

FY25 Enrich Iowa Report

Direct State Aid Funding Use & Impacts from Iowa Public Libraries

This report details the amount and use of Enrich Iowa funding Iowa public libraries received for the Direct State Aid program. Annually, Iowa libraries are required to report on the use of this funding in set categories, but they are also given the opportunity to provide comments or stories on the impacts of these funds. The right column includes the comments submitted by Iowa libraries. If a library is not listed in this report it indicates they did not participate in the Direct State Aid program and did not receive funding.

For more information, see the companion FY25 Enrich Iowa Legislative Report at statelibraryofiowa.gov/EnrichIowa.

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| ADAIR | ADAIR | Adair Public Library | \$505.12 | We have a very large amount of patrons who use the Libby app that state funding has paid for. |
| ADAIR | FONTANELLE | Fontanelle Public Library | \$1,278.30 | This funding always helps make a difference at our library. This year we purchased book magnifiers for our readers. We have so many large print readers. This way if we don't have the book in LP they have an option to use this on the regular print titles. We were also able to use this funding for our summer reading programs. The community/patrons love coming to the library for all the programs and we always have a great attendance. |
| ADAIR | GREENFIELD | Greenfield Public Library | \$1,632.02 | Direct State Aid funding greatly enhances the service that we can provide to our community by taking what we already offer and elevating those services. For instance, we used some of the Direct State Aid funding to add to our existing after-school program. We have run this after-school program for many years, but with the Direct State Aid funding we were able to add additional STEM tools to this program to better suit the interest and needs of the students and accommodate the growing number of children who attend this program. We also used some of the funds to supplement our book purchases and update a computer. It is often difficult for small town librarians to juggle the many different hats they must wear. With the Direct State Aid we were able to left some of the burden and purchase a curated children's book subscription to supplement the children's books that we already purchase. This has helped us to greatly increase our graphic novel section (that has rapidly grown in popularity). With the curated service we have new authors - who we might not have found on own - on the shelves to engage young readers in their reading journeys. |
| ADAIR | ORIENT | Public Resource/Technology Center | \$446.65 | Our library service improves every year as Direct State Aid funding allows us to purchase interesting and popular titles for our patrons, both old and young. Allows us to keep our inventory updated... |
| ADAMS | CORNING | Corning Public Library | \$1,666.14 | The library hosted our JK-5th Graders this last school year for library classes once a week during our new school renovations. We were able to purchase additional children's materials to update and bulk up that section of the library to accommodate the additional usage and the children's current interests. |
| ADAMS | PREScott | Prescott Public Library | \$1,129.70 | With this money we are able to have more events in our community. Our summer reading program really benefits for this money to be able to have educational performers come in. |
| ALLAMAKEE | LANSING | Meehan Memorial Lansing Public Library | \$1,435.54 | We served food from the Iowa Food Bank and this brought a ton of kids into the library every day. We have expanded our makerspace, cleaned up and added new children's books and programs. A win win situation all around. Thanks for the help. |

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| ALLAMAKEE | NEW ALBIN | New Albin Public Library | \$862.23 | Direct State Aid funding helped in supplementing more newer books to add to our library's collection. Direct State Aid funding also helped to negate the costs of summer programming, for the children. Direct State Aid also helped our library in obtaining an Author visit that was well attended by our community members. |
| ALLAMAKEE | POSTVILLE | Postville Public Library | \$1,924.71 | We are the least funded library in the state for our size town (D) and so every dollar helps. This year two of our computers stopped working at a similar time and we had to replace both in the same month, these funds helped us keep 9 public computers open which are frequently fully utilized every day. |
| ALLAMAKEE | WATERVILLE | Waterville Public Library | \$418.08 | We are able to provide more library materials than what our small book budget allows. |
| ALLAMAKEE | WAUKON | Robey Memorial Library | \$2,442.49 | Performer fees (Duffy Hudson, ISU); Iowa award-winning book sets (Goldfinch, etc). |
| APPANOOSE | CENTERVILLE | Drake Public Library | \$2,273.98 | Our large print and audio book budgets are supplemented by Direct State Aid Funding. With an aging population, it is important for DPL to provide these materials to our patrons with vision limitations so that they can continue reading and connecting with staff and other patrons at the library. |
| APPANOOSE | MORAVIA | Moravia Public Library | \$1,230.27 | This funding has played a crucial part developing a much more updated catalog. It has also helped us to be able to provide fun and exciting ways for the kids to learn. For a part of our SRP, the children were able to receive their own library bag to decorate and make their own. They were so proud of their work and they use them every time they come in. We could not have provided these if it wasn't for this funding. It helped make the kids excited to read and even just come in to the library. Thank you. |
| APPANOOSE | MOULTON | Garrett Memorial Library | \$1,232.13 | We have added popular books to our library's collections & have seen an increase in children's nonfiction checkouts through some of our new purchases. We purchased annual software subscription that allows us to organize our collection, send automatic notices of items that are due, and to talk with patrons through text message and email. Patrons appreciate these new features. |
| AUDUBON | EXIRA | Exira Public Library | \$1,358.85 | With the funds we were able to purchase several large print fiction books that are a favorite here at our library. We have several older patrons (younger too) that can only read with large print. Unfortunately large print books are more expensive, so this helped us get more to add to our collection. |
| BENTON | ATKINS | Atkins Public Library | \$1,536.31 | We have been able to update patron computers and offer Programs for all ages through the funds received! Huge thank you! |
| BENTON | BELLE PLAINE | Belle Plaine Community Library | \$1,662.58 | We needed to have a tree removed from the property which was a safety concern for our building and patrons. We use this area for our outdoor games with the summer reading program and employees park in this area. This State Aid is essential to be able to do the extra programming such as hiring performers to bring to our rural communities and purchase supplies for our summer reading. Keeping our young readers engaged in different activities our libraries can offer. Thank you. |

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| BENTON | BLAIRSTOWN | Blairstown Public Library | \$1,292.61 | The money went to technology in the library. For the last couple years our public Computers and our Check Out computer have been lacking speed and many necessary programs. We saw a need for our patrons to get an upgrade whether it is our local foundation needing an expense report, minorities using it for citizenship papers, unemployed folks filling out their weekly paperwork, the town festival needing last minute flyers for a sign up at Sauerkraut Days, or just a local student doing homework or playing a math game. So we decided it was time to get 3 new computers for residents to get these tasks done and much faster. Wait times for computers have gone down, the need for assistance has gone down as well. I feel this all causes some of these frustrating tasks to be less frustrating to our patrons and staff alike. This was made possible from this Direct State Aid. |
| BENTON | GARRISON | Garrison Public Library | \$1,168.93 | We are able to continue using Bridges and have a library helper. |
| BENTON | KEYSTONE | Schroeder Public Library | \$1,263.26 | This is a very tiny town with a population of 599. Keeping up with technology needs is as basic as having new computers and wifi. This is an essential service for our rural area where many live below the poverty line. |
| BENTON | NEWHALL | Newhall Public Library | \$1,317.08 | With the direct state aid funding I was able to purchase books that our patrons have been asking for. Also was able to purchase more series titles. I was able to schedule Absolute Science Butterfly Tents for the SRP. |
| BENTON | NORWAY | Norway Public Library | \$476.30 | We started a program for children every Wednesday afternoon 2-4 because our school district implemented early out afternoons every Wednesday of the school year. Our library became a safe place for children to go after school on these days. We had game days, Lego days, craft days all throughout the school year. This program has continued during the summer as well since the children were already use to going to the library every Wednesday afternoon and has become a very successful program for our community. |
| BENTON | SHELLSBURG | Shellsburg Public Library | \$1,296.89 | We received a grant in January to paint the interior of our library. With the painting came other updates which has improved the traffic we have seen here at the public library. The funding has helped make our library more inviting and safer for the community. We also have a big Halloween party during open town hours and we invite all children to come in and enjoy games and prizes making it a safe environment. |
| BENTON | VAN HORNE | Van Horne Public Library | \$1,295.93 | It gives me the extra money for ordering special requests to help more of my patrons get the best experience. |
| BENTON | VINTON | Vinton Public Library | \$2,233.40 | Our Direct State Aid funding was used to improve interior signage in our library, and to repaint our north entrance interior prior to the installation of this new signage. Library services have improved in our community by making our library more accessible to our patrons. Our new signage gives clear direction on where certain collections are held in our library, as well as the location of our restroom facilities. |
| BLACK HAWK | CEDAR FALLS | Cedar Falls Public Library | \$9,743.89 | As has been done for many years now, CFPL used this year's Direct State Aid to fund our Third Age Librarian's work with homebound patrons and older citizens at local senior living facilities. As a result of this funding, we are able to provide access to library materials to those who cannot come to the library on their own. The remainder of the Direct State Aid funding is used to purchase large print materials for the patrons served by this program. |

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| BLACK HAWK | DUNKERTON | Dunkerton Public Library | \$1,629.57 | Direct State Aid not only helps provide best sellers for our patrons, it also helps us provide Hoopla. Just yesterday a patron came in to renew their library card so that their account on Hoopla wasn't suspended. She enthusiastically expressed how much she appreciates getting to listen to audio books on her daily hour of drive time! |
| BLACK HAWK | EVANSDALE | Evansdale Public Library | \$2,010.61 | Our library was able to improve what we could offer to the youth in the community through the purchase of a laptop, supplies for both the community and summer reading crafts and activities and the purchase of more downloaded materials for patrons who were not able to use the printed material or unable to get in to the physical library. |
| BLACK HAWK | HUDSON | Hudson Public Library | \$1,802.77 | The Direct State Aid funding allowed us to purchase credit for supplemental electronic materials. Downloadable ebooks and audiobooks continue to be very popular. |
| BLACK HAWK | LA PORTE CITY | Hawkins Memorial Library | \$1,843.54 | Direct State Aid funding was used to purchase several new pieces of equipment for Library Staff. In total, three computers, telephones, WiFi access points, and a few other items to boost productivity of Staff. With the boosted productivity, Staff have been able to conduct faster reference transactions, and Library guests have better access to free, 24/7 WiFi. From these purchases, Staff have observed more people visit the Library, especially after hours outside, where they can still connect with our WiFi |
| BLACK HAWK | WATERLOO | Waterloo Public Library | \$15,604.34 | This funding pays for the salary of our 3rd Age coordinator, who selects and places books and audiobooks into nursing homes and senior centers for book discussion groups. The coordinator also provides in-home delivery to homebound patrons. We are able to purchase physical books, audiobooks, and digital books for use in this program, also to the benefit of all our patron base who needs large print to read. |
| BOONE | BOONE | Ericson Public Library | \$4,374.58 | Large print materials are highly utilized in our library with our service population. When we are able to provide more large print materials to support our older patrons, we are improving our service to them. |
| BOONE | MADRID | Madrid Public Library | \$1,846.23 | Direct State Aid funds help us provide hot spots to our rural patrons. We are also able to use part of these funds to provide World Book online database and the Adventure Pass platform. |
| BOONE | OGDEN | Leonard A. Good Community Library | \$1,626.91 | This year's Direct State Aid was used in a variety of ways...helping us get the Adventure Pass program back up and running--which is beloved by our patrons. We purchased two spinner shelves (from another library) that we are using for displaying DVD and the remainder of funds were used for two SRP performers as well as a few of our SRP prizes! |
| BREMER | DENVER | Denver Public Library | \$1,736.57 | Some of the funds were used to purchase books for our teen patrons which built our library usage of this age group that is often hard to keep engaged in the library. We also brought in several history speakers with these funds which encouraged program attendance. Many of our senior citizens on fixed incomes cannot afford subscriptions to the local newspaper which has really went up in cost so they appreciate the library providing access to that and we used direct state aid funds for that purpose as well. |
| BREMER | JANESVILLE | Janesville Public Library | \$1,533.31 | These funds allowed us to provide Saturday hours and to supplement our materials budget. |
| BREMER | PLAINFIELD | Plainfield Public Library | \$1,303.80 | We were able to purchase new books that the public had requested. This has allowed to public to feel like we are listening to what they want to read. |

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| BREMER | READLYN | Readlyn Community Library | \$1,237.51 | We use Direct State Aid money to purchase Large Print materials for our patrons. These materials are in very high demand, especially with our aging population, and without these funds, we'd have very few of them. Large Print books are a lifeline for reading for people with vision issues, often age-related, and we're so glad we can help these patrons keep reading! |
| BREMER | SUMNER | Sumner Public Library | \$1,686.04 | These funds were used to purchase large print books and materials for programming. The large print books were purchased to help those with vision impairments to be able to use library materials, the library was also able to broaden the access to these materials. |
| BREMER | TRIPOLI | Tripoli Public Library | \$1,497.31 | Yes, the funding has helped us continue to provide the annual summer reading program for children as well as other programs for all patrons. |
| BREMER | WAVERLY | Waverly Public Library | \$3,881.33 | The Library's meeting room technology is being upgraded to improve the audio experience for the users and to make hooking up a laptop to the projection system easier. |
| BUCHANAN | FAIRBANK | Fairbank Public Library | \$1,469.41 | We were able to use funds to help us update 4 of library computers including two new computers for patrons, a new laptop for staff, and a new computer for the circulation desk. These computers needed to be replaced with the new windows update coming in the fall. |
| BUCHANAN | INDEPENDENCE | Independence Public Library | \$2,787.69 | The funding aids in keeping our various collections relevant for our patrons. |
| BUCHANAN | JESUP | Jesup Public Library | \$1,849.93 | If we didn't receive these funds we wouldn't be able to purchase the quantity of materials. We have started carrying Tonies so with this money we were able to buy a quite a few to get us started and the patrons LOVE them. |
| BUCHANAN | LAMONT | Lamont Public Library | \$892.67 | We purchased a new desk for the library. |
| BUCHANAN | WINTHROP | Winthrop Public Library | \$1,360.42 | Yes, absolutely. It is help to make sure we are able to continue offering programs for the community. And the newest books for our older community members that uses the library weekly. I feel the state aid, helps us add value to our community. |
| BUENA VISTA | ALBERT CITY | Albert City Public Library | \$1,261.38 | With the extra money we were able to buy many new Junior and Easy Reader biographies and nonfiction books. We continue to use state funds to supplement our collection development. This past year, we focused on bilingual titles and titles popular on social media. |
| BUENA VISTA | ALTA | Alta Community Library | \$1,553.80 | Due to the school legislation SF496 passed in 2023 and because the Alta Community Library was conjoined with the Alta-Aurelia School district, the school mandated to split our two collections and separate the libraries with a wall. Our children's collection was greatly reduced by 7500+ books due to the mandate by the superintendent. Therefore, our public library had to purchase children's materials to replace the loss. |
| BUENA VISTA | LINN GROVE | Linn Grove Public Library | \$440.92 | This funding helped with keeping a Librarian working to keep this Library open. |
| BUENA VISTA | MARATHON | Marathon Public Library | \$808.15 | Direct State Aid funding once again supplemented, but did not replace our local funding. |
| BUENA VISTA | NEWELL | Newell Public Library | \$1,308.87 | We decided to upgrade two of our patron computers with this money. The old ones no longer supported software that we use, and could not use Windows 11. With these new computers, we are able to allow our patrons easy & updated access to our software. |
| BUENA VISTA | SIOUX RAPIDS | Sioux Rapids Memorial Library | \$481.36 | We are able to provide up to date materials for all patrons. |

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| BUENA VISTA | STORM LAKE | Storm Lake Public Library | \$3,626.09 | Funds were used for Deep Freeze Annual Subscription to wipe personal information on public computers. The rest went to a modest self-checkout computer station: monitor, computer, receipt printer, scanner, keyboard & mouse. |
| BUTLER | ALLISON | Allison Public Library | \$1,342.57 | We strive to provide our community with as many new and current materials as possible. |
| BUTLER | APLINGTON | Aplington Legion Memorial Library | \$1,382.49 | Direct state aid was used, as in previous years, to purchase new children's, juniors, and graphic novel books to supplement the current collection. Graphic novels have exploded in popularity in Aplington for the past five years. They are expensive to purchase. Direct state aid has been a god-send to us to keep up with our patrons' requests. |
| BUTLER | CLARKSVILLE | Clarksville Public Library | \$1,413.19 | With the Direct State Aid funding, our library was able to provide several quality programs for all ages, including: an adult craft class to learn iris paper folding, a Super Cold program by the Grout Museum, Absolute Science Foam Blaster, a literacy night for Preschool to 6th graders, and a summer reading kickoff program for the youth. Sometimes in a small town there's not always a lot to do, but these programs gave our community something to do without having to leave town or spend money! The adults greatly enjoyed the paper-folding craft program and learned a new skill. The youth enjoyed a variety of programs throughout the spring and summer, which encouraged reading, kept them engaged and learning (even when out of school), and helped them to continue to interact with their friends and classmates during the summer, and make new friends along the way! |
| BUTLER | DUMONT | Dumont Community Library | \$1,285.64 | Direct State Aid funding has allowed us to continue service for our Hotspots to allow our patrons access to the internet at home without taking money from our book budget. |
| BUTLER | GREENE | Greene Public Library | \$1,356.36 | Direct State Aid funding has allowed our library to employ an additional staff member, which has significantly enhanced our service to the community. Because of this funding, we're able to keep the library open every Saturday—something that's especially valuable to working families and students. This staff member also brings creativity and energy to our space through eye-catching, thoughtfully curated book displays that help patrons discover new titles and engage more deeply with our collection. Her contributions have truly made the library a more welcoming and vibrant place. |
| BUTLER | NEW HARTFORD | Elizabeth Rasmussen Martin Memorial Library | \$1,269.26 | Because of State Aid we have been able to enhance the services, we can provide to our patrons and children and young adults, supplies, books, programs and materials. |
| BUTLER | PARKERSBURG | Kothe Memorial Library | \$1,568.94 | The Library added a staff to assist the director with programming. This position transitioned into a youth coordinator position and the city committed to increase funding to support this position. The Youth Coordinator started a monthly Stem/Sensory program for babies to age 8 or so. A Dramatic Play area was created in the loft and changes out every few months. This space has brought entire families into the library to play and engage. |
| BUTLER | SHELL ROCK | Benny Gambaiani Public Library | \$1,414.02 | Direct State Aid funding has had a meaningful impact on our community. One of the most significant improvements has been our ability to expand and refresh our collection, especially in high-demand areas such as children's books, and new releases. This has helped us better meet the needs of patrons of all ages and reading levels. |

