

2005 Enrich Iowa: State Funding for Iowa Libraries



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Enrich Iowa: Summary

Iowans love and use their libraries. In the last 10 years, library visits to Iowa public libraries are up 30 percent and the number of public library cardholders is up 15 percent. The Enrich Iowa program contributes to this growth. It gives Iowans access to all of our state's library resources and continues a longstanding tradition of public/private partnerships among all types of libraries in Iowa.

The State Library of Iowa provides leadership and coordination for the entire Iowa library community, and is proud of its role in managing the Enrich Iowa framework.

In accordance with 2005 IOWA ACTS Chapter 1175 (80)(4)(b), the State Library of Iowa submits this report on the uses and impact of state funding to Iowa libraries and Iowans through the Enrich Iowa Program.

Enrich Iowa includes Direct State Aid to public libraries, Open Access and Access Plus. \$2,298,432 was distributed to Iowa libraries through the FY05 Enrich Iowa program.

[Direct State Aid](#) helped 477 Iowa public libraries purchase books, supplies, computers and other necessities they could not otherwise provide their customers. It improves the quality of library service in Iowa. Since its inception, Direct State Aid led to a 70 percent increase in the number of accredited libraries in Iowa, from 171 in 1999 to 291 in FY06. The number of certified directors has increased more than 19 percent, and handicapped accessible libraries have increased more than 22 percent. The following report reflects the importance of these funds in promoting life-long learning; strengthening reading and literacy programs for children; providing safe, accessible buildings; improving Internet connections; and increasing library hours. Direct State Aid funding in FY05 was \$1 million from the general fund.

[Open Access](#) allows Iowans to walk into any participating library in the state and borrow books and other materials, with libraries being reimbursed a small portion of the expense involved. Iowans checked out 3,595,408 items from 591 libraries in FY05. Open Access funding in FY05 was \$940,813 (\$480,931 from the general fund and \$459,882 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).

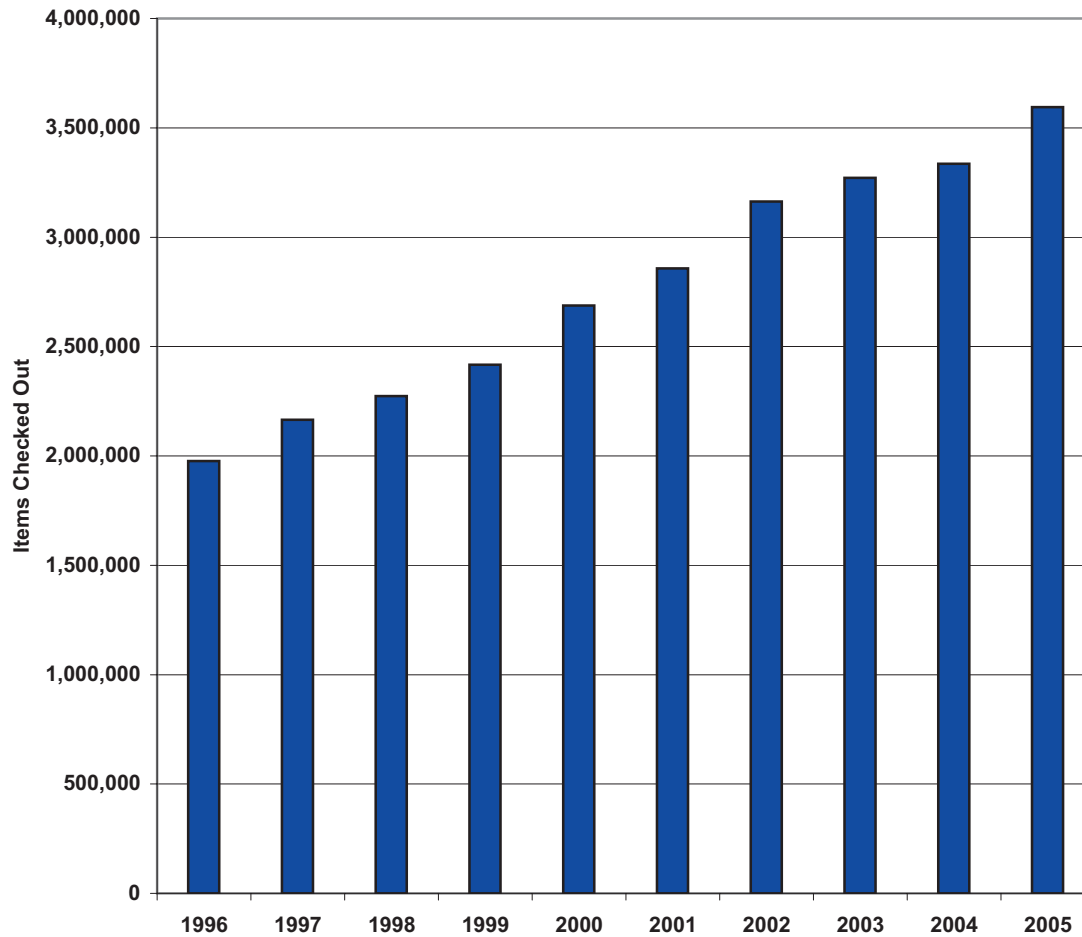
Libraries are reimbursed a part of the cost of mailing materials to other libraries through the [Access Plus](#) interlibrary loan program, which provides Iowans with equal access to library resources no matter where they live. The 602 participating libraries loaned 213,900 items in FY05. Access Plus funding in FY05 was \$357,618 (\$217,501 from the general fund and \$140,117 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).



"We value the library because the girls love books and learning, and the library is fun!"

The mother of Annie and Ali at the Oskaloosa Public Library.

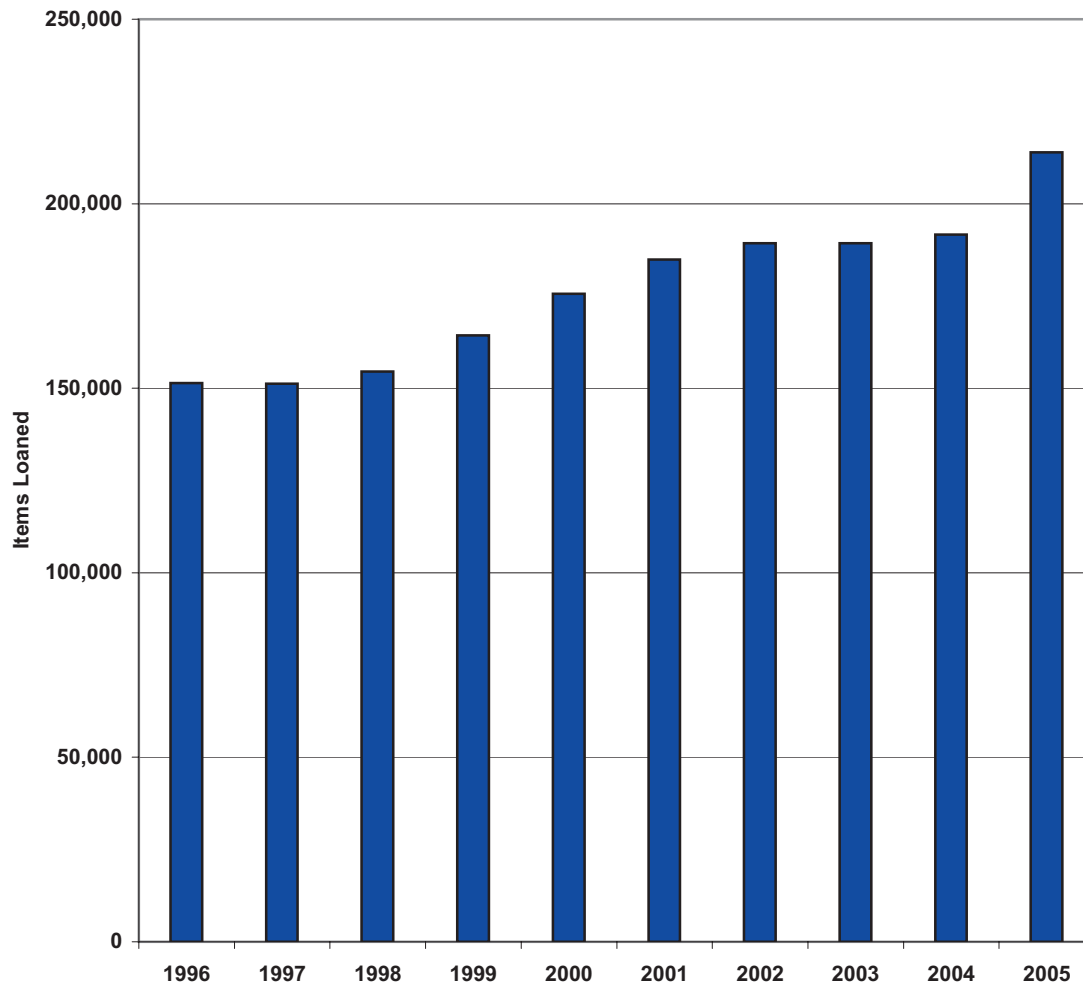
Open Access



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

In the last 10 years, the number of items checked out has increased 82% from 1,976,860 to 3,595,408. Open Access funding in FY 2005 was \$940,813 (\$480,931 from the general fund and \$459,882 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).

Access Plus



Established in 1989, Access Plus provides Iowa citizens with equal access to library materials through resource sharing among libraries. Libraries borrow materials from participating libraries to fulfill requests of their customers.

In the last 10 years, the number of items borrowed has increased 41% from 151,444 to 213,900. Access Plus funding in FY 2005 was \$357,618 (\$217,501 from the general fund and \$140,117 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).

Direct State Aid

Libraries are a critical part of Iowa's rich educational tradition. Direct State Aid helps move library services in Iowa closer to the statewide vision for library service:

"Each Iowan will have equal access to information and ideas in order to participate knowledgeably and productively in a democratic society and to lead an enriched life through lifelong learning."

Direct State Aid for public libraries was recommended for the first time ever by the Governor of Iowa and approved by the Iowa General Assembly in 1999. The program is designed to improve library service and reduce inequities in library services among communities; to enhance, not replace, local funding; and to encourage achievement of statewide public library standards (*In Service to Iowa: Public Library Measures of Quality*).

"Thanks to Direct State Aid, we are able to serve our community six days a week. Many low-income people now have a place to spend their Saturday mornings. We have one child who would not have a safe place to go in town if not for the additional hours we are open."

Shellsburg Public Library

The funding formula 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. The State Library and Iowa Library Service Areas have worked tirelessly to help all public libraries meet minimum standards of quality.

"New customers were introduced to our library through special summer programming for special-needs students. Our new copy machine (purchased with Direct State Aid funds) helped a former homeless person make the copies she needed for a job interview. The library has been a source of support for her."

Winthrop Public Library

Of Iowa's 543 public libraries in FY05, 272 received Tier 3 funding, 115 received Tier 2 funding, 90 received Tier 1 funding, and 66 were not eligible this year.

Libraries provide preschoolers with early exposure to the written word, sustain students, and offer lifelong learning opportunities for adults. Libraries promote economic development and support informed decision making. The local library is often the only place in town to use a computer, access the Internet, make photocopies or send faxes. For many Iowans, Direct State Aid means the difference between living in isolation and having the world at their fingertips through their libraries.

The Value of Direct State to Iowans in 2005

Altoona Public Library: *"We have a lot of people who use our computers to do job searches or apply on-line for positions or to print their resumes. Due to Direct State Aid, we have had at least three people say they found successful employment by using the library's computers."*

Bedford Public Library: *"Our budget doesn't always allow us to keep reference material updated, but thanks to Direct State Aid, we were able to update our encyclopedias. That means students have been able to do school reports on more current events."*

Carnegie Stout Public Library, Dubuque: *"Direct State Aid helped us add a part-time staff person during our busiest hours. Sundays are our most popular day for patrons. When I unlock the door, a large crowd is standing in the lobby. When the door opens, we start running and don't stop until we close. Without question, Direct State Aid has helped us increase our service level and response time."*

Edgewood Public Library: *"We had a patron experiencing medical problems. With our new computer which we bought with Direct State Aid money, she was able to research her problems and go back to her health care provider with many questions. She was educated enough to take an active role with her doctor in deciding what treatment she wanted for the problem."*

Emmetsburg Public Library: *"For someone who is unable to afford a computer, having one available at the public library {purchased with Direct State Aid money} is a great equalizer. The Internet is such a diverse, content-rich application, it would be a shame if it were not available to everyone."*

Humboldt Public Library: *"One local family issues 'Christmas Challenges.' Grandmother's challenge was to learn to dance the cha-cha. We purchased several audio visual materials with Direct State Aid, and were able to provide her with an instructional dance video and several music CDs. She has not yet agreed to show us what she has learned, but we are looking forward to assisting her with the next challenge."*

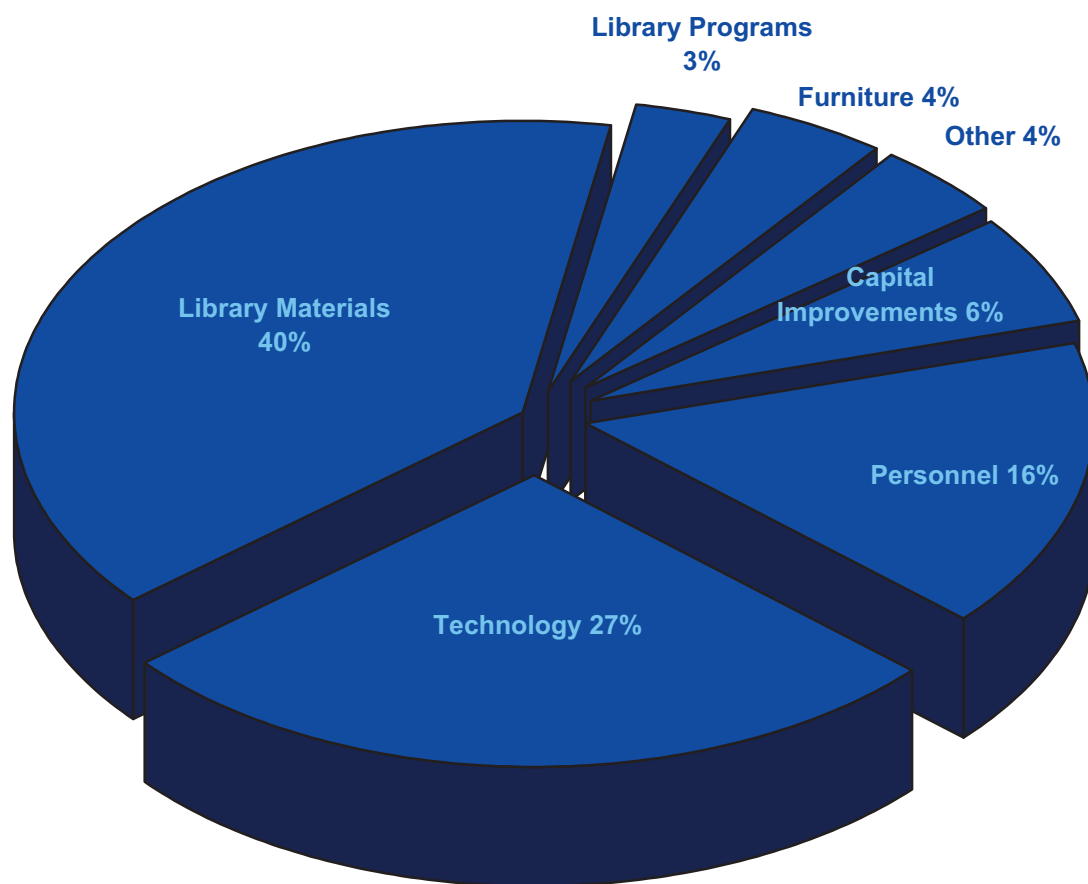
Lamoni Public Library: *"We just completed a library service survey and a frequent, favorable comment was how our library attempts to stay current with materials. Direct State Aid has helped to make our library a place that meets the needs of our patrons."*

