able to get NEIBORS downloadable audio books, pay for the EBSCOHost databases, THE SHACK book discussion books (13 copies), four new office chairs to replace 15-year-old chairs ergonomically adapted for shorter people--All our staff is short! The money was also used for the library's membership in the American Library Association. EBSCOHost and NEIBORS greatly expands people's access to periodicals for research and audio books. We have not been able to keep up with demand for audio books. We are able to purchase some of the titles for our book discussion groups. Having them here gives us more flexibility than borrowing from other libraries. Also we can share them with other libraries. Our book discussion on THE SHACK drew more people than any other title this year. Several new people attended and came back for later sessions. We try to have the titles in all formats available, including audio and large print.
New Hartford	\$ 889.86	Library Materials & Supplies	This money was a great help this last year due to the flood. We were able to buy much needed library supplies. Thank you so much.
New London	\$ 1,202.56	Technology & Equipment	We bought a new HP server. The old one was showing its age and replacing it helps to provide the service the patrons expect.
New Market	Not eligible		
New Sharon	Not eligible		
New Virginia	\$ 840.49	Library Materials & Supplies Other	We bought new DVDs, books, a community room carpet, stripped and waxed vinyl flooring. The library was able to update its movies by purchasing DVDs with this money, also. Adults and children are checking out more movies than usual due to the economy.
Newell	\$ 1,357.42	Technology &	We replaced an approximately seven-year-old server

		Equipment	costing \$4,700.00. Direct State Aid funds were applied to this purchase. The new server is quicker and more up-to-date. Without the state aid, we would still be trying to raise funds for this purchase. The new server is quicker and does not "bog down". Our patrons do not have long waits for access, and printing selected items flows much easier.
Newhall	\$ 1,344.53	Personnel	We continue to use this money to maintain our current hours. We had to make serious budget cuts and this money will allow us to continue to be open later each day, and also Friday and Saturday mornings. These extra hours give more people a chance to use the library after work and on weekends.
Newton	\$ 5,065.68	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid went for new CDs and DVDs, online databases, including InfoUSA, HeritageQuest, Ancestry.com, Novelist, and World Book Encyclopedia online. The online databases allow the library to provide remote reference services and in-library genealogy research for our readers. Music CDs are popular with our readers, and our collection needs to be continually updated in the various music genres - both with older and newer album titles and artists. As technology changes the format from VHS to DVD, we find our collection needs to keep up with equipment that readers have to view movies and instructional visual media.
Nora Springs	\$ 1,582.93	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to hire a cleaning person. The money was also used for supplies for the Summer Reading Program, activities for all holidays, and newspapers renewals.
North English	\$ 1,427.08	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We used some of the money to purchase new CDs and books, and some was spent for Alliance Plus Follett to help catalog books. This is a nice amount of money and we are always glad that we have a program that can give our city budget a boost in the arm.
North Liberty	\$ 2,927.30	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We purchased large print books and audio books with this funding. We spent some on software for programs, Photoshop for displays, and for adding two computers for "Express" Internet stations. Thanks for Direct State Aid.
Northwood	\$ 1,162.54	Library Materials & Supplies	With these funds, we were able to preview non-fiction and fiction books, and concentrate on purchasing more up-to-date materials for our collection, replacing the older and no longer valid non-fiction books. We were also able to purchase fiction works that our younger patrons have been requesting.
Norwalk	\$ 3,110.83	Furniture	Furniture was purchased for a newly created teen area, lounge chairs and cafe table/stools. Teen

			participation in the Summer Reading Program, borrowing statistics, and computer usage increased dramatically in FY08/09, all indicating the need for funding in this area.
Norway	Not eligible		
Oakland	\$ 1,537.01	Personnel Other	Salaries for additional staff needed for our Summer Reading Program were paid for with Direct State Aid. We also purchased prizes for the program's participants. We have people use the library only during the summer so that their children can participate in our Summer Reading Program. We had one mother tell us that her daughter liked the prizes so much that she was reading all summer, even while using the bathroom, which was super annoying to the rest of the household.
Ocheyedan	\$ 919.43	Library Materials & Supplies	We used the funds for additions to the adult and junior fiction collection, and DVDs. This funding enables us to purchase items we could not otherwise afford on our limited budget. We have a number of home-schooled patrons who often use materials from our collection they would not have access to otherwise. Due to the bad economy, we have many patrons who have checked out more books and DVDs.
Odebolt	\$ 1,476.71	Personnel Furniture Other	This money enables us to have Wednesday morning hours and increases everyone's hourly wage by \$.25. Prior to receiving this money we had given up our morning hours due to lack of funds. This 25 cents also brings the clerks' wages up more like the other city employees. This year we had some construction done and then put in all new carpeting. The above money enabled us to buy all new floor mats at the computers and work stations. A few years ago we put in flower beds near the entrance. This year we were able to put down new mulch and replace plants that had died off during the winter. Thus eye appeal when walking into the library was greatly increased. By having morning hours on Wednesday the pre-school morning class can also come for reading hour during the school year. Our book club is made-up of older ladies and with the morning hours they can hold their meetings and don't have to go out in the evening.
Oelwein	\$ 2,763.17	Library Materials & Supplies	The library purchased several books for adults, young adults, and children. Special items included a book on the 2008 tornado, 35 large print books, and updated children's books on sports and vehicles. The library purchased many magazine subscriptions, too. Tractor books are particularly important to two small

			boys in our community. One boy knows where all our tractor books are located. He solemnly informed us one day that we needed new ones. The other boy was very excited about John Deere tractors. His grandpa was getting a new tractor and was able to watch his tractor as it was built. A John Deere hat was thrown into the deal. This boy was eager to look at our new tractor books. Baby boomers are slowly inching towards the "getting older" stage in life! But their demand for current best-sellers hasn't changed. They appreciate reading a current title in a pleasurable, easy-to-read large print format.
Ogden	Not eligible		
Olin	\$ 1,371.24	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	Direct State Aid funded new books, a copy/scan/fax machine, and technology support to hook up 6 "new to us" computers. The money also helped pay for a display case to create added interest in our library. The new fax machine allowed us to offer faxing services to our community. The newer computers are much faster.
Onawa	\$ 1,873.88	Technology & Equipment Other	Upgrades to our surveillance system and the WILBOR consortium initial signup amount were paid for with these funds.
Orange City	\$ 2,624.50	Technology & Equipment	Funds were used to help purchase a color copier. We were using a scanner and printer to get color copies for patrons. The color copier saves time.
Orient	\$ 426.90	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Large print books were purchased with this money. They are in great demand and are very expensive. Any time we find a few extra dollars we try to purchase a few. Preschool story hour is also offered during the summer for 3 - 5 year olds. It is great for kids who have older siblings attending library programs. It gives them their own program to attend. One girl comes to preschool story hour with her younger sister because she loves it so much!
Osage	\$ 2,217.31	Capital Improvements	The money was used to improve the exterior building entrance – pavers – as well as a table and chairs, and potted plants. The mission of this project is to a) replace outgrown landscaping and poor grass, and b) provide a beautiful spot for people who want to sit and watch the world go by.
Osceola	\$ 2,195.96	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was used to fund the CatExpress consortium.
Oskaloosa	\$ 4,162.12	Personnel	Salaries for additional part-time staff were paid for with this money.
Ossian	\$ 1,438.76	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We used the money for extended hours for the Summer Reading Program, to lease 742 audio books, for 248 books to use in the Summer Reading Program, to purchase 26 CDs to use for the Summer Reading Program, and for a new color printer to

