

FY07 Enrich Iowa Report State Funding for Iowa Libraries

Prepared for Governor Chet Culver,
Lt. Governor Patty Judge,
and the Iowa General Assembly

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TO: Governor Chet Culver
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Members, Iowa General Assembly

FROM: Mary Wegner, State Librarian

RE: FY07 Enrich Iowa Report

The State Library is pleased to submit to you the enclosed report on the FY07 **Enrich Iowa: State Funding for Iowa Libraries** programs.

Enrich Iowa includes three parts:

- Open Access, the statewide library card program
- Access Plus, the statewide interlibrary loan subsidy program
- Direct State Aid for public libraries.

In addition to the statewide report, we have enclosed information for each legislator on the use of Direct State Aid funds by libraries within your legislative district.

The report shows that Iowans checked out more than four million library items through the Open Access and Access Plus programs last year, and also demonstrates the impact of Direct State Aid funding on local libraries and communities.

Enrich Iowa helps create one Iowa with one unlimited future. Iowa libraries enrich Iowans' lives by contributing to education, lifelong learning, and local economic development efforts.

The State Library is proud of our role in providing the framework that makes these statewide library programs so effective. Enrich Iowa is a success, with clear and positive results. Open Access and Access Plus make Iowa's library resources available to all Iowans and are a vitally important part of library cooperation in our state. Direct State Aid improves library service for Iowans, as it was designed to do.

Thank you for your support of Enrich Iowa.

Enrich Iowa: Summary

Iowa is a state rich in libraries, with 543 public libraries; more than 80 college and university libraries; and about 1,400 school libraries. Libraries enrich Iowa and support lifelong learning.

The State Library of Iowa actively champions libraries and improves library services for Iowans through its management of the Enrich Iowa program.

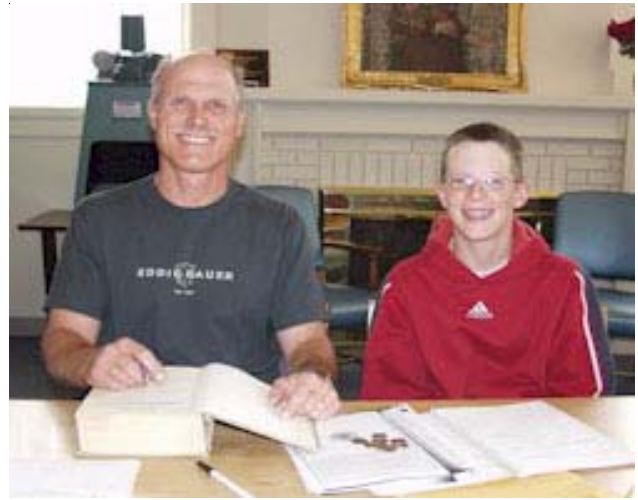
In accordance with 2007 IOWA ACTS, Chapter 214, Section 6 (4B), the State Library of Iowa is pleased to submit this report on the impact of state funding on Iowans and Iowa libraries through the Enrich Iowa program.

Enrich Iowa includes Direct State Aid to public libraries, and the Open Access and Access Plus library resource sharing programs. \$2,651,898 was distributed to Iowa libraries in FY07.

Direct State Aid helped 479 Iowa public libraries provide programs and purchase books, supplies and computers they could not otherwise offer their customers. Direct State Aid improves the quality of life and library service in Iowa. Since its inception, this funding has led to a 92 percent increase in the number of accredited public libraries in Iowa, from 171 in FY99 to 329 in FY07. This report reflects the importance of these funds in promoting lifelong learning; strengthening reading and literacy programs for children; providing safe, accessible buildings; improving Internet connections; and increasing library hours. Direct State Aid funding in FY07 was \$1 million from the general fund.