Ocheyedan Public Library: *"Our book budget was depleted. With Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase additional books, and added a number of items to our Iowa collection that have been used in presenting programs at nursing homes."*

Onawa Public Library: *"With the cost of our new library expansion, we would not have been able to update the computers without the help of Direct State Aid."*

Rockwell City Public Library: *"Direct State Aid helped us renovate the pillars on our Carnegie Library. This building holds a lot of sentimental value in our community."*

Benefits of Direct State Aid (\$1,000,000)



**Based on 477 Iowa public libraries reporting expenditures
of Direct State Aid**

**NE = Not Eligible for Direct State Aid
NR = No Report**

City	Direct State Aid Amount	Categories for Use of Direct State Aid	Use of Direct State Aid Funding by 477 Public Libraries
Ackley	\$1,756	Materials & Supplies	We are still recovering from budget cuts, so this year we purchased children's books and audio books. As a commuter community, this funding helped enhance the selections of audio books. A patron from Waterloo who drives through several times a week can enjoy these new selections. Also, an elderly woman whose vision is impaired enjoys 'reading' with her ears.
Adair	NE		
Adel	\$1,660	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment;	Update CD collection; backup hardware and network consulting.
Agency	\$1,310	Technology & Equipment	Purchased two computers and ink for printer. A nontraditional student is using our Internet service to complete course work required for a new job.
Akron	\$1,123	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	CD book lease; processing software. The CD lease program is being used by commuters and others who travel, such as truck drivers. We can't afford both formats and we still have many people who use audio cassette books. The software and tech support help us get new books processed faster and more accurately. The Readers Garden needed access from inside the library and these steps made a beautiful pathway outside.
Albert City	\$1,395	Materials & Supplies	New books and DVDs. Our library was able to provide better service to our patrons because we could provide bestsellers and reference materials for special interest groups. We added more books to our children's non-fiction collection and more Iowa history books. We also started a DVD collection that we plan to develop that includes the demand for current political subjects.
Albia	\$1,642	Materials & Supplies	Audio books, videos and DVDs. We have a patron who is legally blind and is grateful to be able to get books this way. She was a voracious reader.
Albion	\$503	Materials & Supplies	Books and program supplies. The library was able to provide a more current selection of materials for the patrons.
Alden	\$1,062	Materials & Supplies	Books and audio books.
Alexander	\$1,401	Materials & Supplies; Programs	DVDs, CDs and books; story hour, snacks, prizes, costumes. Our circulation is the largest it has ever been since I came as librarian six years ago. We are getting more people in here that have never been here before – especially from out of town. We were one of the unlucky libraries that were robbed -- \$1,000 cost and damages. This Direct State Aid will be a blessing in helping recover our loss. We are a very small town of 160 – no convenience store, gas station, etc. We are able to offer these DVDs and videos to our people. Also, the children's story hour benefits from all we were able to do with this funding.
Algona	\$2,795	Materials & Supplies;	Audio, children's and adult books. We have been able to offer a better selection of materials to our patrons.
Allerton	NE		

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Allison	\$1,000	Personnel	This funding has allowed the library to be open six days a week in our new facility. It is being used for additional staff to work while we are working on automating our library. Since the library is open later in the evening, the residents who work until 5 p.m. still have an opportunity to use the library. Part of the library collection is available on the computers which makes the catalog easily available. We are working to make the entire collection available electronically.
Alta	\$608	Materials & Supplies	Videos, DVDs for all ages.
Alta Vista	\$1,333	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Set of 20 volumes of character building books for children, videos for family viewing; Brother typewriter, Internet modem and router and other computer equipment. Library service has increased greatly as a result of Direct State Aid funding. Elementary students were thrilled with the new books for reports relating to their class studies. Also computer use has increased calling for more and better computer service at our library. Third and fourth grade students at New Hampton Community School were able to read more of the books they needed for extra credit, resulting in a better grade. Thank you from everyone at the Alta Vista Public Library.
Alton	\$684	Materials & Supplies	New books. Our new library building opened in May 2004. We purchased books with this funding to meet the increased circulation demand.
Altoona	\$4,715	Technology & Equipment	Used to supplement purchase of five new computers and three new laser printers and upgrade our IPAC server. This funding has allowed us to keep current with our technology plan. Newer, faster computers enable our patrons to have access to reliable machines with up-to-date speeds. New printers mean better quality print jobs with color if needed. We have a lot of people use our computers to do job searches or apply on-line for positions, and/or print off resumes. We have had at least three patrons say they found successful employment through use of our computers.
Ames	\$14,625	Programs; Other	Books for Babies program – books and library information packets given to new parents at Mary Greeley Medical Center as part of our county-wide pre-literacy program. The remaining funds are being held in reserve until fall 2005 when we launch Project Smyles, the library's new outreach to daycare program. Many new parents sign up for a library card as a result of the gift packet they receive at Mary Greeley Medical Center. Parents are also encouraged to visit the library to receive a follow-up gift book for their new baby. Books for Babies packets are the first step in connecting with parents about the importance of reading to their child's development. The books in the packet help to begin building that child's home library and the materials introduce parents to the wide range of library services available to them. Early reading is a key to later success in school.

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Anamosa	\$2,574	Materials & Supplies	Miscellaneous materials. We recently moved into a new 15,000 sf facility. This has increased our circulation rate. The current FY budget for materials was not on the priority list. Next year's material budget has been given a substantial increase, but still not where it should be.
Anita	\$1,470	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Story-telling class and salary for extra "Franklin" kid's program; preschool supplies, special envelopes for Follett overdues; digital camera, Follett Alliance, Circulation and Catalog Plus. We have completed retro conversion of materials. The patrons have easier and updated information on what we have and its availability. We also have a resident storyteller on staff who has used her skills to bring smiles and laughter to all those who attend her programs.
Ankeny	\$9,551	Technology & Equipment; Furniture	Servers and IPACs were upgraded; browser bins for audio visual materials. Our automated system was failing because the servers were not adequate for the size of our transactions. Our AV collection was overflowing in storage. New display bins make "searching" for AV materials so much more convenient for our patrons.
Anthon	NE		
Aplington	\$1,483	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	Salary increase; technology support and updates, DSL line; CD holder.
Archer	\$456	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	More DVDs and books were purchased to enhance the variety of the library's holdings. When the library typewriter stopped working, money from Direct State Aid was used to purchase a new one for staff use. A patron got a new DVD player and really appreciated the growing selection of DVDs at the library.
Arlington	\$1,306	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Books, DVDs and audio tapes; materials and supplies for summer library program. We really enjoyed this year's summer reading program and had lots of great activities for the kids. Supplies will also be used for school year preschool story hour (28 programs per year).
Armstrong	\$1,426	Capital Improvements	Funds helped pay for seamless gutter and new soffit on our library building. The gutters were leaking causing ice to form on the sidewalk up to our entrance.
Arnolds Park	\$1,581	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to update the non-fiction books. Books were selected in history, medicine, fitness, technology and home economics.
Arthur	\$838	Materials & Supplies	Adult, young adult, elementary-age books and materials. Because of this funding, we have been able to purchase materials for our customers which is a very important part of why we're here. It's getting harder and harder to make ends meet and this funding is a life-saver!
Ashton	\$942	Personnel	This is our biggest expenditure. Without state aid, we would have to cut hours below the 20 per week needed to maintain state standards.
Atkins	\$516	Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs	DSL access for a year; shelving, book shelf storage in children's area; summer library program, book group discussions.

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Atlantic	\$2,921	Technology & Equipment	Purchased Xerox copier. One lady was able to make a copy for each of her children of the only snapshot taken of her grandmother and grandfather in front of the family homestead. Priceless.
Auburn	\$528	Materials & Supplies	Used for new books. This funding in past years has helped us keep pace with rising costs of books. We have used this money to purchase large print books. Around 30 percent of our frequent users read these exclusively so this is a high priority.
Audubon	\$1,407	Technology & Equipment	Microfilm reader/printer. This money came at an opportune time when our old microfilm reader/printer had just expired. Many people do genealogy research and the microfilm format is what is easiest for all ages to use. The Audubon Public Library has the only microfilm reader/printer in the county. Several people have commented on the fact that it is wonderful to get copies of old newspapers and census records that are only available on microfilm.
Aurelia	\$1,469	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Books for adult and juvenile collections; Internet access, computer updates and computer accessories. One single mother was able to complete her GED and find employment using our computers, Internet and reference materials.
Aurora	\$433	Materials & Supplies	The entire amount of Enrich Iowa funds was spent on expanding the library's audio book and reference collections. Circulation of the audio books has doubled. We continue to update our reference materials so that patrons have current information to work with. A mom was pleased to find that we had "Harry Potter" books-on-tape, something the entire family could enjoy on a long car trip.
Avoca	\$1,625	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Audio books in CD format; two new computers. Patrons who travel from Avoca to Council Bluffs and Omaha to work each day appreciate the audio books on CD. They tell me how much more quickly and pleasant their commute is.
Badger	NE		
Bagley	\$922	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Large print books; copy machine, Dlink router; Dlink wireless PCI card. We now have the only public use copy machine in town. Router – PCI card allowed us to provide high speed service on the patron computers. Due to serving an aging population, we have many more calls for large print materials. The copy machine allowed a lady in town to copy an entire cherished family scrapbook for each of her children without having to leave the community to do so. Her kids couldn't believe she got it done here.
Bancroft	\$1,454	Technology & Equipment; Programs; Other	Follett software support/circulation, Follett software support/catalog; summer reading program supplies, programming supplies, craft supplies; signage. With Direct State Aid funding, we were able to purchase beautiful signage for our library. It's a wonderful asset and our patrons appreciate the easy access to what they need. Thank you for the Direct State Aid!
Batavia	NE		

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Battle Creek	\$1,365	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Salaries for additional staff; new periodicals; Rural Waves Internet, Frontier Communications telephone. Library service will improve because the library can offer people Internet service free of charge.
Baxter	\$1,509	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	Purchased audio books, books; new shelves
Bayard	\$1,386	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Large print books; paid fees for a faster, better Internet connection. The demand for large print materials has increased by 50% over the last two years. Having additional funds for these materials has made a great difference to our patrons. Circulation has increased accordingly. Having a vastly improved Internet connection has reduced the frustration level for our patrons as well as staff!
Beaman	\$1,371	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; other	World Book Encyclopedia edition 2005; two OSX operating systems, installed OSX on IMacs, installed WE Blocker on PC's and Kids Go-Go-Go on IMacs; Hoover vacuum, filter and belt; Dirt Devil cordless handheld vac. We have more up-to-date print material for elementary, high school and college students.
Bedford	\$507	Materials & Supplies	World Book Encyclopedias. Several of our children have been able to do reports on more current events that were not in the old edition of our encyclopedia. Our budget doesn't always allow us to keep reference materials updated, but thanks to Direct State Aid, we were able to update our encyclopedias.
Belle Plaine	\$1,933	Furniture; Programs	Developed a teen area with couches; summer library program prizes and programs, as well as food for various other programs. These funds have greatly helped in developing a teen area and in increasing programming for teens. I had a pizza party for 7 th and 8 th graders. Many who attended were not regular library users, so it was great to have them show up!
Bellevue	\$1,910	Personnel	This money enabled us to hire a part-time summer intern to assist with story hour and the summer reading program. She has been a tremendous asset. This funding makes a <u>difference</u> and has a strong impact on our services.
Belmond	\$2,059	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Books and audio books; network security and backup software, political research online service. This year Direct State Aid has allowed us to upgrade and enhance our network security and add some extra books and audio books to our collection.
Bennett	\$457	Materials & Supplies	Books, supplies, videos. We are able to offer videos to our community that we normally would not be able to do. We are able to add supplies for our story hour that were greatly needed.
Bettendorf	\$8,337	Materials & Supplies; Other	Template designs for fliers, brochures, bookmarks, new library titles, young adult materials; "Libraries Together" study. The templates have improved our marketing of events. The "Libraries Together" study will make us more efficient. A reference librarian was helping a student who was looking for a science fair project on the strength of human hair. We did not own a print copy of the book needed, but did own the full text e-book. The student accessed that and printed out the five pages needed.
Birmingham	NE		

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Blairstown	\$929	Materials & Supplies; Programs; Other	We just created a teen advisory board and will use some of these funds to implement their ideas. We purchased furniture, library materials, CDs, DVDs, magazines and a boom box and headphones. The teens feel more ownership in the library and have made good progress in improving our teen-friendly reputation. They have good ideas and that helps us serve their age group more effectively. The teen board president is a 15 year old who was pretty quiet and stayed on the sidelines. She has blossomed as the president, learning how to conduct the meeting and being an effective leader.
Blakesburg	\$450	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Books, supplies; printer, fax, copier, software, Marc Wizard.
Bloomfield	\$1,330	Capital Improvements	Help with new outside windows and refinishing inside windows.
Bode	\$935	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Junie B. Jones series, Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events, Roaring Rides series; replaced and old computer. This funding is an incredible help to us, a small town library. It enables us to have items we would definitely go without.
Bonaparte	\$440	Materials & Supplies	Purchased adult large print and children's books. We have more current books and materials for community use than we would be able to afford without this funding. We have several senior citizens who don't drive and have little opportunity to go anywhere, so reading is how they occupy their time. The library is very important to them.
Bondurant	\$1,692	Materials & Supplies	Purchased non-fiction books, a 10 volume set on American history, a 39 volume set on contemporary issues and a 7 volume set on ancient civilizations. Within a week of being added, the book on depression was checked out. I'm sure this patron had a need to have some information about that topic.
Boone	\$4,488	Materials & Supplies	Audio books, videos and CDs. Even though our local budget was cut, state funds used for audiovisual materials let us meet the demand for audio books. We currently have nine of the top 15 bestselling fiction on audio.
Boyden	\$652	Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid money to buy DVDs. We added to our collection as well as replaced videos.
Breda	NE		
Britt	\$1,793	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	Funding allowed us to stay open until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. With city budget cuts, we were going to need to close earlier in the evening. Audio books; story hour supplies. Many patrons use our library in the evenings. We would have had to close earlier one evening without state funding to help. Starting a story hour program has been great. Numbers are still small, but good readers and good library patrons start young. It was wonderful! We now have seven preschool children who continue to visit the library weekly.
Brooklyn	\$615	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	Hired consultant to install software and train; Follett support and Alliance online. We're getting closer to being automated and it will improve service to the community. Being a one person library, it should be a great help to me, and I in turn will have more time to spend on programming, etc.