		Library Programs	replace an old one. In the small town of Ossian, we have 50 or more children every Monday morning of the Summer Reading Program. Without the help of this funding, it would be hard to provide quality programs. We also have a growing teen program each summer. This year we had 15 participants at our first teen program. One day the group presented three reader's theater plays at the local nursing home.
Ottumwa	Not eligible		
Oxford	\$ 494.01	Library Materials & Supplies	We put our Direct State Aid into our continued efforts to update our children's literature collection. This has been especially useful this year as our efforts to move into computer cataloging have pointed out several glaring holes in the collection. This was a great benefit to our community because when we recognized a gap in the collection we didn't have to try to seek extra funding to fill it. The new selections in children's nonfiction have been checking out really well.
Oxford Junction	\$ 1,336.47	Capital Improvements	This money went towards a new furnace for our building. Our old furnace was at least 18 years old. We were spending money on extra heating costs that could have been spent on library items. With Direct State Aid funding, our future costs will go down and we'll be much more energy efficient.
Palmer	\$ 441.79	Personnel Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to pay for extra open hours, librarian training, and a phone line for Internet. People enjoy having a later hour to come in. I have a few families in Palmer who come in and use the Internet. I have one young person who is disabled. He came in and looked up information on used car parts on the Internet to fix his car.
Panora	\$ 1,529.49	Technology & Equipment Furniture	We used this money to purchase three new computer and new shelving.
Parkersburg	\$ 1,595.95	Capital Improvements Furniture	We re-landscaped the front of our library building. We purchased three new staff chairs. The new landscaping helped improve the front view of our library. It replaced some old, worn out shrubs. It looks MUCH better. The new staff chairs replaced some well worn ones that were beyond fixing. Since we (the library staff) do more work on the computer each year, we purchased chairs that were better suited for long periods of sitting.
Paton	\$ 1,215.91	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought adult and children's books - new up-to-date materials. We are very fortunate to be able to receive these funds for the Library. It makes a big difference in the amount of money we can spend on

			books. Thank you
Paullina	\$ 1,414.90	Technology & Equipment Furniture	We purchased a CD player for children's storytime, three Microsoft Office updates for public access computers, and spent some of the money toward the purchase of new public access computer. We also bought a DVD storage unit, and a concrete bench for outside. Public computer usage has increased at the library and we felt that there was a need to update the programs on the computers. There was also a need to add another computer for public use.
Pella	\$ 3,636.10	Technology & Equipment	The money was used for a color laser printer and scanners for public use, and coin-op machine for public printing. Direct State Aid allowed us to finish the project we started last year--making public computer reservations, sign-up and printing completely self-serve. This makes more efficient use of the equipment we have and frees staff from the job of policing the public computers. Patrons LOVE the self-service printing. It lets them know what the cost will be before they print AND it protects their privacy.
Perry	\$ 2,963.27	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used for cleaning supplies for the DVD cleaning machine. We also bought a new laptop to replace an aging machine, software for tape backups and desktop security, postage meter machine rental, replacement parts for an LCD projector, and a replacement monitor for the security camera station. In addition money was spent on the Summer Library Program puppet performance and public performance license for in-house movies. Technology is one of the most highly-demanded services we offer. In FY2009, our public computers were accessed more than 20,000 times. With the economy as it is, our technology services are in nearly constant use and the additional funding allowed us to correct some deficiencies this year. Without those state dollars, these upgrades would not have been made.
Peterson	\$ 872.54	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	The funds were used to pay the salary for a program coordinator and staff for the Summer Reading Program, as well as promotion incentives and materials and supplies. We also bought children's and adult books.
Plainfield	\$ 1,336.08	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	This money was spent on DVDs for patrons to check out. DVDs are very popular and we appreciate being able to purchase a few extra. Money was also spent on a computer and monitor for public use. It was purchased through our computer tech, the computer itself being a reconditioned one and the monitor being new. We also bought two task chairs with arms for the public computers. Being a small library, we often have difficulty keeping up with technology

			demands and work with a council that doesn't always understand the necessity of keeping enough patron computers up and running. It's so wonderful to have this funding.
Pleasant Hill	\$ 3,380.15	Library Materials & Supplies	We purchased additional books on CD and printed materials for the library. Our library is constantly adding materials, particularly items which are frequently checked out. The addition of more books on CD and other popular materials directly results in better service for our patrons.
Pleasantville	Not eligible		
Plover	\$ 428.78	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Furniture	I was able to pay to attend continuing education courses and also pay for extra help during my Summer Reading Program. Audio books, supplies and books for the summer program were also purchased. The funding this year helped me purchase a desk for checking out all our materials. It made the whole library look nicer and helped give me more working room for a typewriter, computer, copier and to keep things straight and neat.
Pocahontas	\$ 1,615.60	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	This funding is used for buying children's books before the Summer Reading Program gets underway, enticing children to read. We use this funding for several library programs which include the Summer Reading Program, adult reading programs, and a literature club. This helps us buy supplies, crafts, refreshments, invite speakers to present programs, purchase books and pay for postage. The programs have been very successful and patrons are always checking to see what we are offering next. This extra money is greatly appreciated to help us with our yearly budget.
Polk City	\$ 1,863.13	Personnel	All of Direct State Aid was used for computer technology support. Our computer useage is up and it is great to know if we have any problems someone is on the payroll to handle them.
Pomeroy	\$ 992.06	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	The funds were used to support the Book Bar Codes Book Systems Support Renewal, a digital camera & memory card, and Summer Library Program supplies. We also spent this money on our Book Bags for Babies. Because of our automation system, we are able to service our patrons quicker and able to access files to locate information for them. We also encourage our youth to use the library through our Summer Reading Program, and new parents through bags with information on introducing newborns to the library.
Postville	\$ 1,791.41	Personnel	We were able to hire an extra person to help with the many people using the computers.
Prairie City	\$ 494.76	Personnel	Direct State Aid allowed us to have additional staff

		Library Programs	during our Summer Reading Program and when we rearranged the library. This allowed us to have a magician visit at our Summer Reading kick-off picnic and a storyteller during our creative writing week for summer reading.
Prescott	Not eligible		
Preston	\$ 1,451.94	Library Materials & Supplies	The money used was spent on various audio books, books, CDs, and periodicals used by library patrons of all ages. The additional funding that we receive through this program helps us to arrange our budget accordingly so we are able to get a "better bang for our buck" so to speak. With increased check-outs and more patrons entering the library (because of the economy) we are able to have more items to rotate among our customers. Several community members are having to cut back on purchasing books, magazines, etc. or renting items because of the economy. Having the library and the materials to check out and use for "free" is an invaluable service and stress relief for them.
Primghar	\$ 1,363.78	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought adult and children's books.
Quimby	\$ 846.59	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a new computer for the circulation desk. The old computer is now available to our patrons. We now have 5 computers for our patrons, which means that more people can be served at one time in our library.
Radcliffe	\$ 1,351.45	Furniture	In addition to building a new library in 1984, new furniture was purchased at that time. Now, twenty-five years later, the chairs and computer tables needed to be replaced. The Direct State Aid funds this year paid a large portion of these items. With the replacement of the computer tables with new trapezoid tables, it allows more room on each end of the desk. Patrons are able to walk about the library more freely; and allows a more comfortable position when using the computers. The new stackable chairs have comfortable cushions, and those coming in to visit and read the papers have stated their praise, since the covers on the old chairs were coming apart. Looking professional is important to encourage patrons to return, and take pride in their city building that houses material for public use. The person who appreciated the new furniture the most is our housekeeper of many years. She faithfully maintains the interior weekly, and at the age of 81, is grateful that the cushions no longer have the padding coming out the sides. Cleaning and sanitizing is vital in a public building, and she felt inadequate with the appearance when she finished cleaning. Now the