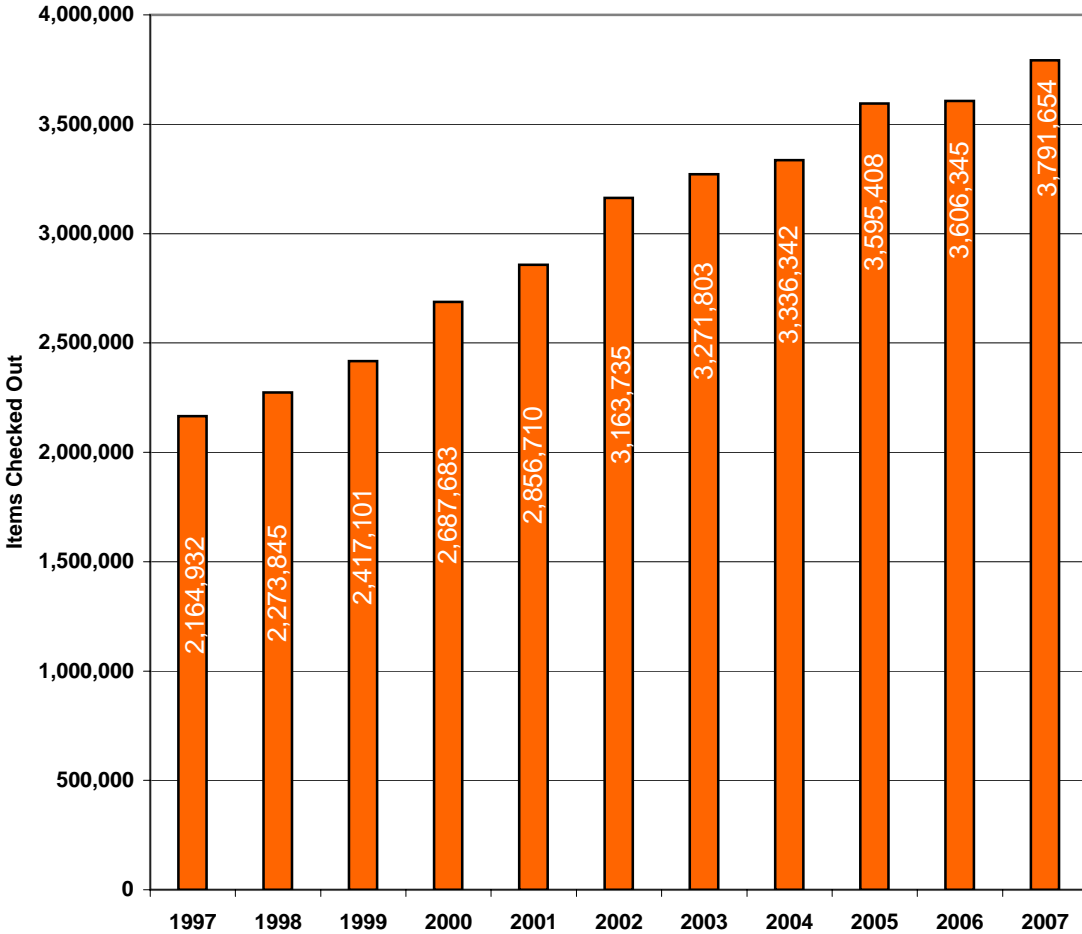
Open Access allows Iowans to walk into any participating Iowa library and borrow books and other materials. Borrowers can simply return the materials to their local public library, which will pay to ship the items back to the loaning library. Open Access reimburses a small portion of the expense involved. Iowans checked out 3,791,654 items from 609 libraries in FY07. Open Access funding in FY07 was \$1,128,091 (\$463,432 from the general fund and \$664,659 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).

Libraries are reimbursed part of the cost of mailing materials to other Iowa libraries through the **Access Plus** interlibrary loan program, which allows Iowans to borrow books and other materials from another library if their library doesn't own them. The 608 participating libraries loaned 269,000 items in FY07. Access Plus funding in FY07 was \$523,807 (\$235,000 from the general fund and \$288,807 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).



John and his son Shane from Colorado visited the Creston Public Library so John could research family history. "I traveled 600 miles to visit this library," John said.

