

Iowa Library Services / State Library

*FY13
Enrich Iowa Report*

State Funding for Iowa Libraries



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Libraries Enrich Iowa

The Enrich Iowa report is submitted in accordance with 2013 Iowa Acts, Chapter 141, Section 6(4)(b).

This report reflects the powerful role Enrich Iowa funding plays in the daily lives of Iowans:

- enhancing lifelong learning through libraries;
- improving library resources aimed at assisting job seekers;
- maintaining library hours to meet customers' needs;
- adding more computers and e-books; and
- providing safe, accessible library buildings.

The Algona Public Library used its entire Direct State Aid money towards purchasing new public Internet computers:

“A patron was in the library for several hours filling out various job applications. Now that we have additional computers, there was no need for him to worry about having to give up his computer for others waiting.”



Three Components of Enrich Iowa

Enrich Iowa comprises Direct State Aid, Open Access and Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement. In FY13, \$2,174,228 in state funding was distributed to Iowa libraries through Enrich Iowa, an increase of \$500,001 (30%) from FY12.

- **Direct State Aid** helped 475 Iowa public libraries improve services, add more books and e-books, and computers. Funding in FY13 was \$793,364, up from \$610,916 in FY12. Direct State Aid funding has led to a 36.3% increase in the number of accredited Iowa public library, from 256 in FY03 to 349 in FY13.
- **Open Access** makes it possible for Iowans to go into almost any library in the state and borrow books. The state reimburses the loaning library a small amount of the expense involved. In FY13, Iowans checked out 3,977,156 (22%) more library materials through Open Access, than in FY03. State funds supported Open Access with \$1,050,810 in FY13, up from \$804,431 in FY12. 498 Iowa libraries participated in this program in FY13.
- If a library does not own a book a local patron needs, it can be borrowed from another library through the **Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement (ILR)** program. State funding helps offset the costs involved. Iowans borrowed 189,322 items through ILR in FY03 compared to 246,041 in FY13, a 30% increase. ILR was funded at \$330,055 in FY13, up from \$258,880 in FY12. 483 Iowa libraries participated in the program in FY13.

From the Alden Public Library: “The state has improved the lives of all in our community by providing the money needed for us to buy new and current library materials in formats people are comfortable using.”

From the Bagley Public Library: “We are the hub of the community and our patrons have no other place to find the services that we provide for them on a very limited budget. Any extra service we can provide with the Direct State Aid money is a plus.”

From the Westgate Public Library: “We continue to strive for a positive presence in our community and these funds have helped increase what we can provide in services and resources.”

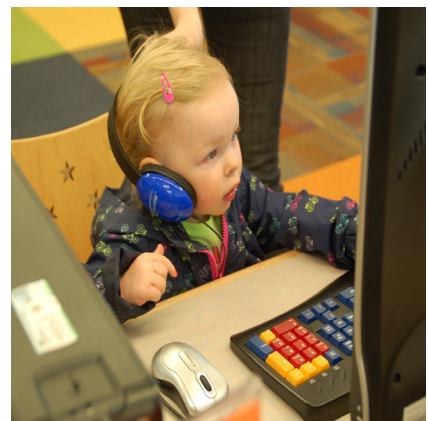
From the Primghar Public Library: “We used Direct State Aid money for adult and children’s books. We would not be able to provide the quality of materials without this funding.”



Resource sharing among Iowa libraries puts more materials in the hands of more Iowans.

Last year, Iowans checked out more than 11,570 items every day through Open Access and Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement programs.

Local libraries absorb more than 75% of the costs of the Open Access and Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement programs. Last year’s increase in Enrich Iowa funding helped allay librarians’ concerns about whether they could continue to participate in these programs because previous funding levels were so low.



How Funds are Used

Iowa public libraries report using Direct State Aid funds to support the services library users want most: new books, e-books and other library materials (45%); up-to-date technology (25%); and staffing to help users meet their needs (13%) (see page 6). Public librarians help get Iowans back to work, support Iowans' educational needs, and instill a love of reading in young children.

From the Shell Rock Public Library: "With Direct State Aid, I also purchased books with sound effects that the kids just love. I think that having children come in and use our library is a wonderful opportunity for them. I can certainly see the growth of our story hour children over a year's time as they become more comfortable with the library. It is such an important part of their development."

Direct State Aid

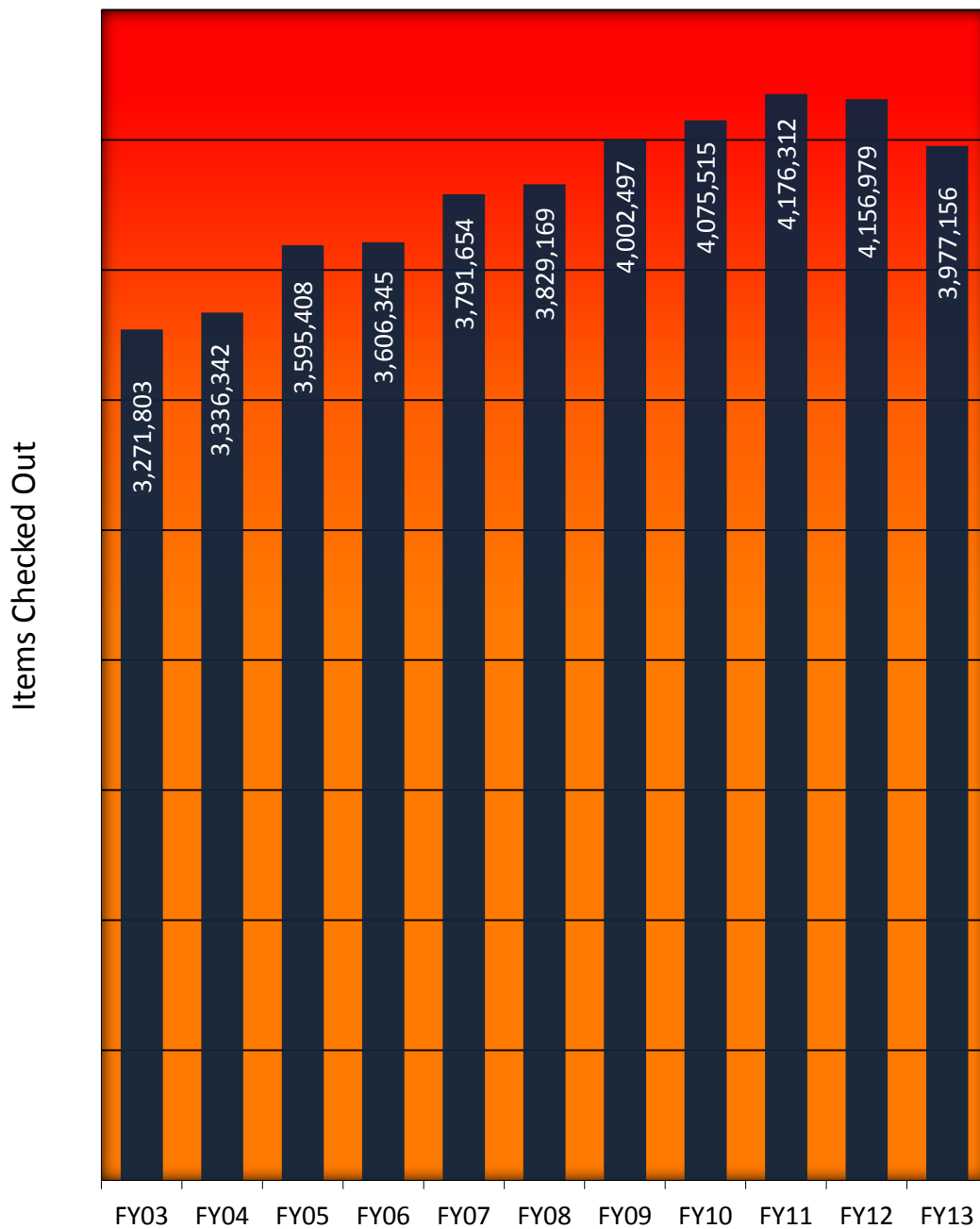
State aid significantly improves library services for Iowans, and there is no question Iowans use their public libraries. More than two-thirds of all Iowans have active public library cards, an increase of 15.5% in the past 10 years. Library check-outs have gone up 5.8% since FY03. And library visits jumped 12.0% between FY03 and FY13. Last year, on average, there were 52,000 visits to Iowa public libraries every day.

The funding formula for Direct State Aid is composed of three tiers of public library standards developed by the Iowa library community and Iowa Library Services/State Library. Funding levels increased with greater compliance with standards, so the tiers provide incentives for improvements in library service. Of Iowa's 544 public libraries, 349 received Tier 3 funding (highest level), 93 received Tier 2 funding, 33 received Tier 1 funding, and 69 were not eligible in FY13.

From the Marcus Public Library: *"We have some families who really struggle financially in our area, and there were several children at the Christmas Children's Program who were so excited about seeing the puppeteer and especially looked forward to decorating cookies afterward. One young mother mentioned that this was the only way her kids would get a chance to decorate and eat cookies this year. She and her kids got to make a lasting holiday memory; she told them stories about decorating cookies with her mom and sisters when they were her children's ages. They took pictures and had a great time with their cookies and hot chocolate, then proudly made a special cookie to take home to Dad as a surprise when he got home from work. These kids would not have had this memory without the Direct State Aid money that enabled us to put on the program."*



Open Access

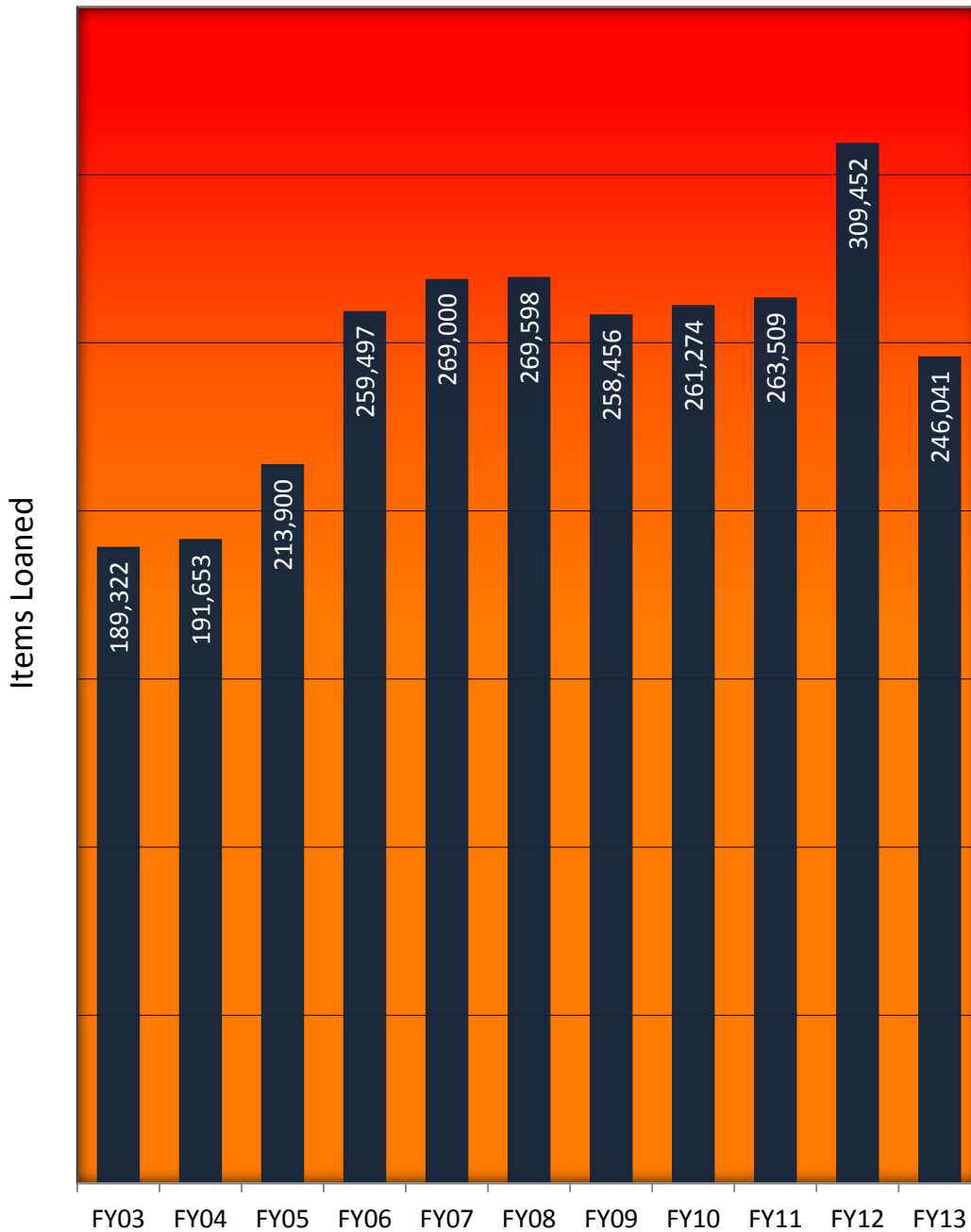


Established in 1989, Open Access allows Iowa library customers from a participating library to check out library materials at all other participating libraries in the state.

The number of items checked out has increased 22% from FY03 to FY13.

Open Access funding in FY13 was \$1,050,810, up from \$804,431 in FY12.

Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement

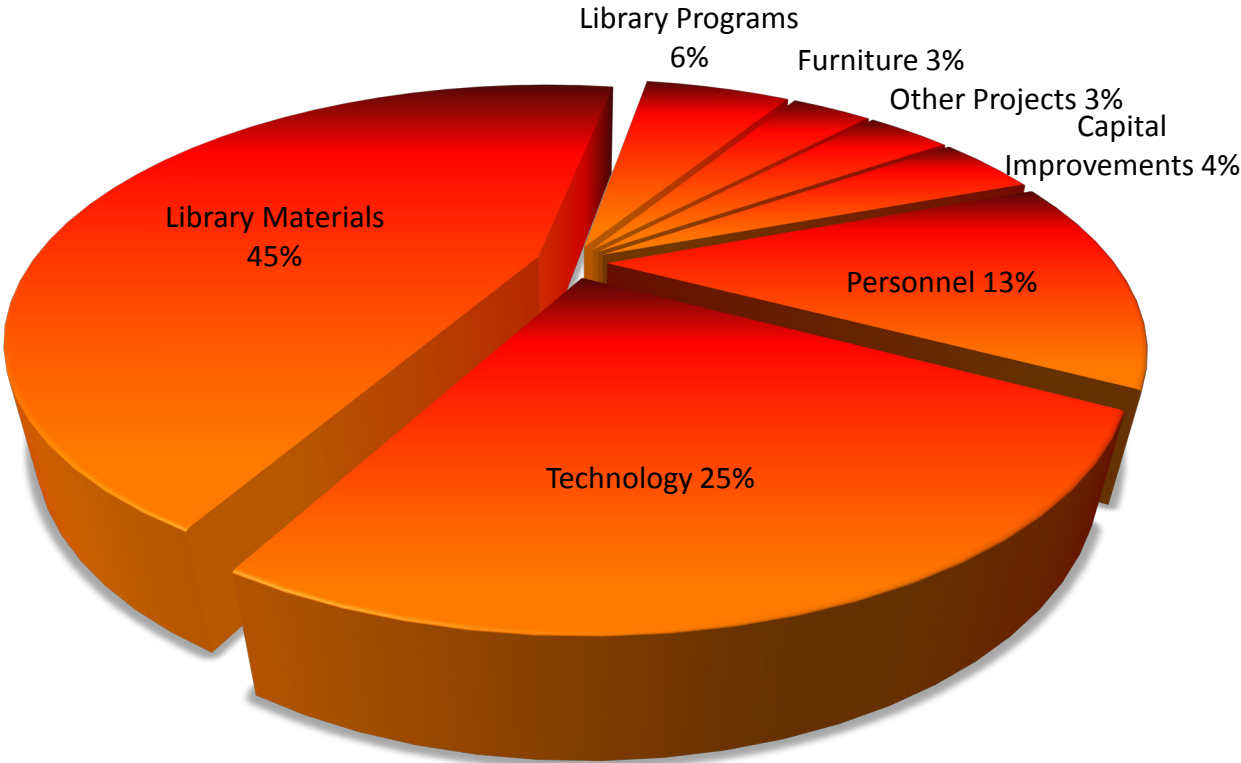


Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement provides Iowa citizens with equal access to library materials through resource sharing among libraries. Libraries borrow materials from participating libraries to fulfill requests of their customers.

The number of items borrowed has increased 30% from FY03 to FY13.

Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement funding in FY13 was \$330,055, up from \$258,880 in FY12.

Utilization of Direct State Aid \$793,364



475 Iowa public libraries received Direct State Aid in FY13

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Ackley	\$ 1,256.50	Technology and Equipment	Purchased a Follett printer, bar code scanner wand, iPad, document camera stand, laser printer, external harddrive. With the new printer and barcode scanner we are better able to keep track of inventory and have a faster checkout. Printing a receipt gives patrons the date books or movies are due back in a visual reminder (many still miss the old card system) Our patron printer died in the middle of the season and this funding allowed us to purchase one right away without robbing Peter to pay Paul. The iPad and document reader will have many uses - from storytime where a smaller book can be seen in a larger crowd to face time with authors for book discussions. Technology is one area where these funds are very important in our budget. It helps us keep up with the changes in the library and the world. "Amy" was never able to remember when her books needed to be returned and the new receipt printer has helped her keep track of the family's (6 members) books. Each time we hand her a receipt she says how glad she is we got this piece of equipment. "Megan" has 8 children and homeschools them and has been known on occasion to take as many as 100+ books home in a day. The ability to print her a single receipt has made it easy for her to keep track of the books and return them on time.
Adair	NE		
Adel	\$ 1,810.90	Technology and Equipment	We used the state money for the installation of an additional server and several updates for our card catalog. Our local newspaper was recently digitized and we needed the server to put this on all of our public access computers. Our patrons can now do local research on our computers. The papers were on microfilm in another town so they like the convenience of it being here. We used the money for this additional technology expense because there is never enough money in our budget. We appreciate the additional funding.
Agency	\$ 970.87	Materials and Supplies; Other	We purchased DVD's and have started a DVD rotation project with five other libraries. We also enrolled in the Wilbor program to receive e-books. This money continues to allow us to improve our library and the services we offer, without taking money from our other services. I had a call from a parent who wanted her daughter's patron number so they could download and read books when they were traveling this summer. The WILBOR program allows us to offer this to our patrons now and they have a wider variety to choose from.
Akron	\$ 855.02	Materials and Supplies	We bought an Overdrive ebook subscription, an Ebsco subscription; and TEI Landmark CD book lease. As people are going more and more to downloadable books in print

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			and books in audio, the library needs to stay up with this technology. Using Direct State Aid funding helps the Akron library offer this service to its patrons. The library also has students and adults that use the library's subscription to EBSCO, an online magazine resource. We also have truckers and mail route carriers that use our books on CD.
Albert City	\$ 1,010.54	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for children's books from Penworthy, Baker & Taylor and Amazon, as well as Summer Library Program supplies and presenters. With the state's wonderful contribution we are able to continue to provide great programming to our citizens plus buy lots of tremendous children's books that both children and adults really enjoy! I believe that the funding makes a difference in many children's lives because of the quality of the Summer Library Program that we are able to offer. The children look forward to it every year and their reading of books increases during the summer which in turn increases their success in school.
Albia	\$ 970.12	Materials and Supplies	Audio books and books patrons requested were bought with these funds. With the rise in popularity of audio books and a small budget, this funding makes a big difference in what we can purchase. A patron reported that the vacation trip the family took was so much fun because the kids and adults both enjoyed the audio books and discussed them. A very successful traveling experience for the whole family.
Albion	\$ 967.30	Materials and Supplies	We supplemented our collections purchases with the help of the Direct State Aid monies. In so doing, our goal is to strive to hold our community's interest and their positive perspective of the library! The community was impacted by the funding through additional books and materials being added to the collection. By keeping the collection current (with popular DVDs, magazines and best selling authors), the community's interest in the library continues to thrive. We have several patrons who only read the daily newspaper here at the library.
Alden	\$ 1,096.55	Materials and Supplies	Books, audio books and DVDs were purchased. Direct State Aid dollars have strengthened our library materials for the 2012-2013 funding year, so we are able to provide a more diverse selection of materials. For example, we were able to purchase more large print and audio books which are more expensive for our patrons that have visual impairments, or patrons who are aging with the onset of visual disabilities...along with those patrons who just enjoy the large print and audio formats.
Alexander	\$ 1,039.18	Capital	Direct State Aid paid for new front-of-building

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		Improvements	landscaping. The new landscaping has made such a difference in the looks of the library. Everyone that comes in the front door comments how nice it looks and what a difference it makes in the community.
Algona	\$ 2,093.02	Technology and Equipment	The Algona Public Library used our entire Direct State Aid amount to assist in purchasing new public internet computers, software for them and labor to have them set up. With combined local funding and our Direct State Aid money, the Algona Public Library was able to increase the number of public access computers from six to twelve. With this addition, our patrons rarely have to wait to access the computers. This has also drastically cut down on the need for patrons to get off the computers for others who are waiting to get on. Our library patrons now have the ability to use the computers to complete everything they need to all in one sitting. This access to computers and the Internet is often the only one available for patrons who do not have a computer or Internet access at home.
Allerton	NE		
Allison	\$ 1,063.49	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid funding has allowed us to join the NEIBORS consortia so that our patrons may borrow audiobooks and ebooks. Because Allison has NO other movie rental source, some funds have been used to grow our DVD collection. Our small town has no other public meeting spaces that are handicapped accessible and offer the technology needed for power point presentations, videos, or slide shows. The library meeting room is in high demand. Our small rural community is struggling due to last year's heat wave and drought followed by this spring's torrential rains and flooding. Farm families are tightening their belts as many fields lie fallow, unable to be planted. The library is very busy hosting a record number of visitors as patrons need free entertainment and distractions. They are enjoying the benefits of NEIBORS and our growing DVD collection. Our library meeting room was used every day but two in the month of May. Eleven graduates held their receptions here complete with slide shows enhanced by the new sound system paid for with these funds.
Alta	\$ 1,207.04	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Other	Using Direct State Aid, we purchased two signs, one for the hallway and one for the sidewalk outside. We also purchased DVDs. We purchased a Kindle and a digital camera. We also used these funds for our WILBOR contract. By the staff having a Kindle, we are better able to help patrons with their ebooks.
Alta Vista	\$ 980.77	Personnel;	With this funding, we were able to increase the size of

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		Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Furniture; Library Programs; Other	the programs we could host. Additionally, we were able to have more programs than previously. Because Direct State Aid supplemented our program funding, we were able to handle larger crowds more comfortably. For example, one of our Summer Reading Programs had an attendance of 15 children. Program funding and Direct State Aid allowed me to have enough materials for each child to complete the Summer Library Program easily and all expressed having fun.
Alton	\$ 865.00	Materials and Supplies	We have an increasing number of older patrons who prefer to read the large print books. The state funding helps our library to be able to buy more of these books for them.
Altoona	\$ 3,930.05	Technology and Equipment	Two new lab computers, a World Book online database, WILBOR annual fees and Advantage purchases, and Zinio online magazine service were paid for with this money. Without Direct State Aid we could not fund WILBOR or Advantage purchases and we would need to cut the print budget to provide for World Book and Zinio services.
Ames	\$11,721.91	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid pays for staff who work with the library's outreach program called Project Smyles. These individuals promote early literacy, reading, and interest in the library by providing story times for children and suggesting activities for parents and caregivers. We can also purchase informational materials and board books that are provided free-of-charge to parents of new babies through a program called Books for Babies at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames. Outreach on the part of the library through Project Smyles gives daycare children the benefit of story times and exposure to librarians that many of them would otherwise not receive because of a lack of transportation—often because a vehicle is not available, is not large enough, or does not feature enough seat belts. Materials are left on location for later use, essentially providing each facility or daycare home a cost-effective, ever-changing miniature library of its own. Childcare providers and parents also benefit from observing library professionals and receiving suggestions for follow-up activities. Books for Babies packets include one book and other supplies that help parents engage their newborns in the development of literacy skills as early as possible. Information inside the packets informs the parents about library services and encourages them to attend free library programs and activities with their children. As reinforcement, parents who bring their infants to an Ames Public Library “Baby Talk” program receive a second free board book. We hope this welcome from the library will help parents celebrate their