			chairs are wiped down weekly and look great. The new tables take up less room and are easier to clean around. As library director, I am pleased to have made her job easier.
Rake	\$ 535.84	Library Materials & Supplies	I spent all the money on DVDs to add to our collection. Rake is a very small town and does not have a store where people can rent DVDs or videos. I have many patrons who check out DVDs from the library and I try to have all the new releases available. The children in town are always excited and amazed to find the new releases on the shelf when they come to the library. I had one child who tried to buy a movie from me because she liked it so much.
Randolph	Not eligible		
Readlyn	\$ 1,457.42	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture Library ProgramsOther	The movie licensing is the item that I feel most impacted the community. It enabled us to show movies on the days that school was dismissed early for in-service, thus providing a safe and reliable place for the children. I also appreciate the ability to renew the MARCWizard subscription and applaud the State Library's efforts to maintain uniform and consistent entries on SILO. The big chunk of money required to purchase the 2009 Award books is a hardship on our budget. With this funding, I no longer have to worry about it. The invaluable knowledge we bring back from library conferences was made possible through this funding. Thank you.
Red Oak	\$ 1,794.55	Technology & Equipment Library ProgramsOther	We purchased five new monitors for the public computers. We are having "Fax the Magician" come to perform for the children's summer program. This is a highlight of their summer. We purchased a coffee maker for our soon to be built cafe area and we also purchased reading lamps for the new reading tables to be placed in our remodeled section of the library. Each year the Direct State Aid funds we receive helps to make our library a better place to learn and enjoy reading. We can see a great difference in the services we are able to offer from technology to programs. It has also made our library more attractive and enjoyable for everyone from new patrons as well as our regulars. Each year we run into a child or two who has never attended a public performance. We feel it is very important for them to have this experience and we are grateful that the Direct State Aid funding makes this possible.
Redfield	\$ 503.37	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was spent on children's books.
Reinbeck	\$ 1,711.68	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to buy books on CD, DVDs, Iowa Award winning books for children and young adults, as well as other books for children. We were able to get a

			documentary movie which patrons had been asking for, as well as some unabridged books on CD, which have been very well received. Also, we got many Iowa Children's Choice, Iowa Teen Award, and Iowa High School Award books which some of our younger patrons have been pleased with. Since we have a limited budget for DVDs, this funding helped us supplement our collection. One person was very excited to be able to listen to the "Twilight" books instead of having to read them, as she spent a lot of time on the road.
Rembrandt	\$ 830.50	Personnel Library Programs	This money pays for our Saturday hours. We are also using these funds to have a puppeteer come to our school for a kick-off for our Summer Reading Program and to pay for our Upstart materials.
Remsen	\$ 1,109.72	Library Materials & Supplies	We use this money for our large print section. This area continues to grow at our library. Patrons of all ages enjoy these books.
Renwick	\$ 1,282.79	Library Materials & Supplies Furniture Library Programs	We purchased large print books and some CDs, and a vacuum. We had several programs during the summer, and all year long we hold monthly coffees for our patrons. They stop in and see what is new at the library and they also discuss the new books and what they like and do not like. We have story time and are able to hold programs for the children. We do not have much for them to do in our little town so when we hold our story times and Summer Reading Programs they enjoy it so much. Because of this money we can have magic shows and lots of fun.
Riceville	\$ 1,487.77	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We were able to complete an entire inventory of our collection using this money. This had never been done in our Library. By doing this, the staff was able to update our SILO listing and more importantly give our patrons a more accurate listing of our holdings. We started a project to expand/update our junior fiction collection. This was not in our budget, so this money helped us out greatly. Our library board has made it a goal to expand our programming to all ages. This money helped us get a start on the current and future programs. The impact of this funding is great considering how limited money is becoming on the local level. Our goal this year was to become an "Engaged Library" in our community. These funds helped us to begin that goal.
Richland	\$ 1,283.70	Personnel	Direct State Aid was used for salary for additional staff to assist with services to local daycare and kindergarten classes, with preparation of library materials and delivery. Children are introduced to the library at an early age through our school service that is provided by the additional part-time library staff member. It has been our ongoing library service for many years that patrons and teachers appreciate.

			All made possible through this funding. Many kindergarten children ask their parents to come to the library after finding out that they can borrow the book that the teacher read to them in school. It all helps nurture the love of reading.
Ringsted	\$ 834.10	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture Library Programs	These funds made it possible for the director to attend the Summer Reading Program workshop, the E-rate ICN program, and other continuing education. We also purchased microfilm virus protection, a computer chair, and paid for supplies for our Summer Reading Program, an adult program, and a Saturday kids' program.
Rippey	Not eligible		
Rock Rapids	\$ 1,285.60	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase new DVDs, audio books and computer service.
Rock Valley	\$ 1,947.15	Technology & Equipment Furniture Other	Direct State Aid was used to purchase a laptop for public use, a used desk for our OPAC stations, and our WILBOR subscription.
Rockford	\$ 1,438.68	Library Materials & Supplies	We added a young adult section and have purchased some of the materials with Direct State Aid. We have also severely weeded the children's section and have added new, attractive, fun materials for them. The Rockford library has become a favorite place to be for many children in the community. The staff has provided personal guidance, reading advisory, games, activities and materials for their use. The library is a safe, climate-controlled environment for these children. They also enjoy using the three computers to surf the net, play computer games, and complete their homework. Because the library is situated in the downtown it is easily accessible for children. We are pleased to be a safe haven for these people who are learning about libraries and our resources.
Rockwell	\$ 1,499.73	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	This funding helped our library update some old computer equipment and replace some furniture that was in bad shape. Both computer monitors that we replaced were pretty old. The monitor on the circulation computer had gone out completely and the monitor on the catalog computer was getting very dim. The chairs we replaced are used by the patrons. Both monitors have helped patrons and staff find materials they are looking for because they are so much easier to read. The new printer is more economical to run. This funding helps our whole community.
Rockwell City	\$ 1,321.03	Library Materials & Supplies	We were able to buy Christian books, juvenile non-fiction and board books. With these funds, we were

			able to add new and relevant books to these sections of our library.
Roland	\$ 1,588.79	Other	These funds were used for a circulation software upgrade. By doing this, we were finally able to offer an online catalog to our patrons, who appreciate having convenient access to our catalog.
Rolfe	\$ 1,314.20	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	The money was used to pay for the new library director to attend Public Library Management 1. It also helped pay for an annual subscription to "The Record-Democrat," the local (Pocahontas County) newspaper. Funds were also used for computer service calls and repair and WILBOR (downloadable audio books subscription).
Rowan	\$ 1,299.09	Technology & Equipment Furniture	Our library was able to purchase a new laptop computer, printer, nesting tables, a coffee table, a dictionary table and a laminator stand.
Royal	Not eligible		
Rudd	\$ 524.14	Library Materials & Supplies	Our budget is so small. With this money we are able to keep the newest books, movies and magazines that our patrons expect. We have patrons whose lives revolve around books and movies they can get here. There is no other place to get these things in our town, so they depend on our library to keep them supplied.
Runnells	Not eligible		
Ruthven	\$ 955.75	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	The library is now offering more online services, including downloadable video-on-demand service, MyLibraryDV, purchased through Recorded Books, that enables patrons to download and watch videos from their computers at home. The funding makes a difference in the lives of all of the citizens of Ruthven who now have access to high quality MARC records of their library's holdings that can be efficiently processed and/or created.
Sabula	\$ 1,320.99	Library Materials & Supplies	When I started last September, about 68% of our book budget had already been spent. With the Direct State Aid funding we received, I was able to keep up with all the new titles by the most popular authors here at our library. Our regular patrons were appreciative of this, and I think it helped us retain them. They really look forward to these, and the joy shows on their faces when they come in to get them.
Sac City	\$ 1,743.28	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture	With Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase 27 young adult fiction and non-fiction books (mostly honor books from YALSA's Web site) for our collection for teens. They have been flying off the shelves by both teens and adults. We also spent these funds on our annual subscription to the Wilbor Audio book Consortium, and purchased a Dell