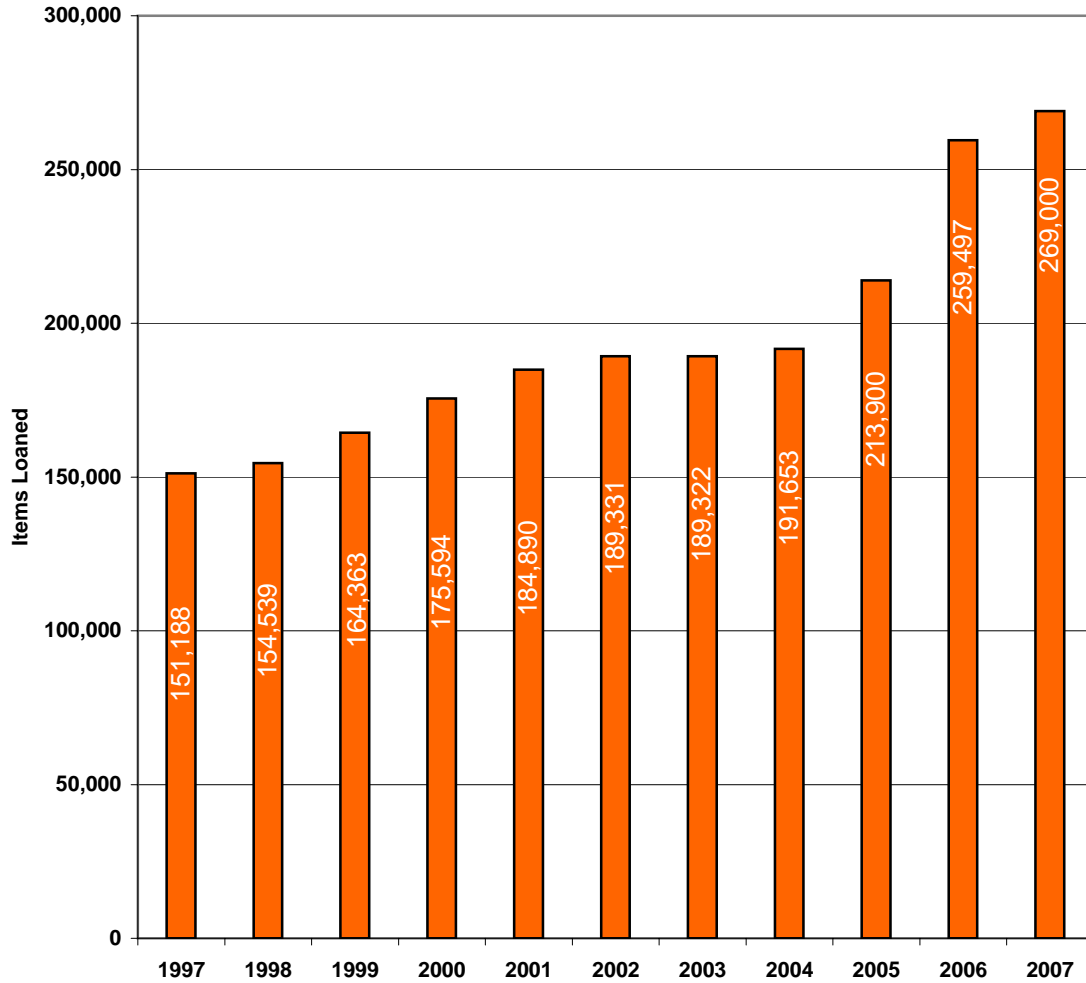
Open Access



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

The number of items checked out has increased 82% from 2,164,932 in FY97 to 3,791,654 in FY07. Open Access funding in FY07 was \$1,128,091 (\$463,432 from the State General Fund and \$664,659 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).

Access Plus



Established in 1989, Access Plus provides Iowa citizens with equal access to library materials through resource sharing among libraries. Libraries borrow materials from participating libraries to fulfill requests of their customers.

The number of items borrowed has increased 78% from 151,188 in FY97 to 269,000 in FY 07. Access Plus funding in FY07 was \$523,807 (\$235,000 from the State General Fund and \$288,807 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).

Direct State Aid

Iowans love and use their libraries. They are a critical part of Iowa's rich educational tradition. Since Direct State Aid was initiated in 1999, to the recent figures from FY06, library visits to Iowa public libraries are up 25 percent, the number of public library cardholders is up 13 percent and the number of materials checked out rose 18 percent.

Direct State Aid helps move library services in Iowa closer to the statewide vision for library service:

"Each Iowan will have equal access to information and ideas in order to participate knowledgeably and productively in a democratic society and to lead an enriched life through lifelong learning."

The Governor of Iowa and the Iowa General Assembly passed legislation creating Direct State Aid in 1999. The program is designed to improve library service and reduce inequities in library services among communities; to enhance, not replace, local funding; and to encourage achievement of statewide public library standards (*In Service to Iowa: Public Library Measures of Quality*).

"This funding helped the library expand its services to youth. One of my library kids told me his reading scores improved in school since he did so much reading at the library."

Ft. Atkinson Public Library

The funding formula for Direct State Aid is composed of three tiers which include selected public library standards. Since the funding level increases with greater compliance with standards, the tiers provide incentives for improvements in library services.

Of Iowa's 543 public libraries, 312 received Tier 3 funding (highest level), 64 received Tier 2 funding, 63 received Tier 1 funding, and 64 were not eligible in FY07.

The Enrich Iowa program, which includes Direct State Aid, Open Access and Access Plus, is a proven success. Since Enrich Iowa's inception (1999), the number of Iowa public libraries whose directors are certified (better trained in library services) increased 19 percent. The number of libraries whose collection is up to date has increased 29 percent. The number of libraries whose services to special population groups of all ages has increased 35 percent. The number of libraries open an adequate number of hours per week has increased 19 percent. The average number of libraries meeting the required state public library standards has increased 19 percent since 1999.

"We are a very active small library. The additional hours we were able to add with Direct State Aid resulted in an increase of at least 30 people per week who use the computers, bring in small children and check out materials."