			<p>children’s’ curiosity and nurture a love of discovery. Ames Public Library recently received the following comments about Project Smyles: I love Project Smyles! The kids look forward to it every month. Currently I have too many kids to travel to the library so this gives the children an opportunity to hear stories from someone other than me. The parents in my program also really appreciate Project Smyles. I think it really helps get the children “school-ready.” In-home Daycare Provider: “Project Smyles is such a blessing! The kiddos in my care get so excited for Miss Anastasia to visit and the fun and library materials she brings! We use almost everything we receive in our monthly visit as part of our daily program.” “The information and library staff are so valuable to families and caregivers in Ames. Thank you!” In-home Daycare Provider: “I am a parent and a teacher at a school where we enjoy Project Smyles. I love this program as a teacher and also as a parent. I think the program is well run and organized, and our children always enjoy the librarians’ songs, books, and activities. I hope this program continues its funding as it is a great way for our school to connect with a community resource.” This note expressing appreciation for Books for Babies was also received: “Thank you so much for providing books to newborns at Mary Greeley Hospital! What a blessing to parents. And it sure promotes literacy for little ones. Our baby was born yesterday and we had a baby born at MGH two years ago. She still loves to read her book you gave her when she was born. “</p>
Anamosa	\$ 1,878.28	Materials and Supplies	These funds allowed us to process and make available for circulation the materials in our collection. We also purchased books on CD.
Anita	\$ 1,081.57	Other	This funding allows the library to provide up-to-date resources and easy access to all types of media for this community. The tweens and teens learn how to run the front desk with the Follett Destiny software, letting them experience library technology and workability which may encourage them to further their careers in Library Science.
Ankeny	\$ 9,385.05	Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Library Programs	The funding allowed our library to purchase ebooks to add to our collection through WILBOR and downloadable magazines through Zinio. Both of these formats are very popular at our library. The Direct State Aid funding allowed our library to purchase slat wall shelving for our adult, teen and children's collections. The addition of this shelving has allowed us to create displays highlighting different areas of the library's collection. The funding also allowed us to add additional programming

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			throughout the year for adults and teens. By adding more programming and opportunities for teens to participate in library activities, we have been able to fill a need within our community. The Direct State Aid money has allowed our library to enhance our users' experiences through new formats, displays and programming.
Anthon	\$ 615.72	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for mileage for staff training and workshops. We also replaced many videos with DVDs and purchased juvenile fiction books. We were also able to renew our movie license.
Aplington	\$ 1,079.92	Technology and Equipment	These funds helped us pay for an adapter, switch, automation expenses, toner, and our NEIBORS (online magazine) subscription.
Archer	\$ 336.13	Technology and Equipment	We were able to purchase two used computers for the library.
Arlington	\$ 940.04	Materials and Supplies	We purchased two standing orders of large print books using Direct State Aid. One order was for westerns and the other was for inspirational fiction. Our patrons are very happy to be able to have large print materials available to them. Besides the materials our library purchases, we also do separate rotations of large print books with Decorah, Greene, Elkader, and Fayette. This also helps provide extra materials to our patrons. We have one rural patron who has a difficult time (due to age) getting into town as often as she used to, but she won't give up being able to read. The large print books let her continue to read and she is very happy that we have a good collection available for her.
Armstrong	\$ 1,020.41	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements	We bought young adult books with this money to improve our collection. Our young people have become more involved with the library so I think it has helped to upgrade that collection. We also spent this money to fix the lights in the library. It has made the library much more inviting. People need to have a bright and attractive place to come.
Arnolds Park	\$ 1,100.85	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for three Kindle Fires in bright cases to loan out with ebooks on them. The rest of the money went towards a laptop for the public (to replace our oldest computer). We are serving our public by not only explaining ebook readers to them, but actually giving them a hands-on experience. Many people do not know what to expect - how to hold them, how to download books, how to listen to Pandora, how to reboot them in times of trouble, how to make the print larger and the light brighter and a million other things.
Arthur	\$ 308.52	Materials and	With Direct State Aid we purchased books and DVDs for

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		Supplies	patrons. We have been purchasing more DVDs because that is what our patrons seem to want and our circulation of DVDS is rapidly increasing, as well as the number of patrons coming in to the library. Sometimes the movies interest them in books and we get new patrons this way.
Asbury	\$ 9,256.39	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	The Dubuque County Board of Supervisors reduced our materials budget by \$15,000 during this past fiscal year. With Direct State Aid funding, we were able to make up some of that cut. We spent the money on high demand titles such as bestsellers and children's books. Without this money, we would have had to stop buying bestsellers in March and not place any orders for children's books this spring. The funding allowed us to purchase two barcode scanners to replace very old ones, a new computer monitor for our Holy Cross branch, a new printer for our Asbury branch when our printer suddenly died and we were unable to repair it, and a new computer. Direct State Aid is so important to our technology needs. Each year we use a portion of the funding to replace equipment or upgrade equipment and/or software. Our budget for equipment is very small and this supplement allows us to continue to keep up with our customers' needs and to provide quality library service.
Ashton	\$ 988.80	Materials and Supplies	We purchased young adult, children, adult and large print books for our library patrons with these funds.
Atkins	\$ 1,143.33	Technology and Equipment	This money was spent on putting wireless in the library. The town has been extremely pleased by this addition to the library. It's fun to watch people in the parking lot working using our WIFI. We also bought a laptop which has come in handy many times.
Atlantic	\$ 2,118.00	Technology and Equipment	We spent the Direct State Aid funds to renew our subscriptions to both the Heritage Quest and Ancestry Library Edition databases. Without the Direct State Aid funds, we would have had to made some difficult decisions - either cancel our subscription to Heritage Quest and Ancestry or make cuts elsewhere. Neither option was appealing. Genealogy and local history are very popular here and the loss of these databases would have been noticed and felt by many.
Auburn	\$ 699.24	Materials and Supplies	The funding was used to add books and DVD's to our collection and as a result our residents had access to the most up-to-date materials. In this very small town, I currently have several teens that are reading the newest young adult books at a RAPID rate. It is often in the teen years, when so many other activities compete for their time and attention, that reading for pleasure is put on the

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			back burner. These teens will bring me a list of titles that they are interested in reading and the funding has helped me get them what they want. I know that if they did not have free access to these books, the number of titles they have read would be a fraction of what it is now.
Audubon	\$ 1,390.00	Materials and Supplies	The number of patrons reading large print books in our library has steadily increased, especially since we have consistently added to our collection using this money. The continued addition of new books has kept these patrons coming back for more reading material. We continually are thanked for providing these books by our large print reading patrons. One patron has become housebound after an illness so her husband comes in regularly to pick up large print books for her. She has literally read all of our large print collection, so it was challenging to find something new for her to read. She was so excited (and so was her husband who has to search for books she hasn't read) that the new large print books purchased with the Direct State Aid funds enabled her to read many more, new books.
Aurelia	\$ 1,065.64	Materials and Supplies	This year we used our total allotment for e-books from Overdrive. We also set up an Advantage collection for our library. We are slow in getting started, and we have just a small e-library, but having this service definitely brings us into the 21st Century. I am so very proud to be able to tell people that we offer this service. We are such a small community and library but we sure try to keep up. We have an older gal that lives on the edge of town with her daughter. She has a lot of trouble getting around but she is a voracious reader. When her daughter can she brings her in to the library and we let her check out as many books as she wants. This past Christmas her daughter got her all set up with a computer and downloaded WILBOR, then gave her a Kindle Fire HD. She is loving being able to check out books from home. Anything and everything she wants. Like I said earlier, our little library is small, but it's growing. She also calls with book suggestions that she thinks we should add to the collection. I love this as we have many readers her age and it's wonderful to have help choosing titles and authors that age group appreciates.
Aurora	\$ 622.05	Materials and Supplies	All Direct State Aid funds were spent on books and audiobooks. We were able to add several audiobooks for those who commute to their jobs, as well as provide more of the popular fiction most of our patrons prefer. It made a difference in my job as director to have this funding so I am able to provide more of what the patrons want.

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Avoca	\$ 1,244.90	Technology and Equipment	We replaced our last Gates computer with Direct State Aid. We purchased two new computer towers. We had already upgraded monitors and keyboards recently. We also purchased a WILBOR subscription for e-books. We have six public access computers that get used constantly. Everyone who has used the new computers has commented on how much faster they are and how they have more graphics capabilities. We have a group of young guys who visit the library every afternoon in the summer. They would rush to the "two good computers." They would double up, they would hound each other about who's turn it was for "that computer". In a small community, there just isn't a lot of recreation for kids and I'm glad they come to use the library. They are a good bunch of kids, never a problem. It's nice that now they have two more "good" computers.
Badger	NE		
Bagley	\$ 965.94	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid went for salaries for additional staff to cover hours when regular staff members need to attend meetings or take training outside the library. We also used the money to purchase DVDs to increase the collection beyond what had been budgeted. We replaced an old copy machine with a new one that has a scanner and fax. Direct State Aid virtually helps to keep this library's doors open. We are the hub of the community and our patrons have no other place to find the services that we provide for them on a very limited budget. Any extra service we can provide with the Direct State Aid money is a plus.
Bancroft	\$ 1,080.85	Furniture	Our library purchased six new HON computer chairs for patron use at our new six patron computer work stations. It's been a wonderful improvement for our library. They are used almost all times of the day. Our patrons really appreciate the improvements we have made to our library services. Direct State Aid funding has made a difference in our library with our new patron computer work stations and chairs. Thank you!
Batavia	NE		
Battle Creek	\$ 974.97	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	The funds were used for salaries for additional staff that helped with various programs presented at the library. The funds were also used to purchase children's books and items for the Summer Library Program which has improved as a result of the funding.
Baxter	\$ 1,087.99	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library	Part of the Direct State Aid funds were used for staff to attend the Kids First Conference. We also used this money to update our EZ reader section (books for beginning readers), the Summer Library Program prizes,

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		Programs; Other	reading logs and promotional materials. In addition, part of this money went for book stops and magazine covers. The extra book stops made our shelves look so much neater. Check outs and enthusiasm for our early readers has grown.
Bayard	\$ 1,006.31	Technology and Equipment	The library purchased an AWE After School Edge computer using these funds. After purchasing a second AWE computer (After School Edge), usage in our children's area increased 71%. Children love to learn, especially when they can use technology. One young patron is in often to use the AWE computer. She has gone from very loud and demanding to quite calm and engaged with the educational programs she uses on the computer. We are amazed at the change in her behavior and dad is so pleased at the progress she's making academically. Direct State Aid makes better libraries!
Beaman	\$ 997.32	Technology and Equipment	We spent Direct State Aid on a Mac Pro for the patrons. The computers were seven years old. We decided to get a Mac Pro since the kids were used to it at school along with an HP for the other patron computer. We have had a lot more kids in the library using the Mac Pro because they know it.
Bedford	\$ 408.66	Technology and Equipment	Since the old copy machine decided not to make copies anymore, the new one we purchased with these funds made the patrons happy.
Belle Plaine	\$ 1,363.21	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This money was used to pay for NEIBOR (e-books) and for supplies for the Summer Library Program. We used Direct State Aid to have the Blank Park Zoo come and do three programs (for 3 different age groups). We also paid to have a children's author come to our preschool story time and then to the school. They loved learning about her job, and she had an "indoor" campfire with them and roasted marshmallows. The adults had as much fun as the kids!
Bellevue	\$ 1,357.13	Technology and Equipment	We updated our computer technology with these funds. The Direct State Aid money is vitally important to our lives as it enables us to purchase computers or library materials that we would not ordinarily be able to afford. It has a direct and positive impact on our patrons.
Belmond	\$ 1,459.38	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	The funds were used for large print books to help build up our collection. We also used the money to renew subscriptions to NEIBORS (e-books), Transparent Language, and EBSCO (online magazines). I purchased a book cart for an outreach program at our local nursing home. This cart will be filled with large print books and taken to the care center. The residents can then browse and check out books from the cart with the help of the center's activity coordinator. With this funding we are

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			able to offer some services that we may not be able to through our regular budget. Our patrons have come to rely on these services and I am very thankful we can still continue to offer them. Starting the outreach project at the nursing home has made a huge difference in the lives of the residents and the activities coordinator. The activities coordinator and myself were trying to pick out books for residents and be sure they had reading material when they needed or wanted it. By having a selection of books available the residents are able to browse and choose for themselves when it is convenient for them.
Bennett	NE		
Bettendorf	\$ 6,342.54	Materials and Supplies	The entire FY13 Direct State Aid award was allocated to the expansion of the library's collection of materials in various formats, including, but not limited to, books, DVD's, downloadables and Playaway Views (see narrative, below) for patrons across all ages. Additional funding for library materials allowed all departments to provide expanded access to information, entertainment and lifelong learning to the public. Bettendorf Public Library is one of the most highly utilized libraries in the region-children, youth and adult patrons enjoy a wide and varied collection of timely and relevant resources. Expanding the collection of materials is a primary focus in our desire to provide optimum library services to the public at the local level. One FY2013 success story is the library's recent addition of a Playaway View Collection within the Youth Services Dept. A portion of the Direct State Aid funding allowed the expansion of this collection of audio/visual resources made available to children and families in this new and innovative format. Youth Services staff has received extremely positive feedback from both children and their parents/caregivers. These materials "fly off the shelves" and were received with such anticipation and enjoyment that the Youth Services Manager has ordered additional units to effectively double the size of this collection within one year.
Birmingham	NE		
Blairstown	\$ 1,015.53	Technology and Equipment; Furniture	OPAC Snapshot, purchased through Book Systems, allows our patrons to see the actual cover of the book, plus read the inside description. Many of our patrons have commented how much they appreciate this when searching our online catalog for a book. We also used these funds for clear acrylic book bins for our picture books.
Blakesburg	\$ 622.23	Materials and Supplies	The Direct State Aid funds we received helped to purchase new books for our library. It was a great feeling

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			to be able to purchase new materials for our patrons, and they have really enjoyed them. Thank you so much.
Bloomfield	\$ 961.47	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid went to purchase software updates and an annual subscription to WILBOR (e-books). We were also able to update our cataloging software. WILBOR has been a big hit in our community. People travel a lot and if they don't want a book in hand, they can download a book and go.
Bode	\$ 389.37	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We used this money for children's non-fiction books. I am trying to build up this section with dinosaurs books, butterfly books, small animal books, jungle animals, etc. We also bought new discs for the Wii. We had some that were just worn out. Some of the money went towards paying the Blank Park Zoo to come to the library. We had them present a program this summer as part of the Summer Library Program. It is wonderful to have this extra money to spend on extras.
Bonaparte	\$ 617.24	Technology and Equipment	We used this money to upgrade to a commercial style printer. With so many of our patrons being out of work we have been printing many more resumes and job applications. This printer allows us faster, neater printing. We were much better equipped to serve our patrons needs in many areas because the new printer cut our printing expenditures in half. This allowed us to spend more of our other funding on books, supplies, and computer programming. We have a lady who has been struggling to get her disability. With our new printer she was able to scan and e-mail doctor's records and communicate with her doctor for much less money than faxing or driving to an appointment. She is now receiving her disability and through faster communication she is now awaiting surgery.
Bondurant	\$ 1,708.04	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards more print materials for juvenile fiction, adult fiction, and young adult fiction. It was a great supplement to our core collection
Boone	\$ 3,314.92	Materials and Supplies	We spent part of the funds on large print books and the remaining on adult books. Our library patrons make book requests continually at our library. Our materials budget cannot support all requests made so the funding we receive helps fill all the books requested by our patrons. Our large print titles are extremely popular in our community. Many patrons that have eye sight problems are big users of this collection. We send books monthly to three facilities in our community that support the

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			elderly. The large print books are primarily what we send them because that is all they request.
Boyden	\$ 817.35	Library Programs	We "vamped up" our Summer Reading Program this year and used these funds to promote the reading program and for crafts, prizes and supplies.
Britt	\$ 1,328.31	Personnel; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to pay additional hours for one staff member and additional staff for summer programs. We also bought a new computer for card catalog searching, a new anti-virus program that works with our computer security system (Centurion), three sets of books for book discussion groups (2 adult, 1 youth), and we purchased additional prizes for the Summer Library Program. The youth book discussion group was thrilled with an additional book purchase. They enjoyed the idea that after they read and talked about the books, they were able to loan them to other libraries throughout the state. They suggested an "All Iowa Reads" event for kids!
Brooklyn	NE		
Buffalo Center	\$ 451.14	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We purchased children's books to go along with our Summer Library Program theme using this money. A Blank Park Zoo presenter and a Winnebago County Conservationist presented programs for our Summer Library program. We also purchased prizes as incentives. The Summer Library Program was a huge success with over 40 boys and girls participating.
Burlington	\$ 5,957.13	Materials and Supplies	We started a circulating video game collection using Direct State Aid. We also added online tutoring sessions and began offering online magazines. The money was also used to add additional downloadable audio books that have simultaneous use. Our new video collection and online magazines have been very popular with residents. These funds allowed us to try these new services. Because downloadable audio books were already popular, being able to offer ones that could have simultaneous users helped our card holders avoid waiting lists. Finally, needing to add more tutoring sessions to our online service shows that area students are becoming more aware of this service and benefiting from it. The online tutoring service that we subscribe to has received praise from students and teachers alike. User comments have included: "Excellent! I'm seeing an improvement in my grades!!!" "I literally had no clue what I was doing and with Bob's guidance was able to finish homework. I wasn't even able to start before talking with him." "Awesome service." "Very patient and helpful"
Burt	\$ 1,037.04	Materials and Supplies;	Direct State Aid paid for children's books, animal finger puppets for programs, and Summer Library Program

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		Library Programs	prizes, craft items, shirts, decorations, reading logs and stickers.
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Callender	\$ 1,001.42	Materials and Supplies	Money from Direct State Aid was used to purchase books and supplies for the Summer Library Program, new DVDS, and magazines.
Calmar	\$ 786.69	Materials and Supplies; Other	Direct State Aid went towards adult audio books on CDs and young adult books to add to this expanding section of the library. We also purchased new and updated signage for the library, including new signage to identify the young adult section, as well as upgrading signage for the adult non-fiction/reference section of the library. Signs were placed on the ends of the shelves, with directional arrows to make browsing more user-friendly, guiding patrons to just the specific area of their search. In addition, it makes re-filing materials easier and more time-saving for library staff, without having to search which shelving units the materials came from. In addition to the above-mentioned expenditure of Direct State Aid funds, the remaining monies were used to continue to purchase audio books on CDs and some books for the young adult section. Even though the library is a participant of the NEIBORS Program and can offer the option of downloadable ebooks and audio books, there are still many patrons who do not have mobile devices to download from NEIBORS, or even though they can download to a mobile device, may choose to actually check out audio books from the collection housed at the library.
Camanche	\$ 1,608.07	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We purchased adult and children's books with Direct State Aid, and we held a wine and cheese tasting and used Direct State Aid money to purchase all of the supplies we needed. The program was very successful. We had 53 people attend, which is one of the largest attendance we've had for a program. The money also went towards a program through the Niabi Zoo. They brought animals to the library and did a program.
Cambridge	\$ 678.11	Technology and Equipment;	We spent our money on a Literacy Station which helps children who are having trouble with reading or math or so many more things that they need in school. We have children up to the sixth grade working on the Literacy Station. We did not have enough in our budget, so the town gave us some and we had done a few fund raisers, but we still did not have enough, so we decided to use our Direct Aid to complete what we needed. When we first got our Literacy Station I had a little girl who was

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			two. She had seen me turn it on but I had not turned it on yet that day, so she was trying to turn it on herself. She got it and her smile was worth it all. She was so happy and I am so glad we got this for our little ones to help them with their reading skills. I even have sixth grade girls that are working on it. Two of these girls are helping a four year old that does not talk much and I can already see a difference in her.
Cantril	NE		
Carlisle	\$ 1,625.50	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Because of these funds, we have a more secure building with our video cameras that monitor the parking lot and front door. The staff now feels secure as we leave for the evening. Our display case has highlighted areas of our collection that we never had space to utilize before. It has increased circulation for certain areas and has been a great area to showcase books that go along with current programming such as our Summer Library Program theme.
Carroll	\$ 2,772.05	Materials and Supplies	We have a large population who need large print books. This money allows us to purchase new books for them. We provide in-home delivery to shut ins through our Friends of the Library volunteers. Most of our shut ins read large print books because of their advanced age. We have one patron who calls us every month after she gets her delivery and gushes about how excited she was to open the bag and see what new things she had to read.
Carter Lake	\$ 1,480.34	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid went towards Follett renewal, maintenance and support for automation. It also helped pay for our EBSCOhost database subscription, Summer Library Program prizes and incentives for pre-school kids through adults.
Cascade	\$ 1,211.27	Materials and Supplies Library Programs	With these funds we acquired a large number of inspirational fiction and large print books. The funds also allowed for us to have a Valentine's Day party for our young patrons with games, prizes, treats and storytime. We also had an Easter party that included live rabbits, crafts, stories, and treats. Having more programming allowed us to reach out to our younger people.
Casey	\$ 966.19	Personnel	Direct State Aid funds were used to pay the part-time salary of the employee who does the cleaning for the library. The library has benefited from having this part-time cleaning position as it allows the library staff to concentrate their time and efforts on effective and efficient service to the library's patrons. Hiring someone locally is also very important in a small community and to the economy in Iowa today.
Cedar Falls	\$ 7,531.73	Personnel;	We spent Direct State Aid funds on our Third Age

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		Other	Coordinator's salary. This position is shared with the Waterloo Public Library. She coordinates book clubs at local senior centers, retirement and nursing homes. She also takes rotating collections of large print materials to them. This amount was spent on mileage, allowing Mary to visit the various facilities throughout the year. Some seniors in our community are still able to drive to the library, but unfortunately, some are no longer able to get to the library. So we take the library to them. Although the facilities sometimes have small collections of donated books, they often aren't large print, and they generally are not new titles. The rotating collections provide current titles in an easier to read format. The book discussion groups have been extremely popular. The groups provide an important social opportunity, but they also serve to stimulate the minds of residents.
Cedar Rapids	\$22,398.11	Materials and Supplies	We were grateful to receive Direct State Aid funds to increase the size of our e-book collection. Our library receives many notes, comments and suggestions from customers regarding e-books, so we are trying to focus more of our materials budget on that format. We also purchased a number of Playaway Views to offer families when the new library is open next month. We chose classics that we are certain will be popular. We will have three Media Box disc dispensing units at the new library as well, so we have purchased a significant number of DVDs to provide attractive offerings to our customers.
Center Point	\$ 1,217.07	Personnel	This money is used to pay for help in the summer and the wages of our reading program staff. We run our programming all summer long and Direct State Aid enables us to staff the library properly in the summer.
Centerville	\$ 1,821.09	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards the purchase of new books.
Central City	NE		
Chariton	\$ 1,674.72	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Other	The library director used this money to attend cataloging training. We also purchased children's programming supplies for our weekly storytime and promotional materials for a school visit program. In addition we used Direct State Aid funds for consumable supplies; a cartridge for the color printer, and our annual automation fee. We also used some of the funds to achieve two things that have needed to be done for several years now - trimming bushes behind the building that were very overgrown, and to pay for movie license fee. Movies and shorts have become a regular occurrence in our children's programming. But the most important impact has been the visits we were able to provide at the schools this year

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			using the promotional materials mentioned above. It brought some new disadvantaged kids into the Library for our summer programs and encouraged one family to get library cards for their kids.
Charles City	\$ 2,354.71	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We used some of the Direct State Aid funds to pay for another year's subscription to the NEIBORS e-book service. We also purchased more large print books and a yearly subscription to the <i>Waterloo Courier</i> . The money was also used to replace a network switch. This is the piece of equipment that allows us to have reliable Internet connections at all of the libraries computers. Some of the money was used to pay for the Reptile and Amphibian Zoo to come and do a program as part of our Summer Library Program. Mostly we were able to use it to provide differing formats to people so that people can read in a way that suits their needs. We have one woman who comes to the library on a daily basis to read the <i>Waterloo Courier</i> . She is aware of the delivery time and appears asking for the paper when it is due to be delivered. She is low income and cannot afford the yearly subscription so she is very happy that she can rely on our library to get her home town news.
Charter Oak	\$ 329.78	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs; Other	Direct State Aid helped us purchase children's books, the Summer Library Program, and the National Library Week Open House. This was the second year we have received Direct State Aid. We had an open house both years. It's a good way to get new people in the library, so they can see what we have to offer and meet the staff. We have give-aways and the two children that won the prizes were so appreciative.
Chelsea	\$ 621.64	Capital Improvements; Furniture	The bathroom in the library was in need of repairs. We had the floor replaced and new flooring installed with Direct State Aid. The desk/table in the children's library was replaced which is where children sit and read or do their homework.
Cherokee	\$ 1,809.48	Technology and Equipment	These funds were applied to the purchase price of an Early Literacy Station.
Churdan	\$ 1,056.51	Personnel	This money helped us maintain the employment of three library aids. This amount allowed us to pay 145.72 hours @ \$7.25/hour.
Clare	NE		
Clarence	\$ 1,039.28	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We purchased NEIBORS (e-book subscription) for our patrons with Direct State Aid! We purchased t-shirts for our children and supplies for the Summer Library Program. The NEIBORS program that we purchased with part of the Direct State Aid was very important to our patrons. Older patrons came in who had received a Nook

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			or Kindle for Christmas and wanted this downloaded on their new device. It took quite a while to explain everything for them to use it but once it was done they were very excited to get a book they wanted to read. Everyone was smiling when they walked out the door.
Clarinda	\$ 1,832.53	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid funds were used to supplement the number of items in our collection which included books, DVDs, and audio books.
Clarion	\$ 1,539.46	Technology and Equipment	Three desktop computers were bought with this money. Updated computers will help us serve our patrons better whether by replacing older ones or updating staff computers.
Clarksville	\$ 1,131.53	Technology and Equipment	The funding that we received was very helpful to our library, as we were able to purchase a computer for our new staff workroom. This now gives us two staff computers and makes it possible for us to work simultaneously without fighting over one computer. While the director works on her computer, the rest of the staff can continue to process books, update the library's Facebook page, and much, much more at the same time. Our work flow is much more smooth now. We have an elderly lady in our community that corresponds daily with her family through hand-written letters. Every now and then she has a very 'important' letter that she would like to have typed. The staff is able to type her letter for her and she raves about how great our library is to everyone she sees.
Clear Lake	\$ 2,487.31	Materials and Supplies	These funds were used to expand our collection of audio books on CD. This is a popular format for business and leisure travelers, people who work with their hands, and the visually impaired. A regular library user, a "good reader" fell and broke both wrists. She could not hold a book. She had never used audio books before but was delighted to be able to keep up with her reading of current titles through this format.
Clearfield	NE		
Cleghorn	\$ 933.53	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We spent Direct State Aid on children's books. We used many of these for our reading program but now they are on the shelves and are quite popular. We spent some of the money on colored copy paper for notes we send home with students from the library about upcoming programs. We also made dinosaurs out of homemade playdough in our "Dig into Reading" program. It allowed the children of Cleghorn to have a fun and inspiring summer reading experience. We also had two home daycares attend the Summer Library Program. The children planted flowers in front of the library and asked

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			to water them each time they came to visit the library. They are very proud of "their" flowers. Thanks for the funding Iowa!
Clermont	\$ 667.13	Materials and Supplies	We purchased more books and DVDs with Direct State Aid.
Clinton	\$ 5,391.68	Technology and Equipment	This year we hired a full time IT person. He has replaced all the computers and network. All of the Direct State Aid went towards this project. Our circulation numbers are almost double from last year. The public is thrilled with the new computers and up-to-date software.
Clive	\$ 3,393.71	Materials and Supplies	All Direct State Aid funds were used to purchase new books
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Coggon	\$ 724.06	Materials and Supplies	More books were purchased with this money to expand our collection.
Coin	NE		
Colesburg	\$ 950.38	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	With these funds, we hired a person to keep library technology up to date. We also started a Facebook page and bought educational programs to download on a children's computer. We bought incentive prizes for our Summer Library Program which included adult, teen and children's programming. We are reaching more teens with our Facebook page and gaining more interest in our programs with increased coverage.
Colfax	\$ 784.78	Technology and Equipment; Furniture	With Direct State Aid we purchased a Canon Copier and an extended warranty. We bought 15 good quality chairs for the downstairs meeting room. The community relies on the library as a source of printing and copying as we are a very small town with no office supply stores. Our copier was 10 years old, out of date and needed to be replaced. Our new copier has features such as fax and scanning capabilities. The chairs for the meeting room allows us to accommodate larger groups which will give us more flexibility in our programming. A gentleman came into our library to do genealogy research. He was able to use our new copier to scan photos and other information from books to a flash drive for future use.
Collins	\$ 943.11	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	This money was spent on extra hours for the library director to complete an automation system. The money was also used for ink for printers and Summer Library Program supplies. Money was spent on a new monitor and headphones for all patron computers. This year we were able to add to our collection to complete series. There were always books missing here and there, and always in the middle of a series. I went through our collection and was able to complete them with the funds received through Direct State Aid.