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| CALHOUN | FARNHAMVILLE | Farnhamville Public Library | \$538.63 | The Direct State Aid Funding helps fund materials for our programs. With the additional funding we are able to offer more programs than we could without it. That helps bring more patrons into the library. |
| CALHOUN | LAKE CITY | Lake City Public Library | \$1,728.58 | We use this funding to improve the quality of our children's summer reading program. The money is used to buy supplies, incentives and books for children. It is also used to supplement our WeeRead program, so that each baby born in our local hospital receives information about reading, a brand-new book, and information about our local library. We also have a program with the local hospital for kids to receive "get well" bags including new books when they are in the ER. |
| CALHOUN | LOHRVILLE | J.J. Hands Library | \$1,281.91 | We are able to add to our growing collection of junior fiction books in which we are having more interest in. Our group of young patrons is expanding and we are able to help them stay excited about reading when we can add books to our library they have interest in and keep up with the trends. |
| CALHOUN | MANSON | Manson Public Library | \$1,724.37 | We had several bulbs that had been out which reduced visibility for patrons in the building. Unfortunately, the lighting fixtures required new ballasts. This was an unforeseen cost, significantly more than we were expecting. We assumed the amount spent on lightbulbs would be the end of it as our city crew typically takes care of these things. Because of the need for new ballasts, they had to call an electrician. Through this funding, we were able to have those lightbulbs changed and were able to fit it into the budget. Our patrons continue to comment on how great the lighting is in the library, and they don't have to worry about being unable to see. Additionally, we were able to provide our patrons with two fantastic programs that we may not have otherwise been able to squeeze into the budget: a musician for kids & a speaker for adults. Our patrons were so excited to be able to attend these programs, and they were two of our most well-attended programs of the year! |
| CALHOUN | POMEROY | Pomeroy Public Library | \$1,353.10 | Previous to this year our patrons faced challenges with slow internet connections and frequent drops in service. This has been greatly improved with changes in providers and equipment that were enabled this past year with improvements made through this funding and they have noticed this difference and commented frequently at the improvement. Service up, and complaints down = happy clients and happy staff. |
| CALHOUN | ROCKWELL CITY | Rockwell City Public Library | \$1,850.48 | This year, Direct State Aid funds helped to provide matching funds for a grant to purchase new technology equipment for our children's section. Our families have appreciated the many different toys and computers available. |
| CALHOUN | SOMERS | Somers Public Library | \$1,208.70 | We can supply a rounded amount of materials for the community to use. We also use it to provide programs for both the young and the elderly. |

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| CARROLL | CARROLL | Carroll Public Library | \$3,699.61 | We hosted 6 summer reading presenters, which will have the largest attendance of any of our library programs all year. These shows reach kids, parents, daycares, babysitters, grandparents, local nursing homes, and group homes for handicapped individuals. These shows not only encourage involvement in our library, they foster a sense of community outside the library in our coordination with our local Rec Center to utilize their theater. These are great programs for all our patrons and our community. These funds make it sustainable for us to continue to offer this many summer reading programs even with rising costs. This year we eliminated the audiobook CDs from the children's collection due to lack of use. In its place, we wanted to expand our collection of Vox books. These books are very popular with kids and parents, and we get many requests for more Vox books. While expensive, these books are generally well cared for, and we do not have many that need to be removed from circulation. They are great for new readers, people who like to have books read to them, and new language learners. We have noticed an increase in the circulation of Vox books that contain Spanish and English. Those titles are great for those learning Spanish and those learning English. |
| CARROLL | COON RAPIDS | Coon Rapids Public Library | \$1,459.19 | This funding has made a huge impact with offering STEM/STEAM programming throughout the year--whether it's for story time or for older kids/students. |
| CARROLL | GLIDDEN | Glidden Public Library | \$587.27 | As a little library the Direct State Aid helped us get some of the weeding that needed done and provided extra staffing for programs. We were also able to get some BOB books. |
| CARROLL | MANNING | Manning Public Library | \$1,045.09 | Every summer, parents visit the library with their K-3rd grade child and ask for books that will improve their children's reading skills. Having a larger selection of Early Reader books is vital to addressing this need. |
| CASS | ANITA | Anita Public Library | \$1,430.87 | This money has helped to continue to provide much needed new library material in the form of Large Print books to our community. Due to the aging of our community, more and more of our patrons are using the large print. Since they are also avid readers, we were able to purchase an additional 25 new large print books to help keep new material available to our patrons. |
| CASS | ATLANTIC | Atlantic Public Library | \$2,719.79 | My library utilizes a texting service through our ILS (Biblionix). This streamlines communications with our patrons about materials that are ready for pick up and reminders about returning items on time. |
| CASS | CUMBERLAND | Cumberland Public Library | \$1,245.61 | we've had new patrons this year who started using the library when they learned we had Bridges (online) books. We use Direct State Aid funding for our Overdrive costs. |
| CASS | GRISWOLD | Griswold Public Library | \$1,444.82 | This funding has enabled us to purchase missing volumes from book series. We also expanded our manga collection. There are several pre-teens and teens reading One Piece and are appreciative of the collection we have built up. One teen had come back to the library after a couple of years of not visiting us because we have One Piece and Dragon Ball Z available, due to this funding. |
| CASS | LEWIS | Lewis Public Library | \$1,267.60 | We had a major kitchen renovation project in our meeting room. Thanks to the funds from Direct State Aid, we were able to pick longer lasting materials and now have a more functional space for our patrons and for food-based programming. |

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| CASS | MASSENA | Massena Public Library | \$1,270.09 | The Direct State Aid has enabled us to provide new/current reading materials for all ages. Most of our readers anymore are over age 60 group, so they are always happy when we can get new books in and then be able to have the money to buy the series if needed. |
| CEDAR | BENNETT | Bennett Public Library | \$1,294.17 | The money given to the library was spent on Storywalk books and the supplies to set up a Storywalk in our community. Some of the materials were purchased years ago and we finally purchased the rest of the materials to complete this project. This will be a great addition to this small town and will help the community to continue reading in a different environment. The best part about the Story Walk is that it promotes literacy, encourages physical activity and is a great way for community building! |
| CEDAR | CLARENCE | Clarence Public Library | \$1,421.84 | This funding helps make our Summer programs possible! With the help of Direct State Aid we were able to host a community event every Thursday for the month of June and along with donations from local businesses, we were able to feed children at each of those events. We hosted a kickoff party, foam party, bubble stations and the Iowa Raptor program and combined, all of our events were attended by almost 900 people (in a town of 1000!) We were able to handout over 400 meals to the kids in our community at these events. This absolutely would not happen without our Direct State Aid Funding! |
| CEDAR | LOWDEN | Lowden Public Library | \$1,372.72 | We've expanded our book and media collections, especially in areas patrons have requested like large print books and children's storybooks. This helps us offer new books for all age groups. We have extended our WI-FI into our new program room for patrons to use as needed. State funding also allowed us to buy materials and supplies for Summer Reading, Programming and Storytimes. |
| CEDAR | MECHANICSVILLE | Mechanicsville Public Library | \$1,457.67 | The funding has allowed me to cultivate a library with a broader range of titles. Patrons have had greater access to newer materials which cover important and timely topics. |
| CEDAR | STANWOOD | Stanwood Public Library | \$1,287.11 | We are a small library in a town with a population of just a little over 600 people. We do not have a lot of businesses in town, and so, we have worked very hard to become the hub of the community. Through the programs that we have been able to offer, we are bringing people together and giving them something to do. The kids know that this is a safe space and come in often to hang out with their friends. We also have developed a weekly Roving Retirees group that I do a program for weekly. This group has also broken off and meets on another day and does special projects for the community, like making May Day baskets for the local nursing home. We receive compliments and thanks every day from people that are now frequenting the library! |
| CEDAR | TIPTON | Tipton Public Library | \$1,923.90 | It was used to update to a new (to the library) that was created just for libraries. The software is very easy for the user and staff to use. It takes a lot of guess work out for both the patrons and staff. |
| CEDAR | WEST BRANCH | West Branch Public Library | \$1,827.85 | Last year we reported more Overdrive checkouts than the year before and that growth continued through FY25, with 1,196 more checkouts this time. Ebooks and digital audiobooks are one of our most popular services but purchasing additional copies for our service area is extremely expensive. We have also supplemented our programming budget and purchased some more expensive sensory items, including specialized tables and bins. Finally, this year was our first summer trying brag tags, which increased engagement in our summer library program, but the tags are also an added expense. |

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| CERRO GORDO | CLEAR LAKE | Clear Lake Public Library | \$3,091.36 | Direct State Aid funding has provided us with the ability to purchase more printed materials for our patrons. |
| CERRO GORDO | MASON CITY | Mason City Public Library | \$7,791.41 | The library was able to offer great books for free to children and young adults who participated in programs at the library. |
| CERRO GORDO | MESERVEY | Meservey Public Library | \$1,192.70 | Amazing programs and new partnerships have been built upon as a result of this funding! |
| CERRO GORDO | ROCKWELL | Rockwell Public Library | \$1,317.16 | The Direct State Aid Funding enables us to purchase new books for the whole community and keep our tech services for patrons, updated. |
| CERRO GORDO | SWALEDALE | Swaledale Public Library | \$810.60 | This money has been great for us! Along with purchase of books, we have also added some DVD's some craft items and a few games. When the littles come in for a program, parents come also. Our circulation has increased! |
| CERRO GORDO | VENTURA | Ventura Public Library | \$1,374.02 | Our funding was used to purchase books for our YA collection. The funding allowed us to give a refresh to our dated collection. |
| CHEROKEE | AURELIA | Aurelia Public Library | \$1,336.97 | Over the years prices of library materials (hard cover and soft cover) books are becoming more and more expensive. Having these funds (as a very small town) we use all of it toward keeping our patrons in the books they love. |
| CHEROKEE | CHEROKEE | Cherokee Public Library | \$2,278.54 | The library has been able to work with economic development and our area Chamber of Commerce in order to create a "Community Credential" program for community members and local businesses in order to learn new tech skills. Those from the community can also use the library as a reference upon successfully completing the program course. Without this funding, we would not be able to host programming like this, as we would not otherwise have the capacity to create programming such as this for community members. |
| CHEROKEE | CLEGHORN | M-C Community Library | \$1,196.15 | We installed new front doors. It helps with heating and cooling costs as well as it looks much better. Our Summer Reading program is enriched by this money also. |
| CHEROKEE | MARCUS | Marcus Public Library | \$1,374.26 | Thanks to Direct State Aid funding, our library was able to purchase much-needed materials for our older population—materials that our regular budget simply couldn't cover. Our community is primarily made up of older adults, many of whom rely on Large Print books. While we do budget for these items, rising costs and increasing demand have made it difficult to keep up. With the help of this funding, we were able to meet the needs of our patrons and ensure continued access to the resources they rely on. |
| CHEROKEE | QUIMBY | Quimby Public Library | \$824.98 | Our library used the funding for the purchase of adult, young adult, and children's books. Our city budget was not sufficient to purchase very many materials for the library, so Direct State Aid funding was very important to our library for purchasing books. |
| CHEROKEE | WASHTA | Washta Public Library | \$459.34 | We have been able to offer an up-to-date reading selection for all of our collections including the children's section and our STEM collection. We have also expanded our juvenile and young adult graphic novel collections. |
| CHICKASAW | ALTA VISTA | Alta Vista Public Library | \$1,265.90 | I was able to start a Homebound service for our patrons who aren't able to leave their house. |

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| CHICKASAW | FREDERICKSBURG | Upham Memorial Library | \$1,453.06 | With this funding we were able to expand our Summer Reading activities. We were able to provide books for every child, weekly prizes, and a huge event to kick off Summer Reading. Without this funding we would not be able to enrich the children we serve in our community! We had awesome feedback for this year's programing and hope to continue to meet the needs of our community! |
| CHICKASAW | IONIA | Ionia Community Library | \$1,268.55 | For our rural town of 200 people, we've seen a remarkable spike in participation in Summer Reading Program. We hosted 30-40 people for story, snack, and activity time every Monday morning. We tallied up the reading logs, and between the last week of May and the first week of July, our patrons logged a combined 18.5 DAYS of reading. We are so proud of the kids in our rural hometown that caught "the reading bug" this summer! |
| CHICKASAW | LAWLER | Lawler Public Library | \$1,308.66 | We are able to keep the newest books on our shelves. I find they are often in demand for interlibrary loans, so they do double duty once we don't circulate them as often. |
| CHICKASAW | NASHUA | Nashua Public Library | \$1,591.14 | With these funds we were able to provide quality materials to our patrons and educational and unique experience programs to patrons of all ages. |
| CHICKASAW | NEW HAMPTON | New Hampton Public Library | \$2,064.23 | As the cost of everything rises, this supportive funding helps us to continue to provide books and technology that our patrons have come to rely upon. This year we extended the reach of our WIFI and purchased additional titles for our children's collection. As the price of our large print collection, the highest demand, rises other collections may fall behind. This helps fill some gaps for us. |
| CLARKE | OSCEOLA | Osceola Public Library | \$2,279.42 | We have been able to fund a popular summer reading program that provides a variety of activities for children and families. We really appreciate the support from the State of Iowa funding program! |
| CLAY | PETERSON | Kirchner French Memorial Library | \$1,201.48 | We were able to host Bluey for the kids, a large Halloween event and a Holocaust presenter to the adults. As well as purchase a new vacuum that was more than needed. The remaining amount helped with digitizing our local newspaper. The Kids programs are appreciated by parents and give all of our local kids the opportunity to have fun and new experiences. The Holocaust presentation was extremely educational to the public. The Vacuum has made a difference in the cleanliness of the Library. The Digitized paper has helped over 12 people this year find significant historical information about their families. All services were offered free of charge and has helped make a large impact in the community. |
| CLAY | SPENCER | Spencer Public Library | \$3,622.63 | The most notable items we purchased with State Aid funding this year were several laptops with which we began a teen coding club, as well as a CZUR book scanner for patrons to use when doing large scanning projects or scanning from books/notebooks. |

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| CLAYTON | EDGEWOOD | Edgewood Public Library | \$1,413.98 | Thanks to Direct State Aid funding, our community library has greatly expanded its hands-on learning resources—especially our STEAM kits and Stay Sharp kits. These kits have quickly become favorites among patrons of all ages, checking out constantly like rotating treasures. For younger visitors, they feel like getting a brand-new toy or challenge every other week, and for adults and caregivers, they offer fun and educational opportunities to explore together. Each kit is designed to spark creativity and critical thinking—whether it's building simple machines, solving puzzles, or exploring science through experiments. The funding allowed us to grow this collection and keep it fresh with new themes and activities. One story that stands out: a grandparent shared how her granddaughter now looks forward to library visits "just to see which new kit is ready"—they build, learn, and bond, all thanks to a resource that wouldn't have existed without this support. These kits have transformed the library into a hub of discovery and play. Direct State Aid didn't just improve our services—it helped create experiences that connect generations, fuel curiosity, and keep minds sharp. |
| CLAYTON | ELKADER | Elkader Public Library | \$1,534.22 | With Direct State Aid funding, we have been able to enhance our collection with additional Penworthy Kits as well as additional VOX books. These Steam-to-Go kits by Penworthy have been favorites among our patrons, particularly our young patrons who are the intended demographic, and use them in the library as well as check them out to use at home. Due to the cost of the Steam-to-Go kits, however, they are often something that is only considered after other materials (i.e., books, DVDs, magazines, and other contracts) have been completed, but with this funding, they were able to move to the top of the list and something that we were able to purchase them earlier in the year—in this case, in November—rather than waiting until the end of the fiscal year when we look at what funds we have remaining. The funds were also spent towards VOX books which, again, have been a popular item among our patrons. With the funding, we were able to purchase books "again" or, purchase a title that we already had in the collection, but this time as a VOX book that would read the story as the listener follows along. We selected titles that were award winners as well as some well-loved titles from the collection that have already been well-circulating. With both of our collection enhancements, we chose to focus on our younger patrons—or, more broadly, the young families in our community—as we felt that they deserved our focus this year. With national conversations discussing children's reading levels and their impact on education, we felt it especially important that our focus be on utilizing the funding towards our community's youth and making the impact felt there as we felt it could do the greatest good there with the widest ripple effect. With kits that focus less on screentime and more on tactile experiences and books that assist in building a reader's confidence, we are hopeful that our community will see the fullest impact from these choices in the next decades. We feel that we are already seeing the good that has come from this funding when we see the excitement that a child gets from checking out one of our new Steam-to-Go kits or the VOX books that will read along with them one of their favorite stories. |
| CLAYTON | FARMERSBURG | Farmersburg Public Library | \$1,173.80 | Being able to use this funding to help our library join Bridges has been remarkable. Being a library in a very small town with an even smaller budget, we are only open 20 hours a week. But, being Bridges members gives our patrons access to library materials even when we aren't open. |