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Public Library*

The Value of Direct State to Iowans in 2007

"Many people in our community cannot afford their own computers and Internet. By offering this service, they are able to set up their own e-mail accounts, do job searches, and keep in touch with loved ones far away!" – Clarksville Public Library

"If not for this funding we would not have been able to purchase the amount of new books we did. Also, by renewing our subscription to Marc Wizard we now have records that are greatly improved, which is good when patrons are looking for books. An older patron who isn't able to get out much and can't afford new reading material has said more than once that she didn't know what she would do if this library wasn't here. Thanks to this funding we are better able to purchase new material that people want to read." – Moulton Public Library

"There is a family with young children who live near the library and frequent it often. Although they are not automatically drawn to the books, they do have a DVD player at home. They have loved the selections they can now choose from. The library and the staff have become their home-away-from-home. Their single mother is suffering from cancer and has little energy to spend time being a mom. This is another example of a non-typical role the library plays in the lives of its customers." – Rockford Public Library

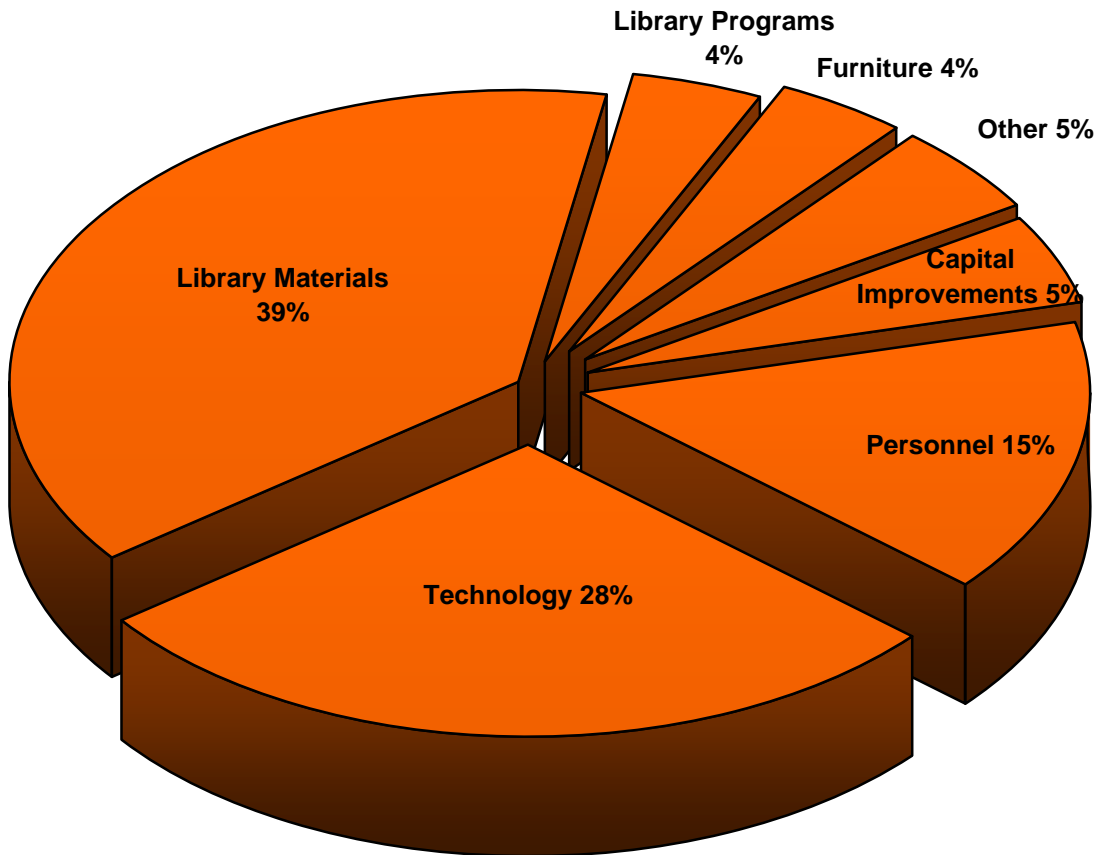
"This money was used entirely to fund part-time staff, allowing us to be open 66 hours a week. Direct State Aid has allowed our library to provide good public service to our community. We feel our excellent public service was rewarded when our community voted by over 70% to approve a \$5 million bond referendum to build a new library. Did Direct State Aid have a part in our new library? You Bet!!" – Marshalltown Public Library

"It has been a goal of mine since starting here to update and improve our non-fiction books in both the adult and juvenile collections. I feel I've gotten a good start on this project. It is wonderful to be able to answer a question and see a child's eyes light up because I had just the book on hurricanes he was looking for! This past April, the library hosted a program on gardening. In honor of this event, I purchased some up-to-date gardening books for adults and children. They were a big hit. Even the speaker from the Extension Service was impressed by the books and the quality of the information and pictures." – Williams Public Library