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Buffalo Center	\$595	Personnel	Direct State Aid money will be used to extend hours one night a week. The library will be open on Thursday evenings until 7 p.m. with the help of this money. People who are not able to get to the library during the work week have taken advantage of these extended hours.
Burlington	\$5,873	Technology & Equipment	Software and server for Dynix Web Reporter. By utilizing this program, we can improve our collection development and patron services by analyzing statistics gathered by this program.
Burt	\$1,386	Furniture	New kitchen cabinets for the new addition at our library. Our community is proud and excited to have a new addition on our library. It is nice to be from a community that takes pride and tries to keep things updated. Without the generosity of the Enrich Iowa funds, this would not be possible.
Bussey	\$457	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Salary for staff for designated days and hours; purchased materials for patrons and supplies to update daily maintenance of library and recordkeeping; switched Internet access to DSL, benefiting all computers used in library. We were able to extend the hours open to the public. One patron is very grateful to be able to come into the library 2-3 times a week to use the Internet and not have to travel to another city.
Calamus	\$424	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements; Other	Staff was able to attend continuing education classes; purchased paper for copy machine; new front door and drop box painting; mop and bucket. The appearance of our library is much cleaner.
Callender	\$1,393	Materials & Supplies	Supplies for story hour and many books were purchased. We were able to continue a year round story hour and added a group for older children as well. We were also able to improve our young adult section. We are better able to serve young adults and have seen an upswing in circulation in that area – no small feat in this group of notorious “non-readers.”
Calmar	\$1,543	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment;	Adult audio books, young adult/juvenile fiction/children's books, reference books and “series” titles; new fax machine; funds spent towards the purchase of a new circulation desk computer with upgraded programs. We have several non-traditional library users who prefer listening to audio books on tape or CD. Some use them while traveling, while others listen to them at work. In expanding our non-fiction collection, teachers at the local parochial school who use our library often request these materials for their students and use in the classroom.
Camanche	\$2,157	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Audio books for adults, large print books; children's summer library program supplies. Also purchased a set of six children's books about fantasy and folklore that can be used during this year's program.
Cambridge	NE		
Cantril	NE		
Carlisle	\$1,471	Materials & Supplies	Copyright Compliance Royalty (videotapes), National Organization Services, Inc. (subscriptions), EBSCOhost database, books. Direct State Aid helped us stretch our limited budget, especially in the area of periodicals, by covering our subscription costs.

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Carroll	\$3,844	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Purchased 165 DVDs from PBS to add to our fledgling collection. Purchased a new copier for public use. DVDs are flying off the shelves. We began the collection less than a year ago. The DVDs have brought new patrons into the library.
Carter Lake	\$1,914	Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	Computer upgrades; signage. Providing remote access has allowed patrons to use lap tops anywhere in the library and directly outside the building.
Cascade	\$1,599	Technology & Equipment	Patron computer and Centurian locks, additional RAM for circulation computer. Patrons now have access to an up-to-date computer that functions well.
Casey	\$528	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture	Audio CDs; computer virus protection, networking; shelving in children's area. We have a new patron in town who only had a CD player in her vehicle. She is very pleased that we are carrying CDs that she can use.
Cedar Falls	\$10,666	Personnel	Combined Cedar Falls and Waterloo public libraries fund the "Gray Matters" coordinator's salary. The program targets active seniors and seniors who live in retirement/nursing centers. We know this program continues to change the lives of area seniors. Many new book discussions have formed since the program first began, and several library staff members have become involved in the book clubs.
Cedar Rapids	\$30,517	Materials & Supplies	Adult and children's books. This continues to be an important supplement to the library materials budget.
Center Point	\$757	Capital Improvements	The library is renovating a building for occupation. This money will be used to remove a vault door wall, patch the doorway and paint the opening. These changes created a new room in the building, allowing room for 1,900 videos and DVDs.
Centerville	\$2,612	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	Purchased juvenile DVDs, young adult fiction, adult nonfiction and large print books; fax machine and typewriter; building improvements including brass pulls for lights (to replace strings). We have seen many new faces since we began a juvenile DVD collection and expanded our adult DVD collection. With the movement of some collections and the addition of more young adult fiction, our library has become "teen friendly." We have decided to organize a Teen Advisory Council.
Central City	NE		
Chariton	\$2,373	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	ASCAP license fee, MPLC license fee; BookWhere subscription (to obtain MARC records); Follett software expenses, MARCMagician subscriptions for cataloging. Paying for licensing fees allows people to view or listen to audio-visual items within our building. We use these items as part of our children's programming, and they are regularly used by a class of adults with special needs. So much of our funding is going towards automation expenses, and one part of our collection we've been eager to get on the computer catalog is our "Iowa" collection. Several people come in searching for local information and it's much easier and faster to find that obscure item they want.
Charles City	\$3,273	Materials & Supplies	Audio books on CD, large print books and books in general. Our customers who do a lot of driving especially for work like the audio books.

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Charter Oak	NE		
Chelsea	NE		
Cherokee	\$2,518	Materials & Supplies	Adult fiction and large print books.
Churdan	\$1,564	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Purchased new DVDs and large print books. The customers really like newer material. They feel we are up with the larger cities. The funds are also used for the summer reading program. We have about 70 kids and this money lets us get a speaker or more crafts.
Clare	NE		
Clarence	\$502	Furniture	New mats for under the computer chairs, new magazine racks, new vacuum. This funding has allowed us to put rubber mats under our computer stations. One of our patrons that is wheelchair bound has found it much easier to maneuver between the computer and the printer.
Clarinda	\$1,800	Materials & Supplies	Non-fiction titles and the beginning of a collection of books on CD. Many patrons who commute to work have been able to enjoy and take advantage of our new books on CD. Also, with the addition of our new non-fiction titles, the library has been able to meet the increased demand from patrons. Residents of one of our senior centers have found the books on CD an excellent way to be able to enjoy books again. Their eyesight did not allow them to enjoy books any longer and they found books on tape difficult to use. The CDs were easier for them to change and work with.
Clarion	\$2,104	Capital Improvements	Applied toward land purchase of adjoining lot.
Clarksville	\$1,565	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs; Other	Children's books, replaced books to update the collection; copier for office and public use; book discussion and summer library program; bike rack. Updating medical, car repair and replacing old favorites was needed as result of the automation program when we realized we needed to improve the copyrights of some titles.
Clear Lake	\$3,361	Capital Improvements	Roof repair. Library materials are no longer at risk for water damage due to leaks in the ceiling. And the staff are happy they don't have to run around putting buckets under leaks during heavy rains.
Clearfield	NE		
Cleghorn	\$1,273	Materials & Supplies	Expanded our collection of bestsellers for our adult patrons and purchased children's books.
Clermont	\$925	Materials & Supplies	Children's books and DVDs.
Clinton	\$7,778	Materials & Supplies; Other	DVDs; office, computer and microfilm supplies; 3M Security Gate Repair; Phase 1 Financial Feasibility Study. We can prevent loss of materials so the public can use them. We have an idea of what the business community would like by way of a new library and what they might be willing to support. The Gates computer users and the public have access to an increased collection of information and films in the popular widescreen DVD format.
Clive	\$4,124	Technology & Equipment	E-commerce function of Innovative System
Clutier	\$430	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Books, summer reading books, audio books; outlets for computers and phone lines, computer supplies.

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Coggon	\$517	Materials & Supplies	Materials for collection.
Coin	NE		
Colesburg	\$1,291	Furniture	New computer desk that will seat up to 6 patrons. We purchased two more computers for the desk and then went DSL wireless. There is less waiting for a computer.
Colfax	\$553	Materials & Supplies	We used the Direct State Aid money for juvenile non-fiction books. It has made a very nice improvement in our juvenile section of the library. Our middle school science teacher assigns her students to a project during the school year. Several students checked out science project books that we were able to purchase with this money.
Collins	\$459	Materials & Supplies; Library Programs	Books for our preschool outreach programs and story hour programs, purchased early reading and reading readiness books; expanded our summer reading program to accommodate more kids. We would not be able to provide some of our children's programs without this funding. Our city budget does not allow much in the way of extra items and this funding lets us serve the kids in our community and several other towns. This funding lets us provide library services to a preschool in another town and the kids are able to have different materials each month. They light up when we come in to read each month and get excited when new books are dropped off twice a month.
Colo	\$1,665	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Library Programs	EBSCO database subscription; new computer with public Internet access and software; some funds went toward circulation desk; speakers and prizes for summer reading program.
Columbus Junction	\$1,695	Materials & Supplies	Audio and non-fiction books. I am able to serve those who need/want audio tapes to enjoy literature. Updating the adult and juvenile non-fiction after severely weeding. We have an avid, 85-year-old reader with macular degeneration. She recently moved to a nursing home. Anything I can do to make life more enjoyable for her I will do (audio books).
Conrad	\$1,590	Other	Will pay a portion of the architect bill for site study and building plans for potential new library.
Coon Rapids	\$1,541	Technology & Equipment	New Dell computer, software, upgrades, reader/printer repair. We have jumped from monthly use of computer from 80-100 to 150-180. We need another computer!
Coralville	\$5,679	Technology & Equipment	Computer equipment, technology enhancement.
Corning	\$1,697	Materials & Supplies	Our library materials budget has been cut drastically. These funds will go towards our materials.
Correctionville	NE		
Corwith	\$531	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	Training and workshops for staff; books and videos; summer reading program for elementary children.

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Corydon	\$1,564	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	Extended hours on Thursday to 6 p.m., extra hours for librarian to do paper work, clean, weed collection, etc.; purchased Iowa Teen Award and Iowa Children's Choice books, audio book covers. Extended evening hours means working people can use the library.
Coulter	\$1,410	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	This funding is a big help in getting current materials for our patrons; Internet access which is a big expense for a small library; summer library program. The kids enjoy this every year. Without this funding, we would not be able to attract so many people to our library.
Council Bluffs	\$15,200	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	World Book Encyclopedia, Diderot Educational; New printer, voice and data phones; book return box. Library service has improved in several ways due to these funds. Many of our phone sets were failing. The funds helped us purchase a new phone system. We were also having complaints about the old face plate on the drive-up book return. It was named "jaws" because of the difficulty of getting materials in it. We were able to replace the face plate and renovate the old book return.
Cresco	\$2,279	Materials & Supplies	Books, including large print. We have many retired people who appreciate large print. I had an elderly gentleman come into the library just yesterday. He's recovering from surgery. His wife told him to go to the library and the librarians would find him some large print books. He'd never used our collection before.
Creston	\$3,115	Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements	Books; painting, bike rack. This money allowed us to purchase more books for our patrons. We will be able to paint and repair the building for the first time in six years.
Crystal Lake	\$1,367	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	This money will be used towards training and for coverage of the library while I attend training. It will also be used for DVDs, audio books, books and reference materials; ink cartridges; prizes, visual aid materials and other various things for the summer reading program.
Cumberland	\$863	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs	Continuing education – PLM I, Wings Technology conference, mileage; more adult fiction books; new computer monitor, laser printer toners, ink cartridges; new roll chair with added support and high back; books for summer reading program. We have the newest books by popular adult and juvenile authors. Patrons are pleased that we get the books they want and like authors just being introduced.
Cushing	NE		
Dallas Center	\$1,656	Technology & Equipment	Replaced file server -- switches for faster connections to Internet and OPAC
Davenport	\$23,767	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	Staff development, training, workshops; web site redesign to meet ADA requirements, Smart Access Manager software/hardware. We have a friendlier web site. Installation of SAM better manages staff time relating to patron use of the computers. It gives people more accountability and flexibility and offers greater printer controls.
Dayton	\$1,509	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Program supplies, large print and audio books; DSL connection. Because of this money, I can increase the large print collection and can purchase best sellers. This keeps the collection current.

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Decorah	\$3,583	Materials & Supplies	The Board of Trustees continues to use these funds toward large print continuation subscriptions to replenish the Vera Harris large print collection. These items are distributed throughout the state. In the last six months, over 11,084 books were shipped out.
Delhi	\$467	Furniture	New shelving in the children's section. We have been trying to expand this area over the last year with book grants and donations. We are a very small library and always need the shelf space. It will give us more room for book display as well.
Denison	\$3,153	Technology & Equipment; Furniture	New computer; newspaper display stand, 10 Sauder chairs, stainless steel book truck. We know that two libraries burned this past year from flammable materials deliberately thrown into their book returns. The steel book truck will protect the community's investment by making sure their library stands for (hopefully) another 100 years!
Denver	\$1,731	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	The library purchased juvenile non-fiction books to improve our non-fiction collection; purchased a new computer and monitor enabling the staff to check out books more efficiently. We can access the Internet faster now. People do not have to wait at the check out desk as long.
Des Moines	\$49,922	Materials & Supplies	Library books and media. This funding is an important supplement to our materials budget and provides more materials for our customers.
DeSoto	\$1,425	Technology & Equipment; Furniture	Access system to evaluate our current computer system and implement changes, new color printer, more RAM added, new computer, Internet for desk computer, toggle switch for laptop; new book bin. We updated our current catalog and computers to meet the needs of our community in the most efficient way possible.
DeWitt	\$2,717	Technology & Equipment	In-hand inventory reader, new administrative computer. We were able to use the in-hand inventory reader when the Central School District and our library made visits every two weeks to Grand Mound Park and the trailer park outside of DeWitt.
Dexter	\$927	Materials & Supplies	Large print and Christian fiction books. We have voracious readers of large print books in our community. It is difficult to keep them supplied with books that interest them. The money provided through Direct State Aid has allowed us to purchase many new large print and Christian fiction books which improves reading choice significantly. It is great to be able to keep up with people's reading needs and to expand our list of authors to provide more variety.
Dike	\$1,567	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	World Book Science set, Work Book Encyclopedia 2005, Early Literacy Treasure Tree set; copier service contract, computer upgrade, Mediacom Internet service, Macromedia contribute for web page; extra programs and entertainment for summer reading program. This money is so important, especially to small libraries. Our budgets are really stretched to continue to have the latest material for our patrons. We like to use the extra money for the extras that we would either not buy or wait until it was on sale.

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Donnellson	\$1448	Personnel	Pays for staff to keep the library open an additional four hours a week. Use of our library is steadily increasing. An 'a-ha!' benefit of opening earlier is that there are not so many patrons waiting for computer during the after school rush. Adults come in early to beat the crunch hours.
Doon	\$505	Technology & Equipment	Purchased new bar code scanner. We are a small rural library and try to make good use of all our resources. We really appreciate the state funding!
Dow City	NE		
Dows	\$1,554	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Library Programs	Junior non-fiction and fiction books, children's DVDs; portable telephone, fax machine, new printer; new books for the summer reading program. We are able to have a GREAT summer reading program because of the funding from the state. The purchase of books, craft materials and prizes was an incentive for the kids to participate.
Dubuque	\$14,414	Personnel	Staff to work weekends and some evenings. Sundays are the most popular day for patrons. When I unlock the door, a large crowd awaits in the lobby. We've never been able to have more than four people and two pages work on a Sunday in this 54,000 sq. ft. facility. When the door opens, we start running and don't stop until we close. Enrich Iowa dollars have helped to add part-time staff during our busiest times. Without question this has increased our service level and response time.
Dubuque County	\$9,706	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	Staff overtime hours for purchasing and cataloging DVDs. It is very difficult to start a new collection (DVDs) for four branches all at the same time. Enrich Iowa money has allowed us to purchase about 600 DVDs for a start-up collection for each branch. Our patrons are anxiously awaiting them.
Dumont	\$512	Technology & Equipment	New computer. Even though we have five public access computers, there is still a waiting list many nights after school. This money helped us purchase an additional computer so not as many people have to wait.
Duncombe	\$1,402	Materials & Supplies; Other	2005 World Book Encyclopedia; commercial quality rugs for main traffic areas. The encyclopedias are a welcome addition to our reference area as we are a small library and our previous set was outdated. Especially middle school children come to the library to do homework and are required to use books, not just computers. One special young man came in, saw the new set and said, "Wow. Now I don't have to have my mom or dad drive me all the way to Webster City or Fort Dodge to look up stuff."
Dunkerton	\$1,385	Materials & Supplies	Used to supplement our book budget.
Dunlap	\$1,002	Technology & Equipment	Purchased two more Gateway computers. We now have three computers available for public use. This has increased our users by 80%.
Dyersville	\$2,424	Materials & Supplies	Funds were used to improve our DVD collection. This funding has allowed us to provide educational and recreational films to the residents of the area.
Dysart	\$1,019	Personnel; Materials and Supplies;	Staff hours for special evening story hours; Children's Choice award books; books on CD. Through extra funding such as Direct State Aid, we have been able to get more materials in areas that were lacking. Extra employee hours have made it possible to offer special evening story hours during the winter months.

