



ENRICH IOWA REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2020

Uses & Impacts of Enrich Iowa Funding to Iowa Libraries for Open Access, Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement, and Direct State Aid Library Programs

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

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

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

OPEN ACCESS

Open Access provides Iowans with direct access to more library materials and information resources. It enables eligible customers to go to participating libraries and directly check out physical materials.

As a result, Iowans have greater access to more library resources, more choices in library service, and the convenience of using a library where they work, shop, or visit. The state reimburses the loaning library a small amount for each item checked out to offset expenses.

LIBRARY IMPACT: 520 Iowa libraries (public and academic) participated in the Open Access program in FY20.



ENRICH IOWA FY20 FUNDING

FY20 Appropriation	\$2,464,823
Open Access	\$1,001,174
Interlibrary Loan	\$398,826
Direct State Aid	\$1,064,823

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

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

LIBRARY IMPACT: 559 Iowa libraries (public and non-public) participated in the Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement program in FY20.

NUMBER OF ITEMS BORROWED IN FY20

Open Access
2,612,063

Interlibrary Loan
282,876



**STATE LIBRARY
OF IOWA**

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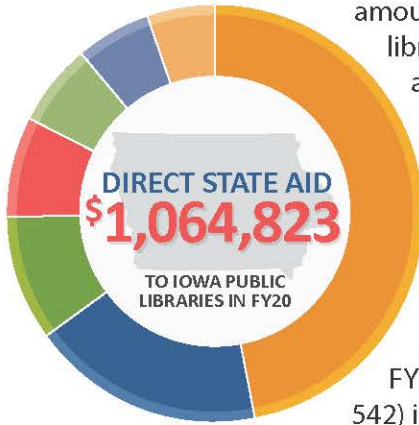
DIRECT STATE AID

Direct State Aid provides financial support to public libraries from state funds, with the goal of moving library service in Iowa closer to the ideal envisioned by library customers, librarians, and government officials.

Libraries are given the opportunity to provide comments or stories on the impacts of Direct State Aid funds. The funding amounts, categories spent, and

library comments are available in a more detailed report at: www.statelibraryofiowa.org/publications.

LIBRARY IMPACT: Since 2010, Direct State Aid funding has helped lead to a **9.3 percent increase** in the number of accredited libraries in Iowa. In FY20, **481 public libraries** (out of 542) in Iowa received Direct State Aid.



DIRECT STATE AID FY20 FUNDING SPENT BY CATEGORY

Total Distributed to Libraries **\$1,064,823***

Materials & Supplies	\$479,005
Technology & Equipment	\$183,973
Personnel	\$98,496
Programs	\$77,212
Capital Improvements	\$66,467
Other	\$59,441
Furniture	\$51,121

See how your public library used Direct State Aid funding at www.statelibraryofiowa.org/publications.

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

**In FY20, out of 542 public libraries in Iowa; 66 public libraries were not eligible for Direct State Aid funding.



* Five libraries received funding but did not complete the required final report on how the funding was spent. As a result, the expended amounts do not reconcile with the total appropriation.

IA SHARES

MAKING MATERIALS EXCHANGES EASIER FOR IOWA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

In FY20, the State Library launched **IA Shares**, a new delivery service for public libraries. A first of its kind statewide, **IA Shares** offers a method of sending and receiving library materials between public libraries as well as the State Library. The service provides one day per week delivery to every public library in Iowa.

IA Shares supports Enrich Iowa's Interlibrary Loan and Open Access programs by facilitating materials sharing between libraries with no additional charge to the individual libraries. Many libraries had been relying on the postal service to send materials, which resulted in significant postage costs each year. The State Library anticipates that items borrowed between libraries that participate in the Interlibrary Loan and Open Access programs will increase in future years thanks to **IA Shares**.

The State Library contracted with StatCourier to offer the service to public libraries. Libraries package their materials in **IA Shares** bags and label them with the destination library; bags are inserted into an **IA Shares** tote that the driver collects each week (pictured below). Seven locations across Iowa serve as hubs, where drivers pick up and return materials each day on their designated route. Each route serves between 15 and 25 libraries, and there are about 35 routes needed to accommodate all of Iowa's 542 public libraries.



IA Shares is made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of Iowa.



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