"We used this money toward the purchase of new public access computers. As a result, computer use has gone up 80% or more. A Hispanic woman was unable to understand her child's homework. However, using a computer we were able to not only translate the homework into Spanish, but were able to find a Web site which was able to teach/explain the concepts to the mother in Spanish. The mother was very grateful." – Hoppers Public Library

"Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase Iowa Children's Choice Award and Teen Award books, as well as books on CD for children and adults. I wouldn't have been able to purchase these items without this funding." – Sully Public Library

Uses by Iowa public libraries of Direct State Aid (\$1,000,000)



Based on 479 Iowa public libraries reporting expenditures of Direct State Aid funds

City	Direct State Aid Amount	Categories for Use of Direct State Aid	Use of Direct State Aid Funding by 479 Public Libraries
Ackley	\$1677	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	We now will be able to help more people with longer hours and also the new computer makes it possible for 2 staff members to help patrons at one time. We had a limited amount of large print books, but an increasing number of people who wanted them. They are so happy with our new selection as well as our new hours.
Adair	NE		
Adel	\$1592	Technology & Equipment	Computers are an important part of the library world. Staff and patrons like fast, up-to-date computers.
Agency	\$1276	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Programs	We were able to put all our books and our catalog on the new computer. We have been able to help the children that have trouble reading a book enjoy the same books as their peers with the new audio books. They also assisted the community school's reading program. A young man that has a learning disability directed at reading was able to get an "A" in the reading program at his school with the audio books we purchased.
Akron	\$1091	Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	The blinds in the meeting room were literally falling apart so these funds helped us purchase new ones. The software and tech support are expensive but necessary.
Albert City	\$1324	Materials & Supplies; Programs	
Albia	\$1583	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	We have not been able to have a 6 week reading program for 2 years because of budget restraints. Last year it was only four weeks and we had many requests for a longer program. It helped many children enjoy books, crafts and more personal attention. The longer program was a great success and helped a high school student earn money for college.
Albion	\$ 486	Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase current best sellers and items that patrons requested.
Alden	\$1410	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a new microfilm reader/printer with Direct State Aid.
Alexander	\$1372	Materials & Supplies; Programs	This money is so wonderful for small libraries. With our limited budgets we are able to offer much more to our patrons.
Algona	\$2742	Capital Improvements	Our public restroom doors are very heavy and difficult to open. Anyone with limited arm strength or in a wheelchair had difficulty opening them. Direct State Aid has enabled us to install automatic door openers so our patrons have easier access to the restrooms. About an hour after they were installed, an elderly patron came up to the circulation desk and thanked our assistant director for the new doors. She was very pleased to be able to use the restroom without so much difficulty.
Allerton	NE		

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Allison	\$1416	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	We are open more hours. We are now better staffed and better equipped to meet the growing needs and demands of the Allison community. We have made available more selections of DVD's for our patrons and they so appreciate being able to come to the library and find a movie that they have been wanting to watch. Our community is small and patrons like to be able to get and watch a movie without traveling to a neighboring town since gas prices are so high.
Alta	\$1556	Materials & Supplies	We ordered Pimsleur Language Programs in Spanish, German and English as a Second Language. We feel the community will enjoy these.
Alta Vista	\$1299	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs; Other	By purchasing movies we've had 22 new patrons get library cards. We have some people with little kids that don't have a lot of money. They were able to check out videos without worrying about renting them. We also purchased new books for young readers.
Alton	\$1116	Materials & Supplies	We were able to add many more books to our collection. As the cost of books increase, we are able to give the patrons a larger selection of books to read and enjoy thanks to this funding!
Altoona	\$5520	Materials & Supplies	We have been rapidly expanding our audiovisual collection and Direct State Aid greatly helps us attain our goal. Our library patrons have been demanding a better collection and the state aid is a big help especially when considering the cost of good unabridged books on CD. We have a number of salespeople who are on the road a lot and having a nice collection of books on CD really fits their need. We have had a lot of people tell us that this is one way they can keep up with bestsellers, or polish their sales skills or listen to motivational books during their drive time.
Ames	\$14343	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Furniture; Programs	Ames Public Library used Direct State Aid funding to enhance two library outreach programs for children. Books for Babies packets contain a board book and information for parents on the importance of reading beginning at birth. These packets are given to all new moms who deliver at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames. Project Smyles is the library's outreach service to preschools and daycares. The initial visit includes the library bookmobile and an appearance by Smyles, the Big Blue Dog. Staff members leave a deposit collection for the site and each child receives a copy of "Dog Tales" which is the Ames Public Library's own published book and a packet of information for parents on early literacy development. On follow-up visits staff members share a storytime which is used as a training session for daycare providers and models good storytime sharing skills. Staff also refresh the deposit collection for the home or daycare center.