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| CLAYTON | GARNAVILLO | Garnavillo Public Library | \$1,437.09 | Direct State Aid has helped our community by giving our library funds to use for needs for our library. We have used they funds to purchase books, computers and to professionally clean carpets when needed. Direct State Aid helps With our small library budget. |
| CLAYTON | GUTTENBERG | Guttenberg Public Library | \$1,656.72 | Receiving this funding has allowed us to purchase quality books for our community to check out. |
| CLAYTON | MCGREGOR | McGregor Public Library | \$1,631.83 | The McGregor Public Library used Direct State funds to supplement local support by purchasing updated graphic novels for juvenile patrons and additional picture books for young readers. These state funds allowed us to enhance two of our most popular collections, strengthening resources that are in high demand in our community. |
| CLAYTON | MONONA | Murphy Helwig Library | \$1,595.07 | Being able to use this funding to continue to be able to provide access to Bridges for our patrons has been invaluable. We also use this funding to be able to provide CD audiobooks. We have had young patrons check out a book and the audio at the same to help with their reading skills. |
| CLAYTON | STRAWBERRY POINT | Strawberry Point Public Library | \$1,518.39 | Over the past year many patrons have complained about multiple issues with our internet and computers, whether it was connection, speed, or printing abilities. This funding made it possible for us to fix all networking and connection issues. Not only has this funding helped take a weight off our shoulders but it has made a big difference in the experience our patrons have had. |
| CLAYTON | VOLGA | Volga Public Library | \$1,159.70 | We moved to a new building this year. The money was needed to update the technology and increase programming for the youth and community. |
| CLINTON | CAMANCHE | Camanche Public Library | \$1,984.77 | Our patrons have requested more audio and video stories as there is a large aging population in our community. They are enjoying the new titles provided by this funding. |
| CLINTON | CLINTON | Clinton Public Library | \$6,252.93 | Direct State funds have played a vital role in enhancing our library's programs and services, allowing us to better serve and connect with our community. With this support, we subscribed with the Library Speakers Consortium to offer virtual access to bestselling author events. These events, along with their recorded sessions, have opened doors for more community members to engage with authors and gain insight into their creative processes—no matter their schedule or location. In November, we proudly celebrated 120 years in our historic Carnegie building. This milestone was marked with a week-long celebration that brought our community together in a meaningful tribute to our shared history and love of learning. Clinton Public Library also expanded our educational offerings for children through our Creative Explorer weekly program, which focuses on STEM learning. These funds further supported our Summer Reading initiative and Makerspace programming, sparking curiosity and creativity in our community. Additionally, we continued to provide Iowa Adventure Passes, giving local families free access to cultural and educational attractions. We also introduced World Book Online Library, a valuable digital resource for school-age children to explore and learn from anywhere by accessing from our website. Without this essential funding, we would not be able to offer these enriching experiences and educational opportunities that enhance the quality of life for our community. We are deeply grateful for the continued support that helps us grow, connect, and inspire. |
| CLINTON | DEWITT | DeWitt Community Library | \$2,587.75 | We were able to replace aging computers for patron use. |

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| CLINTON | LOST NATION | Lost Nation Public Library | \$1,183.60 | Direct Aid monies improved our Summer Reading Program by allowing us to buy great books, plenty of craft supplies, and have our Library Assistant work extra hours on this program. |
| CLINTON | WHEATLAND | Curtis Memorial Library | \$1,220.31 | We have been focused on trying to build up our DVD collection. With the rising prices of streaming services and the inconstancy of their offering we want our library to be a place where families can reliably access recreational and educational videos. |
| CRAWFORD | DENISON | Norelius Community Library | \$3,167.54 | This funding made a difference in our library because we were able to buy new technology that has benefited our staff and patrons. For example, we have struggled to find a custodian or an affordable cleaning service, so we purchased robot vacuums so that staff would not have to spend as much time vacuuming the entire library. Another example is that we purchased a door counter so that we could justify having enough staff in the building to help our patrons during peak times. |
| CRAWFORD | SCHLESWIG | Schleswig Public Library | \$1,209.11 | This money helped us to book Johnathan May for our Summer Reading Program everyone enjoys him the adults and children. I am often asked if we will book him again next year!!This money also made it possible for upgrading our bathroom. |
| DALLAS | ADEL | Adel Public Library | \$2,499.73 | We purchased a new book display for the tween and teen area to highlight new items and promote circulation. We also printed a summer reading program allowing us to better market our programs and events. The remaining balance was spent on new boardgames to improve our collection. |
| DALLAS | DALLAS CENTER | Roy R. Estle Memorial Library | \$1,566.04 | We have been able to add additional popular books to our collection that we wouldn't have been able to without the additional funding. |
| DALLAS | DE SOTO | De Soto Public Library | \$1,351.18 | We are able to provide much more with our summer reading program than we would otherwise! |
| DALLAS | DEXTER | Dexter Public Library | \$904.24 | We were able to purchase a new computer and monitor. The new setup has made a big difference for our patrons. It's much faster and more reliable, so people can get things done without the delays and frustration we used to see—whether that's applying for jobs, doing schoolwork, or printing something off. It's been a really good upgrade for both the library and the community. |
| DALLAS | GRANGER | Granger Public Library | \$1,561.48 | We have added programs for After School, Summer Reading, and our Senior Citizens. We had a gentleman teach Chess at our Chess Club this year. It was for all ages. All these programs have been well attended and fill up quickly. They are fun, educational and bring joy to those who attend. |
| DALLAS | MINBURN | Minburn Public Library | \$1,145.86 | Having this funding has allowed us to begin to increase our catalog and make it more up to date. Without this funding, we would not be able to get as many new books as we have had nor be able to create as many crafts as we have |
| DALLAS | PERRY | Perry Public Library | \$2,852.40 | The library has been able to use this funding to enhance the large print collection. The library provides outreach services assisted living facilities and retirement communities. Many of these patrons prefer large print material. |
| DALLAS | REDFIELD | Redfield Public Library | \$959.18 | After several requests for different nonfiction books from patrons of all ages, and not having any of the requested items, it became clear our nonfiction sections needed some updating. Direct State Aid funding helped us to update outdated and lacking areas of our nonfiction sections. |

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| DALLAS | VAN METER | Van Meter Public Library | \$1,479.55 | We have several patrons who are visually impaired and have found that Hoopla makes their lives so much easier by providing a large catalog of audiobooks. These patrons have been very grateful for the ability to use another resource in addition to Libby. |
| DALLAS | WAUKEE | Waukee Public Library | \$6,188.66 | As Waukee's population continues to grow by more than 2,000 residents each year, our library building remains the same size—making digital resources essential. Ebooks and audiobooks have helped bridge the gap, allowing us to continue offering popular and in-demand titles despite limited physical space. Thanks to additional state funding, we've been able to expand our digital collection to meet our community's evolving needs. |
| DALLAS | WOODWARD | Woodward Public Library | \$1,453.53 | The library used these dollars to update and add to the library's Genealogy resources. The updated resources help to researcher have accurate information. |
| DAVIS | BLOOMFIELD | Bloomfield Public Library | \$1,982.53 | With books and other lending items we were able to expand our collection into areas we didn't have much, if anything, to lend. With the 2 new laptops we're now able to have a working "card" catalog for patrons to use and another computer at the circulation desk to view the security cameras and back up circulation helps greatly. |
| DECATUR | LAMONI | Lamoni Public Library | \$1,542.30 | We were able to use the funds to help us buy new furniture for our sitting area. Our old furniture was over 20 years old and sagging from use. This made the space uncomfortable for our older patrons who were, looking for a spot to read the newspaper, or looking for a place to be outside of their homes, but found the space we provided was uncomfortable to utilize. As part of our 5-year plan, this update will improve the sitting area making it more inviting and comfortable for the patrons whom come in to relax and read! |
| DECATUR | LEON | Leon Public Library | \$1,509.22 | The acquisition of the TV is allowing additional programming in the children's section of the library and has been very well received. In addition, it allows for better viewing of information at trustee meetings and educational programs. The hand rails on the front of the library increased the safety of those entering the library. Replacing staff chairs improved the looks of the library working area. |
| DELAWARE | COLESBURG | Colesburg Public Library | \$1,223.55 | This funding has been very helpful to ensure our patrons have the most recent books/DVDs. Since management has changed in our library. Patrons have stated how happy they are with the variety of authors and programs that are now being offered. This funding has helped make these changes happen. |
| DELAWARE | DELHI | Delhi Public Library | \$1,264.20 | We were able to improve our service at the circulation desk. We enhance our Summer Reading Program with new materials. Having a guest for a program brings people into the library that don't normally visit. It increases their knowledge of what we offer. |
| DELAWARE | EARLVILLE | Ruth Suckow Memorial Library | \$930.43 | By purchasing new books and movies, we can reach more and more people. Circulation and patronage have both increased as a result of what we offer our patrons. we feel good about the way we serve our community. |
| DELAWARE | HOPKINTON | Hopkinton Public Library | \$1,295.73 | We are able to add more staff hours with this funding. Because of that, we can do more after-hours events and programs that benefit so many people within our community. Some of the most popular programs we |

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| | | | | have added with these extra hours are monthly trivia, Grub Club, a monthly book club, and seasonal programs and events. |
| DELAWARE | MANCHESTER | Manchester Public Library | \$2,491.37 | The state funding allows the Manchester Public Library to update computers on a regular basis. With this plan in place, each computer will be replaced on a cycle of every four years. This allows patrons and staff to have updated computers to use for all their needs. We were able to increase the number of patron computers from three to six this year. |
| DES MOINES | BURLINGTON | Burlington Public Library | \$7,710.95 | Direct State Aid has enhanced the number and quality of services offered by the Burlington Public Library, particularly when it comes to digital access. By infusing our database services with DSA we were able to connect library users with digital books, music, movies, recipes, genealogy resources, and so much more. |
| DES MOINES | MEDIAPOLIS | Mediapolis Public Library | \$1,771.06 | As a small, rural library, this funding allows us to keep the library collection current and relevant. It also allows us to order items requested by our patrons so that they can get exactly what they are looking for. |
| DICKINSON | ARNOLDS PARK | Arnolds Park Public Library | \$1,595.53 | With the additional state funding we were able to have more staff available to help with the additional summer programs that the Direct State Aid also helped fund. We had a new family in town and the kids were nervous about starting school. Because of the state aid we were able to have extra PT help there and that just happened to be a 3rd grade teacher who works for our library in the summer. She introduced the family to other families that would be in the same grades. The mom was so thankful to have the programs available as a way for her children to meet kids prior to starting the school year. |
| DICKINSON | LAKE PARK | Lake Park Public Library | \$1,413.91 | Direct State Aid funding for additional books plays a vital role in strengthening the services and impact of our public library. With these resources, we can expand our collection to better meet the interests and informational needs of the community—supporting readers of all ages and backgrounds. More books mean more opportunities for lifelong learning, recreational reading, and personal growth. Whether patrons are seeking the latest bestsellers, classic literature, how-to guides, or children's books, a well-stocked library ensures that everyone can find something meaningful and relevant. These funds help us keep our shelves current, support local literacy efforts, and maintain the library as a welcoming space for discovery, exploration, and education. Every new book added enhances the library's role as a trusted, accessible, and essential resource for the entire community. Direct State Aid Funding for forward-facing book bins in the children's section have a powerful and positive impact on young readers and their families. By displaying books with their covers facing outward, these shelves naturally draw attention and invite children to explore stories on their own. This visual accessibility encourages browsing, sparks curiosity, and helps children discover books they might not otherwise notice. For early and emerging readers, seeing colorful covers and familiar characters makes books more approachable and exciting. This design supports independent choice, which is a key factor in developing reading confidence and motivation. It also makes it easier for caregivers and library staff to engage children in meaningful conversations about reading. Ultimately, forward-facing shelving transforms the children's area into a more welcoming, engaging, and interactive space—encouraging |

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| | | | | more frequent visits, longer stays, and a lifelong love of books and libraries. Thank you for supporting our library and our community! |
| DICKINSON | MILFORD | Milford Memorial Library | \$1,964.37 | Direct State Aid Funding allowed us to add to our collection in many different ways. This year we purchased books, audio books, playaways, and wonderbooks. We have found the people and especially children love the wonderbooks and they are expensive to add. |
| DICKINSON | SPIRIT LAKE | Spirit Lake Public Library | \$2,830.69 | The state aid funding provides for additional staffing in the summer to meet the needs of the more than 300+ children and families that visit our library in June and July for summer reading activities. Our community is a vacation destination, and as such, we welcome an influx of visitors to our programs and readers of all ages in the summer months. Without state aid funding, we would struggle to keep up with the demand for services. |
| DICKINSON | TERRIL | Terril Public Library | \$503.66 | We remodeled the children's area & used slatwall for displaying the children's books. It makes the children's area much more appealing. |
| DUBUQUE | ASBURY | Dubuque County Library | \$14,334.27 | In FY25, a portion of our direct state aid funding was used to purchase an early literacy computer for children. AWE is an all-in-one preprogrammed computer with educational, interactive, yet fun activities that are intended to inspire and boost children's readiness to start school. It covers science, technology, reading, engineering, art and music, and math. Children can learn everything from the alphabet, letter sounds and typing to the Spanish language and coding. The machine has 250 award-winning titles which features characters children recognize, such as the Berenstain Bears and Thomas the Train. The computer is at our Asbury branch and is a popular addition to our technology collection! |
| DUBUQUE | CASCADE | Cascade Public Library | \$1,590.93 | We have added a Manga section to our YA library and our young adult checkouts have doubled. |

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| DUBUQUE | DUBUQUE | Carnegie-Stout Public Library | \$13,460.78 | Maintained same level of access to Hoopla database for library patrons, despite the usage seeing a significant increase. Instead of shrinking the dollars we spent on patrons using Hoopla, we used Direct State Aid funds to help pay for the demand in use. |
| DUBUQUE | DYERSVILLE | James Kennedy Public Library | \$2,060.42 | This funding allows us to offer more eBooks and eAudiobooks to our patrons. |
| EMMET | ARMSTRONG | Armstrong Public Library | \$884.01 | With many of our readers aging and having trouble reading regular print, we have been purchasing more large print books. This will be even more important now that the Decorah Public Library is no longer has cancelled its large print shipping service. |
| EMMET | ESTHERVILLE | Estherville Public Library | \$2,443.62 | The money was used towards our automated circulation system, providing better customer service to our patrons and streamlining work tasks for staff. |
| EMMET | RINGSTED | Ringsted Public Library | \$1,169.45 | Ringsted is a small town in a rural area. We have a small budget; however, we are always trying to keep doing new things to keep our library viable. Direct State Aid helps us with this mission. |
| FAYETTE | ARLINGTON | Arlington Public Library | \$1,190.44 | We have been able to purchase more graphic books/novels which are a favorite of our teen population. This has promoted more interaction with the library in general. |
| FAYETTE | CLERMONT | Clermont Public Library | \$1,232.03 | With increased use of downable materials, our patrons have increased our use of hoopla by leaps and bounds. For many patrons, the wait time on Libby is just too long and so offering hoopla, and having the money to meet the demand is wonderful. |
| FAYETTE | ELGIN | Elgin Public Library | \$1,256.71 | Direct State Aid funding has improved our library's ability to serve the Elgin community in a number of ways, most notably, perhaps, in helping fund our efforts to provide reliable internet and Wi-Fi access as well as printing services to local patrons. Thank you for your much-appreciated support! |
| FAYETTE | FAYETTE | Fayette Community Library | \$1,399.45 | Direct state aid funding has been essential to keeping our collection relevant. Using funds to purchase new versions of old programs has been very beneficial. Updating physical materials and supplementing small gaps with online resources has been key. Even down to classics that are now available as graphic novels or in dyslexia font or large print has made such a difference! |
| FAYETTE | HAWKEYE | Hawkeye Public Library | \$819.25 | Direct State Aid allows us to provide personnel to keep library open 20 hours a week. |
| FAYETTE | MAYNARD | Maynard Community Library | \$1,204.63 | The funding that we received helps to improve our collection and the circulation of our materials. |
| FAYETTE | OELWEIN | Oelwein Public Library | \$2,561.25 | Funding helped us host some great community events. We had a huge turnout for our Halloween Party and staff collaborated with the Department for the Blind in installing a braille Story Walk during our community Winter holiday celebration. Funds helped pay for programs and prizes for our Summer Reading Program. An American Doll was purchased for children to check out to take home. The library had to upgrade our DVR and a camera for our security system plus patron computers were replaced with Windows 11 computers. Thanks for your support in serving our community! |
| FAYETTE | WADENA | Wadena Public Library | \$417.88 | Our ability to offer patrons a much wider selection of books and magazines has increased tremendously! We serve primarily an older population and after setting them up with Libby and showing them how to use the app, they are very grateful and excited for the amount of instant access to materials they can now select from! |

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| FAYETTE | WEST UNION | West Union Community Library | \$1,706.53 | The library is able to offer many large print selections to our older patrons and those living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. |
| FAYETTE | WESTGATE | Westgate Public Library | \$1,133.87 | We improved the seating in the children section. |
| FLOYD | CHARLES CITY | Charles City Public Library | \$3,003.86 | We use this funding to supplement our large print collection. We have a thriving homebound delivery service and have outreach to our local senior center. We have a need for continuous newer large print materials, that are often more expensive than the same item in regular print. |
| FLOYD | NORA SPRINGS | Nora Springs Public Library | \$1,500.38 | The Nora Springs Public Library continues to provide computer and internet access which is utilized by children and adults for entertainment, educational and career advancement opportunities. New DVDs were added to our collection. Patron membership cards were purchased. |
| FLOYD | ROCKFORD | Rockford Public Library | \$1,352.57 | My patrons love getting books that they actually read, so with this money I have been able to buy books that they will read and multiple people read them. I also have used the money to get book series. |
| FLOYD | RUDD | Rudd Public Library | \$517.43 | We updated our patron computers so that our community can do their taxes and correspond with family in other states. |
| FRANKLIN | ALEXANDER | Alexander Public Library | \$1,310.53 | We were able to spend more on programming, which both the adults and children seem to enjoy. We had both educational programs and programs where the children and adults could join in. More children and adults came into our library, so the programs were a success. |
| FRANKLIN | COULTER | Coulter Public Library | \$1,319.37 | This money helps fund the children's collection. Without these funds their collection would not be updated every year. |
| FRANKLIN | HAMPTON | Hampton Public Library | \$2,659.73 | Direct State Aid funding has allowed our library to purchase much needed technology equipment and it helps improve staff wages which helps with retention. |
| FRANKLIN | SHEFFIELD | Sheffield Public Library | \$1,579.31 | We were able to add an infinity table to our library which has engaged many families and a variety of age groups. |
| FREMONT | HAMBURG | Hamburg Public Library | \$1,311.05 | Thanks to the support of the Direct State Aid, our library has enhanced its services and resources, resulting in meaningful improvements within our community. The majority of this aid was invested in expanding our book collection and acquiring materials for a wide range of programs that served patrons of all ages. With the addition of the new books, we've been able to meet the growing and diverse interests of our readers, support literacy development in children, and provide updated resources for lifelong learners. Additionally, program materials funded by the Direct State Aid has helped strengthened our early literacy initiatives, adult education workshops, and events- creating a welcoming space for learning, creativity, and connection. |
| FREMONT | SIDNEY | Sidney Public Library | \$1,358.72 | The Direct State Aid funding has allowed us to expand the programs we offer. We have added several programs including a monthly program for adults with disabilities. |
| FREMONT | TABOR | Lakin Library & Envisioning Center | \$1,385.26 | We were able to supply patron requests and more because of the funding we received from state. |
| GREENE | CHURDAN | Churdan Public Library | \$1,336.57 | We did not have a strong young person's fiction section. I was able to add several books appealing to ages 1st - 12th grade! |