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Colo	\$ 1,127.23	Materials and Supplies	The library started a television series DVD collection with the Direct State Aid funding. The library was receiving several request for television series. Many different types of titles and genres have been purchased.
Columbus Junction	\$ 1,230.44	Personnel	Direct State Aid was used for salaries for additional summer staff. Library service is improved in Columbus Junction because we use this funding to provide jobs to local college students who are always looking for summer employment. We use their talents and abilities to the fullest and we feel it is important to be able to offer student employment. Our college students are able to step right in and assist patrons with Kindles, iPads, job applications, resumes and the many diverse requests we get from our very diverse population. One of our students worked exclusively on our "Downtown Abbey" Tea - researching, putting together our power point, organizing all the publicity that included press releases, trifold posters, local cable and radio publicity. We would be hard put to have such a successful event without this additional summer help. This was one of our most successful events and we made a difference to many of our "senior" patrons who are still talking about it.
Conrad	\$ 1,171.80	Library Programs; Other	These funds helped us with our Summer Library Program, unexpected repairs and maintenance, air conditioning repairs, and utility costs.
Coon Rapids	\$ 1,129.37	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Without this money, the Summer Reading Program would not be what it is. We purchased children's books and program supplies.
Coralville	\$ 4,613.75	Personnel; Technology and Equipment	We leveraged our Direct State Aid funds to supplement additional technology staffing during a critical transition in our network technology operations. We were able to have a smooth transition of the public Internet system with the help of additional support. Our Public Internet System is heavily used by our patrons ~ job seekers, students, business people, leisure users, and clients seeking continuing education or those expanding their job skills. Having a reliable system with all of the necessary features is fundamental to the usability of these services. Direct State Aid funds were a key component in making the necessary upgrade to this system this year.
Corning	\$ 1,250.52	Materials and Supplies	We use this money to purchase library books. This is the only money we have in our budget for books unless we receive some memorials or donations, so it is very important to us. It is a very big help to the library.
Correctionville	\$ 322.02	Furniture	We used these funds to purchase chairs for our meeting

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			room.
Corwith	\$ 988.66	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid went toward staff training and workshop expenses, new books and DVDs, as well as our Summer Library Program. The additional funding allows us to better serve our patrons. By supplementing our budget we are able to increase our buying power for books and DVDs. The Summer Library Program is also important because it gives our children an opportunity to have rewarding experiences.
Corydon	\$ 1,122.89	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This amount was used to help pay for staff salaries for both librarians and for minor maintenance work that was hired. The funds also pay for the director to be paid for classes taken to remain certified. We also used this money to purchase new books for the kids, audios, and large print books. The money was also used to help pay for our Summer Library Program for the kids. It helped us purchase activities, snacks, and prizes for each kid that attended this year. This funding definitely helped the library better provide materials and programs for the patrons in our community to further enjoy the library. It gives the kids a safe place to come in the summer to learn about the importance of reading and further their education to improve their lives when they are older. It continues to help make sure our staff is paid for the hard work they do to keep our library running and a great success in our town.
Coulter	NE		
Council Bluffs	\$12,877.52	Technology and Equipment; Furniture; Other	We used these funds to purchase laptops and desktops for Teen Central (our teen center) to replace the dying/dead computer equipment that we were using . We also used these funds to add to a grant we received from Google to purchase laptops for adults. The lounge chairs for public seating in our building are 15 years old and many pieces were removed because of worn or torn upholstery. We have had all of our public lounge chairs on the first floor (adult area only) recovered with new fabric. We belong to a cooperative interlibrary loan courier service with the states of Missouri, Kansas and Colorado. We used funds to support this service. We also used the money for a 16 page Summer Library Program brochure. This included a new logo design. The technology especially was a big improvement in our library service. The Teen Central laptops and desktops are heavily used each and every day. Having new computers has helped enrich the learning environment because of the applications that the teens use and having more desktop stations, thus eliminating the long waiting lines. The laptops for the adults are very much

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			<p>appreciated for those who especially want to venture to another part of the library to use a computer instead of using the computer lab. They are also appreciated by those needing a computer for a meeting or gathering in our meeting rooms. The newly recovered furniture makes the library look fresh and updated. Our Summer Library Program brochure was our first attempt at putting together a professionally printed brochure. It looked very good and gave the library a great impression to all of our visitors. It was also a great benefit to have all of our summer reading information in one brochure to hand to families with kids of multiple ages and interests. We hope to continue these on a quarterly basis. Several of the devices purchased for the Teen Central were iPads. Needless to say, the iPads are extremely popular. One of our young teens was over the moon on being able to download apps as well as being able to use something she had never had experience with before. Her comment was, "Council Bluffs Public Library Rocks!" We think so too!</p>
Cresco	\$ 1,668.11	Materials and Supplies	<p>The funding was used to purchase books and audiobooks. We have been able to purchase more large print books which are enjoyed by many of our senior citizens. We have a large print Western fan who is 92 years old. It has been wonderful to be able to offer her some new large print books to read.</p>
Creston	\$ 2,295.91	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Other	<p>With this money we were able to send two staffers to the Kids First Conference and another workshop. We also purchased magazines, an encyclopedia set, a copier, signage and items for a new desk.</p>
Crystal Lake	\$ 375.65	Materials and Supplies	<p>Direct State Aid went towards new books for all ages and DVDs. We are a very small library and have gone through some major changes. We started out as a high school/public library that was full of kids all day, everyday. The high school kids went to a different building and then we had elementary students for two years. Now the school is closed and we are a public library with fewer patrons. So without the school helping to fund the library, we need all the monetary support we can get. Thanks!</p>
Cumberland	\$ 945.48	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	<p>State funding went toward salaries for the director and assistants, as well as books and supplies. This money enables our small town Library to be open as many hours as we are. We have residents and children that do not have computers in their homes and the library gives them the opportunity to use them. Our patrons also get to</p>

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			enjoy access to books and other materials that the library has to offer. Thank you State!
Cushing	\$ 288.77	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid money was used to purchase books, including large print. By being able to purchase large print material we are able to keep the older generation and some of the younger patrons reading by offering them new material. We have a 96-year-old lady living in our community who enjoys reading. She is so pleased when she comes in and is shown the selection of new large print material.
Dallas Center	\$ 1,260.56	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for new books and juvenile audio books, as well as new programs for the children's computer and iPads. The money also helped fund our Summer Library Program. We had a program with Chris McBrien who sang and danced with the kids. Some of the kids who hadn't spent much time in the library were able to view the library in a different light and have been coming in since the program to check out books.
Davenport	\$17,373.66	Personnel	Direct State Aid funds continued to enhance the Davenport Public Library's ability to be open on Sundays, October thru April. The funding also allowed the library to offer some special teen outreach programming every Saturday at a neighborhood center.
Dayton	\$ 1,087.30	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	I have continued to focus on enhancing the youth collection, especially middle school and young adult, as well as adding juvenile audio books to our collection with this money. Through enhancement of these collections, it increases the patronage of young people in our library. The money was also used to bring in a Blank Park Zoo educator who presented "Amazing Adaptations" at our Summer Library Program finale with live animals focusing on the library theme of "Dig Into Reading." We have a large segment of our population (70% qualification rate for free and reduced lunches) that is low income. Through library programming and materials, we are able to positively influence our area youth who have few other opportunities in this rural community.
De Soto	\$ 1,062.43	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	These funds were used to purchase Children's Choice Award books and books for the Summer Library Program. We also bought supplies for the program, like wall charts, promotional materials, bags and prizes. I also used the money to book two different programs for the summer program--a caricature artist and the Blank Park Zoo. The annual Summer Library Program has a big impact on this town, and we are able to do it at this level because of the Direct State Aid money. This funding makes a difference in the lives of many children each year. It helps give the

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			kids something to do and a place to go, and is an incentive for reading and maintaining their reading level all summer.
De Witt	\$ 2,179.30	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we purchased DVDs and a computer.
Decorah	\$ 2,614.10	Personnel; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Outreach mileage and supplies for programming in three area nursing homes, care facilities, preschools and daycare centers was paid for with Direct State Aid. Outreach for the elderly and for children is valuable for those who cannot make it physically to the library. The technology needs for information services is constant. The library has expanded the bandwidth for users bringing in their own devices such as Ipads, laptops and readers. Upgrades and supplies are an ongoing need. Library programs provide meaningful educational experiences for all ages. Book discussion groups, afterschool programs and ongoing programs for all ages are a vital component for meeting the overall library mission. The use of Direct State aid is a valuable resource for the ongoing needs and for exploration of new projects. The rapid change in technology stretches the budget line items beyond their limits. Yet the need persists and demand guides the advancements. Information services is the key mission of our library. Balancing the printed word, audio and web-based data bases all are vital. Thanks for the opportunity and support. The library developed "Tech Time," a program where by people bring in their devices and receive assistance. Such devices as readers and Ipads have become very popular, especially for a generation that is new to such devices. Grandparents are "facetimeing" with their children and grandchildren who live a distance away. A history book discussion group recently started. The in-depth reading of historical material is popular and produces spirited discussions. One man who recently came in to sign up and get a book stated that his wife gets a bit unhappy with him as he reads too much. He smiled and signed his name.
Delhi	\$ 974.82	Personnel	This funding helps improve and expand our children's programming by being able to hire a teacher part time to plan and implement the programs.
Denison	\$ 2,453.55	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for eight new Dell computers. Upgrading our aging computers for patron use was essential. We had several computers that were getting bogged down and outdated and the replacement computers have made it nice for the patrons. Our

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			patrons frequent social media sites and personal e-mail accounts often. Students utilize our computers for homework and printing documents. One specific patron is not very computer literate. The new computers make it easier for him to navigate, even without a knowledge base of how to do so. This patron is experiencing success in areas that are new to him and it is rewarding to assist him in this endeavor and watch as he learns new things.
Denver	\$ 1,338.33	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to buy new DVDs and a new computer. It also helped with the cost of our Summer Library Program by allowing us to bring in staff from the Blank Park Zoo. Some of our Direct State Aid funds were used to create leveled reader sections which we promote with our local elementary school teachers. Parents are able to come during the summer and select books specific to their child's reading level. We are also able to offer educational programs during our summer program that we might not otherwise be able to afford. We have comments all the time by parents who say their child's reading has improved because we are able to offer new and appealing level readers to those children who struggle with reading.
Des Moines	\$35,022.45	Materials and Supplies	With the state funding, we are able to expand our collection of periodical literature beyond the basic collection of titles. This enables us to subscribe to titles that provide more subject specialty and interest to better meet the expanding needs and desires of our library users. We continue to have school students come into the library with an assignment to find information from five different sources on their selected topic. Without magazine/periodical support that we give to the community, these students would have a much more difficult time fulfilling their homework requirements.
Dexter	\$ 667.14	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for 25 books on CD for library patrons and a set of books for our book discussion group. We have a need for books on CD for our older residents and we try to fill the need by buying new ones on a regular basis. We have an active and growing book club that meets monthly and we try to buy one set of books for them yearly. We have a gentleman in town who was an avid reader. He recently lost his sight and is very appreciative of the books on CD. He also uses the state's program for the blind.
Dickens	\$ 611.10	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library	These funds were used to buy books for children and adults. We also purchased a movie license so we can show movies at the library. We also used the money to bring in the Blank Park Zoo staff for our Summer Library Program. They had different reptiles and animals to show

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		Programs	the children, which went along with the Summer Library Program theme. We also brought in storm chasers to talk about the types of storms we get in the Midwest. This funding helps tremendously in that we are able to have educational programs for adults and children. People talked about the storm chaser program for weeks. Many people did not know how much our weather has changed over the last decade or so. Most of these people have lived in this area for a lifetime, so this was very informative to them.
Dike	\$ 1,188.57	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid helped pay for books in a variety of genres. We also purchased popular DVDs, audio books and a Playaway, as well as magazines for adults and youth, plus puzzles and e-books. The funding helps the library purchase materials to meet the community's educational and recreational needs. This year, Dike Public Library expanded the Christian fiction section by adding several new authors and series. Second only to best sellers and popular fiction/nonfiction, the Christian fiction collection has a wide fan base at this library and it is exciting to see readers of all ages, from young adult to senior readers, discover new authors with exciting story lines.
Donnellson	\$ 1,031.84	Personnel	The money was used to be open 2 1/2 additional hours per week, and to pay personnel accordingly. We are open more hours than libraries in bigger cities in our region. It is wonderful to be open before lunch, so that parents of young children can visit before naptime. Being a rural town, many people like to get their errands done as early as possible. And, since we are open until 7:30 p.m., it gives people a chance to run in after supper.
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Dows	\$ 1,113.01	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid was spent on juvenile books, crafts and Summer Library Program supplies. The new books keep the kids interested and busy through the months when we had our summer program. We have children who come from broken homes and they especially need and want the personal attention that comes with our programs.
Dubuque	\$10,395.32	Materials and Supplies	These funds helped pay for digital materials - e-books and a subscription to Freegal music. Dubuque residents now have access to downloadable music from the library for the first time. Until we subscribed to Freegal, patrons had access to the library's music collection in a CD format. Now music is available to them wherever they have an Internet connection and any time of day or night. The

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			balance - around \$2,000 - made possible the purchase of e-books for our growing digital library. Although local funding is stable, an increase for the purchase of materials is not available and we must reallocate funds to purchase digital content. The challenge is that there is not a format which has decreased in use enough to discontinue or seriously cut the budget, so identifying funds for e-books and e-audio remains a challenge. In a recent community study (random sample, confidence level of +/- 5%) 90% of the respondents, whether they used the library or not, agreed that "the public library is very important or essential to the quality of life in my community." For those who had recent contact with the library, 93.5% agreed with this statement. 83.7% of those who had not used the library agreed with this statement. The Carnegie-Stout Public Library is very important or essential to Dubuque because it remains relevant in the lives of citizens. Relevancy means providing the materials, programs, and services that are in demand. Direct State Aid funds are "essential or very important" in helping us to achieve and maintain relevancy in our community.
Dumont	\$ 998.43	Materials and Supplies; Other	Direct State Aid was used to buy DVDs and to service our air conditioner and furnace. It also paid for the monitoring fee on our fire alarm and to have our carpet cleaned. The money helps with expensive items that are necessary to maintain our building. It also allows us to add additional materials we would not be able to afford.
Duncombe	\$ 1,007.07	Materials and Supplies	We spent Direct State Aid dollars on collection development which includes adult fiction, young adult fiction, children's books, large print, audio books, all non-fiction materials, as well as magazines. Our goal is to make our patrons happy. By having a lot of the newer releases and popular authors we provide that for them. It allows them to use our facility versus a library in one of the neighboring towns (both are about 15 minutes away). It has been wonderful being able to order the books that our community requests. I love being able to call patrons and tell them that their new favorite author has a new book out. Or having them call me to request that a book be saved for them. It is so awesome to see their faces light up when that one book comes in. Since Duncombe is such a small town, our library is really utilized in our community. They value us more because we can provide them with good service, as well as those good books and authors they crave.
Dunkerton	\$ 1,022.06	Materials and Supplies	Books for the summer reading program and books for the general public were purchased with this money. This

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			funding helps us add to our collection and meet the needs of our patrons. The funding helped supply some wonderful new books that tied into the "Dig Into Reading" Summer Library Program theme. A young boy was ecstatic to be the first one to check out these brand new books! He couldn't wait to take them home and enjoy them.
Dunlap	\$ 724.82	Personnel	Direct State Aid pays for a substitute when I am on vacation or sick.
Dyersville	\$ 1,503.28	Materials and Supplies	All of the Direct State Aid funds are used to support collection develop goals. This year it was used to supplement our purchases of large print materials, DVDs, and games.
Dysart	\$ 1,111.68	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Extra staffing for children's events is paid for with this money. New children's and teen choice award books and new juvenile biographies were also purchased. This funding really helps us to be able to include items in our collection that we otherwise would not have had the means to purchase. The library offers a safe and clean place for kids to spend time after school and during the summer and they enjoy having new materials all the time.
Eagle Grove	\$ 1,702.27	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We joined a Zinio consortium with Direct State Aid funds and replaced two public access computers and one staff computer. With Zinio, we will now be able to offer downloadable periodicals to our patrons. A patron was able to download magazines about England prior to her trip this summer.
Earlham	\$ 1,205.94	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	These funds paid for large print books and the replacement of a public computer. Iowa Award Books for the Summer Library Program were also purchased. The library is able to purchase items that were not budgeted for. These items are usually special requests or "gotta haves." This enables the library to provide the newest items for our small town library and in turn our patrons continue to visit our library instead of a neighboring area. The library has a family of patrons who have a degenerative eye disease. They really appreciate the large print books since these are the only format they are now able to read. The funding allows the library to purchase a larger quantity of these books than we normally would.
Earlville	\$ 711.09	Materials and Supplies	We were able to purchase new books and DVDs, as well as magazine subscriptions, with this money. We are able to keep our collection current and relevant in order to meet our patrons' needs. I had a patron tell me how important it was to read every book we have on heaven (we have four fairly current ones in our collection)in the

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			wake of her mother's death just this spring, and what comfort she found in the pages of those books.
Early	\$ 417.83	Personnel	The money was used for staff training.
Eddyville	\$ 1,056.56	Personnel	We used the entire amount of Direct State Aid for staff wages so we may stay open evening hours and Saturdays. We have more patron satisfaction by offering extended hours.
Edgewood	\$ 1,077.58	Technology and Equipment	This money was used to purchase a new computer. We have seen more and more adults using our computers to fill out unemployment forms, write up resumes, do job searches and other business. It is essential that we have up-to-date computers to meet their business/occupational needs as well as their personal/social needs with access to Facebook, e-mail, and other web searches. An older lady who is opening a bed and breakfast with her sister has been coming in to practice her computer skills. Her children set up Facebook and e-mail accounts for her, and told her to come to the library to get assistance. We have helped her get into her accounts and she is now able to do it by herself. She was so appreciative that she has learned these skills as they will be taking reservations via e-mail for their business. How exciting to help her become computer savvy, as she begins this new venture! This process was much easier with a newer, faster, and up-to-date computer.
Elberon	\$ 908.53	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Without this funding, our library could not do a Summer Library Program. The books we buy with this money are used in the reward program. The other new books we get are from adults' requests. The children had a great time at the Summer Library Program last year. We got to do so many outdoor activities. It was so neat to see the older children help out with the smaller children without even asking. Thank you for all you do for us!
Eldon	\$ 721.62	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We purchased books and DVDs with this money. We also purchased a movie license so we could show movies at our Summer Library Program and possibly start a movie day once a month. Our patrons are very happy with the selection of new books and DVDs. The kids enjoyed the first movie and are looking forward to more.
Eldora	\$ 1,442.44	Materials and Supplies	All of our Direct State Aid money was spent on books. Thank you. We are able to buy a variety of large print books to loan to readers at the nursing home and they enjoy having new books to read.
Eldridge	\$ 9,406.60	Materials and Supplies	These funds went towards subscriptions to Zinio and Overdrive. We also bought library cards and books. With the advent of Zinio and more people downloading books to their digital devices these two digital providers are

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			making a major impact on how patrons are using our services. A patron who reads magazines routinely was very excited about Zinio. She quickly sought our help in putting it on her iPad and declared she would not be renewing some of her home subscriptions. She thanked us for saving her money and making this resource available to her and the county.
Elgin	\$ 986.27	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid went towards an online catalog, yearly updates and fees. Because of the ease of access of our online catalog, we are able to do more outreach to our school children. Students can access our catalog on their laptops, reserve books, and have them delivered to the school. It has also increased our circulation because all our patrons can now access the catalog from home. It is an invaluable tool for our library. A working mom with a student told me that because her daughter could now reserve books online and have them delivered to school, she was reading much more. She was unable to bring her to the library regularly because of her job, and the school library's budget was drastically cut. She said we had all the books she wanted, and now she could easily search for them.
Elk Horn	\$ 996.10	Materials and Supplies	We purchased children books with this money. Classes from the local school have started making regular visits to the library, so additional books were needed.
Elkader	\$ 1,167.10	Personnel	Additional staff was hired using these funds to cover the Summer Library Program activities and the increased patronage we have during the summer months.
Elliott	\$ 636.28	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Books were purchased for the Summer Library Program and teen book club. Our tiny town has very little to do as far as entertainment. The kids and teens really enjoy coming to the reading programs and checking out books. The adults come in and check out the new books and socialize. The teen program is helping to keep the teens involved. Without this funding we would not be able to do any of this. This funding has helped eight lives. Our teen book club has made a positive impact on these kids. These eight teens really didn't know each other, now they are good friends. They have told me that they can come to the library and talk about anything they want. They confide in each other and have good discussions about the books they have read. They feel like they belong to something. This would have never happened without this funding.
Ellsworth	\$ 1,004.31	Materials and Supplies; Technology and	We purchased a subscription to NEIBORS downloadable books, speakers to be used for programs and events, and the Summer Library Program. With the new speakers, we

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		Equipment; Library Programs	are now able to provide better sound and voice/picture synchronization when using the DVD player and projector for programs and events. We are now able to offer free downloadable e-books and audiobooks to our patrons. There is a family with five children that live in the country. One of the teenagers told me they like being able to download the books to their devices, because they have a hard time getting all of them to the library. They don't want to make so many trips when each child needs or wants something. They all have portable devices and are downloading e-books when they can't make it into town.
Elma	\$ 1,041.42	Personnel	Direct State Aid was used to pay staff to train a new library director and a new assistant librarian. Hiring two new people brought new ideas and some new life into the library. New programs are being implemented and different authors are being tried out from the usual collections that were purchased to broaden the scope of books for patrons to choose from and has brought new patrons into the library.
Ely	\$ 1,356.48	Materials and Supplies	Approximately half of our Direct State Aid monies was spent on updating our juvenile non-fiction area. This area had not been updated for several years and had a lot of outdated informational books. We also purchased books in high interest areas, such as recorded books. This funding is essential to public libraries today with how stretched our budgets are. This funding provides a means of acquiring necessary materials that we would otherwise not be able to afford, or we would be cutting in other areas to afford such materials. We have a large community of teachers in our area who frequent our library and they will be able to use the new non-fiction materials purchased to enhance their lessons at school. The children benefit by having quality materials available in a print format for their research projects.
Emerson	NE		
Emmetsburg	\$ 1,768.55	Other	We used our funds to provide access for our patrons to Transparent Language, a language-learning database; Global Road Warrior, a travel and global culture research database; and Tumblebooks, online, animated, talking e-books for kids. The numbers speak for themselves. In the past fiscal year, Tumblebooks alone was used 47,621 times. This is roughly equal to all the items we check out from the library!
Essex	\$ 989.77	Materials and Supplies	We used these funds to purchase regular and large print books. We also bought books for prizes for our bookmark contest. Last year was NOT a good year for our library.