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			Following is an excerpt from a letter the library received from a daycare provider served by Project Smyles. "Here in Ames, we are fortunate to have a top-notch library, offering programs of all sorts to people of all ages but many children are unable to access the programs the library offers because they spend their time in daycare. Even weekend and evening programs are not always feasible for working parents who come home each day exhausted, desiring just a little quiet time with children. Project Smyles gives all children equal access to library programs by taking their story tellers to the children. I have been excited to see all that Project Smyles has done for the children I cherish and the quality of my childcare program. I look forward not only to the continuance of this program but to its growth. How wonderful it would be if every child could learn the love of reading Project Smyles has brought to the children it has served!"
Anamosa	\$2496	Materials & Supplies	The extra funding has expanded our collection of books and CDs, giving patrons more choices. CD's help quicken travel time.
Anita	\$1436	Technology & Equipment	Computer technician. Our service to the community in the area of computers depends on how good our equipment and programs are. We have to fix and update as the need arises. Direct State Aid allowed us to supplement our budget line item in this area. We have many patrons tell us how good the computers are and how much they appreciate our wireless service.
Ankeny	\$9898	Other	These resources make it possible to offer our patrons 24-7 on-line reference resources.
Anthon	\$ 420	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Our patrons are enjoying a larger selection of mysteries and westerns. Any author we purchased pleased them. Some of the younger patrons would rather play the CD games than the ones on the Internet. Through word-of-mouth, a patron who hasn't visited the library for many years has now begun visiting us again. They found out our large print selection has increased.
Aplington	\$1438	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	With additional materials comes additional use. Magazines, audios, and videos are popular at our library and the additional ones that were purchased were appreciated and used by our patrons.
Archer	\$ 442	Technology & Equipment	
Arlington	\$1266	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We were able update our automation system and get our card catalog on the Web. We also purchased large print and audio materials. The school teachers are able to check our collection from school. Senior citizens enjoy large print, and patrons driving out of town to work enjoy books on CD.
Armstrong	\$1382	Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	We needed a new fax/printer. We used the rest of the Direct State Aid money for lights in the adult section. This has made the library more user friendly. I have noticed that more students have come to study.

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Arnolds Park	\$1544	Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements; Programs	We really needed new outlets for plugging in laptop computers. This is a vacation area so we get LOTS of laptop users every day in the summer.
Arthur	\$ 417	Materials & Supplies	We have patrons who only come in to look at our display of new materials. Thank you for allowing us to provide these items.
Ashton	\$1319	Personnel	Due to Direct State Aid, we're able to serve the public by being open more hours a week.
Atkins	\$1458	Technology & Equipment	The extra computer and the DSL line that we purchased with Direct State Aid makes it possible for more patrons to be on the computers at a time. DSL makes the connection faster and it takes less time for patrons to do what they need to do on the Internet.
Atlantic	\$2843	Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs	Our new voice mail system, purchased with Direct State Aid funds, allows patrons to leave messages for the library staff either when the library is closed or possibly when the staff is busy with patrons. This enables our patrons to have 24/7 access to the library. New to our library programming service is an Adult Summer Reading program. Just as youngsters enjoy being rewarded, adults do, too! A new pen with the library name on it is always a nice gift. One person who normally works the graveyard shift often has overdue materials. Now she is able to leave a message for renewal of her library loans. She was very pleased with this new service!
Auburn	\$ 506	Personnel	We used this money to pay for a consultant to set up and configure KOHA – a new circulation/OPAC. We also paid staff to attend PLOW training through the State Library and the related work it required in the library.
Audubon	\$1866	Personnel; Programs	Programs for adults and children were provided by Direct State Aid and included Lee Williams (Abraham Lincoln presenter); Kenneth Lyftogt (Iowans in the Civil War); Gone with the Wind collectibles display and an Elvis collectible display; Iowa Wildflowers; Lightning Rods; Audubon Girl's Trio; Veteran's Day Tribute to War Veterans; John Wayne Birthplace display & talk; Laura Comito (artist and author); Natural Health & Cancer Prevention; C. O. Lamp (author); Kathy Ewoldt with Iowa Hospice. The programs held at the library provided information and entertainment. The funding for these programs and displays enabled many educational and entertaining opportunities for many people.
Aurelia	\$1406	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	With this funding we were able to replace an aging and temperamental printer-scanner-copier-fax with a new one that saves us time and money. Patrons are now able to use the PSC fax without a staff member standing by. Our genealogy buffs really like that. Enrich Iowa funds also allow us to be open more than 40 hours per week.
Aurora	\$ 427	Materials & Supplies;	We can offer more choices in our audio collection. Our reference materials are much more up to date