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| GREENE | GRAND JUNCTION | Grand Junction Public Library | \$1,261.06 | We were able to increase the number of Large Print books for our adult patrons and increase the number of books in our Children's section, especially readers ages 4-8. |
| GREENE | JEFFERSON | Jefferson Public Library | \$2,128.19 | This year we focused on improving teen services by upgrading our gaming system and games to encourage more teens to come to the library. We also purchased new items for the children's creative learning center, imagination and innovation stations. Children now have new hands-on educational toys and resources for creativity and STEM. Many parents tell us their children beg to come to the Library to use these creative areas. We observe many teens using the Library because it is a safe, non-judgmental space. |
| GREENE | PATON | William Paton Public Library | \$1,148.74 | We have had an abundance of young families participating in our library. With the funding from the state, we have been able to provide fun and educational programs and activities for these families and kids. My patrons are very happy when I have new books to check out that are popular. One patron told me they brag to their friends, who live in other towns, that our library has most wanted books on hand! We can do that with your help. Thank you! |
| GREENE | RIPPEY | Rippey Public Library | \$447.42 | We were able to get some books and materials that we otherwise would not have had. I am glad to have the money for a different selection of books than just patron requests. We have been trying to update our non-fiction and biography books, and this is what we spent the money on. |
| GREENE | SCRANTON | H.F. and Maude E. Marchant Memorial Library | \$1,293.76 | This funding has helped me offer a wider variety of materials and services to our patrons. It has also made the library more comfortable for my patrons. |
| GRUNDY | BEAMAN | Beaman Community Memorial Library | \$1,311.27 | The funding was used to provide materials for story time programs, weekly STEAM programming and presenters and books for our Summer Reading Program. We sponsored some memorable events for local kids who have few outlets for infotainment. |
| GRUNDY | CONRAD | Conrad Public Library | \$1,538.34 | We use ~1/2 our funds (\$827.55) for a project to fill-in the gaps of series books. Our budget covers the purchase of new releases at wholesale. Older titles that are only available retail cost more and are not budgeted for. These extra funds paid to purchase items at retail so that our collection would have complete series. If someone started reading JD Robb's "In Death" series they can now get all books from our library without having to wait for 3 random ones that were missing interlibrary loaned or driving to another town etc. If you start a series, even a long running one, all the books are here, and our patrons love it! We just hope that none of our series books are the ones that are checked out and never returned by patrons that ghost us! The remaining funds support our Hoopla digital service. We budget for Libby at a fixed rate and Hoopla. Hoopla is much more popular with the instant barrows. We surpassed 1000 checkouts on that system, exceeding our budget. Without the extra funds from Direct Aid we would have had to lower the # of checkouts allowed per patron and limited usage. This is not popular with our community. Thanks to the additional funding we kept the service running all year. |
| GRUNDY | DIKE | Dike Public Library | \$1,563.83 | This funding is a big part of our collections funding and enables us to keep up to date on our collection. It is very important to us. |

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| GRUNDY | GRUNDY CENTER | Kling Memorial Library | \$2,003.11 | We had really bad storms roll through town earlier in the summer and half the community lost power. The library still had electricity so people were able to come up and use the new computers, as well as charge their devices with our charging stations. The media pouches and containers we purchased for our Library of Things has allowed us to check out coding critters & a microscope to kids, as well as a label maker and other items for adults. |
| GRUNDY | REINBECK | Reinbeck Public Library | \$1,384.78 | We used funds from the Direct State Aid funding to provide programming materials throughout the year. We have had a program this summer called Monday Makers. Each week, we encourage kids to make something to take a long with them. This is not a registered program so having enough supplies on hand is a gamble. We have done a step-by-step painting class on canvas for ages 5-18 and they were on display at the local ice cream shop for their grand opening. We made characters out of perler beads and then wrote letters and gifted some of them to our local senior living community. We played with water color. We provided the supplies while a local artist taught our kids 2-18 different water color painting techniques. We have an "Anybody can art class" for adults. This is a beginner class that explores art through many mediums. Montage, canvas acrylic, pour painting, water color, Cricut cards and so much more! The direct State aid funding makes it so we can keep the programming supply closet stocked for our 365+ programs. |
| GRUNDY | WELLSBURG | Wellsburg Public Library | \$1,442.71 | The staff and public are so happy with the new copy machine. so much easier to use. |
| GUTHRIE | BAGLEY | Bagley Public Library | \$1,208.98 | We have many people in our town who rely on our Wi-Fi all hours of the day and night. Our residents work many shifts. We had to change providers as the old company was always lagging or no service at all. Our patrons rely on service to check work schedules, fill out applications, communication and much more! |
| GUTHRIE | BAYARD | Bayard Public Library | \$1,258.76 | We used our Direct State Aid money to help purchase a new copier. We have many patrons that need to make copies. This is a valuable and needed service we provide to our community. |
| GUTHRIE | CASEY | Casey Public Library | \$1,250.83 | Helps to expand our small budget for purchasing current, relevant reading materials or rural patrons. |
| GUTHRIE | GUTHRIE CENTER | Mary J. Barnett Memorial Library | \$1,640.11 | The Direct State Aid funding has helped us provide a better diverse selection of reading materials for all reading levels. |
| GUTHRIE | JAMAICA | Jamaica Public Library | \$479.43 | We were able to get a start on Large Print library, as well as a collection of graphic books for middle school and high school. It also helped with the purchase of coding bots for elementary aged kids. |
| GUTHRIE | PANORA | Panora Public Library | \$1,482.08 | Direct State Aid funding has allowed us to make WiFi Hotspots available for checkout to members of our community that might not otherwise have internet access. |
| GUTHRIE | STUART | Stuart Public Library | \$1,618.64 | We used some of the funds to support patrons in other nearby towns due to lack of library directors and libraries that were closed for months at a time. |
| HAMILTON | ELLSWORTH | Ellsworth Public Library | \$1,241.45 | The funding from the State Library allows us to go above and beyond the bare bones of our yearly allocations from the city and county. With the Direct State Aid funding this year, we were able to replace two of our older computers, purchase new prizes that fit into our summer reading theme, and update the interior of the library with fresh paint. |
| HAMILTON | JEWELL | Montgomery Memorial Library | \$1,514.67 | Part of these funds covered Hot Spots. This allows for students to complete homework at home and adults to apply for jobs and complete work trainings. |

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| HAMILTON | STANHOPE | Stanhope Public Library | \$1,269.24 | We were able to provide a year of Wi-Fi hot spot service for two devices, which have been utilized in our community. One of our patrons had been coming into the library every day to use the wi-fi, and when I let them know they could check out the hot spots and showed them how to use them, they were excited to be able to use it from home. They have been regularly checking out the hot spot since then! |
| HAMILTON | STRATFORD | Stratford Public Library | \$1,345.32 | While replacing the worn-out awnings may not directly improve library service, upkeep on our building is an important part of our job. As stewards of our library, we need to keep the building in good repair and looking nice for everyone coming into town. |
| HAMILTON | WEBSTER CITY | Kendall Young Library | \$2,963.89 | Direct State Aid funding has significantly improved library service in our community by allowing us to offer Hoopla, a digital streaming service that provides access to thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, music, and comics. This has been a game-changer for our patrons, especially those who can't always visit the library in person or prefer digital formats. |
| HANCOCK | BRITT | Britt Public Library | \$1,742.69 | Direct State Aid has allowed the library to replace 3 of our patron computers. Patron access is necessary as many do not have home computers. From job applications to insurance forms to simply printing shipping labels or medical information, having this access is important to so many of the people in our community. |
| HANCOCK | CORWITH | Corwith Public Library | \$1,252.09 | More books, computer program and AI presentation. Humanities was out of money, was very happy to have state aide. |
| HANCOCK | CRYSTAL LAKE | Crystal Lake Public Library | \$1,237.21 | We appreciate the funding we receive from the Direct State Aid Funding. Our little town is a lower/middle class community that comes to the library to read the books, use the computers, and come to our kid's club. Things that they don't have. So it helps so much that we can keep things up to date with this funding. |
| HANCOCK | GARNER | Garner Public Library | \$1,978.81 | Our Dolly Parton Imagination Library numbers have skyrocketed. This money enabled us to continue the program, getting books into the hands of our littlest patrons, who may not be able to visit the library as their parents/caregivers are working or otherwise unable to bring them. |
| HANCOCK | KANAWHA | Kanawha Public Library | \$1,357.76 | Puzzles were added to items that can be checked out. Patrons liked them especially during the winter months. Money was spent on adding items for younger children to use while parents use the library. New office chair for circ desk has helped with back strain |
| HANCOCK | KLEMME | Klemme Public Library | \$1,312.76 | The state aid has impacted us greatly as an opportunity to purchase books that the community is interested in. |
| HANCOCK | WODEN | Woden Public Library | \$1,211.55 | Our little library appreciates this funding. It helps us stay current with our technology, books and programs. Without it, it would be harder to keep up. |
| HARDIN | ACKLEY | Ackley Public Library | \$1,588.14 | Our new TLC system through the NILC Consortium has made the online catalog much more user friendly for our patrons. |
| HARDIN | ALDEN | Dr. Grace O. Doane Alden Public Library | \$1,403.11 | Being a small, rural library, the funds are very helpful to purchase additional materials for our library. |

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| HARDIN | ELDORA | Eldora Public Library | \$1,791.65 | I have an elderly male patron who said if his wife can have large print Amish books, he should get some Large Print Westerns and "manly books"! He said this with a smile and is a wonderful patron. I continue to have larger population requesting large prints. |
| HARDIN | HUBBARD | Hubbard Public Library | \$1,417.78 | The Direct State Aid funding helped to purchase two, desktop computers for our circulation desk and one desktop computer for the director's office. This funding helps keep our technology current and running smoothly so we can assist patrons effectively. |
| HARDIN | IOWA FALLS | Robert W. Barlow Memorial Library | \$2,289.51 | Every year we host a book giveaway that coincides with a downtown Halloween event. One of the purchases we made with the funds was for books that were given away to kids that stopped at the library. By getting new people in the library that are downtown for the event, we were able to showcase all of the programs, materials and services we offer to kids and families. |
| HARDIN | RADCLIFFE | Radcliffe Public Library | \$1,329.54 | Each year I hire a high school student to be the Director of the Summer Reading Program. This is a position that is very meaningful to those who have participated. Some have been going off to college, considering an elementary education career. Heading up this program gives them an example of what they may experience in that field. They get the material, supplies, and treats in order; select their books; oversee what is being checked out, and how they will keep track of reading minutes for incentives. This is a great learning experience, and it looks good on their resume. Some Directors have returned to do another year, and have excelled the second year. The funding has had an impact for both the Director and the Summer Reading participants; and we are grateful to provide this experience. |
| HARDIN | STEAMBOAT ROCK | Steamboat Rock Public Library | \$557.49 | It is a blessing to have funds we can spend on after school kids programming such as arts and crafts. Also we have bought some new materials, books, for the library. Being such a small library with a very small budget, every dollar helps. |
| HARDIN | UNION | Union Public Library | \$1,329.59 | We are able to buy most best sellers for our patrons. |
| HARRISON | DUNLAP | Dunlap Public Library | \$1,354.23 | We buy books for the children and keep the little lending library in the city park stocked. |
| HARRISON | LOGAN | Logan Public Library | \$1,464.00 | By continuing to grow our tech tools collection we have been able to support the digital literacy growth of our community which has translated into great engagement & increased computer & WiFi usage. Additionally, we have been able to add new, & very popular materials focused on Kindergarten readiness, reading skills improvement, comprehension, & math skills. |
| HARRISON | MISSOURI VALLEY | Missouri Valley Public Library | \$1,779.29 | The funding was used to supplement the library's collection. Purchasing new and up-to-date material is important to us as a source of information to our patrons. The material is a reason for patrons to continue to use the library for this as well as other reasons. |
| HARRISON | MODALE | Modale Public Library | \$464.46 | We were able to fund a few events for the kids and a few for the adults. |
| HARRISON | MONDAMIN | Mondamin Public Library | \$1,201.77 | This is the backbone of our finances. We have a very small budget. We need the support of the State of Iowa in order to keep our doors open. |
| HARRISON | WOODBINE | Woodbine Carnegie Public Library | \$1,471.55 | With the Direct State Aid funding we were able to expand some of our programming for children by having presenters for summer library, update some of the software on our computers that patrons use. |

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| HENRY | MOUNT PLEASANT | Mount Pleasant Public Library | \$3,251.02 | This year we focused on using the Direct State Aid funds for books and youth audiobooks. The supplemental funding gave us the opportunity to purchase new and popular books/audiobooks that our community had been requesting. |
| HENRY | SALEM | Crew Public Library | \$1,207.04 | We have upgraded software and had more programs. Added books. |
| HENRY | WINFIELD | Winfield Public Library | \$1,358.89 | We were able to have an author visit, summer library program performance, and buy some craft items for our programs. With the funds we were able to provide our patrons of all ages with something that would appeal to them and enrich the lives of those who use our library. |
| HOWARD | CRESCO | Cresco Public Library | \$2,222.80 | The library had many specific building issues that occurred last fiscal year, and the necessary repairs would not have occurred without this funding. The library was able to get concrete up in the furnace room to help mitigate water entering the library basement and children's department and remedy a trip hazard after a patron fell and broke her arm. We are especially grateful for these funds. |
| HOWARD | ELMA | Elma Public Library | \$1,384.90 | New VOX books have been an exciting new addition to our collection. Kid's love the books where they can listen to the story, read along with the recording in the book or read to themselves. The built in audio is perfect for easy and convenient use of the books. New staffing has helped processing of materials and services to patrons. |
| HOWARD | LIME SPRINGS | Lime Springs Public Library | \$1,410.87 | Thank you for helping fund the project for the Convert-O-Lab. |
| HUMBOLDT | HUMBOLDT | Humboldt Public Library | \$2,526.97 | The Direct State Aid Funds were used to help fund the Hoopla on-line database. This service widens patrons' choices for e-books, downloadable audio books & comics, along with music and TV/movie streaming. Our on-line circulations increased in all areas by offering this service, and circulation statistics continue to rise in all areas. Patrons have expressed that they enjoy the binge passes, and the fact that they have access to more reading material without a long wait time for new material. |
| HUMBOLDT | LIVERMORE | Livermore Public Library | \$1,278.09 | Our Library was able to improve our broken handrails for safety concerns. We were able to offer more book options to our patrons this year! Without this money our library would not be able to offer as many options or services to our patrons with the limited budget we have already. |
| IDA | ARTHUR | Arthur Public Library | \$416.50 | Our budget is very small as we are a library in a town of only 200 some people. Without this funding, we would not be able to supplement our book budget and would not be able to provide as many new books to our patrons. |
| IDA | BATTLE CREEK | Battle Creek Public Library | \$1,228.81 | It has made a difference in many areas of what our library can provide to patrons. |
| IDA | GALVA | Galva Public Library | \$1,187.19 | As usual, we struggle with our budget and trying to get kids to attend our Summer Reading Programs. This year we partnered with the summer school at our elementary in town and had a great turn out! this funding helped us provide fun and educational programming for the kids! |

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| IDA | HOLSTEIN | Stubbs Memorial Library | \$1,430.80 | Our meeting room was in great need of a makeover, which had not been done since 1998. Even the ceiling fans installed in 1990 had given up and stopped working. These funds helped start that process by allowing us to pay someone to remove old wallpaper and paint. Leftover funds combined with other funding aided in new floor trim and new ceiling fans installed. The room feels fresh and local organizations and patrons have already noted how nice and professional the room looks and feels. The redone meeting room displays that our library is relevant and still vital to our community. |
| IDA | IDA GROVE | Ida Grove Public Library | \$1,556.48 | This year, we used Direct State Aid funding to improve our library's technology. We replaced wiring and old connection hardware, and installed new software to keep everything running smoothly. These behind-the-scenes upgrades have made a big difference—our internet is faster, connections are more reliable, and everything works more efficiently. For our patrons, that means fewer interruptions when using public computers for essential tasks. For staff, it means we can help people more efficiently and keep up with the tech needs of our library. Thanks to Direct State Aid funding, these updates help us better serve our community every day. |
| IOWA | MARENGO | Marengo Public Library | \$1,754.60 | The Marengo Public Library recently unveiled an inviting dramatic play center in its children's area—designed to spark imagination and support real-world learning through playful role-play. Drawing on research around the benefits of dramatic play—abilities like self-regulation, social interaction, and literacy are nurtured as children take on everyday roles like café server, vet, or cashier. To enrich the dramatic play experience, the library also added an engaging selection of new children's books, including story sets featuring themes like food shops, caring pets, everyday community helpers, and imaginative fantasy. These books serve as a springboard for role-play and are perfect for shared storytelling between kids and parents. In addition, the play center includes tactile and STEM-inspired materials, pretend tools, cash registers, shopping baskets, toy animals, and creative sign-making stations that blend playful props with early literacy and fine motor learning. This center is built for shared joy—designed to be experienced together by children and their grown-ups. Caregivers are encouraged to participate in reciprocal play, exchanging ideas, dialogue, and laughter during structured sessions or casual exploration. It's ideal for parents and kids to bond, whether through crafting a dramatic play scenario, reading a themed book together, or simply enjoying imaginative moments side-by-side. Parents find themselves co-creating stories, modeling new vocabulary, and cheering on their child's creative take on everyday situations. |
| IOWA | MILLERSBURG | Millersburg Community Library | \$458.69 | The aid money was used to buy a Cricut and supplies for it. The kids have used it for some stem projects and older patrons have used it for card making and making signs, etc for displays at the library. We are going to have a program for card making in the near future with one of the patrons bringing in some stamps, ribbons and other items to show how they can be used with the Cricut cut outs. |
| IOWA | NORTH ENGLISH | North English Public Library | \$1,419.71 | We are a low-income community so the state funds are important to help provide material resources for our community especially our children. |
| IOWA | VICTOR | Victor Public Library | \$1,381.91 | We would not be able to provide presenters for our summer reading program without this funding. The children are able to experience and learn so much more because we are able to hire the Blank Park Zoo and the Iowa Children's Museum. |