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			Our city council cut the funding to our library by \$3,000. That made it extremely difficult to purchase new material for our library. The funds we received from the Direct State Aid payment helped us to purchase both books for our library and books that we used as prizes for a bookmark contest that we have in connection with the school here in Essex. We use the Summer Library Program theme and ask the elementary children to create bookmarks for us. After they are completed, we bring the bookmarks to the library and put them up during National Library Week. Everyone in town is invited to come in and vote on the one they like the best. The winner in each class (Kindergarten, First grade, etc.) receives a book and we have 25 copies of those bookmarks printed and laminated for us to use during the summer. The kids really enjoy doing the bookmarks and receiving the books. One year we chose to not have the contest (budget issues again) and the kids were really disappointed. For some of the children that win the contest, the books they receive are the only books of their very own. We like to encourage them to read and to use our library. I think this is one way to do that.
Estherville	\$ 1,972.45	Technology and Equipment	We use this funding to pay the majority of the bill for our annual circulation system software fees.
Evansdale	\$ 1,088.00	Technology and Equipment	This year, we were able to purchase eight new computers and software for our computer area, increasing the computers we had for public access from five to eight. Our patrons have raved about how much faster our computers are and we've noticed a marked increase in computer usage. At times all our systems are in use.
Everly	\$ 668.57	Personnel; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for training for myself by the previous librarian and for classes I attended. The money was also used for our Summer Library Program for ages Preschool through 4th grade, and PCBC (PopCornBookClub) for ages K-6th grade. This funding is super! It helps with creating opportunities for our patrons and community, and area visitors. Some of the kids are rural and they get more time to spend interacting with other kids. I have noticed that more young adults are coming in and joining the library as they find out how nice it is and all that it offers. Young parents are meeting each other and making connections. The library is making a difference in many lives.
Exira	\$ 1,068.79	Personnel	This funding helped to pay staff wages.
Fairbank	\$ 1,094.36	Materials and Supplies; Library	Direct State Aid was spent on books of all kinds-regular, large print and audio books. It also helped with postage to return book club books. We had a presenter from

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		Programs	Grout Museum, two book authors and a computer course. All of these were great presentations. After the patrons took the computer class they learned more about their iPads and also joined the NEIBORS (online books) program.
Fairfax	NE		
Fairfield	\$ 2,964.73	Materials and Supplies	Our library's materials budget from the city of Fairfield has not increased with the rising cost of materials. Direct State Aid helps us to keep the collection vital. New residents and visitors often comment about how much they appreciate our library, and they are particularly interested in the newest items in our collection. A new cardholder commented how much she enjoys going to the new books section to find the next hot title!
Farmersburg	\$ 335.31	Personnel	Direct State Aid paid for additional staff.
Farmington	NE		
Farnhamville	NE		
Fayette	\$ 1,108.66	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We spent Direct State Aid on downloadable e-books and downloadable audio books through NEIBORS. We also purchased a new Playaway and paid for our EBSCOhost database fee. The library purchased an iPad so we could teach patrons about NEIBORS (downloadable books).
Fenton	\$ 984.67	Technology and Equipment; Capital Improvements	This money was used to pay for Overdrive, software support, a new faucet and work on the basement stairway.
Fertile	\$ 1,008.52	Materials and Supplies	The money was used to purchase books, audio books and DVDs.
Fonda	\$ 690.98	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid funding paid for our WILBOR subscription renewal and a replacement Keurig beverage machine that gets a lot of use at board meetings and adult programs. The funding was also used to purchase supplies for our Summer Library Program. We started WILBOR when we were given funding by the local bank to pay for start-up costs if we joined, so we couldn't pass up the opportunity. Direct State Aid is helping to make it possible to continue this service for our patrons.
Fontanelle	\$ 989.30	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	These funds were spent on material for processing books. We also purchased books and copy paper. Money was also used on our Summer Library Program, and Christmas and Halloween programs. The programs are bringing more people into the library and circulation has been impacted. We also have been able to purchase more books that the community wants. Many of the kids are still talking about the Summer Library Program. They especially liked the African Drum program that was educational and the kids were able to try drumming on

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			authentic drums from Africa. The adults also enjoyed and participated.
Forest City	\$ 1,643.18	Personnel; Technology and Equipment; Furniture	Direct State Aid made it possible for staff to attend the Kids First Conference, purchase a typewriter, computer tower and new chairs. Staff who attended the Kid's First Conference came back very enthused and ready to try new ideas to keep kids interested in reading.
Fort Atkinson	\$ 974.47	Personnel	Direct State Aid helps pay for staff hours and extra staff needed for our Summer Library Program, and covers the training time needed throughout the year. We continue to provide an adult book discussion group monthly. We can pay staff to stay later when a patron shows up and "needs to finish their printing or research ." Direct State Aid helps us move forward with some of the little extras we like to provide. When we see the joy and smiling faces of children because of a guest presenter we bring in for a reading program it makes us happy too. And we did see some joyful moments. Regarding the book discussion group, I get feedback each and every time that they sure like coming here no matter what the subject or book being discussed.
Fort Dodge	\$ 5,704.22	Materials and Supplies	These funds were used to purchase DVDs. Without this funding our collection of DVDs would be much smaller and we would not be able to purchase all the titles that we do. We have a lot of patrons who do not have cable, so it is nice to be able to purchase current DVDs as they come out.
Fort Madison	\$ 1,007.52	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid helps us pay for our subscription to WILBOR (downloadable books). In 2013, our patrons checked out 2,200 titles from WILBOR, which is about 180 per month.
Fredericksburg	\$ 1,105.84	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Part of the money was used to pay salaries so the library could be open more hours - something the community requested. The library is now open three additional hours on Friday mornings (9-12) and there was a trial run for several months of an additional hour on Tuesday night. Additional magazines were purchased due to patron requests. We purchased a touch screen large monitor computer for the Iowa Works Access Point station as their computer wasn't working properly. The computer is also for regular Internet and patron use as well. Patrons are now able to use the Iowa Works Access Point successfully, more men are using our magazines in house and for check outs, and we have many happy patrons coming in Friday mornings to use our services. We had a couple that was always having a difficult time looking for jobs and filling out unemployment on the Iowa Works

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			Computer. They would get half way through whatever they were doing and the computer ALWAYS shut off and they would lose all of the information they took a lot of time to input-they walked out several times in frustration and had to drive about an hour away to do their work in person. I decided to just purchase a computer on our own after Workforce tried to fix the computer a couple of times with no success. We had them install the software so people could use the new computer for both the Iowa Works Access Point and regular Internet and computer usage. This couple has successfully used the computer several times now!
Galva	\$ 623.72	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We spent the majority of the money on DVDs so that our budget could be used to buy more books. Our biggest checkout is movies and adult fiction. Direct State Aid helps us keep a good selection. We used some of the money to buy prizes for our kids in the Summer Library Program. Our small town has lost most of main street so the library is very important to our community. The library patron count has really improved since we have added DVDs .
Garden Grove	NE		
Garnavillo	\$ 1,079.46	Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid, the library is able to stay current with hardware and software both for the public and staff computers. The library has many people who come in to use the computers and need up-to-date software for either taking classes online or learning new skills. The new laptop is used by the staff to take to meetings outside of the library, and to do projects in the library that require computer use away from the direct wired computers. Since the library was able to purchase a new laptop as well as a video screen, the library is able to offer programs with a multimedia projector and screen. Our first program using the new equipment was a class on Pinterest. The presenter needed to have a screen, laptop and projector available for her program. Patron comments after the class were very positive. The library is planning to offer more programming to all patrons that will require the new equipment.
Garner	\$ 1,567.65	Personnel	Direct State Aid paid part of the salary for our children's and young adult librarian, who now also does adult programming and website upkeep. We are able to offer more programming and keep our website up-to-date.
Garrison	NE		
Garwin	\$ 654.50	Personnel	These funds help pay for salaries.
George	\$ 779.21	Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to purchase resources for the Summer Library Program (t-shirts, bookmarks, etc.). We

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			also started a movie program that invites students into the library on early-out days to watch movies instead of going home to an empty house. We purchased a movie license and popcorn machine.
Gilman	NE		
Gilmore City	\$ 983.81	Materials and Supplies	I added a new collection of books for young adults, including a selection of graphic novels using these funds. This group has typically been hard to bring in. Books always make an impact in people's lives. We have an aging population but generally a lot of grandkids visiting in the summer. They are always happy to learn they can come up with grandma and check out bedtime stories. A grandfather came up to get bedtime story books to read to his granddaughter over the phone!
Gladbrook	\$ 707.55	Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid went towards a new handicapped accessible door. It is great when we can make improvements. We have a number of elderly patrons who really appreciate opening the door with a button. We have needed this for a long time. Thanks.
Glenwood	\$ 1,920.01	Materials and Supplies	This money was used for new books, DVDs, and program supplies. It allowed us to buy more items for the library. It helped us provide more of what our community wants. Sometimes the community doesn't understand that funding isn't always there. This extra funding allows us to strength our budget a little more.
Glidden	\$ 422.98	Materials and Supplies	We became part of the WILBOR (downloadable books) consortium in May. All of our Direct State Aid went towards this.
Gowrie	\$ 1,117.37	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	We used these funds for new audio books, books and a rug for the children's department. The new rug really brightened up the children's department, and I have more kids coming in and coloring, putting puzzles together, and playing board games. I had a young patron who was being bullied come in and check out a new bullying series of books. He liked them.
Graettinger	\$ 755.08	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We purchased workout videos and hand weights with Direct State Aid. We also purchased books and supplies for the Summer Library Program. We started a workout program through the winter months for patrons that had no were else to go. It has increased use of the library. One of the gals that comes to workout during the winter doesn't have a lot of extra money to spare so a gym membership was out of the question. This way she still gets to workout and feel good about herself as well as visit with other women.
Grafton	\$ 988.94	Materials and Supplies	Books, DVDs and Summer Library Program supplies were purchased with Direct State Aid.

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Grand Junction	\$ 1,047.03	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	I used this money on children's and some large print books. I had an afterschool program when the children were out early, so I used part of the money on crafts for the program. I was able to offer a wider variety of books to children and adults. I have had many new patrons come to the library. They not only check out books but also attend programs.
Granger	\$ 723.74	Technology and Equipment	This year we used our Direct State Aid on updating our cataloging system. We purchased Destiny from Follett.
Greene	\$ 1,080.25	Personnel	Direct State Aid funding pays for the first 111 hours of the year worked by our fourth librarian. She contributes so much to the staff and community with her special artistic talents and community-minded services. She touches many lives with her leadership roles in the community. She is a 4-H leader, extremely active in her church and has a great relationship with the children who use the library. She provides a welcoming and familiar face because of her personality and other roles in the community.
Greenfield	\$ 1,225.66	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	DVDs for lower elementary age children were purchased with Direct State Aid. Many included music and favorite story time characters. Books to supplement the Summer Library Program were acquired and will be shared with the local extension office. We also purchased a receipt printer and barcode scanner. We are always looking for ways to help the elementary school teachers with books for their various teaching projects so these funds really aide in that respect. The teachers just love the library. The local school librarian and our library are in partnership to encourage summer reading through a Battle of The Books program that will end in a contest on the first day of school in the fall. A whole family is using this program to keep their kids on track in reading through books funded with this source of money.
Grimes	\$ 2,336.89	Technology and Equipment; Capital Improvements	We used some of these funds for a second AWE computer (literacy computer). We also rewired our server and network to work more efficiently and provide more work space for staff.
Grinnell	\$ 2,459.90	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid funds were spent on books in large print format. Access to new literature in large print format improves the lives of the elderly and those with vision impairment. We are able to extend our print collection to serve people who would not otherwise be able to access current reading materials. Drake Community Library maintains a book delivery service to home bound individuals. Many of these individuals require large print materials to continue reading. The pleasure of a book is a

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			very tangible quality of life issue for a person who is confined to their home or a nursing home. Cognitive skills and memory are enhanced by reading. Nursing home residents receiving large print materials through Drake Community Library benefit intellectually and socially as a result of our book delivery service.
Griswold	\$ 1,088.04	Materials and Supplies	We added a large amount of children and young adult fiction books with these funds. With our library expansion we have increased the number of children coming through our doors. With this increase the children and young adult sections seemed rather small. The children were coming in disappointed in the book selection. There was only five or so non-fiction books in the children section. I knew if we wanted to keep this traffic, we needed to see a much larger selection. I have a young boy that came twice a week and made an agreement with his mom to get \$1 per book that he read this summer to buy the library more children's books. He was so excited to see the non-fiction books increase. He read every one this summer. He was especially happy to see a book about the Titanic. It was nice to help each other this summer. It is very exciting to see the number of children increase; they can be found in every nook and cranny reading some days.
Grundy Center	\$ 1,514.50	Personnel; Technology and Equipment	We used state funding to help extend our hours from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. two nights a week. We purchased the ProQuest Ancestry Library edition. Our evening hours are very important for working families. Many working adults and their children are only able to visit the library on the two nights a week that we are open late because of work and school commitments. I had four working families thank me for providing them the opportunity to take their children to storyhour in the evening. Our ProQuest Ancestry is something we have been trying in order to assist our library users with their family history research.
Guthrie Center	\$ 1,266.24	Technology and Equipment	This funding allowed us to replace two of our older computers and have them installed, which we couldn't have afforded. While we worked long and hard to accumulate public computers for our small town library, it has been a very difficult issue to replace those computers when they became outdated or needed lots of repair. I don't know how we would have replaced these computers if it hadn't been for this funding!
Guttenberg	\$ 1,274.31	Technology and Equipment	A new phone system and monthly telecommunications service was paid for with these funds. With the new phone system, patrons can now leave a message for the library staff. Patrons no longer hear a screech when the fax machine would be operational, since the new system

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			differentiates between faxes and phone calls. Any time of day, 24/7, patrons can press a button when they call to hear the library hours. It has been a definite improvement.
Hamburg	\$ 740.33	Materials and Supplies Library Programs	Through WILBOR, our patrons can browse, check out, and download e-books and audiobooks . Supplies and new books were purchased for the Summer Library Program, "Dig into Reading." With Direct State Aid our small library can offer these services.
Hampton	\$ 2,111.14	Materials and Supplies	The library used the Direct State Aid money to shore up our book budget. We have a very pathetic book budget because of the lack of city funding. I think our city ranked at about the 15th percentile for library funding. We bought children's books as well as adult books. There are always so many stories of adults - and especially children - whose eyes light up when a new book they have been waiting for comes in. This year I witnessed a seven-year-old girl doing the happy dance when she got the latest Magic Tree House book.
Hanlontown	\$ 984.61	Materials and Supplies	Without this funding we couldn't afford to have the selection of materials (books and audio books) that we offer. One of the selections that we can purchase are more Iowa authors.
Harcourt	\$ 979.95	Materials and Supplies	With Direct State Aid, we updated our book collection, including audio books. We also bought new DVDs. Our patrons will have a better selection and that will improve our circulation. This money helps us serve our patrons better.
Harlan	\$ 1,942.74	Materials and Supplies	We use this money to help purchase large print books to make fiction and non-fiction more accessible for aging readers. Circulation of these items runs less than 10 percent of our annual total, but this segment of our patrons is over 30 percent of our visitors.
Harpers Ferry	\$ 344.49	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid helps us with staff training and also helps pay for extra supplies for our Summer Library Program. Thank you!
Hartley	\$ 1,161.23	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was spent on children's book, DVDs and audio books. By updating in these areas we provided our patrons with current material. We ordered a few books to go with the Summer Library Program theme "Dig Into Reading." The books we purchased were also used for our "Teen Sleepover" scavenger hunt. It helped the groups to work together and incorporate the different areas of our library searching for the hidden treasures. There was a wide variety of books and other reading materials that

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			they had to use to find hints for the next clue. Obtaining all these clues led them to the flag and a good time was had by everyone.
Havelock	NE		
Hawarden	\$ 1,466.09	Materials and Supplies	This money was used to help fund our CD lease program for our library patrons. We are able to have a quarterly rotating program that helps increase our collection. We have many commuters who love to listen to CD books while going to work or traveling on vacation. If we did not receive these additional dollars, we would have to cut back to a smaller program and our patrons would have a smaller variety of titles from which to choose. One lady told me that she had to sit in her car and listen to the end of the story when returning from a trip. There are several patrons who are hooked on the CD books. The commute may only be 15 minutes but they must have a book to listen to. That is pretty great!
Hawkeye	\$ 943.34	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid went towards Follett support, a new server and the 2013 Summer Library Program. As with years past, we rely heavily on this funding to go toward our computer support and our on-line catalog costs. This year we also put some toward a new server for our computer systems. Ours was very outdated. The rest we apply to our Summer Library Program for incentives and programs.
Hedrick	\$ 988.42	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs; Other	This year the funds went for bookmarks, Summer Library Program books, Halloween events, treats, and a program with Dizzy the Clown. We also purchased new winter reading books, new signage for the window and shelves.
Hiawatha	\$ 2,516.27	Personnel	We use these funds for overtime pay for Sunday open hours.
Hillsboro	NE		
Holstein	\$ 1,101.65	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was used for a subscription to Tumble books and other new reading materials.
Hopkinton	\$ 691.35	Library Programs	We were able to offer some great programs to our community this year thanks to the Direct State Aid money we received. We operate on such a small budget that most of these programs would be out of reach for our library without this funding.
Hospers	\$ 807.69	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a new router and two new computers for the public with these funds. The router has sped up our Internet speed considerably and now our patron computers are busy constantly.
Hubbard	NE		
Hudson	\$ 1,315.68	Materials and Supplies;	Our DVD collection has largely been developed over the years with this funding. It is a very popular part of the

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		Technology and Equipment	collection. The archival scanner we purchased will be used to digitize our local history, specifically old photographs and postcards, making them more accessible.
Hull	\$ 1,410.94	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for the cost to set up the Advantage Collection for our patrons and also went towards adding books to the collection. We also used the money for our adult and teen Summer Library Program. Because of this funding our library is able to offer our community more services than we could without it. We have more people using WILBOR (downloadable books) and enjoying this service than we have in the past and so being able to offer them more through an Advantage collection has been a big plus for our library. As with many libraries we continue to have more and more people wanting to read e-books and wanting to access them on their various devices. We also purchased a digital copy of any book our monthly book club is reading because several members enjoy reading these books on their devices. This has been a positive addition to our library for that reason alone, let alone all of the others who are able to enjoy these titles as well. People are glad to have less of a wait for these books and we are glad to continue growing this Advantage collection and adding more and more new titles.
Humboldt	\$ 1,811.23	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards purchasing new books on CD.
Humeston	\$ 624.60	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	The cost of basic supplies to run a library does add up. Throughout the year, these funds were used for the purchase of books, audio books, book processing supplies and computer paper. For years, the Summer Library Program at the library was managed almost entirely on generous donations of local businesses and individuals. In FY13, the library board budgeted \$100 to the Summer Library Program to cover whatever was needed. We reached more people during this program than we had in the past. Also, using state aid funds to buy library supplies such as paper helps to keep down costs of what we need to charge our customers for printing and making copies.
Huxley	\$ 1,509.18	Materials and Supplies	We used this money to buy new books.
Ida Grove	\$ 1,239.57	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs; Other	Direct State Aid was used to buy new books, help pay for our Summer Library Program and adult card-making program, and our WILBOR and EBSCOhost fees which provide access to online resources. Patrons have access to a broader range of materials in formats other than

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			printed books that are accessible outside of the library walls and operating hours. Direct State Aid has also helped bring presenters into the library that are both entertaining and educational for the children of our community.
Independence	\$ 2,154.54	Materials and Supplies	These funds helped us buy audio books on CD and DVDs. The demand for these items remains high in our library. Many of our patrons who commute to work enjoy the CD formats, as do many vacationers.
Indianola	\$ 3,843.48	Technology and Equipment; Furniture	This amount was spent on the library's portion of a new server for the city which will greatly enhance the speed and reliability of Internet access to our patrons. We also purchased a new microfilm cabinet to hold our growing supply of local newspapers on microfilm.
Inwood	\$ 1,102.68	Technology and Equipment	A new public use computer and printer were purchased with these funds.
Ionia	\$ 990.38	Personnel	Direct State Aid went towards salary raises for the librarian and her substitute.
Iowa City	\$15,257.83	Capital Improvements	State aid has helped us fund a two-year capital project. In FY13 we replaced worn carpet, moved our magazine collection to new display shelving, created a new service desk and added additional self-check stations. Our city is supporting less than half of the overall cost of our capital improvement project. The other funding is coming from private gifts and state money. Without the state money we would not be able to make all of the service improvements that our patrons are enjoying.
Iowa Falls	\$ 1,878.98	Other	This year we spent the Direct State Aid money on an unexpected HVAC repair. This project was well above and beyond what our normal budget covers and therefore very important to the library. After a state boiler inspection, we discovered the problem. We have people that use the library specifically because it's cooler in the library during the summer and warmer during the winter and they save on energy costs by being here versus their homes. Many public libraries deal with the same issue. Without an adequately heated and cooled building we would not be able to offer such a pleasant environment for those who need it most, the cash strapped working-class people. They may not be our biggest readers (although I'm not counting them out) but they use the library as a community gathering place and that too is the mission of a public library.
Irwin	NE		
Jamaica	NE		
Janesville	\$ 1,200.73	Personnel; Materials and	The money was used to pay for staff to work Saturdays and for new books.