			computer for our teen room. We are always in need of technology at our library and Direct State Aid has continued to be a very important to us. We purchased a magazine rack, storage cubes and a table for our teen room. Now teens have a really cool space to check messages online, read and work on homework together. Our teen advisory board has now been tasked with the job of keeping the room up to date and holding fundraisers to maintain technology and plan programs.
Salem	\$ 477.92	Library Materials & Supplies	We added some holiday-themed children's books. Now we can read and display books according to the holidays.
Sanborn	\$ 989.56	Technology & Equipment	This money was used for a multimedia projector; a Karaoke machine; a Wii and games to go with it. Our multimedia projector is being used in our meeting room by many service organizations. We use the projector as well for our adult classes. We have had a lot of fun at the library with the Wii game and the Karaoke. We have had a teen Wii night with a great response, and the Karaoke has been used in our Summer Reading Program this year since we are "Being Creative at our Library."
Schaller	\$ 972.02	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	We had to supplement our local funding for our insurance, utilities, and raises for myself and my assistant since the budget is short in these areas. The city used to pay the insurance, etc., but now we're required to. We've been replacing book sets like the Berenstain Bears, Junie B. Jones, Suess and so on because they were getting so worn and were still being checked out a lot.
Schleswig	Not eligible		
Scranton	\$ 1,318.39	Library Materials & Supplies	We spent the entire amount of Direct State Aid on large print books because many of our patrons are growing older and don't see as well as they used to.
Sergeant Bluff	Not eligible		
Seymour	Not eligible		
Sheffield	\$ 1,594.10	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	We used this money for books, work supplies and the Summer Library Program, including prizes and snacks. We were able to buy t-shirts for library staff to wear during summer programming. As I am typing, I am listening to the giggles and chatters of about 10 girls who are learning to sew on pillowcases. They have the concept of the community quilting bee down already--sewing and lots of talking. As part of the Be Creative Summer Library Program theme, we were able to buy the supplies the kids needed to work on this project. Thanks to this funding, they are

			able to take something home that they have created with their imaginations and hands. These funds help us stretch our budget for the Summer Reading Program. Thanks!
Sheldon	\$ 2,246.42	Library Materials & Supplies	We added 114 unabridged adult audio books to our collection. They are used by a diverse group of people, from homemakers to workers at a local data entry company, to over-the-road truckers. One gentleman, a truck driver, checks out 8 - 12 audio books before he starts his next trip, and he is very grateful that we always have new titles available. He says the audio books are better than listening to the radio and they help keep him focused on driving.
Shell Rock	\$ 1,452.62	Library Materials & Supplies	We were given a grant from Butler County to create a Family Resource Center. We had an area in the library to do this, and added a table, chairs and two glider rockers, as well as many new books on parenting - from autism to learning about money. Without Direct State Aid our new Family Resource Center would have been sadly lacking in materials to help parents with issues in parenting and family life. Families now have a place to come to interact with children, find information, or read them a story about an issue they are experiencing. We have a patron with an autistic child and a normal child. She needed information on autism as well as helping the family cope. We had the book she wanted, and she now knows she can come to the library with the other child and interacts with him without being interrupted by the disabled child. She is very grateful for the resources we have provided.
Shellsburg	\$ 1,355.94	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	We used these funds on salaries, books, audio books, DVD's etc. Our budget to purchase materials for the library is always being cut. It seems to always take much more money in all areas than we budgeted for. By using the Direct State Aid monies, we were able to purchase additional materials for library patrons. New materials NEVER stay on the shelves for very long. When I put out new materials, they are checked out before the end of the next day.
Shenandoah	\$ 2,398.22	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Part of the cost of the supplies to change packaging, display and storage of music CDs was paid for with Direct State Aid. We also purchased subscriptions to Learning Express and Tumble Talking Books, and the funds helped pay for a Wii. We improved the accessibility of the music CD collection and our patrons have appreciated it--June 2009 circulation was 263% over June 2008! The Wii has helped entertain kids who can't afford to go to the pool.
Sibley	\$ 1,249.99	Library Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid money to help fund our books on CD collection. We lease our CD books from

			Landmark Audio Books and our annual fee is \$2,880. If we did not have the Direct State Aid funding we would not be able to provide this service to our patrons.
Sidney	\$ 1,443.06	Technology & Equipment Other	We were able to put Norton anti-virus software on five public computers. We also made repairs to our public printer, updated our circulation desk computer, and paid the registration fee and other costs to attend the Iowa Library Association conference.
Sigourney	\$ 1,684.32	Library Materials & Supplies	We used these funds to replace classic and award winning titles in the adult, young adult and children's collections. In addition, we purchased titles from best books lists for 2008 to reinforce the collections in preparing for our Summer Reading Program.
Silver City	\$ 820.55	Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements	Summer Reading Program supplies and some new books were purchased using these funds. We are planning an addition to our library, so any extra funding we receive throughout the year will go towards this project. Most of the home taught children come in and use the computers, books and other resources that are provided in our library.
Sioux Center	\$ 2,786.42	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We were able to hire two part-time people to coordinate our "Mother Reads" program targeted at the Hispanic community, but inclusive of folks from China, Korea as well as young Anglo moms. It is truly a wonderful cross cultural learning experience for all. We purchased a Karaoke machine to use in our young adult programs. It has proven to be immensely popular with our teens and tweens. Moving into our new building has allowed us to significantly expand our Summer Reading Programs. We had well over 500 children enrolled in these programs, which ran for six weeks this summer. We were able to purchase advertising to promote the programs. I truly believe that we have begun to break through some of the cultural barriers to better serve our Hispanic and Latino communities through the funding made available to support the Mother Reads program. This is a fairly expensive program to run, but the dividends have outweighed the costs in that the participants have become our ambassadors to the local Latino population.
Sioux City	\$19,748.72	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	We used this money to hire support personnel to support increased children's programming. Some items ordered/encumbered last year were received and actually paid in FY2009, resulting in actual expenditures over the amount budgeted for materials/supplies. We purchased DVDs and supplies, and licensing for an online testing database. The money was also used for equipment to improve the library's computer network. These funds help the

			Sioux City Public Library continue to support: (1) long-term workforce development through early childhood literacy programs; (2) immediate job-seekers with free public Internet access. Public Internet sessions were up 6.8% over the previous year. A couple came in looking for a study guide because the wife was going to be taking the cosmetology exam in a couple of days and was nervous about it. The only cosmetology practice exam book we had was checked out so the couple was very happy when I told them we had cosmetology practice exams available through our Learning Express Library database. They were even more pleased by the fact that they could access it from home and not have to mess with checking anything out.
Sioux Rapids	\$ 902.46	Library Materials & Supplies Library ProgramsOther	Direct State Aid was used for books, magazines and program supplies, including those for the Summer Library Program. We also used the money to pay utilities after installation of a new furnace and central air. We were able to help our children with our new Kid-to-Kid program where the older children read to the young. After so many minutes of reading, they all got two books purchased with these funds. And all the children who took part in the Summer Library Program, Get Creative@Your Library, got a book to take home. We were also able to put some funds into another public access computer. Our patrons are so pleased.
Slater	\$ 1,437.55	Library ProgramsOther	Storytime and summer reading program craft supplies and promotion, utilities, insurance and postage were paid for with these funds. With State Aid, our library is able to purchase more material for our patrons. Our budget is stretched thin to keep our doors open a few evenings and part of a weekend day, so it's nice to know that there is some money we can devote entirely to getting new books, DVDs and audio books. Seeing the look on a patron's face when they see that we have a new DVD available for checkout is amazing. It's a cross between shock and gratitude. Since we don't have a video store here in town, many of our patrons check out DVDs, and save money on gas.
Sloan	\$ 939.20	Technology & Equipment	We have updated two of our older computers with two new ones. We also purchased a digital camera for general library use. Our patrons benefit from more advanced technology and faster Internet usage. The camera will be used to take pictures of children participating in our "piggy" fund-raising project.
Solon	\$ 2,257.04	Personnel	We hired a page for the first time, which helped tremendously through the school year and during the Summer Reading Program.