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| IOWA | WILLIAMSBURG | Williamsburg Public Library | \$1,956.96 | Direct State Aid funding has allowed our library to go beyond just covering the basics—we're able to truly meet the needs and interests of our community. Because of this funding, we don't have to settle for the bare minimum when it comes to purchasing materials. Instead, we can say "yes" more often to patron requests, ensuring our collection is current, diverse, and truly reflective of what our community wants to read, watch, and explore. One of the most rewarding parts of our work is when a patron asks for a specific book or series—and we can order it right away. Whether it's the latest installment in a favorite mystery series, a niche nonfiction title, or a bilingual children's book, we're able to respond quickly and with generosity. That's only possible because of the flexibility and support Direct State Aid gives us. This funding allows us to move from "just enough" to "more than expected"—and that makes all the difference for the people we serve. |
| JACKSON | BELLEVUE | Bellevue Public Library | \$1,906.89 | We were able to add events to our Summer Reading Program that doubled our usual attendance. The response of the community was extremely positive, and now we are working on finding ways to keep that enthusiasm going. We were also able to replace books that were severely out of date in the non-fiction section, and we are evaluating which areas are next to be updated. |
| JACKSON | MAQUOKETA | Maquoketa Public Library | \$2,663.50 | We use this money to purchase titles through OverDrive to reduce our patrons wait times. They are very appreciative of this and often mention how much they enjoy using Libby. |
| JACKSON | PRESTON | Preston Public Library | \$1,494.62 | The funds helped to ensure that extra programming occurred, and additional materials could be added to the overall collection both in library and online. |
| JASPER | BAXTER | Baxter Public Library | \$1,357.65 | This state aid helped us to offer many more summer reading programs & presenters, as well as summer reading prizes to our community as well as helping us to have the library deep cleaned so it is a more presentable space to our public. It also helped us to fund additional training options for our staff. |
| JASPER | COLFAX | Colfax Public Library | \$1,669.93 | We are able to provide issues of our local newspaper digitally. We were able to have paid presenters for adult programs. |
| JASPER | LYNNVILLE | Lynnville Public Library | \$1,221.14 | We were able to raise the hourly rate for both the director and our 2 assistant roles, garnering interest in the roles of director and assistant that were filled this year |
| JASPER | MONROE | Monroe Public Library | \$1,587.15 | Our library utilized the funds to update our Juvenile Non-Fiction Collection. Our young patrons were excited to see the fresh new books on the shelves. Our public schools no longer have books in their "Media Centers", so our books are that much more appreciated. |
| JASPER | NEWTON | Newton Public Library | \$4,781.74 | We have seen a large increase in our Board Game use, Wonderbooks (playaways), and Stem kits, all of which we used Enrich funds to purchase more materials for. Without the Enrich Iowa funds we would not have the budget to add to these collections and therefore not add to the quality of life of our patrons in the community. Enrich funds also purchase all the craft materials for our monthly mystery & craft bags that adults check out every month. These craft kits have drawn more adults into the library, have encouraged them to update or get a library card, and have reached a new demographic we were struggling with reaching. |
| JASPER | PRAIRIE CITY | Prairie City Public Library | \$1,520.59 | We had more staff available to assist patrons. |

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| JASPER | SULLY | Sully Community Library | \$1,331.63 | We also used part of the funding to replace our very well used paperback copies of the I Survived, Big Nate, and Diary of a Wimpy Kid series with hardback copies, ensuring that coming generations will be able to enjoy these as well. |
| JEFFERSON | FAIRFIELD | Fairfield Public Library | \$3,627.80 | We're grateful for this funding as our skylight had been leaking for over 5 years. Our City is fortunate to have funding for regular maintenance project; however, with our building being 30 years old, additional funding from the state is a godsend. Thank you very much! |
| JOHNSON | CORALVILLE | Coralville Public Library | \$7,240.54 | In fall of 2024, we were fortunate to receive a "Community Impact Grant" from a local community foundation to partially fund a full-time pilot position devoted to community outreach and education. We used our Direct State Aid funds to supplement this pilot position, along with additional funds from the Library Foundation to make it full time. The programming has expanded the educational opportunities we are able to offer to people new to the community, as well as people in need who may not have utilized public library resources in the past. It has been extremely successful and we are hoping to extend the pilot position through FY26, while we explore ways to make it a permanent Library staff position. |
| JOHNSON | IOWA CITY | Iowa City Public Library | \$23,085.79 | Direct State Aid improved the Iowa City Public Library's physical spaces and the accessibility of our collections and services. In FY25, we purchased new board book shelving, allowing young children to better and more safely reach and browse books at their height. We also purchased a play bookmobile with book shelving to display collection items and advertise our bookmobile. To improve meetings for those hard of hearing, we now offer a portable hearing loop that amplifies sound to hearing aids. This device can be used in most of our meeting rooms, allowing fuller participate in public meetings and gatherings. We used the remaining funds to digitize our archived board packets, making the library's history more accessible and searchable on our website. |
| JOHNSON | NORTH LIBERTY | North Liberty Community Library | \$5,849.20 | Most of the funds this year went to support our adding hours for our part-time staff. We have increased outreach and now we have a wonderful book bike so the we added hours for part-time staff to ensure coverage at the library and support programs during outreach events and in the library. The book bike has been particularly popular at baseball games with a lot of kids stopping by to read and check out books. Additionally, we boosted expenditures for ebooks and eaudios as those collections continue to be extremely well used. We also increased civics/civil discourse programming and programming to combat the loneliness epidemic. We added a lot of regular adult programming and took on planning for a formerly city-run program, 55+ lunch for older adults. |
| JOHNSON | OXFORD | Oxford Public Library | \$1,300.78 | This funding continues to make an impact on the overall operations at the Oxford Public Library. Given how small we are in terms of staff, budget, size, any amount given to support the library can be the difference between getting a patron the materials they need or not. We opted to allocate some of the funds toward our summer reading program this year, specifically our mini book craft night for adults. This program brought new faces to the library, new connections, and offered a sense of community for all who attended. |

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| JOHNSON | SOLON | Solon Public Library | \$3,568.30 | We are very grateful for the Direct State Aid funds provided to Solon Public Library. These funds allowed us to update our entire set of junior non-fiction States books. Our previous set of States books were over 10 years old. The funds also allowed us to update all of our patron desk top computers to units that are compatible with Windows 11. Our previous set were not compatible with the latest Windows 11 operating system requirements. Our patron computers are a vital resource for our community. They are used daily by patrons of all ages for business, educational, and recreational pursuits. Thank you very much for your continued support of our Library and the Community of Solon. |
| JOHNSON | SWISHER | Swisher Community Library | \$1,589.21 | We used this funding to increase the starting wage for our Assistant Librarian position. We had gone thru four people in three years; none of them were a good match. A big piece of the problem was getting qualified candidates at the starting wage we were offering. With these funds we were able to up the starting wage and got a much better group of candidates for the position and we believe we have a good person in the position now. The new wage rate was included in a budget for FY26 and will be going forward. |
| JOHNSON | TIFFIN | Springmier Community Library | \$1,972.74 | Direct State Aid funding significantly enhanced our library's ability to serve the community by expanding access to digital resources, including eBooks and audiobooks, allowing patrons to engage with materials remotely and conveniently. Additionally, these funds supported the development and delivery of high-quality, community-based programming with a focus on agricultural education. We had over 250 patrons attend just one of our programs. Through these initiatives, the library supported lifelong learning, fostered local engagement, and provided valuable resources to patrons from all backgrounds. Finally, the funds also allowed us to update some of our furniture and shelving needs! |
| JONES | ANAMOSA | Anamosa Library & Learning Center | \$2,398.43 | The funding received from the State of Iowa is vital to our community. We use these funds to expand our outreach past standardized programs and materials. This year we used our funds to purchase extra-large print materials to support our aging population. We also purchased award winning titles for our youth collections. The rest of the funds we used for programs or presentations. This allowed us to bring in people with unique skills or perspectives to broaden our community's experiences. For example Blank Park Zoo spoke about ways we can help animal conservation and the Grout Museum spoke about the scientific method and explained chemical combustions. Both are experiences children in our community wouldn't be able to cultivate on their own and that we wouldn't be able to provide without the State of Iowa's support. |
| JONES | MARTELLE | Martelle Community Library and Historical Museum | \$1,210.23 | The library, with the help of this aid, has been able to have more books added to their collection. Plus, by purchasing STEM materials, we can have more programs for kids that they are interested in attending. |
| JONES | MONTICELLO | Ross & Elizabeth Baty Monticello Public Library | \$2,106.00 | Read-along books (playaways and vox) are always extremely popular and so incredibly helpful for kids that struggle with/don't like reading. Without the funding provided through direct state aid, we wouldn't be able to afford to provide them for our community. Additionally, our colibri covering machine quit on us this year. The machine greatly improves the longevity of our books and saves so much staff time that can be better used assisting patrons or coordinating events. The state funding allowed up to purchase a new machine without needing to wait and apply for other grant funding leading to little disruption for our patrons. |
| JONES | MORLEY | Morley Public Library | \$473.91 | Helps keep the doors open and getting new books and newer computers |

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| JONES | OLIN | Olin Public Library | \$1,342.17 | It gives the community a place to come and read and use the internet |
| JONES | OXFORD JUNCTION | Wregie Memorial Library | \$1,295.09 | This funding helped us cover the expenses incurred with our youth programming and updating some of our children's reading materials. We were also able to purchase a chrome book for our younger patrons to use. |
| JONES | WYOMING | Wyoming Public Library | \$1,335.71 | Through improved programming events, we've been able to strengthen our children's offerings. We rec'd two grants for free children's books that allowed us to use more funding toward programming in the Library. |
| KEOKUK | KEOTA | Wilson Memorial Library | \$1,295.41 | The school in our community went to 4 days a week, and we offered Fun Friday programs, so this helped provide more crafts and supplies for programming. Along with our Book collection. |
| KEOKUK | RICHLAND | Richland Public Library | \$1,231.58 | This funding enabled us to meet the circulation needs of our patron requests. |
| KEOKUK | SIGOURNEY | Sigourney Public Library | \$1,585.10 | These monies help us to better meet the needs of our community. We are able to offer programs, services, and items that we may otherwise not be able to provide. |
| KEOKUK | WHAT CHEER | What Cheer Public Library | \$427.68 | we could have a summer school tour of our library which increased our membership. We could purchase supplies and craft materials as well as games and puzzles. We could also purchase more supplies for bulletin boards. |
| KOSSUTH | ALGONA | Algona Public Library | \$2,751.50 | The Library added four additional computers with a grant from PLA and our Direct State Aid. All of our computer stations have regularly been filled all summer, mainly with children and young adults. |
| KOSSUTH | BANCROFT | Bancroft Public Library | \$1,414.68 | This funding allowed us to improve the diversity of our materials and programming. |
| KOSSUTH | BURT | Burt Public Library | \$1,334.78 | We are able to buy more books in which patrons request to better accommodate the community and surrounding areas. |
| KOSSUTH | FENTON | Fenton Public Library | \$1,299.40 | Our small town is struggling financially more and more each year. Direct State Aid allows us to reduce the impact of continuous cuts at the city and county level. For example, we would not have been able to purchase a sound system to use with presentations otherwise. |
| KOSSUTH | LAKOTA | Lakota Public Library | \$1,292.58 | Direct State Aid has a huge impact on our small rural community. We used the funds for Bridges, automation annual support and some education. We are grateful for your support! Thank you! |
| KOSSUTH | TITONKA | Titonka Public Library | \$1,360.77 | We had a child asking for a series that we did not own and were able to utilize the money to slot this in and allow them to catch up with their friends and they recommended the series to others as well encouraging other kids to read more than they would of otherwise. |
| KOSSUTH | WESLEY | Wesley Public Library | \$1,392.86 | We are able to purchase 95% of our adult books in Large Print instead of regular. We find, in our aging community, that Large Print books fit the needs of our patrons better than standard. Our patrons are thankful for the accessible materials, and we are proud to fill the need in our town and surrounding communities. |
| KOSSUTH | WHITTEMORE | Whittemore Public Library | \$1,299.83 | The Bridges Consortium has been wonderful for our patrons and has been used and appreciated by so many of our patrons. We see the usage increasing all the time. We have students who have begun using Bridges and we find that they are doing more reading now. |

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| LEE | DONNELLSON | Donnellson Public Library | \$1,426.04 | We put in a new cabinet/counter that houses the activity room tables and chairs. The installation and billing ended up half on FY 2024 and half in FY 2025. FY 2025's amount was \$3050.00. We use most of the direct state aid supplemented our own funds to help make this happen. Before we had two thinner tables with sheets on them to make a counter type space with four bigger tables pushed up against the walls. This chipped at the paint and left scuff marks. When we needed to full space, the heavy tables were taken down and stacked in the office to get them out of the way. Now, during story hour time we are not distracted by tables, the extra are tucked neatly away. During our presentations, presenters have a counter to display their items while plenty of seats for patrons are able to be set out. During our art classes, we are able to put out all 6 tables with chairs for instruction. This improvement helped to open up and diversify our activity room space. The tables are stored on a rolling cart under one side of the counter and the chairs are neatly stacked in 3 individual rolling carts to ease transportation. We LOVE it! |
| LEE | FORT MADISON | Fort Madison Public Library | \$1,335.43 | We frequently hear from patrons that they appreciate the variety of materials we are able to offer. While we do receive funding from both our city and county to pay for materials, these extra funds help us to expand the collection even farther than we could, otherwise. |
| LEE | KEOKUK | Keokuk Public Library | \$3,341.20 | This funding allows us to purchase items to enhance our library that we would not be able to do otherwise. The light up table has brought much joy to the kids and the parents enjoy it too!! |
| LEE | WEST POINT | West Point Public Library | \$1,438.50 | Direct State Aid has allowed us to continue to provide mobile wifi hotspots to our customers. This allows our patrons who do not have wifi for multiple reasons (i.e., cost, older generation, data limits, personal wifi not working, etc.) access for free. In addition we used Direct State Aid to provide additional programming for patrons of all ages. We recently received a Facebook message that read "Just wanted to say that I'm impressed with all the different programs that the library offers the community. Enjoy seeing and hearing all that's happening in my hometown." Finally, we added Mary Jane's Farms to our magazine collection which quickly became one of our most circulated magazines. The ladies have definitely enjoyed it! |
| LINN | CEDAR RAPIDS | Cedar Rapids Public Library | \$30,776.85 | This funding allows for increased access to materials and allows flexibility for library budgets to be spent on other things as the state funding shores up support. |
| LINN | CENTER POINT | Andersen Center Point Public Library | \$2,550.32 | keeping part time employees working past summer |
| LINN | ELY | Ely Public Library | \$1,903.01 | This funding provided for the purchase of VOX books for our children's collections. These are physical books that have an attached audio portion so children can follow along while the book is read. This has helped many struggling readers this summer practice their skills. |

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| LINN | HIAWATHA | Hiawatha Public Library | \$3,753.78 | This funding allowed us to better conduct outreach to the community by having an eye-catching, Hiawatha Public Library branded popup tent for taking to festivals and other events outside the building. The additional directional signage we added inside the building helped the navigational experience of our patrons throughout the building by more clearly labelling different reading level collections in our children's section. The replacement, cordless window blinds we put in our community room space served two functions, repairing cheap and damaged cord-based windows blinds, and also helped resolve a security flaw. The cords on the old window blinds would get caught in the exterior egress doors for the room and prevent them from latching - when this happened the building was not secure if staff didn't notice this occurred. The new cordless window blinds resolved this issue. Thank you for the financial support in improving the quality of our building and outreach! |
| LINN | LISBON | Lisbon Public Library | \$1,739.31 | The funding and support from the State Library is vital to the continued success of our Library. I recently hired a librarian who had previously worked in Utah and she is impressed by the state wide network of support that the State Library makes possible--funding delivery services, open access, training and consulting, and direct aid allows me to keep my doors open, which in turn allows Lisbon families to get access to resources to support literacy, education, and community development. |
| LINN | MARION | Marion Public Library | \$10,698.14 | This funding has enabled us to expand our collection offerings to our community. This expanded set of offerings has improved service by enabling us to provide a wide array of materials to our patrons. These resources are available to all in the community and help make our library a destination in the community. |
| LINN | MOUNT VERNON | Russell D. Cole Library | \$2,303.75 | This year, we used the Direct State Aid funding to help off-set the cost of new chairs for our library's main lounge. These chairs are in our high traffic area and are used daily. We also host our Story Time in this area, so these new, comfortable, and stable chairs are used by parents and guardians attending this program. |
| LINN | SPRINGVILLE | Springville Memorial Library | \$1,629.73 | In our community our patrons depend on the availability of computers they can use at their convenience and in their budget. We received many compliments on what they were able to get done and it improved their lives. |
| LOUISA | COLUMBUS JUNCTION | Columbus Junction Public Library | \$1,561.83 | Direct State Aid has allowed us to make purchases of additional audiobook/ebook content for our patrons to shorten hold times and be more responsive to the preferences of some patrons to read digitally. Due to the costs of such content, we were able to purchase an average of 5-6 titles per month to help reduce holds without impacting our other budgetary needs. |
| LOUISA | LETTS | Letts Public Library | \$1,277.18 | We were able to replace and update library materials that we may not be able to otherwise. We were also able to apply some of it to help pay for our yoga classes, which our community loves. |
| LOUISA | MORNING SUN | Mellinger Memorial Public Library | \$1,342.88 | We were able to continue programs but still purchase materials that were wanted by the patrons. |
| LOUISA | WAPELLO | Keck Memorial Library | \$1,623.82 | This funding has allowed us to purchase our library system software. People love the convenience of being able to view the on-line the catalog, renew on-line along with all the other conveniences they system gives them. This funding allows the library to use the money saved and put toward library materials, programs, etc. |

