

**Iowa Library Services/State Library**

**FY14  
Enrich Iowa  
Report**



**State Funding for Iowa Libraries**

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# Libraries Enrich Iowa

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## Iowa Library Services / State Library

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

- **enriching 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.**

From the Lakota library:

“The excitement and appreciation the kids show when the new books arrive and how it keeps them coming back for more is exciting. This funding has impacted our small town library in many different ways and we are grateful for the state’s support.”

From the North English library:

“I have many low income families that struggle to provide for their children. One of the children in a family was going in for surgery and I was able to provide some stories for pre-surgery and recovery that helped him feel more reassured.”



### Three Components of Enrich Iowa

*Enrich Iowa is comprised of Direct State Aid, Open Access and Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement.*

In FY14, \$2,524,228 in state funding was distributed to Iowa libraries through Enrich Iowa, an increase of \$350,000 (16%) from FY13.

- **Direct State Aid** helped 484 public libraries improve services, add more books and e-books, and computers. Funding in FY14 was \$917,172, up from \$793,364 in FY13. Direct State Aid funding has led to a 28.3% increase in the number of accredited Iowa public libraries, from 272 in FY04 to 349 in FY14.
- **Open Access** makes it possible for Iowans to go to almost any library in the state and borrow books. The state reimburses the loaning library a small amount of the expense involved. In FY14, Iowans checked out 3,901,994 library materials through Open Access. State funds supported Open Access with \$1,242,961 in FY14, up from \$1,050,810 in FY13. 483 Iowa libraries participated in this program in FY14.
- 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 191,653 items through ILR in FY04 compared to 267,054 FY14. 506 Iowa libraries participated in the program in FY14.

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From the Blakesburg library:  
“I recently helped a man with no computer skills learn to use e-mail and PayPal. He contracts mowing work for the U.S. Post Office and needed to bill for his services. We were able to help him set all these up and created instructions so he could do it himself in the future.”

From the Elgin library:  
“A woman recently moved close to the library and comes in almost every day to use the computer. She said she loved using the computer, but would never be able to afford the Internet on her disability payments.”

From the Muscatine library:  
“Three of our librarians were able to attend a Sensory-Friendly Storytimes seminar and returned to discuss program options with a group of parents of special needs children. Many of the parents were crying, sharing how thrilled they were that their children would now be able to attend storytime like other children. One man expressed how thankful he was that we were willing to embrace and serve his daughter even with her differences.”

From the Toledo library:  
“Thank you for providing our library and all Iowa libraries with this additional funding. We put this money to good use. Thank you for seeing the value in Iowa libraries.”



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

Last year, Iowans checked out more than 11,580 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.



From the Zeoring library:

“At one of our past summer reading days we made GAK (homemade Silly Putty) and one little boy who had not been very engaged looked at me and said, ‘This is my best day ever!’ Can't beat that for an affirmation of a place where he wants to be and now visits often.”

From the Clarinda library:

“Direct State allowed the library to buy additional materials for all ages including books, e-books and DVDs. This funding allows the library to better meet the needs of our community as people of all ages, background, and education levels rely on the library and its services.”

## Iowa Library Services / State Library

### 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 12.3% in the past 10 years.** Library checkouts have gone up 5.1 percent since FY04. And library visits jumped 16.5% between FY04 and FY14. Last year, on average, there were 48,954 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, 353 received Tier 3 funding (highest level), 97 received Tier 2 funding, 33 received Tier 1 funding and 61 were not eligible in FY14.



### How Funds are Used

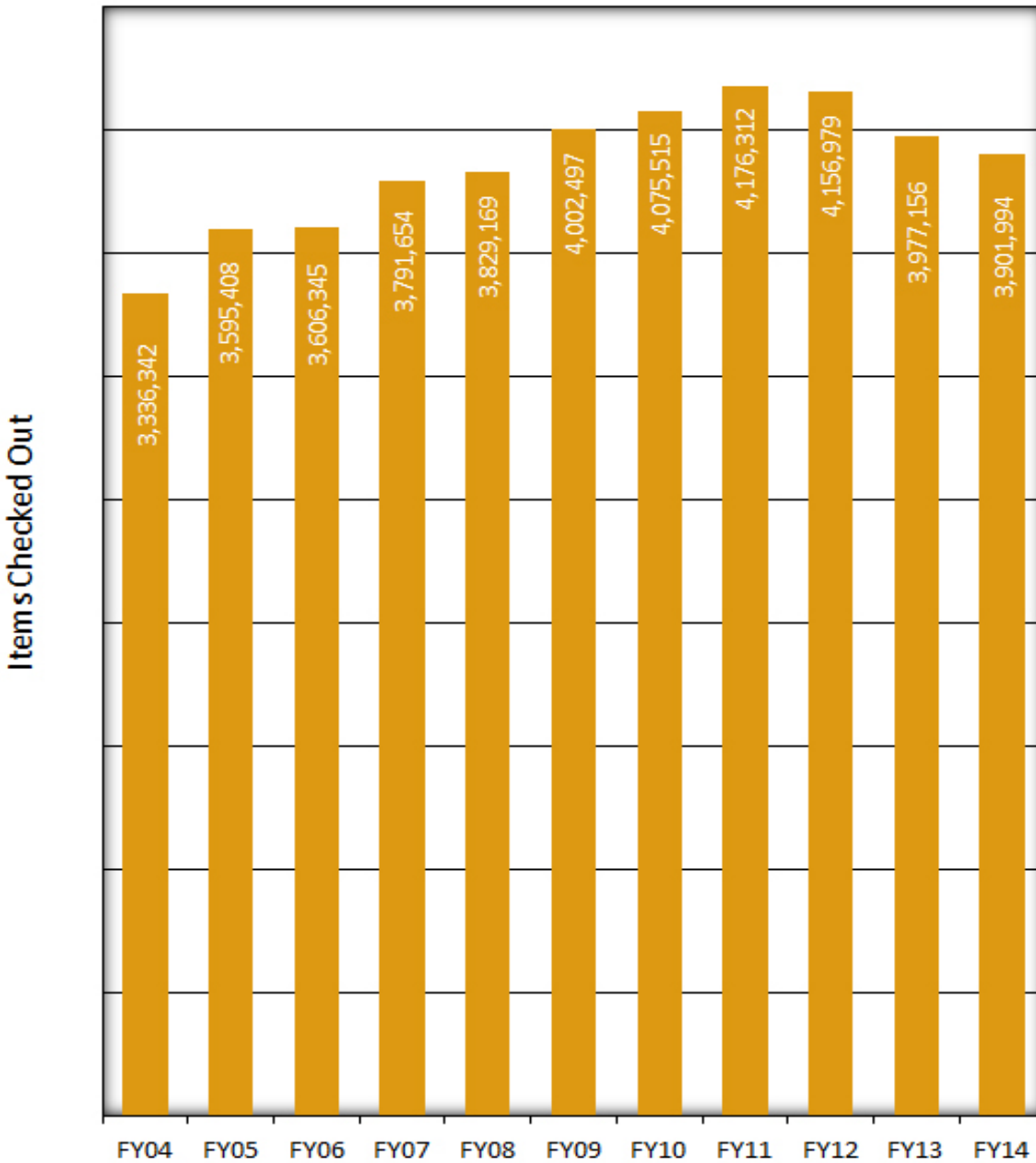
Iowa public libraries report using Direct State Aid funds to support the services library users want most: new library materials (42%); up-to-date technology (26%); and staffing to help users meet their needs (13%) (see page 6). Public librarians help get Iowans back to work, support Iowans' educational needs, and instill a love of reading in young children.



From the Marshalltown library:

“All Direct State Aid money continues to be spent on part-time staff, allowing us to maintain the number of hours the library needs to be open in order to be accredited. This money greatly helps to staff our library and better serve our community. Each day at the library, we help people to write resumes, apply for jobs and check the results of their applications. Almost all of our local employers are moving many of their resources online and for many community members the library is their only way to access them.”

# Open Access

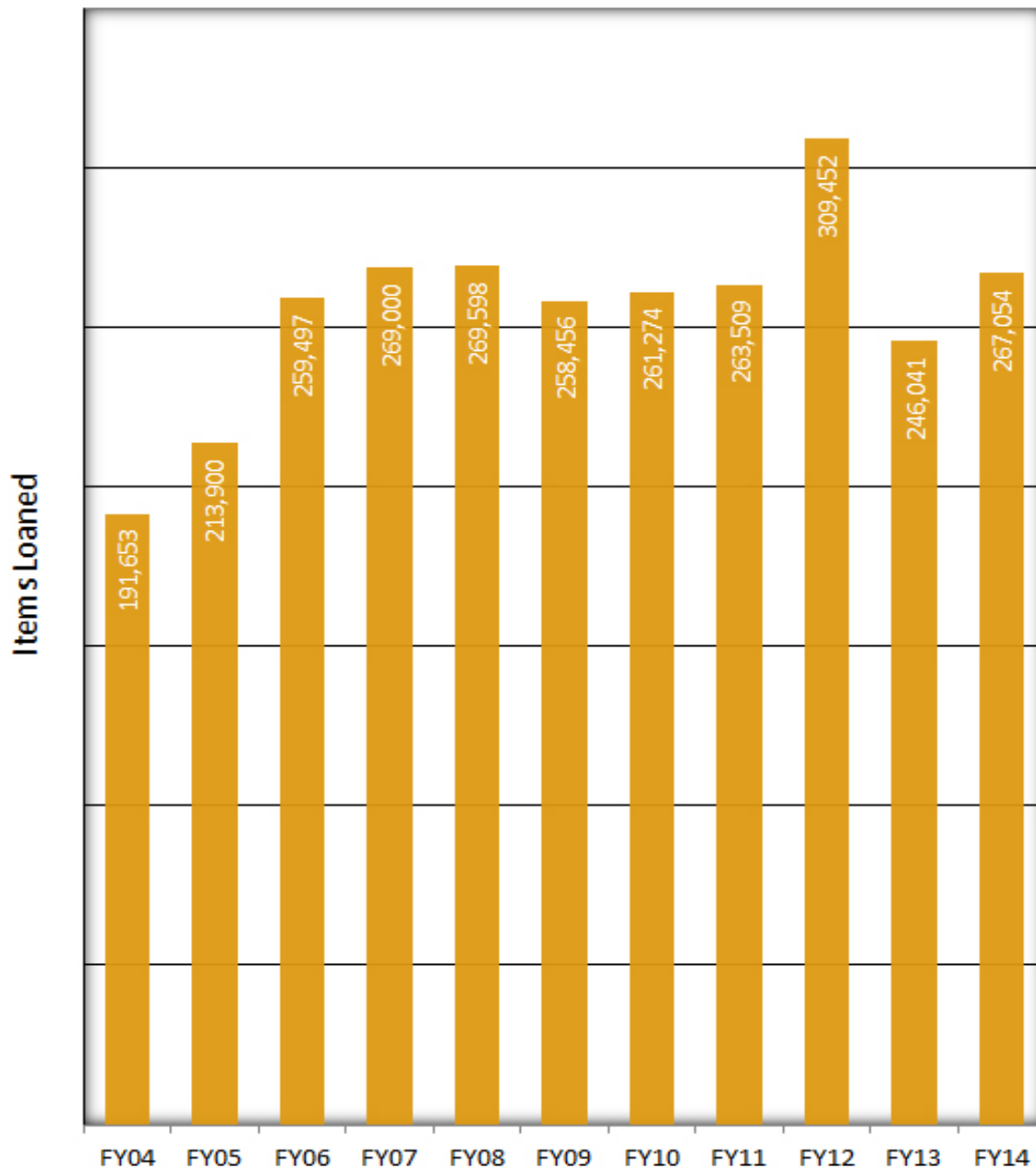


Established in 1989, Open Access allows Iowa library customers from a participating library to check out library materials at all other participating libraries in the state.

The number of items checked out has increased 17% from FY04 to FY14.

Open Access funding in FY14 was \$1,242,961, up from \$1,050,810 in FY13.

# Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement

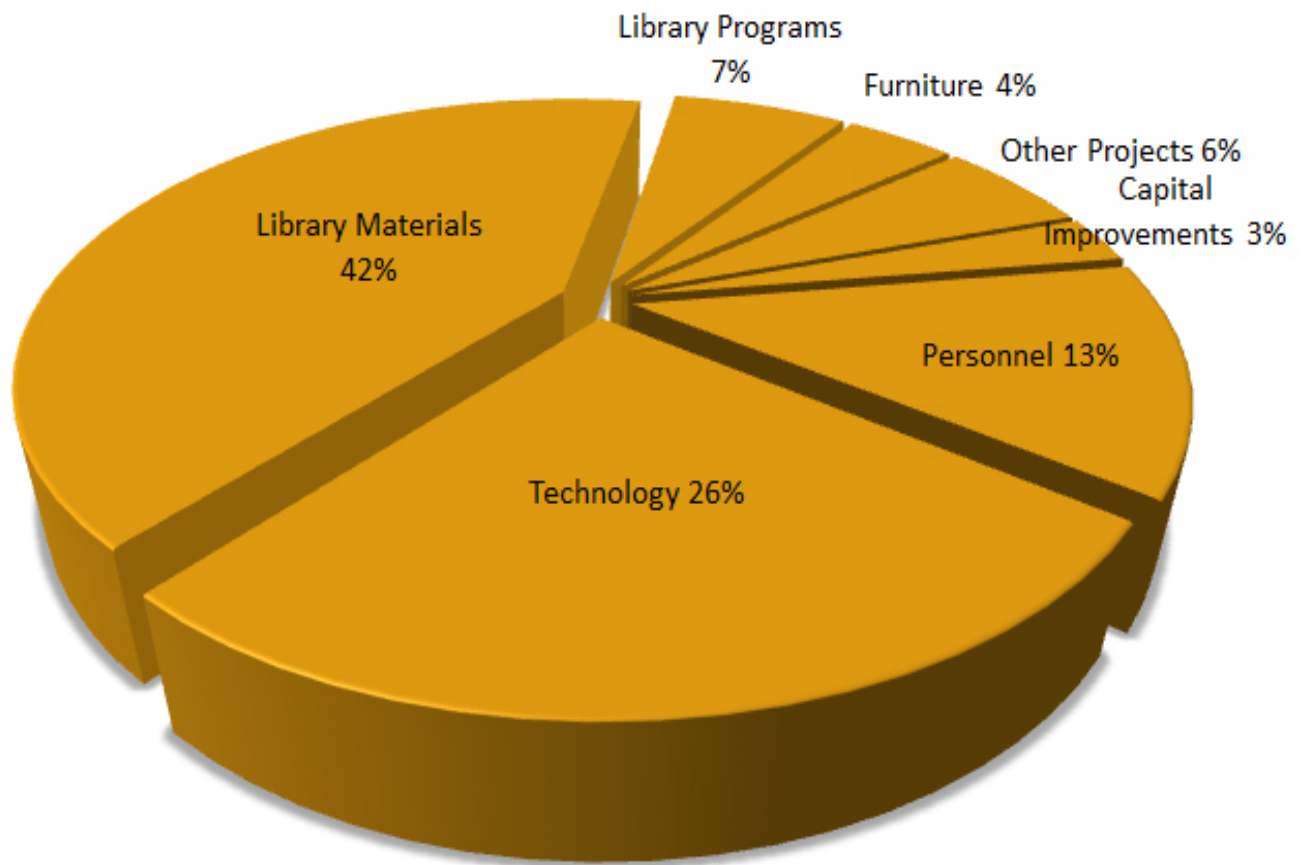


Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement provides Iowa citizens with equal access to library materials through resource sharing among libraries. Libraries borrow materials from participating libraries to fulfill requests of their customers.

The number of items borrowed has increased 28% from FY04 to FY14.

Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement funding in FY14 was \$364,095, up from \$330,055 in FY13.

# Utilization of Direct State Aid \$917,172



484 Iowa public libraries received Direct State Aid in FY14

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ACKLEY	\$1,450.40	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We were able to purchase a program where we rotate books on CD with other libraries which gives the patrons a wider variety of choices. Being a small library, we don't have much budget for purchasing audio or CD books. We also spent money to host our Follett system. We were able to purchase some special books for our summer library program with a STEM emphasis. One of our patrons is a nurse who works 60 miles away and loves to listen to a book on CD as she drives back and forth to work. The addition of the rotating titles has enabled her to get more books to listen to as she commutes. This funding is essential for our library to keep our automation system current and funded. The funding beyond what we pay Follett allows us to try something new or extra that we would otherwise have to do without. It is greatly appreciated and we look forward to continued funding in the future.
ADAIR	NE		
ADEL	\$2,027.19	Technology and Equipment	We provide a disc cleaning service to our patrons. We upgraded our equipment this year with a newer, more efficient cleaner using these funds. A smaller library in our county also uses this service. They don't have to spend the money on a machine when they know we will clean their discs. We are providing a service for our patrons of all ages. Not only do we clean a patron's favorite movie but we also clean games. We clean a lot of games for teenagers. We only charge \$1.00 per disc so it is an inexpensive service to offer.
AGENCY	\$1,093.45	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we bought classic books and classic audio books recommended by our community English teachers. We also updated operating systems for four public use computers. We have a kid who comes to the library and he struggles with reading. Being able to follow along in the book and hear the words and make that connection has allowed him to read one whole book on his own. We are now able to offer audio books to our school age and other patrons, books that they use in their literature/English classes. We were also able to upgrade our operating system as our other one was outdated and we could not continue to use the anti virus program.
AKRON	\$986.71	Materials and Supplies	With these funds we paid for BookSystems, annual subscription for library operating software. This library operating system is being used by many



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			patrons to reserve books from home, renew items and check their accounts. I have heard good responses from those who use this service. Without Direct State Aid funds, we would not have been able to afford this operating system.
ALBERT CITY	\$1,158.80	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Children's books were purchased with this money. We were also able to have staff from the Des Moines Science Center of Iowa and Jester Puppets Science Programs for our summer library program. Science Center staff were excellent. They captivated the kids and inspired them to read. We also used these funds for our story hour supplies. We were able to provide lots of quality books for beginning readers and to promote early childhood literacy thanks to Direct State Aid.
ALBIA	\$1,388.12	Materials and Supplies	This money was used for new DVDs and audiobooks. Our patrons who drive trucks say the audiobooks make their job more enjoyable. They are very appreciative of this service. Our budget is too small to include audiobooks and DVDs otherwise.
ALBION	\$1,108.95	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	The dollars we received were used to supplement our personnel time as we completed the automation system. This will lead to a significant difference in many people's lives! They're now able to access the library services from anywhere, anytime - going beyond the physical library's open hours. The library service has improved because we're touching more individuals in the community and surrounding area. One item purchased was a large all-weather banner with the library name. It will be used in parades, on the outside of our building and at other community events to increase name recognition for the library.
ALDEN	\$1,243.19	Materials and Supplies	Books, DVDs, and audio books were bought with these funds. Patrons are always grateful for our services, so being able to fulfill more of our patrons requests allows us to provide better services. Funding from Direct State Aid has provided about a 7% increase in the materials purchased for our 2013-2014 fiscal year.
ALEXANDER	\$863.36	Materials and Supplies	We were able to buy new, just released books, replace several books that were missing from series, and new DVDs. Direct State Aid was also used to buy materials and prizes for the summer reading program and materials for our adult programs.

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			Before we were able to buy new DVDs, I had one little girl who would come in everyday and ask if we had the movie "Jack Frost." Every day I would have to disappoint her by telling her not yet, but very soon. You have never seen a more excited face on a child when the movie arrived. It is great that we were able to update all our DVDs and make our patrons happy. We are now told the library is a happening place.
ALGONA	\$2,414.27	Materials and Supplies	We used the money to purchase more young adult books, adult books, and DVDs. This funding has enabled us to purchase more materials for our patrons. We are better able to provide the titles that are requested by our patrons and have been able to purchase extra copies of the popular titles (i.e., the "Divergent" series) so that people do not have to wait months and months to get the book they want.
ALLERTON	NE		
ALLISON	\$1,219.52	Materials and Supplies	With Direct State Aid we purchased new young adult fiction books, paid for the NEIBORS audiobook/e-book consortia subscription, and buy large print titles. Paul has recently come to live at our local care facility. We first met after Paul called the library to inquire if we could deliver books to him. During one of my deliveries, Paul expressed his desire to visit the library himself. Together, we visited with the new activities director about this possibility. Now, the care facility van comes every two weeks. We are happy to welcome Paul and 6-8 other guests. One gentleman doesn't borrow materials, but he loves to come for a visit and to read the newspaper. It is a very positive exchange.
ALTA	\$1,384.13	Library Programs	Direct State Aid helped pay for our summer library program, a Santa Claus suit, and children's programming during the school year.
ALTA VISTA	\$1,133.64	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements; Furniture; Library Programs	These funds paid for staff training, snacks at events, additional DVDs, copy paper for printers, painting of walls, cleaning carpet, flowerbed upgrades, new chair, a monthly BINGO program, and the summer reading program. We have been able to keep our DVD collection up to date and as such have received several new patrons who then check out other materials, use our computers, or attend our programs (or all three!). We have been able to increase the frequency and quality of the

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			programs we offer the community.
ALTON	\$998.01	Technology and Equipment	We updated computers to Windows 7 with these funds.
ALTOONA	\$4,430.17	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We purchased WILBOR/Overdrive Advantage content (downloadable books). Part of the money was used for new circulation scanners. We also bought new books, all of which has lead to higher customer satisfaction.
AMES	\$13,384.74	Personnel; Other	<p>These funds supplement the wages of staff members who work with Ames Public Library’s Project Smyles program providing outreach to local daycare facilities and homes. They offer story times for children, provide deposit collections, suggest activities, and serve as examples for how to read to children. Board books and informational materials are purchased and given free of charge to parents of new babies born at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames through the library’s Books for Babies program.</p> <p>While Project Smyles is primarily designed for children, the benefits also extend to area daycare providers. Ames Public Library recently received many positive comments from daycare providers, three of which follow: “We absolutely love our story times with Bri. Our children get so excited when we tell them it is a library visitor day and they know Bri will be visiting us. The deposit collection is so helpful and saves us so much time. The children learn respect for books by knowing that the library lets us borrow them and that’s important. They also get so excited when a familiar book comes to us and then they enjoy retelling of the stories or if we receive books in our collection that are the same as ones Bri reads in her story time! Thanks so much for this program!” (UCC Tumblin Tigers) “I have had such awesome Project Smyles representatives in all the years I have been using this program. The six early literacy skills were new to me at the beginning of this program. Since the program has been consistent, the early skills have been emphasized at each visit. Ms. Rae is very good with the kids and with the interactions with books.” (Natalies Playhouse)</p> <p>“We love this program and Ms. Rae. The children look forward to having her visit the classroom and it is fun to hear someone else read them stories. She does an outstanding job and we</p>

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			<p>love her. She always picks great books that are age appropriate and the children usually say they want to go to the library and check them out</p> <p>“A mom told me that late one night while they were still in the hospital, she, her son, and her husband were very tired and near their wits end. Her husband remembered the book in their packet, and started reading it to their son and talking about it with him. As she told me the story, the relief and thankfulness they felt to have a new book for that baby in that moment was evident. Its his first book and the first book we read to him! she said. Its a wonderful privilege we have to be part of such an important time!” Project Smyles provides children in private daycares with story times and exposure to librarians. The program is especially beneficial to those who are unable to visit the library because their daycare providers do not have vehicles with enough seatbelts to transport them.</p>
ANAMOSA	\$2,153.85	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	<p>We used this money to extend staff hours to help patrons with technology issues. We also purchased 30 adult books, 30 children's books and used some of the money to supplement children's programming expenses. Due to state funding, we have been able to spend more time assisting patrons searching our county's digital newspaper archives. One man came in looking for pictures and articles about his brother, a local boxing champion, from the 1940s. He had lost the articles and pictures he had saved from the original newspapers. He had few computer skills and would not have been able to use the online resource without staff assistance. He eventually left with several articles and pictures of his brother for his brother's grandchildren. However, he left with a treasure he never expected, a picture from his own days as a local boxing champion. We have been able to provide the community with more assistance with their technology needs. The library has become the go-to place for people who need help applying for jobs online, using their e-Readers and tablets, finding accurate information online, and other issues with technology.</p>
ANITA	\$1,240.25	Other	<p>Direct State Aid was used for online catalog software support. Patrons have stated that checking for a book on our online catalog has</p>