Somers	Not eligible		
South English	\$ 411.23	Personnel Library Programs	Training for the director and a staff member was paid for with Direct State Aid. It also helped pay to have the Blank zoo come to our Summer Reading Program. It also paid for staff to attend continuing education classes, which then helps us help patrons in any way we can. I went to the Kids First Conference and it showed me how to get teens to help the younger ones.
Spencer	\$ 3,753.54	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Some of these funds were spent on our DVD collection. Several nonfiction titles were purchased, such as "Swing Dancing for Beginners," "Scenic Walks of the World," "Australia to the Max," and "Sharks and Crocs." We purchased two laptop computers and two desk top computers from a local computer company. The laptop computers are being checked out to the public for use in the library. People who need online tests proctored appreciate using these computers to take their tests in our study cubicle. The two desk top computers are being used for expanded public Internet access. Our DVD collection is mostly movies for families and classic films.
Spillville	\$ 1,297.96	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought books, audio books, and materials needed to get books ready to be shelved. The funding allows the library to buy more books than we would otherwise be able to afford. With the funding we were able to purchase some of the books that have made the biggest impact on people's lives. One such book is "The Last Lecture" which many people have read and wondered about what kind of impact they are making in the world, and what they will leave behind.
Spirit Lake	\$ 2,356.31	Personnel	We used the money to hire additional summer help to accommodate our influx of summer users in this resort area. This allows us to keep a staff member in the children's area at all times. During the summer reading program, the children receive one-on-one attention.
Springville	\$ 655.25	Technology & Equipment	This year a decision was made to use this money to replace our old laptop computer and purchase a new one. We did this with the help of Direct State Aid money. We use our laptop at the circulation desk for the librarian's online use for such things as interlibrary loan requests, and other library-related activities. We also use it for written reports given to the board, etc. This gives us a chance to be at the front desk to help a patron and frees up the workroom computer if two of us are working at the same time. The patrons appreciate the fact that they do not have to wait for assistance. When a patron

			asks for information about a particular book or author, it is fast and convenient not to have to leave the desk to find what they need elsewhere when it is a click or two away at our fingertips. They appreciate fast service and they are likely to return more often.
St. Ansgar	\$ 1,553.24	Capital Improvements	The library purchased new windows so that we would be energy efficient. Go Green! With the new windows at the library our patrons are more comfortable and feel like sitting in the library and using our resources and building more. Staff also has enjoyed the change for the same reasons.
St. Charles	\$ 527.23	Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We purchased the MARC Magician Pro Bundle to assist in cataloging and getting our collection on to a database. We purchased prizes, supplies and books for our Summer Reading Program. We are a small library with a small budget. Being able to purchase the program to get our collection cataloged correctly and into a database will be very helpful if we are able to automate in the future. The funds also help our Summer Reading Program by being able to purchase books that relate to the theme of the program and providing incentives for the children who participate. This money helps all our patrons when we can improve on the services we provide.
Stacyville	\$ 1,444.05	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid was spent for CD audio books, large print books, and to provide Creations With A Twist (entertainment for the Summer Library Program).
Stanhope	\$ 900.35	Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs Other	We used this money for supplies needed around the library and for craft supplies for the Summer Reading Program. We are leasing a really nice copier that we share with the city office in the next room. We are fundraising toward a new library/community meeting room/city office, and the new copier has helped us make many fundraising brochures. The copier has made it much easier for us and the patrons to print a more professional document. The kids in the community and surrounding areas really enjoyed all of the crafts that we did for our Summer Reading Program. We want to thank you so much for the Direct State Aid funding! It has helped us give our patrons better, more professional service.
Stanton	\$ 1,295.04	Personnel Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Library Programs	Money was spent to maintain the library's extended hours, to repair our HP deskjet 4200, to repair two Gates PCs, to purchase ceiling tile, to clean carpet, for air conditioner and vacuum cleaner repairs, and cleaning supplies. It also paid for Summer Reading Program prizes. The extended hours allow us to be open more and thus we have a greater chance that patrons can make use of the library.
Stanwood	\$ 1,286.98	Library Programs	We added more story hours for children, aside from the regular holiday programs. We added more

			activities for adults as well.
State Center	Not eligible		
Steamboat Rock	\$ 877.21	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought new books, download audio books (NEIBORS) and supplies. Patrons of all ages have more books to check out. Also, patrons with computers have access to over 1,300 downloadable audio books. A couple that spent a few weeks traveling were able to burn audio books to CDs at libraries on their route so that they could listen to them as they drove from place to place.
Stockport	Not eligible		
Storm Lake	\$ 3,505.11	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was spent to send one of our staff to an international book fair. This was a unique opportunity for our library to obtain quality Spanish materials for our growing Hispanic population. Direct State Aid was spent to renew subscriptions to Alliance Plus. This tool is used on a regular basis by library staff for collection development. Direct State Aid was used to secure our match for year two of the Gates Hardware Grant. This funding provides us with some flexibility with additional expenses within a fiscal year. For example, the opportunity for a library staff to go to an international book fair was not budgeted in our regular budget. Without Direct State Aid funds, our community would have missed out on what has been an incredible asset to our Spanish-speaking patrons.
Story City	\$ 1,899.11	Personnel	We added two additional hours to our Saturday schedule in July of 2008, and now close at 5 p.m. instead of 3 p.m., in addition to another half hour to our Sunday schedule. Our staff usually had a full library when we were closing at 3 p.m. We also added two afterschool programs and a lapsit program for infants and mothers. The lapsit program has had a great turn-out with as many as 18 mothers and their children. This is a happy group, and we are able to spend time not only taking some pressure off the mothers, but also help them figure out good library tools to use with their children. We put copies on our Web site of the materials used. Denise leads our wee-read program, and she reports that one parent thanks her every time she comes to this, as this is the only age-appropriate activity she can take her daughter to outside the home. The activities are fast paced and quick, and the children have good encounters with both other children and other adults, which truly helps ready them for the longer pre-school program.
Stratford	\$ 1,371.87	Library Materials &	We used some of these funds to purchase new audio

		Supplies Capital Improvements	books. We don't have a lot of room in our children's area, despite it being the busiest area in the library. We were able to make some changes using this money and expanded it. We applied for a Libri Grant and received another \$700 for children's books. We had totally run out of room for children's books. When the Direct State Aid check arrived, we were able to build a bookcase to hold our new books. Our ability to provide children's books to our patrons has skyrocketed, as has our interest in children's books. I have always had a soft spot for those who are handicapped in any way. We have people in our library who are blind, have macular degeneration and just love listening to audio books. I try to keep ahead of my handicapped patron's needs.
Strawberry Point	\$ 1,555.72	Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements	We purchased new DVDs, books, and audio books. We purchased signage for the inside of our building. Direct State Aid from the state allows us to purchase more than we would be able to do otherwise. We focused a little bit more on our young adult materials this year. The signage allows patrons to feel more self-sufficient. We have quite a few people stop while traveling and they can more easily find what they are looking for. I have been able to purchase more large print books which allows quite a few patrons to enjoy a larger selection of reading materials.
Stuart	\$ 1,151.69	Technology & Equipment	Our library used these funds to purchase a new projector, portable screen, and color printer/fax machine. We can show movies in the library to both children and adults. The local nursing home was trying to get residents interested in forming a chorus, but the residents were feeling too self-conscious to sing. The library showed the movie "Young at Heart," (a documentary on a senior citizen chorus). The Stuart Care Center chorus is up and running.
Sully	\$ 1,622.07	Library Materials & Supplies	We used the money on books and audio books we otherwise couldn't afford. We have a nice budget, but had to replace our server at quite a bit more than we had budgeted for. The extra money for the server had to come from somewhere and it decreased the book budget by over \$2,000 dollars. So this money was a great help in purchasing materials we otherwise couldn't get.
Sumner	\$ 1,266.72	Library Materials & Supplies	The funding was used to supplement our materials budget, allowing us to purchase new large print books and the supplies to process them. The demand for books in large print is ever increasing in our community, from 651 last year to 832 this year. Without this funding we would not have been able to purchase the materials needed to meet the needs of our community. We provide an outreach program for the local nursing home. While their bodies may be