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| LUCAS | CHARITON | Chariton Free Public Library | \$2,097.55 | We struggle to still provide PCs to our patrons, almost all of our machines are Chrome devices, which don't allow use of Word or Excel, etc. We used State funds to purchase the control software for the 3 PCs we still make available. We also used State funds to purchase our staff Microsoft 360 licenses this year. Movie licensing is another expense we paid with State funds. This allows us to do annual movie-fests to match our programming. Other expenses paid, like the bulk paper order, allow us to keep up with patron printing needs, coloring pages and print, cut, & glue cardstock make & take offerings. Really, most of the funds this year went to provide activities for our patrons in a clean and inviting facility. |
| LYON | GEORGE | George Public Library | \$1,398.55 | Direct State Aid Funding has allowed us to purchase more non-fiction books for our library - especially in the children's department. We have a large number of kids who are interested in non-fiction and it has allowed us to update and enhance our collection. |
| LYON | INWOOD | Inwood Public Library | \$1,401.46 | This funding has enabled us to purchase Overdrive books for our patrons. We choose them by the number of holds from our library patrons, and they are thrilled to get them immediately, instead of waiting for months in some instances. Kristin Hannah and Sarah Maas continue to be in huge demand! |
| LYON | LITTLE ROCK | Little Rock Public Library | \$1,215.64 | Our library was able to provide the materials and services requested from our community. Here are a few stories: we were able to provide a better variety of Spanish children's books to some families who only speak Spanish. Also, we are able to provide more Large Print Books for our aging population. We also can provide better Summer Reading activities and programs for our youth. |
| LYON | ROCK RAPIDS | Rock Rapids Public Library | \$741.86 | The funding has allowed us expand our services to the community through quality programming and materials used during the Summer Reading Program Events. |
| MADISON | EARLHAM | Earlham Public Library | \$1,607.12 | I have several patrons who will only read books written about the Amish and they are beginning to be hard to source! Those, along with other clean fiction are purchased through an independent book retailer which can cost slightly more than through Baker and Taylor but they're delivered in person 4x a year and they keep track of which series we need the next installments for. Being able to purchase from Book Look has really helped our local home-school families whose older children wish to read adult books but need to be careful of content because all of the items sold from this independent retailer are also clean of sexual content. |
| MADISON | ST. CHARLES | St. Charles Public Library | \$1,401.74 | We have seen an increase of kids playing games, doing homework, and watching YouTube "how to" videos for projects. We also have an increase of veterans using the computers to do online forms and reports and even checking in with VA. Saving travel expenses and time saving. Especially popular with our Vietnam Veterans (after I show them how to use the sites). |
| MADISON | TRURO | Truro Public Library | \$1,342.46 | We were able to bring books, movies, programs and technology to our library that our patrons would not have access to otherwise. This has a big impact especially in the summer when the kids are out of school. We give them programs and supplies to keep them busy and learning. |
| MADISON | WINTERSET | Winterset Public Library | \$2,926.65 | Direct state aid enables us to provide extraordinary digital content! |
| MAHASKA | NEW SHARON | Stilwell Public Library | \$1,405.34 | These funds allow us to provide a large assortment of books for all ages and interest. |

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| MAHASKA | OSKALOOSA | Oskaloosa Public Library | \$4,818.23 | We used our funding to purchase new bilingual materials for our children's collection. Our community has become more diverse and need to expand our bilingual collection. |
| MARION | BUSSEY | Bussey Community Library | \$527.96 | Our library is a rural library, where many in the community live below the poverty level. Our summer reading program provides the children with access to activities and programs that are supportive, engaging and beneficial to their overall development. |
| MARION | KNOXVILLE | Knoxville Public Library | \$2,831.57 | We are able to keep the newest and most requested materials on our shelves with the help of the direct state aid. It also came in handy when paying for an adult program this last fiscal year. This was beneficial for our increased numbers in adult programming attendance. |
| MARION | MELCHER-DALLAS | Melcher-Dallas Public Library | \$583.82 | With this extra funding I can purchase wants not needs or requirements. |
| MARION | PELLA | Pella Public Library | \$3,518.25 | Shared from a board trustee who was working with a local senior student to fill out an award application. One of the questions was, "What is your favorite place in Iowa?" The student responded: "My favorite place in Iowa is my local library, the Pella Public Library. This is not only because it provides a cozy environment in which I can read and find new novels to sate my interest, but also because it holds many memories of hanging out there with my friends, and playing board games there with them." The trustee shared their response with the director: "That is what it's about. Learning, reading, and having a safe place for community. My heart couldn't have been happier." |
| MARION | PLEASANTVILLE | Webb Shadle Public Library | \$1,540.11 | Our nonfiction children's book collection is quite outdated. This funding helped us acquire some much-needed newer nonfiction books. Parents have noticed the new books and have made many positive comments!!! Our numbers for book checkout have also increased. |
| MARSHALL | ALBION | Albion Municipal Library | \$1,187.20 | We are able to keep the lights on and the doors open for an additional week out of the year as a result of the Direct State Funding. Our budget is incredibly small, and this contribution makes a world of difference to the citizens of our community. This is a week of programming, access to the free food pantry, public computers, and much more. |
| MARSHALL | GILMAN | Gilman Public Library | \$1,202.00 | Direct State Aid has helped us especially this year since we had a building change. Direct state aid allowed us to continue ordering new books, run programs, and get new monitors for our computers. |
| MARSHALL | LE GRAND | Pioneer Heritage Library | \$1,286.81 | Our summer programming has become very popular for our local day camp as well as children who do not attend the day camp. We focus all of our direct state aid to this programming. |
| MARSHALL | MARSHALLTOWN | Marshalltown Public Library | \$7,169.95 | Marshalltown continues to be a busy library. We are seeing an uptick in the homeless. We began working with Iowa Workforce to help community members find employment. |
| MARSHALL | MELBOURNE | Melbourne Public Library | \$1,258.49 | Our library has continued to see immense support from the community each year with the services and programming that we provide. We have continued to remain a pillar in the community where children and adults alike use our services. The money we receive from Direct State Aid helps us provide quality programs for all ages and we are able to continue to diversify our library collections. We were able to also add more storage solutions for craft supplies which helps immensely keeping the library clean and organized and easier |

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| | | | | to find what we are looking for. We are grateful for all sources of funding we receive so we can continue to innovate, adapt and thrive in our community. |
| MARSHALL | STATE CENTER | Gutekunst Public Library | \$1,413.57 | Gutekunst Public Library used the Direct State Aid money to fund our successful Summer Library Programming in June of 2025. We were able to have a representative from Blank Park Zoo and a magician to entertain and educate the participants. We also were able to purchase supplies and some really nice prize basket items that were very popular with our patrons as incentives to read and participate in the Summer Library Program at the library. |
| MILLS | GLENWOOD | Glenwood Public Library | \$2,519.45 | FY2025 Direct State Aid funding provided for more flexibility in providing resources that were requested by the community. These were items that we would have otherwise been unable to purchase due to budget restraints. |
| MILLS | MALVERN | Malvern Public Library | \$1,387.75 | It has provided wonderful programming that has helped increase the number of patrons coming through our doors, not to mention the happiness and joy of our attendants. |
| MILLS | SILVER CITY | Silver City Public Library | \$1,164.96 | I have some patrons that read particular authors and have read all the books we have for that author. So I'm able to add more to those collations along with newer books for other patrons. Also we had a computer go out on us. So with this funding we could get a new computer for our patrons. And it's being put to good use. |
| MITCHELL | OSAGE | Osage Public Library | \$2,397.09 | We have seen more patrons through our doors and more youth attending programs! The funding we've received from Direct State Aid has allowed us to purchase more library materials and add additional youth programming! We have also been able to add a full-time youth librarian. This addition has helped us achieve increased quality youth programming! |
| MITCHELL | RICEVILLE | Riceville Public Library | \$1,604.76 | With the help of Direct State Aid funding, we were able to start making purchases of digital books and audios through Overdrive for our patrons and the BRIDGES consortium. It has been a goal and part of our strategic plan for several years. BRIDGES usage by our patrons has increased tremendously so it is a real benefit to help provide shorter wait times on popular audio book and e-book titles, not only to our own patrons but the whole BRIDGES consortium. |
| MITCHELL | ST. ANSGAR | Nissen Public Library | \$1,649.36 | Programming and books that were purchased were enjoyed by the community. We added to our collection about the Iditarod which was enjoyed by all age groups. |
| MITCHELL | STACYVILLE | Stacyville Public Library | \$1,534.61 | We used the money to purchase a rolling cart with bins and STEM activities. This has helped us with our programming and makes it a little more fluid. It saves time and is a lot easier to wheel out the cart with all of the STEM products for the program. Our library has increased our STEM programs and this helps tremendously. As a small library this means a lot to us. We love being able to be help with learning throughout the year, whether it's reading, STEM, or different activities. |

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| MONONA | MAPLETON | Fisher-Whiting Memorial Library | \$1,422.43 | There have been significant changes in our library recently. We have a whole new staff. Our previous director and head librarian both retired the same day in April. The money received helped with wages while both directors and librarians were training and being paid at the same time as their predecessors. The other \$622.43 was spent on our programs here at the library. The \$622.43 that was spent on programming barely made a dent in the money that was spent for programs. We had 232 programs in our library this year. 112 programs for adults with a total attendance of 912. 16 programs for teens with a total attendance of 66. 104 programs for children with a total attendance of 1,472. We appreciate any and every dollar that we can use to keep offering these programs to our patrons. |
| MONONA | ONAWA | Onawa Public Library | \$1,837.30 | Direct State Aid has helped us continue to offer online resources such as Bridges for patrons to get e-books and an efficient catalog system to allow our patrons to reserve items online so we can have it ready when they are short on time. |
| MONONA | WHITING | Whiting Public Library | \$1,312.90 | Direct State Aid allows us to expand our hours. This allows us to better serve our community and make our services more readily available. |
| MONROE | ALBIA | Carnegie-Evans Public Library | \$2,135.86 | The Library strives to meet the highest standards set for accreditation with the incentive of receiving desperately needed additional funds. Those funds in turn are used for items like programming for children, technology and capital maintenance and improvement. Those are the line items in our budget that are limited when funding is strained. Our library is always busy and makes a huge impact in our community. |
| MONTGOMERY | RED OAK | Red Oak Public Library | \$2,382.34 | Through this funding we have been able to add new programs for our patrons. Through these programs people are able to connect with other resources that have greatly impacted their lives. I have been told several times this year, that someone's life did a 180 due to the contacts made at the library. |
| MONTGOMERY | STANTON | Stanton Public Library | \$1,240.01 | This funding has helped our summer reading program and also our children's department for new books. |
| MONTGOMERY | VILLISCA | Villisca Public Library | \$1,375.99 | I love to do my happy librarian dance when graduated High School students come into the library during college holiday or summer break to check on their library card from Middle School so they can check out books to read during break. I've even had recently married former college students come in to update the information on their library card so they can continue to check out materials or use Bridges. I also have a patron who is having vision difficulties that came in to get signed up for the Libby app on her phone so she could listen to audiobooks. |
| MUSCATINE | MUSCATINE | Musser Public Library | \$7,283.23 | We wanted to try some new databases (these were purchased just last month in June '25). We are hoping to provide more resources for our patrons and will know more after we've had them for 1 year. The databases are Consumer Reports, Morningstar, and part of our new Kanopy subscription. |
| MUSCATINE | WEST LIBERTY | West Liberty Public Library | \$2,031.22 | We continue to use state funds to supplement our collection development. This past year, we focused on bilingual titles and titles popular on social media. |
| MUSCATINE | WILTON | Wilton Public Library | \$1,809.31 | This funding allowed our library to purchase supplies and materials for our summer reading program. We were able to purchase sign-up incentives for all ages, as well as supplies for several programs that were being held during the weeks of our summer reading program, including our Engineering Camp. |

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| OBRIEN | HARTLEY | Hartley Public Library | \$1,470.49 | We have been able to do more programs and increase our patron count if not triple increase people coming through the door. We are able to order books that are geared towards what our patrons read and increase DVD collection for those that don't have internet or streaming apps. |
| OBRIEN | PAULLINA | Paullina Public Library | \$1,347.78 | We were able to host an Iowa author and have her present about her books and her research as well as having a writer's luncheon to learn more about authorship. We were also able to subscribe to a variety of periodicals to broaden our offerings to our community of patrons. |
| OBRIEN | PRIMGHAR | Primghar Public Library | \$1,329.94 | Without this funding we would not be able to fill as many requests for new titles as we are able to. This funding is very much appreciated by our library and our patrons. |
| OBRIEN | SANBORN | Sanborn Public Library | \$1,432.81 | The funding has allowed us to offer more programming which is invaluable to our small community, especially during the summer. |
| OBRIEN | SHELDON | Sheldon Public Library | \$2,287.27 | We have been able to order more books as a result of receiving the Direct State Aid money. Our patrons really enjoy having as many new and up to date books as possible, and we wouldn't be able to do this without that aid. |
| OBRIEN | SUTHERLAND | General N.B. Baker Library | \$1,293.70 | In small libraries our budgets are very small and everything we get from the state is appreciated. |
| OSCEOLA | ASHTON | Ashton Public Library | \$1,288.13 | Computers & technology enhance communities by improving communication, access to information, and opportunities for education and economic growth. |
| OSCEOLA | SIBLEY | Sibley Public Library | \$1,790.85 | The Direct State Aid funding allowed us to hire a summer intern to assist with our summer reading programs in May and June of 2025. It also allowed us to purchase Juvenile materials that our young patrons expressed interest in. One particular young boy came in with his mother frustrated because he was having a hard time reading the novels with smaller, close together font. We expanded our paperbacks and graphic novels collections with larger, more spaced font and he was so excited and now comes in to the library and reads regularly. |
| PAGE | CLARINDA | Lied Public Library-Clarinda | \$2,317.84 | The funding has enabled the library to acquire more materials in high demand for our patrons, which we would not have been able to afford otherwise. |
| PAGE | ESSEX | Lied Public Library-Essex | \$1,254.01 | We were able to purchase special books for the school age children. |
| PAGE | SHENANDOAH | Shenandoah Public Library | \$2,225.76 | We have used our Direct State Aid Funding to purchase several databases that enhance our service for the public. Novelist helps patrons find new authors to read that are similar to old favorites. That feature is embedded into our ILS system so all they need to do is click on a link to receive a list of authors or titles to try. It has been a very helpful feature for our patrons and helps them have a positive user experience not only in our library but as they remotely use our online catalog. Our second database is Library Aware which provide wonderful graphics for posters, professional looking email blasts, social media posts and a programming calendar that has been hugely popular. We have seen an increase in engagement as well as program attendance and we love that the calendars are so popular that we are having to reprint them multiple times a month. The calendars are popular with our city council and they look forward to receiving |

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| | | | | them at the council meeting. We are thankful to Direct State Aid for providing the funding for use to try out this new service which we are looking to keep to help us better market our services to the community. |
| PALO ALTO | EMMETSBURG | Emmetsburg Public Library | \$2,198.90 | We were able to bring the humanities to Emmetsburg through 4 special performances throughout the year: a one-man play about the life of Mark Twain, a one-woman musical about the life of Katherine Hepburn, a juggler/plate spinner/unicycle rider for children, and a concert featuring a performer on the West African kora. Events like these are in short supply in our region. This funding allowed us to make life a little more vibrant for our area residents with events that they do not have to travel great distances to see. |
| PALO ALTO | GRAETTINGER | Graettinger Public Library | \$945.50 | With being a small-town library we rely on different funding sources. We offer story time and a summer reading program in the summer. During the school year we offer a after school program, along with the director who is the sole employee at the library goes to three daycares and the town's preschool twice a month. During the summer time the kids are able to come check out the library and see what new books are available. Alongside doing story time every Monday in the summer, we provide a fun craft afterwards. We have expanded our opportunities for our older generation, and we have a lady from Public Health that comes once a month to talk to our older patrons on Thursday mornings about different types of things. This helps them out tremendously especially if they live alone and don't have families nearby. One of the main topics they have loved so far is scams, as they happen often and they know what to look out for. The funds that we receive help our library help others which makes a huge impact on everyone's lives. |
| PALO ALTO | RUTHVEN | Ruthven Public Library | \$1,304.93 | It makes a huge difference with our budget in continuing to get quality books for our patrons from young to elderly. |
| PALO ALTO | WEST BEND | West Bend Public Library | \$1,425.79 | Our Overdrive/Libby usage continues to increase. We used the funds through our Advantage account to decrease hold times for our patrons on popular titles, then we are able to share with the rest of the consortia. |
| PLYMOUTH | AKRON | Akron Public Library | \$1,568.24 | Our funding was spent on our Overdrive/Bridges contract fee, digitizing our local newspapers for July 2023-December 2024, and what was left went towards our Booksystems software for our Atrium subscription. I just want to say, digitizing our local newspapers has been such an amazing asset to our library. What started as initially a large project about 10 years ago with digitizing past issues and to now present day - keeping it current and up to date - has been used by patrons local and out of state. It's such an easy system to learn and navigate - anyone can do it! |

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| PLYMOUTH | KINGSLEY | Kingsley Public Library | \$1,118.46 | We use the funds to improve our summer reading program. We have several programs with performers. We also have craft days and have lots of take-home crafts for the kids. We use the funds for craft supplies, performers and prizes. The kids love our summer reading program. There is lots of competition for their time, so we like to keep them coming. |
| PLYMOUTH | LE MARS | Le Mars Public Library | \$3,630.93 | Direct State was used to match a local donation to enable participation in Codefi's Youth Coding League. The balance of the funding was used to support the Summer Reading Program. |
| PLYMOUTH | MERRILL | Merrill Public Library | \$981.95 | We have been able to provide our patrons with books they love. |
| PLYMOUTH | REMSEN | Remsen Public Library | \$1,652.70 | We used our funding for an automatic push button for our new accessible entrance door. Direct State Aid will make a significant improvement with accessibility into and out of our building especially for patrons with assistance devices. |
| POCAHONTAS | FONDA | Fonda Public Library | \$1,295.58 | This funding allows us to provide ebook and audiobook access for our patrons, and after school movies for our kids. We were able to sponsor a booth at the local ComiCon, reaching parents, teens, and youth of all ages, meeting them where they are! |
| POCAHONTAS | GILMORE CITY | Gilmore City Public Library | \$1,277.11 | We had a program for the whole summer this year. So we spent part of the Direct Aid in payroll for SR. |
| POCAHONTAS | LAURENS | Laurens Public Library | \$1,457.51 | One of my favorite local annual grants does not cover shipping costs. I know I can apply for a grant and use my Direct State Aid allocation to bridge this gap. This year we used \$215 of it to ship a new loveseat for our children's dept. It has already been much used and appreciated! The balance of our Direct State Aid money went to a new urinal - this one built to accommodate patrons of any height! (or previous one was just too tall for a lot of our younger guys!) Funding is much appreciated for these projects we would not be able to find funds for otherwise! |
| POCAHONTAS | PALMER | Palmer Public Library | \$457.73 | We have expanded to graphic novels and have had a tremendously positive response. I have also been able to get more large print books. |
| POCAHONTAS | POCAHONTAS | Pocahontas Public Library | \$1,582.57 | The Direct State Aid helps us continue to move forward in staying current with the demands of our patrons and because the cost of materials has increased, we need the help to continue to purchase the books our patrons want to read. This funding helps us to be able to purchase more books. |
| POCAHONTAS | ROLFE | Rolfe Public Library | \$1,269.25 | Rolfe Public Library used funds towards improving our small rural library's ADA accessibility, continuing internet access, and supporting audio book & e-book access for patrons, as well as providing children's programming. |
| POLK | ALTOONA | Altoona Public Library | \$6,041.02 | Purchase of additional copies of popular eBooks and audiobooks to meet high demands. |
| POLK | ANKENY | Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library | \$17,037.73 | The funds from Direct State Aid supplements the library's collection by adding either more copies of certain items or unique items. It may have an impact on shortening holds lists. |
| POLK | BONDURANT | Bondurant Community Library | \$3,020.25 | Direct State Aid improved library service in Bondurant by providing more materials available for checkout including WonderBooks. Patrons have reported their child was a reluctant reader until they tried a WonderBook. Then they were hooked. |