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		Supplies	
Jefferson	\$ 1,713.55	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Other	Direct State Aid paid for educational DVDs, graphic novels, board games and a projection screen for library programs and patron use in the meeting room. It also paid for educational toys for the Creative Learning Center (CLC), a unique area of the children's department. Children have access to a variety of high-quality, hands-on educational toys and creative play stations that assist them in developing motor skills and imagination, learn about the world around them, and interact with other children at the library. The CLC continues to be one of the most popular areas of the library with over 5,000 annual visits by children with their families or their school classes and daycares. The CLC has been completely funded by Direct State Aid funds from its inception several years ago. Individuals, local study clubs, and senior living facilities make use of the educational DVD collection that we have been able to build over the years with Direct State Aid funding. We are the only local facility providing this service.
Jesup	\$ 1,397.08	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	These funds were used for Movie Licensing USA, Gold Finch Award books, and Iowa Teen Award books. A little over half of our annual payment for our computer software program Biblionix was also paid for with this money. We show movies whenever there is a day without school. Parents with those in-between age children - too old for a baby sitter, but not really old enough to be home all day alone - can come to the library for a movie in the morning and a different one in the afternoon. They are good, wholesome movies and we serve fresh, popped popcorn and bottled water. Some of these children are really hungry and had no place to go before we started showing movies and buying snacks.
Jewell	\$ 1,147.82	Capital Improvements	The front windows of the building were replaced with this money. They were original to the building and were in poor condition. They would frost over very easily, and then melt & cause water puddles on the window sills where we would display books. Also there were electrical outlets below the window sills so replacing the windows resolved the issue of potential danger from water getting into the electrical outlets. The new windows help us save on energy costs and they improve the appearance of the main street in our community.
Johnston	\$ 4,266.93	Materials and Supplies	We used Direct State Aid funds to augment our Overdrive Advantage account for e-books. This is an increasingly popular format in our collection, and these funds helped us provide a number of additional titles to our residents. This enhances availability, and in the case of very popular

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			items makes the waiting time much shorter for our library users. Our Direct State Aid funds were earmarked to provide digital content this year. The rate of circulation growth in this area continues to increase at a faster pace than the growth rate in print materials, which indicates that our customers are very interested in this format. We have found that the e-book format particularly appeals to some of our senior citizens. They have commented on the ease of enlarging the font size on an e-book, and they find that mobile devices are not as heavy to hold as a large print book would be. Our library users have also commented on the portability of the e-book format, particularly for travel. They also like the idea that the e-book format automatically "checks itself in" without having to make a trip to the library building or incurring an overdue fee.
Joice	\$ 983.96	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	When a library consultant was hired to reorganize the library system and train the new director, the Direct State Aid money was applied to cover the expense. As the new library director, I realized a need to have a large print section which was also paid for with this money. Many of our adult patrons have appreciated this new section. At first I ordered 20 books and within two days all were checked out.
Kalona	\$ 1,589.25	Materials and Supplies	Our long range goal is to improve the quality, condition and currency of the overall library collection and to offer print, non-print, and digital materials to attract new users and to better serve specific populations. Direct State Aid has helped us with that goal.
Kanawha	\$ 1,045.58	Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Library Programs	This money was used to purchase general and juvenile DVDs. DVDs continue to be popular check-outs with the state of our economy--people are spending less on recreation. The money was also used to boost the Summer Library Program and to get adult and teen book discussion groups started, which continue to grow.
Kensett	\$ 699.94	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements	We purchased new books and put a new LED security light on the outside of our building. It lights up our sidewalk from dusk til dawn for people entering the library.
Keokuk	\$ 2,729.57	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we were able to join OverDrive Advantage and purchase \$1,000 worth of titles, so that our users can download more e-books and audio books through the WILBOR Consortium. We also purchased more books and DVDs with these funds. Money was also put towards an AWE Early Literacy Station. We almost had enough memorial money to purchase two AWE Early Literacy Stations, computers designed for children and

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			loaded with educational software. Unfortunately we were just \$300 short. With the help of Direct State Aid we were able to purchase the second computer. Now siblings, school mates, or strangers can play side-by-side with no quarrels, interacting with the software but also laughing together and helping each other with games and puzzles. It has been a fun and helpful addition to the children's area. As downloadable audio books and e-books have become more popular, we've had more requests for books that are not in the consortium's collection. This has been great for our patrons, but it's also really helpful for the staff. I now know what titles are or are not available to purchase in the different formats, and the large cost of purchasing downloadable titles for the library. We are much better informed of these things so that we can pass that knowledge on to our library users.
Keosauqua	\$ 694.32	Capital Improvements	We were able to use the money to help pay for repair of concrete and metal railing that had been here since the early 1960's. People of the community like to see how the library is constantly improving. They know that we care about our library and want to see it be a success.
Keota	\$ 1,018.83	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We ordered a set of 14 "Search and Find" books for our young readers. They are always popular, from very young to junior age. Direct State Aid funds were also spent on our Summer Library Program for the most part. We purchased craft items, backpacks with our library logo, pencils, new books for our program and lots of food items. Our Summer Library Program this year was well attended and created a lot of enthusiasm in the community. This funding helped to make it possible again this year. We had some great prizes, great stories and snacks. The kids had a great time, but the staff and volunteers had just as much fun. This year our story reader was a former librarian in town. He served as librarian 10 years ago for about two years and afterward traveled quite a bit directing plays. He is back to stay and when I asked him if he would be willing to help out, he brightened up and said "YES"! He was an absolute joy to have as a volunteer. He is hilarious and serious, animated and used many "voices" for each character in each book he read. While the kids had a wonderful time day after day, I was particularly touched that he felt so much at home again and he clearly felt that we really needed him (we did!). Overall, it was a wonderful week here at the Wilson Memorial Library.
Keystone	\$ 981.54	Technology and Equipment	A Windows 8 all-in-one- touch screen computer was purchased with this money. That helps patrons keep

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			current with new technology, keep our computers up to date and keep young people coming in (touch screen and apps are the same as on their tablets and phones).
Kimballton	NE		
Kingsley	\$ 819.58	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We pay a person to do the Summer Library Program with this money. We also buy supplies, books to give away and t-shirts or pillowcases with the summer reading theme on them. The children look forward every year to earn a prize through reading and also to see who we have hired to entertain them.
Klemme	\$ 1,029.45	Technology and Equipment	The Klemme Public Library spent Direct State Aid on computers, labor, and Internet access. Thank you so much for this help.
Knoxville	\$ 2,266.12	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Furniture; Library Programs	We spent some of the Direct State Aid funds on supplies for our Summer Library Program crafts. We also replaced one public computer and monitor with Windows 7 software. We bought a display monitor to promote our services and programs. It is mounted on the wall behind the circulation desk and gets attention from the library users. We paid for a ventriloquist and comedian to perform for the Summer Library Program. We had more than 100 in attendance that day. We are always grateful for this funding because it gives us the little extra for programming or supplies, which may not be readily possible.
La Porte City	\$ 1,344.77	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was used for a new book automation system for the library. The old book automation system in the library was failing and did not have technical support available anymore. Because it was time to update and add more public computers for patrons in the library, it was imperative to replace the library book system, particularly since it would not be operable on the new computers. The new book system, which was installed last fall, now enables patrons outside the library to conduct library business on their own personal computers and electronic devices. Patrons can check our materials catalog online, renew and reserve books and DVDs, see what e-books and audio books are available on the NEIBORS program, view what materials they currently have checked out, see what fines they have incurred, and patrons are notified prior to the due date of materials checked out and are sent regular reminders by text or e-mail when items are overdue. These system services are available at any time, not just when the library is open. Patrons tell the staff frequently how much they like and appreciate the notices they receive, either by text or e-mail, informing them that the materials they have

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			checked out will be due in three days. One woman shared that she immediately gets on the computer and renews her books if she is not done reading them when she receives this notice. She has never had fines. Another patron told us how when they are reading a series, and are nearly done with a book, they go online and check to see if we have the next book in that series. If we have the book they are looking for they reserve it immediately so the book is ready and waiting for them the next time they are in. This has been a real time saver when they are short on time, have to stop quickly right after work, or it is almost time for the library to close. This notification system is also a blessing for the staff. Far fewer calls have to be made to remind people to get their overdue materials back to the library.
Lacona	\$ 652.35	Personnel Library Programs; Other	Direct State Aid paid for the librarian to take Public Library Management classes, and two hours of training on e-readers and WILBOR (downloadable books). Money was also spent on the Summer Library Program, our book club, an evening activity, and the Iowa Poet Laureate's storytelling performance. We have been able to offer WILBOR services to our rural community, which has been helpful to all our present and future e-reader patrons, which includes commuters, elderly, and homebound patrons as well as city/rural users.
Lake City	\$ 1,337.12	Materials and Supplies	These funds allowed us to buy downloadable e-books and audio books.
Lake Mills	\$ 1,302.80	Technology and Equipment; Capital Improvements	We used part of these funds for our yearly movie license and our Beacon circulation system support for one year. It also paid the remaining costs for our restroom remodeling.
Lake Park	\$ 1,085.34	Materials and Supplies	We spent the money on books and some DVDs. We also signed up for WILBOR (downloadable books). Lots of needs are met with this money. It helps us with our Summer Library Program by enabling us to purchase books for the events. Getting downloadable books through WILBOR has made a lot of people happy. Several had come into our library asking about e-books and now we can tell them they are available!
Lake View	\$ 1,129.75	Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we continue to use the services of a person who keeps our computers virus free each month and is also available whenever a technology need arises. Well, RAGBRAI didn't come through our small town this summer but we always have a larger number of tourists during the summer months because of our beautiful lake that actually filled to capacity after last year's major drought -- all thanks to the "monsoon" rains we had

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			earlier this spring. More upper elementary age students are beginning to use our computers more which is a plus for future patronage. We will be starting some beginning computer classes for some of the more elderly who still need some help adjusting to the use of this more modern means of communication to find information.
Lakota	\$ 978.04	Personnel; Technology and Equipment	Additional training/classes for the library director was paid for with this money, which is very valuable to her job. It also paid for a copy/fax machine lease. Our patrons really depend on the copy/fax machine service that we have to offer and this funding makes it possible for our small library. Patrons are always amazed at the services a small town library is able to offer!
Lamoni	\$ 1,251.05	Technology and Equipment	We spent \$1,000 to subscribe to OverDrive Advantage, during their end-of-year special when they waived the \$500 application fee, so we actually got \$1,000 worth of credit for e-books. The money also went towards two new printers for our public access computers. Subscribing to OverDrive Advantage lets us improve the availability of e-books for our patrons. New public access printers make printing possible from all of our public access computers. In addition, they expand the range of print options available: one of the new printers is a black and white laser printer that helps people save money. The other is an all-in-one that gives us abilities to scan documents and to print photos directly from camera cards. A woman came in with dozens of pictures on her camera that she had not been able to print. She was very pleased at being able to make prints that she could share with distant family members using our new all-in-one printer.
Lamont	\$ 656.16	Materials and Supplies	With his money we were able to get more books and DVDs which always makes the patrons happy.
Lansing	\$ 1,088.09	Materials and Supplies	These dollars were used to purchase downloadable audio books and adult and children's books. We would not have the downloadable books in our library if it wasn't for the state funding. There is a great increase in their usage. Also, with our budget getting tighter and tighter each year, the rest of the funds were used to buy adult and children's fiction books. Thank you very much for the funds. We appreciate every single penny.
Larchwood	\$ 768.36	Technology and Equipment	Our community-use printer stopped working one day before we received notification about our Direct State Aid allotment for FY13. So my library board decided to use the entire allotment for a new printer. Everyone is very happy. Because our printer is wireless, we have some ladies who come to the library, bring their laptops, and

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			print out coupons. They are like a club and they have a great time sharing information. In my estimation, this is a great community service provided for by the library.
Laurel	NE		
Laurens	\$ 1,123.54	Capital Improvements	Our heat pump needed to be replaced this year and the Direct State Aid money was put toward that. While that's not as much fun as uses from years past, it was sure handy to have it there when needed!
Lawler	\$ 1,003.39	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards the NEIBORS (downloadable books) program, and adult and children's books. People had been inquiring about downloadable books, so we joined Overdrive and now are able to offer that service. I've also been able to purchase more children and junior fiction books than previously. Someone told me that her mother now does some reading with her Kindle, and it's helpful for her because she can adjust the font size.
Le Claire	\$ 1,454.65	Technology and Equipment	The entire award from Direct State Aid FY13 was spent on technology which included consultation and installation of new library computers as part of the library's technology replacement plan. These funds were instrumental in supporting library services in the area of technology improvements. Access to technology is critical in public library service. The replacement of library computers impacts all residents, patrons and staff who depend on free access to information through library technology from day-to-day.
Le Grand	\$ 1,050.13	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for a major portion of an Early Literacy Station, a stand alone computer that is a complete educational solution loaded with over 60 educational software titles for kids ages 2-10. We are now able to provide an invaluable resource for pre-fifth grade children who think they're having fun playing games on a child-sized computer when they are actually learning and using their imaginations.
Le Mars	\$ 2,608.87	Materials and Supplies; Other	Direct State Aid was used to buy fiction e-books for our Advantage library and \$500 of it went toward non-fiction e-books that patrons can access and download to devices. This funding allows to add more e-materials than we would have been able to buy. Students are able to use the non-fiction materials from their home or school.
Ledyard	\$ 385.09	Furniture	Our library had to purchase new bookshelves to replace the original ones. The total cost was more than \$385.09. We received a grant to help pay the balance. The shelves were original to the library. After years of holding books and being moved around, they were not sturdy any longer and were coming apart. It was a matter of safety

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			for patrons.
Lehigh	\$ 1,015.87	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	This money was used to pay staff for additional hours worked during the Summer Library Program. This gave us the opportunity to have two staff members in the library during the busiest programs. The money was also used to buy craft supplies and snacks for the Summer Library Program and our Christmas in the Library program. We also used the money on Internet access, toner cartridges for the all-in-one printer, and headphones for the laptops and tablets. By helping us to maintain our Christmas Program and to perform a few extras for the Summer Library Program, we help local families by providing a safe and educational place for children to be, which has become even more important and emphasized due to the Kathlynn Shepard disappearance. By having two employees at busy programs we can better monitor the library and surrounding areas which brings comfort to the whole community. The headphones have brought a modicum of peace to the library because now the children can have their volume up as high as they choose without disturbing other patrons, and they can print schoolwork for free thanks to the toner purchases. The free schoolwork printing also helps our high school and college patrons.
Lenox	\$ 1,093.67	Furniture; Other	This money was used to buy 12 chrome-leg chairs for the children's department. It was also used to archive old city newspapers. We have more than 50 elementary age children who attend our after school movie shown on the days the school has an early dismissal. School is let out early at 1:30 p.m. once per month and we offer the children someplace to go to watch a movie and have some popcorn. We did not have nearly enough chairs for such a large group, and the chairs we did have are small sized. The other half of our funds was spent to insure our city's newspapers are preserved. The "Lenox Time Table" from 1910 to 2009 is being archived onto CDs and "in the cloud" so those interested in genealogy have access to the history they want.
Leon	\$ 807.49	Materials and Supplies	Printer ink and books were bought with these funds. We were getting down to the end of our book budget when the trustees allocated the majority of the Direct State Aid money to books. This money was very helpful in bridging the gap between fiscal years in purchasing books. Making the budget stretch to meet all the library's needs (and therefore the community's needs) is ever a challenge for small town library directors. This money is invaluable to me in making everything work.
Letts	\$ 970.29	Personnel;	Salaries for additional staff were paid for with Direct State

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			Aid.
Lewis	\$ 673.31	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We hired a part-time student for the summer using this money. It also went towards purchasing this year's Goldfinch and Iowa Choice books. The balance was used toward our new card cataloging system. We have many children using the library to check out the books since the school is unable to purchase enough. We were in great need of a new card cataloging system and the funding helped us reach that goal. We have a family with a child that has a major disability and he is able to come to the library for the Goldfinch books. He is usually one of the last at school to receive the opportunity to check a book out.
Lime Springs	\$ 1,030.30	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	These funds were used to purchase toner for the HP color laserJet printer and office supplies, as well as to purchase the annual maintenance agreement for the copy machine. Our library appreciates the money received from Direct State Aid.
Linden	\$ 605.61	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This amount was used to pay staff to work on Tuesday evenings each week so that our Tier II standards for library accreditation can be met. Also, children's books and craft supplies were purchased with this money for an after school program. Our enrollment for the Summer Library Program went from 15 to 30. This money was used for crafts, books to go with the program's theme, and t-shirts for the children. We have a little girl who will start school this fall. When she first came to the Summer Library Program her attention span was very short and it was hard for her to sit still and listen. She is getting better and is now able to sit still for 10 minutes. I hope that our time together will help her when she starts school.
Linn Grove	\$ 349.85	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Books, DVDs, and audio books were bought with this money. It also helped pay for the Summer Library Program. We can purchase more books requested by patrons than we could otherwise. For a long time our library has had few young adults come in to check out books. Now with new, more popular books they are beginning to come back.
Lisbon	\$ 1,361.00	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a CoLibri book covering system to prolong the life of our hardcover and softcover print books. We foresee having print materials alongside downloadable materials for some time to come and wanted a more efficient and attractive way to cover our books.
Little Rock	\$ 672.03	Personnel; Materials and Supplies;	I had to take some classes, so this money helped pay mileage, and wages and payroll expenses for my substitutes. We also replaced DVDs, had extra keys made,

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		Library Programs	and paid for prizes and crafts for the Summer Library Program. Since I've become the librarian, I have stressed summer reading. With better quality prizes and books, the kids are anxious to keep reading for a certain prize. We have more kids involved this year than last year!
Livermore	\$ 989.59	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs; Other	These funds help pay for children's books, a new fax machine, a printer kit and repair of a Laser Jet 4200. It also helped pay for a magic show and Friday popcorn days. The community - both old and young - love to gather at the library on Friday afternoons for popcorn and conversation and laughter.
Logan	\$ 1,134.31	Materials and Supplies	We bought audio books. As usual, more are able to be provided to patrons because of this funding. People are always delighted to find that we have a very nice sized collection of audio books available as we have many commuters who work in the city, or are on the road for their jobs, and it gives them the ability to keep up on their reading.
Lohrville	\$ 1,037.55	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a laptop for the librarians to use. It works wonderfully for online classes.
Lost Nation	\$ 633.33	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Furniture; Library Programs	Part of this money went to pay for continuing education classes the director needs to maintain her certification. We also purchased cleaning supplies, snacks for programming, special book requests and DVDs. We supply two public access computers with Internet, WIFI for personal devices, and a fax machine for our patrons. New wallpaper border for the bathroom and pictures for each of the reading areas were also purchased. We offer movie day one afternoon a month, usually on a school early dismissal day. Also, the library has a monthly craft day. Our Summer Library Program was a huge hit for the third year in a row. This funding helps with the program. Each child that completes the program earns his or her school supplies free! Parents make it a point bring their children in for books. This year we have 52 students enrolled. Our patrons feel comfortable coming in requesting titles, discussing books or asking for help finding a book involving family issues. This funding allows us to be here to help with their needs and supplying them with the correct information.
Lowden	\$ 1,037.13	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to fix computers, purchase subscriptions to the EBSCOhost database, buy Tumblebooks, and pay for the Summer Library Program, Toddler Time and the Halloween Pumpkin Extravaganza. The money also helps with some of the unexpected extra expenses such as a computer that needs repaired.

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Lu Verne	\$ 1,027.02	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid money was used to purchase children's books, non-fiction books, and videos. We are the only place in town that has videos. New DVDs are always popular. The kids in the Summer Library Program really enjoyed the new books. We have seen an increase in senior citizens using the library. They are interested in history books, particularly WWII history.
Lynnville	\$ 860.14	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We purchased quite a few children's books this year. We used the bulk of the money from the state for our Summer Library Program. This included new books, supplies, wages for the program coordinator, and some prizes. Our summer program was a huge success in 2013. If you would like to see what happened each week please look at our Facebook page: Lynnville Public Library, Lynnville, Iowa. We had between 70 and 80 kids for a couple of weeks and they enjoyed it immensely. The summer program has carried over because many of these children are still reading each week. We had tons of positive comments and we thank the state for their part in funding it. We try to use the funding from the state to solely benefit our patrons. In particular, we purchase materials that patrons request. We also see the progression as children go from listening to their parents read to them to reading independently. This was very evident in a little girl who used to come into the library and just follow her mom around but has now started to pull out a kid-sized rocking chair and read aloud. Another little girl started the same way, not being able to read, but progressed into having her own "story time" for all the puppets and stuffed animals who were neatly arranged in front of her while she read to them and made sure they all saw the pictures.
Lytton	\$ 698.11	Materials and Supplies	We spent the money on books, DVDs, ink, paper and other library supplies. State money helps our small library keep current since we have a very limited budget.
Madrid	\$ 1,369.96	Materials and Supplies	With Direct State Aid we purchased Overdrive Advantage (e-books) to enhance our WILBOR collection and used the rest for books and audio books for our physical collection.
Mallard	NE		
Malvern	\$ 1,092.36	Technology and Equipment	We have purchased 2 new children's computers from AWE. This money was used to help fund the purchase after our grant amount of \$1,000 and the remaining amount was paid by the Friends of the library. We are expecting a HUGE impact!! We have children every day who would love to use the computers and adults who would love to have their children use them. They have games and interactive programs already installed on

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			them. We are extremely excited to be able to offer this to all the new students coming to our school district next year from preschool to 5th grade. Without Direct State Aid, we would not be able to afford to do these types of things on our budget. It is hard just making sure we have enough in the budget for increasing power bills.
Manchester	\$ 1,918.22	Library Programs	We spent the funds on our Summer Library Program. We did programs for all ages: a Rubber Ducky Club for 0-3 year olds, a children's program for ages 4-11, a teen program for young adults ages 12-18, and an adult program for those 19 and older.
Manilla	NE		
Manly	\$ 1,166.68	Personnel	We spent the entire amount on training new personnel. We had a librarian retire after 30 years. We needed to replace and train a new person for that position. We also decided that we needed to have more than one person working in the library.
Manning	\$ 802.15	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We spent these funds on children's books and our yearly computer automation update fee.
Manson	\$ 961.12	Technology and Equipment; Other	Direct State Aid paid for a new computer, a UPS battery replacement, and the partial payment for the setup and installation of two computers.
Mapleton	\$ 1,082.30	Materials and Supplies	All the funds were used to purchase books and DVDs this year.
Maquoketa	\$ 2,002.53	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We used this money to supplement the purchase of six additional adult PACs. Due to the Iowa Workforce Development changes and the impending health insurance enrollment, we thought it was time to add to our current six computers which are eight years old. We have more than 1,700 people per month currently using the computers. We also bought a summer movie program package. One mother told us she had just graduated with a BA in education and thanked us for the summer movies. She sat in the hallway and studied while her children watched a movie in the community room every week. She said she would not have had that opportunity without a good wholesome movie for the children to watch.
Marathon	\$ 933.86	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards the purchase of new books, magazines, DVDs, the Summer Library Program, and Christmas and Halloween events. We were also able to purchase new printers that we needed so badly. This funding also helped to provide the programs for the children in our town. Some of them are on their own all day and they feel loved and welcome when they come to

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			the library to either read or use the computer. We have two or three children who pick out books and then they read to the librarian and the other children present. This funding helps to buy new books for the children of all ages.
Marble Rock	\$ 987.48	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to buy books, printer supplies and our children's programming. This funding really helps pay for some extras during the year.
Marcus	\$ 1,080.74	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We used this funding to purchase additional large print books to allow our increasingly older population of patrons to continue reading best-selling literature. Money was also spent to sponsor a children's program that we otherwise wouldn't have been able to afford, and to purchase a new public computer for our patrons' use to replace an old one. We've received many compliments on how well the new computer is working, on the increased number of new best-selling large print materials, and the kids' program was very well-attended. We have some families who really struggle financially in our area, and there were several children at the Christmas Children's Program who were so excited about seeing the puppeteer and especially looked forward to decorating cookies afterward. One young mother mentioned that this was the only way her kids would get a chance to decorate and eat cookies this year. She and her kids got to make a lasting holiday memory; she told them stories about decorating cookies with her mom and sisters when they were her children's ages. They took pictures and had a great time with their cookies and hot chocolate, then proudly made a special cookie to take home to Dad as a surprise when he got home from work. These kids would not have had this memory without the Direct State Aid money that enabled us to put on the program.
Marengo	\$ 987.58	Materials and Supplies	Our state monies were used to purchase books, large print books, audio books and program supplies. Program supplies were purchased for our Fetch Science Club to do science experiments/projects, and to learn new science concepts. The club was held in two sessions, with two groups in each session; one in the fall and one in the spring, with 12-25 kids in each group. If we had not had the funding for supplies, we would not have been able to accommodate that many kids. We were able to expand our audio selection, which was very limited, and we have a few people with disabilities who were able to use the library more because audio books is what they need. We

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			have a blind patron who had pretty much listened to all of our audio books. She now has a new selection to choose from.
Marion	\$ 7,421.94	Other	We hired Droplet LLC, a website development consulting firm, to design and help us implement a new CMS-based website. We are in the final stage of uploading content and testing, but the new website promises to be a dynamic and flexible, user-friendly, 24/7 web-portal to library online services and e-materials - a great step forward from our previous website which was static, difficult and slow to update, and primarily a means of delivering information rather than services. Our goal was to create an online branch and it looks like we have succeeded. As we introduce the new website, all staff responsible for adding content have agreed that the new site makes their jobs a great deal easier and will free them to do additional work which will directly benefit patrons. We are in the quality assurance phase and plan a launch date as soon as all content is migrated.
Marshalltown	\$ 5,703.02	Personnel	All Direct State Aid money continues to be spent on part-time staff, allowing us to maintain the number of hours the library is open in order to be accredited by the state. The Marshalltown Public Library is busier then ever with over 1,000 people a day visiting during summer 2013. Direct aid allows us to be open four evenings a week and on Saturdays when working patrons are available to use the library. This year the Marshalltown Public Library was awarded the National Medal for Library Service by the Institute for Museum and Library Service. Community member Veronica Guevara traveled to Washington, DC with library director Sarah Rosenblum to accept the National Medal from First Lady Michelle Obama. Veronica, a first generation Latino and the first in her family to go to college worked with library staff to find scholarship information which enabled her to continue her education after graduating from Marshalltown Community College. Last fall, Veronica was chosen for a Congressional Scholarship, which she learned about at the Marshalltown Public Library.
Martelle	\$ 649.92	Materials and Supplies	All of the Direct State Funds that we received were used to purchase library materials and supplies for our patrons use.
Mason City	\$ 6,087.30	Personnel	Direct State Aid paid the wages for additional staff in order to offer more programming and enhance service in the youth department. This funding allows Mason City Public Library to offer large and vibrant programs for youth. MCPL is able to have 60 hours a week of coverage in youth services and this allows the department staff to