			frail, many of them still have sharp minds and the desire to read. One of our patrons is 105 years old and has read all of the large print books in our collection. With help from this funding we were able to purchase many new titles for her to enjoy. She expresses her thanks to us every month for the new and varied selection we are able to offer her, thus giving her a much better quality of life.
Sutherland	\$ 1,323.41	Library Materials & Supplies	With this money, we were able to purchase more large print books, as well as increase our budget for regular print and children's books. We were also able to purchase periodicals and audio visual materials than would have been possible on our regular budget. As in every library, prices go up and funding does not. Our materials budget is the only place we can cut back, and with the Enrich Iowa/Direct State Aid funding, the cut doesn't need to be as deep. Our old school building has been converted into retirement housing. One of our patrons lives there and really enjoys the home delivery of large print books, as well as the visits of our volunteer who delivers them. She enjoys the social time as much as the books themselves.
Swaledale	\$ 839.08	Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements	We used this money for books and CDs. Our sidewalk sunk which made it impossible for handicapped patrons to access our building. Using this money, we had our sidewalk resurfaced and built up to allow access for those with mobility challenges. Our new sidewalk is beautiful, done in faux limestone and brick to match our building. The best part is our patrons can enter our library much more easily. Thank you for the funds that allow us to enable our patrons to use our library.
Swea City	\$ 1,371.39	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements	We were able to pay the mileage using these funds to send out direct to a Public Library Management II class in Des Moines. The money was also spent on books, DVD's, office and processing supplies and a MARC Wizard subscription. We also used some of the funds to hire a contractor to cave in and bury an abandoned cistern that broke through in the library's back yard when our Internet cable was buried. Our community is greatly affected by this funding. We are able to purchase books and movies for our collection that we otherwise would not have the money for. It also takes the stress off of our general budget because it pays for my mileage to the Public Library Management II class, which we all see as invaluable. This funding has made a huge difference in all of our patrons lives.
Tabor	\$ 959.03	Library Materials & Supplies	All funds were used to purchase books and materials for the library. These funds made continual purchase of books possible. Thanks to this funding

			we have been able to purchase more teen books which has brought more teens into the library. There are a number of teen girls who have really taken to the library thanks to Twilight and being able to provide more books of this genre. Thank you!!
Tama	\$ 1,767.58	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Other	Direct State Aid was used to purchase new books, PBS DVDs, Eyewitness DVDs, the Neibors Program online books, EBSCOHost databases, computer software, and library lanyards for patrons' library cards.
Terril	\$ 885.79	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs Other	The Terril library purchased new books, Edgar Allen Poe program supplies, Terril Telephone Cooperative Internet access, Follett software tech support-Alliance Plus, printer ink cartridges and Summer Reading Program books. Friends of the The Milford Library Foundation-Edgar Allen Poe program is getting our town and library names out countywide by hosting events sponsored by all the libraries of Dickinson county. By joining with the other libraries, we at the Terril Public Library can offer bigger and better events which we wouldn't be able to afford ourselves. We are nearly automated thanks to Follett tech support. We can now offer more computers to our patrons.
Thompson	Not eligible		
Thornton	\$ 1,326.35	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	We bought new books, a DVD player and speakers, a movie projector, and held book discussion groups for adults. We also used funds for a Summer Reading Program carnival rental. State aid funding has helped us with new programs. We lost the school in our town in May of 2008. In order to keep our circulation numbers up, we have added an after school program, adult book discussion, and large Summer Reading Program. Our after school program has helped many children have a safe place to be without parents at home.
Tiffin	\$ 461.16	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought new books, and paid for programming and food for our Summer Reading Program.
Tipton	\$ 1,919.76	Capital Improvements	The funds were put toward the purchase of equipment to make the entrance to our library totally ADA accessible. The equipment has been installed and has been a great asset to the library building.
Titonka	\$ 1,355.96	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Furniture Other	Direct State Aid was used for large print books, a Wii gaming system and licenses from TechSoup for Microsoft Office 2007. We also got a new table and two chairs and a six-foot step ladder. I purchased a Wii gaming system for the library. As a result of this, we will have one more monthly program for patrons to participate in at the library. This will allow us to host a monthly gaming day at the library for both the

			<p>young and elderly alike. We purchased a table and chairs to put in an area of the library that is a little more secluded. This has allowed people that work from home or are here visiting family or friends to bring in their own laptops, make use of our wireless Internet and have some privacy. We have a patron whose son comes to visit every summer from out of state and he brings his laptop to the library and is still able to "telecommute" from the library, making use of the table and chairs that are here. He is very appreciative of this.</p>
Toledo	\$ 1,717.62	<p>Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs</p>	<p>We used these funds to pay for mileage for staff to attend workshops and training. We also purchased a variety of books, children's games and DVDs, as well as computer ink and supplies. Funds also helped pay for our Summer Reading Program supplies and entertainment. Receiving the Direct State Aid funding is vital to our library and the services we provide. It helps in providing additional funding for our children's programming that we may not otherwise be able to provide. We appreciate the idea that the library may use the funding however it sees the need without restrictions. This opens the door for a wide variety of uses for the library and the community we serve.</p>
Traer	\$ 1,532.67	<p>Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs</p>	<p>State funds helped pay for audio books, DVDs and DVD sets. Money was also used for bookmarks for the Summer Reading Program, as well as a cutting board for crafts. With budget cuts the last three years, the money the state provides has allowed us to purchase extra items we would not be able to afford. We have more people checking out DVDs and audio books and have been able to add to our collections with these funds. We were also able to supplement our Summer Reading Program with some extra materials..</p>
Tripoli	\$ 1,576.04	<p>Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements Library Programs</p>	<p>We were able to hire additional staff during National Library Week, our Summer Reading Program, and other special events. We purchased a set of junior non-fiction books to enhance our collection. We were able to fix our urinal and install a new toilet for our public bathroom. We were able to have special programming during National Library Week. We were also able to have a book club for children 4th grade and older this year. By having the special programming and new materials available to our patrons, it has helped to attract new people. It has also helped us satisfy our existing patrons. Some of our local families now see that the library is not only a place for children. We have had some parents start coming into the library to check out books and not just drop their children off at the door. It's nice to</p>