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			saved them from ordering the book themselves. The online catalog is so necessary to our patrons. It enables them to view our collection in-house as well as at home. They are able to renew books and place holds as needed.
ANKENY	\$10,502.92	Materials and Supplies	These funds were used to buy new books and A/V materials. This enhances the library's collection for patrons.
ANTHON	\$706.05	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This money was spent to purchase large print books and to purchase supplies for the summer reading program, reading prizes, and books for the book club. This funding enables us to improve and enhance our reading selection and summer reading program.
APLINGTON	\$1,238.36	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Magazines and DVDs, toner, book covers, Titlepeek, and automating the library collection were all paid for with Direct State Aid.
ARCHER	\$382.59	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We used this money for prizes for the summer reading program and new Windows 7 programs for the computers. We were also able to rent a blow-up house with a slide in it for our town's 125 year celebration.
ARLINGTON	\$1,084.62	Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid we replaced staff computers that had Windows XP. Staff was able to find information for a patron who was fighting an illness and unable to locate information for herself..
ARMSTRONG	\$1,170.12	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a new Deal computer to replace the computer that crashed in August of 2013. We also purchased the Destiny system and scanner for our library with this money.
ARNOLDS PARK	\$1,262.36	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for a new laptop to replace an old computer that didn't work well. We spent funds on our children's summer reading program to pay for programming, crafts, and hand-out prizes. The remaining money was used to off-set the cost of the prizes for the summer reading program. During our summer programming a young boy attended our bicycle safety program. While our Chief of Police was discussing the importance of wearing a bike helmet he raised his hand to say that he did not have a helmet and his parents couldn't afford to buy him one. With the help of the funding it was made possible for every child in the program that didn't have a bike helmet to take one home. This is the first time in many

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			years we were able to have a summer program and better serve the younger generation of our community.
ARTHUR	\$353.78	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to purchase new books. Our small library with limited funding was able to get books that people requested and they appreciated it very much!
ASBURY	\$10,829.35	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for 14 staff PCs, and 4 wireless mice. Since we purchased staff computers, the improvement in the ability to do our jobs has been a relief. Daily we experienced computer issues that rendered our computers unusable. During the FY15 budget preparation process my computer was inoperable for half of the two month process. After much frustration, I eventually had to load all the budget documents on my personal computer to complete the detailed budget and multiple documents. Since computers have become a major part of our job, staff is very grateful to have computers that are functioning and reliable. All of the staff computers were at least 5+ years old and no longer compatible with Microsoft software. The computers were slow and often times experienced problems that required continuous attention by our IT service, which in turn caused labor charges to increase. Overall we are now spending less on service calls and have a reliable system of staff computers.
ASHTON	\$1,138.63	Personnel; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	These funds paid for staff training to become certified. It also paid for internet access, printer cartridges, the summer reading program and craft time. We are a very small town and have had a couple of children come to the library to do homework, find information for a science fair project etc. They are so grateful that they have a location to do work in town without having to go to a nearby town to complete the work. In the school district that our town is in the children get off early on the last Wednesday of the month. We are able to do a craft program for the kids when they get out early so they have something to do that will keep them out of trouble. We can also provide Internet access to patrons who do not have access at home.
ATKINS	\$1,420.14	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for new computers, a copy-fax-scanner machine, and Internet access. We have helped several people find new jobs using

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			the Internet. With more computers, more people are coming in every day to use them.
ATLANTIC	\$2,428.74	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We were able to purchase Apollo by Biblionix integrated library system. We also could pay for library programs. Bill Jamerson presented "Dollar-a-Day Boys: A Musical Tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps." His program was informative, funny and moving - all who attended thoroughly enjoyed it. Apollo is a wonderful ILS for both our staff and patrons - makes all of our lives easier.
AUBURN	\$804.37	Materials and Supplies	This funding was used to add books and DVDs to our collection. I have several teenage readers right now, and this funding helps me get more new young adult books, which in turn keeps them reading!
AUDUBON	\$1,594.04	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase new books for the children's summer reading program, as well as other books that would appeal to children's interests. We had a young boy in the library this summer who was just thrilled to find books on policemen, K-9 dogs, emergency vehicles, and firetrucks. His father is a deputy sherriff, so he has an interest in anything to do with police and public service jobs. Reading is a challenge for him, but his mother said that they read the books together and he was very proud of what he could read. We never know the impact we have on children's reading abilities until later in life. We try to touch children's lives with books because we have had been touched by books in our past. Pay it forward.
AURELIA	\$1,226.74	Materials and Supplies	Once again we are using our state monies to renew our subscription to WILBOR (downloadable books) and to help pay for our Advantage collection. We track the number of books and the titles of books checked out each month in WILBOR and in our Advantage Library. The number of young adults coming in is going up and up each month. It's incredible and makes me feel really good as the director. Our book choices and the availability of this service is something the staff and I are really proud of. We are able to provide our patrons with the latest services in technology by offering them books online to check out and read on their devices, either kindles, nooks, i-Pads, or their i-Phones.

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AURORA	\$726.30	Materials and Supplies	All Enrich Iowa funds were spent on books and DVDs. It makes a difference in the lives of the people who want a certain new book and we are able to get it for them.
AVOCA	\$1,433.37	Technology and Equipment	We bought five new computers to replace the five that had XP operating systems. This helped immensely since our computers are used all the time.
BADGER	NE		
BAGLEY	\$1,105.66	Furniture; Library Programs	We purchased a large table and eight chairs for our meeting area to accomodate the book discussion club, the coffee group and other meetings. We were able to hire a preformance for our summer reading program for the first time and started a coffee group and purchased a Kurig coffee pot. There is no place in town to get a cup of coffee so we're glad to offer this as a community service. We had a much larger attendance at summer reading by kicking it off with a professional performer for the first time this year.
BANCROFT	\$1,240.99	Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid we purchased a Lanier MPC305 color copier/printer/fax/scanner. Before this purchase we did not have a color copier and our patrons had to go to a larger community to have color copies made. Now they can make them here in our community. Thank you Direct State Aid! We have seen increased patron use and satisfaction with our library due to keeping current with the latest technology.
BATAVIA	NE		
BATTLE CREEK	\$1,118.02	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We used part of these funds to extend the hours we can be open. We also used the money to purchase new children's books for the summer reading program in July.
BAXTER	\$1,253.33	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements	We purchased nonfiction books for our children's section. We purchased black-out blinds for our library so we can use our screen for movies and PowerPoint programs. We are slowly replacing many books in our children's nonfiction area. This funding helped us with this goal.
BAYARD	\$1,151.99	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	Direct State Aid went towards adult large print books and Christian fiction. We also bought new computer chairs for patrons. As libraries have to adapt to change in services we provide, we also have to adapt to changes in the people we serve. With stagnant city funding for our library the past



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			few years we needed to find a way to increase our purchasing funds for large print adult books and Christian fiction. Enrich Iowa funding made it possible for us to keep up with the demands in those areas.
BEAMAN	\$1,143.64	Personnel; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We needed extra personnel to watch the library when we are gone. We also hired a student to help with library inventory and other library work using Direct State Aid. We also purchased a new printer for our MacPro computer and new software. We were able to have an extra presenter and pay for needed supplies for the summer reading program. We wouldn't have been able to do these things without Direct State Aid.
BEDFORD	\$471.38	Capital Improvements	We used Direct State Aid for the down payment for storm windows for the basement. We had to replace the rotten wood storm windows in order not to have water in the basement and to help keep heating and cooling costs lower. The new storm windows help create a more comfortable environment for the people using the library.
BELLE PLAINE	\$1,564.79	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs; Other	E-books, downloadable audio books, large type books, and summer library programs were paid for with this money. We invited the Blank Park Zoo, and had parties and prizes at end of summer reading. Our summer program attendance grows every year. The extra money for prizes and programs helps a lot!
BELLEVUE	\$1,650.22	Materials and Supplies	The funds were spent on library books and supplies. The Direct State Aid money definitely makes a difference in people's lives as it enables us to stay current with more new books and materials than we would otherwise be able to purchase with our limited budget. It has a direct and positive impact on our patrons and therefore, our community.
BELMOND	\$1,686.98	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a staff computer, staff printer and WiFi extender for our meeting room. With this funding we were able to purchase a computer for a part-time staff person that didn't have one. She was either bringing in her laptop from home or having to use another staff member's when it was not being used. She is the staff member primarily in charge of magazine processing, book displays and promotional displays. By her having her own library computer station she is able to complete her work more efficiently and therefore service to

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			our patrons is enhanced.
BENNETT	NE		
BETTENDORF	\$7,273.09	Materials and Supplies	The entire FY14 Direct Aid award was allocated to the expansion of the library's collection of materials in various formats, including but not limited to books in electronic and print formats, audio/visual and Playaway/Playviews for patrons of all ages. A young mother recently shared a compliment relating to the depth, relevance, and varied nature of our library collection. Her middle school aged child is a highly advanced reader and has often been challenged in finding interesting material to read that is suitable to his age range. While the library's regular operating budget supports standard collection development, the additional funding provided through Direct State Aid allows our library staff to more deeply develop specialized collections and varied resources for patrons of various capabilities. During the last FY, the library underwent a significant renovation, during which the collection of materials was significantly weeded and replaced. The library expanded its collections of audio/visual collection in all age classification areas, e-resources, and expanded collections in the youth services area. The library strives to maintain a relevant and highly utilized collection of materials in various formats. The community responds to the library's collection very positively which is reflected in significant circulation and turnover.
BIRMINGHAM	NE		
BLAIRSTOWN	\$1,162.94	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Other	TV seasons on DVD were purchased, as well as a Kindle Fire, an Ipad, stylus, case and screen protector. All of our middle and senior high students now have I-pads, so we felt the staff needed tablets available at work to become proficient in their use and possibilities. We bought a book for staff use from ALA, "Bite-Sized Marketing; realistic solutions for the overworked librarian." Our marketing needs to be stellar as we compete with all the other demands on our patrons' time. An active patron had become housebound, due to caring for an elderly parent. No longer able to come to the library for her books, she has been able to use a tablet (with some coaching over the phone) to read ebooks through NEIBORS and our local Advantage account. I've become a little more confident in

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			answering questions about tablets and the NEIBORs program. It still is mind-boggling how many devices and phones are out there and patrons want library staff to be able to answer all their questions about their particular device.
BLAKESBURG	\$711.14	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid to pay WILBOR (downloadable books) fees and to purchase books for the library's collection. These purchases help provide audio and e-books to patrons as well as putting print materials in their hands. We also purchased a Wi-Fi printer for the library to make it easier for patrons to print from any computer instead of only having one computer connected by cable to a printer. Purchased "Fizz Boom Read" supplies for participants in the summer reading program. We ordered 25 book bags, water bottles, bracelets, etc. I recently helped a man who had no computer skills learn how to use e-mail and PayPal. He contracts mowing work for the United States Post Office and needed to bill for his services through PayPal. He had no idea where to start. We set him up a Yahoo e-mail account, set up his PayPal account, and created an invoice template for him to bill the Post Office. We submitted his bills, and we created instructions with screen shots for him to take home. He has been in twice since we set it up, and has been able to get through the process on his own (with just a little help). All of these initiatives encourage lifelong learning and reading. The library recently moved into a former elementary school building and we will be working with teachers/students at the school this fall to teach information literacy, and supplement the school library in a great partnership. We hope to encourage the students to download and read books from WILBOR on their I-pads, since the school is a 1:1 school. We want them using the technology to read and grow.
BLOOMFIELD	\$1,102.53	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was used for circulation software and our WILBOR (downloadable books) subscription. Many patrons travel and they like the portability with the e-books without the chance of losing an item.
BODE	\$448.99	Furniture; Library Programs; Other	We purchased a new computer table capable of holding two desktop computers with this money. We also had a wonderful storyteller from Cedar Rapids kick off our summer reading program. The remainder was spent on batteries for the Wii. This

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			money provides the extras we wouldn't be able to afford.
BONAPARTE	\$707.79	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We purchased several new books this year for young adults, children, and adults. We paid for antivirus protection for all of our computers. The school is now requiring online registration so with our new antivirus protection the parents aren't as worried about their personal information being sabotaged. One woman in particular seemed to be having a problem registering her child so she felt very comfortable coming to the library. We seem to have more children reading and the young adult readers also seem to be more interested. The adults just like the fact that we are able to offer current titles at a faster pace.
BONDURANT	\$1,930.05	Furniture	With Direct State Aid, our library purchased new library table and chairs, and chairs for our gaming area. Both were needed very badly and we could not have made these purchases without these funds. We have tutors who come in and work with children, as well as business people that stop between appointments and need a place to work. These monies provided a new large table and chairs to meet this need. Wii and Xbox are used on a daily basis and the chairs were worn and did not look good at all. The kids are loving it.
BOONE	\$3,779.26	Materials and Supplies	Large print books, and reference materials (books) were purchased with Direct State Aid. We have an older gentleman that comes to the library weekly. He always asks about books by his favorite authors and when they will be in large print. His name is always at the top of the list and he is so grateful when new ones come in. We have many library patrons that benefit from the large print books we have available. Without these books, many patrons would not be able to read as the normal print books are not an option with their vision problems. We are fortunate that this funding can improve the selection of materials for these patrons who have impaired vision. We also were able to purchase new reference materials that were outdated. This should help our school-agers in their homework for school.
BOYDEN	\$933.43	Materials and Supplies	These funds paid for new books, audio books, Spanish books and DVDs. We were so happy with this funding. Our patrons appreciate it also. Thank you so much!

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BRITT	\$1,526.46	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We used this money to pay extra help/hours for our summer library program, Transparent Language subscription, easy reader non-fiction books, and multiple copies for our book discussion group. Our summer story hour program is often the very first time some younger children participate in library programs, or even use the library. Being able to offer this program to a larger group (by having extra help) is important. One three-year-old boy, after attending the first time, asked his father if he couldn't come here every day, since it was the BEST PLACE. Offering a language learning program to the community was a helpful service. Being able to purchase 3 sets of multiple copies for our book discussion group (since we had grown!) was also helpful in enhancing that adult program. The new set of non-fiction easy readers filled a need for a few children who wanted REAL stories.
BROOKLYN	\$537.63	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	We hired additional staff for the summer library program and a subscription to NEIBORS (downloadable books). I know a patron who loves reading but it was getting harder and harder due to print size. He loves his Kindle and reading e-books because he can make the print whatever size he wants. Without this funding our community might not have had free access to e-books.
BUFFALO CENTER	\$526.84	Library Programs	Direct State Aid was spent on the Reptile Amphibian Discovery Zoo program for our summer reading program. The remaining was spent on books, prizes, and program supplies. Thirty-six boys and girls attended the zoo program and were able to see, touch, and hold the animals. All of our reptile and amphibian books have been checked out since the program. We are able to provide a fun, entertaining event for the kids in our community.
BURLINGTON	\$6,834.60	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for Zinio online magazines, One Click Digital e-audiobooks and print materials. In supplementing our print collection, we used part of the funds to purchase updated nonfiction materials for our children's area. It is vital to our users that they have accurate, timely materials. While adults may evaluate a source by checking the publication date or questioning the content by consulting other sources, our youngest users are still developing those skills. Our young

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			students and inquisitive readers need to find the best material and the Direct State Aid funding helped us to ensure that they did. Roughly half of our purchases were for online materials and half for print. Our goal is to offer our community e-audio and e-magazines to supplement our participation in the WILBOR consortium. While many residents are enthusiastic about trying new formats, print is still the most requested. The Direct State Aid funds help us to supplement both collection areas for our community and offer a richer collection of materials for learning and enrichment.
BURT	\$1,192.64	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Hardback books, NEIBORS e-book subscription, and sets for a new LEGO program for the library this fall was paid for with Direct State Aid funds. We also used some funds for the summer reading program in June. We are excited to be able to offer a LEGO club to our community beginning this fall, with the LEGO sets purchased with Direct State Aid funding. We have never had the funds to do this before, but the kits purchased with this money will enhance our programming options especially during the fall and winter months when the children are looking for activities in the library.
BUSSEY	NE		
CALAMUS	NE		
CALLENDER	\$1,156.24	Materials and Supplies	We purchased a lot of great non-fiction materials to go with the "Fizz, Boom, Read" summer library program theme. A child interested in "animal science" found materials of interest to her.
CALMAR	\$904.22	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We used Direct State Aid funds in many ways. We purchased adult audio books on CDs, as well as new board books for the infants and toddlers that meet criteria for early literacy skills development. We also bought a Deep Freeze program for the public-use computers to prevent potential harmful damage to the computers. We have witnessed a growing number of children, especially toddlers, selecting and checking out an increasing number of our brightly colored and innovative board books since we have updated that particular collection. There are a couple of young children who head straight for that section of the library every time they come in, not only to check them out, but to pull them off the shelves and have fun looking at them here in the library with parents. Even

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			though NEIBORS (downloadable books) is available to patrons, many people still choose to listen to the audio books on CDs, especially when traveling.
CAMANCHE	\$1,854.09	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Adult and children's fiction books, and a one year subscription to Tumbleweed Press were bought with this money. Also, prizes for the summer library program, craft supplies, prizes for an adult winter reading program, performance fee for couponing workshop, and supplies for a wine & cheese tasting event. The children that attend our storytimes enjoy doing crafts. Having the extra money to buy supplies for them is a big help. The adults also like the little prizes we give out for their program.
CAMBRIDGE	\$779.67	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We spent the money on new books, supplies, and two copy machines. We also had staff from the Science Center do a program. I have one boy who is in first grade. He is a very somber little boy, so when I bought books from Rick Bremer he did a program for us. This little boy laughed and laughed. None of us had ever seen him laugh out loud. All the other children laughed with him. Because of this money, I have been able to purchase more books and more summer programs for our children in Cambridge and around the area. We have had great programs this summer because of the money we get from Direct State Aid.
CANTRIL	NE		
CARLISLE	\$1,852.03	Technology and Equipment; Capital Improvements	We purchased a laptop locking case to secure our laptops and tablets. The items can charge while in the case. It saves valuable space and allows us to provide room for more laptops. Our basement suffered water damage this last year. Dirt and concrete work was needed to stop subsequent flooding. Without the funding we could not have fixed the problem. Copies of our local newspaper that are housed in the basement are now safe as well.
CARROLL	\$3,189.41	Materials and Supplies	This money was used to purchase large print books. We have a patron who was concerned that she would be moving to a retirement facility and would not be able to visit the library because she had lost her driver's license due to failing eyesight. We were able to reassure her that we could deliver books to her new apartment and provide her with large print so she would be able to

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			continuing her passion for reading. We also deliver books to shut-ins and these are usually large print books.
CARTER LAKE	\$1,690.93	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid went towards our EBSCOhost database subscription fee and additional database fees for Auto Repair Reference Center and Home Improvement Reference Center. We were also able to pay for reading incentives for the summer reading program, our Dr. Seuss Birthday program and a pre-school magician program.
CASCADE	\$1,388.98	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for two new computers and upgrades from XP computers to Windows 7. Our patrons are pleased with the new computers and they are heavily used throughout the day. Providing newer, faster computers gives people in the community who don't have computers at home the access they need to technology.
CASEY	\$1,138.96	Personnel	We use this money every year to pay for cleaning staff for the library. It helps the librarian, and it provides another job in our community. We live in a very small town and job opportunities are limited. It is a good thing when we can provide local jobs to our citizens. Our librarian doesn't have to spend time cleaning which gives her more time for program planning and assisting patrons.
CEDAR FALLS	\$8,631.64	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	This money pays the salary of our "3rd Age" program coordinator, large type books and books on CD. We frequently hear appreciation from users and their families. This program has sparked a newly proposed program, which will involve volunteers reading to individuals who can no longer read on their own. Residents look forward to the social aspects of the discussion, as well as the mental stimulation. Residents who now live in nursing and retirement homes are still able to receive library services, even if they cannot drive. Cedar Falls and Waterloo Public Libraries partner in this service, also using volunteers and additional materials funds to administer the program. In addition, the materials are available to other libraries in the state for borrowing. The program includes rotating collections, book discussions, and nostalgia kits.
CEDAR RAPIDS	\$25,723.20	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was spent on computer games and new DVDs.
CENTER POINT	\$1,395.42	Personnel	These funds allow us to hire extra help in the summer. We hire students (who volunteer during



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			the school year). We get so busy in the summer and it eases the stress on everyone when there is extra help to accomplish twice as much as one person would normally do in a day.
CENTERVILLE	\$2,089.23	Materials and Supplies	We purchased new children's books for pre-schoolers and new junior non-fiction materials for the reference section.
CENTRAL CITY	NE		
CHARITON	\$1,920.42	Personnel; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs; Other	This money helps pay mileage so the director can attend meetings with other librarians in the area. It also helps us pay for our annual ILS subscription (Destiny), purchase BookWhere from WebClarity for cataloging needs, and to pay our two movie licensing fees, which allow us to utilize the projector in our meeting room for programming. We also used the funds to buy pizzas for our summer reading program finale party, colored paper for flyers, and glue. This year we made over two of our storage rooms into a permanent book sale locations. Expense of tools, safety gear, primer, paint & sanding rentals came to \$290.37. In the past we've been able to keep up with cataloging incoming items. As our staff changes, we've had difficulty getting materials out in a timely manner. With BookWhere we are able to get items to our patrons more quickly. It allows us to catalog more quickly with the bare bones of the record already in place. Our biggest impact this year will be the book sale rooms. Prior to this change we had to lose our meeting room to the sale every year for about two weeks. Set-up and removal of the sale previously used valuable staff time, and the sale itself was always hard on the meeting room's walls & carpet. Now we'll be able to offer sales on a quarterly or monthly basis and the stock is organized to make it easily searchable should we need to replace an item from our collection or provide a title a patron or other library is looking for.
CHARLES CITY	\$2,702.87	Materials and Supplies	This year we made a decision to use these funds to purchase all the published large print by certain authors. We have one gentleman who reads exclusively large print who can count on the library getting a copy of his favorite authors. We have an aging population who really rely on our large print collection for their reading materials.
CHARTER OAK	\$379.36	Materials and	We are part of the Southwest District's large print

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		Supplies; Library Programs; Other	book rotation. I thought this would be a good idea, seeing we have some patrons who need large print books because they can't read normal print any longer. I haven't purchased many summer library program items for a while, so this year we stocked up. The kid's sure seem to enjoy this program. We held a "National Library Week" open house. It's a great time of year to show our patron's how much they mean to us.
CHELSEA	\$712.84	Furniture	The library used Direct State Aid to purchase a bench for patrons to use while sitting outside the library and a desk for the children's library for patrons to sit and read or do homework. One patron said "I love using the desk in the back, it so nice to have a quiet place to do homework."
CHEROKEE	\$2,079.71	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We used these funds for new books, DVDs and a fax machine.
CHURDAN	\$1,210.30	Personnel; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	This money helps us continue to employ library aides. When our router quit working before we had received the go ahead for the tech grant we received, we were able to purchase a router to keep us going. Now we have two routers! One locked and secure for in-library use, and a public line for use with mobile devices. We have recently started a monthly book discussion group and this money has helped greatly with postage to borrow the books.
CLARE	NE		
CLARENCE	\$1,191.76	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs; Other	We used Direct State Aid for movies, door prizes, two wireless mice; one wireless keyboard; and one monitor. We were also able to have an Easter egg hunt and invite IPTV celebrity Dan Wardell for a program. Money was also spent on new t-shirts and summer library program incentives.
CLARINDA	\$2,101.39	Materials and Supplies	Direct state aid allowed the library to get additional materials for all ages including DVDs, books, and eBooks. This funding allows the library to better meet the needs of our community as people of all ages, backgrounds, and education levels rely upon the library and its services.
CLARION	\$1,765.32	Capital Improvements	This money was put towards the purchase of shades throughout the building. The microfilm reader was unreadable during certain times of day due to glare. One of our older patrons comes in

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			regularly to research materials for news articles. He was unable to use the machine during those periods with his poor eye sight. We have many people come in to use our microfilm reader for genealogy. Those on our public computers were shielding their eyes at certain times of the day, too.
CLARKSVILLE	\$1,297.54	Technology and Equipment	The funds were used to replace two of our old Windows XP patron computers. Shortly after receiving the new computers, we had an older person come in wanting to know if we could help her set up an email account so she could stay connected with people in her church (which is out of town). She was the only one without a computer at home and with no email. The library staff helped familiarize her with the new computer and set up an email account. Now, she comes in every week to check her email and connect with her church--she is proof that even in a world full of technology, not everyone has it at home. Regardless of age, income or education, anyone can access a computer through their library. Now that our patrons know we have better computers, they are coming in more frequently to use them.
CLEAR LAKE	\$2,828.76	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for new audiobooks, CDs, videos and DVDs. The demand is high in our library for both audio and video formats. Audio books in CD format are still largely used, especially when traveling and for those who have difficulty reading. In the still struggling economy, video on DVD is the format of choice for many who do not pay for subscription on-line video. Our library has become the go-to place for these forms of media.
CLEARFIELD	NE		
CLEGHORN	\$1,075.25	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We used this money for a WILBOR open house so we could introduce the community to downloadable books. We had refreshments and demonstrated how to access the site and to make our patrons more comfortable with the E-readers and iPads. We also purchased a computer for the librarians. We did not have a computer that we could access at all times except the check-out computer. It really has made a difference. We now can get our work done in a timely manner as opposed to waiting for the computer. We used part of the money to have the summer reading program for the children in this town. We had a great turn-out! Last year we averaged six children