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| POLK | CLIVE | Clive Public Library | \$5,016.80 | The library uses these funds to enhance its collection by acquiring new media and makerspace resources that support creativity, learning, and innovation. |
| POLK | DES MOINES | Des Moines Public Library | \$47,020.90 | With this money we were able to provide an emagazine subscription in Overdrive as well as a print subscription. We also used the money to purchase new print kiosks to upgrade old technology at all of our branches. |
| POLK | GRIMES | Grimes Public Library | \$4,654.35 | It has allowed the library to better their digital offerings. |
| POLK | JOHNSTON | Johnston Public Library | \$6,797.32 | Direct State Aid has had a significant impact on library service in Johnston. With this funding, we've been able to enhance our collection in meaningful ways—especially by expanding our Large Print materials for Home Delivery patrons and by growing our Library of Things based on community interest and requests. These additions help us meet people where they are, providing resources that improve everyday life and ensure equitable access to learning, entertainment, and technology. One patron recently shared: "I just love the home delivery service! It's just like Christmas—it truly makes my day." — Home Delivery Patron, 5/13/25 The continued support of the state legislature through Direct State Aid ensures we can remain responsive to community needs and deliver services that truly matter to our residents. |
| POLK | MITCHELLVILLE | Mitchellville Public Library | \$1,568.36 | It has helped us continue to buy books that our patrons ask for. One child in particular has begun reading more than he ever used to because he discovered our growing manga collection. he comes in weekly asking if the new Dragon Ball Super has arrived. |
| POLK | PLEASANT HILL | Pleasant Hill Public Library | \$3,782.51 | Direct State Aid funding has had a meaningful impact on our ability to serve the community more fully, especially our younger patrons. Thanks to this support, we've been able to expand our collection to include materials we would not otherwise have been able to afford—most notably, Wonderbooks. These read-along titles have quickly become some of the most beloved items among our youth patrons, fostering literacy and a love of reading in a fun and engaging way. The funding has allowed us to make the library experience more accessible and enriching for all, and we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to better serve our community. |
| POLK | POLK CITY | Polk City Community Library | \$2,248.78 | Direct State Aid allows us to offer more new titles each year. This year, we were able to continue our hotspot service as a result of Direct State Aid allowing patrons to have internet access. |
| POLK | RUNNELLS | Runnels Community Library | \$569.92 | With the help of our direct state aid funding, we've been able to significantly enhance our community engagement and resources. Our presence at local farmers markets has grown, allowing us to connect with more residents and aid in collaborations with other local entities. Leading to record numbers in our Summer Reading Program. We've also established the start to a community seed exchange program, fostering collaboration and preserving biodiversity. Additionally, we've expanded our collection of gardening books, and young leveled readers, providing valuable educational resources for all ages. |

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| POLK | URBANDALE | Urbandale Public Library | \$10,490.03 | The Urbandale Public Library is grateful to have received \$10,490.03 in Direct State Aid from the State Library of Iowa. This funding has significantly supported our ability to enhance services, expand resources, and meet community needs in meaningful ways. We were able to purchase books for our adult book clubs, ensuring participants have free and consistent access to the selected titles and encouraging ongoing community engagement through reading and discussion. We expanded our digital book collection through OverDrive, increasing access to eBooks and audiobooks for patrons of all ages and ensuring our resources remain accessible anytime and anywhere. We funded a new library website through EBSCO Stacks, which launched in May. The redesigned site improves navigation, accessibility, and mobile responsiveness—and has already received very positive feedback from patrons. Finally, we offered a shredding service to the public, giving Urbandale patrons the opportunity to securely dispose of sensitive personal documents. This has proven to be very popular and was appreciated by library patrons. These improvements, made possible by Direct State Aid, enhance our ability to serve the Urbandale community and underscore the importance of continued support for Iowa libraries. Thank you for helping us strengthen our services and connect people with the resources they need. |
| POLK | WEST DES MOINES | West Des Moines Public Library | \$15,383.02 | The use of direct state aid as a supplement to local funding has given us the great ability to increase service to our patrons through a variety of ways. The bulk of our direct state aid supplemented local funding in order for us to start using OCLC WorldCat cataloging services. Our previous service, SkyRiver, was not preferred by our ITS department due to security vulnerabilities; the direct state aid budget help us to pay the implementation cost which will allow us to work the yearly fee into our upcoming budgets. This service helps our cataloging staff work from a more robust database of records in order to make the searching and finding capabilities of our patrons even better! Additionally, we updated a few of our technology items with the remaining funds including an update of our lavalier mic for the large programs we hold in our community room, an update of our OWL video conferencing equipment - this allows us to live stream and record our programming for at-home viewing as well as our Library Board meetings in order to satisfy state requirements on Board access. Finally, we used the remaining funds to supplement our local funding and credit to purchase a DLA Wand from Bibliotheca in order to improve our receiving procedures in addition to the improvement of our inventory work in Circulation. Thank you! |
| POTTAWATTAMIE | AVOCA | Avoca Public Library | \$1,610.16 | This has helped our patrons so much, especially those living in the rural parts of our county! We used these funds to provide the Hoopla app to our patrons. This is available not just to those who physically come into the library, but homebound patrons and senior citizens who do not drive as well, especially during inclement weather. We have a patron who lives in an assisted living facility and cannot get in to the library to check items out, but she can use the Hoopla app and continue to have access to books! It has been wonderful! Thank you so much for the support! |
| POTTAWATTAMIE | CARTER LAKE | Edward F. Owen Memorial Library | \$1,838.76 | The Direct State Aid helped us expand our collection by giving us the opportunity to build a digital archive of our town's history. Decades worth of newspaper articles and photos will be accessible to everyone via our website. |

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| POTTAWATTAMIE | COUNCIL BLUFFS | Council Bluffs Public Library | \$17,318.81 | This funding allowed us to expand resources that we already provide to our community. By utilizing this funding we were able to lower wait times for materials online and provide activities at community events that enrich the lives of our patrons. |
| POTTAWATTAMIE | OAKLAND | Eckels Memorial Library | \$1,536.66 | My budget is extremely TIGHT and my staff and I go without for long periods of time. This year we purchased new storage for behind our desk, organizers for our material that we use daily, binders, folders, highlighters, pens, sharpies, floor mats, and new chairs. Without this funding, we would be using our own fund for some of these things. THANK YOU AND PLEASE keep this funding available. It's a small amount but means the WORLD to us once a year. |
| POTTAWATTAMIE | WALNUT | Walnut Public Library | \$1,276.95 | We have had over sixty kids sign up for summer program, the most the library has ever had, that I can find recordings for. As a result, the community itself has gotten more involved in wanting to help and become involved at the library. |
| POWESHIEK | BROOKLYN | Brooklyn Public Library | \$681.13 | This funding went towards our ongoing digitization project of our local newspapers. Thousands of pages have been viewed since we started this project, and our community is very happy to see its history preserved this way. |
| POWESHIEK | GRINNELL | Drake Community Library | \$3,284.27 | Our Bridges statistics continue to increase. The Direct State Aid funding allows us to purchase items for our patrons. |
| POWESHIEK | MONTEZUMA | Montezuma Public Library | \$1,125.24 | I feel it's improved because we've been able to acquire more books for our community. While we do offer several programs throughout the year, keeping fresh, new books on our shelves is an important key to keeping readers, especially younger readers, coming back. |
| SAC | AUBURN | Auburn Public Library | \$1,292.31 | Large Print adult fiction and non-fiction books are in high demand. The cost of Large Print editions has risen quite a bit and our Direct State Aid funding helps us be able to purchase more of them. I had a patron come in and tell me she was enjoying reading again because the large print was easy on her eyes. There are multiple patrons here who will only check out large print. We had 110 kids register for the Summer Library Program. Our City Council is very supportive of the library and funds us as much as it can, but our town has less than 300 people and there is only so much money to go around. Direct State Aid helped us bring the Blank Park Zoo and Absolute Science to Auburn as part of this program. Our small town has no pool or organized kids' activities in the summer other than the Summer Library Program, so this is a very big deal! |
| SAC | EARLY | Early Public Library | \$1,360.49 | Because of our Direct State Aid funding, we are able to provide a Summer Library Program for our community. |
| SAC | LAKE VIEW | Lake View Public Library | \$1,468.18 | Patrons have commented on the comfort of our new chairs, as well as the appearance. |
| SAC | LYTTON | Lytton Public Library | \$538.23 | used the money for young adult books |
| SAC | ODEBOLT | Field-Carnegie Public Library | \$1,443.50 | We are very grateful for this funding because it allows us to pay for salary for staff to be open on a Wednesday morning and offer toddler story time during the morning. Many parents and grandparents enjoy bringing kids in for this fun programming and play time. |
| SAC | SAC CITY | Sac City Public Library | \$1,665.41 | We often hear "your library is great." and "I love how your library is so kid focused. |
| SAC | SCHALLER | Schaller Public Library | \$1,388.54 | we appreciate all the help we can get, as we work with a fairly small budget. I have several patrons that love Bridges and our Summer Reading Program was probably the best attendance I've had since Covid hit. |

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| SAC | WALL LAKE | Wall Lake Public Library | \$1,393.93 | The additional funding we receive as Direct State Aid helps us add to our collection of Large Print books which are highly needed in our community. It also helps us to add children's picture books to our collection. These are our two largest groups of patrons which also happen to be two of the more expensive categories of books so DSA funding helps us to expand those collections for those patrons in our community. |
| SCOTT | BETTENDORF | Bettendorf Public Library Information Center | \$9,146.53 | The addition of Patron Point has become an important tool for supporting several items in our library's strategic plan: 1) to increase awareness & access to library resources, services, and programs 2) To engage with our library users in the digital space and 3) help bridge tech literacy gaps. Since using Patron Point, we have seen a steady climb in digital users and online engagement, as well as an increase in visits to our physical services. Several patrons have shared they have learned about new programs or resources through our new eNewsletter and targeted marketing campaigns promoting new materials and programs to specific audiences. |
| SCOTT | DAVENPORT | Davenport Public Library | \$22,134.00 | Funds were used to fund a keynote speaker for a shared staff development day with Bettendorf Public Library that received great feedback from staff. Another purchase was for two restroom cleaning machines which has improved patron experience in our public restrooms. |
| SCOTT | ELDRIDGE | Scott County Library System | \$13,630.90 | Without this funding, we would not be able to offer our community access to Bridges or other online resources. The community that we serve is rural, and we have been able to increase what we can offer and expand the accessibility of our collections and that would not have been possible without this funding. |
| SCOTT | LE CLAIRE | Le Claire Community Library | \$2,013.80 | We have a very small local history collection since we are a fairly new library. People often ask us for information on their relatives who lived in LeClaire. With the ProQuest database, we have a good resource to offer them. Having a VR headset helps us to pull in the teenage demographic. And the ILA conference was very useful providing new ideas and contacts for our staff. |
| SHELBY | ELK HORN | Elk Horn Public Library | \$1,249.76 | We are a small rural community, but we work to provide for all ages with resources and programming. We use the Direct State Aid to support funding for our extra hours during Tivoli Fest, our community celebration in May and for additional books requested by our readers that we wouldn't have been able to purchase otherwise. Thank-you. |
| SHELBY | HARLAN | Harlan Community Library | \$2,470.84 | We spent our Enrich Iowa money on expanding our Large Print collection. It gets heavy use by our senior and homebound patrons so this was an opportunity to expand our already solid collection. With non-fiction use on the decline, we weeded that collection and made more space for Large Print. |
| SIOUX | ALTON | Alton Public Library | \$745.73 | Our library appreciates the Direct State Aid Funding it receives, we were able to put it towards ebook purchases for our library. |
| SIOUX | BOYDEN | Boyden Public Library | \$697.55 | Our goal is to give our patrons options. We love using this money to buy more Large Print books. Thank you for making this possible. |
| SIOUX | HAWARDEN | Hawarden Public Library | \$1,984.14 | The Sioux County Library Association created a Bridges consortium to further serve Sioux County residents. Additional titles are purchased for bridges/Libby for Sioux County cardholders to cut down on wait times for our ereaders. |

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| SIOUX | HOSPERS | Hospers Public Library | \$1,487.24 | State Aid allowed us to invest in a book series and assisted us with being a part of the county LIBBY consortium. |
| SIOUX | HULL | Hull Public Library | \$1,898.74 | This funding helps our special annual programs like the Summer Reading Program and National Library Week. We used this funding for books to giveaway and other prizes during these events. In particular this funding helps us have a fun National Library Week with programs and prizes that draw extra people into the library. We appreciate this funding and how it allows us to do more for these programs than we would otherwise be able. |
| SIOUX | ORANGE CITY | Orange City Public Library | \$2,779.64 | Customers were able to get high hold items faster because of the purchase of advantage titles. |
| SIOUX | ROCK VALLEY | Rock Valley Public Library | \$2,259.09 | Well due to the flooding, we lost the majority of our collection, and so the money we spent went toward purchasing new books and materials as we rebuild our collection. |
| SIOUX | SIOUX CENTER | Sioux Center Public Library | \$3,174.10 | This money goes to help us buy extra ebook and downloadable audiobook titles. We cannot keep up with the demand for these right now so this is very helpful toward this need. |
| STORY | AMES | Ames Public Library | \$16,705.68 | This year all the Direct State Aid funding was used towards our Books for Babies program. This program provides a bag to each baby born at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, IA. Each packet includes early literacy materials including a list of great books to read to babies, the importance of early literacy skill development, information on the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, information on free library programs and activities, a free board book, and a voucher for a second free board book that can be redeemed upon a visit to the Ames Public Library. Parents who feel welcome at the library get accustomed to using its resources to help nurture their children. Children benefit from being brought into the library's stimulating environment. Many times, we will see new families come into the library with weeks' old babies, who have never been before. They often end up attending Baby Talk (our baby storytime) and making new contacts with other families with similarly aged children. This is especially beneficial for our families that are from other countries and have limited or no contacts within Ames. They attend a library program, learn about library services available to them, gain information about helping their babies learn, and make new contacts all because they received a coupon for a free book when they left the hospital. These notes expressing appreciation for Books for Babies were also received: Thank you so much for providing books to newborns at Mary Greeley Hospital! What a blessing to parents. And it sure promotes literacy for little ones. Our baby was born yesterday, and we had a baby born at MGH two years ago. She still loves to read the book you gave her when she was born. Thank you! Parent |
| STORY | CAMBRIDGE | Cambridge Memorial Library | \$1,370.32 | This funding has helped us to offer summer programs for our Cambridge, Elkhart, and Rural communities. We have 76-90 participants at our Tuesday morning programs in June/July and 45-56 on our Wednesday afternoon programs in June/July. The patrons are very happy with the programs provided. We have 5-7 daycares that come to the programs each week. |
| STORY | COLLINS | Collins Public Library | \$1,283.78 | This funding is extremely important to libraries. Without this funding our library wouldn't be able to have as many programs or keep our collection up to date. |

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| STORY | COLO | Colo Public Library | \$1,434.94 | The front face book bin has increased the picture book circulation. It has also allowed more space for the picture book collection. We also used the remaining funding for Dinosaur Dimension program. It's difficult for a small library with a limited budget to have many performers. The performer was awesome. I mother of a high school student, middle school student and an elementary student comment that it was nice to have a program that entertains all ages of kids. |
| STORY | HUXLEY | Huxley Public Library | \$2,134.55 | Digital checkouts continue to rise. The ability to pay for Overdrive content is a very important addition to our services. Summer reading supplies make the program more entertaining and successful. |
| STORY | MAXWELL | Maxwell Public Library | \$1,384.54 | Keeping up to date on newer books that the community is asking to read keeps them coming in to the library. We also updated our AWE learning computers as the old ones were out of date. The new sleek look, new games, and brighter screens has drawn more little kids in to the library to play on them and learn new skills. |
| STORY | NEVADA | Nevada Public Library | \$2,811.62 | We were able to keep updated materials on our shelves for our patrons to check out as well as grow our summer program for our youth. |
| STORY | ROLAND | Roland Public Library | \$1,519.18 | The added funding allows us to offer 3 after school programs each week, including a food program on Thursdays that is sometimes attended by up to 40 kids ranging in age from kindergarten through sixth grade. This year, we also used some of the funding to bring in Karen Land and Noggin' so we could all learn about sled dogs and the Iditarod. |
| STORY | SLATER | Slater Public Library | \$1,607.32 | The Slater Public Library facilitated 412 programs with 11,329 attending those programs in FY25. These funds are used for craft supplies, speaker fees, and educational toys and materials used during these programs. |
| STORY | STORY CITY | Bertha Bartlett Public Library | \$2,617.51 | This year our library chose to purchase 40 child size chairs and 5 tables. Prior to this, children were required to use adult sized seating. While workable, this often resulted in falling children and less than ideal seating positions. The new tables and chairs arrived this past month and are a huge hit. Children are far more independently engaged in crafts, early writing activities, and play!! They no longer require an adult to help them into a chair or to stand nearby to make sure they do not fall. Thank you!! |
| TAMA | CHELSEA | Chelsea Public Library | \$1,139.12 | By updating our children's selection of materials, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of patrons and in the amount of materials being checked out. Kids are excited to come to the library now and read books and check out movies that interest them. |
| TAMA | DYSART | Norma Anders Public Library | \$1,391.37 | We used direct state aid funding to create early literacy centers. Children using the library early literacy centers learn reading comprehension, following directions, and cooperative play. We also used the funds to update our sensory bins and STEM sets. These provide hands-on learning opportunities. The reading materials we purchased this year with funds includes young adult career books, story time read-a-louds, and magazines. Lastly, we purchased a seating area to create another space for our patrons to use. |
| TAMA | GARWIN | Garwin Public Library | \$442.58 | This funding enabled us to hire another assistant to help during our transition to an updated catalog system. |
| TAMA | TAMA | Louise & Lucile Hink/Tama Public Library | \$1,778.14 | We updated our Staff and Patron computers, internet and phone services moving to a new IT group and collaborating with the city to save costs. The installment of these updates went beyond our allocated budget, |