			see them take an interest in what's going on at their local library.
Truro	\$ 1,308.56	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Furniture Library ProgramsOther	These funds were spent on new books and magazines subscriptions, a fax cartridge, updated computer memory, computer switch and mouse, computer ink and cartridge for the copy machine, blinds to close out light on the computers and two DVD shelves. The money also helped pay for supply kits for the Summer Reading Program, mileage for a summer program presenter on owls, and supplies like paper, glue, markers, etc. These funds helped stretch our budget so we could provide more services to patrons. More colorful children's books have been purchased for use in Story Time.
Union	\$ 1,360.46	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was used for staff training in order to remain certified and to increase our knowledge to better assist patrons. We also purchased an assortment of materials for all ages, a new computer, memory, a Flash Drive, and a digital card reader. New materials always are in demand. With regards to listening materials, a patron reported, "I really enjoy them, not a one have I disliked. It gets me to my destination quickly. Even though my route is four hours, the audio books make the time go by much more quickly."
Urbandale	\$10,346.78	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid paid for juvenile DVDs and four new public Internet computers @ \$2,214 each. It also paid for new signage.
Ute	Not eligible		
Van Horne	\$ 1,307.23	Library Materials & Supplies	We have been able to purchase more large print materials. As our patrons are aging, they really appreciate the large print. The collection has more than doubled in the last year. Many patrons comment on how much they enjoy reading large print items.
Van Meter	\$ 469.18	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought large print books and DVDs.
Varina	Not eligible		
Ventura	\$ 1,360.36	Library Programs	With this money, we were able to have some great programs throughout the year for our young patrons.
Victor	\$ 1,444.88	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for additional training for the director, as well as for new books, DVDs, and work supplies. It also paid for supplies and entertainment for the Summer Reading Program and our holiday open house. This funding allows us to improve our collection, our staff, and our programs. All of these things put together improve the library experience

			for our patrons and community.
Villisca	\$ 1,454.58	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid paid for children's and teen books. We installed wireless Internet. We also replace a router and monitor with a 19" LCD monitor. Because we were broken into many times, we installed a security camera and put in a deadbolt on one of our doors. We haven't had trouble since. Because of the extra money, we were able to become wireless. This has made it possible for people who are visiting our town and have laptops to come to our library and check their e-mail. Some can sit in their cars after we have closed and use the Internet. When our router and monitor went bad, we were able to replace them with better models. Our patrons have enjoyed that. We were a ride through town on Ragbrai. We opened our library early so riders had a place to use the Internet. With our wireless Internet, a lot of them were able to use their hand held devices to get the Internet. They said they really appreciated it.
Vinton	\$ 2,347.67	Personnel Technology & Equipment	We switched to a new circulation system. The staff and I thought face-to-face training would be more valuable to us than having training over the telephone. The money received from Direct State Aid allowed us to have a trainer come to us. We also bought a firewall backup license, Norton anti-virus license, and an UPS replacement.
Volga	\$ 819.00	Library Materials & Supplies	These funds paid for magazine subscriptions, new books and DVDs. Because of this funding, we were able to subscribe to magazines such as The Week, Smithsonian and Time. These magazines are expensive, which makes it difficult for us to be able to afford them on our limited budget. The patrons who read Time, The Week and the Smithsonian would be very disappointed if we no longer carried these magazines. They want to continue to be informed of what's happening in the world. It also provides information for our young people who are writing reports for school projects.
Wadena	Not eligible		
Wall Lake	\$ 1,408.25	Capital Improvements	The Wall Lake Public Library redirected and replaced gutters on the library building to correct a water problem in the basement. Two peaks were also sided with vinyl as an improvement to the building.
Walnut	\$ 910.96	Furniture	We bought a new table for computers. We now have the space for six computers in a central location, which has increased computer usage. The waiting time to use a computer has been cut in half. We are now able to offer computer classes to adults who have previously had to drive out of town for this service.

Wapello	\$ 1,677.63	Technology & Equipment	Keck Memorial Library purchased a laptop computer to replace the director's old one. The library board felt a laptop could be taken by the director to meetings and used for note taking and have library information available if needed. The laptop could be used with a projector for presentations and classes in the library and out. It can also be used for budget presentations to county and city officials. It comes in handy to take to PLOW (Putting Libraries on the Web – State Library) workshops.
Washington	\$ 2,179.79	Library Materials & Supplies	All Direct State Aid funds were used for the audio book collection
Washta	\$ 447.72	Library Materials & Supplies	We bought new books, audio books, and DVDs. Without these funds, we would have to purchase fewer materials.
Waterloo	\$16,854.53	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	\$11,002.21 funded the shared 3rd Age Coordinator's salary. The 3rd Age Coordinator is shared between the Waterloo and Cedar Falls public libraries. We also bought book sets for senior center book discussion groups. The 3rd Age Project, which began in the fall of 2000, is able to continue because of this funding.
Waterville	\$ 425.74	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Capital Improvements Library Programs	Part of this money was used to cover the cost of continuing education classes, and to purchase new DVDs and books. We sanded down our outdoor drop box, patched holes, and repainted it. The money was used for materials needed for our Summer Reading Program. The biggest impact was the reading incentives we purchased for the program.
Waucoma	\$ 1,200.80	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid funding helped purchase our new computers, expanding computer availability for our patrons. In our small library, we now have four computers for our patrons instead of two. People are using our computers for job searching and finding employment. One patron came in almost daily for six months and now he has found work. What joy! Elderly patrons use the computers, and with our help, zero in on medical information for a more precise understanding of certain ailments. This eases their worries!
Waukee	\$ 2,966.37	Personnel	The library hired a consultant to aid in the process of finding a new director. This service helped the library board upgrade the director's position to require a master's in library science. This library is in a state of growth, and having a degreed librarian is a positive step to ensuring that the "growing pains" will not be extreme. The fact that the library was able to hire a professional consultant to assist in the director search ensured that the board was seeking the library's (and the community's) best interests in wanting a suitable replacement that would move the

			<p>library forward in its next phase of growth. The consultant was also valuable in giving guidance to staff about the search process, and the consultant also included staff in the actual search process. Allowing the new director to work alongside the former director for one month assisted in a much smoother transition of leadership. We are also purchasing new computers. The public computers will have newer software (Office 2007) on them, which many patrons have requested. Currently, most of the public computers cannot open Office 2007 documents, which is a problem for patrons receiving such documents.</p> <p>The new director has been able to guide the current youth services coordinator in improving and expanding teen programming and developing publicity for youth programs. The community is also being affected by the new director's presence. The new director has implemented adult programming, including a premiere performance by the Drake Youth String Ensemble here at the library, which was well-received by the community. Following the announcement of the music performance, one community resident sent to the director an email dated April 27, 2009 and said, "I cannot tell you what an asset you are going to be in this community. I love this! This is the kind of thing I have hoped could be brought to Waukee."</p> <p>It is believed that when the new public computers are installed (scheduled for August, 2009), the public will have better means of accessing their online needs--particularly in creating and receiving Office documents. Currently, many people need Office 2007 to prepare, send and receive job-related documents. The new computers, with the addition of Microsoft Office 2007 on them, will enable these library users to have the most up-to-date software to help them in their job searches.</p>
Waukon	\$ 2,357.46	Library Materials & Supplies	<p>We purchased new audio books, and DVDs and DVD disk-only storage units. With the current economic situation, our library is filling a budget gap for families/individuals. Parents have been overheard telling children that purchase of movies will be curtailed and that borrowing those items from the library should become their first choice. Our high demand for audio books continues to support commuting workers, exercisers, factory workers, and travelers. One factory worker stated that not only does she listen to an audio book, but her co-workers also enjoy them. [Our circulation statistics do not reflect this. Knowing that someone's quality of life has been improved is the reward!]</p>

Waverly	\$ 3,509.03	Technology & Equipment	We were able to buy new public computers to replace old ones, a videocamera (working on virtual tour of the library / library promotion), external hard drive, projector, and other computer equipment. In past years we have relied heavily on state funding to upgrade our computers, and in the meantime we have been working to build technology replacement into our operating budget. We have used these funds for some of the most innovative updates for the library.
Webb	\$ 818.11	Furniture	We bought a new desk that is L shaped with a place for files, a computer and room for people to set down books to be checked in and out. We also bought a new chair for the director that was exactly what she needed. We've had many compliments from the public on how much better our library looks.
Webster City	\$ 3,082.56	Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid money was spent on books for the adult department. Each year we use the money to pay for the Baker & Taylor book leasing service, which allows us to order additional titles of bestsellers, and to try new authors.
Wellman	\$ 1,486.19	Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements	We purchased widescreen LCD monitors to replace old, bulky CDR patron monitors, a Canon digital camera for library use. These funds also partially paid for a new wireless router. We also purchased a lavatory (sink) pipe-cover kit to conform with state accreditation requirements.
Wellsburg	\$ 1,449.24	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for new DVDs, a computer, software, and added memory. We were also able to pay for an author visit and book signing program.
Wesley	\$ 908.58	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Library Programs	The funds were used for a salary increase for staff. We also purchased more large print books and Summer Reading Program prizes.
West Bend	\$ 577.49	Furniture	We bought a stand to hold DVDs. We have replaced one, but need to update the other two.
West Branch	\$ 1,682.47	Personnel	These funds extended staff hours to compensate for additional library use.
West Des Moines	\$12,573.68	Technology & Equipment	We enhanced our Web site functionality, replaced a book-drop bin, replaced our laminator, acquired security software and a new printer for the public to use. West Des Moines library users now have more services available through the Internet. Library materials should last longer. Public use computers should function better. Children and their parents can sign up for activities at the library through the Internet. Library rooms can also be reserved online. Library materials will be less likely to be damaged. Public computers will operate better.