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Eagle Grove	\$2,413	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	Purchased additional audio books on CD; purchased additional shelving for our audio book collection. Our commuters and truck drivers are enjoying the added audio books on CD. We had very little space to shelve them prior to the purchase of additional shelving. We have received many compliments on the number of audio books available.
Earlham	\$1,578	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	Library management training; latest bestsellers, books and videos; summer reading program. The children really enjoy the summer reading program and are thrilled when they find a new movie or a new book that they have requested.
Earlville	\$961	Materials & Supplies; Furniture; Programs	Books, supplies and paper; new chair; preschool reading supplies for crafts, prizes for poetry contest.
Early	NE		
Eddyville	\$980	Personnel; Materials & Programs	Funding was used to pay for part-time help to work extended evenings hours four days a week; purchased supplies and materials for the summer reading program. A mother of two school age children has expressed that she is pleasantly satisfied that she is able to bring her kids to visit the library (for books and computer use) after she gets off work. Our extended hours make it possible for her and her family to use and enjoy the library.
Edgewood	\$1,468	Technology & Equipment	A new computer and laminator. All four of our public access computers are constantly in use. During the summer we have people waiting. By updating with a new computer, our Internet remains fast and our patrons appreciate that. We have also had several inquiries about laminating services for patrons, and I am doing more signage and displays that will last longer. We've had a patron experiencing medical problems. With our new computer, she was able to research her problems. She went back to her health care provider armed with many questions. She was educated enough to take an active role with her doctor in deciding what treatment she wanted for the problem.
Elberon	\$440	Furniture	Adult stacking chairs. With comfortable seating available, adult patrons – especially older patrons – are more willing to attend library programs. Their comfort adds to their enjoyment of library service.
Eldon	\$1,066	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Subscription to local newspaper; new copy machine; books for pre-school storytime and summer reading program. We have a lot of people in the community who depend on our copy machine. The money came at just the right time! With this money, we purchased a brand new book for each of the preschoolers to take home and keep. Their faces really lit up when they found out they got to take them home to keep forever! What a great way to end their school year.
Eldora	\$2,054	Materials & Supplies	New books. Part of the money was spent on large print books. Some of our large print readers are our most appreciative patrons.
Elgin	\$1,352	Materials & Supplies	New books. We are proud of our up-to-date collection. It has been difficult to budget enough for books. Our Friends of the Library contributes money for books and I have written grants for new ones. State Aid is a significant help for our book budget.

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Elk Horn	\$1,356	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Additional large print books; new computer. This money has been very important to our library during this time of budget cuts.
Elkader	\$1,640	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Landmark cassette and CD audio book lease, EBSCOhost renewal; portable DVD player to check out to patrons. This funding has allowed us to provide more service than we ever could before. With our audio/CD book leases it helps the elderly in our community and our out-of-town workers to pass their days with more quality. Our new DVD (portable) player has helped several lower income families in town that could not afford access to this new technology. It has also helped with traveling families when they use the car adapter for it.
Elliott	\$490	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	New books and audio books; new desk for a new computer that was given to the library. I now have a library patron who can no longer read. Since I am now starting audio books, she is back in the library. I'm afraid many of my large print book patrons may also someday have this problem, so I am trying to get things going for them, also!
Ellsworth	NE		
Elma	\$1,414	Capital Improvements	New gutters and siding. This funding has helped us to maintain a well-kept library building. As a result, we have received many compliments which have lead to a sense of community pride in our town library.
Ely	\$1,083	Materials & Supplies	Audio and young adult books. We now have a good, current selection of books on CD for patrons to enjoy. A customer recently told me she went on vacation and listened to one of the new books on CD. She had never listened to a book this way before and really enjoyed it.
Emerson	NE		
Emmetsburg	\$2,411	Technology & Equipment	Enrich Iowa funds helped to purchase three additional workstations modeled after the Gates Grant computers. This has helped to eliminate waiting lists for our existing computers. For someone who is unable to afford a computer, having one available at the public library is a great equalizer. The Internet is such a diverse, content-rich application it would be a shame if it were not available to everyone.
Essex	\$959	Materials & Supplies	Large print, children's fiction and non-fiction books. These funds enable us to add many more books to our collection. We have lots of older readers who really appreciate the large print.
Estherville	\$2,804	Technology & Equipment; Other	Poster size laminator and laminating supplies, new computer, USB cable and jump drivers so users with laptops have hookup capability. A person was visiting from Australia and was able to use the jump drive with her laptop to conduct business she needed to accomplish.
Evansdale	\$1,623	Materials & Supplies; Library Programs; Other	Label maker; Ramblin' Reader Program books and puppets; new library survey. As a result of the survey, we found out where the public's interest was in a new library and what their concerns were. We have since moved forward to give them a new library/community center with an expansion project committee.

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Everly	\$916	Personnel; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Wages and training; Sharp copier; supplies for summer library program. This money has made it possible to put on a Renaissance Festival. The project involved many in the community as well as all those who attended the summer library program. Also, a Harry Potter night is being planned. Thank you so much.
Exira	\$1,473	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Other	Cataloging supplies; paper trimmer; replacement of window in front of building; bike rack.
Fairbank	\$1452	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Large print books, book on tape and CD, children's reference books; computer. We added a computer for our patrons to use for Internet access and word processing. We had a lot of people waiting to use the computers. We have a patron whose son is overseas. She really appreciates being able to keep in touch with him via e-mail.
Fairfax	\$573	Materials & Supplies	Purchased books for young adults.
Fairfield	\$3,032	Materials & Supplies	Used to supplement our materials budget. Our materials budget was reduced last year, so this funding had a great impact on our purchasing power. Patrons are pleased when we can provide requested items (i.e., self-help, health books, spiritual guides.)
Farmersburg	\$863	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Continuing education fees for director; books and other library materials; computer maintenance and software, virus protection for computers; summer reading program. The summer reading program is bringing in more children because of the incentives the library is providing.
Farmington	NE		
Farnhamville	\$527	Materials & Supplies	Completed books on the states and countries. We would also like to expand our reference section. Being a little library, our funding is very important to us. We are grateful for every dollar we get. The more books we can keep in our library helps our students in town since the school is not located here.
Fayette	\$1,524	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Books and materials, large print and children's books; patron catalog computer. Patrons' access to materials has improved. Materials helped improve our children's collection. Our daycare uses our collection heavily. Our assisted living and nursing home uses our large print collection. Not only do the elderly of our community enjoy the large print materials but we have several other patrons who enjoy the ease of reading materials in this format.
Fenton	\$1,327	Capital Improvements	Used towards one new front window. Our old windows which were original to the building caused much heat loss in the winter and let in much heat in the summer. We have greatly improved the comfort level for our patrons.
Fertile	\$1,356	Materials & Supplies	We used the entire amount to buy books. We are still suffering from all the budget cuts. The book budget gets what's left after all the other needs are met. Our Enrich Iowa check was a big chunk of our budget this year and will be in future years.

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Fonda	\$932	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	We purchased DVDs to replace some of our videocassettes. This allowed us to weed out videocassettes that no longer get much use. We purchased two chairs and a table which holds the local newspapers. This has created a comfortable and inviting sitting area in the small amount of space we have. A patron who is unable to stand for long and finds it difficult to bend down to view DVDs on the lower shelves has said how glad she is to be able to pull one of our new chairs from nearby and sit down to choose her DVDs.
Fontanelle	\$1,373	Personnel	Direct State Aid is being used to pay the salaries of the three people who comprise the library staff. County and city funding are not adequate to help us to meet the criteria for accreditation which requires libraries to be open to the public 20 hours a week.
Forest City	\$2,290	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	2005 World Book Encyclopedia; replaced 3 CPUs and keyboards on oldest computers. The public enjoys the faster processing while searching on the computer. We had a lot of computer use during the Winnebago Grand National Rally. The computers were able to keep up with the demand.
Fort Atkinson	\$1,340	Personnel; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Training, additional hours for programming; computer software, automation subscription; supplies for summer library program, after school programs. Without this funding there would be very little programming.
Fort Dodge	\$8,116	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Salaries for substitute staff. This allows the library to maintain its regular hours while staff are on vacation, ill or have emergencies. Used to purchase additional books, large print books, audio books and books on CD to keep ahead of patrons' demand for materials in these formats. Used to purchase GHOST software for network.
Fort Madison	\$1,399	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	New books; computer tower, computer work – moving/networking.
Fredericksburg	\$1,527	Personnel	Added another position. Previously one person was assistant librarian and children's librarian. Added more hours of assistant and added more program time for children's librarian. The preschool story time kids will all benefit from having one staff member concentrate efforts on having better quality and quantity of programs. We can begin to do programming for the community day care centers.
Galva	\$1,271	Materials & Supplies; Furniture; Programs	Books, videos, CDs; copy machine stand and video case; craft supplies, prizes, and snacks for the summer program. This funding helps us put on a better summer program for the kids. We can also purchase the best sellers and recently released videos.
Garden Grove	NE		
Garnavillo	\$1,447	Technology & Equipment	New public use computer. Several patrons are able to go online and complete what they need quickly. One patron has difficulty staying on line at home due to health and economic issues. By coming to the library, the patron is able to stay in contact with friends and complete business matters.

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Garner	\$2,054	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	Salary for a story time person who also fills in at the circulation desk when needed; juvenile books and zipper pulls for the summer reading program, both adult and kids' DVDs. Starting in July, we will begin offering outreach services to daycares – something I could not do without this money.
Garrison	\$473	Materials & Supplies	Young adult books to expand and update this section of the collection.
Garwin	\$488	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Purchased junior and young adult books (series books); helped pay for Internet access. We have some very low income families in our area and these children, especially one boy, has been devouring our books, both fiction and reference books, which delights me. Also, we have many computer users with homework that are using the two computers almost continually after school hours.
George	\$1,047	Technology & Equipment	Purchased two new computers – one for customers and one for staff.
Gilman	NE		
Gilmore City	\$1,369	Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs; Other	Computer and flat screen monitor; two small tables used for jigsaw puzzle solving activity. We leave puzzles out and have had a good community response. Summer children's program; story teller program for grades K-3. Partnering with the school has gone over well and we are hoping to expand on this idea in the coming school year.
Gladbrook	\$1,439	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture; Other	Juvenile non-fiction collections on countries, animals, continents, hobbies; new computer equipment; carpet cleaner; refreshments for guests' visits. We had a girl who was going on a trip to Germany and was able to get a book from our library and find out facts about the country. She checked it out twice, so it was obviously interesting to her.
Glenwood	\$2,584	Technology & Equipment	Purchased two computers with LCD monitors. By updating computers on our network, we are able to better serve our patrons by providing newer technology, faster processors, etc. One of the new computers was placed in the genealogy room of the library. Patrons wanting to access the Internet for family history searches are able to search more efficiently.
Glidden	\$571	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture; Programs	Training for director; additional audio books; bought a used computer; better signage in the library; art work easels; extra children's books, prizes and incentives for summer and winter reading programs. With this money, all the extra items listed above have benefited our community. Our reading programs have doubled in size since we are able to offer more books and crafts. Our young people have used the library more because of the extra computer. More homework has been accomplished and more parents have used our library for e-mailing and Internet access, also. The small children have flourished by our reading sponsored events.
Gowrie	\$1,540	Materials & Supplies	Books and program supplies. One of our patrons commented how she can count on getting the latest books from her favorite authors at our library. She doesn't have to drive 20 miles to the nearest big town and have to put her name on a very long reserve list.

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Graettinger	NE		
Grafton	\$1,340	Personnel; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Additional hours for director; new computer; summer program supplies. We would not have been able to buy a new circulation computer or give children prizes during the summer program without this help.
Grand Junction	\$1,440	Personnel	Hired children's librarian assistant
Granger	\$453	Technology & Equipment	A new computer for staff use. This freed up another computer for patrons to use.
Greene	\$1,496	Personnel	Open more hours a week. An older, retired lady in our community has recently begun using our computer lab to check her e-mail and conduct Internet business. She really appreciates our early morning hours because she can get in and out before the rush of summer vacation computer users arrive.
Greenfield	\$1,732	Materials & Supplies	Community newspapers on microfilm for the period 1900-1911. This includes microfilming the papers and the actual film. Many people come to our library for genealogy projects – both local and out-of-towners. Filming these newspapers and having them available to the public will make this information accessible and be a great service to everyone.
Grimes	\$2,643	Personnel	Added an additional staffer. We are getting our books back on the shelves more quickly which allows our desk person more time with the public. This also helped prove we need another person in 2006.
Grinnell	\$3,374	Materials & Supplies	Large print books. Grinnell is a retirement community and there is a large demand for large print materials. Recently a patron who has read avidly all her life suffered some loss of vision and was so delighted to discover our large print books. They have meant the world to her.
Griswold	\$999	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Iowa Choice Award books, Follett automation supplies; Fortress computer security. We were able to complete our automation project and have an online catalog of library items. We are very proud of our library and our patrons are most enthusiastic about all the improvements. Our middle high youth are required to read a certain number of Accelerated Reader Books for points. The Iowa Choice Award books are all on the list of acceptable books, thus making more opportunities for them to achieve success. Some students read books that they never thought possible.
Grundy Center	\$2,044	Materials & Supplies	Audio/CD books, books and some program supplies. We are able to purchase audio/CD books now on a regular basis. If it were not for Direct State Aid, we would only be able to purchase these items sporadically. We have several patrons who no longer read. Books on tape/CD are the only way these patrons can "read" now.
Guthrie Center	\$1,736	Technology & Equipment	Web-based backup system; EBSCOhost subscription. We have a good online resource for our patrons that they can access at home. Our backup to the computer is now housed online so it is more accessible in case we need it.

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Guttenberg	\$1,760	Materials & Supplies	Children's books and story time supplies. The library was able to provide children with additional educational non-fiction and fiction materials. Story time supplies purchased helped to reinforce what the children had learned previously in the story time session.
Hamburg	\$540	Materials & Supplies	Follett Destiny software to automate library tasks – aids in cataloging and helps students and others find books quickly and easily. Makes inventory easier by using a scanner. Automation software enables patrons to search our catalog from anywhere, anytime, allowing patrons to place items on hold over the Internet. There is also access to book cover images, as well as summaries published review with TitlePeek, a content enrichment service.
Hampton	\$2,766	Technology & Equipment	Three replacement CPUs with keyboard and Windows XP Professional.
Hanlontown	\$925	Materials & Supplies	Pays for our McNaughton lease program for adult fiction.
Harcourt	\$949.00	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	Purchased books and audio books; purchased shelves. Our patrons like to see our library stay current with best sellers.
Harlan	\$3,018	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Large print and audio books; computer
Harpers Ferry	\$475	Technology & Equipment	DSL Internet access for 11 months. Faster Internet service allows more users.
Hartley	\$1,611	Technology & Equipment	Projector was purchased to be used with laptops for presentations. We were also able to update our filtering software. We are now able to present a program on computer use to our senior citizens.
Havelock	NE		
Hawarden	\$1,974	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	CD audio book lease program, World Book Encyclopedia Online; two new flat monitors. Our stats show more people are accessing information online from our web page. We even had someone from Pennsylvania call for a password to use the online encyclopedia. CD books also circulate more. We may have to increase our lease number.
Hawkeye	\$1,305	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	After school "homework help" tutor, janitorial help; materials to process and display music CDs, summer reading books; new battery backup; summer reading incentives, summer reading float.
Hedrick	\$491	Technology & Equipment; Programs; Other	EBSCOhost subscription; summer reading program materials, Halloween parade and hot dog feed, winter reading program; promotional items. We have had several mothers tell us that their children are jazzed to be in the library's annual Halloween parade through downtown before they go out trick or treating.
Hiawatha	\$3,194	Personnel	Money used to provide open hours on Sunday.
Hillsboro	NE		
Holstein	\$1,549	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Books, videos and DVDs; computer mouse replacements.