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		Technology & Equipment	and our stats continue to go up. We have 2 college students using the audio books to listen to for class and while commuting.
Avoca	\$1558	Furniture; Other	We found that kids were not checking out items that did not have Accelerated Reading Quizzes. We want to have different materials than the school. We also purchased a 7-foot custom wood storage cabinet and 2 compact disc browser/displayers.
Badger	NE		
Bagley	\$1290	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	The fill-in staff person has been wonderful. Both regular staff can be gone at the same time to attend much needed training without feeling guilty about having the door closed for a day.
Bancroft	\$1424	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	With the additional funds from Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase 2 great new series of children's books that otherwise we probably would not have been able to afford. Also, the funds enhanced our Summer Reading Program with supplies and new books. We need and appreciate these funds. We are very grateful for what we receive, but we wish there was more money for each library. Thank you very much!
Batavia	NE		
Battle Creek	\$1324	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	There are four computers in our library and there is a high demand for their use. Since there are only four, we try our best to keep them all updated and running so that our patrons can have access to all of them. (If one computer isn't working, it makes a huge difference.) We need additional staff in the library when we have our Summer Reading Program. We sometimes have up to 80 children at a program which requires extra staff.
Baxter	\$1400	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	The computer classes were really enjoyed and we will try to do them again. We hired a high school junior to help with the Summer Reading Program. She wants to go on to teach and she got a feel for what it's like to have a group of kids. We'll probably hire her next summer, also.
Bayard	\$1344	Technology & Equipment	We now have a much improved circulation system with an online catalog and remote access privileges for patrons who wish to check their accounts from a remote location. The cataloging software included has helped us do a better job and saved us some staff time as well. We also suspect that we are getting more accurate circulation counts.
Beaman	\$1332	Technology & Equipment	We can now copy and print color copies for people. We can fax items in color that we couldn't before. So, we have been able to give customers more services than before. A person needed some color pictures sent to another family. We could use our photo software on our new computer to copy and fax them.
Bedford	\$ 518	Technology & Equipment	Without this funding we would not be able to afford the maintenance agreement on our machines and we can't afford to have them break down either. People

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			come from many states to use our microfiche for genealogy. I'm sure they would be very unhappy if they got here and our machines didn't work.
Belle Plaine	\$1868	Personnel; Programs	We were able to add another staff person to help with programs for kids, as well as someone to help with regular library operations. Our new staff person does very well working with teens, as well as being friendly with all of the public. I believe this has had a positive impact on the amount of teens we see in the library.
Bellevue	\$1858	Technology & Equipment	We used the money for a new automation system for the library. It has enabled us to more effectively serve our patrons with faster service and better search tools. This funding is a godsend for small town libraries.
Belmond	\$1936	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase additional books and magazine subscriptions, and that always makes the patrons happy.
Bennett	\$ 443	Materials & Supplies	We have been able to offer more items of interest to check out in our small library. It's awesome to be able to do this for our patrons.
Bettendorf	\$8082	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Other	We spent this funding on marketing library services and on Certified Public Library Administrator courses from the Public Library Association for two staff members. We raised awareness of the library, improved signage in the building, and increased the professionalism of the staff.
Birmingham	NE		
Blairstown	\$1320	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Furniture	We found out that the community was very receptive to the longer hours we were able to provide. With the statistics of the increased patron traffic, we asked the city council for additional money for extended hours in fiscal year 07/08 and received it. Many residents commute to Cedar Rapids and are not back in town until 6 p.m. One young mother thanked us specifically for staying open later. She and her two children come in weekly to pick books out. Many families come after their evening meal and pick out books to read at bed time.
Blakesburg	\$ 836	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture	We are able to hire help during our Summer Library Program. We purchased a DVD rotation contract and children's DVDs. We also have a standing order of best sellers in large print, and we bought ottomans for the teen area.
Bloomfield	\$1289	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We paid for our online EBSCOhost magazine subscription, bar codes for automation cataloging, new signs and a desk for computers with scholastic games on them that were donated to us by a teacher. Without this money, continuation of our subscription magazines would not be possible.
Bode	\$ 907	Capital Improvements	We needed a handicapped bathroom for our patrons. It is now much easier for several people in our community to come to the library. We would not have