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			a week and this year we averaged 22. It was amazing. We really appreciate the funding and the opportunities that this money allows us to do!
CLERMONT	\$771.66	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards books and DVDs that our patrons requested. This enabled us to increase our circulation while meeting patrons needs.
CLINTON	\$6,206.21	Capital Improvements	The money was spent to renovate the mezzanine for a young adult area with a six-computer lab. We also bought new carpet, paint and electrical wiring. The kids love it!
CLIVE	\$3,891.27	Materials and Supplies	New books and DVDs were purchased with these funds.
CLUTIER	NE		
COGGON	\$818.34	Materials and Supplies	The total amount was spent on new books. Little kids' faces light up when there are bright and colorful books for them to choose from. Library service has improved because we were able to purchase more books to offer our patrons.
COIN	NE		
COLESBURG	\$1,094.09	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Furniture	We added two more hours to the time we are open. We also added to our DVD collection and put some of the money toward an AWE children's computer for our library. We bought a new chair for our reading room.
COLFAX	\$899.91	Capital Improvements	With Direct State Aid, we purchased and installed new kitchen cabinets to update our downstairs meeting room. This room is also being used as a cyber cafe. We have seen an increased usage of this room for meetings, receptions and for people using our WiFi services. We have seen an increased feeling of community due to the improvement of this facility.
COLLINS	\$717.36	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We hired extra staff during the summer reading program using this money. We also replaced VHS tapes with DVDs and bought new headphones.
COLO	\$1,322.99	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	The Colo Public Library started a television DVD collection a few years ago and we have added on to that collection with Blu-Rays. We also purchased new shelving for the collection.
COLUMBUS JUNCTION	\$1,414.86	Personnel; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid money paid to hire an employee to manage our Facebook account. FB is our most effective tool for getting our information out. We also bought a Sony digital camera/movie and

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			tripod for library photos and programs.
CONRAD	\$1,343.72	Other	Direct State Aid helped us pay our electric/gas bills. After being in the new building for five years, we thought we had budgeted the right amount. But this winter was bitterly cold and the heating bills were much more than we had anticipated.
COON RAPIDS	\$1,298.39	Materials and Supplies	I used the Direct State aid for children's books which are checked out the most, especially sports books for our young boys.
CORALVILLE	\$5,317.66	Personnel; Technology and Equipment	We had an unexpected need in upgrading our RFID tags for our collection. We used some of the Direct State Aid funds to supplement staffing needed for this project. We were able to extend our equipment upgrades, and complete a more cohesive network for our new Polaris ILS. Our security gates were upgraded by the vendor this year, due to a failing module in the old gates. The new gates are a huge improvement, both functionally and aesthetically, but they did require that we upgrade our RFID tags from EAS to AFI which was a staff intensive endeavor. All this greatly improved the accuracy and function of the security gates for a better experience for our patrons and more accurate and secure handling of library materials.
CORNING	\$1,433.99	Materials and Supplies	We use this money to buy books for our library. We have been told by many of our patrons that they like our selection of books. This is our main source of funds for these unless we have memorial money or donations.
CORRECTIONVILLE	\$369.27	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for new books and DVDs. The kids have enjoyed the additional movies for checkout. We have movie day at least once a month where the kids can come and watch a new release movie with refreshments. They like coming and sharing a movie with their friends.
CORWITH	\$1,135.90	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This money was spent on new books, DVDs magazines, supplies, our summer library program, and Humanities Iowa programs. All these help better serve our patrons. We feel we can give our community a few of the opportunities that you would find in larger cities by having this extra funding.
CORYDON	\$1,326.01	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and	This money was used to help pay the bill to city hall for librarians' wages. It was also used to increase our collection of audio and large print books, and to buy a part to fix our printer. In

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		Equipment; Library Programs	addition we were able to buy supplies for crafts from Oriental Trading for the summer reading program. This money allows us to stay on track of our budget and to be able to add to our collection and better serve our community
COULTER	\$1,182.27	Materials and Supplies	We used this amount for books and children's program supplies. We can keep our collection up-to-date for our patrons to enjoy. Without these funds we would not be able to do this, and possibly patrons would go to another library.
COUNCIL BLUFFS	\$14,833.26	Technology and Equipment; Furniture; Library Programs; Other	Direct State Aid allows us to buy a copier for the youth, teen and circulation departments. We were also able to recover public lounge chairs and pay for printing for the fall/winter program guide. In addition we paid strategic planning consultant fees and for staff development. Our patrons who use our computer lab are so pleased with our new EnvisionWare system. This system allows for patrons to sign up right at the computer they want to use. It also privatizes their printing, so others aren't searching through everyone's print projects to find their specific one. In addition it allows for color printing from the public computers. Several patrons have remarked on the convenience of using the lab, the simplicity of signing up for their allotted time, and the ease of guest passes to use the public computers. Because of Direct State Aid funds, our library is able to present a well-trained and motivated staff to serve our public.
CRESCO	\$1,914.55	Materials and Supplies	The funding was used to purchase books and audiobooks. The Cresco area has a sizeable population of Amish and Mennonites. Individuals from these communities have appreciated the added collection of inspirational fiction.
CRESTON	\$2,632.75	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Furniture	Direct State Aid paid for staff to attend conferences and Iowa Library Association memberships. We also bought library cards, book jackets, Kapco covers, glue, highlighters, a newspaper, an external hard drive, and a table for the AWE computer.
CRYSTAL LAKE	\$763.80	Materials and Supplies	This money paid for books and DVDs. In our library the patrons seem to always like the new releases so I try to keep them up to date. Our small town library appreciates all of the help we get in state funding.
CUMBERLAND	\$1,084.20	Personnel; Materials and	Direct State Aid paid for staff wages, books and supplies, PS4 hardware and games, and black

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		Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Furniture	folding chairs. Our Library has only a few computers. We bought a PS4 game to keep the children occupied during their wait for a computer. This has brought more children into the library. How great this is and less arguing. Direct state aid funding helps our small town Library continue to be open. We are the smallest in the area and our funding is lower. It is very much appreciated.
CUSHING	\$331.14	Materials and Supplies	<p>The funds were used to purchase new books for the section of the library that serves young people between the approximate ages of 7-12.</p> <p>Through a collaborative effort between our library and the local school district, the library serves as a summer school center for students in the 7-12 age group three days each week. Both the teacher and the students benefitted from the new books. The teacher had current reading material at her fingertips rather than having to search for them in a school building in another town. (There is no attendance center in our town.) The students also welcomed fresh, new books from which to select reading materials. The inventory in this section of the library was in dire need of weeding and replacement. Young readers who frequent this area now have access to the current bestsellers for this age group. The newly purchased books also help keep the library vibrant and alive. We would not be able to purchase these books without this funding.</p>
DALLAS CENTER	\$1,428.29	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We updated some of our adult non-fiction categories and juvenile non-fiction. It also helped pay for our summer library programs and supplies. We have a family with children who have told us they can't afford to go to the pool very often and don't have much else to do over the summer. Our programming has provided them with free and educational events.
DAVENPORT	\$19,922.63	Personnel; Furniture; Other	Direct State Aid helped pay registration fees and travel to the Iowa Library Association Conference, the Public Library Association Conference and PTRC training, as well as locally held workshops. It also allowed us to do an update on furnishings in the administrative area -the only area in the main library that had not been updated over the past several decades. We also created a virtual tour of the three Davenport public library buildings.
DAYTON	\$1,255.38	Materials and	Using these funds, we increased purchasing for

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		Supplies; Technology and Equipment	junior and young adult book selections (targeting grade school through high school-aged patrons), and bought a new patron computer to replace the last remaining XP operating system computer. Newer selections of juvenile and young adult literature has improved visits and circulation by that age group. Even replacing 40-year-old copies of "Little House on the Prairie" or other older literature with newer copies improved the appearance of both the selections and the library in general. Kids seem to be more attracted to the new collection than in prior years. They are more excited about reading and are taking more of an active interest requesting popular titles.
DE SOTO	\$1,218.19	Library Programs; Other	I used these funds to do fun stuff to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. I also used the funds for spring break programming. The biggest use of Direct State Aid funds by far, however, is our summer reading program. We provided books to local families at our holiday party in December 2013, and bought a gift card to provide the books again this year. I'm very proud of the programs we are able to provide our community, and a lot of the reason why we're able to provide such fantastic programs each year is because of Direct State Aid. We are able to do fun crafts and programs, and provide prizes for the kids in order to encourage their continued reading over the summer. Direct State Aid helps pay for all of that.
DECORAH	\$3,075.80	Technology and Equipment; Capital Improvements	Decorah is now on the Decorah Metro net fiber loop for city, county and state. This project required funding for upgrading servers and installation of necessary technology equipment. State aid also assisted with funding for a new roof top heating/cooling system. Generally speaking these services have increased the library usage by both our patrons, visitors and staff. It has increased the exposure for our technology administrator as well as increasing the technological "staff" beyond the library. It also opens other forms of partnerships between the county, city and school. Fiber connection to the library has increased access capabilities both for operating systems but also for wireless users who frequent the library. The partnership with the county and school has also increased the staff resources for technology needs. Thank you for this valuable opportunity.



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DELHI	\$1,120.98	Personnel	We used these funds for payroll expenses for part-time staff.
DENISON	\$2,825.15	Technology and Equipment	We used Direct State Aid funding in the following ways: We upgraded several of our aging computers for use with the Library Technology Grant funding of Rosetta Stone software programs. We bought six new desk top computers and one laptop. The impact of funding was great within this community. By coming along several grants we received this year we have been able to directly affect "communication" between the versatile community that Denison has become. The Spanish speakers are learning English and the English speakers are learning Spanish. The new computers have had a direct impact in this area. The community is also benefiting from the micro-filming of the Denison newspapers- <i>Bulletin</i> and <i>Review</i> . Many of our patrons use our microfilmed newspapers for genealogy searches and review. People from all over the United States call or write to us requesting searches to be performed. Having the newspapers brought up to date in microfilm has been a very positive asset for the library to offer our patrons. The licensing agreement with Fortress is a requirement for security, access control and reporting software.
DENVER	\$1,537.42	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Funds were spent on purchasing Children's Level readers, the NEIBORS annual payment for ebooks, and new DVDs. We also used funds to bring in two summer reading programs - The Rocket Man and a juggling program. Bob Windt, the Rocket Man, was able to connect with the children and get them really excited about science. He showed the children how to make science toys with recycled materials they had at home. The kids made rockets and launched them outside the library. During the next several days after he visited we had many children in the library looking for information in books and online about constructing rockets, ballon cars, hovercrafts, etc. It was really neat to see them learning and so excited about a program we had at the library. Our summer reading program attendance has been steadily increasing each year. We wanted to provide a quality program and with the help of donations and our Direct State Aid funding, we were able to bring in educational and entertaining programs for each of the five weeks of summer

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			reading. We were able to serve over 200 children. We also work closely with the elementary teachers in our district to develop a collection of leveled readers for kindergarten, first, and second graders who are developing reading skills. Parents are able to come to the library during the summer and the school year and select books recommended by their teacher at their child's reading level. Parents are grateful for the help in finding books that they can use at home to help their child with reading skills
DES MOINES	\$40,140.31	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was used for periodical magazine subscriptions. Access to an in-depth variety of periodical magazine titles always make a great difference in the lives of school children who utilize magazines as sources of information for their homework assignments. Library citizens are able to gain timely information through periodical magazine sources.
DEWITT	\$2,686.29	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	This money was spent on DVDs, one desktop computer and two laptop computers for the public. Since we don't have a store where you can borrow DVDs, we are able to make more available in this area.
DEXTER	\$772.66	Personnel	Our budget didn't allow for special programming salaries so we used these dollars to pay staff for programming hours. We provide a Pumpkin Walk in our city park where we hand out leftover prizes, books, candy, etc., at Halloween. This program is very much appreciated by citizens whom have just moved to Dexter and don't know anyone but they can attend the park's trick or treat with their children and know they can trust the library staff and those involved. We were able to provide special programs for the children of Dexter that otherwise would have been cut from our programming for the year.
DICKENS	\$700.75	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	A high school student was hired to help with the summer hours during June for 20 hours a week at minimum wage. The state money was used to help with the cost of hiring her. Children's books were also bought. Children count on this library to be available for them to come and do crafts, read books, chat and get a snack.
DIKE	\$1,362.94	Materials and Supplies; Technology and	Youth and adult fiction, picture books, audiobooks were purchased with Direct State Aid. We also upgraded to Windows 8 from Windows XP. Direct

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		Equipment; Library Programs	State Aid also helps pay expenses associated with youth programming such as craft supplies and games. The computer operating system upgrade to Windows 8 meant that many students in this community were able to complete reports and use our computers for homework immediately after the Microsoft switch until they could replace or upgrade their own computers.
DONNELSON	\$1,201.31	Personnel	We extended our hours using Direct State Aid. We added an additional 3 1/2 hours per week throughout the year. Being open before noon is beneficial for both families with young children, and older adults who are on a schedule or on their way to congregate meals.
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DOWS	\$1,287.15	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	These funds paid for new juvenile fiction and non-fiction books, as well as crafts and supplies for the summer reading program. The program helps children visiting over the summer to overcome their shyness and feel part of a group.
DUBUQUE	\$11,920.46	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase e-books to enhance our collection and three MacBook computers. During FY14 we introduced a portable digital media lab. The lab is taken "on the road" to bring programming to our target audience - teens in poverty. Our goal is to introduce them to some of the newest technology. The library hosts an Art @ Your Library exhibit and show featuring new local artists every other month and we use Direct State Aid to help pay for it. The artist and his/her artwork debuts at a reception held after hours on the first Friday evening of every other month.
DUMONT	\$1,144.92	Materials and Supplies; Other	This money was spent on books and supplies, a fire alarm, toilet repairs and maintenance on our air conditioner and furnace. Thanks to this money we are able to keep our building in good shape and provide materials our patrons want.
DUNCOMBE	\$1,162.71	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This year most of the Direct State Aid money was spent replenishing our young adult books and series. We recently weeded a lot of old books out, and needed to replace and replenish our collection. We also spent part of the money on our storytime program as well as the summer reading program. The money was used to keep up with snacks, and our activities, as well as used to buy books that went along with this year's theme.

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			<p>We have two little girls who come to storytime every Monday with their grandma. They are raised by a single father who works very hard to maintain their home and makes sure that they do things that they love. Coming to storytime, making crafts, and then bringing books home to read to their father is a bonding experience they will remember the rest of their lives. One of these little girls was so shy she hardly spoke to anyone the first few years she came. I think socializing with the kids here, as well as reading out loud during our program, has helped her come out of her shell. Reading, as well as storytime programs, do change lives and they help these kids make memories that will last forever. Children have a huge impact on libraries and it's important to keep them involved. Purchasing new young adult novels was also a good way to improve our community. Teenagers are so hard to get into libraries, and if we continue to get books that inspire them, or books that they request to read, we are bringing them in.</p>
DUNKERTON	\$1,159.95	Materials and Supplies	<p>We purchased books, audio books, and DVDs. A gentleman who was making a career change started to spend long hours on the road driving a semi. He expressed his enjoyment of listening to books while driving, To meet this need, we have greatly improved our audiobook collection thanks to the Direct State Aid funding that we have received. We have been able to listen to the needs of our community and order the materials they are requesting and using.</p>
DUNLAP	\$826.10	Personnel	<p>Direct State Aid allows me to take vacation and sick days.</p>
DYERSVILLE	\$1,723.83	Materials and Supplies	<p>All funds are used to supplement the library's media materials budget - DVDs, Wii, Xbox games, ebooks, etc.</p>
DYSART	\$1,270.24	Personnel; Furniture	<p>Direct State Aid helped pay for staff training and a new shelving unit. We have one elderly gentlemen who is reading through our entire large print collection one book at a time and he can use a roller chair to sit on because he has many health issues. Now he can reach all the shelves. Before we had to use the lowest shelves and the highest shelves. We have been able to expand our large print and DVD sections which have become so popular and we had no place to add more materials before. This makes the entire collection more assessible for our patrons.</p>

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EAGLE GROVE	\$1,952.09	Materials and Supplies	Our Direct State Aid money supplemented our large print book and audio book expenditures. At this time that is where we are experiencing our greatest demand.
EARLHAM	\$1,390.02	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Furniture; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for off-site staff training, Iowa award books for the summer reading program, replacement of a laser printer, a new children's table and chairs, and storytime craft supplies. This funding allows the library to cover those expenses that go above and beyond the budget. We are able to provide services that our patrons expect and appreciate from a small town library.
EARLVILLE	\$819.22	Materials and Supplies	We used this money to buy new books. Reading itself is an enriching activity and I believe that everyone who enjoys reading knows that fulfillment. I think that anyone who checks out books for pleasure is very positively impacted by the library and its services. We are able to provide the reading material that patrons are looking for and this makes the library a hub in our community. People not only come for reading material, but they bring their children in for programming and they also socialize while they are here.
EARLY	\$466.70	Materials and Supplies	I was able to update our DVD collection and purchase just released books from some patrons' favorite authors.
EDDYVILLE	\$1,219.26	Personnel	We used the entire amount to pay staff to work extended hours. We have a young lady who attends a local community college. She uses our public computers for her studies. She appreciates our later hours so she can continue her education. Our working patrons appreciate extended hours because they are able to use the library after they get off work.
EDGEWOOD	\$1,211.90	Materials and Supplies	We have many more requests for DVDs, so we used this money to increase our holdings. We are also working on beefing up our youth selections, so we spent the biggest amount on youth fiction and nonfiction including the Children's Choice Award books. One middle elementary student came in about once a week over the summer and checked out all the Children's Choice books she could get. Our school has a contest for those students who read all the Children's Choice books and she was really excited to have most of them

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			read before the school year even began. She couldn't wait to tell her teacher and the media specialist that she did this!
ELBERON	\$1,040.73	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Furniture; Other	Movies, books, a new Brother all-in-one printer, and a file cabinet were purchased with this money. We're bringing in more patrons who are enjoying the updates we have done.
ELDON	\$828.25	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Other	We used this to pay our yearly subscription for WILBOR (downloadable books). We bought Windows 7 Enterprise through TechSoup to upgrade our office computer from XP. We also used this money to help complete our automation project. Our patrons are very happy with access to ebooks through WILBOR. If we weren't a member of the consortium, we wouldn't be able to offer any access to ebooks. And now that we are automated, the process of checking in and out, renewing books online and having our card catalog online is so easy.
ELDORA	\$1,644.86	Materials and Supplies	Thanks in part to this funding the library is able to supply the books requested by area residents.
ELDRIDGE	\$10,912.66	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for staff computers, receipt printers, and a public printer. The stories are many, since there were check-out issues causing delays to patrons and frustrating them and staff alike. Once resolved a patron remarked; "Why that was so slick, what did you do? Last time I was ready to leave and go to the Davenport Library. Good work and thanks." We are up to date now and we are all happy for it. Yes, our older computers did not function well with Polaris, causing delays in processing patron requests and check-out. The receipt printers were of an older variety that didn't function well with Polaris. All branches benefited, as well as patrons.
ELGIN	\$1,137.64	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for new books, DVDs, audio books, Internet access and a FAX machine. A woman who recently moved to an apartment very close to the library comes in almost every day to use the computer. One day she said, "I love using the computer, but I would never be able to afford Internet when I have to live on my disability payments. It's so nice to come to a welcoming, clean place and be able to be on the Internet." Because we are able to continually improve our

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			collection, we draw new users each month, including many children who also attend programs. Patrons are also still in need of Internet access, especially since the one-to-one initiative in our school district.
ELK HORN	\$1,142.24	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This money helps us pay for new DVDs, which is currently the number one item checked out in our library. We also ordered additional children's books for our summer reading program. We also bought Playaway audio books to keep things current for our patrons. Additional prizes were bought this summer to get the kids excited about our summer reading program, and it has been a success! Our library was used in conjunction with a local elementary student who needed extra reading time with his teacher. They met at our library to do extra summer school reading. His involvement with our summer reading program got him excited about reading even more books than we required. We have had a fantastic turnout this summer for our reading program. We have almost 60 kids signed up, and they are excited about the incentives.
ELKADER	\$1,343.36	Personnel; Library Programs	This money was used to hire additional staff needed to supervise and serve the children and patrons at summer reading program activities. We also bought summer reading program supplies and incentives. It is important to keep children reading during the summer so they maintain or improve their reading skills, so the library's summer reading program is very important. In this age of technology, children are easily distracted from reading by the internet, video games, social media, and the like. Anything, such as offering a challenge and giving incentives and rewards for reading, will help children focus on reading. We challenged the children to read 1000 minutes this summer, which shocked some at first, but then when they found out that was only about 20 minutes every day, they accepted the challenge. Many are meeting and even exceeding the weekly goal. This will make a difference in their lives when they succeed in school as a result of being a good reader and succeed in life when they are an educated, informed, and contributing member of society.
ELLIOTT	\$729.63	Materials and Supplies;	Children's and large print books were purchased and we were able to have summer reading

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		Library Programs	<p>programs. This funding is a blessing to our library! It has made a difference in our whole community. Our patronage has almost doubled! Being able to offer the new books and programs for everyone in our community is wonderful. Several kids have made new friends just by coming to the library and seeing what everyone else is reading or doing in our programs. Kids of all ages have been coming in and checking out the new books. They are happy to see all the new books we have to offer. Without this funding we would not be able to get the new books that the kids need to read for school. Also our senior patrons wouldn't have new books to read. This funding helps keep our community together. Our library programs are keeping the kids off the streets and communicating with each other in a positive way.</p>
ELLSWORTH	\$1,160.31	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs; Other	<p>Direct State Aid paid for many things, including staff training, eBooks and downloadable audiobooks, computer maintenance, a security program, USB adapter and flash drives. It also helped pay for a Blank Park Zoo program and snacks for programs, as well as newspaper subscriptions. Using our computers have helped several people find jobs, apply for unemployment, social security, and other online services. We have one family in particular that benefits from them. They homeschool their children, and need the computers to do research and other tasks related to their education.</p>
ELMA	\$1,199.50	Technology and Equipment	<p>The library bought an AWE Early Learning Station with these fund. A tutor using our library has been using the AWE Early Learning Station programs while she is doing tutoring lessons with a boy age five. They have been using the story programs to help with his reading. Our younger patrons, ages two to eight, now have their own computer with learning games and activities on it. We now see at least 10-15 children a month using the new computer just for them.</p>
ELY	\$1,538.06	Materials and Supplies	<p>Part of this funding was spent on purchasing new juvenile non-fiction materials as many of our information texts were outdated. We also chose books that aligned with the curriculum of our local schools. The remainder was used to purchase audiobooks. I have heard many positive comments from the teachers in our community who frequent our library to find supplemental texts and</p>



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			materials to use within their classroom. I have also had positive feedback from parents who have taken their teens on long road trips and have listened to some of our new audiobooks. They were surprised that they could enjoy a book together. This funding is essential to public libraries today with how tight our budgets have become. While the library in my community is seen as essential and is used quite heavily, there still is limited funding available from our community to support all of the other necessary city projects. This funding makes it possible for our library to offer materials we would not otherwise be able to afford.
EMERSON	NE		
EMMETSBURG	\$1,987.27	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs; Other	Direct State Aid went towards Advantage Co. for preservation microfilming, to Houchen Bindery for newspaper binding, performance fees for the Science Center of Iowa to present at the library for the summer reading program, a movie license, World Trade Press for one-year subscription to database Global Road Warrior, and to ProQuest LLC for one-year subscription to Ancestry.com Library. Our residents continue to have access to the resources they need to research their personal heritage, which is part of our library's mission statement. Additionally, we were able to provide programming and another database with the funding.
ESSEX	\$1,134.98	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We purchased a new computer to replace one of our public access computers. Also, we were able to purchase DVDs to improve our selection for our patrons.
ESTHERVILLE	\$2,261.84	Technology and Equipment	We utilized these funds to pay for our annual subscription for Apollo (Biblionix) circulation software.
EVANSDALE	\$1,257.74	Furniture	Direct State Aid went to purchase new media center shelving to go along with our remodel that we've been doing over the past two years.
EVERLY	\$766.66	Materials and Supplies	We purchased extra books to go with our summer reading program, story time, and for upcoming severe weather programs. Several of our patrons were traveling to out of town libraries due to the fact we did not have the most current titles. With this money we were able to purchase more of current titles from authors they enjoyed. The Everly Public Library has seen an increase in our

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			patronage with the variety of books and increased children's programming.
EXIRA	\$1,225.60	Personnel	This funding was used to pay salaries. We have not received raises in our budget nor have we been given staff raises because of lack of funds. This has been a great help to us.
FAIRBANK	\$1,253.04	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	I purchased books on CDs, laptops for the library, and paid for the Science Center of Iowa to present a summer library program in June. One of our regular CD users really appreciates our selection of books. The cost of these books would deter her being able to purchase many for herself. Several adults use our CD books when they travel to their jobs. The children really enjoyed the Science Center of Iowa program.
FAIRFAX	NE		
FAIRFIELD	\$3,399.70	Materials and Supplies	We routed our Direct State Aid to library materials (books, DVDs, downloadables, etc.) It fulfilled a critical need during a time of budget reductions. Thank you for this program! Library staff want to develop a vital collection that is actively used by the readers in our service area. Our ability to serve the public is significantly impacted by funding. It is encouraging to know that the State of Iowa makes libraries a priority by funding the Direct State Aid agreement. A 17-year study determined that our annual expenditure for library materials has been \$58,000. During this current fiscal year, our general fund budget for library materials was reduced from \$24,000 to only \$4,000. The City of Fairfield is in the process of re-vamping its wastewater treatment infrastructure, along with other improvements. Direct State Aid is an extremely important source of revenue for library materials during this lean time.
FARMERSBURG	\$386.19	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid helped pay for continuing education for staff. We also spent the money on books, a newspaper and some magazines. It was also spent on computer software to run our library better to serve the patrons, and on summer reading program materials. We are a small library and depend on this state aid to serve our patrons. I am so very grateful to the State of Iowa for giving us this money.
FARMINGTON	NE		
FARNHAMVILLE	\$467.41	Library Programs	Science equipment and books for the summer

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			library program were purchased with this money. One girl checked out several science books and she was amazed that she learned she liked science as much as she did. These books opened up a whole new world for her! I was able to service many more children during the summer library program this year. We increased the participation in the activities of the summer library program by more than 50% since I was able to purchase science equipment for experiments and increase our science library. Many children came to our special programs planned with this money.
FAYETTE	\$1,271.32	Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we purchased a patron access computer laptop with Windows 8. We have several patrons who needed access to the new system so they could decide if they want to upgrade to it. Patrons were happy to see the new faster computers in the library. Each year the library uses the Direct State Aid funds to add or replace one library computer. This year the library did not receive enough funds to fund the whole computer. Total cost was \$1422. The library uses the laptop for teaching and patron access.
FENTON	\$1,130.91	Technology and Equipment; Other	We used these funds to upgrade our computers due to the change in Windows. We also spent the money to complete the installation of a stairlift. We are now able to have access to our meeting room located in the basement. Anyone with a disability will be able to attend.
FERTILE	\$1,159.94	Materials and Supplies	I purchased books & audio books. A student complained about long lists for popular books at school. We were able to provide the book without a long wait. She was a happy young lady and so was her mother. We were able to provide a better selection of titles and authors.
FONDA	\$796.26	Materials and Supplies	With our state funding we were able to pay for our subscription to Overdrive (downloadable books). We also bought inspirational Christian books. We have one patron who loves to read, but her tastes are definitely not something that would appeal to the general population. She is very interested in World War II history, art and politics of the 16th Century, and European murder mysteries. Our Overdrive subscription enables her, and others like her, to access books that we would never be able to supply on our limited budget!