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Hopkinton	\$919	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs; Other	Janitorial help, senior library aide; volunteer gifts for story hour presenter; hired presenter for summer story hour; funds for registration and mileage to Iowa Library Association meeting. We had a very successful summer story hour program and the highlight was a performer ("Dancing with Dragons"). Several moms came up afterwards and said how much they enjoyed the show along with their kids. Direct State Aid helped fund his visit.
Hospers	NE		
Hubbard	\$617	Technology & Equipment	Purchased a new Dell computer to replace a very old computer system in our public computer area. We can now accommodate patrons at every computer station.
Hudson	\$1,780	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture	DVDs; computer for local history area; two lamps for periodical area. Our local history/genealogy area is becoming very popular and having a computer in the area will help patrons with research. We have a huge demand for DVDs and the supplemental funding is very helpful in building that collection. Several patrons who weren't library users are now regulars because of their use of the local history area.
Hull	\$1,277	Technology & Equipment; Other	Digital copy machine; 2005-06 EBSCOhost database subscription fee. Our copy machine serves many patrons as our library is the main source for making copies. Our EBSCO subscription helps provide articles in full text of magazines our library cannot afford to have as a subscription. Our patrons are delighted with our digital copy machine. Many patrons like copies of articles from old newspapers and our copy machine does an excellent job. People are delighted and amazed.
Humboldt	\$2,473	Materials & Supplies	Audio visual materials, audio books, DVDs, music CDs. Direct State Aid allows us to purchase additional audiovisual items we would otherwise not be able to afford. Without state aid, we would not be able to provide movies both in VHS and DVD and recorded books on cassette and CD. We are able to provide materials for a larger portion of the community. One local family issues "Christmas Challenges." Grandmother's challenge was to learn to dance the cha-cha by Christmas 2004. We were able to provide an instructional dance video and several music CDs. She has not yet agreed to show us what she has learned, but we are looking forward to assisting her with the next challenge.
Humeston	\$424	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Public Library Management training; books, supplies; update antivirus software on two computers. Service to our community has improved by the implementation of ideas and management techniques learned by the library director at Public Library Management classes. Service has further improved by increasing the amount of funds available to purchase books, library materials and supplies. Direct State Aid made a difference in the life of the library director. Prior to taking PLM classes, she learned the library business on-the-go. Taking the classes (paid for by the funding) has helped her to make better decisions, stretch the budget and set goals to move the library into the future.

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Huxley	\$1227	Materials & Supplies	Sam's Club membership and supplies for programming (kids learning kits, backpacks and storage rack.) Children do like to check out the learning kits, but sometimes parents to like to check them out, too. They make learning fun!
Ida Grove	\$1,771	Technology & Equipment	Purchased two computers and software. Without this funding, it would be hard to add or upgrade computers at our library.
Independence	\$1,983	Technology & Equipment	Updated one public and one staff computer. Our service has improved because we were able to replace an outdated computer with a new one for public use. It is much faster and has the needed capabilities and applications. The replacement of a staff computer allows us to spend less time troubleshooting and more time helping people.
Indianola	\$4,524	Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Programs; Other	Wireless Internet connection, laptop computer, printers; updated building program document; hired two professional performers for summer library program, additional supplies, posters and bookmarks; purchased flat wall display board to use in creating an Information Commons – a place for handouts containing local information. This funding made it possible to hire professional performers of a higher caliber than usual. We also added a wireless Internet connection for use by the public. This connection also gave us the ability to purchase a laptop for use in the library, thereby creating a 5 th Internet station.
Inwood	\$1,459	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	Wages and travel expenses for librarian taking Public Library Management classes; copy machine
Ionia	\$1,357	Personnel; Programs	Director's salary; helps fund after school book club during school year. Used for purchasing duplicate copies of books.
Iowa City	\$18,778	Technology & Equipment; Other	Replaced old disc drive storage with new, larger and 'faster' discs; paid for community survey for library's strategic planning process. Technology improvements provide better access to more information for both staff, and public community survey provided invaluable information to the board and staff as a new strategic plan was written this year.
Iowa Falls	\$2,619	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Books and audio books; Internet access. With 11 Internet access computers, our Internet use increases each year. I have seen a large increase in the number of people using our audio books, especially the ones on CDs.
Jamaica	NE		
Janesville	\$1,594	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	Salary for staff on Saturdays; books
Jefferson	\$2,476	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Other	Instructor to each basic computer classes; items for Creative Learning Center for young children; combination TV/DVD/VHS for in-library use in children's department, listening center with tape player and four sets of headphones for children to listen to recorded stories together; two soft chairs for children's area, flipchart and easel for meeting room, outdoor weatherproof bulletin board; signage and banners. We are able to do so many different things with Direct State Aid to benefit our patrons and improve our library!

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Jesup	\$1,783	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	Books on tape and CDs, children's non-fiction books; six task chairs for public access computers, multimedia spinner for music CDs and DVDs, local construction of a rack for books on tape and CD. Library service has improved. With this funding we are able to purchase more materials that are in great demand. But we had to have a place to put them and the funding made it possible to get another unit for books on tape and the music CDs.
Jewell	\$1,614	Technology & Equipment	Two new hard drive towers were added to our networked system. Staff was afraid our circulation desk tower was going to crash – it was growling loudly on a continual basis. And a bonus – it works much faster than our old Windows NP!!
Johnston	\$3,773	Materials & Supplies	Audio books on tape and CD, DVDs. These items provide people with more selections to check out. Audio books on tape and CD are very popular. Buying more CD books and DVDs addresses customer requests for the newer formats.
Joice	\$1,327	Materials & Supplies	New books.
Kalona	\$1,285	Personnel	Hired staffer. Getting ready to move to a new library and dealing with all the additional patrons has been made so much easier with the extra staff.
Kanawha	\$1,464	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Training; new books; material conversion. With all of the cuts libraries are having, this money has been a huge help. It paid for classes and since we are automating now it paid for material conversion. Additional books were also added. THANK YOU!
Kensett	\$933	Technology & Equipment	New computer
Keokuk	\$3,944	Capital Improvements	Wireless security camera system. It not only provides security but allows us to have wireless Internet access.
Keosauqua	\$971	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	Participation in S.E. Iowa audio rotation; upgrades to Athena MV and web server, additional monthly cost for DSL vs. dial-up; new light fixture in office area. Audio books are used by many people for many reasons in our community. They are used during lengthy car commutes, long trips, or for those with vision impairments. Sometimes they serve to just keep people company in a lonely room or house.
Keota	\$1,449	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Class fees and mileage reimbursement; genealogy books, children's books; computer antivirus updates, EBSCOhost, network rewiring; summer reading program supplies. We were able to fund our summer reading program and purchase two extra programs that we normally would not have been able to purchase. We were also able to update all of our computers and rewire our network, which was a very big help. We had a couple come all the way from Illinois to look up genealogy information on several of their lost relatives. They were not only able to find the information they needed, but they were also able to complete their family tree by using all of our library's new genealogy books we purchased.
Keystone	\$1,359	Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Other	Dell computer for patron access, security camera for teen area; "nook" for teen area; cable for security camera.
Kimballton	NE		
Kingsley	\$1,069	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Leasing books on tape; purchase t-shirts or supplies for our summer reading program.

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Klemme	\$1,397	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	New books; updated computers.
Knoxville	\$3,272	Technology & Equipment	3M Corporation in Knoxville donated a security system to the library. We did, however, have to purchase the tattle tape strips and a service agreement. Direct State Aid went a long way toward defraying that cost. The library had noticed a significant loss of materials in the past. Since the security system has been in place, very few materials "disappear." This results in more materials being available when people want and need them.
Lacona	\$883	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	New books; phone line for Internet plus spam blocker.
Lake City	\$1,791	Materials & Supplies	Books on CD and large print books. Audio books and large print are the two fastest growing, most in demand parts of our collection. We intend to promote audio books this summer for family travel.
Lake Mills	\$1,780	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture; Programs	Books on CD; computer; toilet, faucets, outdoor lights, mats; DVD rack; summer reading program. We have started a new collection of books on CD. More and more people have CD players in their cars and were requesting them. There wasn't any money in the budget for them. I used money for summer reading to hire a puppeteer for our end-of-the-year party.
Lake Park	\$1,019	Personnel	We were able to increase our assistant librarian's hours. We are able to have more children's programming and our new books get out to our patrons faster. Since these funds increased her hours, the director is able to do business outside the library without having to lock the library door. We have better customer service and lost less business to the town 15 miles away.
Lake View	\$1,574	Technology & Equipment	These funds enable us to have a technology person on retainer for faster repair response. They also connected and programmed new card catalog and updates things as needed.
Lakota	\$1,304	Materials & Supplies; Library Programs	New books, magazines subscriptions, DVDs; summer reading program. Without this funding our small town libraries would not be able to function at their greatest potential. I've found when patrons from larger communities visit they are amazed with the up-to-date books, videos, and DVDs we have.
Lamoni	\$1,176	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Non-fiction books for the junior collection and audio CDs for the adult collection; new computer; JNF videos and puppets for the summer library program. With the budget restrictions, updating is always a careful balance. We just completed a library service survey and a frequent favorable comment was how our library attempts to stay current with materials. You have helped to make our library a place that can more easily meet the needs of our patrons.
Lamont	NR		

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Lansing	\$1,055	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	Extra staffing used for set up after expansion and renovation; Internet access. We now have high speed Internet access for our patrons and have seen increased usage. Our recent expansion and renovation has provided a large, pleasant atmosphere for our patrons.
LaPorte City	\$1,760	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Library Programs	Staff were able to spend more hours working on our automation project; purchased new books for summer library program and books needed by students in our community for school projects; purchased a digital camera and a memory card for the library to use; started a new program at the library called "Ladies Night @ the Library." We are making the library a social outlet for many people in our community, adults and children alike. We find the children in our community are becoming aware of the library and what we can help them with regarding their education and enjoyment.
Larchwood	\$990	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Ancient mythology series, historical graphic novels, book/puppet sets for story time, juvenile audio book CD sets; DVD/VHS player, book truck.
Laurel	NE		
Laurens	\$1,571	Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements	Laser image drum and toner; automatic door opener.
Lawler	\$1,383	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Salaries; books, DVDs, videos, story hour supplies; cartridges for fax machine, installed and set up modem and router for DSL connection. Our service to our patrons has improved with the addition of high speed Internet.
Ledyard	\$485	Technology & Equipment	Internet access.
LeGrand	\$1,427	Technology & Equipment	Purchased a new circulation computer, office/cataloging computer; new bar code scanner. We have transferred old computer to public Internet. Circulation is now faster with fewer problems.
Lehigh	\$1,418	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	Continuing education for new director; audio and children's books; wages for Internet classes and summer library program. We were able to offer Internet classes. We helped people who were thinking about purchasing a computer and people who already have one.
LeMars	\$3,424	Materials & Supplies	Books on CD lease program. Patrons love the books on CD and the lease program allows us the ability to continually rotate the collection.
Lenox	\$1,487	Technology & Equipment	New computer, ink cartridges.
Leon	\$1,105	Materials & Supplies	We spent the entire amount for materials. We purchased a variety of formats and roughly half was spent on adult materials and half for children's materials. Direct State Aid helped us to bridge the gap. Thanks.
Letts	\$1,338	Technology & Equipment; Programs	Internet access; summer library program.

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Lewis	\$470	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture	Young adult books; Internet access for 6 months; additional electrical outlets to allow the library to set up a public computer area with Internet access and to have a computer center at the librarian's desk; additional bookshelves for our young adult reading area. With the help of this funding, and the suggestions of the younger people of the area, we have added their selections to our collection. It encourages them to keep checking out the library!
Lime Springs	\$534	Materials & Supplies	These funds were used to purchase DVDs and audio books on CD. These purchases enlarged both collections. This funding allowed us to serve the public and added or enhanced the collections.
Linden	\$437	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Computer printer ink, copy machine ink cartridge, plastic book covers, adult and children's books; Christmas gifts for story hour, summer reading program. With this funding we have been able to purchase more children's books and increase children's activities. The use of our copy machine has increased 150%. People don't have to drive 8 to 10 miles to get copies made.
Linn Grove	\$881	Personnel	Salaries for director and assistant. This money helps keep our library open because it pays part of our salaries. Otherwise, we would have to cut our hours. For us, this money has been a lifesaver for our library and community.
Lisbon	\$1,750	Materials & Supplies; Furniture; Programs	Books, DVDs and audio books, collection of children's stories and music on CDs; puppet tree and browser table for children's area; Carol Taylor's "Patchwork Puppets," "Dozens of Dragons" show for family night. We feel these programs gave the funding maximum visibility and use for our library.
Little Rock	\$498	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	Book jackets and videos; hanging bag display rack. We don't have a video rental place in town so our videos are in great demand, especially by the children. The videos have also been used by the school for entertainment and educational purposes. This has impacted many lives.
Livermore	\$1,367	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Programs	Two percent raise for personnel; World Book Nature and Science set; LexMark printer with scanner and copier; paint and labor for meeting room and bathroom; supplies for Halloween and Easter programs for kids. Direct State Aid funds help us keep our staff with a small raise each year and the library was in great need of a face lift. With these funds we are able to do small improvements each year.
Logan	\$1,568	Technology & Equipment; Furniture	New computer for children's check out in their area; new chairs, book bins and circulation desk in children's area. This funding helps us afford things we may not otherwise be able to get. Our old computer was no good and the new one has made it better for our librarian to check out books to kids after story time without having to haul everything upstairs. And it's handier for the kids and parents as well.
Lohrville	\$1,362	Personnel	The library used Direct State Aid to keep the library open more hours per week. Our patrons appreciate it.
Lost Nation	NE		
Lowden	\$1,390	Materials & Supplies; Other	New books; created a children's learning center with a magnetic board with characters, flash cards and educational games.