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| | | | | so this funding allowed us to make the updates and improve speed, and efficiency with services and communications. |
| TAMA | TOLEDO | Toledo Public Library | \$1,632.03 | With a small budget, we rely on and greatly appreciate our additional state funding for all extras at our library. We put these funds to good use and know how valuable they are. |
| TAMA | TRAER | Traer Public Library | \$1,498.59 | We continue to focus on providing programming for all ages—from our group of senior citizens to our youngest preschool storytime attendees. Thanks to Enrich Iowa funds, we were able to purchase exercise balls for our seniors group. We also purchased two chess boards for patrons to enjoy throughout the day, as well as for use in our after-school programs for elementary-aged children. We expanded our junior nonfiction collection with two new sets of hardcover books. In addition, we purchased more VOX books, which remain incredibly popular with our patrons. Because VOX books are quite expensive, expanding this collection wouldn't be possible without additional funding. We are truly grateful for the support from Enrich Iowa, which enables us to enhance our library's offerings and provide programming and materials that would otherwise be out of reach with our regular budget. |
| TAYLOR | BEDFORD | Bedford Public Library | \$1,439.34 | We got an AED for safety reason. You never know when you would need it. Our color printer, we needed a new one. The old one was on its last leg, and patrons would like to print things in color. We had to get 2 new computers. Our old ones can't update anymore and very slow. |
| TAYLOR | LENOX | Lenox Public Library | \$1,393.09 | Funding combined with grants allowed us to install a handicapped lift. |
| UNION | CRESTON | Matilda J. Gibson Memorial Library | \$2,949.35 | This has allowed us to improve several areas of our service. One major project was converting a study room into a dual-purpose space for both studying and nursing mothers by ordering a locking door partition for our children's room. We were also able to supplement our collection with items outside of our typical funding like makerspace items and a handful of Switch video games, which have been popular additions to our collection. We were also able to purchase several supplies for our in-house programs, including stepping stones for play after storytimes and more. |
| VAN BUREN | BONAPARTE | Bonaparte Public Library | \$1,144.44 | It has allowed us to add a new section to our young adult book area. We have purchased a few manga books. |
| VAN BUREN | FARMINGTON | Farmington Public Library | \$1,197.36 | I hosted a stuff animal sleepover. I only had 2 girls bring their dolls for it, and Grandma brought them for drop off. One little girl said Grandma dolls aren't real. I made a book for each girl with pictures of all the adventures that the dolls had overnight. The girls were sooo excited the next day and had to visit every spot in the library and I overheard the girl tell grandma, "Maybe they are real!" The girls love coming in the library and revisiting where their dolls played. Another mom told me how great it was that we offered so many different types of programs. She said it was good for kids to be exposed to different things, and she was so thankful that the kids had a safe space to learn, create and have fun. |
| VAN BUREN | KEOSAUQUA | Keosauqua Public Library | \$1,283.85 | We have been able to offer a service (BRIDGES) to school aged children in our district when they apply for a library card at the public library, done through their teacher, usually. They have access to magazines, books they wouldn't have had the ability to before for classroom activities, projects and assignments. |

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| WAPELLO | AGENCY | Agency Public Library | \$1,222.52 | Our town is approximately 620 people. With such a small population, we work with a minimum budget. If we did not have the Direct State Aid funding, we would not have been able to purchase new books for the library and offer additional programming such as our Preschool Story Time and Dino Club. Instead we would have been forced to choose either books or programming. Both are vital to meet the needs of our community and to keep the library current and interactive with our patrons. In one year we have seen a growth in our visitations and library use; from a month where we only saw 25 visits to regularly seeing 200+ visits monthly. At this time last year, we considered having 5 kids interacting with our reading program a solid improvement to now we have 36 active children patrons. This is due to having the funds available to meet our community interests. |
| WAPELLO | BLAKESBURG | Blakesburg Public Library | \$1,159.48 | We are able to provide access to ebooks and other downloadable materials, and have an integrated library management system and provide programs that we would not be able to afford without these funds. |
| WAPELLO | EDDYVILLE | Eddyville Public Library | \$1,355.07 | The funding helps pay for the part time library staff that works the later hours and works during the children's summer program so we are better staffed for our community. |
| WAPELLO | ELDON | Eldon Public Library | \$1,311.68 | Direct State Aid made it possible to hire 2 performers for summer programming, pay for our movie license and buy supplies for our Monday Funday programs. |
| WAPELLO | OTTUMWA | Ottumwa Public Library | \$6,665.49 | We were able to utilize Direct State Aid money for our Bridges Subscription and 1 1/2 months of hotspot service with US Cellular. Because our Bridge's Overdrive bill went up almost \$900 this year the portion that went to the hotspots was not as much. We are grateful to be able to provide these technology services to our patronage without having to reduce spending on our physical materials budget or programming. |
| WARREN | CARLISLE | Carlisle Public Library | \$2,356.96 | The funds were used to hire a summer reading intern. This person was vital to making sure all the materials were ready to go and helped interact with all of the kids. We couldn't do the great programming we do without an intern. And we couldn't pay for our intern without the funds from the Direct State Aid funding. |
| WARREN | INDIANOLA | Indianola Public Library | \$5,303.71 | The introduction of new display fixtures enhanced the library's ability to engage and inform our community by allowing staff to highlight relevant collections, promote timely themes, and support local initiatives more effectively. |
| WARREN | MILO | Milo Public Library | \$1,365.74 | We continue to offer a great selection of books to our patrons because we receive direct state aid funding. We have an incredible selection for a smaller library. |
| WARREN | NEW VIRGINIA | New Virginia Public Library | \$1,211.39 | Our patrons had access to programs and activities that they would not normally have access to. We were also able to bring summer programs to kids who otherwise would not have had any activities for the whole summer. |
| WARREN | NORWALK | Norwalk Easter Public Library | \$4,180.31 | We used these funds to enhance materials for our weekly Maker Wednesday children's programming. Our schools have early dismissal every Wednesday and families rely on this programming. We offer art, building, and STEM activities each week in these drop-in sessions. We also purchased a play stand for the children's department; the theme changes monthly with new activities to allow for creative play. So far it has been a garden center, a bakery, and an ice cream shop. |

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| WASHINGTON | KALONA | Kalona Public Library | \$2,509.23 | I was made aware that by having our Large Print materials at the back of the adult section we were doing a disservice to the patrons that shouldn't or maybe can't walk that far. Over the winter we shifted our adult section around so that our Large Print materials were at the front. In doing so we realized that by making them more visible they were being utilized far more frequently and we were going to need to bolster that collection quickly. Thanks to Direct State aid we had money there to begin regularly purchasing large print items along with our regular book order each month. |
| WASHINGTON | WASHINGTON | Washington Free Public Library | \$3,302.09 | We use Direct State Aid funding to ensure that we have robust collection of large print materials for our community. This collection is one of our highest circulating collections. |
| WASHINGTON | WELLMAN | Wellman-Scofield Public Library | \$1,542.40 | Direct State Aid has allowed our library to offer new opportunities and enrichment to our community, as we continue working with our mission of "inspiring imagination, sparking curiosity, and creating community" in mind. The money from the state supplemented our funding, allowing us to provide more resources and enrichment opportunities to our community. With a growing portion of our population aging, Large Print books are finding themselves in higher demand at our library. In the past, collection development in this area has been minimal, without any growth in several of the recent years. While we were fortunate enough to expand it some last year, we decided to focus more of our efforts in working on that portion of our library. We were able to add 49 new large print titles, more than double what we added the year prior. Our Large Print readership has expanded to nearly eight times the circulation we had in fiscal year 2024. We are often greeted by patrons commenting that they are so thankful to have new titles that are easier for them to read. This is momentum we plan to continue. The limited selection of VOX Read-along books that we were able to begin adding last year, has been well received. They encourage literacy and engagement with reading for children. With the support of the state funding this year we were able to double our collection of VOX books, providing the children of our community with a wider range of books to choose from, while encouraging them to develop their reading skills. These Read-along books help enhance word-recognition and broaden vocabularies. They also allow children to explore reading more independently. We wholeheartedly believe the library is more than a repository of books, it is the heart of the community and a space for all to gather, learn, and explore. This year, our goal was to continue to provide enrichment for the youth in our community. We focused on upgrading our existing kits, creating more engaging learning tools for patrons to checkout and explore. We added two new STEM backpacks available for checkout and two road trip activity bags for families to take with them on their travels to entertain. We also wanted to elevate our story times to provide more opportunities for interactive play; activities that help to build gross and fine motor skills, color recognition, imaginative play, sensory play, and more. Children enjoy hopping on our balancing "stones," climbing through our tunnels, playing with cars on our city streets carpet, playing wooden instruments, and more. Direct State Aid has allowed us to further provide enrichment for the youth of our community and better serve those with vision impairments. As we work to provide a welcoming space to all, these offerings broaden our appeal to the community. We have seen wonderful growth in their circulation and in participation at the library. |

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| WAYNE | CORYDON | Karl Miles LeCompte Memorial Library | \$1,486.72 | In result of Direct State Aid Funding the Karl Miles LeCompte library was able to purchase a variety of new books. We are very fortunate to be able to purchase books missing from series as well as new books patron's request. Both the children's and adult sections have been expanded. |
| WAYNE | HUMESTON | Humeston Public Library | \$1,180.30 | The state aid funding helped the Humeston Public Library to purchase one new main desk top computer. It replaced one that was 10 years old and very slow. A board member that came into help with the budget said, "We need to replace that computer because one day you are going to come in here and this one (the old one) is not going to turn on" At the next meeting she explained it to the rest of the board and we got a new desk top computer. It helps in every way with-speed of checking out books to getting reports done such as this one. |
| WEBSTER | BADGER | Badger Public Library | \$604.13 | The library service in our community has improved with the help of the Direct State Aid funding by providing more large print books for our patrons. There is a coffee group that meets every Tuesday morning and the majority of them love their large print Amish romance books. They ask every week if there is anything new to read and to be able to supply them with the materials they like, makes a difference. |
| WEBSTER | CALLENDER | Callender Heritage Public Library | \$1,349.63 | Because we are a small community and a poor one the direct state aid helps us keep the doors open. This is important for the children of our community. Through the summer reading program we give the children a safe place to spend some of their time during break from school and we help them continue to read. |
| WEBSTER | DAYTON | Dayton Public Library | \$1,445.60 | It has improved our ability to provide more books and to develop our collection and to remain current with the trends of today. |
| WEBSTER | DUNCOMBE | Duncombe Public Library | \$1,306.76 | Overall, it helps to improve our services to our Patrons. Some went to updating some non-fiction books, some helped to fix our Patron computers, and we also got new adult sized chairs for the meeting room since ours were getting kind of sketchy to sit in. |
| WEBSTER | FORT DODGE | Fort Dodge Public Library | \$7,652.52 | Monies are used to help purchase additional nonprint and downloadable materials for patrons of all ages. Without these monies our collections would be much smaller and those patrons who use them would have fewer choices. |
| WEBSTER | GOWRIE | Gowrie Public Library | \$1,476.42 | Our community has had access to programing and educational programs that it would otherwise not have without this funding. We have been able to provide STEM education and programming to children in our town and surrounding communities. This has helped fund after school programming for kids that need a safe place to be after school. We have been able to encourage adult participation in programs. |
| WEBSTER | HARCOURT | Harcourt Public Library | \$1,301.01 | It helped to improve our community by helping us to remain current with the newest books and DVDs. |
| WEBSTER | LEHIGH | Lehigh Public Library | \$1,364.17 | This funding has helped the library fund youth programs, staff training, internet access and more for our community. |
| WINNEBAGO | BUFFALO CENTER | Buffalo Center Public Library | \$1,453.22 | We were able to provide extra staff and buy supplies for music and rhythm for Tiny Tots Story Time. Direct State Aid funding let us participate in our town celebration with a parade float and fun kid activities. |
| WINNEBAGO | RAKE | Rake Public Library | \$955.54 | it has helped to buy books |

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| WINNEBAGO | THOMPSON | Thompson Public Library | \$1,367.77 | Our Library is a small one and has not received an increase in funding from our City books and in over 10ehhh years. Direct State Aid allows us to purchase books and DVDs for patrons that they want to read or view. We see a growing number of patrons making use of Libby also. |
| WINNESIEK | CALMAR | Calmar Public Library | \$1,510.38 | Our library had upgraded our computers for everchanging technology. We tried a new program Razoo, the science professor from Waverly, for the children who enjoyed the program. I have broadened our collection for all age categories. |
| WINNESIEK | DECORAH | Decorah Public Library | \$3,605.19 | In a time of budget cuts, every little bit helps. With increasing demand for large print and digital materials, we need to add to our materials budget in order to meet the needs of our taxpayers. |
| WINNESIEK | FORT ATKINSON | Fort Atkinson Public Library | \$1,246.43 | We are able to purchase more items for our patrons, which gives them more choices. The patrons enjoy this, and appreciate it. |
| WINNESIEK | OSSIAN | Ossian Public Library | \$1,430.55 | We have seen an increase in visits and participation in programs for especially our young children because we were able to purchase more age-appropriate materials. |
| WINNESIEK | SPILLVILLE | Spillville Public Library | \$1,270.87 | We used the money to update our front library garden, to make the place more inviting. We added a baby changing table to the bathroom in the meeting rooms. |
| WOODBURY | ANTHON | Hamann Memorial Library | \$383.33 | These funds help us acquire large print materials for our elderly patrons. |
| WOODBURY | CORRECTIONVILLE | Correctionville Public Library | \$1,195.84 | The money from Direct State Aid adds to our purchase power of new books for our patrons. We have some great readers in our small town who enjoy the latest offerings. |
| WOODBURY | CUSHING | Cushing Community Library | \$361.56 | The Cushing Community Library would not have been able to purchase as many books for the middle school age group without this funding. With the cost of expenses going up all the time, our materials budget has had a decrease, so we appreciate every penny we get!! |
| WOODBURY | MOVILLE | Woodbury County Library | \$3,321.35 | The Storywalk provided a public resource service for all to enjoy! We have received positive feedback from our community and others who visit. |
| WOODBURY | SERGEANT BLUFF | Sergeant Bluff Public/School Library | \$692.35 | Direct State Aid funding allows our small library to offer fantastic online resources that we would never be able to offer on our own. Niche academy has been a great resource for our community and this money paid for almost the whole year. |
| WOODBURY | SIOUX CITY | Sioux City Public Library | \$18,830.83 | The Library completed a rearrangement of the teen collection this past fall. Furniture was purchased for a new teen space allowing them a space of their own. Until now, the teen area was shoved in a corner of the children's area and now they have a space of their own to read, study, and socialize. |
| WOODBURY | SLOAN | Sloan Public Library | \$1,346.69 | Sloan Public Library was able to utilize the money we received through Direct State Aid Funding to bring speakers and programs to the library that we wouldn't have been able to offer without the funding provided by the state. We also utilized the funds provided for technology needs that help provide programming to our patrons. |
| WORTH | FERTILE | Fertile Public Library | \$1,297.25 | With the direct state aid, we are able to provide new and updated materials to our patrons of all ages. |
| WORTH | HANLONTOWN | Kinney Memorial Library | \$1,276.72 | The funding is extremely helpful and important in maintaining and updating our collection. It helps the library use its city and county budgets elsewhere and have it serve our patrons better. |

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| WORTH | JOICE | Joice Public Library | \$1,277.14 | Our library offers the community a good selection of local newspapers which are very popular with the older patrons. The newspapers are expensive and many individuals do not choose to carry a subscription any longer. We do offer one newspaper online but the actual newspapers in print are much preferred by our patrons. We also purchased a nice selection of non-fiction for our patrons. Thank you for your assistance in allowing us to purchase these items. |
| WORTH | KENSETT | Kensett Public Library | \$1,287.30 | It has given us the opportunity to offer more things at the library including viewing movies, more programs for all ages. We have been able to have puzzles, Lego's and other games for all ages to enjoy. |
| WORTH | MANLY | Manly Public Library | \$1,512.63 | As a smaller town, the Direct State Aid helps the library provide more books and DVDs to our patrons. Also helps provide classes to patrons who might not get to participate in without the library |
| WORTH | NORTHWOOD | Northwood Public Library | \$1,663.72 | Many patrons tell me they enjoy the selection of books I am picking for our library! Lots of variety for them to choose from. |
| WRIGHT | BELMOND | Belmond Public Library | \$1,860.88 | Thanks to the Direct State Aid funding, we are able to provide myLibro app to our patrons. This app allows them to stay connected to our library, search the catalog, access their library card account and receive notifications of events and programs at our library. This has helped a lot of our patrons who are unable to get to the library regularly but still wish to stay connected. In addition, we were able to supplement our programming budget to offer more opportunities for literacy and education in our community. We have seen a good influx of kids and adults participating in our programs since we are able to offer more diversity in our offerings thanks to additional funding. |
| WRIGHT | CLARION | Clarion Public Library | \$1,933.51 | World Book Online database, large print books, library program supplies. |
| WRIGHT | DOWS | Dows Community Library | \$1,414.85 | This funding helped us to have a successful summer reading program which the kids look forward to each year. |
| WRIGHT | EAGLE GROVE | Eagle Grove Memorial Library | \$2,262.35 | Patrons and staff appreciate the replacement of one air conditioning unit. Without air conditioning in the building it is difficult to work efficiently or for patrons to browse for materials. |
| WRIGHT | ROWAN | Rowan Public Library | \$1,278.01 | Here at the Rowan Public Library we have been able to provide the materials the patrons want. Even the items they didn't know they wanted until they were here! |