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FONTANELLE	\$1,136.76	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We used the money to purchase and process books. We also spent money on programs including the Blank Park Zoo and for summer reading program supplies. We also had Halloween and Christmas party storytimes, as well as an author visit and used money to advertise the programs. One of our patrons who has a daughter in fifth grade told us that her daughter's teacher went around the room asking students what they were thankful for and her daughter said that she was thankful for our library because it has so many wonderful books that she can checkout. We feel that we improve some every year with our programs. Our summer reading is our biggest hit. Our attendance has grown every year. We have many children as well as adults that look forward to the programs and it is rewarding to us to be able to do this.
FOREST CITY	\$1,893.78	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid went towards computers. The library experienced problems booting up in the morning. Some days they just would not open and we had to tag them out of order for the day. With the purchase of new CPU's the problem has basically been eliminated. Public users are happy to have more computers up and running.
FORT ATKINSON	\$1,110.10	Personnel	Direct State Aid went towards staff training and to hire extra staff during reading programs. Our adult book group continues to be a hit for the women who joined the group. I have heard comments that "we have the best group" so you know they enjoy coming here and don't have to seek some other community for this type of service. We have also been showing movies with our movie license and that takes extra staff and hours. The group showing up is getting a little bigger and the smiles on the parents and kids says it all. With these funds we are given a little more wiggle room financially to do the extra programming and hours. The community is seeing the library in a different capacity by some programming being offered a little more often.
FORT DODGE	\$6,591.04	Materials and Supplies	This money was used to buy new DVDs and audiobooks on CD. While people come for these, they are exposed to the many other types of materials we offer.
FORT MADISON	\$1,144.31	Materials and Supplies	This money helps subsidize the library's standing order plan with Junior Library Guild. We have begun purchasing books from Junior Library Guild

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			because of their track record of selecting high interest children's and young adult books. This funding has allowed our library to increase the quality of the materials offered in the children's area. Over the past four years circulation of young adult materials has almost doubled.
FREDERICKSBURG	\$1,272.19	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Training classes for both the director and the children's librarian were paid for with these funds. We also purchased new books, new magazines, and new art supplies. We also used the money for our Women's 3rd Annual Tea Party, entertainment and treats, an author visit, and summer reading and family fun night programs. We have many low income families in our community and one family in particular has told me that they are really happy we provide so much for their kids to do. The mother said it was a difficult winter and paying for heating was hard and she would send the kids to use the library and to all of the programs so they had something fun to do in a warm place. I almost always gave them the left over food from the programming and it was a joy to help them. They were at every child-friendly function and since moving out of town, the mother has called and thanked me and said she was happy to have had such a great library so close to them and she misses us! We are able to offer a wider variety of magazines to our patrons for both in house use and check out, the health conscious are grateful for the "Cooking Light" magazine. Our programs increased again this year due to demand and the attendees number also grew.
GALVA	\$715.23	Materials and Supplies	We used the money to supplement our book and DVDs budgets. We can offer our patrons the movies and books they request and it certainly helps with our collection.
GARDEN GROVE	NE		
GARNAVILLO	\$1,237.83	Technology and Equipment	Three new Windows 8 computers--one for public use, one for the circulation desk and one for the office --were purchased with these funds. We have a patron who is currently taking college courses. Two of her courses were on the Windows 8 operating system and Microsoft Office 2014. She was able to come to the library to do her assignments using the new patron Windows 8 computer as well as work on her assignments using Office 2014. Her comment to the library

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			staff was "I would not have been able to pass the classes if it were not for the library having both the hardware and the software that I needed."
GARNER	\$1,802.37	Personnel	These funds pay a partial salary for our youth librarian. This means more programming for our kids.
GARRISON	NE		
GARWIN	\$751.06	Personnel	Direct State Aid was used for wages.
GEORGE	\$895.27	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid to buy materials to start a 1,000 books before Kindergarten program. We are still finalizing the details, but we have the supplies ready to go. This year, we were able to offer an extended summer reading program (six weeks, instead of four). The money helped cover the costs for t-shirts, supplies, and programming. We also were able to offer the Family Storyteller program. We had a family that was able to attend our summer reading program and Family Storyteller program that normally wouldn't be able to attend. They have now become frequent patrons of the library and plan to join our 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program as soon as it is available. We were also able to incorporate more programming that impacts low income families, as they were no-cost programs.
GILMAN	NE		
GILMORE CITY	\$1,141.29	Materials and Supplies	Books and program supplies. We have a Halloween party and Christmas open house and needed supplies for those as well as our story hour and summer reading program.
GLADBROOK	\$811.36	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs; Other	Web site fax/copier machine was bought with Direct State Aid. It also paid for our summer reading program and a coffee machine. The fax machine is important for people sending income tax records for loans and work receipts. The children really like the summer reading program and look forward to them.
GLENWOOD	\$2,283.91	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We purchased DVDs for adults and children, and a mini projector, as well as summer reading program supplies.
GLIDDEN	\$878.25	Technology and Equipment	Computer upgrades, monitor, Home Office & having only Windows XP made it difficult for people to do what they needed to do on our computers. Now with Windows 7, purchased with this money, everyone can access and download

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			everything they are looking for.
GOWRIE	\$1,289.65	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This money was spent on children's books and audio books. We also used the money to bring in Blank Park Zoo for the summer reading program and pay for program materials. I have a young patron who is severely autistic who comes in with his caretaker every Thursday. He always selects one of the nonfiction books and finds a quiet corner to sit and read. The library has a calming effect on the boy, especially after a long day at school. I was able to supply up-to-date nonfiction for the children's department and I have a number of patrons who enjoy our growing audio book collection.
GRAETTINGER	\$865.86	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We ordered books that had science experiments in them and the needed supplies to try out during our summer reading program. We also had balloon creations and juggling presenters. Because of the funding we received, we were able to do more hands-on experiments, which resulted in more of the older kids coming to the program. We had one participant who had such a good time at the program he is coming in more often to use the library and even wanted to get a library card. There are not a lot of activities to do in town during the summer in the mornings, so our summer reading program gives the kids a chance to socialize and do fun activities with other kids. Without this funding we wouldn't be able to offer as many activities as we do.
GRAFTON	\$1,137.48	Materials and Supplies	The entire amount was used to purchase additional books and DVDs. We had a horrible winter this past year, and school was cancelled a lot. The kids came to the library for their entertainment. It was great to have the place full of life and have attractive materials to make them want to read. They began to request more and discovered new authors. We had adults who regularly devour books who thanked me every time I got in a new book to try, but it was really all about the children this past year. Without this funding, we would not be able to provide many current books and movies to this small rural community. We do not have a school or a pool, and the public library is all the more important.
GRAND JUNCTION	\$819.66	Personnel; Materials and Supplies;	This money was used for staff training. We also used this amount to help purchase books for children's programming and for ink for the printer.

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		Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Additionally, I used this money for afterschool programs with children. Our printer is used heavily so the ink has to be replaced often.
GRANGER	\$836.01	Furniture	We used our Direct State Aid this year to purchase shelving units for our new materials. In the short time I've been here, I've had multiple patrons tell me how nice it is to be able to come in and know what's new without having to search the shelves.
GREENE	\$1,238.74	Personnel	Direct State Aid funding pays the salary for the first 124 hours of the year for our fourth librarian. Sandy loves to plan special story hours and in this past year, organized a Super Hero Story Hour, complete with special activities and treats. Boys and girls enjoy attending her events because they know that she will provide an extremely entertaining occasion.
GREENFIELD	\$1,409.69	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture; Library Programs	This money went towards program refreshments, updates to our computers, a new motor for our door opener, shelving, performance fees and adult spring programs. Several patrons were able to secure employment through the use of the library's public access computers. Keeping the computers up-to-date and functioning so people can help better their life is a goal that this funding has allowed the library to meet. Service for the handicapped and elderly is enhanced by the electronically operated doors at the library. Keeping them in good working order was made possible through this funding.
GRIMES	\$2,718.33	Capital Improvements	We purchased a new parking lot light that increased illumination and made it safer in the parking lot for patrons and employees at night. All thanks to this funding.
GRINNELL	\$2,829.59	Materials and Supplies	Large print materials, downloadable ebooks and e-audiobooks were bought with Direct State Aid money. Our staff personally deliver large print materials to many home bound Grinnell residents on a weekly basis. An average of 33 books go out each week to people who would not otherwise have access to quality reading material. One library user was extremely grateful for the large print format as he had been an avid reader and his eyesight began to deteriorate. Now he can continue reading with large print. There are many others like him out there. Ebooks and e-audiobooks are also in demand. Our community benefits by having free and open access to reading



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			and listening materials in the digital format. Library service improves when new materials are purchased for the community to share and enjoy. Direct State Aid funding allows our library to offer more diversity in reading materials and how those materials are delivered to our library users.
GRISWOLD	\$1,247.67	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	Direct State Aid paid for Iowa Choice Award books, and four storage shelves. Our services to the community have improved because we have a better organizational system in our storage closet, thus allowing us to have at a glance knowledge of what materials and supplies we have available for programs. After we got everything organized we realized we had quite a few projects and crafts in addition to prizes for our summer reading program that had been obtained by the previous staff. Our circulation services have improved with the purchase of the second set of GoldFinch Award books. The parents or children are able to check out the books on the list and get them completed in a more timely manner and word has been spreading through the community that we have extra copies for check out.
GRUNDY CENTER	\$1,736.70	Materials and Supplies	We were able to purchase additional books for our summer reading program. We used some funds for postage to allow for interlibrary loans. We used funds for additional programming supplies for our children's and adult programs. I had a library user looking for some very specific information about an American Indian culture and art. A scientist had just discovered artifacts on one of his farm plots and he wanted to research it further. He was unable to get away to a bigger research library, so I was able to show him how to look up different books on WorldCat and SILO using subject headings. We were able to order him the information he needed and save him the time and money that it would have taken to drive to a bigger library. We have been able to expand our programming options to engage users of all ages in informational programs that increase social and cultural ties. We have also been able to expand our collection to meet the specific needs of users through the interlibrary loan services offered.
GUTHRIE CENTER	\$1,454.71	Other	The money was spent to clean the carpet in the whole library for the first time in 14 years. It has made our facility so much more pleasant to be in and so much more sanitary. We have wanted to

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			do this for so long but couldn't afford it.
GUTTENBERG	\$1,466.30	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid went to our NEIBORS (downloadable audios and e-books) subscription. We also purchased two computer mice, a barcode scanner, paid our telephone and internet bills, and purchased two baby changing stations. Having baby changing stations in the library restrooms will enable parents to care for their babies needs in a convenient and sanitary manner. More and more people are using electronic devices and wish to read with their device or listen to the large selection of audiobooks available through the NEIBORS program.
HAMBURG	\$848.95	Technology and Equipment; Other	We purchased a monitored security system to provide burglary, fire and emergency protection. We also bought patron key tags for use with our Destiny automation program. (Barcode and library information is printed on the back of the tags.) Our library telephone number is on the back of the tag, so when keys have been found, we helped get the keys back to the owner.
HAMPTON	\$2,420.87	Furniture; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for a coffee station and lamps, and the summer reading program and adult book discussions. We have an eight-year-old patron who comes in and uses the internet during the summer because he doesn't have it at home. He also participates in the summer reading program which helps maintain his reading level for when school resumes in the fall. Some of the children attending the summer reading program come from a home that speaks Spanish. This funding helps provide the students with great books both bilingual and English to maintain their reading level through the summer. The attendants of the adult book discussion group enjoy the lively discussion and light refreshments that the library serves during this cultural monthly event.
HANLONTOWN	\$1,132.54	Materials and Supplies	We purchased new books and audio books. I was able to help a young mother with health issues because I have a medical book permanently in our collection. With this funding we can offer our patrons a larger selection of materials.
HARCOURT	\$1,130.94	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for new books, audio books, and DVDs, as well as computer maintenance. We have been able to serve our patrons' requests for new materials.
HARLAN	\$2,227.77	Materials and	This money went towards large print books in

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		Supplies	adult fiction and non-fiction. We have several nursing home residents who use the library for nearly all their entertainment needs. Our expanded large print offerings have helped them to stay mentally alert and abreast of current news-worthy topics, as well as entertainment trends available to the rest of the patrons.
HARPERS FERRY	\$396.03	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used for staff training and extended hours. We also bought children's books, paper for fax machines and/or printer paper, and computer upgrades. We do a lot of arts and crafts during our summer library program to get kids more involved and use our library. I love to see kids faces while doing a project to take home for FREE since we have a few extra dollrs we can provide this service. We also serve many adults using the computers, printers, and the fax machine. I do thank you for the extra funds and helping us better serve our patrons! Makes a librarian HAPPY!
HARTLEY	\$1,331.60	Materials and Supplies	We purchased an e-books subscription to reach patrons who don't use the library, and a movie license to show movies to adults and kids as a means to provide a place for entertainment. We also bought new books for the summer library theme "Fizz! Boom! Read!" Thanks for helping us provide these items. We have had such a positive feedback about the e-books. Many of our snowbirds are able to continue to support our library while they are gone for the winter months and maintain a reading log of books they have read.
HAVELOCK	NE		
HAWARDEN	\$1,688.55	Materials and Supplies	We used the funds for a lease program for CD books which rotates quarterly and also to help us afford the Encyclopedia Britannica online database for inhouse use and through our website. We have seen the encyclopedia use increase each month. The CD books are a godsend for people traveling or over-the-road truckers.
HAWKEYE	\$1,088.40	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for our NEIBORS yearly renewal subscription (downloadable books), Follett Support (extended maintenance, support catalog/circulation), and our summer reading programs. With the NEIBORS subscription, we are able to assist patrons in checking out more items, e-books and audio books. They really like this

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HEDRICK	\$1,132.82	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs; Other	Direct State Aid was used for computer software, volunteer appreciation gifts, winter reading prizes, a Halloween party, books and labels, summer reading books, snacks, supplies, handouts, a clown, party supplies, prize drawings, a sidewalk sign to promote programs, and signage for library shelves.
HIAWATHA	\$2,927.04	Personnel	We used the funds to pay staff so we could offer Sunday hours. We get many frantic homework questions on the weekends so it helps to be open Sunday.
HILLSBORO	NE		
HOLSTEIN	\$1,263.28	Materials and Supplies	We use this money to subscribe to Tumblebooks. Our WILBOR (downloadable books), and new books.
HOPKINTON	\$1,152.96	Library Programs	Story hour supplies as well as the summer reading program were paid for with this money. We have many children who participate in our programs. We are a very small town and average 20-25 children at each story hour. Numerous times throughout the year we have had parents and children tell us how appreciated it is that we provide such great programs. We enjoy providing an extra outlet for our youth that is positive and educational.
HOSPERS	\$932.29	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a new computer to use as a server for our online catalog and for staff. We also purchased an Ipad to be used by the public within the library. Many moms who are working on the public computers have been very grateful for the Ipad as their children as young as two can sit by them and play the various level games that we have downloaded on the it.
HUBBARD	NE		
HUDSON	\$1,483.14	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	DVDs, feature films and TV series, a Sony digital video camera recorder, and a Wolverine film-to-digital converter were all purchased with Direct State Aid funds. Although the purchase of the film-to-digital converter is still fairly new, I am seeing excitement from patrons at the possibility of preserving their family photos and slides. Our DVD collection is a popular part of our materials circulation and benefits a large number of our patrons.
HULL	\$1,617.94	Materials and Supplies;	This money went towards supplies for our Christmas ornament decorating program. We

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		Library Programs	needed the ornaments themselves, getting clear ball, heart, and star ornaments that could be decorated on the inside and then put together. This is where the majority of our state aid money went, but we also purchased prizes for our first ever teen reading program. Multiple gift cards were purchased and used as prizes. We also purchased water bottles for all of our teen and adult summer reading clubs. Having this funding allows us to have our Christmas ornament decorating program and kids have a lot of fun with this. It is rewarding to see kids having such a great time making an ornament to put on their tree, or to give as a gift, or to see them experiment with different creative designs and choices to make an awesome creation.
HUMBOLDT	\$2,076.96	Materials and Supplies	The Direct State Aid funds were used to purchase children's audio visual supplies including DVDs, music CDs, book/CD kits, and Playaways for children in fifth grade and younger. A young patron came in often to see if the movie "Frozen" was checked in. For months we couldn't keep a copy on the shelf even though we had two in the children's library and one in the teen library. One day, the little girl came in again and there was finally a copy available. She was so excited. She said, "I FINALLY get to see this. I'm the last kid in my class to have seen it," and she left the library literally skipping because she was so happy. The funding allowed us the freedom to buy multiple copies of popular items that we can't keep on the shelves.
HUMESTON	\$717.11	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Library staff members were rewarded for diligent work with a raise during the mid-year review. This covered a portion of the raises. Our library purchased a hand truck to help move heavy boxes of books, and a paper cutter. Both of these items are for staff use and help with safety and efficiency. The new hand truck has saved many backaches for library staff. It is very common for the library to receive donations of several heavy boxes of books for our books sale. Before, staff members would help carry books in over several trips. Now, the hand truck is rolled out and several boxes of books can be rolled into the library easily by librarians. Our library board believes that the community is best served when the library has caring and competent library staffers. They

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			perceive that it is easier to keep qualified librarians by paying a competitive salary.
HUXLEY	\$1,733.70	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was used for new books and some DVDs.
IDA GROVE	\$1,421.43	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Furniture; Library Programs	Funds were used to purchase new children's and juvenile non-fiction books. These books are high interest books that appeal to all ages of children and were used to update and fill in some of our weaker areas of juvenile non-fiction. The money also helped pay for computer repair services for all library computers. Services included repair of damaged or infected computers and installation of a recovery system for each computer. We were also able to replace old/worn/broken computer chairs for all patron access computers, and to provide one adult program through Humanities Iowa. Funds were also used in conjunction with the grant funds from the State Library's technology grant to purchase a sound bar and connection cords for the projector and also to help purchase a three-year movie license. This funding, especially the funds used to update the juvenile non-fiction collection, has had a big impact on our families who choose to home-school their children. By providing up-to-date, relevant books and information on issues our society faces today, our home-school families find it easier to use and understand the books and how they relate to today's learning environment.
INDEPENDENCE	\$2,465.76	Materials and Supplies	We purchased additional books, audios and videos for our collection.
INDIANOLA	\$4,450.95	Personnel	This money was spent to provide health insurance in order for our part-time cataloger (35 hours per week) to become full-time. Because of this funding and the resulting increase in staff hours we are now able to keep up with cataloging new materials. This means that patrons are able to check them out faster and are definitely happier!
INWOOD	\$1,266.86	Technology and Equipment	We used this money to replace three old Windows computers with new ones.
IONIA	\$1,138.60	Personnel; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for a salary increase for the director. It was also used for supplies and food for the Early Out Wednesdays Program at our library.
IOWA CITY	\$17,558.60	Technology and Equipment; Furniture	These funds paid for a video switcher for the control room that works with cameras in the meeting and story time rooms. As part of some building changes this year, we added a new teen

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			area and reorganized our children's room. This funding was used to purchase furnishings for the two spaces. Many members of the public have praised the refurbished areas in our building, including the new teen area and new look for the children's room. The state funding allowed us to purchase some special furnishing that make the spaces inviting and attractive. Our main meeting room and story time room are equipped with video cameras so we can record public meetings and library programs that we can share over our cable TV public access channel, or through streaming on our web site. A vital piece of equipment to this operation, the switcher, suddenly failed this year and was so old it could not be repaired. The state funding allowed a timely replacement of this equipment and maintained our ability to record important programming for our community.
IOWA FALLS	\$2,167.88	Capital Improvements	We are in a process of changing out lights to LED. This year we did lights in the staff area and director's office. We will save in energy costs in the long run but the initial investment is big! Our project was over \$5,000 but the Direct State Aid money helped significantly. That change with the new lighting is dramatic and very positive.
IRWIN	NE		
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JANESVILLE	\$1,387.63	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	This funding helps us to continue our Saturday morning hours. We also purchased new books.
JEFFERSON	\$1,964.95	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for educational toys for the children's Creative Learning Center, new wii games, and educational DVDs for all ages. We also purchased a machine to clean and repair disks (DVDs and CDs). The Creative Learning Center at our library was created and has been sustained solely by state funds, with new educational toys and materials added each year. It is an amazing part of our children's library that all ages enjoy. Every day, we see parents and grandparents interacting with their children and grandchildren, and young ones playing with new friends they've met at the library. For many, this is their first experience in the library, even before they begin to learn to read. What a wonderful feeling it gives us when a parent tells us that their

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			<p>children beg to come to the library, so they can play in the Creative Learning Center, because we know the experience will open the door to lifelong learning for these children. No matter where they go in life, they will remember that libraries have so much to offer, and that those resources are offered freely in every community, so that all may use, enjoy and benefit from them. Thank you for providing annual state funding to public libraries so that we may continue to enrich the lives of the residents of our communities.</p>
JESUP	\$1,594.77	Technology and Equipment	<p>Direct State Aid let us renew our subscription to Biblionix, our software program for cataloging and checkouts. The community loves our software program. We spent an extra \$300 as part of the price to have the covers of the books show on the catalog. Our patrons really like this aspect as they say it saves them time as they can often tell by the cover if the item is something they want. The program has also greatly improved our service as it automatically contacts people through e-mail or text calls when they have a reserve ready to pick up or an overdue item. With our budget going down for each of the last 4-5 years it is getting harder and harder to pay for this software.</p>
JEWELL	\$1,325.74	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	<p>The Direct State Aid funds were spent as follows: for our NEIBORS renewal (downloadable books and audios from an online consortium); for our EBSCOhost database renewal; and for our school district's annual yearbook. The Direct State Aid funds were used towards the annual BEACON support fee for our library. BEACON is a consortium we participate in for automation. Every year we are required to pay a fee for technological support. The library service in our community is able to continue to provide the materials necessary for patrons in a technology driven world.</p>
JOHNSTON	\$5,004.66	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	<p>A portion of our Direct State Aid funding was spent on new audiobooks and books, as well as an iPad and Kindle Fire for staff training and use, and the replacement public PCs. Like most libraries, we receive many questions from the public about using e-readers and tablets; questions related to library services and also general questions on using a particular device. The amount of funding we receive via the Direct State Aid program has a significant impact on the kind and quality of</p>