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LuVerne	\$1,366	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Reference and large print books, audio books, children's books and DVDs; summer library program, children's and adult programs. Old, outdated reference books are being replaced with current, up-to-date resources. Our large print and audio books circulation continues to increase. New items keep patrons coming in to use the library. Direct State Aid funding helps us keep our children's programs interesting and fun. Our summer reading program keeps the kids reading during summer vacation. New children's books also keep them interested in reading.
Lynnville	\$684	Materials & Supplies	Videos and DVDs. We have a high demand for them and a low budget. And there are no rental stores close by. This has helped get people into the library – where they check out a book at the same time! Thank you.
Lytton	\$492	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Training for director; DVDs and books; computer supplies. With this funding we can supplement our book budget, especially in large print material.
Madrid	\$1,275	Technology & Equipment	Fax machine, update computer for office. By updating office computer, we were able to add another circulation station and add another Internet station.
Mallard	NE		
Malvern	\$1,014	Technology & Equipment	Purchased a new copier for people to use. We have patrons from all over come to make copies. They appreciate it because it is so convenient. During last year's tax time, an elderly lady came in to use the copier and could not make a decent copy. She had to call a cab to take her to Glenwood to get a copy. This year she was able to use ours.
Manchester	\$2,539	Technology & Equipment	Purchased a new circulation computer, a staff workroom computer to catalog materials, a barcode reader/scanner, and paid for part of another circulation computer. We have many patrons who are in a hurry when they come to the library. The circulation system is much faster now so we can better accommodate those hurried patrons. One patron came in asking for a magazine and the staff used the new workroom computer to quickly catalog it so she could have it in just a couple of minutes. She was very appreciative.
Manilla	NE		
Manly	\$1,618	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Programs	Children's and Teens Choice Award books; computers and wireless Internet; carpet renovation; summer reading program incentives.
Manning	\$589	Materials & Supplies	Books. Due to budget cuts, this money came in handy for the purchase of reading materials for all ages.
Manson	\$1,278	Capital Improvements	Additional and replacement shelving to better hold children's books and audio cassette collections. The new and improved shelving is providing easier access to the library's collection of books-on-tape as well as providing more space. It makes browsing so much easier for our patrons and shelving is easier for the staff.

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Mapleton	\$1,532	Furniture	Direct State Aid went toward new shelving for our ever-expanding audio selection. We were able to separate the different formats and the shelving fits into the space better, so our collection doesn't look like an afterthought.
Maquoketa	\$2,751	Materials & Supplies	EBSCOhost and Novelist subscriptions, large print and children's series books, adult inspirational titles. Direct State Aid funds for materials encouraged us to focus on two heavily used sub-collections – large print and inspirational fiction. Many constant readers use these collections exclusively and express gratitude for our selection of current titles.
Marathon	\$489	Materials & Supplies; Furniture; Programs	Books for an adult discussion book club; table; summer story hour books. Because of Direct State Aid funding we have begun one after school program every month. We talk about a children's author, read a few new books by that author and show them what other books are available. We ordered 10 books from the 2005 Reading Suggestions for Book Clubs and started an adult reading discussion club. We have over 30 children who participate in the summer reading programs and our after school program during the school year.
Marble Rock	\$948	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Adult and children's books; computer updates; program presenter, supplies and incentives.
Marcus	\$1,487	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Book and video materials; VHS/DVD player, additional memory for older public access computer, funds helped pay for the cost of a new circulation desk computer and flat screen monitor. the DVD/VHS player has been placed in the meeting room and may be used by the public. Public access computer use may be less trying for patrons. Have implemented automated circulation.
Marengo	\$1,350	Technology & Equipment	Replaced an old copy machine with a new, more user-friendly one. One person was able to copy photos for her genealogy research project using the special setting on our machine. She was very pleased with the results.
Marion	\$8,212	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Other	Books and DVDs; bar code scanners; reupholster chairs, book trucks; steel bookends, literature display rack (wall mount).
Marshalltown	\$7,418	Personnel	As in the past, the library used the entire Direct State Aid money to fund part-time salaries. This allows us to remain open until 8:30 p.m. one weekday evening, thus helping us meet accreditation standards. To be effective, libraries must be open hours that people can actually use them. Evening and weekend hours are crucial, especially in a community like Marshalltown in which there is a lot of "shift" work. Direct State Aid has allowed us to more effectively serve ALL kinds of patrons, not only those who use the library during the day.
Martelle	\$489	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid helped us purchase new books
Mason City	\$8,460	Personnel	Salaries.

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Massena	\$415	Personnel	We extended our hours so that we meet requirements to receive state aid funding. We are able to be open on Saturdays with the help from this funding. Our senior patrons enjoy coming in and checking out books for the weekend.
Maxwell	\$481	Technology & Equipment	Added another public computer. We now have four computers hooked up to the Internet for the public. This makes it much easier for the public to access information.
Maynard	\$886	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	Started a DVD collection, set of junior country books; children's rug, two video rocker chairs. With the funding we received, we were able to start a DVD collection. We also added 24 junior country books which have made our 5 th graders and teachers excited since they do country and state reports annually. We have given the kids a fun place in the library with the video chairs and a nice rug.
McGregor	\$1,646	Technology & Equipment	Replaced circulation computer, also new computer for public use and technology support. Public computer access is one of the most vital services for our community.
Mechanicsville	\$1,500	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	This money was used to purchase books, videos and DVDs. Also for upgrades on software and subscriptions. This funding helps us keep computers working properly so our patrons can have access to the Internet. It also helps GREATLY with our book budget!
Mediapolis	\$1,232	Materials & Supplies	Results of our survey showed people wanted more large print books and books on tape. We responded to their requests by splitting the money between the two. We would not have been able to do this without Direct State Aid.
Melbourne	\$1,002	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Barcode labels, toner cartridges, other ink cartridges, copy paper, book covers, dry board; answering machine, Follett software and support for it, 10 year domain registration for our web site, software and support for on-line card catalog feature. Patrons can access our card catalog on every public computer, where before librarians had to do it for them. They may also search from their own homes by accessing our webpages.
Melcher-Dallas	NE		
Melvin	NE		
Menlo	\$511	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped pay for library assistant's salary; audios and music CDs; computer virus protection.
Merrill	\$501	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Programs	Salaries; books and audio books; Internet access; bathroom rejuvenation; summer reading and adult programs.

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Meservey	\$472	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture; Programs	Supplies for children's table; computer program and technical assistance; installation of outside faucet; refrigerator and microwave for community room; summer reading program supplies. We have been able to attract more children to come in and look at books, color, put puzzles together and visit quietly. This is something they come in to do – other than play on the computers.
Milford	\$1,858	Materials & Supplies	These funds have been used to start and maintain our multimedia collection: CDs, DVDs, etc. State funding has enabled us to keep up with technology in our collection.
Milo	\$971	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Other	Training for two employees; shelf labeling supplies and different video browsing system, large print books; virus protection for one computer; community 125 th birthday celebration – supplies for a library float in parade. We had a family of 7 who moved to our rural community a year ago. They saw our float in the parade and decided to check us out. They had been traveling to another community for library services feeling we were too small to meet their needs. They are now all registered here and use our library at least once a week.
Milton	NE		
Minburn	\$882	Capital Improvements	Purchased new carpeting, supplies for building new shelves, paint, coffee pot, and table for reading area. All part of a remodeling project. This funding has made a difference in the whole community. The library is the only source of recreation and it is more welcoming and cheerful. Many comments have been received on the changes made – all of them complimentary.
Mingo	NE		
Missouri Valley	\$1,289	Materials & Supplies	Library supplies, videos, books and audio tapes. These were all things I would not have been able to order without Direct State Aid. Thanks.
Mitchellville	\$1,723	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Books, audio books, DVDs, VHS tapes, craft supplies for programs; "The String Thing" summer library program. We were able to increase our materials collection which is much appreciated by our community. We are also providing better library programs.
Modale	NE		
Mondamin	\$499	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	Library director took Public Library Management 2 in order to become a Level IV certified librarian; purchased a new computer to facilitate on-line catalog for use at director's desk. Both the Public Library Management 2 classes and the new computer have helped me as the director become better able to serve patrons. The combination of knowledge and technology help me answer their questions, keep track of library materials, and provide better library service than before.

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Monona	\$1,663	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Juvenile/adult fiction materials, magazine subscription; computer tech services, circulation software, virus software. Improving or maintaining services takes a great network of support at local and state levels. In order to keep improving on services, the support network growth should be proportional. This last year the library had several people design their wedding invitations in the library. It was great to be part of these special occasions. This was possible since the library had the latest technology to offer.
Monroe	\$542	Materials & Supplies	This funding paid for all magazine subscriptions, some adult books. Direct State Aid enables us to provide magazines for patrons who could not afford to subscribe to them in these times.
Montezuma	\$622	Materials & Supplies; Furniture; Programs	Audio book; two folding tables for children; summer reading program supplies; preschool story time supplies.
Monticello	\$821	Materials & Supplies	Purchased Children's Choice and Teen Award books and also built up our books in CD collection. A seventh grade boy didn't like to read but he discovered a book in the Children's Choice awards that he really liked. Now he reads all the time. He even took part in a book discussion group for young people and loved it. His mom is thrilled and so are we!
Montrose	\$519	Furniture; Programs	Video display rack; kid's books and supplies for programs.
Moorhead	NE		
Moravia	\$1,353	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture	Large print books; CD and cassette player; DVD display shelving and storage cabinets. Some homebound patrons that enjoy reading immensely and being 85 years of age greatly appreciate the large print books.
Morley	\$699	Materials & Supplies	DVDs. We have an extensive collection of DVDs that we can offer in our little town!
Morning Sun	\$1,444	Capital Improvements	Completed shelving replacement and updates to improve accessibility to the collection. This significantly increased the accessibility of our fiction collection and improved the overall appearance of the library. Because shelving is lower, we are able to have more eye level display space and highlight a great number of titles.
Moulton	\$1,365	Personnel	Extended library hours, increased director's salary. The library's extended hours continues to make a difference in our community. The children and young adults have a safe place to gather to visit and play games, or study and do homework. The adults in our community also enjoy our later hours, stopping on their way home from work to check out a book or movie.
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Mt. Pleasant	\$3,358	Technology & Equipment	Purchased four new computers. In March we will be moving to a new facility and will need the new computers.

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Mt. Vernon	\$2,197	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs;	Added summer help for evening hours; books for summer reading program selected to fit requirements, books for "All Community Reads," audio books, young adult books; guest speaker for first "All Community Reads" program, Patchwork Puppets for summer reading program. At least two of the 50 participants in the "All Community Reads" event shared experiences from their childhood when their mothers were listening to radio homemakers.
Murray	\$491	Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements	Books, CDs, program supplies; replaced faulty florescent lighting; story hour. These funds kept the story hour program going when our grant money ran out. This was our first year for story hour. It was rewarding to see how much they enjoyed it. One day, I considered canceling story hour because of a severe thunderstorm. I was amazed when mothers and children began arriving during the storm. One mother said and the others agreed, "They wouldn't let us miss story hour!"
Muscatine	\$5,297	Materials & Supplies	Library smart cards (patron cards). Library service has greatly improved with the smart cards. Library patrons can now debit their card for copy services and printing from the Internet stations.
Nashua	\$1,683	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Children's books; public access e-machine 17f3. Our oldest public access computer was dying. Direct State Aid provided money to purchase a new computer and continue to offer the service to our patrons. Our budget for children's books has been drastically cut. This money gave us purchasing power!
Nevada	\$3,110	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Adult books and DVDs; scanner, color copier, printer and software. There is only one other business in our town that makes color copies for the public and none that scan photos and documents. The other business also has limited hours. Our budget cannot keep up with the 17 percent increase in video circulation. Direct State Aid doubled our video budget.
New Albin	NE		
New Hampton	\$2,207	Personnel; Technology & Equipment; Other	Continuing education training; two new public access workstations; Membership in the American Library Association and the Iowa Library Association. We replaced computers that were seven years old, allowing more up-to-date access. Staff received valuable training at workshops. We have several people taking online classes to obtain advanced degrees in teaching.
New Hartford	\$492	Technology & Equipment	New computer and computer supplies.
New London	\$1,163	Technology & Equipment	Four new computers, software/hardware. This year, Direct State Aid helped the library increase the number of public computers from two to six. We are seeing more adults using the Internet and computers for e-mail, research, job hunting and business.
New Market	NE		
New Sharon	NE		

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New Virginia	\$903	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	A book for use during the summer reading program; 32 stacking chairs for use in the library's community room. We now have the seating necessary to present a program to the public. Before, volunteers had to transport chairs from another building.
Newell	\$1,436	Technology & Equipment; Other	Technical support from Rebnord Technologies (cleaning, repair and replacement of parts); fireproof book drop. The book drop makes returning things much easier for working families. Keeping our computers in good running condition keeps all patrons pleased.
Newhall	\$1,412	Personnel	Increased hours with the help of Direct State Aid. We will continue to use this money to help offset the extra staff expenses of the extended hours. Working people can now use the library on their way home.
Newton	\$5,427	Technology & Equipment	Several online databases are now available through our catalog. We are able to offer access to more information for our readers remotely and to the library through these databases.
Nora Springs	\$1,659	Technology & Equipment	Laminator, DVD/CD cleaning machine, OR copier.
North English	\$1,522	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	New CDs and books on tape; upgrade and purchase new office computers and some networking upgrades. Checking out items is much quicker and people like it better.
North Liberty	\$3,176	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Audio books and DVDs; book discussions and author visits; library supplies. A patron's husband is an over-the-road trucker and they are always looking for audio books for him to listen to.
Northwood	\$1,204	Technology & Equipment	New copy machine. Our new copier has several enhanced features that patrons like.
Norwalk	\$2,895	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Other	Work Book Online, large print books; LCD projector for use in ICN/meeting room; book bin for children's area. Patrons can access the vast amount of information available through World Book's databases at the library or from home/office. The projector displays a computer, video, etc presentation onto a projection screen. Direct State Aid enabled the library to offer new resources and services in a more organized, attractive environment.
Norway	\$917	Capital Improvements	Remodeled the bathroom to make it handicapped accessible.
Oakland	\$1,637	Personnel; Programs	Salary for summer reading program staff; materials and incentives for summer library program. Direct State Aid makes our reading program possible. The program is a tremendous and popular service. One mother told me that this summer her son is reading for the first time ever because he wants an opportunity to win our x-box prize!
Ocheyedan	\$953	Materials & Supplies	Additional adult books. We have been able to purchase additional books that would not have been available because our book budget funds were depleted. We have added a number of items to our Iowa collection that have been used in presenting programs at nursing homes.

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Odebolt	\$1,543	Personnel; Capital Improvements	More hours on Wednesday, salaries of five staffers supplemented to make them in line with other city employees; landscaping around parking area. We have up to 30 people come in on Wednesday mornings. If we lose this funding, we will lose many of these people. Preschoolers come once a month. A family comes each Wednesday morning to have their little girl's hearing aids tested by an audiologist. While she's being tested, her family uses other parts of the library.
Oelwein	\$1,990	Materials & Supplies	Children's and young adult books, adult books and magazine subscriptions. Because of Direct State Aid, there was extra money to update the children's library by weeding and purchasing new children's and young adult books. The Oelwein Public Library will move to a new, much larger building next June. By using Direct State Aid funding this year to build an updated collection (and continue to use this funding the same way in 2006), we can take pride in our materials collection as well as a wonderful new building.
Ogden	NE		
Olin	\$995	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	Salaries; TV and VCR/DVD cart. Staff was able to work the enhanced summer reading program. We had a great leader. Attendance increased with each reading program. Some of the kids don't have many advantages. They were able to visit "make believe" land through stories and videos.
Onawa	\$1,409	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture	New books; software upgrade, renewal purchase, surf control; library book truck. Computer upgrades are a vital part of our services. With our expansion, we would not have been able to update the computers without the help of this funding. We would not have purchased new books due to constraints on our budget. We are thrilled to be able to have these items for our patrons.
Orange City	\$2,741	Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	Color laser printer for public network; art/hobby/collection displays for meeting rooms. A reliable, easy-to-use, high quality printer makes it easy for the public to print the information they need. The displays are easy to see and provide a nice area to view community interests.
Orient	\$458	Materials & Supplies	Six additional magazine subscriptions, one new subscription to the Des Moines Register, fiction books for adults. I am pleased with how Direct State Aid was able to serve both youth and adults. Two of the six magazines are for children. In a community of 400, we have five to 15 people reading the paper daily. This is a real service to our patrons young and old as we are a combined school/public library.
Osage	\$2,325	Technology & Equipment	Replaced four computers. As we replace staff computers, we are able to replace patron computers as well, giving them faster and more powerful computers.
Osceola	\$1,549	Technology & Equipment	A new server, server media and device cals, router, switch, backup tape. Direct State Aid helped to complete our updating project so our services will be faster and more efficient.
Oskaloosa	\$4,449	Personnel	Salaries for part-time reference staff. Direct State Aid will enable us to hire a highly trained employee exclusively for children's reference.