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			create more displays and to offer more programming and assistance to patrons throughout the year. The children's room and young adult area of MCPL have several large special display areas. Due to the staffing coverage available in these departments, the displays are always excellent and can be updated frequently. Collection development in youth services is excellent, because the librarians have adequate time to develop them and to develop and maintain effective online collections and public relations tools, such as our website and social networking accounts. These activities lead to increased participation and regular attendance.
Massena	\$ 666.33	Materials and Supplies	I spent the entire funding on DVDs for the library. Our community seems to really enjoy them and circulation reflects that. We have several children in our community that don't have money to go rent or purchase movies like some of the other children. We provide a means for them to say, "Hey, I watched that movie too."
Maxwell	NE		
Maynard	\$ 955.02	Capital Improvements	We used our Direct State Aid money to hire an architect to start plans on the expansion of our current library.
McGregor	\$ 1,112.16	Materials and Supplies	We purchased non-fiction and fiction books for children and young adults with Direct State Aid. In a small library every bit makes a difference in what we can provide.
Mechanicsville	\$ 1,115.58	Materials and Supplies;	We used Direct State Aid to buy new books and DVDs.
Mediapolis	\$ 1,362.89	Library Programs	I used the amount this year to enhance the programs the library provides.
Melbourne	\$ 1,015.48	Technology and Equipment	We were able to use this money to renew our subscriptions with Follett software and Marc on Demand. We also bought some ink for our printer. Due to continued budget cuts, this funding pays for our software that is needed to run our library effectively and efficiently.
Melcher-Dallas	\$ 378.14	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for new DVDs that our customers want.
Melvin	NE		
Menlo	\$ 974.99	Personnel	These funds supplemented our budget for our assistant librarian. Our budget only allows for 8 hours a week for an assistant. Without an assistant, there would probably be times when I would have to close if I needed to attend a workshop, doctor's appointment, etc. She came to the library still raw with grief from the passing of her mother. She had also experienced an abusive family dynamic. Since she has come to work at the library, her confidence in herself has grown incredibly. She is starting to feel more confident about being in charge, making decisions

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			and just plain feeling good about herself! I have enjoyed seeing her grow and many of her friends and family have also commented on it. She is also learning to enjoy her own creativity which she didn't realize she had. Because of her wonderful smile and eagerness to learn, our library is definitely better with her presence.
Merrill	NE		
Meservey	\$ 942.44	Materials and Supplies	All Direct State Aid funds were spent on books, DVDs and program supplies. Without this funding, we wouldn't be able to have the materials available that we do now. Thank you for your aid in making our library a good place to be. In our small town, there's not much available for entertainment and socialization. We try to make the library a place where young people can come to use our computers, check out movies and books, and to socialize. We strive to provide our community and the surrounding area with the best services we can. Without this funding, it would not be possible.
Milford	\$ 1,406.95	Furniture	With these funds, we purchased new DVD display shelves so we can increase the collection size.
Millersburg	NE		
Milo	\$ 1,011.62	Technology and Equipment	We replaced two computers in the library using Direct State Aid. We have three public access computers in our library. These computers are normally busy all six days of the week that we are open. Many of our rural patrons are unable to obtain high speed Internet so the use of the library Internet makes a difference in many of their lives.
Milton	NE		
Minburn	\$ 630.99	Materials and Supplies	We used Direct State Aid money for our subscription to Junior Library Guild and WILBOR downloadable audio books and e-books. We would not be able to afford and offer as many children's books without the help of the state aid. Our subscription to Junior Library Guild is our main source of materials for our children ages 3-18. Being able to offer new books each month is a huge asset to our small library. WILBOR offers our small community the newest in reader technology and keeps our library relevant in today's growing technology world. It seems like every month we have patrons coming in and asking how to download e-books on their new devices. One woman in particular was going on vacation and wanted to know if she could check out e-books to read on the way there. I walked her through the process and she was ever so grateful for this free service. She has since become one of our biggest e-book users and an avid library supporter.
Mingo	NE		
Missouri Valley	\$ 918.19	Personnel;	Direct State Aid funds were used to allow us to schedule

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		Materials and Supplies	additional desk help during new program events that greatly increased traffic in the library. Direct State Aid funds were also used to purchase additional children's books for the Summer Library Program. The Missouri Valley Public Library has not received an increase in our annual budget for several years. The ability to afford extra desk help and purchase children's books, although it seems trivial, has a powerful impact on the Missouri Valley community. Our children's circulation set a new record! There is something both amazing and humbling when children get excited about books. I received a preview box from MidAmerica Books. I had a couple of student volunteers help me unload the box and I could not believe their reaction. They were ecstatic about the books - "Wow - they don't have this at school!" "I love this series!" "You're going to keep these, aren't you?" Well, I wouldn't have been able to keep them without the help of Direct State Aid. This funding has provided books that continue to make a lot of young people very happy.
Mitchellville	\$ 1,302.10	Furniture; Library Programs	With these funds we purchased changing tables for our restrooms and bought National Library Week incentives. We also used money for our Summer Library Program, including supplies and sign-up incentives, a dinosaur fossil kit, two Blank Park Zoo programs (one for preschool and one for grade school), paperback books and snack sacks to give away for reading prizes.
Modale	NE		
Mondamin	\$ 635.92	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We built up our audio books selection with Direct State Aid. Funds were also used to purchase supplies and projects for our Summer Library Program. We have a patron who does a lot of driving throughout the year who will stop by and pick out three or four books at a time. He claims for the most part he has listened to everything we have in our audio selection, and has moved on to using WILBOR (downloadable books) for more selection. This only gives me incentive to keep adding to our audio book selection.
Monona	\$ 1,212.90	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for a Samsung all-in-one computer, three licenses for Microsoft Office 2010, and four licenses for Deep Freeze. The computer replacement got our number of patron computers back up to four. This was well received and relieved congestion on the other computers. This all-in-one Samsung computer was purchased back in November 2012. The first weeks that it was available to our patrons, there were survey slips next to it to discover if the computer was well received. The reviews were overwhelmingly positive. The patrons like that the screen was so large, crisp and clear and that it

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			had touch screen capabilities.
Monroe	\$ 1,170.84	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for magazine subscriptions, children's DVDs and children's books.
Montezuma	\$ 815.23	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	These funds paid for Summer Library Program supplies, books and a Blank Park Zoo program.
Monticello	\$ 1,590.00	Materials and Supplies	We purchased DVDs and books for all areas of the library with these funds. The money from the state allows us to purchase additional materials as requested by our patrons. These are items that may not have been added to the collection due to lack of funds. We were able to fill in some titles missing in some series and add books to supplement the Summer Library Program theme of "Dig Into Reading." We had requests for senior exercise DVDs. A lady in town conducts an exercise group and had used the few DVDs we had. This funding allowed us purchase additional titles to add some variety to their exercises.
Montrose	NE		
Moorhead	NE		
Moravia	\$ 987.88	Technology and Equipment	These funds were applied for the yearly fee to host the Destiny cataloging system. Patrons are very pleased with this Destiny system because it makes our web site and catalog available 24/7. County librarians or adjoining libraries are able to tell patrons if we have certain books available in the library. We have had Centerville residents or Monroe County residents come to check out materials after finding they are available at Moravia Public Library.
Morley	\$ 351.46	Materials and Supplies	With this money, we purchased DVDs because that is the main item wanted in our little town.
Morning Sun	\$ 1,062.73	Technology and Equipment; Furniture	Direct State Aid paid for the purchase of three refurbished computers: two for our public access stations and the third for our circulation desk. We also purchased four new public access station chairs. This was an upgrade for our library's public access computers. Adults and children both have commented how much better these two are to operate. The third computer replaces a laptop we had been using at our circulation desk. Now with the laptop free to be used in the shelving area we will be able to complete our Accelerated Reader project and label all the juvenile books sooner than expected
Moulton	\$ 977.93	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment;	Because of this money, we were able to purchase books and DVDs, Marc Wizard, and help pay for the Summer Library Program. Without this funding we would not have been able to book the zoo to come down to our

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		Library Programs	small town for the Summer Library Program. The funding has also helped us increase our budget for purchasing current materials for both children and adults. Without it we would not be able to meet the needs of our patrons. A mother with several children brought them to the Blank Park Zoo program. Her children were excited and she commented on how fortunate she felt to live in a small town and have a library that was able to have such a program free of charge.
Mount Ayr	NE		
Mount Pleasant	\$ 2,479.63	Materials and Supplies	With these funds, we were able to improve our DVD selection and purchase new books for both adults and children. We purchased over \$1,000 worth of new movies to improve our collection. Our DVD usage increased dramatically with these purchases. We have connected better with teenagers because of our increased spending on DVDs. A teenager told me that she was very excited that we are now carrying Anime movies. We are always trying to reach teenagers, and these individual encounters build a critical bridge toward reaching out to young people. Thank you for the funding.
Mount Vernon	\$ 1,741.52	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs; Other	We hired a library assistant in June with this money and due to the increase in attendance we extended her hours to accommodate additional programs. Because of our outreach program to schools and additional programs, we ran out of library cards very quickly. With the money from the state we were able to buy in bulk for more than we had budgeted to get a discounted price and more cards. Legos were purchased to start an after school Lego club at the library. We also joined with the college for a bookmaking workshop using this money. The library worked with the community and the college to digitize our local newspaper from the 1890's to present day. There is now a link on the library's web page.
Moville	NE		
Murray	NE		
Muscatine	\$ 3,965.48	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for a Baker and Taylor juvenile book lease, new copies of older microfilm of the Muscatine Journal, a Zinio e-magazine subscription , an AWE Afterschool Edge Computer, 10 banners for our website to promote new products like Freegal and Zinio, as well as library events. Direct State Aid funds made it possible for us to have multiple copies of the most desired books during our Summer Library Program. We heard numerous squeals when children and teens found the hottest new book on the shelf ready to check out. Further, Direct State Aid funds allowed us to add a new e-

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			format, Zinio e-magazines. We've had substantial positive feedback from the community about Zinio. The additional web page banners have helped us to publicize new materials and programs, bringing our news to people who might not have seen other advertising. The genealogical society was thrilled when we purchased new copies of the oldest microfilm of our local paper and they have spread the news to the point that our microfilm machines are fuller than ever. These purchases ensure our community that we are doing the best we can to keep up with new formats, technology and materials and they respond by continuing to patronize us. Musser is located next to a homeless shelter and occasionally there are children living there with their moms. This summer we had a 10-year-old girl staying at the shelter and she spent most of her time in the library. Our children's librarian showed the young girl the AWE Afterschool Computer, purchased with Direct State Aid, and since then she has spent hours each day playing AWE's educational games. I'm not sure she realizes how much she is learning but I do know her teacher will notice how much she has progressed over the summer. Best of all, she is associating the library with learning and fun.
Nashua	\$ 1,235.23	Materials and Supplies	With Direct State Aid monies, we bought 2013-14 Iowa Children's Choice Award Books, 2013-14 Iowa Teen Award Books, 2013-14 Iowa High School Award Books and 2013-14 Iowa Goldfinch Award Books.
Nevada	\$ 2,315.76	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid was spent on many things, including adult books, a Junior Guild standing order, a people counter so we know how many people use the library, and a movie license so we can show movies at various programs. The people counter is a real eye-opener. We have found that we have almost the equivalent of our city's population using the library each month. We wanted the counter in place so we could compare the current traffic with the traffic after we finish the addition and remodeling project.
New Albin	NE		
New Hampton	\$ 1,597.14	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	With Direct State Aid, we paid our library's membership to the American Library Association which includes publications and updates on current library issues. We also purchased large print materials for book discussions, a new firewall for the library network, wireless computers, and a program fee for our Summer Library Program kickoff CREATIONS WITH A TWIST balloon show.
New Hartford	\$ 668.38	Materials and Supplies	We were able to purchase some youth fiction and young adult books to fill out missing books of popular series

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			using this money. One of our fifth graders was so excited when we got caught up on the missing Dork Diary series. I would call her when we got them and she was here in three minutes. Her mom said it was good to see her reading outside of school.
New London	\$ 882.87	Technology and Equipment	Receiving this funding helps the library keep our public computers up-to-date for the public to use. We were able to purchase three computers.
New Market	NE		
New Sharon	NE		
New Virginia	\$ 966.77	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid went towards new books, Summer Library Program prizes, new DVDs, a desk, as well as a program - Steven Parker's Fun Factory Show.
Newell	\$ 1,039.91	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was applied toward the purchase of a new computer replacing one that was 6 years old and very out of date.
Newhall	\$ 1,023.52	Personnel	This money goes for staff salaries so that we may remain open longer hours to make it easier for our patrons. Without this extra funding we would have to cut our hours.
Newton	\$ 3,836.11	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	These funds helped us purchase CD books, a subscription to EBSCOhost databases, World Book online, and Novelist k-8 online. It also helped pay for our Summer Library Program for children and teens, and a reading program for adults.
Nora Springs	\$ 1,197.75	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for automation support and photocopier costs.
North English	\$ 1,120.32	Materials and Supplies	Because of this money, we were able to supply more large print books for our patrons who require this type of special collection. We were also able to expand our selection of board books to help encourage reading at a younger level. We had a patron who was an avid reader but began having problems with her eyes due to medication she was taking. She was still able to maintain her reading because of the increase in the large print collection of books. She was very happy that we could provide those for her. We also had a special needs child who greatly appreciated the new board books that we acquired. They were easy for him to hold and enjoy and he felt great success that he could read them back to me.
North Liberty	\$ 3,233.69	Materials and Supplies	We spent the funds replacing worn out material, mostly kids' books. We also purchased some additional TV series on DVDs.

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Northwood	\$ 890.58	Materials and Supplies	This funding has made it possible to add to our large print collection which is being used more and more each year. Many of our new large print books are "on demand" and we have a hard time keeping up with the requests we receive for new books in large print. This funding has definitely helped with meeting those requests.
Norwalk	\$ 2,508.12	Materials and Supplies	We used the entire Direct State Aid money towards our Summer Library Program in 2013. We completed another record breaking attendance in which we had challenges with prizes, and sponsored many programs for everyone birth through adult. We had over 1,100 babies, kids and teens participate in our summer program, and nearly 300 adults also participated.
Norway	NE		
Oakland	\$ 1,283.92	Personnel Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for additional staff salaries needed for increased circulation during our Summer Library Program. Money was also used for program prizes. We had several new families come to the library because of the Summer Library Program. One mother told me that the school suggested her daughter read over the summer. The daughter did not want to until she saw our prizes.
Ocheyedan	NE		
Odebolt	\$ 1,108.34	Personnel	Salaries for those working morning hours are paid for by Direct State Aid. Being open in the morning enables the preschool class to come to the library for story time. They are read to and then allowed to check out one book.
Oelwein	\$ 806.55	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	This money was used for a subscription to the EBSCOhost database and to help pay for eight new computers. The EBSCOhost database allows our patrons to look up back issues of magazines we purchase as well as magazines we do not have in-house. The platform is easily accessible online from home through our library website. A patron wanted to read recommendations for purchasing a new mattress. We were able to find a current review on mattresses in the <i>Consumer Reports</i> magazine available full text through EBSCOHost.
Ogden	NE		
Olin	\$ 1,041.55	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid helped us upgrade our Easy Reading books for our school early-out program and our Summer Library Program. We also bought books for our young adult and junior reading sections. We added a new computer to our library due to increase in usage. We were able to offer courses for senior adults (Computers 101). They commented on how much they had been missing by not being computer savvy all these years and how much fun they're having surfing the web. They have

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			even extended their friend base by logging into Facebook.
Onawa	\$ 1,426.08	Technology and Equipment	We purchased Digital River Education, and Office and Windows software.
Orange City	\$ 2,076.49	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to buy OneClick digital and NovelList Plus.
Orient	\$ 335.09	Personnel; Library Programs	Direct State Aid allowed us to pay the salary for someone to plan and implement our preschool story hour, and to pay for supplies such as paint, stickers, brushes, paper, paper plates, and snacks. We offer our preschool story hour for eight weeks during the summer. Preschoolers enjoy the variety of activities related to books. Everyone checks out a book each week. By the end, they are very excited to attend each week and happy to see other children.
Osage	\$ 1,730.74	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This money allowed staff to attend the Kid's First Conference - training for the children's librarian and director. We also bought large print books for our senior outreach program, and hired special entertainment for children's programs.
Osceola	\$ 1,705.62	Technology and Equipment	We used these funds to help with the expense of having a computer consultant assist at the library as needed during the year.
Oskaloosa	\$ 3,105.63	Materials and Supplies	The Direct State Aid funds were used to supplement the library's budget for materials including popular fiction and nonfiction titles, DVDs and audio books. A portion of this funding also helped support the purchase of licensing for Ancestry Library Edition databases. This helps aid the library in sufficiently acquiring the materials the members of the community and library patrons request.
Ossian	\$ 1,090.05	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This money helped pay staff for extra hours during the Summer Library Program and for board books for toddlers. During the Summer Library Program, each toddler received a board book to read each week and kept it at the end of the program. We also purchased t-shirts for volunteers for the Summer Library Program so they were easy to identify. Money was also used for presenters and supplies for a cooking program for the teen Summer Library Program.
Ottumwa	\$ 3,517.66	Materials and Supplies	We spent Direct State Aid on our WILBOR (downloadable books) subscription, and a large portion of our Zinio (downloadable magazines) fee.
Oxford	\$ 379.33	Materials and Supplies	Every year we use Direct State Aid to get a new batch of books before the children's Summer Library Program. This lets us have a new selection of bright and shiny books for the kids who are the most likely to get turned off by old or ratty looking titles. It's one of the reasons we have a very good selection of kids books. I was able to get some

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			<p>machinery books for the children's non-fiction section books about tractors, helicopters, trucks, and the like. A little boy came in during the summer program, obviously reluctant and only there because his mother made him, and said he wanted an equipment book. He left very happy with a book about tractors, another one about helicopters, and a promise to be back.</p>
Oxford Junction	\$ 1,008.02	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used for new books, DVDs, library programs and supplies.
Palmer	\$ 345.19	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	With these funds we were able to extend Wednesday hours to 6 p.m. to allow patrons more access to the library. People can come into the library on their way home from work to get books, use the computer, or check out a movie. The money also helps purchase new books.
Panora	\$ 1,158.55	Technology and Equipment	We were able to purchase an all-in-one computer with this money so the public can continue to have Internet access.
Parkersburg	\$ 1,171.61	Technology and Equipment	Our computers are all HP computers and getting pretty old. We not only wanted to upgrade our technology with these funds, we also wanted to work more closely with the students at the Aplington-Parkersburg Community School District. We purchased two Apple computers. Since we have a close relationship with the school, we are now giving the students the opportunity to access their school account from the library.
Paton	\$ 932.02	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid allowed the director to attend some classes by paying for mileage. Most of the money was spent on books and new DVDs. We do not have much money for new books, so when I find some on sale I pick them up at Half Price stores, Amazon, etc.
Paullina	\$ 1,059.00	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs; Other	Our WILBOR consortium (downloadable books) subscription was paid for with these funds, as well as a new public use computer. We also had a magician for the Summer Library Program, and paid for a public performance movie license. The children of the community have enjoyed watching movies here free and we will be offering movie showings for the older generation as well. One person has related his gratitude to the library for the availability of the e-books from WILBOR (downloadable books). This person has been homebound for several months and being an avid reader has made use of our WILBOR subscription. We offer homebound delivery, but our patron has really enjoyed reading e-books, which we would not be able to offer

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			without this funding. Thank you!
Pella	\$ 2,866.73	Technology and Equipment	These funds help pay part of the installment payment on the server we share with Central College.
Perry	\$ 2,237.33	Technology and Equipment	We replace four computers in our library each year using Direct State Aid. We are on a five-year retirement schedule to keep our computers current and under warranty. Many patrons come into our library to use the computers. Their needs are so different from each other. Some examples: the grandfather that came in to download his grandson's wrestling pictures from the state wrestling tournament, to those that have Internet at home but it is not working, to our regulars (as we call them) that cannot afford Internet at home that come daily to check their e-mail, Facebook, or, maybe, download a coupon before going to Chuck E. Cheese.
Peterson	\$ 642.55	Personnel; Library Programs	Direct State Aid helps pay the staff salaries, supplies and incentives for the Summer Library Program.
Plainfield	\$ 1,023.73	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Being a small, rural library our funding is limited. This money enables us to provide our kids with "kickoff" materials to start the Summer Library Program and to promote the library by having our name, address, phone number and hours on the materials. We also used this money to get customized bookmarks and book bags to distribute to each Summer Library Program participant, as well as having them available to all patrons at the circulation desk.
Pleasant Hill	\$ 2,547.37	Materials and Supplies	This money was spent to purchase additional books on CD which are among the most frequently circulated materials. The additional items improve the selection and quantity of the CDs.
Pleasantville	NE		
Plover	\$ 336.09	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used for new children's DVDs, books for ages 3-6, and the children's Summer Library Program, including rewards and incentives. The program brought more children and families into the library. They are attracted by the new materials available for checkout. Many young families with children do not have the money to buy books.
Pocahontas	\$ 1,211.66	Materials and Supplies	We used this funding to help us expand our large print books because as demographics change we are seeing more demand for this genre. This funding helped increase the number of patrons who visited the library and brought in new patrons due to the fact that we could offer newer reading material and many titles and bestsellers that we could not offer before in this genre. Because of the added titles, we had a patron who wanted

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			to read thrillers and murder mysteries and we did not carry a lot of these in large print so they were always struggling to find a title that would interest him. We purchased more large print books in this genre.
Polk City	\$ 1,482.63	Personnel	With this money, we hired a technology support person and all of our computers are well maintained.
Pomeroy	\$ 763.82	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	These funds paid for 12 new Spanish books, nine books on CD, and two new Dell computers for the library director and the circulation desk. We recently upgraded our circulation system and now our staff and our patrons can access books online from other libraries in our county on their personal computers. They can see if a book is available in our library or check area towns' libraries from the comfort of their homes. The computers we currently had were several years old and not able to run the appropriate programs necessary to take advantage of all the extras the new circulation program offers. Last spring we deleted our books on cassette section and are in the process of building a new one with books on CD. The ones we purchased were gently used, but added some often requested authors at great prices. We were also able to purchase several books written in Spanish for children, as we have a growing population of Spanish speaking families moving to our town. Our library had only two books written in Spanish at the time and we wanted to be able to offer them a better selection. The cool part is that most of the children speak English as well as some of the parents, but mostly the kids are teaching their parents to speak English. One English-speaking family wants to teach their children Spanish while they are young, and they were very excited to use the books. Most of the families have started using the library more and come with their children to special activities.
Postville	\$ 1,357.60	Capital Improvements	With this money we replaced the existing lights with a new high efficient ballast and bulbs. The library is brighter and hopefully we will see a decrease in the electric bill. This money helped pay for about half of the bill after the rebate from Alliant Energy.
Prairie City	\$ 768.42	Personnel; Library Programs	This money helped pay for extra staffing during the Summer Library Program and for other special library events. These funds also helped offset the cost of returning sets of books for our book clubs.
Prescott	NE		
Preston	\$ 1,101.92	Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we purchased a computer, monitor and needed programs to replace one that was at the end of its capabilities. It speeded up the process for the patrons and freed the librarian to do other work rather

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			than constantly limping the old computer along.
Primghar	\$ 1,034.60	Materials and Supplies	We used this money for adult and children's books. We would not be able to provide the quality of materials without this funding.
Quimby	\$ 652.39	Materials and Supplies	Books, large print books, children's books, magazine subscriptions and newspaper subscriptions were paid for with this money. We have several patrons who can read only large print books. Our collection means the world to these readers. The local newspaper and magazines which we offer are also very popular with our patrons.
Radcliffe	\$ 1,039.38	Capital Improvements	Last year the library installed an exterior glass door with electric opener, and this year with Direct State Aid the second interior door was replaced by a glass door that opens with the outside door. The city of Radcliffe has many elderly residents and struggling with the doors is no longer a problem. The library is fortunate to have more than 40 homeschoolers utilize the facility, with several families having over eight children. Coming through two doors with strollers and toddlers was very difficult. One mother with six children ages 13 to one has MS and is very appreciative to be able to get through the doors with very little difficulty. This improvement has helped her be self-sufficient in coming and going for her children's materials. She has written us a personal thank you for the entrance upgrade.
Rake	\$ 702.57	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements; Other	Direct State Aid paid for new books and painting the interior of the library. We also had new shelves built.
Randolph	NE		
Readlyn	\$ 1,124.37	Capital Improvements; Furniture; Other	This money paid for a new door-mounted people counter. Ours broke this fiscal year and we had to start counting people with a hand counter. We also bought four egg-shaped chairs with pull-down "nook" tents from IKEA. They are bright and colorful, and attract all the children who walk into the library. We also bought a popcorn machine for programs and kids movie nights, a Keurig machine and supplies. Without this funding we would have not been able to purchase a few of the "extras" that have been so nice for the patrons to enjoy! Having the popcorn machine during library programs is a very fun experience. The kids LOVE it. More adults feel they can make a cup of coffee and sit longer to enjoy it. We placed the Keurig by the magazines and newspapers, and put out a donation cup to help pay for supplies. It is now self-sustaining, and has been a great addition to our