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			service we can provide. Direct State Aid funding spent on audiobooks, books, and other library materials helps us offer customers broader, more varied collections.
JOICE	\$1,131.77	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements	These funds were used to subscribe to the "Mason City Globe Gazette," adult large print Books, DVDs, adult fiction and nonfiction books, junior fiction and nonfiction books, and shrub, rock, and pavers to improve the landscape at the library. A diabetic patron with limited vision really appreciates the large print books. A retired patron saves money from her limited income by reading the "Mason City Globe Gazette" at the library. A single mother uses the library Internet to complete online classes to be a parole officer. At our circulation desk we have a form that all our patrons can request materials they would like the library to add to our collection. Everyone in our community has the opportunity to see their tax dollars used in a positive manner. We do not have stores in Joice with DVD rental so patrons can check out DVDs with no rental fee.
KALONA	\$1,827.60	Personnel; Other	Because of Direct State Aid, two staff members were able to attend national library conferences – the Association of Rural and Small Libraries and the Public Library Association. Because of vandalism in the library we decided to install cameras. After they were installed, we found the staff felt less stressed and were able to put their focus back on customer service.
KANAWHA	\$1,201.17	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	Last year, we partnered with the Britt Public Library to purchase a subscription to the TumbleBooks library collection to add to our website. This library is a collection of animated, talking picture books with fiction, non-fiction and foreign languages. Old shelves were removed, the wall behind them was painted, and a strip of carpet was added in preparation for the new child-sized computer desk and bench for two that were custom built. A woman in the local nursing home has been thrilled to find out that we offer more audiobooks for her to check out. The new director of activities has come to the library to check out what else we can offer them. This has opened another way to reach out to the community. The TumbleBooks program has received great reviews and we invited the local schools to use our website for students during school hours. The

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			Transparent Language program was saved for patrons who utilize this tool for foreign language learning for trips abroad. More audio books have been checked out by patrons for traveling and by patrons in the local nursing home. The young adult section has been a big hit with teens and adults alike. They are pleased that we can say, "yes," to titles that they request with Direct State Aid funding.
KENSETT	\$806.09	Materials and Supplies; Other	With Direct State Aid we updated the easy reading section with books and purchased an LED open sign for the library window.
KEOKUK	\$3,127.91	Technology and Equipment	Our Direct State Aid money went towards upgrading our public and staff computers to Windows 7, and also replacing one public computer. The upgrade was purchased very cheaply through TechSoup. Our library would have had to use special project funds to pay for the high IT bills without the Direct State Aid funds. That means more money for our upcoming building improvements and new books.
KEOSAUQUA	\$796.19	Technology and Equipment	This money was used for the purchase of two computers for library staff. The two staff computers that were replaced were Windows XP and it was no longer going to be supported by Microsoft. Our patron information is online and we want to do everything that we can to ensure that data is not compromised.
KEOTA	\$1,166.62	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	A Scholastic warehouse sale came to our area and we were able to buy 30 quality juvenile and young adult books--at a great savings – with these funds. We bought a new laptop computer to replace an old one that had become almost unusable. Also, we used TechSoup to buy licenses for Microsoft Office 2013 and Norton Internet Security; these cover our staff and public computers. The funds were also spent on our summer reading program, which was expanded this year to include reading incentive prizes and weekly presenters. We bought prizes, decorations and promotional material, and also hired the Blank Park Zoo to be a presenter. We have some mothers of young children who are taking classes online. They come in with their kids to do class assignments, do research or print off homework. Now they are able to get on a computer more easily and it takes them less time to do their work. This is greatly appreciated, as the kids can only be patient for so

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			long! I hope that they will be able to graduate soon and be in a better position to contribute to their family's income. Our library has four desktop and four laptop computers for the public, and they get used a lot. People used to avoid our laptop computers because they were so slow and unreliable; also, you couldn't print from them.
KEYSTONE	\$1,125.54	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards digitizing our local newspaper. It saves patrons time and mileage and helps local and out-of-town patrons find historical and genealogy information.
KIMBALLTON	NE		
KINGSLEY	\$949.97	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	We used this money to hire a person to do crafts for the library. We bought extra books, and supplies for the crafts. Also we paid for a person to show patrons a wind turbine.
KLEMME	\$1,182.84	Technology and Equipment	Part of the money received was spent on a new fax, copier, and printer for the office, and the remainder was put towards computers for public use. Without the library our patrons would have to travel to a neighboring town to use a fax machine or a public computer. This saves time and money for our patrons. The library is the only place people have to send a fax. We are always in need of more funding in the computer room.
KNOXVILLE	\$2,578.17	Technology and Equipment; Furniture; Library Programs	We replaced two of the staff computers that were operating on Microsoft XP software. We bought some chairs for a renovated technology center. We hired a juggler to perform for the summer reading program. Seventy-six children and 37 adults attended the wonderful show. We are always appreciative for the supplemental funding because we are stretched in our budgets and Direct State Aid enables us to give that "extra" to the community, whether it is replacement of computer chairs or a special performer to keep them entertained and learning during the summer.
LA PORTE CITY	\$1,586.13	Personnel	Direct State Aid went toward paying for additional hours for the director to increase programming and coordinate volunteers. Because of the additional programs held in the library we have developed a very active volunteer program in order to have help available getting ready and when presenting a program. Many of the volunteers are middle school and high school students who are encouraged, or required, to

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			<p>have a certain number of hours to receive recognition or fulfill requirements, such as the National Honor Society. These students also acquire experience working with kids and organizing projects. This opportunity has given them skills to write down on job applications, helping them to get paid jobs. The library is also able to provide them letters of recommendation based on their performance. The additional programs not only help library attendance and volunteer involvement, but draw in people from outside the community who enjoy the activities. We see regular attendance from daycare children who like the variety of programs for something different to do. Having a safe place for daycare children to go to often gives the daycare provider a much needed break in their day - especially in the summer.</p>
LACONA	\$740.90	<p>Personnel;          Materials and Supplies;          Technology and Equipment;          Library Programs</p>	<p>Direct State Aid went towards paying staff extra hours for a genealogy project, library inventory, our WILBOR (downloadable books) subscription, DVDs and audio books, and patron computer repairs. We also used some of the funds for our summer reading program. Our genealogy section is more comprehensive and user-friendly. The inventory process allowed us to clean up our collection records, making it easier to locate and borrow items. The patron computers are heavily used, and having the repairs on the virused one was essential. The summer reading program and book groups are popular services.</p>
LAKE CITY	\$1,533.29	<p>Materials and Supplies</p>	<p>These funds helped to pay for new movies to increase the DVD collection. We were also able to purchase the first five seasons of the "Doctor Who" series. The circulation of DVDs has been increasing over the last two years. Since increasing the collection with new DVDs, circulation has increased 47% in the last six months. The addition of the new DVDs has brought in new patrons to the library. We are able to serve a wider group in the community.</p>
LAKE MILLS	\$1,503.45	<p>Technology and Equipment;          Capital Improvements</p>	<p>These funds went towards replacement of Windows XP computers, and replacement of the copy machine, scanner and fax machine. We had eight Windows XP computers which were no longer supported by Microsoft. Our concern was that patrons' information would not be protected due to this issue. Along with the funds from Direct</p>

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			State Aid and a fund raising effort with the local businesses we were able to replace four of these computers for our patrons to use. The copy machine was so old that when it broke we could not get parts to repair it. The decision was made to purchase a three-in-one machine of copier, scanner and fax machine to free up counter space, give patrons the ability to scan projects/items and send to an e-mail address, and replace the fax machine to increase the speed of sending and receiving faxes.
LAKE PARK	\$1,244.57	Materials and Supplies	We spent this money on books needed for the summer reading program as well as new book releases and other books that are requested. One person just loves series books and we are able to provide those for her as well as other books by similar authors who have series books. She is a little slow, so knowing we can provide her with something she enjoys helps us as well as knowing it makes her happy. I feel that we are able to provide our community with newer books so they don't need to go to larger surrounding towns to check them out. We are able to meet the needs of the people in our community as a result of receiving this funding. Thank you.
LAKE VIEW	\$1,298.03	Technology and Equipment	We have a computer specialist who comes in each month to make sure our computers are virus free and working properly. Direct State Aid helps us pay about half of her annual fee which is a vital asset to our small town library budget. We have actually had to call our computer service lady on several occasions to make "emergency visits." Technology is definitely the "in thing" and so the upkeep of our computer services is a vital asset to our patrons.
LAKOTA	\$1,125.08	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid went towards training and classes for the library director, the purchase of additional DVDs, books for the junior and young adult sections, a copy/fax machine lease, and the purchase of some additional prizes for the summer reading program. Our funding was used in many different ways, but the greatest impact is the additional new books we purchased for the junior and young adult sections. The excitement and appreciation the kids show when the new books arrive and how it keeps them coming back for more is exciting! The library director was able to attend training/classes that were very valuable

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			to her job. This funding has impacted our small town library in many different ways and we are grateful for your support!
LAMONI	\$1,434.60	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We used this money to supplement a library technology grant to purchase a projector and speaker system, software, and new media and accessories needed to set up 13 donated computers. Some of the money was also used along with local donated funds to replace two new computers. Equipment and supplies for our science themed summer library program and future use (digital microscope, petri dishes and agar, rock and mineral samples, test tubes and other lab tools, safety goggles, themed science kits) were also paid for with these funds. We also bought books for the summer reading program. We've read about, talked about, and done experiments with a different aspect of science each week. After doing experiments with acid-base reactions the first week, and seeing bacteria grow in petri dishes the second week, one second grade girl asked at the beginning of the third week, "What would happen if we combined the acids with the germs?" That was a terrific question, and let us talk about how acids help preserve food. She's learning to combine ideas and apply what she's learned. All the library's computers -- both for public use and staff use -- were extremely old and used Windows XP, which is no longer supported. We found someone to replace all our computers with newer, non-obsolete ones, but did not have the funds necessary to get them set up for use. Having functioning computers is hugely important to our community.
LAMONT	\$708.66	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Furniture; Other	We purchased newer book series for the young adults and updated DVDs with these funds. We also purchased a bar code scanner and computer/office chairs, as well as a movie license.
LANSING	\$1,250.82	Technology and Equipment	With this money, we purchased new computers replacing Windows XP, as well as a color printer/fax/copy/scanner. Thank you. We have a number of students who use our computers to do homework, especially technical college students. It is a good feeling to know they can get into their homework sites and do all that is necessary to get

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			their paper work in correctly.
LARCHWOOD	\$885.81	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid went towards new audio books for all ages and a QuickScan scanner. We took this opportunity to add new books to our elementary science collection. We purchased books that matched our summer reading program theme, "Fizz, Boom, Read!" The new scanner with our newly updated automation system speeds up our checkout system.
LAUREL	NE		
LAURENS	\$1,293.23	Materials and Supplies; Other	These funds were used for book prep supplies - covers, pockets, spine tables, etc., and for our WILBOR (downloadable books) subscription. We also installed a chalkboard wall by our drinking fountain. We have been having a ball writing new questions like, "How many book will you read this summer?" "What are you currently reading?" "What's your favorite kid's book?" "What book would you recommend to someone?" Without our WILBOR subscription, we wouldn't have e-books available for our patrons.
LAWLER	\$1,153.89	Materials and Supplies	Adult and children's books were bought with Direct State Aid. I get a lot of grandparents who bring in their visiting grandchildren. Quite often, they want specific books. One day it was Geronimo Stilton. And just yesterday a girl desperately wanted to read "Island of the Blue Dolphins." We were both excited when I could pull it off the shelf for her. I have really concentrated on getting good-quality junior fiction books in the past year for the school kids who have to keep up their reading during the summer. As a result, one particular family with four girls regularly comes in and checks out 20-30 books at a time. What a difference that makes in my circulation numbers for the month!
LE MARS	\$3,013.90	Materials and Supplies	The funding from Direct Aid has allowed the library to provide additional eBooks via WILBOR. Many residents have found that the library provides great access to an assortment of high demand authors. Unlike the Amazon's Kindle Unlimited, our library CAN offer eBooks and audio from the big five publishers such as Penguin Random House, Simon & Schuster, HarperCollins and Macmillan Audio. And with assistance from Direct State Aid our library can offer this service for \$40 a year vs. \$120 a year for Kindle Unlimited.

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			Thank you.
LECLAIRE	\$1,668.07	Library Programs	With Direct State Aid, we were able to expand our summer reading program. We purchased program supplies, extra reading incentives for children and teens, and were able to bring in an outside performer we would not otherwise have been able to afford. This funding has helped enable us to expand our services to reach as many community members as possible.
LEDYARD	\$443.84	Technology and Equipment	These funds went towards a Canon copier/scanner/printer. Our patrons know this service is available and use it. Our old machine was beyond repair.
LEGRAND	\$1,192.78	Library Programs	Direct State Aid helped us to provide programs, special events and prizes for the summer library program.
LEHIGH	\$1,173.36	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We used this money to pay employees involved in an off-hours fundraiser. Funds were also used to buy program appropriate books for the summer reading program. We purchased materials and snacks for the program participants. Parents tend to move during the summer so their children don't have to leave school midstream. The unfortunate aspect is that their children may not have an opportunity to meet their classmates for months. Our summer program provides the opportunity to help ease a child's way in this manner. A family moved into town and the children met kids from their class at the library's program and will begin the school year with new friends and a comforting idea of what to expect. Because of this funding, the library is able to afford materials and books to improve not only our summer reading program, but the overall enjoyment of the library by our younger patrons. They are able to join an eight-week program that gives them an activity throughout the summer which keeps them from losing what they learned earlier in school over the summer. Without this funding the program would have to be greatly shortened.
LENOX	\$1,254.13	Technology and Equipment; Furniture	Direct State Aid went towards a computer for the children's department and three wooden study carrels. Our new computer in the children's department came preloaded with games. Parents are so appreciative that their children are kept busy, allowing the parents to do what they need to do. This year I noticed a large increase in



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			computer usage by those working on their income taxes. Our study carrels provide much appreciated privacy for them working with their personal papers.
LEON	\$925.96	Library Programs; Other	With this money we were able to have a program for seniors presented by award-winning author Frederick Blanchard. The rest was spent on other supplies for the library such as materials processing supplies. We never have adequate money for this line out of our general fund dollars so it's especially helpful to us. We do not always have programming funds for seniors. In addition, having Direct State Aid funds to supplement our budget made it possible to save money to put toward technology in general and our automation project in particular.
LETTS	\$1,112.65	Personnel	Thanks to this funding, we now have open hours on Monday. It made the public very happy.
LEWIS	\$772.09	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to purchase Goldfinch and Iowa Choice books, as well as a table and additional programs for our AWE computer. Many of our children come from low-income families and do not have access to home computers or games. Our AWE equipment is so popular with these children. We would be unable to purchase all the Goldfinch and Iowa Choice books without the funding. Our school system only has one of each book so this is a much needed project for our library.
LIME SPRINGS	\$1,173.36	Technology and Equipment	These funds were used to purchase the annual maintenance agreement for the copy machine and to help purchase a new computer station. It is important to update our computer systems; the patrons use this service daily. Our library appreciates the funds received from Direct State Aid.
LINDEN	\$692.89	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This money was used to pay personnel to work our evening hours. We also purchased books for the after-school program and spent some of the funds for incentive prizes for the summer reading program and rewards. We have a gentleman who is starting a new business in our community. He only has a cell phone at the present time until a land line can be established. He has been sending his credit card charges from the library's phone line during our evening hours. We are happy to have a new business in our town and we are

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			willing to help him in any way we can. We have been able to put on more programs for the children and the money used for personnel for our evening hours has brought in more children after school.
LINN GROVE	\$401.17	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards requested books and DVDs. In the summer the library is a safe, fun place for kids to gather for reading programs and to find books and movies. It allows people who otherwise have difficulty getting out of town to have somewhere to get together, find books and DVDs, and use computer services because they have none.
LISBON	\$1,561.56	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Graphic novels for middle grades and young adult readers were bought with these funds. They also helped sponsor an After School Cafe program in our community center with supervised games, art workshops, crafts and snacks for ages nine and up. The students who come to the After School Cafe have taken advantage of the programs offered through the community center, which also offers extra food and clothes from the free Clothes Closet, and school supplies. The community center in our town is happy to target this age group. The After School Cafe program has helped both to free up our limited library space for more patrons and to give students who just need a place to hang out and socialize more room with fewer restrictions to enable them to eat, chat and move around.
LITTLE ROCK	\$771.11	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid helped pay for substitutes needed when I was at class or when we needed extra staff during our summer reading program. It also paid for book coverings, paper, and ink cartridges for the copier and printer. In addition, we were able to buy prizes and crafts for the summer reading program. One little girl can't wait to get to the library; she even stays and tries to read her books all at one time! We have a lot of books checked out during the summer program and each year it seems to be getting better.
LIVERMORE	\$1,137.27	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	This funding paid for extra help which was needed for our summer reading preparation and program. I brought back our monthly Kids Club programs, so I had to restock and reorganize. We ordered one new computer and updated the current computers that we have that are outdated. Books, prizes, and healthy snacks were also purchased.

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			Our community encouraged me to bring back our kids groups when I started. I gained a lot of new patrons and received their respect because I listened to their requests.
LOGAN	\$889.81	Materials and Supplies	We spent these funds on audio books. That made a difference for Stacy who travels the road a lot for her job and is able to have a wide range of selections for "reading while driving." She comments often on how grateful she is that we have them and a good selection as well.
LOHRVILLE	\$1,151.71	Materials and Supplies	Supplies for reading programs and story hour materials were bought with this money. Our story hour groups have gone up this year from around five to 15 children. It helps immensely being able to provide crafts and treats for the kids.
LOST NATION	\$1,071.75	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	This amount was used for staff to attend classes and pay for the mileage. We also used this money for books, DVDs, and a movie license, as well as paying for Internet access and a phone/fax machine.
LOWDEN	\$1,195.11	Materials and Supplies	We paid for the following subscriptions with Direct State Aid: Overdrive, a movie license, EBSCOhost databases and Tumbleweeds books. We would not be able to offer all of this to our patrons without state funding.
LUVERNE	\$1,182.85	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We bought new books of all types, including children's, best sellers, and non-fiction. Everyone enjoys new books to read! This funding also helped pay for our summer reading program by purchasing supplies and reading prizes. It also helps pay for our annual Back to School Carnival. As soon as school gets out in the spring, kids are asking when the Back To School Carnival will be. The reading programs encourage kids to keep reading over the summer.
LYNNVILLE	\$1,021.19	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Books were purchased for the summer reading program and our Christian fiction section. There is a woman who recently moved into our community whose husband is a prisoner. She is very poor and lives in a low rent apartment in Lynnville. She has started coming into the library regularly. Direct State Aid enhanced our Summer Reading Program this year. Approximately 60 children enjoyed the theme "Fizz, Boom, Read!" every Thursday in June for over an hour of reading stories, playing games, making crafts, and eating a snack of course! We have an excellent summer reading coordinator

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			<p>who provided creative and educational activities which kept the kids coming back each week. The reading session was followed with time for families to check out books to fill their reading logs. A full reading log entered them into drawings for small prizes that the kids really enjoyed. Because of state aid funds, we were able to provide some of the materials needed for this valuable program designed to keep children reading over the summer months when they are not in school. We appreciate your funding very much! Our library was able to serve the youth of our community as a result of it. Thank you!</p>
LYTTON	\$801.88	Materials and Supplies	<p>We bought new books, DVDs and program supplies for the summer reading program. The attendance in summer reading increased considerably. This money helped us have a program we couldn't have otherwise afforded.</p>
MADRID	\$1,564.19	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	<p>We purchased the "A to Z to the USA" database and used the rest of the money to purchase books and audiobooks to enhance the lending collection. We also replaced the director's computer with a new one. Without this funding it would be very difficult for us to upgrade our computers and other technology. We currently have eight public access computers as well as three staff computers and a card catalog computer. All of these computers have been upgraded in the last few years and I will continue to do so with this money.</p>
MALLARD	NE		
MALVERN	\$1,252.62	Library Programs; Other	<p>The money was used to purchase craft and program items for the pre-school program as well as the summer reading program. A problem at the library facilitated the need to change locks. We used this money to pay for a portion of the cost. The pre-school program provided a need for one of our disabled elderly patrons to become a paid employee. This made a huge difference in the patron's life as it allowed her to retain her medical coverage and it gets her out of the house on a regular basis. She simply loves little ones and is a wonderful help during our pre-school programs. Previously, there was no pre-school program. Now we are developing a new and improved children's section. Woo-hoo!</p>
MANCHESTER	\$2,210.15	Materials and	<p>We used the funds to help purchase "Hoopla,"</p>

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		Supplies	where patrons can get online and have mobile access to audiobooks, music and movies.
MANILLA	NE		
MANLY	\$1,341.31	Personnel	With unexpected training needed to replace a librarian, we added extra hours. We also had more and bigger programs that required extra time by staff. We get so many more people and children into the library since we have partnered with the Panther Paws program during the summer. Paws does a walking school bus up to the library after their part of the program is complete. The kids that are enrolled in the Paws program are also enrolled in the summer reading program. We have added patrons and get more people interested in the programs the library offers. The money helps pay extra staff needed for the programs.
MANNING	\$922.90	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was used for our WILBOR (downloadable books) subscription and the cost of maintaining our Concourse system.
MANSON	\$1,102.13	Technology and Equipment; Furniture	Direct State Aid funding helped us purchase computers to replace "dead" equipment. This enabled us to give more patrons access to the Internet. The software was changed to Microsoft Office 2010 on our remaining old computers to match the new computers. Now patrons can use any computer without worrying about which Microsoft version is installed. Our new wooden cabinet we bought helps the staff serve patrons more efficiently by keeping materials organized around the circulation desk. Thank you for the funding!
MAPLETON	\$1,243.34	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	With this money we hired additional help to rearrange the library for better access to books. We also invested in our audio book collection trying to get a variety of audios that could be used by a variety of patrons with different interests, and in our DVD collection. We bought supplies for the summer reading program. We had one person come in and ask for the movie "Frozen." The woman had several small daughters and didn't have much money. Through the library she was able to check out the movie and said her girls were so happy that they were able to see it and talk about it with their friends. She said that they would never have been able to afford to go to the

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			<p>theater/rent it/buy it, so we were able to help her children socially and boost their confidence according to their mother. Through this interaction with this woman we introduced her to our books and the world of early literacy. All from a simple movie. We are a smaller community and in one of the poorer counties. As a result of this funding we have been able to provide services for those that may not otherwise be able to have access to it. We have had many positive comments on our DVD collection and audio collections and are happy with all of our purchases with this money.</p>
MAQUOKETA	\$2,300.41	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	<p>These funds were used to buy new books, audiobooks and computers. Having additional computers helps patrons apply for benefits faster. We have 17,000 Internet users every year.</p>
MARATHON	\$1,070.88	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	<p>We bought new DVDs, two new computers, and two new printer/copiers. One older patron had several pages that needed copying for the state so that she could continue to receive help. We were able to provide clear copies for her and helped to get them mailed. The two new computers make the patrons very happy. Our older ones were not in very good shape and patrons had a lot of problems with them.</p>
MARBLE ROCK	\$1,130.64	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	<p>We used Direct State Aid to buy new books, printer supplies and to pay for children's programming.</p>
MARCUS	\$1,242.15	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	<p>Direct State Aid covered the costs to send our new librarian to a national convention and provided money for the additional purchase of large-print materials. Some of the funds were also applied toward the replacement of an aged copier and helped offset the costs for our summer reading program prizes and incentives. We have several patrons who can only read large-print materials. We don't always have the money to purchase as many of these as we'd like; they are much more expensive than regular print books. The look on one lovely elderly woman's face when she saw we'd added several large print books by her favorite authors and even a few westerns that her husband would like was priceless! Our patrons are grateful for all we do, and it's so nice to be able to surprise them with something unexpected and</p>

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			appreciated. As a new library director, the funding to cover my trip to the Association of Rural and Small Libraries national convention was such a blessing! I learned so much, and it was such a benefit for both myself and our library. We strive to serve our patrons as best we can, and with a limited budget, sometimes we need to cut things here and there. Having the Direct State Aid funding available to help stretch to get the things our patrons need is so important!
MARENGO	\$1,132.47	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	These funds paid for staff training, director certification and new staff to attend training. We also bought new books and expanded our audio book collection. We have a blind patron who had listened to most all of our audio books. We were able to expand our collection and she has been able to listen to newer audio books. Staff were able to improve their knowledge of library programming and current trends to enhance library programming.
MARION	\$8,449.32	Other	With this money were able to hire a consultant to design, develop and implement a new library website. More than one patron has commented that our new website made it much easier to find and use job search information, especially the Job and Career Accelerator. The new website has significantly enhanced access to digital library services and information about services. It represents a substantial move toward our ability to offer 27/7 digital branch services. The CMS component also makes it far easier for staff to update and effectively use the website to provide information and assist patrons.
MARSHALLTOWN	\$6,554.49	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 for accreditation. This money greatly helps to staff our library and better serve our community. Each day at the library, we help people to write resumes, apply for jobs and check the results of their applications. Almost of our local employers are moving many of their resources online and for many community members, the library is their only way to access these items. The Marshalltown Public Library is busier then ever with over 1,000 people a day visiting during the 2014 summer. Direct aid allows us to be open four evenings a week and on Saturdays when working patrons are