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Ossian	\$1,489	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs	Extended hours for summer library program, children's literature workshop; audio book lease program, junior library guild subscription, Enchanted Learning Country Series; Deep Freeze for two computers; video shelving not covered by fundraising; craft and support supplies like music CDs for summer reading and other children's programming. One mother told us that even though her toddler who didn't seem to be participating during summer reading was going home with his favorite book from the program and singing all the songs.
Ottumwa	\$4,815	Technology & Equipment; Furniture	Two computers and a laminator; DVD display case. Our new laminator is a nice service for our public and one we have wanted for a long time. The new computers are going to be used with our new Horizon system. The public will be able to use them in place of our old terminals. Before our DVDs were between bookends and now patrons can look through what we have without the DVDs falling down.
Oxford	\$517	Materials & Supplies	Children's fiction and picture books.
Oxford Junction	\$1,400	Capital Improvements	Reinforced basement walls
Palmer	\$457	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	Salaries to stay open extra hours and classes for certification; telephone bills.
Panora	\$1,586	Technology & Equipment	Used towards the purchase of 10 tables and 40 chairs. With Direct State Aid, we are able to keep things updated for the community.
Parkersburg	\$1,673	Capital Improvements	The fascia was cracked and not repairable. Wasps were building nests and getting into the library. We had all the old fascia torn off and replaced. We got rid of the "60's" look and made our library better suited for today.
Paton	\$1,273	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Books; special books for summer library program. We are a very small town and could not keep our library open without state funding. We were able to give every child that completed the summer reading program a book. They will return their books back to the library and have their names printed in their book.
Paullina	\$1,471	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Encarta Reference Library, computer software; computer, monitor (flat screen) and service plan, scanner and printer.
Pella	\$3,796	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid part of the cost of a replacement file server shared with Central College. The Pella Public Library shares an automated system with Central College. A new server allows us to upgrade to a newer and better version of software. Pella citizens benefit by faster service and more features.
Perry	\$3,137	Technology & Equipment	Syndeties Solutions subscription, updated computers, barcode scanners, wireless access. We continue to contract services with Dreama Deskins in order to maintain and enhance our library services.

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Peterson	\$909	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	Salary for summer reading program staffer; children's non-fiction books; supplies and incentives for summer reading program. We would not have been able to purchase the number of children's non-fiction books without Direct State Aid. Our summer reading program teaches children that libraries and books are fun!
Plainfield	\$1,382	Technology & Equipment	Replaced three of our five public access computers. With Direct State Aid, we were able to replace old computers with newer ones, which means better service for our patrons. We have one person who comes to do some work at the library. He uses the new computers all the time and is just happy how fast they are and that they do not freeze up. He gets his work done faster and still has time to surf the net.
Pleasant Hill	\$2,934	Capital Improvements	As part of a library renovation project, Direct State Aid was used to help install two windows in staff offices. No other funds were available for this purpose. The result is a more usable and attractive space for the staff to use. The offices are quite small and the installation of the windows is a welcome and necessary improvement. It has improved morale and productivity.
Pleasantville	NE		
Plover	\$444	Personnel	Extended hours and continuing education training for staff. This funding has allowed me to attend classes. I know this has improved the way the library is run, its purpose and its future!
Pocahontas	\$1,684	Programs	Direct State Aid has enabled us to staff more heavily during our summer reading program, which is very important. It also continues to help us provide an in-home daycare story time for seven different daycare providers in the community. By bringing the story times to the children, we are enriching the lives of 70-75 preschoolers each month.
Polk City	\$679	Personnel	Computer technology support. We no longer have to worry about computers going down. We can give our customers access to computers for Internet use or even students typing reports.
Pomeroy	\$1,013	Furniture	New handicapped accessible circulation desk and a set of shelves. We have 3 to 5-year-old kids during story hour. Now the little ones do not have to climb up a step stool to see us to check out their library materials. This has made a difference in a lot of little peoples' lives.
Postville	\$1,846	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	Audio books; new shelves. Direct State Aid has enabled us to add new things to the library without having to scrimp on other things. Thank you.
Prairie City	\$1,005	Materials & Supplies	Purchased new set of World Book Encyclopedias and other books.
Prescott	\$830	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs; Other	Processing donated videos and books; fax service for public; summer reading program supplies and party; new vacuum, electrical bills.
Preston	\$1,474	Technology & Equipment	Helped pay for microfilm printer/reader. This has helped several local history buffs and genealogists to use our collection of Preston Times microfilm rolls.
Primghar	\$1,417	Materials & Supplies	New adult and children's books, videos

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Quimby	\$884	Technology & Equipment	New computer for library staff use.
Radcliffe	\$1,000	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	Gift certificates for two coordinators of the summer reading program; Know Your Buddy resources, Upstart Reading Promotions, summer reading program. The youth of our community are of great importance to me. Living in a town of 615 people finds little entertainment available. We are required to "create" our own. Over 50 children benefited from the summer library program. Their library interest generated a renewal patron list of parents and grandparents.
Rake	\$538	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Adult fiction and children's books, software games for kids; computer repair and maintenance, print cartridges; summer library program supplies and incentives;
Randolph	\$859	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Books for our spring reading incentive program and books for adults, large print. We have gained new reading material to entice our children to keep on reading and to promote reading literacy. With technology in the forefront, we had to provide an incentive to read books. This has helped our circulation and discussions with the children about good reading habits.
Readlyn	\$1,501	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped purchase a new TKON copy machine. Our patrons pay for the copies they make, so we want to be able to provide them with a good machine to make them on.
Red Oak	\$1,969	Capital Improvements	Outside lighting for both the front and back of the library. Several of our patrons have mild impairments that make their footing unsafe, especially in the dark. More people are using the library at night.
Redfield	\$963	Technology & Equipment	Computer and software for automation.
Reinbeck	\$1,787	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	Audio books on CD, reference books, processing supplies, DVDs; shelving for audio books.
Rembrandt	\$883	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Other	Extended hours (Saturday); new books; reimbursement for Open Access. We loaned 358 books to people through Open Access. Our Open Access reimbursement check was \$309.14. The actual cost to the library was \$451. We covered the difference with Direct State Aid. Our patrons enjoy using the library on Saturdays.
Remsen	\$1,161	Materials & Supplies	Large print books. We are a community with a lot of elderly patrons and they really appreciate the extensive selection of large print books that we have on hand. We are continually updating our collection. We had a patron who was losing her eyesight and she was really pleased that we had so many large print books to choose from.
Renwick	\$1,340	Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements; Programs	We were able to purchase more audio books and CDs; we have central air, so we removed old window air condition from wall and repaired wall; summer library program and story hours, monthly coffee for patrons. The kids enjoy all the fun things they can do during story hours and the summer program. We can offer more audio books for blind people. I have a lady who is legally blind and she enjoys listening to our CDs and audio tapes. She cannot do much, but she can listen to these.

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Riceville	\$1,560	Technology & Equipment; Programs	Color printer and toner; summer children's reading program. We have been able to copy and print wonderful photos. We were also able to pay two teachers a small amount of do our summer children's program.
Richland	\$1,338	Technology & Equipment; Programs	Computer for automation project; books for summer reading program. Starting July 1, our library will be automated. The new computer for our check out desk will be used daily and assist our patrons in faster and more complete service.
Ringsted	\$457	Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements; Other	Book cards, laminates, shelf label holders, inserts, books, paper fold jackets, film matte; pain kids room and bathroom, front door strip; repaired copier, Panasonic cordless phone.
Rippey	NR		
Rock Rapids	\$1,360	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	New videos and audio books; computer service
Rock Valley	\$2,032	Materials & Supplies	Purchased audio books.
Rockford	\$1,050	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs; Other	We added some books on CDs and started a DVD collection, purchased books and two magazine subscriptions; updated anti-virus programs, bought ink cartridges for computer and fax , ribbon cartridges for typewriter, new toner cartridge for photocopier; replenished program supplies, castle tent for children's room story hour; bought archival boxes for old local newspaper storage, paid unexpected additional increase on contents insurance.
Rockwell	\$1,547	Materials & Supplies; Furniture; Programs	World Book Science and Nature encyclopedia, DVDs; reupholstered reading area furniture, two office chairs for staff; summer reading program prizes, craft materials and items for displays and promotions. We have a young mother who homeschools her three children. They love to come into the library and sit in the reading area for reading time together. Many children have used the World Book set for school project and independent study. I have many children who love science and nature. The summer reading program is always an event the kids look forward to. We try to do different things each year.
Rockwell City	\$1,340	Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	UPS battery back-up for computer; painting of front columns outside library building. The front columns have been in desperate need of painting for some time. Our building now looks much more welcoming!
Roland	\$1,609	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	Funding for salary of additional 10 hr/week employee; new DVDS for growing collection. We were greatly understaffed for our circulation numbers. Adding another employee has allowed us to finally concentrate on projects that we have "put off" in the past, such as web site development, processing new materials (adding music CDs to our collection) and additional program planning. The DVDs that we will purchase with this funding will enhance our already popular collection.
Rolfe	\$928	Materials & Supplies	We moved into a new library last summer, so we weeded heavily – especially in non-fiction. We used the money to bring our reference books up to date. We provided medical materials that helped a patron understand her illness better.

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Rowan	\$989	Personnel	Staff salaries and training. We have been able to offer classes to our patrons because we can pay and train the staff. One of our patrons now knows how to store her e-mail in a folder for future viewing, forward e-mails and reply to them.
Royal	\$462	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture	Purchased more large print books, audios, CDs for our patrons who are sight impaired. The children and adults like the CDs and movies; we are looking into putting in a new router to get another computer online, or to go with wireless; two new computer chairs.
Rudd	\$965	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	Started an audio collection on CD; bought an additional computer; repaired handicapped ramp. We have a medical school intern who travels may miles and uses the audio collection to stay awake!
Ruthven	\$566	Materials & Supplies;	Our library received budget cuts this year. Direct State Aid helped to buy books we might otherwise have been unable to purchase. This funding has helped us maintain good service in light of lost funding. People do not have to drive out of town to find the materials they want.
Sabula	\$1387	Materials & Supplies	New books.
Sac City	\$1,822	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Book Systems E2 Cat; two Dell computers, 3 Westinghouse monitors. Our circulation system died in February. With the new system, working and dependable, our customers do not have to stand in line waiting for staff to check them out. One mother of three pre-schoolers who checks out 40-50 books each month now brings her children to the library with her on check out days knowing they won't have to stand in line a long time.
Salem	\$500	Programs	We have started many programs this year – a Halloween read along, Christmas with Santa and shopping through books, as well as our summer reading program. With Direct State Aid, children in our area can participate in programs instead of going to another town.
Sanborn	\$550	Technology & Equipment	New computers and updated system. Without Direct State Aid, we probably wouldn't have been able to update. Thanks so much!
Schaller	\$565	Technology & Equipment	New Dell computer for patrons. Kids come to the library to do accelerated reading testing. Also, our Hispanic population comes to the library to use the computers quite often.
Schleswig	NE		
Scott County	\$15,798	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs; Other	Staff salaries; winter reading program prizes, supplies, bookends and display racks, promotional periodical; receipt printers, Dear Reader.com (online book club subscription), Baker & Taylor Title Source II, disc cleaner and restorer; book discussions and Carol Levine Shakespeare Service in cooperation with N.S. High School; Libraries Together Consulting Project
Scranton	\$1,375	Personnel	Salary for a clerk to help enter items into new automation system. In a little over a year, we have entered over 7,000 items.
Sergeant Bluff	NE		
Seymour	NE		
Sheffield	\$1,638	Personnel	Extended staff hours due to renovation project.

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Sheldon	\$2,342	Materials & Supplies	New audio books on cassette and CD for adult and children, videos and DVDs. Without Direct State Aid, our library would not be able to provide audio books to our customers. They are extremely popular. Some borrowers check out 8 to 10 each time they visit the library. Commuter s and over-the-road truckers are huge fans of audio books.
Shell Rock	\$1,522	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	Purchased new books; four new shelves. The shelves were put in our Easy and Inspirational fiction sections where there was no room to expand the collection. Now children and adults can easily select books.
Shellsburg	\$968	Personnel	Salaries for Saturday hours and story-time personnel. Patrons who are low income now have a place to spend Saturday mornings. The children now have a safe spot to go in town.
Shenandoah	\$2,587	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	Direct State Aid paid the partial cost of microfilming local newspapers up to 2004. Purchased reading rocker for children, new PB spinner and display, refinished library tables. Microfilming the newspapers will ease the obituary searches and keep us current. Never again (hopefully!) will the amount be insurmountable! We hope the rocker is big enough for more adults and children to cuddle and read together.
Sibley	\$1,300	Materials & Supplies	We used our Direct State Aid money to help fund our books on CD collection. This money almost funded our whole collection! We are reaching a segment of our community we might not have otherwise.
Sidney	\$1,027	Capital Improvements	Most Direct State Aid this year was put into the building project. This aid helped pay a bill from the architect. Everyone in the community is so excited to see the new library finally being built.
Sigourney	\$1,208	Capital Improvements	Funds were used to meet Enrich Iowa standards for accessibility. Sigourney will move into a new, handicapped accessible building in the fall of 2005. We have an elderly population that has not been able to access the old building. We have one wheelchair bound woman who says she is looking forward to finally wheeling herself into the "building of books" that she loves.
Silver City	\$403	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Longer hours; new audio books and CDs; more programs and information on the web page. Those who do not have Internet service at home come to the library to do their homework.
Sioux Center	\$2,836	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs	Purchased new audio books; Internet computer replacement; seating for young adults; AccuCut machine for use on story hour project, summer reading, book displays.
Sioux City	\$20,698	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	Added 50 children's program events during the year by hiring delivery and shelver staff, freeing up library assistants to plan and conduct events. Purchased new books-on-tape/CD, DVD and videotape recordings, processing supplies/cataloging for added items; one year license to Testing Educational Reference Center.