West Liberty	\$ 1,970.17	Library Materials & Supplies	We spend our money on Spanish materials. The amount is used when we attend FIL in Guadalajara every year.
West Point	\$ 1,395.89	Library Materials & Supplies	With this funding we were able to keep all the periodicals currently in our Library. They are extensively used. The funding also allowed us to purchase more children's books, including books about the environment, recycling and news-making countries and their people.
West Union	\$ 1,748.54	Personnel Technology & Equipment Library Programs	Additional hours were paid for the teen librarian's Summer Reading Program and program activities. Two computers and a color printer were also purchased.
Westgate	\$ 802.19	Library Materials & Supplies	We used our Direct State Aid money to extend our book budget for the last three months of the budget year. Otherwise we would have had very little money for books. We also used this money to start building up our DVD collection.
Westside	Not eligible		
What Cheer	\$ 871.57	Library Materials & Supplies	Adult and children's non-fiction and fiction books, as well as audiovisual materials and DVD's were purchased using these funds.
Wheatland	\$ 1,295.79	Library Materials & Supplies	We are able to purchase a variety of items for our collection. We are able to purchase the Children's Choice Award books yearly. Teachers encourage students to come to the library for these and other books. We are able to purchase books requested by patrons, which brings them back... and they tell their friends! There are several new families in the community. When they come to the library we encourage them to get a library card, check out books and join us in a variety of activities. This helps them get acquainted with the area.
Whiting	\$ 1,310.81	Personnel	The Direct State Aid we received was used entirely to help increase our hours when the state originally began this program.
Whittemore	\$ 1,325.15	Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements	Two new computers were purchased for public use. The amount spent represents the purchase price of the computers, set-up and labor to install them. This is a much needed improvement to the public computer area as the computers that were there were outdated. This amount was also spent on new locks and keys for all of the library's exit doors. We have seen an increase in the use of our computers as patrons are enjoying the features and faster performance of these new machines. Also, the staff is much happier with the new locks as they do not have to struggle with them! No more calling the Sheriff to help them either get in the library or get it locked up.
Williams	\$ 1,325.08	Library Materials &	Direct State Aid paid for adult fiction books, health

		Supplies	reference books, books on CD, DVDs, young adult books, and early literacy books. Early Literacy was a focus for us this year. We wanted to increase the number of books appropriate for toddlers. We have had an increased interest in these books as well as a 65% increase in the circulation of DVD's. One of the books I purchased was "Tails" by Matthew Van Fleet. A pair of twins were looking at the book. When they came to the skunk, they both put their noses to the page. In an instant one said "Phewy" and the other said "Wipe it Mommy!" That book has been checked out more than most this year and it makes everyone laugh. Laughter is a great healer!
Williamsburg	\$ 746.32	Library Materials & Supplies	We used our Direct State Aid to add to our collection, primarily adult and children's materials.
Wilton	\$ 1,819.69	Technology & Equipment	This money helped to purchase two new computers with large monitors and updated Microsoft Office. We have more people using the computers to search for new jobs. Many use the Internet to apply on-line. Others need to use the computer to make or update a resume. Having the new computers helps the patrons accomplish this goal. These computers have the newest version of Microsoft Office. This will also benefit students. A patron came in to print a flyer that she had made on her computer -- but her printer wasn't working. Because we had the updated version of Microsoft Office, our computer program was compatible with hers. She was able to print the flyers that were promoting a benefit for a sick friend.
Winfield	\$ 1,045.10	Library Materials	We bought new books and DVDs.
Winterset	\$ 2,532.44	Technology & Equipment	We were able to buy three computers. One computer is being used in the children's area for children's games. The other two are adult Internet stations. In addition to the Internet, the adult stations provide Microsoft Suite 7. With the new children's games computer, we now have four children's computer stations. Providing computerized games in the children's area is just one of our tactics toward children's literacy development -- we provide computer-based games for children from age 3 through 6th grade, and they are heavily used. We added one new Internet computer and replaced one that had died, both in the adult area of the library. Many of our adult Internet patrons have no computer at home. Many others mention that they come to the library because their Internet service is so slow at home. We now have 12 Internet stations for adults. Our patrons' main computer activities are searching and applying for jobs, writing resumes and cover letters, doing taxes, creating invoices for work completed, applying for college and

			financial aid, taking college tests, checking e-mail, taking tests for recertification in several health professions, especially nursing and dietetics, and writing papers for classwork. Yesterday a woman filled out her FAFSA form for financial aid for her own higher education. She said she will complete her education just in time to start helping her oldest child with his college expenses.
Winthrop	\$ 1,344.23	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid monies were used to pay for personnel for our Munchy Mondays program. This is an after school program that provides nutritious snacks and homework help for elementary and middle school students. The snacks are donated by parents and we purchased children's materials to be used during our Munchy Mondays, Story Time and Summer Reading programs. Since we began our after-school program we have seen a definite increase in the number of children we serve each week. Last year we saw a weekly average of 50 children in attendance. One of the parents shared that since we began our Munchy Mondays program they were able to use that evening for some quality family time with their children, since the homework and reading assignments were already completed. Many parents are grateful for one less afternoon that their children are alone after school or are at a caregivers. Without this funding we would not be able to provide thie service to our community.
Woden	\$ 1,259.79	Personnel Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment Capital Improvements Library Programs	We paid for salaries for staff. Extra hours were put in to update the library and train a new assistant librarian. More books for the teen section and more videos for adults were also purchased, along with a new fax machine and wireless Internet. Money was also used to add lights and make building repairs. Books were also purchased for a children's library program and for the new adult book discussion group. Many patrons are not able to get out of town very often. They are dependant on our books and movies for their entertainment. With technology always changing, it helps to be able to keep up with that. I am happy to be able to keep updating the things that a small town library has to offer to many people. For instance, one child's parents are working and he is too old to go to a babysitter. We provide a place for the child to come and not be alone. I like to be able to offer new books and entertaintmen for him. He is very appreciative and excited about the new things.
Woodbine	Not eligible		
Woodward	\$ 1,426.04	Library Materials &	The money was spent on books in all areas;

		Supplies	children's, young adults, large print, non-fiction, and adult.
Wyoming	\$ 943.44	Library Materials & Supplies	These funds were used to replace and update the juvenile fiction section in the library, replace some of the VHS videos with DVDs and for recently released DVDs. Recently, our local video store went out of business, leaving the library the only place within 20 miles to access movies. We have had a large increase in circulation of videos and now have many new people coming into the library to use all the library resources.
Zearing	\$ 1,511.40	Library Materials & Supplies Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for program supplies, large print books, audio books, encyclopedias, Internet access, EBSCOHost databases, the Summer Reading Programs, and children's summer crafts.