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			available to use the library.
MARTELLE	\$752.88	Materials and Supplies	
MASON CITY	\$7,229.42	Personnel	This money pays for part of the hours for a part-time library clerk who works in youth and adult services so that the library can offer longer hours and more service. We offer public computer access and because we have can have two staff members working at the main desk and at least two staff members working in youth services, patrons can get more help finding what they want and they can get more help with computer questions and e-reader questions. Staff can often physically go and retrieve items for patrons with challenged mobility and this makes the library more welcoming and comfortable for those individuals.
MASSENA	\$764.10	Personnel	The library used all the funds for Saturday morning hours. Not only does this help the community for us to be open on Saturday, but also to supplement a little extra income for someone who is on Social Security. We have several patrons that can only come on Saturdays.
MAXWELL	NE		
MAYNARD	\$1,101.80	Technology and Equipment	The Maynard Community Library has used their Direct State Aid money to purchase a new staff computer. We replaced a Windows XP machine, along with purchasing a new monitor and switch for our fax and phone line. Staff now have a faster and updated computer to search for information for our patrons.
MCGREGOR	\$1,266.86	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid provided funding so we could increase the adult fiction books and audio books available in our library. We have more people who have visual impairment in our community. Having funding to spend on audio books for them has provided resources they previously didn't have available to them.
MECHANICSVILLE	\$1,287.26	Materials and Supplies	The total amount was spent on new books.
MEDIAPOLIS	\$1,563.94	Materials and Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to buy Freegal. We are able to offer downloadable music. Music is such a hard service to offer due to varied tastes. This was nice but very expensive.
MELBOURNE	\$1,161.58	Technology and Equipment; Other	We were able to use this money to renew our subscription with Follett software. We also bought some ink for our two printers. We also



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			used this amount to buy three-ring binders, sheet protectors, and scrapbooking tape to help with our projects for our Melbourne history section. Due to continued budget cuts, this funding pays for software that is needed to run our library on a daily basis. If we did not receive this funding, I am not sure how we would pay for the needed software to run our library effectively and efficiently.
MELCHER-DALLAS	\$433.62	Materials and Supplies	I purchased new DVDs with Direct State Aid. My patrons are mostly low income. They can't wait until new movies come out on DVD. For me to have them right away makes them feel like they are not missing out. We are trying to replace old DVDS and being able to do that all at once makes it so much nicer than doing it a few at a time.
MELVIN	NE		
MENLO	\$1,119.44	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid supplemented our staff wages and allowed staff to attend two workshops. We also purchased new DVDs, books, program supplies, story board kits, and books and supplies for story hours. This extra funding supplements our budget so that we can hire an assistant. Even though we only have her eight hours a week, it makes all the difference to me.
MERRILL	NE		
MESERVEY	\$1,082.71	Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Library Programs	Books and DVDs for adults and children were bought with this money. We also bought two hanging magazine racks for our adult seating area and a second-hand wall cupboard to hold miscellaneous office supplies. We hired entertainment for our summer reading program as well as prizes and supplies. We have some new families in town that probably would not visit the library were it not for programs that we hold for children. Bringing in the children will let the adults know the kinds of services we have to offer. A small library and a small town make for a limited budget and sometimes a limited audience. However, we do our best with what funds we have. Meservey has a larger amount of children than teens who participate in library activities. We hope to instill in them a love for the library.
MILFORD	\$1,613.37	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and	Direct State Aid allowed staff to attend a workshop on dealing with difficult people. We also purchased books, DVDs, music CDs and a new computer for the assistant director. Music CDs

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		Equipment	were purchased for the first time in many years. Popular young adult titles created excitement among this age group and increased circulation of the collection. The upgrade to the computer has made it faster and more efficient for the assistant director to complete tasks.
MILLERSBURG	NE		
MILO	\$1,185.32	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We continue to improve our DVD collection with this money. This brings patrons in the library and they usually leave with more than DVDs. It was time to purchase a new encyclopedia set. We decided that more patrons would use WorldBook Online. We also bought an inkjet printer to upgrade our old printers.
MILTON	NE		
MINBURN	\$722.79	Materials and Supplies	We used Direct State Aid money for our subscription to Junior Library Guild and WILBOR downloadable audio book and e-books. Thank you. We would not be able to afford and offer as many children's books without the help of state aid. Our subscription to Junior Library Guild is our main source of materials for our children ages three to 18. Being able to offer new books each month is a huge asset to our small library. Without these funds we would not be able to subscribe to WILBOR. This offers our small community the newest in reader technology and keeps our library relevant in today's growing technological world.
MINGO	NE		
MISSOURI VALLEY	\$1,056.55	Materials and Supplies	This money was used to fund our WILBOR (downloadable books) renewal and to purchase material for the children's department. WILBOR is an amazing resource for the Missouri Valley community. We are a bedroom community for Council Bluffs and Omaha. The commuters are very grateful for the ability to download audio material and have the variety WILBOR provides.
MITCHELLVILLE	\$1,485.64	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	With Direct State Aid, we upgraded to an AWE early literacy computer for children. It is designed for children, is not connected to the Internet, and has programs with characters the children are familiar with. Our regular patrons head directly to it every time they come in. Many of them were very disappointed when the computer started having problems and were very happy to have it working again. From May 15, 2014 when the

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MODALE	NE		
MONDAMIN	\$731.96	Materials and Supplies	This money was used to buy new books, DVDs, audio books and summer library program supplies. Access is imperative in small rural communities. This funding has made a difference in several patrons lives. Having resources available and close in small, rural communities keeps patrons connected and informed. We were able to significantly improve our children's audio collection and upgrade our children's book collection. We used some of the funding for our Saturday morning children's programs and reading programs. We were able to offer several in-house programs for old-time rope tying, wooden jigsaw puzzles and a veteran's program.
MONONA	\$1,395.89	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was used to renew our NEIBORS (downloadable books) and the Apollo circulation software subscriptions. We have a patron who is sight impaired and needs large print for reading materials. After holding a NEIBORS class, she purchased a Kindle. She can enlarge type for easy viewing and convenience. She loves it! The Apollo software makes check out a swift process for staff and patrons. Reports are easy and taking care of overdue books is no longer the chore it used to be. This is a valuable time saver when it comes to doing inventory.
MONROE	\$1,336.32	Materials and Supplies	Magazine subscriptions and juvenile books were bought with this money. Patrons in the community have access to materials and resources which they otherwise would not be able to afford. This is especially true of children in families with limited resources.
MONTEZUMA	\$943.62	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	These funds helped us buy new books and audio books, supplies for storytime and the summer reading program, including incentives.
MONTICELLO	\$1,830.89	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to purchase books, books on CD, and DVDs. This additional money allows us to purchase the majority of patron requests for DVDs. Previously we only purchased well known blockbusters. DVD usage has increased by double in fiscal year 2014.
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MORAVIA	\$1,132.82	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	With this money we paid for our WILBOR (downloadable books) subscription, new books, a receipt printer and a new hard drive for the circulation computer. We also used the funds to bring the Blank Park Zoo staff in for one of our summer reading programs. We have a patron who lives in the country and does not care to drive much and does not like TV, so since she got a Kindle she is able to find the various types of books she likes through WILBOR along with the books she gets here when she does come in.
MORLEY	\$403.03	Materials and Supplies	We always purchase DVDs for our library with this money. Living in a small town with no other access to a DVD rental place, our DVDs are a large part of our collection. We try to keep up with the new movies that come out and also get some older ones that are requested.
MORNING SUN	\$1,218.65	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	This money was spent for training purposes to enhance job skills. We also used the money for bulletin board supplies and Novelist for patrons searching for authors of a certain genre. In addition, the funds help pay for EBSCOhost databases and WILBOR (downloadable books). Every year we have a large Fancy Nancy Tea Party and this money helps pay for it and our summer reading program. During one of our programs we were introduced to a little boy who was new to our community and being adopted after years in foster care. He was excited to see the library and hear the story we read. Seeing his eyes light up at the activities we had was a very rewarding experience. The joy in his new mom's face was wonderful.
MOULTON	\$1,121.40	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs; Other	Books, DVDs and one new computer were purchased. We were able to pay for Marc Wizard to present at our summer reading program. A patron who needed to use a computer to make a resume was at a loss, as her computer wasn't working and she didn't have the money to get it fixed. She was able to use the library's computer and print off several resumes in hope that one might land her a job. She expressed how grateful she was that, though living in a small rural community, she didn't have to drive 20 miles to get the help she needed. Without this funding we would not have been able to improve our library programming. The funding has also helped us keep up with the technology so that our patrons may be

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			able to use the most up-to-date computers.
MOUNT AYR	NE		
MOUNT PLEASANT	\$2,843.43	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid monies purchased over \$2,000 worth of adult nonfiction books. The remainder went to DVD acquisitions. We are working hard to promote our nonfiction selection, and this money made it possible to take on that task. A number of people have checked out our new health, computer, and art instruction books. A few thousand dollars can add critical numbers of new materials.
MOUNT VERNON	\$1,997.02	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	We implemented a new library catalog this year and in the process we discovered a lot of lost and missing titles. The Direct State Aid funding allowed us to buy replacement titles for our collection so that the catalog now correctly reflects our library. This year we updated our teen area to make it more welcoming. We purchased a cafe table and two chairs and several pillows to put in an existing window seat. We have a young girl who is at our library everyday. She loves the new teen area. It makes her feel more welcomed knowing we have a place just for her. Our library service has improved our community by having a welcoming place where teens can hang out, choose great books to read, use the library's Internet, and work on homework.
MOVILLE	NE		
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MUSCATINE	\$4,515.46	Technology and Equipment; Other	Direct State Aid paid for a VMI Hybrid disc cleaner, and paid for registration, travel, and lodging for three librarians to attend the Public Library Association's conference. While there, our children's librarian attended Sensory-Friendly Storytimes and returned to discuss programing options with a group of parents of special needs children. Many of the parents were crying, sharing how thrilled they were that their children would now be able to attend storytime like other children. A local man expressed how thankful he was that the library was willing to embrace and serve his daughter even with her differences. That feeling was echoed by all there. Yes, service has improved. After attending PLA, we began to look seriously at our technical service area. As a result we have begun to purchase more preprocessed material. This has freed our processor so that she

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			can spend more time at the circulation desk allowing us to provide more personalized service to our patrons. Additionally, our patrons have been thrilled that we can now clean a DVD or CD on demand so they feel confident that the disc will play cleanly at home or in the car.
NASHUA	\$1,421.11	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Additional training for a new director to become certified was paid for with these funds. We also purchased new books and materials to update our collection. Some of the money was used for programs for all ages, as well as supplies and incentives. This funding has made a difference for patrons in our community and children in our community and other communities. Our library service has changed this past year due to the new director taking a more active approach to programs being offered for our patrons and for the children of our community. And with the funding that we have received we were able to do a lot with programs this past year and buy more materials and update our old materials.
NEVADA	\$2,648.53	Furniture	We purchased seating as part of our larger library addition and remodeling project. We had almost no comfortable seating and now have several seating areas primarily for adults to rest, read, work on their equipment, etc. The patrons and staff are very pleased. So many people come into the library and tell us how wonderful the project turned out.
NEW ALBIN	NE		
NEW HAMPTON	\$1,833.36	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs; Other	Registration fee for staff training and mileage was paid for with this money. It also helped pay for our NEIBORS (downloadable books) subscription, a new computer monitor and a switch for Internet service. We have shut-ins who are unable to come to the library but are using the downloadable books available on NEIBORS. The community can take advantage of quality family friendly programs thanks to this funding. We are committed to having all staff take part in continuing education so that they can provide the best service possible.
NEW HARTFORD	\$771.97	Materials and Supplies	This amount was used to purchase youth fiction and young adult books. Funds were also used for the book covers, laminates, tape and spine labels for these books. Our sections for these two areas were very outdated and many popular series were incomplete. We had one 8th grader that hadn't

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			been in the library at all and now she shows up a lot. She'll sit and read or do her homework. I think she likes to come here where it's quiet. My guess is that it's nicer here than at home. We have been working with the 7th and 8th grade teachers at our school in hope of getting this age group to put down their video games and read. Our budget has been decreased and this Direct State Aid money has allowed our library to get rid of a lot of our outdated books and replace them with current best sellers. Since many of these books are in a series, the funding really helped us fill out incomplete series that we had and buy the start of the next ones. We have gotten more of this age into the library- a great improvement.
NEW LONDON	\$1,012.40	Technology and Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we refurbished our photocopier. The community relies on the library for a variety of services, including photocopying. And our community really appreciates this service.
NEW MARKET	NE		
NEW SHARON	NE		
NEW VIRGINIA	\$1,112.67	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements; Other	Direct State Aid helped pay for new DVDs, books, a new furnace and rock for the parking lot.
NEWELL	\$1,192.48	Technology and Equipment	This money was used to replace out-of-date computer equipment. Hard drives, screens, keyboards, and "mice" were purchased. Several people have commented on their joy at getting rid of a couple of out-dated computers so they can have access and perform tasks without the problems we were having.
NEWHALL	\$1,197.77	Personnel; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for additional staff and training. It also helped pay for a new printer and children's reading programs. It has helped us gain new patrons.
NEWTON	\$4,446.05	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We used these funds for buy World Book Encyclopedia, both print and online, and to renew our WILBOR (downloadable books) subscription. It also helped pay for our summer reading program promotion and supplies. We are able to reach readers who cannot come to the library through the online resources and the downloadable books.
NORA SPRINGS	\$1,372.38	Materials and Supplies;	Direct State Aid funded our NEIBORS (downloadable books) subscription, new books,

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		Technology and Equipment	shipping costs, supplies for a disc cleaner, door counter batteries, cleaning pads, copier quarterly costs, and technology support.
NORTH ENGLISH	\$1,284.69	Materials and Supplies	This money was used for young adult and children's books. I have many low income families that struggle to provide for their children. One of the children in a family was going in for surgery and I was able to provide some stories for pre-surgery and recovery that helped them feel more reassured. I was able to supply books and materials for my young adult patrons and children that I would not have been able to do without this funding.
NORTH LIBERTY	\$3,732.15	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	These funds helped pay for multiple copies of children's books, new shelving units/display in a renovated library space, replacement of a laptop for the circulation desk, and laptops and cabling. We provided use of our meeting rooms for a mental health team to do training and they were able to use our projector to do a day-long training for not just one person but nearly 80 staff. In addition, we had a former teen volunteer come in to hook up speakers in that room so that people could hear better when the room is crowded and presentations are occurring. This former volunteer spent a day here setting up the speakers and then decided he wanted to donate the sound equipment to the library. What a wonderful gift to us, but also he mentioned how gratified he felt to be able to help in this way. This was a great partnership for us and we felt he also benefited from the experience. We recently started purchasing multiple copies of titles that are in high demand. With the expansion, we added four new shelving units with display shelves and bins for children's picture books. We determined that there are several series books or authors that are very popular and are constantly checked out and purchased between 4-8 extra copies of these books. In our children's story time room and meeting rooms, we've added projectors to show movies to all ages and project presentations. We've had nonprofits hold meetings and use our projector for informational sessions and training and we are now offering computer classes using the projector up to six times per month. The laptop purchase was to replace an old laptop that finally quit working at our circulation desk and add



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			to our laptops that we check out for patrons to use in the library. These checkout laptops are in very high demand. It's great to have state aid funds to help us offer these.
NORTHWOOD	\$1,024.69	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a new computer and screen. We are able to assist more customers with requests and research.
NORWALK	\$2,859.86	Library Programs	We spent our Direct State Aid on our summer reading program, reaching over 1,300 patrons this year (2014). The library is able to provide a very successful summer reading program for everyone (birth through adult).
NORWAY	NE		
OAKLAND	\$1,479.50	Personnel; Library Programs	Additional staff needed for our summer reading program was paid for with these funds. That included prizes. One family had never used the library before and their three children read over 200 books this summer. We had several new families come to the library during the summer because of an email sent from school to let parents know about our program.
OCHEYEDAN	NE		
ODEBOLT	\$1,210.29	Personnel	From the beginning, we have used part or all of this money for Wednesday morning hours. Other than Saturday, this is the only morning we are open. By including morning hours in which the preschool can visit, this has enabled an entire class of young children to build a relationship with their local library, giving them a chance to listen to and check out a great book or two. They also become attached to the librarian, which makes the library a welcoming place for them.
OELWEIN	\$2,379.80	Technology and Equipment; Furniture; Library Programs; Other	Direct State Aid helped us replace our public Laserjet printer. We also purchased a battery tester to check our PlayAway batteries. We also bought a rotating book display unit to showcase new juvenile books, and a mobile workstation for staff. In addition we purchased supplies for story time and summer reading program prizes and "Library Champion" yard signs. A six-year-old boy was so excited to earn a "Library Champion Lives Here" sign for his yard. He worked hard at meeting the requirements to earn his sign. His determination paid off as he was the first recipient. He was so proud, his mother sent us a picture of him in his yard standing by his sign giving the "thumbs-up." We replaced the old

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			"Gates" printer, and the new one is used everyday by our customers.
OGDEN	NE		
OLIN	\$1,194.36	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We used these funds to help pay for our movie license so we can legally show movies at the library. We also updated our easy reading, and junior library section. This was needed to make sure we had updated material to use for our early-out, summer reading and junior activities programs. We updated games for our Wii equipment. Without this money we would not be able to offer the programs for our young adults and elementary age students in the community.
ONAWA	\$1,639.82	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We used these funds to update items for a display for "Blind Date with a Book" and Valentines Day. We also purchased new computers for the circulation desk. These funds allow us to acquire many items that our patrons would have to do without. This is a wonderful program to help libraries cover expenses that are just beyond our normal budgets.
ORANGE CITY	\$2,389.74	Technology and Equipment	We purchased two laptops and one desk top computer to replace an XP staff computer. it's the up-to-date technology that allows us to better help our patrons and to provide quality services that our patrons want. We needed the portability of technology that the laptops afford. We are able to use these for programs and for our patrons to use as needed.
ORIENT	\$385.37	Library Programs	These funds help pay for our combined school/public library preschool story hour during the summer. All of the money, \$385.37 was spent on supplies for this program -- items such as glue, paper, glitter, paint, snacks, and other trinkets used for craft items. Every year we see growth in the children. This year one of the adult helpers commented on the improvement of the fine motor skills of one little girl. She had trouble using glue and used way too much. After a couple sessions she learned (by modeling others, and following directions) to use less glue. As director, I notice improvements and growth in social skills. Often, at the first session, newcomers will not look at me or talk. By the end of the eight week program they are able to look at me when checking out a book, and speak to me. It constantly amazes me how much learning takes

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			place in a small program such as this. And I am especially pleased because the preschool story hour gets the children acquainted with the library and school they will be attending in the future. Children who attend our preschool story hour learn to follow directions, get along with others, take turns, learn how to check out books and take good care of them and return them on time. This program sets a foundation for the children who will become future library users and gets them used to the school library. Maybe they won't be so scared when they start school because they have been to the library and had fun there. Without this funding we would not be able to offer this program for eight sessions every summer.
OSAGE	\$2,026.31	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	These funds pay for the large print books for our senior outreach program. Money also goes towards Ancestry.com for patrons to use for genealogy research. In addition, the children's special programming paid for with Direct State Aid includes autumn pumpkin decorating, a children's tea party, and a Christmas Santa visit.
OSCEOLA	\$1,958.10	Technology and Equipment	This money was used for computer consulting, updating and repair. We have many patrons who are unemployed or low income. Our computers are very necessary for them to do the things they need to do to manage their lives. We have a total of eight patron computers, but two didn't work. Repairs were completed and other necessary changes were made on all computers.
OSKALOOSA	\$1,472.56	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid provided assistance for our materials budget. Aid funds were spent primarily on access to e-Books through our WILBOR (downloadable books) subscription. The money also assisted in the purchase of new books. This funding helps the Oskaloosa Public Library provide additional materials patrons request on top of those purchased with local and memorial funds.
OSSIAN	\$1,250.79	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	This money paid for additional staff hours to conduct our summer reading program, pay for partial funding of the NEIBORS (downloadable books) program, large print books and an audio book lease program. It also paid partial funding for a new patron computer, craft supplies and prizes. I have an increasing amount of people who prefer large print, so the money has helped me develop a much better selection for them. Our summer

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			library program is large and needed in our community. In a city of 849, I had over 120 children attend programs.
OTTUMWA	\$4,036.59	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid is used for our annual WILBOR (downloadable books) subscription and our recorded books bill for our subscription to the Transparent Languages database. We have had many people who speak Spanish use our Transparent Languages database. It makes life easier for them and allows them to learn English at their own pace on their own time. I think by continually attempting to add technological programs and keep up with advances that we improve our services to the community. It might not be as onerous to purchase an e-reader if you know you can check out e-books for free, for example.
OXFORD	\$434.99	Materials and Supplies	We used Direct State Aid money like we do every year -- on children's materials. We count on this to be a blast of new materials before the summer reading program starts each year. It's especially helpful because that's when the budget wears thin. I recently had a young boy stop by the library. He got a Cam Jansen book. He really liked it and wanted the rest of the series. He was really excited to come back. Hopefully this will be the start of a lifetime love of libraries.
OXFORD JUNCTION	\$1,155.92	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	With these funds we purchased six magazine subscriptions, 30 adult books, eight children's books, three young adult books, three DVDs, one audio book, and labels and tape for automation. We also bought printer ink, a headset for the computer, two bar code scanners, summer reading program prizes, and supplies for an Easter program. Because of the funds that the library received from Direct State Aid, we were able to host more holiday parties for the community. Sometimes these parties are the only events that our youth can attend. We are updating our card catalog to an automated version which will let others in our community see what we have to offer online, as well as save the librarian time so she can aid patrons and have more programs in the future.
PALMER	\$399.24	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	With this money we were able to purchase new books and DVDs and three used computers for patron use. Since we were able to get new (to us) computers that actually work well on the Internet,

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PANORA	\$1,290.38	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid was spent on a new computer which has helped patrons who don't have them, or the Internet, find jobs. This happened several times in 2014. Our library is the community information center.
PARKERSBURG	\$1,379.57	Technology and Equipment	We used our funds for migrating our data to Follett to host our server. When the server is down, the computers are down. Patrons aren't always patient with technology issues. Direct State Aid funds have enabled us to place that responsibility on Follett so that our technology runs more efficiently and our patrons are happy. This frees up staff time to better serve our patrons with other library activities.
PATON	\$1,082.33	Materials and Supplies	The library spent most of this money on new adult and children's books, and DVDs. The Paton library is on a very low budget so this is the only way we can afford to get new books for all ages.
PAULLINA	\$1,214.37	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs; Other	WILBOR consortium subscription, computer software programs for public computers, a summer library performer and program expenses, and a public performance movie license were paid for with these funds. We were able to offer more activities, programs, and prizes to the summer library program participants. Once again we are able to offer movie showings in the library for our patrons. WILBOR is being used more all the time and we are able to continue offering this great resource to our public through this funding.
PELLA	\$3,327.91	Other	We digitized back issues of our local newspaper. Historical newspapers are one of the most important research sources to any individual interested in local history or doing genealogy research. Digitizing the newspapers and making them available through a searchable database provides convenience and superior accessibility to researchers. Our users love it!
PERRY	\$2,572.55	Technology and Equipment	With this funding we paid for three computers, three clamp-on tabletop combination electrical outlets/USB outlets for new booths, and one

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			PowerConnect, a new switch for the public computers. We have many patrons and out of town guests who visit the library to use our public access computers. Our patrons depend on the computers with their Internet access to check their email, use social networking, to apply for unemployment, to game, etc. The new electrical outlet and USB outlets on the booth tabletops enable our patrons to comfortably sit and access the wi-fi with their own laptops.
PETERSON	\$736.82	Personnel; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid salaries for summer reading program staff, as well as needed supplies and incentives for the program.
PLAINFIELD	\$1,173.93	Materials and Supplies	Our entire allocation was spent on books and videos. We are phasing out our VHS format and so wanted to bolster our DVD/BluRay format in particular. We have seen a tremendous increase in circulation in this area. Circulation of DVD/BluRay titles accounted for 25% of our circulation for a couple of months this spring with the more recent titles being added. There is no video rental stores available to our patrons.
PLEASANT HILL	\$2,993.28	Technology and Equipment	This money was used to help with the purchase of three patron computers.
PLEASANTVILLE	NE		
PLOVER	\$385.39	Furniture	We spent more than double the state aid amount on a pair of lounge chairs for patron use. Prior to this purchase there were no lounge chairs at the library, only straight back chairs at a table.
POCAHONTAS	\$1,394.28	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for our WILBOR (downloadable books) subscription, as well as children's and teen books. We had a child who was interested in a new cat series and really wanted to read the entire series. She could not afford to pay a postage fee to order them on SILO Interlibrary Loan. So it was decided with this funding to order the series which is over 20 books and she read every one of them! She also told her friends and we have several other children now reading the series. It was a great addition to our junior's section and the extra funding made it possible. We have also added new series in our teen area as well. So the funding has had a positive effect on users of our library!
POLK CITY	\$1,714.12	Personnel	We used this money to pay the salary for an IT person. It has been nice having someone on staff to work on computers, do updates, and to help

