

Did You Know?

In FY12, Iowa Public Libraries:

- 📖 Educated and entertained 1,541,986 Iowans with 71,916 library programs. If the attendees paid a commercial admission fee of \$4 a person, they would have paid OVER \$6 MILLION.
- 📖 Delivered 50,231 programs for kids - more than 138 story hours and classes.
- 📖 Provided the Summer Library Program to 96,281 children and 14,678 young adults.
- 📖 Owned more than 17 million items, including books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and downloadable items. That's over 5 items for every Iowan.
- 📖 Added about 1.1 million items to their collections for a cost of nearly \$13 million - about \$12 per item.
- 📖 Checked out 29.1 million items. If Iowans had to pay for each item, at \$12 an item, it would cost about \$349 million, or around \$116 per Iowan.
- 📖 Provided free Internet computers that were used more than 3.8 million times. If each computer was used for 30 minutes at a commercial location, it would cost about \$23 million, or about \$7.66 per Iowan.

Provided all of the above services at an average cost of \$35.93 per Iowan!

Every Day Iowa Public Libraries:

- 📖 Welcome 53,106 people to the library
- 📖 Help 10,455 people use the Internet
- 📖 Teach 7 Internet or computer classes
- 📖 Check out 79,699 items of all types
- 📖 Add 2,406 new books
- 📖 Answer 4,691 reference questions
- 📖 Host 138 programs for children with 3,414 attendees
- 📖 Host 59 programs for adults and teens with 810 attendees