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Sioux Rapids	\$959	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs	Education for staff, part-time hours; summer program supplies, audio books and video signage; new copy machine, computer upgrades; new book cart and computer desks; summer library program. This funding has made a huge difference for our children with our after school activities. Now they have a safe, secure environment, either on computers or doing the many activities we have available for them now.
Slater	\$1,550	Technology & Equipment; Programs	Provided a new computer for patron use – Internet, word processing, publications; summer reading program. Without Direct State Aid, our summer reading program would have been cancelled. Because of the new computer, a patron was able to keep in touch with her ill mother in Romania.
Sloan	\$948	Materials & Supplies; Other	Typewriter, large print books, DVDs and processing; new hot water heater. Large print books are new to the library. We can provide service to the visually impaired. DVDs have been well received and more people are using the library. We never had a hot water heater so this is a great joy – not only for washing hands but also for cleaning.
Soldier	NE		
Solon	\$2,073	Materials & Supplies	New audio books for adults and children; books on CD were also purchased for all age levels. Our local third graders play a reading BINGO game six months of each school year. One of the requirements is to listen to a book on tape. State funding has helped us provide enough audio material to help five third grades complete their BINGO sheets. We live in a bedroom community where many of our residents commute to work. Audio books give them an opportunity to use this time productively.
Somers	NE		
South English	\$422	Personnel; Furniture; Programs; Other	Staff training; bookcase and storage in children's room; summer reading program; postage for interlibrary loan. With Direct State Aid, I was able to do more things this summer with the children, and reached out to more of the rural kids.
Spencer	\$3,922	Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture	Purchased laptop computer for staff, flash drive for public and staff use so that computer data can be moved from computer to computer, USB extension cables to support flash drives and peripherals that cannot reach to the back of our computers; two large super-absorbent floor mats to enhance the remodeled lobby; new high-quality folding chairs for public meeting room. A visitor from Australia came into the library and wanted to use his own flash drive to work on some files. With the purchase of the USB cable extensions, he was able to plug into our computer and complete his work. He was very grateful for the service and our willingness to purchase the extension immediately from the store down the street.
Spillville	\$1,339	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements	Open fours on Fridays; DVDs, videos, children's books; handicapped accessibility ramp to basement.
Spirit Lake	\$2,430	Personnel	Salaries for additional summer help for busy tourist season.
Springville	NE		

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St. Ansgar	\$1,609	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	New books and story time supplies; new circulation computer, support, memory upgrade, software. It takes less time to check out a patron and fewer errors are made. New books are always welcome by all age groups.
St. Charles	NE		
Stacyville	\$1,040	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Started a DVD collection and added to the large print collection; a magician entertained our summer library program participants, added items for National Library Week.
Stanhope	\$955	Technology & Equipment	Helped pay for a new Dell computer. Everyone in the library is a lot happier with the new computer – much less complaining!
Stanton	\$1,389	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	To help pay for extended library hours; purchase black and white ink cartridges and print heads, new laser jet toner, new fax/copy machine. The fax machine has given the community another source for business work.
Stanwood	\$920	Personnel	Expanded library hours to meet community needs.
State Center	\$1,064	Materials & Supplies	Adult and young adult fiction and children's easy picture books. Because of Direct State Aid, our patrons are able to check out many more current books. This makes our small town less remote and more a part of the bigger picture. As one patron noted, "It's so nice to come into the library and find the new best sellers."
Steamboat Rock	\$932	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Juvenile non-fiction books, young adult fiction; automation renewal and support. Direct State Aid was very important to us this year because of deep budget cuts.
Stockport	NE		
Storm Lake	\$3,831	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	Sent assistant director to 2005 American Library Association conference; microfilming local newspaper; Book Bridges and Homebound Delivery Program expenses. This funding keeps programs going that would otherwise disappear. Book Bridges is our preschool story time "on the road" to 14 area preschools and daycares. Homebound delivery serves over 30 area residents every week. This funding makes a huge difference in many lives. Long live Enrich Iowa!
Story City	\$2,010	Personnel	With budgets being short, we have again used this money for personnel. We are able to maintain our hours and our current staff, plus provide a small increase in salaries.
Stratford	\$1,448	Materials & Supplies	Purchased new books, including World Book reference sets and children's magazines. A home schooled patron was looking for science books and we provided them because of Direct State Aid. This family was so happy because they could not afford this set of books.
Strawberry Point	\$1,620	Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs	Updated the computer; computer desks; summer reading program.
Stuart	\$1191	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Purchased 59 books and one magazine subscription; photo copier. I've only been working at this library since May, but this money is a great help for getting new books.

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Sully	\$1,590	Materials & Supplies	Again, our library had funding cuts from the county and city of over \$14,000. We were happy to receive Direct State Aid in order to purchase books and materials to keep our collection up-to-date for our loyal customers.
Sumner	\$1,289	Materials & Supplies	Continued to build our audio book (tapes and CD) collection, as well as our music CD collection. We had a woman going through cancer treatment and the travel back and forth, plus the tiredness she felt, made the music a therapy. She also used the audio books to listen to during this time.
Sutherland	\$1,375	Materials & Supplies	The library was able to provide new materials in many formats. We added many new large print and audio visuals that we would not have been able to purchase without this additional funding.
Swaledale	\$869	Capital Improvements	Sided the library building.
Swea City	\$1,409	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Capital Improvements; Programs	Salary for library director to attend County Library Association meeting, salary for librarian to attend summer reading program training, and an eight week course on Public Library Management and travel costs; new books and paper supplies; new printer for catalog cards and a calculator; outside lighting with timer switch; supplies for summer reading program and puppets to check out, as well as for other programs. Our new lighting outside makes the area safer at night, we well as bring more attention to our library. As a new director, the classes I have taken help with the library's daily functions. They were an asset, and I am very thankful that I was able to attend them.
Tabor	\$1,001	Materials & Supplies	Purchased new books that we would not have been able to purchase without Direct State Aid.
Tama	\$1,867	Technology & Equipment	Computer updating, flat panel monitors, new staff computer. With Direct State Aid, we have been able to purchase more up-to-date technology which we would not have been able to afford otherwise.
Terril	\$925	Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	Norton anti-virus protection software for the computers, copy paper; handicapped accessible water cooler, light fixture repair.
Thompson	NE		
Thornton	\$1,353	Materials & Supplies	New bestsellers, books on tape and books on CD, large print books. Most of our patrons are interested in the new bestsellers. We have several people taking audio books on trips. We have many people who enjoy our large print books.
Tiffin	\$462	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	Extended hours; children's and adult books.
Tipton	\$1990	Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	Replaced two PCs, fax machine; began office remodeling (electrician hired, laborer to drywall ceiling). Our automated system was in constant need of tech support due to our outdated computers. Getting new computers has eliminated down time, allowing better service to patrons. Our new fax machine is much faster and easier to use.
Titonka	NE		

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Toledo	\$1,797	Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid helped expand and remodel our 1942 building. Our building now has space for programming and the collection, as well as a place to relax and read. Our collection is now much more accessible to our visually impaired patrons. The whole community is very pleased with its new space.
Traer	\$1,096	Materials & Supplies	New books on tape and CDs to go with classical books that are in the library. We are able to have books on CDs and tapes for people to listen to classical stories or to follow along with the books. Students especially request them for school. There are students in Special Education who have a hard time reading books, but will get the books on CDs to keep up with the class.
Tripoli	\$1,136	Technology & Equipment	Automation software. Our patrons now have better access to our collection! Using the "age of collection" statistic opened our eyes to our medical collection. We have pulled several items and are looking for better resources. This will greatly help our customers.
Truro	\$949	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Mileage for training; books, paper, library cards and pockets, DVDs, video cases and general supplies; computer repairs, updating of computer, and paper cutter.
Union	\$1,460	Personnel; Materials & supplies	Staff attended program and classes; assorted library materials. Due to smaller county funding, Direct State Aid has made it possible to partially maintain some purchases of materials and has helped enable staff to attend programs and classes in order to remain state certified. Funding has helped the library purchase the newest books for children, just like their "big city" cousins. It helps level the playing field for readers.
Urbandale	\$8,985	Technology & Equipment	Purchased 7 PCs.
Ute	NE		
Van Horne	\$923	Materials & Supplies	Purchased children's books to replace very outdated ones. We are seeing many more children and young mothers using our library. It has made our library more vibrant and fun. A young man has a native American heritage and wanted information about his ancestors. The youngster was thrilled to learn more about his heritage and shared the information with his father, who also began researching.
Van Meter	\$521	Materials & Supplies	New 2005 set of World Book. Students need the updated reference source for school projects.
Varina	NE		
Ventura	\$1,441	Furniture	Purchased new shelves. We are now able to display our video/DVD and audio collections in a neat and orderly fashion with room to add to the collections.
Victor	\$1,512	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Audios, books, DVDs and CDs; replaced two older computers with Dells, virus protection was also purchased for the computers. With the replacement of two of our computers, our public use has steadily increased. We now have the capability of serving our customers without long periods of waiting.

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Villisca	\$1,076	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Regular and large print books; a skating party as a reward for our reading program (6 th graders). Our community has many elderly people who need large print books. It is very hard to buy enough to keep up with their needs. This money helps!
Vinton	\$2,467	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Large print books; two new PCs. The new computers are much faster. Kids appreciate that they can play their games and adults appreciate the speed with which they can surf the web. Being able to purchase large print books with more varied subjects than normal has allowed one of our patrons to enjoy the library again.
Volga	\$452	Materials & Supplies	Purchased new books and magazine subscriptions. We are able to provide the latest books by popular authors. We also subscribed to some magazines we would not have been able to afford without Direct State Aid.
Wadena	NE		
Wall Lake	\$1,465	Capital Improvements	Purchased a handicapped accessible front door with push button for automatic opening. We would not have been able to do this without Direct State Aid.
Walnut	\$944	Capital Improvements	New shelving for our children's room. The improvements to our library have made it a pleasant place for the children of our community. They enjoy visiting the library during the day while their parents are away at work. It is an enjoyable, safe place for them.
Wapello	\$1,739	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid funds went towards computers and flat panel monitors. Thanks to Direct State Aid, old computers could be replaced when they went down. Patrons had upgraded computers to use and the number of patron use computers were maintained rather than decreased.
Washington	\$2,202	Technology & Equipment	Purchased a laptop computer and projector for presentations.
Washta	\$871	Materials & Supplies	New books, audio books, computer CDs, videos and DVDs. Without Direct State Aid, we would not have been able to purchase the new materials which attract our patrons.
Waterloo	\$17,586	Personnel	Combined Cedar Falls and Waterloo public libraries fund the "Gray Matters" coordinator's salary. The program targets active seniors and seniors who live in retirement/nursing centers. We know this program continues to change the lives of area seniors. Many new book discussions have formed since the program first began, and several library staff members have become involved in the book clubs.
Waterville	\$456	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	We began working on a town newsletter to keep people updated on events in the community, especially the library; updated our book collections for young adults; fax machine ink and tech assistance for our color printer; two story hours a month, along with a reading promotion program that goes on all year. A new family recently moved in to our community. The mother brought her two young children to our story hour. There, she met other moms and has formed friendships. One mom watches her youngest son once a week so she can volunteer at her daughter's school. This all began at our library!

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Waucoma	\$1,257	Materials & Supplies	Books (children's chapter books, young adults, adults), videos. We support low income families that would otherwise go without reading materials. Patrons continue to improve reading skills, knowledge and community togetherness as a result of Direct State Aid.
Waukee	\$2,431	Personnel	Additional staff salaries. The library was able to maintain existing open hours without lower public service.
Waukon	\$2,495	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped purchase two public Internet access computers and upgrade a staff computer. An important and often overlooked resource in the library is the staff. With new computers, the staff spends less time troubleshooting and field fewer complaints.
Waverly	\$3,553	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	Staff training on new technology; wireless added over hard wired network.
Webb	\$456	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture	Supplies for reading programs; 4 in 1 printer, copier, scanner, fax, also cartridges; 2 chairs for computer use.
Webster City	\$3,294	Materials & Supplies	Juvenile, young adult and adult books, videos. Direct State Aid supplements the library materials budget. Without this money, our materials budget would not stretch as far.
Wellman	\$1,570	Personnel	Salary for new director during training. Direct State Aid will help cover costs during transition and training between incoming and outgoing directors.
Wellsburg	\$1,512	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture	Increased magazine subscriptions; new computer for use as a card catalog, staff workstation computer; two office chairs for public access computer stations. Not only was our periodical selection increased, but we were inspired to extend the check out time period and let even new issues out, which is what the public wants.
Wesley	\$935	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	Salary increases for staff; more large print books and new reference books; incentive supplies for the summer reading program. Several elderly ladies can only read large print books. Direct State Aid has really helped us serve them better by purchasing large print books.
West Bend	\$1,506	Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to help replace four public computers. We have foreign exchange students and people who are traveling come into the library to use our computers either for work or e-mailing family and friends.
West Branch	\$1,732	Personnel; Capital Improvements	Extended hours on Friday afternoons to better serve the community; replaced bulbs and ballasts throughout the library. The lighting is much better now which helps ease eye strain. Students now have an opportunity to use the library after school on Fridays. This helps them get materials for homework and provides them with Internet access.
West Des Moines	\$11,906	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to augment existing funding in order to provide more books, audio-visual and electronic materials. Citizens can now borrow information that is more up-to-date and relevant.
West Liberty	\$2022	Materials & Supplies	Upgraded nonfiction collections and audio books.

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West Point	\$1,022	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid funds were used to help pay the cost of setting up our LAN at the new library. The funds paid most of the computer tech's time and mileage, as well as the back up tapes needed for the server.
West Union	\$1,825	Personnel; Technology & Equipment; Furniture	Story time staff, computer lab assistant; new tape back-up and tapes, 7 new mice, XP software; stand up reference work station.
Westgate	NE		
Westside	\$437	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid allows us to subscribe each year to our library automation system – concourse.
What Cheer	\$916	Materials & Supplies	Adult fiction books, videos. Direct State Aid helped us provide new reading materials for all ages.
Wheatland	\$452	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Audio books and DVDs; puppet show material for summer reading program.
Whiting	\$1387	Personnel	Extended hours. This gives consistency to our open times each afternoon, making it easier for people to remember our hours. The additional four hours made possible by Direct State Aid are often our busiest times.
Whittemore	\$1,379	Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements	Purchased DVDs; Added light fixtures, installed a permanent exterior stairwell cover. The additional lighting has been a great benefit to those people searching for certain books at the south end of the library and patrons have noticed and commented on the difference in the lighting. The staff also appreciates the extra lighting. It makes our job easier when we can find materials quickly for our patrons.
Williams	\$1,401	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Continuing education for staff; new books for young adults; computer software; summer library program supplies.
Williamsburg	\$1,364	Materials & Supplies	Books and materials for story times, books for young adults, fiction for adults.
Wilton	\$1,900	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helps us maintain open hours on Sunday throughout the year; DVD/VHS player. We have several people who come to the library on Sundays. Maintaining these open hours year round has meant they can continue coming at a time convenient to their schedules.
Winfield	\$559	Materials & Supplies	Books were added to the children's section.
Winterset	\$1,863	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped towards purchasing 7 computers, replacing our online catalog computers, several Internet stations and our cataloging computer. Our patrons are now able to use the iBistro catalog from within the library or from home. Several people commented about how exciting it is to be able to see the cover of the book and read reviews of the book. Since the catalog is very intuitive and easy to navigate, the patrons are finding what they want more easily and quickly.

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Winthrop	\$1,387	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Children's audio book; new copier; special summer reading program for a special needs group of students from our local school. The kids really loved visiting the library and were excited to be doing some special activities. Our new copy machine helped a former homeless person make the copies she needed for a job interview. The library has been a source of support for her.
Woden	\$1,306	Technology & Equipment	Two new computers for automation. The community is also very appreciative of faster computers.
Woodbine	NE		
Woodbury County	NE		
Woodward	\$1,477	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped us update our technology.
Wyoming	\$552	Capital Improvements	Purchased a security system. Our library is now a safe environment for all who use it.
Zearing	\$1,490	Personnel; Capital Improvements;	Continuing education for staff; new lighting. This additional funding helped a staffer get continuing education so she could better help customers with computer training.