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			with a technology plan and replacement of equipment.
POMEROY	\$875.89	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid and matching funds from a grant allowed us to purchase five laptops so we could offer free computer classes to seniors. Learning computer skills has opened the doors to many lonely seniors who can now see pictures of family, chat with friends and research information on medical issues or browse just for fun. One cool, funny story to share involved a mother and daughter who live in different towns. When the daughter checked her Facebook account before going to bed she noticed a friend request from her mother and thought someone had stolen her mom's identity and was using her name. She was so worried that she called her mom even though she knew her mom would be in bed, and found that her mom was alive and well and playing on the Internet. The daughter told me this story later and said her mom is a whole new person, more alert and a lot happier now that she can see pictures and keep in contact with family and friends in the comfort and safety of her own home. Seniors can now contact doctors and pharmacies, and reach out to family and friends in a more direct way.
POSTVILLE	\$1,563.07	Technology and Equipment	This money helped us update two public use computers. We are using the older computers as card catalogs as they were XP systems.
PRAIRIE CITY	\$888.90	Technology and Equipment; Capital Improvements; Library Programs	A new printer and supplies were purchased with this money. It also helped with the cost of removing a building from the lot that was donated for future expansion of the library. It helped offset the cost of Debbie DooWop and Dynamite Dan's performances for the summer reading program. Many, many patrons have applied for jobs with resumes printed at our library. We have patrons that use our printer daily because the cost of purchasing a printer and ink is cost prohibitive for them. They print resumes, tax forms, directions, and anything else you can imagine.
PRESCOTT	NE		
PRESTON	\$1,274.84	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	Direct State Aid helped pay for our NEIBORS (downloadable books) subscription and our summer reading program supplies, as well as Ben's Bubble Show performance during the summer program. The additional books on tape through

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			NEIBORS has assisted those patrons that use this type of medium while exercising or working or traveling. We were able to supplement areas in our collection with new materials and have needed materials for summer programming. The students AND adults highly enjoyed Ben's Bubble show and took away many scientific concepts from the event. Bubbles were flying throughout the community for days after the show!
PRIMGHAR	\$1,186.39	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for new adult and children's books, and DVDs. This funding is important to our library to help provide the best quality of materials for our patrons that we can.
QUIMBY	\$734.32	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	These funds helped pay for magazine subscriptions, computers and our summer library program. Our library means a great deal to our small community. These funds enable us to update our equipment and keep current publications available.
RADCLIFFE	\$1,209.00	Personnel	The funding this year was used to increase staff we we can be open eight hours longer. They were able to use the time to organize the summer program, and try the crafts that were going to be presented, along with pulling material needed for checkouts. Before, our hours were different every day making it impossible for the general public to remember when we were open. By adding the extra eight hours a week we have increased checkouts and patrons have access to the library earlier in the day.
RAKE	\$815.16	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Other	Direct State Aid was used to buy children's books, and a new computer and printer.
RANDOLPH	NE		
READLYN	\$1,294.10	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We bought a fax machine, a shredder and a vacuum cleaner. We also rented a photo booth for our Readlyn Grump Day's Celebration. Without this funding, we would not have been able to replace these much needed items. The photo booth we sponsored was a big success. A great promotion tool for the library as each user left with a photo "bookmark" as a souvenir.
RED OAK	\$2,199.37	Materials and Supplies;	The library purchased a subscription to Tumbleweed books and Ancestry.com.
REDFIELD	\$891.26	Technology and	We replaced two old computers. It helped a



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		Equipment	patron apply for unemployment. We are a small community and the library provides Internet access as well as general computer use for a lot of patrons.
REINBECK	\$1,480.34	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Some of the Direct State Aid funds were used towards color printer cartridges. We also purchased a new computer to replace our aging circulation computer. Funds were also used towards summer library program presenter fees and reading incentives. One mother was excited to hear we were having story teller Mike Anderson back this year and rearranged her schedule to bring her kids. We had about 30 more kids sign up for the summer library program this year than last year.
REMBRANDT	\$734.34	Personnel	We paid for more staff time so we could serve our patrons from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. The patrons who can't make it to the library during the week appreciate us being open those hours. The children can come in and play games on the computers and check out puzzles and books to enhance their lives. Each day we are open we hope to help those in our community.
REMSEN	\$965.34	Materials and Supplies	We used these funds for library materials.
RENWICK	\$1,110.25	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	With Direct State Aid we purchased new DVDs, audio books and downloadable audio books. We also paid for a magician to come to our library for the summer library program. We have story time throughout the year and these funds help pay for crafts for them to do and treats. We also have popcorn Wednesdays and hold monthly coffees for our patrons.
RICEVILLE	\$1,324.62	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	The monies were spent towards books for our young readers who are just learning to read. We have created a section just for them to easily access their books. We have also continued to add to our "easy" collection as well as our young adults. This year we started new programming for our youth. The school decided to have early outs every Wednesday. We have invited the children into our library specifically for three of those Wednesdays. We had an elementary age boy come in with his mother who was a reluctant reader, very intimidated by too many words on the pages of age appropriate chapter books. We were able to take him to the young reader section

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			and it virtually lit a spark in him. Even though he is not from our community this is his new "go to" library because these books are now so accessible to him. It has made him excited about reading! The Early Out Wednesday Program we instituted has given the kids of our community a safe place to go and at the same time enhance their learning. They are excited about coming to the library.
RICHLAND	\$1,105.87	Materials and Supplies	The funds were used for collection development items including new books and DVDs for the adult and children's area.
RINGSTED	\$721.93	Materials and Supplies	The money was spent mostly on books, but there were a couple other items like toner for the printer and copier and paper for both. Other supplies like book tape and small everyday things that I ran out of were also included.
RIPPEY	NE		
ROCK RAPIDS	\$1,114.26	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid was used for NoveList Plus and a digital dialer to monitor the fire alarm system at a remote site.
ROCK VALLEY	\$1,842.32	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a laptop and printer.
ROCKFORD	\$1,250.45	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid went towards the purchase of books for all ages. This money also augmented our efforts to have our microfilm newspaper collection digitized. We have a patron who is an avid reader. She really enjoys that we get all of the books by her favorite author, thanks to the state funding. These funds really increase the number of books we can purchase. We are going to have our newspapers available online for people thanks in part to these funds. This will be a great bonus for anyone doing genealogical/local history research.
ROCKWELL	\$1,390.21	Technology and Equipment	We purchased a new laptop computer, a new patron computer and a new monitor. We have a few low-income families who use the library computers because they have no computer at home. It is not financially feasible for them to purchase one. By offering the computers at the library, these families have access to information they need.
ROCKWELL CITY	\$1,542.29	Materials and Supplies	This year we used our Direct State Aid to update our teen section. After a thorough weeding, we needed to update the teen books and purchased some new series as well as replacing some well-used classics. Since the additions, we have noticed

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ROLAND	\$1,366.48	Materials and Supplies	We were able to purchase more materials for circulation, as well as subscribe to our WILBOR (downloadable books) consortium.
ROLFE	\$790.28	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We desperately needed to weed our holdings so we used part of these funds to hire an additional librarian to address this issue. Funds were also used for new books and a bar code scanner.
ROWAN	\$1,158.66	Technology and Equipment	We needed to replace five computers this year, so the Direct State Aid funds really came in handy.
ROYAL	NE		
RUDD	\$805.00	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid went towards the purchase of additional books, DVDs and magazine subscriptions. We are fortunate enough to be able to provide technology and materials to individuals attending on-line classes. Patrons have expressed their gratitude as this saves them time and money by not having to travel to the campus for testing and work study. Rudd is a small library. Additional funding is greatly appreciated to aid in providing the up-to-date materials for our patrons.
RUNNELLS	\$387.75	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	We used the money to buy new audio books and book shelves. One of our patrons is retired, but is filling in at a church two hours from our town. She loves to listen to audio books on her way to work. Audio books tend to be expensive and we do not have much money in our budget for them. I can buy several used ones with the money from Direct State Aid. Our paperbacks, audio books and non-fiction are all on the same book rack. By adding some small shelves we were able to separate them and make room to add more books.
RUTHVEN	\$1,194.27	Technology and Equipment	A multi-function printer/scanner/fax machine was purchased to replace three aging machines. We gained color copying capabilities and color on 11"x17" paper capabilities, and now only have to worry about toner for one machine. We love it!

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			One person was able to make color copies of the historical photographs he was borrowing. He was also able to make copies of a map in color on the 11"x17" paper. We can now do more with fewer machines.
SABULA	\$780.93	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to buy new DVDs and children's books.
SAC CITY	\$1,503.18	Materials and Supplies	Because the library materials budget has not been increased in the past several years, Direct State Aid funding was used to supplement our purchase of children's books. The summer reading theme has been great for programming this year but material checkouts seemed lower than average because we did not have a lot of current science titles to display to go along with the "Fizz, Boom Read!" theme. We used this money to purchase children's non-fiction and fiction titles that matched the science theme and they have been checked out like crazy through the summer months. Our circulation is now up which means that kids are reading and improving their literacy skills for a jump start on the upcoming school year. By supplementing quality children's books on popular science themes to the library collection, kids in our community will continue to improve their science and literacy skills that are so critical in school.
SALEM	\$1,105.51	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Other	We implemented a monthly reading program on Saturdays for children. These funds help pay for the books needed for the program and for incentives.
SANBORN	\$1,280.60	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Other	Direct State Aid paid for our WILBOR (downloadable books) subscription, a new computer monitor and a new stove (and installation costs) for programming events. Many of our patrons enjoy WILBOR and the fact that they can still check out books from our library online. We feel that the quality of our programming has been enhanced because we can offer a larger range of classes.
SCHALLER	\$829.17	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	This money was used to renew our membership to WILBOR (downloadable books), to renew our website for the year and for a new printer so all can print off a wifi printer. The funds were also used for three summer library programs in June.
SCHLESWIG	NE		
SCRANTON	\$1,129.50	Personnel;	We hired a new children's librarian using Direct

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		Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	State Aid. We also used part of the money to supplement the teen area with books. We hired a computer expert to update and maintain the computers that we have. In addition, we used some of the money for supplies and prizes for the summer reading program. The kids all benefit with the fast Internet in doing homework.
SERGEANT BLUFF	NE		
SEYMOUR	NE		
SHEFFIELD	\$1,440.46	Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	We are currently trying to pay off our copy machine, so this extra funding is so welcome. The copier has been the best buy for our library. It is invaluable during the build-up to the summer reading program. The money was also used to bring in a special guest from the Grout Museum for our summer program. We also buy prizes, t-shirts, books with the summer reading theme, and supplies that help us run our program. This year we had a young man who became involved in the summer reading program through some ladies in a local church who were mentoring and helping with his reading. He signed up a little later, but quickly wanted to become involved by attending our programs and counting his minutes of reading. The minutes added up and he started earning the different prizes we offer as incentives for each level they achieve. He is going to be a fourth grader and, from my perspective, I have seen his interest in reading blossom into an eagerness for it instead of just as another school assignment that he has to drag himself through. He won the grand prize for the summer and I think all of this has really had an impact on his view of just what a library can mean in a person's life. I think that offering a well done summer reading program is a huge benefit to our community of Sheffield. Not only can the kids maintain their reading levels in the summer, but they can find doing it through our program is fun.
SHELDON	\$2,000.73	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for training for a new youth services librarian, large print Western books, a Junior Library Guild subscription, junior audiobooks, and DVDs. We have a client in a local nursing home who reads nothing but large print Westerns. The nursing home staff think he doesn't sleep much, so through those sleepless hours this gentleman reads. He also sends the activity directors to the library to pick up more westerns,

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			even though we visit once a month with a book truck full of books chosen for the residents. How could we ignore that devotion to reading?
SHELL ROCK	\$1,270.32	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	This money paid for our assistant to attend classes to become certified to do "second chance reading" with our elementary students. The program started this fall on early-out Wednesdays. I was also able to buy more children's books. I like to get the little ones excited about reading with good picture books. I also was able to buy members of our newly formed youth book club their own copy of "Divergent." We had a family move to town from a women's shelter. Her son is 12 and very much a loner. He has joined the book club and made friends. He was thrilled to be able to keep his own copy of the book club book they read. The whole family feels very welcome at the library. It is real hard to get this age of kids interested in reading or coming to the library, so it is rewarding to get these preteens coming in and enjoying it.
SHELLSBURG	\$1,219.90	Materials and Supplies	We bought new books, updating and expanding our young adult, juvenile fiction and non-fiction sections. There is a young lady who reads faster than I can supply books. She always asks for brand new material. Sometimes she gets disappointed when books aren't released quickly enough. After coming around the library she has picked up filing books looking them up online and checking for lower prices. She understands it isn't a matter of just buying books. This young lady now knows about budgets, collections and making smart choices. Patronage in youth and young adults has increased as a direct result of our updating series adding new series and science fiction books. By giving more options and using Accelerated Reader and Lexile grading, more kids are coming to the library for reading materials.
SHENANDOAH	\$2,011.56	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for new computer terminals for the public, and Trend Micro licenses. These public access computers are integral to our patrons' needs--for job seeking, information gathering and just for fun.
SIBLEY	\$1,583.95	Materials and Supplies	We used the Direct State Aid money to buy books since we had to cut our book budget this year by over \$1,000. We have a tremendous amount of children who use the library and if we wouldn't have been able to buy new materials it would have impacted our circulation and visits to the library.

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SIDNEY	\$1,232.11	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid went towards supplies, books, DVDs, a Norton security program, printer/fax machines, computer technology support and summer reading program supplies. I have been here a very short time but the impact and difference I have seen is from one of the kids who was able to come to our summer reading program. When he was told he could get a library card and check out books about robots that we'd been discussing, he lit up with a great big smile. Our library service has improved as a result of this funding by allowing us to purchase the supplies we need.
SIGOURNEY	\$1,444.26	Materials and Supplies	The money we received from Direct State Aid was used to purchase items in our audiobook and DVD collection, which is becoming more popular with our patrons. There are many stories that could be told about how our library has impacted our community, but the freshest one in my memory is of an older lady who has been coming to the library for years and years. She recently came in with her daughter, kind of distraught, and finally confessed that she was no longer able to read even large print books. The look on her face when we introduced her to our audiobook collection was priceless. With the help of staff and her daughter, we were able to find her a few audiobooks. She was so excited that she could still listen to her favorite authors even though she could no longer read along. It's times like that particular encounter that make librarians love their jobs even more! Since our library has joined the WILBOR (downloadable books) program, we have seen a sizable increase in audiobook readers/listeners. So the portion of our Direct State Aid money spent on purchasing new audiobooks has pleased many patrons of our community. The monies was also spent to purchase DVDs for our movie collection, which has an ever-growing popularity since the main video rental business in town closed down. These upgrades to our library have made a great impact on our community.
SILVER CITY	\$382.43	Materials and Supplies	We were able to use this money to buy new books.
SIOUX CITY	\$16,687.16	Technology and Equipment	We purchased new upgraded public-use computers with plenty of memory to handle today's graphic-intense Internet usage. A library

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			circulation associate shared the following: We are proud to say that there was NO interruption in public service to install these new public-use computers (and un-install the old ones) and the cross-departmental "after-hours installation party" was a great team-building experience for Sioux City Public Library staff. Staff with responsibilities in all library departments participated in the installation, gaining a new respect for what staff responsible for public computing services do every day and, with broader understanding, are better able to serve library patrons. Children's staff, for example, are better able to help patrons of all ages with their electronic use of library services.
SIOUX CENTER	\$2,588.43	Materials and Supplies	We used our funds to enhance our e-book collection with 3M. This was a great chunk of money to expand this collection. We had one elderly person share with us that even though it was "new" technology, she was determined to learn how to use an ereader so she could read beyond large print books. She is thrilled with our e-book selection and we've opened a new door for her. We are not able to fill requests that our community is requesting on our e-book site - we don't always have the money to do that.
SIOUX RAPIDS	\$806.92	Personnel	This money enabled us to be hire a part time staffer, making it possible for me to attend meetings and classes and to take my vacation without having to close the library. It makes a big difference in running our library and our patrons really appreciate this.
SLATER	\$1,270.12	Furniture	We were able to buy new computer tables. We did not have any space to add additional computers, but thanks to a technology grant from the state we were able to purchase an additional computer, and with the funding from Direct State Aid we purchased new computer tables allowing us to have three computers in the same space. We were able to add a third patron computer by replacing old cubicles with computer tables in the same amount of space. Now more people are able to have access to our computers.
SLOAN	\$835.82	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Additional salary for computer classes covering Facebook and Pinterest basics was made possible with these funds. We joined WILBOR (downloadable books) consortium this spring. This money covered the start-up cost and part of the prorated per capita fees. We also purchased a



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			scanner, new web design software, and to be compliant with the E-Rate regulations, Internet filtering. With the addition of our new scanner, we helped a patron scan an important document that was needed for a job application. This made it possible for her to get the information to the correct person in a timely manner and not have to travel an additional 30 miles to get her document scanned. Our library service has improved with the addition of WILBOR e-books and downloadable audios.
SOLON	\$2,545.66	Technology and Equipment; Furniture	We spent the greatest portion of this year's Direct State Aid funding on computer updates. We were able to update six of our public computers from XP to Windows 7. We spent part of the money on two large glass display cases that we purchased when a local Ben Franklin closed its doors. We have a new LEGO club, with an average of 50 children attending. We needed display space for their "creations" each month. We've noticed fewer patron complaints about the speed of our Internet, the ease in opening various forms, flash drives, etc. It's interesting that the purchase of display cases for our LEGO Club is such an important element to the success of the program. The kids love building with LEGO materials, according to each month's theme but being able to admire, talk about the "background" story, share with family, is an important extension of this program and wouldn't be possible without these display cases.
SOMERS	NE		
SOUTH ENGLISH	\$378.13	Materials and Supplies	New books and DVDs were purchased with this money. One of our teen patrons has discovered the joys of reading and is now a frequent visitor.
SPENCER	\$3,269.55	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for large print and other adult books, as well as computers, monitors and a computer converter/adapter. It also allowed us to offer an adult summer library program event: Make Your Own Mozzarella. One of our elderly homebound patrons had difficulty sleeping due to nightmares based on his real-life wartime experiences. As our homebound services grew and our selection of books multiplied, he, with the help of our outreach librarian, discovered that if he read Westerns right before falling asleep he was more relaxed. His mind focused on other things (the books, particularly Westerns) and he

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			was able to sleep much better. Library service in our community has improved as a result of this funding because it allowed us to purchase more large print books. Also, by using some of the funds to update our patron computers we have improved the speed and the programs available to our patrons, making it easier for them to conduct many tasks online.
SPILLVILLE	\$1,113.52	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid went towards new books, DVDs, a new computer and Microsoft office for four computers. We also upgraded to Windows 7 on one computer. Because of the funds we were able to put Microsoft Office on all of the computers allowing a patron to complete a resume and do a job application online. While we did have a freeware office program, many patrons found it difficult to use. They greatly appreciated having the program they are more familiar with on the computers. We have not had Microsoft Office running on any of the computers and were able to install it on all of the PAC's using this funding and TechSoup. Now all of our patrons can use a computer and not worry about it crashing from an old operating system. The remaining funds were used to purchase extra books.
SPIRIT LAKE	\$2,052.28	Personnel	We hired extra summer help with these funds to work specifically with the summer reading program. We have a little girl who lives near the library who is entering first grade this fall. She wants to participate in the summer reading program quite badly and doesn't receive much support from home. With the Direct State Aid money I can staff the children's area full time. This allows our little girl to come in and have a staff person listen to her read, help her fill out forms, and guide her through the program. It makes her summer; she is so happy to win prizes and spend time here. Without someone full-time in that area, this wouldn't be possible.
SPRINGVILLE	\$1,368.53	Technology and Equipment	The library used its Direct State Aid money for eight Dell 24" Class Widescreen LED monitors for our patron computers and eight surveillance cameras. Many of our citizens have discontinued Internet service at home due to budget problems. The larger computer screens have been a welcome addition. Many of our patrons have commented on the 24" monitors and are very pleased. It was fun to see their reaction when they first sat down

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			at their "favorite computer" to see the enlarged screen! We also used the money to purchase replacement surveillance cameras for our security systems. These cameras are vital to the safety of our patrons and serve as a comfort to our parents when their children are in the library.
ST. ANSGAR	\$1,411.80	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Other	We purchased new books for our summer reading program, as well as two new computers. We have college students who come in to take tests. We had two senior citizens come in and apply for Social Security. Our computers are used a lot.
ST. CHARLES	\$500.58	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This amount was applied to new books and DVDs. Money was also used for the summer reading program, which included new books, color books and craft items. The funding made a difference in the some of the kids' lives for the summer reading program because they where able to meet different people and learn about the subject that was talked about.
STACYVILLE	\$1,261.77	Technology and Equipment	We used this money to help fund a Colibre book covering system. Previously we had been covering paperback books with contact-type paper which was very labor intensive.
STANHOPE	\$1,139.57	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to purchase new books, a computer security system, and for the summer library program activities. By having access to materials they would not normally be able have access to is a positive experience in our patrons' lives. It feels great to keep up with the needs of our community.
STANTON	\$1,128.10	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Library Programs	Direct State Aid allowed us to to continue extended library hours. It also helped purchase supplies for children's back-to-school refresher camp, a bulletin board and two step stools, as well as our summer reading program supplies and prizes. We have had several people using the library in the extended hour period which they were not able to do before. One such person was able to complete her online class because of these extended hours. As a small community we had trouble funding our summer reading program and this money allowed us to purchase supplies and prizes.
STANWOOD	\$1,134.59	Materials and Supplies	This money was spent on new books.
STATE CENTER	\$877.24	Personnel	The Direct State Aid funds were spent on our children's collection. Adults make requests and

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			voice desires; children do not. However they enjoy beautiful new books with bright illustrations in good condition. It has been joy to produce a requested book for a young boy recently. I found three "Otis the Tractor" books for him after he described a book he wanted. His mother was so pleased we could continue to provide books of interest. Our childrens' programming is well attended and offering beautiful new books complement our efforts.
STEAMBOAT ROCK	\$779.53	Furniture	This money helped us buy big book display stands which are outward-facing shelving for children's picture books. Just this morning a mother was telling me how much she appreciated the changes happening in our library. She said that before, she would seldom use the library and it was mainly just for herself; her kids never wanted to come along. Now her kids beg her to take them to the library to get books and to play. She said she never would have imagined her kids to be the type to want to hang out at the library and especially not to be so excited about reading. Coming to the library as a family has now become part of their regular routine. The shelving we bought with our Direct State Aid money was part of a bigger project of creating a designated children's area within our library, which did not previously exist.
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STORY CITY	\$1,724.08	Personnel	We agreed to participate with other Story County libraries to provide an "All Story County Tween Read" of the book "Ungifted" by Gordon Korman. This required having a staff person read the book, and lead the discussion. We were able to hire her with these funds. We have had traditional programming for our young people at the library for years with a storytime for pre-schoolers and an after-school program for our school-age children. We have been trying to find a way to reach our teens and tweens also, and struggled with activities, programs or projects to entice this age group. We had a young man who has been coming to the library his entire life with his mother, attending the various programs for his age, unenthusiastically, but faithfully attending all the programs. His mother would read to him, book after book, requesting books we didn't own, trying to find a series or a topic that he enjoyed

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			<p>reading about. The enthusiasm showed by his mother never seemed to materialize in him and as he has got older, fewer and fewer attempts were made by his mother to find that connection. When we announced our Tween Read program this summer, I saw his mother sign him up, and a certain reluctance written all over his face. He came to the first session, received his book, and I was afraid that would be the end of it. I was so surprised to see him fully engaged with the group discussion the following week, and my staff person who led the discussion told me he was taking the lead in discussion, was very enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed the book. Since I've been watching this young man grow up over the last 7+ years, I was more than surprised and his mother told me that he has become very engaged just because of the great connection he felt with this book and his peers who were discussing it. Our program attendance this year hit all-time highs, with special activities on early dismissal school days and lots of hands-on programming activities during the summer. Our library board seems to understand that this is an important aspect of our library. Fortunately, they are very supportive of programming, and so when I noted that our programming was pushing us over budget more in wages, we decided to use the Direct State Aid funding as a source for covering those increased expenses.</p>
STRATFORD	\$1,198.27	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	<p>Direct State Aid helped pay for e-books and Ipads. Patrons repeatedly tell me how handy it is to download e-books before going on vacation, which is much handier than toting several books along on a trip. Patrons also appreciate not having to get out in the weather to come and get books. We are able to offer Ipads as another option when all of our public access computers are full. Patrons can try out an Ipad at the library before making a decision on purchasing one. Ipads can also be used to Skype during meetings.</p>
STRAWBERRY POINT	\$1,344.50	Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Other	<p>We used this money to purchase books for children and also supplies for story time and after-school/early out crafts, displays and posters of events. It also helps pay for our summer reading programs. We purchased a book tower to display/shelve newer children's books. The new computer desk provides a stable surface for the</p>