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			adult area. The kids LOVE their new chairs. The daycare kids come in all at once and take turns playing in them. My favorite part about these chairs is watching the kids who want to get away from the noise of the children's section. They take a book, sit in the chair, put the tent down, and find a special quiet place that's all their own. It has specifically helped with a few of the ADHD and autistic children in our community. Thanks so much for this opportunity!
Red Oak	\$ 1,917.97	Materials and Supplies	We purchased new books. We are seeing an increase in the use of our materials and facility. It is nice to offer more of a variety of materials for our patrons. We are able to do more programming with the addition of these wonderful titles. We have several readers who need special materials. We are seeing a lot of smiles as we are able to buy more of a series or genre for these customers.
Redfield	\$ 747.26	Furniture; Library Programs	The funds paid for an outside bench for patio reading programs, Suzy Q and Pink Stew entertainment programs, and prizes from Upstart.
Reinbeck	\$ 1,290.94	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We purchased Microsoft Works upgrades for patron and staff computers. The money was also used for our Summer Library Program presentations. Upgrading the software helps us to stay up-to-date on our patrons' needs. Entertainment for the summer program for children included a magician, a storyteller/musician and a live bat demonstration. The magician encouraged kids to use the library and to practice reading. Following the show, there was a line up of children checking out materials. We have a variety of books on magic tricks and each one was checked out. Some of the kids did not realize we have a lot of non-fiction as well as storybooks.
Rembrandt	\$ 640.39	Personnel	Saturday hours for staff was paid for with Direct State Aid. The patrons appreciate that we are able to be open on Saturday since that works best for them to come to the library. Children can use the Internet and do homework on Saturdays. We are very thankful for the funding so we can be open the hours our patrons want.
Remsen	NE		
Renwick	\$ 966.03	Library Programs	We used these funds for a puppet show for the Summer Library Program and for prizes for reading. We also use some of the money for our monthly coffees. We get to offer more programs at the library and that brings in both adults and young children. We have a family in town that does not have much money and these programs provide some fun times for their children.
Riceville	\$ 1,134.26	Materials and Supplies;	The library is always in need of new books, and Direct State Aid helps pay for them. I am currently working on

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		Library Programs	updating our youth (easy) books as those have become old but still well loved. I am still working on adding books to our young adult section and we have seen circulation rise with that effort. The money also goes towards our Summer Library Program's crafts and games. The money was also spent towards our school early-out movies with bean bags, movies and snacks. We are a small town and it is vital to offer programs for both our youth and adults. We do not have a movie theater in our town which means our early-out school day movies are extra important and are a treat that brings the children into the library. Because of the programs that we offer our patrons, our community has become very familiar with the library and are willing to stop in and ask questions when the need arises. This also means they usually leave with a book.
Richland	\$ 963.74	Materials and Supplies	Richland is a small library with a small budget for our collection development. This money helps us keep up with new books and movies that our patrons want.
Ringsted	\$ 629.35	Capital Improvements	Combined with other money, Direct State Aid went for new carpet.
Rippey	NE		
Rock Rapids	\$ 974.87	Technology and Equipment	We used all these funds for an AWE Early Literacy Station for young people.
Rock Valley	NE		
Rockford	\$ 1,090.76	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Capital Improvements	This year we spent the money on more patron cards. These have the barcode already printed on them and personalized with our library name. We used part of this money to pay our annual subscription to Biblionix which provides our Integrated Library Service. Money was spent to update our subscription with Deep Freeze, protection for the public computers to keep them working and free of bugs. This year we were informed that our flag pole needed to be lit up at night. We used this money to purchase a solar powered light. The majority of our Direct State Aid money was spent on technology related products. Many people that live in our area are low income and cannot afford to have a computer with Internet in their homes. We have an unemployed person who comes to the library on a regular basis to look for employment. Being able to use a local resource (in place of having to drive to a larger city) allows this person to save money on gas.
Rockwell	\$ 1,128.14	Technology and Equipment; Furniture	We used Direct State Aid to buy a new computer for patrons to use. We also bought two new office chairs for staff. The new computer is much faster and more reliable. The office chairs were badly needed for the staff

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			– they were more than 15 years old.
Rockwell City	\$ 1,333.94	Materials and Supplies	This year we used our Direct State Aid money to purchase new books for our children's section. We wanted to update our chapter books and our children's non-fiction books to make them more appealing to our patrons. The kids noticed the new additions right away and were very excited to check them out. One child was so excited that he left and brought back two of his friends to see the new books!
Roland	\$ 1,190.96	Materials and Supplies	These funds allowed us to add new DVDs - especially television series - which are popular with patrons. We also used funding for WILBOR fees (ebooks and downloadable audio books).
Rolfe	\$ 685.78	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	This amount was spent for extra staff hours to enable the director and assistant librarian to focus on long-overdue weeding of books. Money also went for a subscription to a teen magazine, a children's magazine, and a preschool magazine. Money was spent on large print books, supplies for the Summer Library Program, and a Nook and a Kindle to enable the librarians to become familiar with them so they can help patrons who have questions about how to use the devices when they get one.
Rowan	\$ 980.50	Technology and Equipment	We were able to replace a computer with these funds.
Royal	NE		
Rudd	\$ 704.60	Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Library Programs	Because of this funding we are able to offer more selections and programs to our public, including new books, DVDs and shelving for them, and prizes and crafts for programs.
Runnells	\$ 304.65	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We do not have a very big book budget. Audio books are very expensive so I would usually not buy very many, but with the help of Direct State Aid, I can buy more. We buy prizes for our Summer Library Program with this funding and also craft supplies. Our reading program would be unimpressive without Direct State Aid. I have kids come in for the summer program who are so excited to get their prizes that they read way more than they usually do. Hopefully, we are instilling a lifelong love of reading.
Ruthven	\$ 1,041.47	Materials and Supplies; Other	Because of this money, we were able to purchase books for all ages of children to support the Summer Library Program. We also purchased new flannel board stories. We paid to have four years of our local newspaper that had been previously digitized transferred to another site with the Advantage Companies of Cedar Rapids. We also paid for two years of public performance rights through Motion Picture Licensing.

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Sabula	\$ 680.75	Materials and Supplies; Other	The money was spent on new DVDs, postage for overdue notices and book discussion sets for our book group.
Sac City	\$ 1,308.65	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We used a portion of Direct State Aid to pay for our WILBOR (downloadable books) subscription to provide e-book service to our patrons. The remaining was used toward our FY13 subscription for EBSCOhost databases. We used money to pay our yearly maintenance fee for the library online catalog, Atrium, and the fee for our MARC record service, EZcat. Without this crucial funding, the Sac City library would not be able to provide necessary databases to the patrons in our area including our online catalog, EBSCOhost and WILBOR. With Direct State Aid funds, rural residents are able to access services that are typically only found in urban areas. We appreciate this funding greatly and believe that it helps to level the playing field for rural lowans to access information. We receive regular feedback from our patrons and visitors alike who repeatedly tell us that the library is amazing for the size community we live in. They compare us with like-sized communities in other states and say that without a doubt, Iowa libraries are some of the best. Without the services provided by Iowa Library Services and the funding coming through Direct State Aid, these services that make us stand out would not be possible.
Salem	\$ 964.07	Materials and Supplies	This money helped us buy new books, DVDs, Summer Library Program supplies and fall program supplies.
Sanborn	\$ 1,116.75	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Our library used Direct State Aid to purchase a WILBOR downloadable book subscription fee. We also digitized our newspapers and they are now online. Many people from across the country have called about genealogy and now we can tell them that they can go to our website and look it up for themselves. They really like that.
Schaller	\$ 749.03	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Other	This money was used for my continuing education training, travel to county librarian meetings, and for working extra hours during the Summer Library Program and story time. It also helped pay for our WILBOR (downloadable books) renewal fee. We also developed a website so I could put information out there about Learning Express. We started a travel talk here in February when everyone is bored or snowbound, and we needed a projector to display the presenters' pictures and was able to get a used one from the school for \$50.00. The travel talks were the hit of the winter and folks definitely want more. We had military personnel describe and show pictures of their overseas assignments and I think the citizens got a good idea what they go through.

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			Even had veterans from the Viet Nam and Kosovo conflicts. WILBOR has been a big hit for the patrons; they love that they can do it all from home and not have to drive in. Thank you!
Schleswig	NE		
Scranton	\$ 989.58	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We purchased a computer for our adults to use with this money. We purchased a printer to make colored copies. We hired a computer repair company to check all of our computers for viruses and to update them. We also added memory to the circulation desk computer and the office computer. We purchased prize items for the Summer Library Program. The younger children who complete the entire course are happy to be on the receiving end of a prize. It is a great incentive, especially for the K-5 age group.
Sergeant Bluff	NE		
Seymour	NE		
Sheffield	\$ 1,256.16	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid helped pay for our Beacon (interlibrary loan) TLC fee, the NEIBORs (downloadable books) fee, and some basic computer needs. I always like to put this money towards the Summer Library Program. It is so nice to receive this funding since we are a small library with a smaller budget and its difficult to fund things like the Summer Library Program. This allows us to fund special guests and offer some nicer prizes as an incentive for the children to read throughout the summer. We run many craft events, so supplies for those programs need to be bought. Without a doubt, we utilize this funding to make our Summer Library Program a success that involves most of the families in our small community. This year was such a success because we tried things we hadn't done in the past. A field trip, a city-wide scavenger hunt, and a program involving our city guys who do most of the work around here. We had a multitude of businesses involved in the scavenger hunt, the kids learned new respect for the guys who take care of the streets, plow the snow, and keep them safe. We also had volunteers who went with us to the Rockford Quarry to dig for fossil treasures. One young lady was our top reader. She read 76 hours this summer. Her family has hit some rocky waters. Life has been tough at home for her, so I really think that being able to push into her reading and find some healthy outlets to all that was going on at home helped her. She won our top prize and has something to feel positive about.
Sheldon	\$ 1,744.75	Furniture	We are in the process of refinishing the tables in the main library using these funds. Since they are more than 40

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			<p>years old, the wood legs and edges were looking rather battered, but the laminate tops were the main problem. The edges were curling up. We have an older gentleman who comes to the library almost every day. He never checks anything out, and he rarely speaks. We know that he lives alone in an apartment downtown and he does not have any family nearby. He spends long afternoons looking at books, usually non-fiction, ranging from World War II through antique tractors. One of the few comments he made was "I like the new table tops. It's nice that they don't curl up." In a very small way, we made a difference in this person's life by providing a better place to look at books, but also, he shared a comment with us and that made us feel good.</p>
Shell Rock	\$ 1,107.80	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	<p>With Direct State Aid, I was able to expand our selection of adult books on CDs. There has been a 20 percent increase in their use. A lot of people commute and listen to them in their cars. It was nice to be able to give them more choices. The library purchased a new computer that we use for cataloging. The old computer was slow and would freeze up a lot. With the new computer, cataloging and other work on the computer is faster so that allows more time for us to spend on all the other duties that are required every day. When the children come into the library, they run over to where the audio books are shelved. It is very important to get the little children interested in coming to the library and reading. If that is what gets them interested in books, that is a good thing. I also purchased books with sound effects that the kids just love. I think that having children come in and use our library is a wonderful opportunity for them. I can certainly see the growth of our story hour children over a year's time as they become more comfortable with the library. It is such an important part of their development.</p>
Shellsburg	\$ 1,063.82	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Capital Improvements	<p>This money was used to buy new non-fiction books for children and a computer for the director. The old one was moved to the patron area. Computer access is in high demand. Patrons need to apply for jobs, take tests for school, do homework etc. We also got new lighting for the entire library. Updating our children's non-fiction section brought in homeschooling parents. This funding has made a big difference in my own life. Our library was in sore need of an update, both in looks and materials. I acquired this job very unexpectedly and am so proud of working to make it the best place in town for our children and adults. Our patronage has increased 260 percent from a year ago. Receiving this funding made most of this</p>

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			possible. We have a very poor population and a small town budget. The library is the only place for kids to go.
Shenandoah	\$ 1,762.49	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We used these funds to purchase new book bags. We also purchased archival quality blank DVDs and cases for our preservation project . We're putting the Southwest Iowa Theater Group's VHS tapes on them. We also purchased a VHS converter and we re-subscribed to ProQuest's genealogy databases. We are trying to keep our community's history preserved--from our "Memories of the '30s" several years ago to extending the longevity and access to the theater group's productions. Ancestry and Heritage Quest are requested by our patrons so they can preserve their own histories. We also intend to make the converter available to the public so they can convert their own VHS tapes.
Sibley	\$ 1,377.15	Personnel; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Part of the Direct State Aid funds went to pay for a staff person to attend the Iowa Library Association Conference. The money also went towards the repair of the microfilm reader/printer, and marketing/advertising for adult programming. Since we do not have our newspapers digitized yet, we had to have a repair person come from Omaha to fix our microfilm reader/printer. Also, after working on Planning for Results several years ago, one of our goals was to increase adult programming. However, that doesn't come without cost and we had to spend \$550 on marketing and advertising to promote our programs.
Sidney	\$ 1,074.47	Other	The Sidney Public Library and Sidney school district partnered to purchase an LED message center. It will be erected this month on library ground. Direct State Aid helped with the costs involved.
Sigourney	\$ 1,171.52	Materials and Supplies	The Direct State Aid money was spent by the previous director to enhance our adult, young adult and children's collections. These additional funds will help us build a better collection for the populations we serve. Upon adding the new titles to our collection, our statistics saw drastic changes. More titles for patrons to choose from makes them want to keep coming back. In a small town, word of mouth about positive changes impacts everybody. Last year, our town, in an effort to cure their eight years of misspending, decided to cut the library's budget by nearly \$25,000. So to say that the last year has been challenging would be a gross understatement. This "story" may seem sad, but I implore you to read on. Immediately we had to stop buying some of our patrons favorite authors and a lot of the new books that are hitting shelves elsewhere. It made our statistics drop almost overnight. Thanks to some of our faithful patrons,

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			a lot of anonymous donations and the money we received from Direct State Aid, we were able to make it through this last fiscal year. So this sad story ends up with a happy ending. And to say that we are grateful for all the money received from Direct State Aid would also be a gross understatement. Small town libraries are the heart and soul of this country.
Silver City	\$ 342.43	Technology and Equipment	Our Internet access is \$60 per month, so this money covered nearly half a year of connectivity. Our library has seen growth of usage by members of our community, as well as surrounding areas. Our computer access is used by students, both youth and adult, and by job-seekers. We plan to increase the number and quality of our computers to address growing computer usage. Children in our community use our computers for general learning. Our "question of the day" gets each kid involved in seeing how easy it is to get an answer to something he or she doesn't already know.
Sioux Center	\$ 2,249.75	Materials and Supplies	The platform fee and a startup library of e-books is what our full amount of Direct State Aid went towards. We will then continue our monthly ordering of e-books to add to the library. Our patrons have been thrilled to have one more option for e-books. We have also purchased a lot of books for children, juniors and teens. We have a dear elderly patron that had to begin using an e-reader because large print wasn't enough anymore. Now, we see her checking out e-books of all genres on her e-reader and she is so excited to see what we have to offer.
Sioux City	\$14,552.15	Technology and Equipment; Furniture	With Direct State Aid, Sioux City Public Library enhanced its ability to create, protect and maintain new electronic services for patrons by increasing the storage capacity of the server that provides most of the library's electronic services in and outside of the building. We also purchased flexible media shelving for our Morningside Branch Library to make collections easier for patrons to browse. This shelving was used to leverage a complete rearrangement of the Morningside Branch including new tables, chairs, and reading couch. The Library is now able to quickly add and evaluate new electronic services as needed without having to purchase new computers. Improved wireless at our Morningside Branch Library provides students the opportunity to do homework and the library the opportunity to present TechTalks in the Garretson Community Room. A student, without money in his pocket, needed and found some information for an assignment that he could not pay to print out. With these upgrades staff helped him to e-mail from a public catalog computer so he could get the items for his assignment

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			when he went home.
Sioux Rapids	\$ 703.68	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We used the largest share of this money to purchase books and program supplies to replace old, worn out books in our children's and adult sections. Some was spent on DVDs. We also spent this on our children's programming, the Summer Library Program and entertainers, and for books to give the children as incentives. I have many more children and their families coming in to read and check out books. The children have been so pleased with the programs we are offering this year - and the free books. Some of them have never had a new book; the looks on their faces were priceless. Even after 17 years, the children still are the ones that warm your heart. And their parents are so pleased.
Slater	\$ 1,101.53	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This money went towards the purchase of award-winning books for youth and teens, including the Iowa Children's Choice, Iowa Teen Award, national awards, and Battle of the Books for 5th and 6th graders for the upcoming school year. We also purchased Summer Library Program supplies including posters, bookmarks, reading incentives, awards, etc. Our Summer Library Program was the most successful ever this year and it is due in large part to the funding we received from the state. Kids are excited about reading and we are able to offer them quality books to enrich their minds while growing academically over the summer. Some are reluctant readers who spend a good deal of time reading in order to earn prizes. They enjoy what they are reading. One family in particular has five children and they have set aside time every day for the children to read. They have not been active library users in the past, but have already read over 1,000 minutes each in under four weeks.
Sloan	\$ 726.65	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Computer classes were offered by our IT gal on Monday afternoons and after school, and her salary was paid for with Direct State Aid. Many of the classes included basic computing (cut, copy, and paste), an introduction to the Internet, advanced Internet, and how to keep your computer running smoothly. We also used this money to set up our new e-book system. Our patrons have been using this since January 2013 and seem to be enjoying it very much. We purchased a Kindle Fire for library use and in-house patron use. This funding made a great impact on those taking the computer classes. They learned so much and were so appreciative of being able to have their questions answered about anything techie.
Solon	\$ 2,217.48	Technology and Equipment	We used our state funds to help upgrade our new circulation system. This is a large expense that tends to be a challenge to save or set aside money for.

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South English	\$ 309.06	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to purchase new books and DVDs. We have a higher circulation rate. We are able to provide entertainment to our community which is basically low-income and for the most part unable to afford cable TV and movies.
Spencer	\$ 2,843.75	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Large print books, reading journals for our patrons, computers for public use, headphones, and computer games to checkout were all paid for with Direct State Aid. Large print is very popular with our homebound patrons. They often call to let us know how much they appreciate the large print books. The updated computers for the public also will aid in providing faster, more efficient service for patrons' job searches and other online business that they conduct at the library. Both of these areas enable us to provide more comprehensive service to our patrons. A patron stopped in and asked if we had public computers available. She had just moved to Spencer, and needed to contact her realtor concerning the sale of her home and look for an apartment. She used our service, asked for our help printing some items, and then applied for a library card. She quickly became a regular, stopping in to check her e-mail and keep up with her family. She often left with movies and books as well as using our computers. She mentioned how nice it was that we had computers for public use, and how welcoming the staff made her feel. She commented that we were her first experience in Spencer and how she knew she would like living her because of us.
Spillville	\$ 977.45	Technology and Equipment	We have finally replaced our original two Gates computers with these funds. They have been good workhorses but it was time to let them go. We have two new HP computers that we will be using for the next few years. Patrons are so excited about being able to use them. We would not have been able to purchase two computers without the help of Direct State Aid.
Spirit Lake	\$ 1,789.70	Personnel	During our Summer Library Program we hire two staffers using Direct State Aid.
Springville	\$ 1,191.88	Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we purchased six new computers. We had several computers that had been in the building since we moved in seven years ago and it was time to update them. We are now the place to go for computer needs. The new computers have helped several people with resumes. One patron was so happy: As a result of her many hard-working hours filing applications at the library, she finally got a job! She was so thankful for the library computers.

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St. Ansgar	\$ 1,248.80	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid helped us to purchase books in the children's section for the Summer Library Program. We finally replaced our Gates computers. Having computers that run more efficiently has helped us in serving the public much better. We proctor tests for college students, provide online classes, and have unemployment registration and job hunting resources. Not everyone can afford a computer or, even if they do, they cannot afford high speed Internet. Thank you so much for your funding. The all-in-one computer we purchased lets a college student visit with family through Skype.
St. Charles	\$ 425.54	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Some of Direct State Aid was spent towards training that we needed. The remaining was spent on such things as ink, paper, books and bathroom supplies.
Stacyville	\$ 1,096.79	Technology and Equipment	We used this money to help pay for a new laptop for our assistant director to use when processing materials, preparing promotional fliers and updating our social media sites.
Stanhope	\$ 960.58	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	These funds helped us in numerous ways. We purchased new books, audio books, Internet security, computer maintenance, the Summer Library Program and holiday programs. The support and funding we receive is instrumental in continuing our commitment to provide quality programs and life-long learning for our entire community.
Stanton	\$ 983.77	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	To continue the extended library hours, we use part of this money to pay staff salaries. It also goes towards the Summer Library Program supplies, and printer and fax machine repair.
Stanwood	\$ 986.89	Personnel; Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we were able to maintain one paid substitute librarian to cover the library when the director needed time off. We received two new desktop computers through a local grant. With Direct State Aid money we were able to purchase additional programs for the computers, such as Smart Shield to protect the hard drives, and Microsoft Office.
State Center	\$ 766.24	Materials and Supplies	The Gutekunst Public Library used Direct State Aid to enhance our children's book collection, purchase new sets of beginning readers and classics like Eric Carl, Dr. Suess and Louis Ehlert.
Steamboat Rock	\$ 678.32	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We added books to the children's department and updated adult non-fiction titles with this money. We also replaced an old computer.

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Storm Lake	\$ 2,783.17	Materials and Supplies	This year, our state money assisted us in purchasing two database packages for patron use.
Story City	\$ 1,492.89	Technology and Equipment	During this fiscal year, we had planned to upgrade our staff computers, which were over six years old and still running Windows XP. We had budgeted for this, however, due to an electrical issue in our lighting, which messed up the harmonics in our building, we would not have been able to that without Direct State Aid. Our library computers are more important than ever, since the Workforce Development offices have closed throughout many of our communities. We tried working with the IWD access point computers, but they proved to be unreliable and difficult, so we have many people using our public computers to create resumes, search for jobs, and handle unemployment claims. One example is a 58-year-old man who was not computer literate, but had several college degrees. His job ended, and he came in faithfully day after day, apologizing for the assistance he needed to establish e-mail, learn how to use the mouse and keyboard, and log into the various websites where he wanted to apply. He was diligent; we were patient. Within two months he not only could log into his sites by himself, he attained a job that was perfect for him. He was very, very happy for our help, and with the access to equipment he had never used before -- our public computers. During the past year, I estimate we have assisted hundreds of people who are not computer literate, but now are required to use the computers to file information. Maintaining our equipment and tools are essential, but very expensive. Even though we budget for a certain amount of improvements, it is never quite enough. We are grateful for funding through Direct State Aid to help us when we have unexpected needs!
Stratford	\$ 1,042.30	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Furniture	We joined the NEIBORS (downloadable books) program this year, and used Direct State Aid. After NEIBORS and new chairs, the remainder of our funds were spent towards new keyboards and mice for the public access computers. Old keyboards and mice were wireless and were costing a fortune in batteries. We decided to replace them with wired ones. We have been keeping a list for a few years of patrons interested in e-books. The patrons in our community have been very appreciative of having this option. I have heard many good reports of people not having to lug two or three books on vacation. Also, we have had some people come in and get a library card specifically for borrowing e-books.
Strawberry	\$ 1,168.09	Technology and	We purchased three new computers and one monitor

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Point		Equipment	with Direct State Aid. This improves our library and community by having newer and faster equipment. It makes the library look more up to date and efficient. By providing new computers we were able to move and program a computer just for the children's area. We have a younger gentleman that moved here from another state. He came to the library to check out a book to help him study for his GED. I assisted him with a new computer and explained the Learning Express program and helped him to get started studying. He has also done resumes and now has found a job in town. He said this is a starter job and has high hopes of continuing his education to find a better one.
Stuart	\$ 1,242.72	Personnel	Direct State Aid paid the salaries for staff working during our Summer Library Program and to extend hours we are open from 28 to 31 hours per week. We are a commuter community and we have always closed at 5 p.m. -- way too early for commuters to get home and then come to the library. We are now open until 7 p.m. four evenings a week. The Summer Library Program is very important. We have a young boy who had a hard time reading in second grade. In fact, he was almost two reading levels below his peers. His mother enrolled him in the summer program last year and practically had to drag him to our programs; she forced him to read at home. The boy discovered a series of books he liked and his mother reported that he's been reading voluntarily since then. In third grade, he was reading at his grade level.
Sully	\$ 1,209.59	Technology and Equipment	We upgraded our computer software and it was really nice to be able to afford to have a consultant come help with the upgrade. Our budget paid for the software upgrade, but we wouldn't have been able to have a consultant come in without this funding. The money also helps us pay postage so we can participate in the interlibrary loan program.
Sumner	\$ 1,361.36	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for new large print and children's books to aid in teaching children about the library and book care. It also went towards a computer and a Blank Park Zoo program, a Conservation Corps Camps program, and a magic class. We were able to provide additional programs to our community that were both educational and entertaining. We could not have done any of this without the funding. Quote from our "What did you accomplish today?" questionnaires located by the computer: "I am not able to afford the Internet, so I come to the library for that service. I was able to do an exam and test in one of my college classes. I also got on the Internet to sell my books that I no longer use. Thank