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			<p>children's computer at the correct height for a child to sit. Our new children's table provides enough tables for all the children to use. A new literacy rug has been greatly appreciated and utilized for story times for the children to sit on. It has the alphabet and numbers on it. The Smartmax magnetic set has kept the interest of many of the kids both younger and older. We have a special needs child that often plays with these and finds them fascinating. He puts a magnetic ball on top a stick and uses it as a microphone and makes sounds. It is very cute to watch as he doesn't really say many words or talk that much. It seems to put him at ease as he holds it up to his mouth. It brings him enjoyment which is then passed on to others. Our library is attached to a daycare so our children's area is well utilized daily by daycare and the general public. These purchases helped to improve this area as well as update it.</p>
STUART	\$1,422.78	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	<p>We hired a high school student to assist with the summer reading program with this money, as well as new children's books for the program. We also were able to have two laptop computers rebuilt. On the first day of our summer reading program, a little girl (about eight years old) came into the library to register wearing a white lab coat. Her mother told us that her daughter loved science and was so happy that was our theme. She checked out six of our new science books that day. We had very few science books in our children's section so we invested in books on science for grades K-5. In addition, the high school got a grant to plant a library garden so we purchased a few children's books on gardening with this money.</p>
SULLY	\$1,361.67	Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Other	<p>Direct State Aid paid for our EBSCOhost (downloadable books) subscription fee, a new circulation desk and LEGO table, and it helped pay for our interlibrary loan postage.</p>
SUMNER	\$1,565.56	Materials and Supplies; Other	<p>This money helped us buy new DVDs, children's books, large print books, and the digitization of 18 months of our local newspaper. One of our older patrons has discovered the large print section of our library and though she doesn't need them, she now comes to the library more often, checking out more books and then talking to staff. Her husband died recently and the library is her social network now, keeping her from being home alone. She is</p>

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			even thinking about joining one of our book groups. This money has allowed us to better serve our community.
SUTHERLAND	\$1,136.91	Materials and Supplies	We purchased both adult and children's books, magazines and new DVDs, as well as processing materials. We have an aging population in our community and our large print books are needed by many. I have a patron who was just diagnosed with macular degeneration who is having a hard time accepting it. She mentioned to me that she doesn't know what she will do when the large print books are not enough and she will not be able to read. I was able to reassure her that we have audio books and home delivery so she will never have to give up reading. With our budget unchanged and prices increasing, the extra income from Direct State Aid funding assures that our patrons are still able to find new materials to check out.
SWALEDALE	\$1,060.00	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid helped us train a new staff member and purchase new books, DVDs, and craft materials. With a budget of under \$21,000, this funding is crucial. We couldn't do what we do without it!
SWEA CITY	\$1,193.37	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This money was used to process all items held in our genealogy room at the library, including newspapers dating back to the 1800's until today. This money was also used to pay for mileage to classes and the Association of Rural and Small Libraries conference. We were also able to buy janitorial supplies and book supplies for the library. Miscellaneous items were purchased for weekly toddler time and our summer library program, such as prizes, books to give away and snacks. If it were not for this funding I would not be able to attend classes out of town with my peers. I learn so much from my fellow directors it would be a true loss to our library and our community if those meetings were not available for me to attend.
SWISHER	\$372.94	Materials and Supplies	Money was spent to subscribe to Tumblebooks (e-books for children) and to purchase books for the Bridges to Reading program. One little boy, who was so mad that the book our library picked as the best book( "Count the Monkeys") did not win on the national level that he checked the book out, took it to school and asked his teacher to read it to the whole class, just so he could prove it was the

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			best book EVER! Tumblebooks, the e-books for children has been extremely popular, in particular with our home day-care providers who find it a helpful way to add reading activities to their day even when they cannot physically bring the children to the library. In addition, families have found it a great resource as more children have I-pads and tablets of their own. Bridge to Reading is a program where children are invited to vote on 10 children's books as the best of the year. Books were purchased and provided a structure for story time this spring and served as a jumping off point for discussion with children and parents even outside of story time.
TABOR	\$846.78	Library Programs	We spend this money on our summer reading program which includes four programs a week for five weeks. It includes two presenters and all other miscellaneous items needed. We have a little boy and girl who live in town just down the street from the library who lost their dad in a drowning a few years ago. Their mother has withdrawn and doesn't have a license. These kids go nowhere except to Casey's and the library every now and then. They have been attending our summer programs and having so much fun it makes my heart happy. Most days they come in tired and depressed looking and talk about their mom being depressed and sleeping. But by the time they leave they are active and smiling. Mom won't take any help but I am glad the kids are able to have our free programs to enjoy. Our summer library programs are age specific and the place to be for summer fun. We attract not only town kids but also rural and other small towns close to us with our programming. We keep kids reading over the summer break from school.
TAMA	\$1,561.02	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for our Overdrive e-books, audio books and supplies, as well as two public access computers and supplies for our summer reading program, "Fizz, Boom, Read!"
TERRIL	\$763.66	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements; Library Programs; Other	We used this money for adult and children's books, restroom repairs, summer reading program supplies, and a movie licensing USA permit.
THOMPSON	\$850.31	Materials and	These funds paid for six issues of "ShopSmart"



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		Supplies; Library Programs	<p>magazine, a one-year subscription to NEIBORS (downloadable book) subscription, a one-year movie license, an author visit by Frederick Blanch, and a Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo for the summer reading program. There is a patron who does not enjoy reading books, but is a frequent reader of magazines. She suggested the "ShopSmart" magazine as a good addition. Without Direct State Aid funds, we would have had to decline her request. She looks forward to taking home each issue as soon as possible for reading and recommends it to other patrons. The library does not have a large budget for special programming like author visits and summer reading programming. The board of trustees wanted to enhance programming and chose to designate some of these funds for this purpose. Without this money we would not be able to host an author from Minnesota or have children see and touch snakes or learn about toads, turtles and lizards from the "RAD" zoo. We are pleased that both young and old can benefit from special programs. It is our intent to continue to use this funding to bring special programs to the community of Thompson.</p>
THORNTON	\$1,161.24	Personnel	We used this money to pay staff for our after-school program held twice weekly at the library.
TIFFIN	\$886.15	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	These funds paid for new children's and young adult books for the summer reading program. I offer learning and enrichment programs for kids in our summer programs. I encourage library use all year long. I serve about 75 school age kids at our summer program and 54 preschool children.
TIPTON	\$1,732.01	Capital Improvements	The money was used for repairs to the air conditioning and heating units.
TITONKA	\$1,178.78	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements; Library Programs	Direct State Aid helped staff take continuing education classes. We were also able to add DVDs and audio books to our collection, and shelving for our storage room. And we got to bring programs to our community that would have never happened before. The funds also allowed us to help pay for interlibrary loan fees to get the books we need for our book discussion group. We have many patrons in our community who cannot afford to be hooked up to cable TV. With the funding, the Titonka Public Library has been able to add many movies to our collection. We do not charge our patrons a fee to check out movies. We

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			have one family tell us over and over how thankful they are we have a good selection of movies for them to view. Hopefully we have made a difference in their lives. When funding a small library for a town of a population under 500, it is very necessary to have funding from all resources. Because of this money we were able to keep our library up to date.
TOLEDO	\$1,469.11	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs; Other	We were able to purchase many new items with these funds, including new books, audio books, music and DVDs. We also bought a receipt printer, a movie license, and paid for our Tumblebook database renewal. Thank you for providing our library and all Iowa libraries with this additional funding. We put these funds to good use and know just how valuable they are.
TRAER	\$1,368.04	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Other	We bought exercise DVDs and a DVD television, as well as a bar scanner for taking inventory. We also used the money for magnets with our library information and a Keurig coffeepot and supplies. During the long winter months the children's librarian led a group of mothers and children in simple fun exercises following the regular story time. We have patrons who have requested and enjoyed the many TV-on-DVD series we now provide. This money allows us to bring our collection up to date and honor many of the requests we had received.
TRIPOLI	\$1,362.56	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	With help from these funds we were able to have additional staff available for National Library Week, and purchase additional books for our children's area which greatly helps with our weekly pre-school story hour program. We were also able to update our cataloging system to a web-based program for our patrons.
TRURO	\$833.06	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid helped pay the salaries for help during our summer library programs, and purchase new books and toner for the copy machines. We were also able to pay for special event presenters. This has helped some of the youngest ones to be more ready for the school experience.
UNION	\$1,175.34	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We used this money to hire and train a children's librarian for the summer library program. We also weeded old materials and increased our books-on-CD collection. There is one long road hauler who takes these books-on-tape with him every trip.

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			Sometimes we need to check them out longer because he is gone for more than two weeks. He enjoys series books. Since buying several, other patrons have become "hooked." He thanks me every time he comes to the library. We hired a technology person to help us with new I-Pads. The children had a more organized summer program with one person responsible for the planning.
URBANDALE	\$8,612.76	Materials and Supplies; Other	We purchased books for the library's collection and special software used for selecting, managing, and promoting the library's collection. Data extracted from this enables the library to purchase materials patrons want and will use.
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VAN METER	\$410.12	Materials and Supplies	We bought new library books for young adults with Direct State Aid. One teen who comes from a single-parent family uses the library almost daily. It has helped us bring in reading material that challenges her and I have noticed a renewed interest in her reading. It has helped us purchase titles for young adults that we did not have before.
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VENTURA	\$1,243.33	Materials and Supplies	This funding was used to purchase large print books.
VICTOR	\$1,256.52	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	We purchased non-fiction DVDs, bought supplies and hired performers for various youth programs throughout the year. If I did not have this funding, I would not be able to put on these special programs. Also, non-fiction DVDs are expensive and I would have had to purchase far fewer of all types to be able to purchase some of these.
VILLISCA	\$1,253.74	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for training for a part-time director, our WILBOR (downloadable books) and our EBSCOhost database subscriptions, a copy machine, a second phone line for the fax machine, and a new laptop for patrons. We have a few patrons taking online classes. It has been very useful several times over the past few months having the new laptop with all of its updated software. It has allowed them to submit all of their course work in the correct format and to have an available computer when needing to take tests or get papers turned in on time. In our small community we are the only place for patrons to make copies, send faxes, and have access to the

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VINTON	\$2,075.43	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	These funds paid for books from the Scholastic Book sale, a wireless router, a color printer, special entertainers for kids, a 4th of July party and reading incentive prizes. People leave our library with smiles on their faces - and really I can't ask for more than that.
VOLGA	\$710.61	Personnel	Direct State Aid helped to cover the salary requirements involved in being open 20 hours a week.
WADENA	\$379.02	Materials and Supplies	I purchased a lot of young adult books to try and draw my teen group in and reach out to my community to get the word out that we have something for everyone. With this money we purchased lots of movies and also bought much needed supplies for the library. There is a man that has recently (in the past year) moved to town. He had been a regular library user until he got sick and was hospitalized for many months. Since he only likes Westerns and had gone through most of what I had, I was able to get him more of the books that he likes and now that he is recovering at home I can bring him books on a regular basis. He is pretty happy with this service. Yes, I feel good that the purchases that I have made have helped me to draw people in that have not used the library before or not in a long time. I have also served coffee and treats and this has drawn in lots of folks that normally don't come in. It's all good.
WALL LAKE	\$1,236.56	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for new books for programs, a typewriter, additional programs, refreshments and advertising. With the additional programming, we have increased the number of programs this fiscal year to 11 adult programs and 24 children's programs with a total attendance of 944 patrons.
WALNUT	\$813.92	Technology and Equipment	These funds paid for an Apollo automation system. A college student home for the summer came to the library looking for a book. She had looked on the online catalog and saw we had the book she wanted. I also was able to give her information about the WILBOR (downloadable books) program for her to access. It is nice to have former students come back to our library and use our facility. With the new automation system we are able to have our catalog online for our patrons. The Apollo system enables us to have the listings

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			from the WILBOR program on the catalog also. We hope to reach more patrons with the new system.
WAPELLO	\$1,462.91	Technology and Equipment	This money was used for automation software. Now our patrons have access to our catalog from home.
WASHINGTON	\$2,968.54	Materials and Supplies	We purchased two ProQuest databases (Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest), Tumblebooks (e-books subscription), EBSCOhost databases, and a BookPage print subscription. I heard from an inmate in a penitentiary in Oregon who was trying to build his family tree. He was working on his research skills so he could get a job after leaving prison and was also trying to understand where he came from and what his family was like. Using Heritage Quest, we tracked his family history in Washington County and he learned some very special information about his grandparents who he had only met as a child. He was touched to be able to connect to his family in Iowa from his prison cell in Oregon through our resources. Through the money received from Direct State Aid, our library has been able to become a truly 24/7 institution. Any time of the day or night genealogists can access their family history through Heritage Quest, children can learn to read through Tumblebooks e-books, and students can complete those last minute homework assignments with EBSCOhost while their parents read about the newest bestsellers in BookPage. This is proof to our community that our library never sleeps!
WASHTA	\$410.94	Materials and Supplies	We used this money to purchase new books, audio-books and DVDs.
WATERLOO	\$14,527.88	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid pays the salary of our 3rd Age Program librarian, and for large print books and books on CD. We hear many stories of how residents look forward to the book discussions. They have definite opinions on the books and enjoy the discussion, along with the social aspect. The 3rd Age Program allows us to take services to the elderly population who live in nursing and retirement homes. The people served generally do not have the mobility to visit the physical library. Rotating collections, book discussions, and nostalgia kits are components of the program.
WATERVILLE	\$370.49	Technology and	We purchased a projector and screen. We have

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		Equipment	used the projector for several programs including a Pinterest workshop, a program on Japanese knotweed by the Rural Conservation Dept., and a children's program presented by Effigy Mounds National Monument.
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WAUKEE	\$3,664.42	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	Children's, young adult fiction and non-fiction books were bought with this money. In addition we purchased four I-pads and cases, and a projector. The library has very popular story times that young children attend with their parents. Incorporating some of the story time with activities on the I-pad that were projected on the screen made the story times fun and exciting for the young readers. After the story time was over participants were encouraged to explore the library's collection and the new materials were highlighted.
WAUKON	\$2,035.87	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs; Other	Direct State Aid paid for 17 new rigid-rod magazine holders to replace older models and present uniformity in magazine presentation within our expanded magazine selection. We were also able to pay for a magic program, a Fun Factory, a county fair program, a program from the Grout Museum, and a children's chemistry program. We were also able to offer a disaster preparedness family program, a visit from the Blank Park Zoo, Zinghoppers, and two other kids' programs.
WAVERLY	\$3,332.06	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to purchase e-books in the Gale Virtual Reference collection. Seventh grade students from the Waverly-Shell Rock middle school visit our public library each year to research for a paper they will each write on World War II. Our print collection is in high demand at that time. there are some books we cannot allow to be checked out because many students need access to them. When we introduced our new Gale Virtual Reference Library to the 7th grade teachers, they were very excited about the number of books available to their students on the topic, and that the students could be using the books simultaneously and remotely. This e-book reference collection got very good use in the first year! Many of our reference books have become dated over the years, and due to the high cost of these types of items, it has been difficult to keep up in print. We had an opportunity to purchase

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			over 2,000 e-books in the Gale Virtual Reference collection, which was offered to us at an incredible price. Direct State Aid funding helped purchase about half of that collection.
WEBB	\$699.46	Materials and Supplies	We bought new books. We have a new family in town (with a young child) and they have no transportation. They visit the library on a bi-weekly basis for books. We have a very small, rural community with an older population. It benefits them to be able to visit a library that is close to home and provides a variety of print materials, especially the latest releases.
WEBSTER CITY	\$2,668.15	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for Zinio digital magazine subscriptions. Digital magazines allow us to reach more patrons who have not used the library in the past. It has also allowed us to offer more diverse and unique titles.
WELLMAN	\$634.13	Technology and Equipment	These funds helped us purchase an extra patron computer to replace one we hadn't budgeted for.
WELLSBURG	\$1,267.41	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	This money was spent on a new flag, card tables, a book cart, a fax machine, laminator, a cricut, and a movie license. We are excited to be able to offer laminating to the public. It is often asked for and in the past we have had to send patrons to the bank for those services. We were also able to purchase a cricut which we will be able to offer for Maker Space use as well as story time. These funds make it possible to purchase things we would otherwise have to do without!
WESLEY	\$1,157.89	Materials and Supplies	We added to our large print titles, making almost 85% of our fiction section of books large print. I have one patron, age 102, still reading because we can offer her books she can see clearly. She is amazing. Our community is mostly people over 60 years old. They need and appreciate the large print books we offer.
WEST BEND	\$1,260.90	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements	With these funds, we purchased several titles of non-fiction. We have also upgraded several children's movie titles from VHS to DVD, and bought new classic children's stories. We also paid the labor for removal of carpeting in the meeting room and painting. When we purchased new titles, they went out immediately and we had a request for the third book in the series which we did not own. We have recently upgraded the Beverly Cleary series and look forward to the same results.

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WEST BRANCH	\$1,520.31	Technology and Equipment	This year, the library had to upgrade several computers that were still running Windows XP due to discontinuation of the support for that product. Library services were allowed to continue unimpeded this year due to Direct State Aid.
WEST DES MOINES	\$11,725.77	Technology and Equipment	The Direct State Aid money was immediately deposited into the library's gift trust, from which the maintenance fee for our Sierra ILS is paid. The fee for this year was \$52,538.00 and all \$11,725.77 was used for this. The Sierra ILS was purchased because of the expansion of services--especially off-site--for our patrons. Patrons can manage holds, renew materials, reserve rooms, pay fines and communicate with staff all through our ILS. We made the purchase decision with Direct State Aid in mind, as it was not the least expensive option.
WEST LIBERTY	\$1,781.49	Materials and Supplies	We use the funds to supplement the purchase of materials in Spanish.
WEST POINT	\$1,213.71	Technology and Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for an OPTiPlex 7010 desktop computer. This is a new patron computer and folks were very excited to have it. We also upgraded the XP computer to one with Windows 7 for the future.
WEST UNION	\$1,527.87	Materials and Supplies; Other	Direct State Aid paid for large print books, easy reader books, junior fiction and non-fiction, and youth fiction and non-fiction. It also paid for our EBSCOhost database subscription. We have a teenager who is not really into sports or music, but loves to read. The library has been able to stay current with the series in the youth fiction section that she reads. This helps keep her interested and out of trouble. We were able to purchase all the Iowa Award books this year. The school is limited on the number of copies it is able to purchase, so this gives more kids access to the books.
WESTGATE	\$706.13	Materials and Supplies; Other	With these funds we bought books and a Marc records subscription. This funding continues to allow us to add new books to our collection and through Marc records to keep a list of items added to the collection, make catalog cards and create lists of books to be uploaded into SILO Interlibrary Loan.
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WHAT CHEER	\$750.79	Materials and Supplies	This money allowed us by buy adult and children's non-fiction and fiction books, and DVDs. It would



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			greatly limit service if we did not have these funds.
WHEATLAND	\$1,132.34	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment	We have switched from VHS to DVD and this money was very helpful in that endeavor. We were also able to buy a new fax machine and a scanner. We had a man who needed to send important faxes for his business and we were able to help. He had discontinued his land line phone and so was not able to fax from home. He uses our fax regularly. We are able to add services like scanning and faxing for patrons who would otherwise have to travel to a larger city.
WHITING	\$1,136.17	Personnel	With Direct State Aid we were able to extend our hours. Every day we open the library there are people waiting, or else arriving within minutes of opening time. They appreciate the extra hours we offer because of the Direct State Aid funding.
WHITTEMORE	\$1,166.56	Personnel; Technology and Equipment	This money was used to have extra staff on hand for special programs, both the summer reading program, the Christmas open house, and after-school movies. The money also helped pay for our new video surveillance system that was installed this spring. The total cost was \$2,700.95 and \$2,000 of that was paid through a Community Foundation Grant, the rest out of Direct State Aid funds. Being able to provide a movie on early-out days has been a real help to parents who work out of town. The kids come to the library when they get off the bus and we provide them with popcorn and juice and they spend the afternoon watching a movie. If the parents are not back in town yet, the kids can read, play, and put puzzles together in the children's room. Many of our parents have commented on how much they appreciate this service since they don't have to worry about where their children are.
WILLIAMS	\$1,124.72	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid went towards new books and DVDs, program supplies, a used Fax machine, programming for the summer reading program, art activities for story times, and a set of four books for our Adult Book Talk. I have a 10-year-old patron who had never been in the library, even though his mother is a trustee. This summer I offered a class in LEGO robotics. I purchased the books to extend the activities with this funding. He has read the book and been to all the summer reading days. His mom says he loves it! Without Direct State Aid our library could not afford to include inter-library loan services. The postage

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			expenses could not be covered. Nor could we have the dynamic programs that we offer to the patrons in our community.
WILLIAMSBURG	\$1,714.55	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	This money paid tuition for staff to attend the Iowa Library Association's Leadership Institute. We also used funds to fill gaps in our collection -- missing series books, updated or expanded non-fiction topics. We also updated our fax machine with a faster modem and more capacity. The money also was used to supplement our summer library program supplies and incidentals not covered by other funding. Direct State Aid allows the Williamsburg Public Library to do our jobs better.
WILTON	\$1,605.85	Furniture; Library Programs	We purchased a new cabinet for story-time books and two additional tables to use for crafts. The money also provided more programming: the Blank Park Zoo, the Zinghoppers, and the rental of the Clifford Costume. The funding improved the summer reading experience for many children. Some of the smaller children had never seen Clifford before. That was a definite surprise for them. Also, just being able to offer new and different programs kept the interest of the children. The children really enjoyed the craft and science part of the summer reading program.
WINFIELD	\$872.97	Materials and Supplies; Technology and Equipment; Library Programs	Direct State Aid went towards new books and DVDs, Faronics Deep Freeze software to protect four public computers, summer reading program prizes and weekly science programs. Several new families moved to Winfield and their participation in summer reading science camps each week allowed the new children to make friends while building science skills. As one eight year old told me, "I love this library! I love science and I made so many new friends!" She will start at her new school here this fall and already has several new friends in her class. Our summer reading participation was up by 51 people this year, which is outstanding in a town of 1,150 people. Funding from the state paid for weekly science camps for kids which created STEM learning opportunities.
WINTERSET	\$2,388.82	Technology and Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to purchase an AWE station, which is a children's computer loaded with educational activities. The AWE "After School Edge" has eliminated frustration for kids and librarians alike! Rather than fussing with technology, the librarians are able to interact with

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			the children concerning the content they are learning. Rather than fussing with technology, the children are able to dig right into the activities, building their ability to do self-directed activities. Parents are happy, too, because there is no need for an Internet connection to become immersed in the grand array of AWE digital activities. Connect Iowa survey data show that 19% of Iowa residents do not own a home computer. Many children in our community do not have computers in their homes. The addition of the AWE station to the library encourages all children to have fun with computer activities that are interesting and entertaining and educational in nature, and that are age-appropriate. The software helps children grow their reading, writing, math, science, history, geography, music and visual arts skills.
WINTHROP	\$1,185.05	Materials and Supplies	This money was used to buy new books, DVDs, and supplies.
WODEN	\$1,102.12	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements; Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to purchase DVDs for a children's program offered once a month during the winter. The response to this program was very well received. Money was also applied towards the purchase of new light fixtures for the library. Track lighting was installed along with four track small fluorescent light fixtures. We also used the funds on craft projects for the summer reading program. We have a gentleman who uses the computers on a regular basis and prior to the new lighting he was having great difficulty seeing the computer screen. He would complain of headaches after working on the computers for awhile. With the new lighting our computer area is much better lit. Some the money also went towards our summer reading program for craft projects. Being a small library we are very limited financially on what we can offer the children for the summer reading program, so the added craft projects were well received. Our numbers increased this year for the summer reading program which was exciting to see.
WOODBINE	\$875.12	Library Programs; Other	We used this money for summer library supplies, prizes, a swim party and snacks, and a new vacuum for the library. We are able to attract more teens with our summer library prizes and programs.
WOODWARD	\$1,230.66	Materials and Supplies	Direct State aid was used to pay our WILBOR (downloadable books) subscription, to purchase

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			many new audio books, and to expand our small DVD collection. Any outside funding, other than the city, is crucial to how we can best meet the needs of our community members.
WYOMING	\$809.68	Materials and Supplies	The funds were used to purchase additional DVDs and books. Our school has started working with us to help fill the gap in their collection and this has worked well for both of us. The middle school and high school are located in our town and we have had an increase in demand for young adult materials. This summer we had more young adult readers than ever and some who signed up for our summer programming, too. This is a big step for our library!
ZEARING	\$1,200.37	Materials and Supplies; Library Programs	This year we were able to complete and add several junior fiction series to our collection thanks to Direct State Aid. Our summer program contained several fun experiments which required additional materials which we also used this money for. This past fall we started a LEGO club which needed additional base boards and wheels, and money was spent for these. At one of our past summer reading days we were making GAK, or homemade Silly Putty, and one little boy who had not been very engaged looked at me and said, "This is my best day ever!" Can't beat that for an affirmation of a place that he wants to be and now visits often. A current trend in our readership is with junior and adult-fiction readers. They all want to read books in a series. We used a significant amount of our Direct State Aid money to complete the series and to add new ones.