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			you.”
Sutherland	\$ 991.45	Materials and Supplies	We used the money to purchase fiction and large print books, magazines, and DVDs. Our visually impaired patrons really appreciate the large print books. We have an older patron who walks to the library when she can to borrow large print westerns for her husband. During cold weather I often deliver books to her as she doesn't drive and he no longer can.
Swaledale	\$ 925.88	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for new books, DVDs, office supplies and our Summer Library Program incentives and t-shirts. Library service in my community has improved greatly as a result of this funding. Studies show that when children are interested, they read more. So being able to purchase some nice incentives and t-shirts was a thrill for myself and my summer reading kids. Also, without this funding I wouldn't have been able to purchase the books, DVDs, and office supplies that I did. I'd hate to have to tell my patrons that they can't print out a page for homework because I'm out of paper or ink. I have a very reluctant reader who enjoys our Summer Library Program but gets embarrassed about his low reading levels. This year, I was able to purchase a grand prize for his age group. Entries are earned by attending programs and for every 10 books read, regardless of level. He is reading! He knows he will have just as good a chance at earning the prize as anyone else. So thank you SO MUCH for helping me provide this little boy with some hope!
Swea City	\$ 1,041.22	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements; Furniture	This money was used to pay for the Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference that we find to be invaluable to our library, and mileage to meetings and classes. We also bought a mix of DVDs, supplies and craft items for my weekly Toddler Time program. Our library has sections where the ballasts are completely burned out. Between this money and two grants we were able to buy almost all of the materials needed to change out our ballasts and bulbs to new energy efficient ones. I purchased a used glider rocker. Some of our older patrons were having a hard time standing when they used our couch. The two strong arms of the chair have worked perfectly! Everyday we are adding more and more to our library, and without the connections we make with our fellow librarians at conferences, change would be slow and hard to accomplish. I believe our entire community benefits from our ability to grow as directors.
Swisher	\$ 325.23	Materials and Supplies	We used the money to fund our Tumblebooks subscription and purchase books for the children's room. We had Tumblebooks for a short time, paid for by the

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			regional office. When the subscription ended, we had to drop it since we did not have room for it in our regular budget. Our patrons were upset, in particular our home daycare providers who use it extensively. With this funding were able to restore Tumblebooks and keep this service active for our patrons.
Tabor	\$ 737.27	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was used for extended hours for teen programming, and new books, audio books, and DVDs for all ages. We are able to offer more materials to our patrons who have increased by more than three times in the past year. Also we have a large teen following that was not here before. We have a student who was new to the community and withdrawn because of past personal problems. Because of the extra hours for increased teen programs, he has really come out of his shell and made new friends. He was able to go with me to an Omaha library and meet two authors. He had just read three of one of the author's books and was able to get the fourth book while we were there, have all three signed and had his picture taken with her. His mom was very concerned for his well being but is thankful he has come out of his dark shell. She contributes it to the library.
Tama	\$ 1,372.40	Technology and Equipment	We purchased one Dell computer with these funds. We applied for a Tama County Community Foundation grant for technology, but did not receive as much as we hoped. We had to use the balance of our Direct State Aid funds towards its purchase.
Terril	\$ 665.95	Capital Improvements; Furniture; Library Programs; Other	These funds went towards cement work, new upholstery to recover a chair, supplies for the Summer Library Program, Movie Licensing USA, a dehumidifier, and a fire extinguisher. Most of the money was spent on items which either beautified the library or made the library safer. Supplies for the Summer Library Program help to make the children's library experience more enjoyable. Being allowed to show movies in the library helps to enrich their minds.
Thompson	\$ 733.22	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for audio books on CDs, two Toshiba laptops for patron use, the Summer Library Program, and a Blank Park Zoo program. The patron computers were over 12 years old. They were desktops that were not always available due to frequent malfunctioning. We purchased two laptops for patrons to use in the library. There was not money budgeted in the technology line item for new computers, only repairs. Patrons are delighted with the new laptops since they have current operating systems. Also, they are able to use the laptops throughout the library rather than only the computer carrels.

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Thornton	\$ 688.97	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a new office computer for the library using this money. We are able to keep our computers current and up-to-date.
Tiffin	\$ 785.22	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	These funds paid for extra staff for programs and training for staff. We also bought new books, DVDs and program supplies. This year we had a book signing by Linda Schreiber. We worked with the city of Tiffin and author Schreiber over the past five years by gathering information on her book of local history. All the profits from the sale of the book will be donated to our library. One morning we read zoo books from our library collection and did zoo activities. Then that afternoon we had a visit from Blank Park Zoo. The biggest hit was the alligator they all got to pet. They also sponsor our reading program by giving each child a free pass to the zoo.
Tipton	\$ 1,490.73	Capital Improvements	We replaced three and added two new lights to the library grounds with this money.
Titonka	\$ 1,028.79	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs; Other	We were able to add to our adult fiction collection and children's easy reads using Direct State Aid. We were also able to purchase items for our after-school programs including craft items and items to enhance our future STEM program. The extra funding helped us with postage for interlibrary loan, which is very much appreciated. Without this funding we would have to make cost cuts in other areas of our library budget. We are such a small library, that all funding is needed. Our community counts on us to cover programs that our school cannot so we have to work a little harder to make sure we offer more than just reading materials. We have a mother who home schools her son (he is just learning how to read) and she checks out young reader books for him. Because of this money we were able to add more educational books for her to check out, hopefully making a difference in his life.
Toledo	\$ 1,278.11	Materials and Supplies	DVDs, book replacements, Overdrive renewal, movie licensing, canvas library bags and Tumblebook renewal were all purchased using Direct State Aid. The library has begun an early out Wednesday program where we show a movie once a month and a summer movie series. We serve water and pretzels each showing. Thanks to the movie licensing, we are able to provide this service to our public along with all the other wonderful services that our library offers. Thank you. The funding is very much appreciated and valued in our community.
Traer	\$ 1,195.07	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs;	These funds helped us purchase many things, including shelf label holders, book covers, exercise and TV series DVDs, a hot plate and cake decorating tips for cooking programs, a scale and blood pressure cuff for weight loss

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		Other	class, a hand sanitizer dispenser and hand sanitizer.
Tripoli	\$ 1,193.20	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	With these funds we were able to staff more people for our story hour program and also for special activities during National Library Week. We also purchased some additional books for children to help with our local daycare providers. We used some of the money to help buy an additional public access computer for the library. (The remaining funds came from a family who made a memorial donation.) We also bought some additional craft items and prizes for the Summer Library Program. The new books helped increase our story hour program and circulation of books in our children's section. This funding has helped make a difference in many lives. The additional books helped not only the pre-school children but also their daycare providers. Often we would have to interlibrary loan a book from another library to help with their special programs. The funds have also helped those who need the most up-to-date computers available for work and school. We are very grateful for Direct State Aid.
Truro	\$ 1,024.65	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Capital Improvements; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for training for the librarian, DVDs, Summer Library Program supplies and programs, to reset computer Windows, and a HP Mini desktop and set-up system. We also bought a book drop and a light.
Union	\$ 1,021.86	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	This money pays the salary for a substitute librarian who comes in when there is an illness, bad weather, or staff takes vacation. We also bought large print books for our aging patrons. Many more of our patrons can continue to enjoy reading. Our small town population is increasing in age. The large print books are a huge part of meeting the needs of our community.
Urbandale	\$ 7,554.46	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Books were purchased to start an adult new reader collection. Adult new reader books assist adults who are developing their literacy skills or learning English as a second language. An LCD projector and screen were purchased and installed in the library's ICN room. The Summer Library Program incentive prizes were purchased and presenter fees paid. Over 1,400 children registered for the library's 2013 Summer Library Program. The annual reading program strengthens children's literacy skills, helps them discover the joy of reading, and develops a habit of library use.
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Van Horne	NE		
Van Meter	\$ 357.65	Materials and Supplies	DVDs and young adult books were paid for with these funds. We now have more to offer to young adults and have seen usage increase. Since we are a small community, this really adds to the collection for teens. We also had more teens take part in the Summer Library Program. I know several of these kids and families don't have extra money for books and DVDs. This keeps reading skills up over the summer.
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Ventura	\$ 1,081.18	Materials and Supplies	The funding was used to purchase large print books. The demand for large print has increased considerably. We feel very fortunate that we can provide our patrons with the newest and the bestselling large print books. This funding has helped our library tremendously.
Victor	\$ 1,095.76	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to hire staff for extra events. We also bought additional DVDs which greatly expanded our non-fiction/documentary DVD collection. We were able to hire a performer to enhance our Summer Library Program, purchase expensive documentaries, and put on additional programs that we would not be able to afford to do otherwise. This brings more people into our library.
Villisca	\$ 1,093.33	Materials and Supplies	This money allowed us to purchase many large print books which are needed for our aging population.
Vinton	\$ 1,809.89	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Other	With these funds, additional personnel was hired to do a reading program for older children. We also microfilmed seven years of the <i>Vinton Eagle</i> newspaper and 1.5 years of the <i>Cedar Valley Times</i> newspaper. Some of the money went towards revamping the Vinton Public Library webpage.
Volga	\$ 618.22	Materials and Supplies	We spent the entire amount on books and DVDs for our library. Without these funds, I would not be able to purchase books for our young children, young adults and adult fiction. I purchased the <i>Otis the Tractor</i> series along with <i>Otis the tractor</i> which our children have enjoyed immensely. I also purchased some of the recent young adult books that have won awards. It also helps me to purchase adult fiction by popular authors that I would not be able to purchase because of our limited budget. I purchased several DVDs that were requested by patrons using these funds. Thank you so very much for providing us with this Direct State Aid. We have a family who has to travel some distance to visit their relatives. They enjoy taking <i>Otis the Tractor</i> and books with them on this long trip. I have several adult patrons who can't wait for their favorite authors' new books which I purchase with Direct State Aid funds. I wouldn't be able to do that if it wasn't

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			for this funding.
Wadena	\$ 324.72	Technology and Equipment	We started a genealogy project at our library last year using this funding. We have scanned all of our family histories and scrapbooks and put them on the computer so that none of our history is lost due to fire, floods or even the worst culprit - time. Now that so much of our history is on the computer and saved for all time, everyone has access to these things and we no longer have to worry that these priceless, irreplaceable things will be lost, damaged or destroyed. One family in town is having a family reunion at the end of July and each family is responsible for a presentation of some sort. One family contacted me to see if we have all the Wadena Rock Fest scrapbooks for them to borrow. I could now say that they can get all this information right here and I don't have to worry about the pages of the actual book being damaged. This has been a big hit with locals and out-of-towners both.
Wall Lake	\$ 1,076.14	Technology and Equipment	We traded an older copy machine for a new color copier using Direct State Aid.
Walnut	\$ 707.10	Furniture	Using Direct State Aid, we purchased six new chairs for our computer area and an advertising sign for the outside of the library. The outdoor sign has been great for advertising our programs and events in the library. We get many visitors to our community and it helps bring them in.
Wapello	\$ 1,275.74	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid funds were used to replace work computers used by staff. The computers that were replaced were old servers that had been phased out and reused for checkout computers. Thanks to a community grant and some careful shopping around, we were able to put Direct State Aid and the grant award together, helping us stretch our dollars to purchase the computers we needed. Patrons and staff are happier with faster, better computers.
Washington	\$ 2,545.42	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid made it possible for us to offer updated, Internet-capable computers to our public. With our local Iowa Workforce Development office closed, we are now the community hub for job seekers and having quick reliable computers is incredibly important to them. This has helped our library close the digital divide that affects so many people in our community. Scott has been a regular library user for some time. He was ecstatic to see the new computers as he is constantly online searching for jobs and can get disheartened when the computer crashes mid-application. He tried out one of the computers and said this will make his job hunting go

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			much more smoothly. He is underemployed for his education level and has been trying for at least two years to find adequate employment in the area.
Washta	\$ 354.22	Materials and Supplies	We would not have been able to buy new books, audio books, and DVDs without this funding.
Waterloo	\$12,673.20	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	We spent Direct State Aid funds on our Third Age Coordinator's salary. This position is shared with the Cedar Falls Public Library. She coordinates book clubs at local senior centers, retirement and nursing homes. She also takes rotating collections of large print materials to them. This amount was spent on mileage, allowing Mary to visit the various facilities throughout the year. Some seniors in our community are still able to drive to the library, but unfortunately, some cannot. So we take the library to them. Although the facilities sometimes have small collections of donated books, they often aren't large print and they generally are not new titles. The rotating collections provide current titles in an easier to read format. The book discussion groups have been extremely popular. The groups provide an important social opportunity, but they also serve to stimulate the minds of residents.
Waterville	\$ 326.86	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for our yearly NEIBORS (downloadable books) fee, and a DVD cleaner fee which prolongs the shelf life of our collection.
Waucoma	\$ 907.30	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	This funding paid for training for staff, program supplies, books, computers, the Summer Library Program, and movie night during the holiday vacation in December. Continuing education for staff helps us serve our patrons more efficiently. We have a very low income level in our community. These funds helped with the Summer Library Program which keeps children interested in reading. They found they could visit the library and borrow books that they didn't know much about. They learn a lot while having fun.
Waukee	\$ 3,192.22	Materials and Supplies	This year we spent our funds on promotional supplies (reusable bags, lanyards, and pens with our name and logo) to help enhance the visibility of our library in the community. The lanyards were particularly popular with children in our library. Our library cards are actually tags for keychains. As most children do not yet have key chains, they did not have a place to put their library cards. When we started using lanyards, kids could put their cards on the lanyard and feel a sense of ownership, and we have had fewer lost cards. Plus, when they wear their lanyards out in the community, they are

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			advertising/reminding people to stop by the library.
Waukon	\$ 1,764.42	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Our library used this money to buy new DVDs. We also had family nights during the Summer Library Program that included presentations from the Grout Museum science program, an Incredible Bats program, an Iowa Ghosts program, and a Kids' Day Allamakee County Fair program. Our library does not have a budget line for programming. Without Direct State Aid, we would be unable to afford the programming that we provide to the community. We have had many parents and grandparents express their appreciation for the children's events we offer. This funding also allows us to supplement our children's DVD collection.
Waverly	\$ 2,880.67	Materials and Supplies	A portion of Direct State Aid funding this year helped to pay for the new Freegal subscription -- free downloadable music for library patrons. The remaining amount was spent on office supplies to support printing at the library. Adding downloadable music to the library collection has been very popular with library users, and may even bring in new users. This purchase was not something that we had budgeted for in this fiscal year. This funding from the state has allowed the library to be responsive to changing technology and products, which change at a faster pace than our budgeting processes allow.
Webb	\$ 609.98	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs; Other	This money was used for staff training, office supplies and children's computer programs. It also helped pay for summer and Saturday programs, and to purchase other items we need to keep the library running.
Webster City	\$ 2,326.78	Technology and Equipment	We replaced several of our public Internet computers this year using Direct State Aid funds.
Wellman	\$ 1,266.27	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	With these funds, we were able to buy things that were not budgeted for, including classes for the assistant director (Public Library Management II and Plone classes), as well as travel costs. We also bought new DVDs, including Winning Traditions sports training DVDs. We also paid for a storage device for the server, our Summer Library Program, and a Laughing Matters program for our Kindle reader adult program prize.
Wellsburg	\$ 1,105.25	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Library program supplies, e-books, large print books and a movie license were all paid for with these funds.
Wesley	\$ 1,009.51	Materials and	With this money, we've added NEIBORS (downloadable

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		Supplies	books) as an addition to our collection, and are expanding and weeding/replacing all junior fiction/non-fiction books. NEIBORS is a HUGE asset to our library. It gives us a chance to keep up with technology - for adults and kids - with e-readers. Our outdated junior fiction/non-fiction books needed to be reevaluated as we have a growing population of this age group. It's easier to get boys in that age group to read non-fiction. I have a couple in town who vacation a lot. They're very generous with the library by making donations and helping when they can. They were so excited to be able to use NEIBORS that they bring in a donation with the money they saved in buying e-books. Amazing!
West Bend	\$ 1,097.29	Furniture	We purchased two chairs and an end table for our reading area with this money. It has made a great improvement. In conjunction with the recent painting, the new reading area furniture has breathed new life into a tired little area. People enjoy visiting the new space, even if it's just to sit while the kids are picking out their books.
West Branch	\$ 1,319.71	Personnel	The library's program attendance has tripled over the last five years and so we have taken the opportunity to provide a full-time position to the youth program to account for this change in library use. Thanks for Direct State Aid.
West Des Moines	\$10,224.88	Technology and Equipment	This money paid for part of our first year's payment for our integrated library system (cataloging and circulation). The new ILS functionality made a substantial improvement in how we are able to serve the public.
West Liberty	\$ 1,553.56	Materials and Supplies	We always spend this money on the Spanish collection (audio books, books, e-books, etc.). We need this funding to continue to enhance our collections
West Point	\$ 1,071.85	Technology and Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to purchase a new computer with Office software. Our public computers are in great demand and the purchase of a new computer for the public is a great asset to our patrons.
West Union	\$ 1,326.58	Materials and Supplies	This money paid for new library books, including regular fiction, large print, audio books, as well as our EBSCOhost database fee and our Overdrive Advantage enrollment fee. As our population ages, we are so happy to continue providing large print books and audio books for our patrons. We get lots of positive feedback from the folks who use them.
Westgate	\$ 607.83	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment;	This amount was used to supplement funds raised to buy a set of new Peanuts books from an online fundraiser through MidAmerica Books. We used some of the money to renew our Mitinet subscription, which allows us to

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		Library Programs	receive accurate Marc records for our books that are uploaded into SILO to comply with interlibrary loan. Since we are not automated, it also prints cards for books that do not come processed. We like to provide at least one quality performer during our Summer Library Program. We had a Blank Park Zoo program. We also renewed our movie license, which allows us to show movies to the public. We continue to strive for a positive presence in our community and these funds have helped increase what we can provide in services and resources.
Westside	NE		
What Cheer	\$ 654.68	Materials and Supplies	We bought adult and children's non-fiction and fiction books, as well as DVDs.
Wheatland	\$ 980.44	Technology and Equipment	We are able to provide free wireless for our patrons thanks to this money. This is very useful because the junior-senior high students in our school district have laptop computers. We are also able to keep our desk top computers up to date with current technology.
Whiting	\$ 989.47	Personnel	The total amount was used for salaries for extended hours. The library is a vital component in our community. When Direct State Aid was first implemented, the library hours were a haphazard mixture of morning, afternoon and evening times which met the requirement of variety, but were confusing to remember - "If it's Monday, it's open at 3 p.m., but if it's Tuesday it opens at 1 p.m." We wanted to add hours, but the budget was stretched to the limit. With the addition of Direct State Aid monies, we were able to add four additional hours. Such a simple thing - but now the library hours are a straight forward 1 - 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. There is still variety on Thursdays and Fridays, but the consistency of hours has been so greatly appreciated by the community. We live in a culture of computer-dependency, and for those who rely on the public computers at the library, the reality of a day without computers because the library is closed on Sunday is frustrating. No matter how early we arrive at work on Monday, there are patrons waiting (more or less patiently). There would be total rebellion if we ever had to give up those additional hours on Mondays and Wednesdays that we provide through Direct State Aid.
Whittemore	\$ 1,016.19	Personnel; Technology and Equipment	This amount was used for salaries for extra staff hours that were needed when we presented programs or when someone was gone. One of our barcode scanners suddenly died and we were grateful to have Direct State Aid funds so that we could immediately order a new scanner. I really appreciated being able to order a new

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			barcode scanner right away. I did not realize how much I depended on that scanner when checking out, cataloging, etc. Sometimes we get run ragged trying to keep up with all that needs to be done with programming. Please continue Direct State Aid funding! It is needed!
Williams	\$ 972.53	Materials and Supplies	Our Direct State Aid money was spent on children's books, story time programming and postage for interlibrary loans. With this funding we were able to expand our early literacy program with new, age-appropriate books and activities for story time and those wonderful, in-the-moment learning opportunities. I have a young reader who comes in to our library on a daily basis. With this funding I was able to provide him with interesting books at his reading level. He is now reading more and actually comes in to talk about what he is reading!
Williamsburg	NE		
Wilton	\$ 1,400.39	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	These funds paid for a one-year subscription through ProQuest for the library edition of Ancestry.com. We also used part of it to help purchase a cabinet to keep craft items for story time. Direct State Aid allows us to try new things and offer new services to our patrons. They were very impressed with the Ancestry account that can be used on any of our computers or on wi-fi in the library. I hope that our Friends group will consider funding this the second year. We have a lot of people interested in their heritage.
Winfield	\$ 421.94	Materials and Supplies	This funding allowed us to purchase more books and DVDs for our patrons.
Winterset	\$ 2,065.95	Technology and Equipment	The Winterset Public Library spent \$2728.00 on an AWE Early Literacy Station. Of this amount, \$2065.95 was from our Direct State Aid. Winterset has been providing four children's computers with several CD-ROM games and several Internet-accessible games. The children have frequent problems using the equipment, and library staff spend a lot of time resolving the game-playing problems. It is very frustrating for both the children and the staff. When the frustration gets too high, our little computer users lose interest and move on to another library activity. With the AWE Early Literacy Station, 49 educational games are pre-loaded on the computer, with a target audience of two through eight year olds. The software is selected for age appropriateness, educational value, replay interest, ease of use, entertainment value, graphics and sound quality, and discovery and growth. All programs are top-rated by Children's Technology Review. The monitor is touch-screen enabled, which helps the

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			youngest children to interact with the programs. Besides early reading and math, other fascinating features include drawing, painting, photography, and music. I can report that we have several regular visitors who are pre-school children with learning disabilities. Yesterday I observed one of these little boys trying to play one of our CD-ROM games. The child was completely frustrated, and his mother was unable to help him figure out how to play the game. With the AWE Early Literacy Station and its touch-screen feature, he will be able to play educational computer games to his heart's content, with a rewarding and satisfying outcome.
Winthrop	\$ 1,073.59	Materials and Supplies	This money helped us to purchase more books, books on CD and library supplies for material maintenance.
Woden	\$ 961.12	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements; Other	Extra staff was needed during the planning phase of our largest fundraiser event. The fundraiser proceeds were used to enhance the environment inside of the library. Direct State Aid was applied to purchase audio books, DVDs and young adult books. We also used some of the money to take down two trees that needed to be removed in front of the library. Direct State Aid also went towards our NEIBORS (downloadable books) annual renewal fees. NEIBORS has been a good thing for our library; people who had not been in the library for a long time are using their Kindles at home and checking out books through the library. An older lady in her seventies came into the library two months ago and said, "I think its time I get a library card in Woden. I have a Kindle and usually get my books through the Britt library, but since you have NEIBORS I can check books out from Woden."
Woodbine	\$ 760.30	Materials and Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to buy new adult books and for Summer Library Program prizes and supplies. Our summer program has improved for the teens because of the state funding provided.
Woodward	\$ 1,065.45	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Salaries, training, professional development, acquiring new staff, and staff benefits, were paid for with Direct State Aid, as well as new books, audio books, and periodicals. It also helped pay for a new phone, fax, and computing technologies. It also gave one of our staff the opportunity to attend the Kids First Conference which greatly improved our programming. We now offer teen book club, family story times, and improved after-school program options. Another huge improvement for our community was having the historical newspaper microfilm digitized. Our microfilm reader no longer prints clearly, and this allows researchers not only to print their findings, but also to search by keyword and not just by date. Pam was looking for copies of books she'd read in

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			<p>the 1980's. She found them through an online bookseller for \$50 apiece, but didn't wish to own – just re-read - the titles again. After some e-mailing, we located another library able to send copies of the books. By having the state funding to use on computers for library-to-library interactions, as well as postage to lend materials, we were able to let Pam re-read her books. Brit is a mother of two very bright children. They're also a homeschooling family. They come to the library to find materials for their freetime, but also to enhance what the kids schoolwork. Jennifer, a teacher in our local schools, uses the library to find materials to enhance her classroom instruction, relax after the school day, and help her younger daughter's reading abilities. Her older daughter also comes in frequently to complete her college ambitions. She's unable to drive to the college as she doesn't have a car, but she can still strive for a better life for herself and her son through the resources she has through our library. Carvel is an older, house-bound western books fan. His wife comes in to retrieve an armload of westerns for him each week. It's a way for his mind to escape the bonds of the house and be young and free again.</p>
Wyoming	\$ 707.27	Materials and Supplies	<p>These funds were used to help start our e-book program and for young adult books and DVDs.</p>
Zearing	\$ 738.97	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs; Other	<p>With Direct State Aid, we were able to replace junior non-fiction books that cover young readers' health and safety. We also purchased an LCD projector. This summer we were able to offer a number of incentives that readers could use to purchase things by reading. We were also able to provide wonderful hands-on activities that included a visit from the ISU Entomology Department's Bug Zoo. And we purchased a movie license. With this additional funding we have been able to create a recreational space in our library basement where local young people can play games and we can offer movie nights for the whole community. This summer, a parent was so pleased with our Summer Library Program and activities that he requested that the library be open more hours. When I told him we would need to go to the city counsel and the library board to request this change, he was happy to comply. He told us how much he appreciated a place where his children could come to learn have fun and be safe.</p>