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			been able to do this if not for a grant and Direct State Aid funding. Not only is this bathroom better for some of our handicapped citizens, but also serves our elderly who sometimes have trouble in bathrooms. We do appreciate this money.
Bonaparte	\$ 427	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid helps to keep the latest books on the shelves of this very small library.
Bondurant	\$1651	Materials & Supplies	We purchased 20 Discovery of Learning packs. They include books, CDs, videos, and other materials to enhance the topic. They're all bundled together in a mesh backpack. Topics include: new siblings, insects, art, space, numbers, how to tell time, etc. The packs have been widely used and most are checked out all the time.
Boone	\$4344	Materials & Supplies	Our Direct State Aid was used primarily for adult and juvenile audio books and DVDs. Our materials budget didn't allow for the quantity of audio books we need to meet a growing demand. My patrons prefer unabridged audio books which are quite costly.
Boyden	\$1053	Materials & Supplies	We purchased books on CD, Spanish books, and toner for our printer. We really appreciate this state funding. It helps us reach out to more patrons than we would be able to if we didn't have it.
Breda	NE		
Britt	\$1754	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	Summer evening hours have been very popular - additional help for story hour, summer reading programs and after school homework helpers has improved these programs which in turn has more kids in the library - which is a very good thing! Being a "safe place" after school has helped the kids we serve and their parents who need to know their children are safe. There are fewer problems with children "at large" in the community. We were also able to expand our audio book collection to include juvenile and young adult titles.
Brooklyn	\$1070	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We used this money to purchase new books, our Follett subscription and fees for EBSCOhost databases.
Buffalo Center	\$ 577	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid money, along with \$300 from our holiday bake sale, was used towards the purchase of a computer to be used by our patrons. Our patrons do not have to wait so long to get their turn on the computer.
Burlington	\$5656	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a 3M staff work station for RFID conversion and circulation functions, and a public use network printer. In our new facility, the use of RFID technology has enabled us to manage a 30% increase in check-outs without additional staff. The added workstation makes check-in "behind the scenes" possible. On the first day the new Burlington Public Library opened (November 13, 2006), 3,084 items were checked out. On the first day of summer reading, 4,155 items were checked out. RFID technology enables this continued level of public use.
Burt	\$1357	Technology &	Without this funding we could not keep the library up-

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		Equipment; Other	to-date with the modern computers that we have now. The community appreciates the technology that we are able to provide. We have college students who are thrilled that they can come into a small-town library and use their laptops due to the fact that we are able to afford wireless Internet. When visitors come from out of town, they are always impressed with our library. What a wonderful feeling when they give out the compliments! We were also able to pay labor costs for a computer technician.
Bussey	\$ 448	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Programs	Because of Direct State Aid, the library has been able to extend hours enabling more people to use the library. We have been able to revive the Summer Reading Program. Due to the availability of Internet access at the library, one patron was able to search for a place to live and job opportunities in another state, and was able to make a more informed and comfortable move.
Calamus	NE		
Callender	\$1321	Materials & Supplies	Because of Direct State Aid, we were able to add a lot to our children's non-fiction section. Many of the new books were used by a preschool teacher who needed books for several units.
Calmar	\$1494	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	As a result of Direct State Aid, our library continues to purchase audio books/books on CD to expand our collection to serve those patrons who prefer this type of format. We have also purchased 3 different sets of young adult/junior reference books, as well as an updated set of "state" books of the United States. Purchasing the new computer with this funding has been an asset to the public. I have a patron who is legally blind and therefore relies entirely upon audio books for listening pleasure. Elementary and middle school students utilized the newer reference materials we have purchased with state aid funding and they really appreciate being able to use newer/updated resource materials for school assignments and reading pleasure.
Camanche	\$2091	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Direct State Aid allows us to purchase large print and audio books. It also helped pay for Summer Reading Program supplies, a storyteller, and story hour and craft supplies.
Cambridge	NE		
Cantril	NE		
Carlisle	\$1421	Materials & Supplies	This funding has allowed us to increase the number and variety of hardbound children's books.
Carroll	\$3726	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	We were able to pay staff to work while the director was recuperating from surgery. We were able to use some of the money for our McNaughton rental plan. McNaughton allows us to acquire multiple copies of best sellers, thus reducing reserve lists and waiting time for patrons. Our patrons are pleased to get these books in timely fashion. They tell friends and more folks use our services.
Carter Lake	\$1858	Personnel; Programs	These funds allowed us to hire summer help and purchase Summer Reading Program incentives.

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Cascade	\$1627	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture; Other	The money helped pay for our EBSCOhost online databases subscription, a wireless router, new carpet, a bookcase and magazine rack, and putting the local newspaper on microfilm. College kids love the wireless Internet. Direct State Aid allows us to get things we need that we would not get otherwise.
Casey	\$ 512	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture	Direct State Aid funds were applied to salaries; audio and large print books, a DVD player for in-house use and a spinner tower rack.
Cedar Falls	\$10375	Personnel	This funding is ensuring the continuation of a grant called Gray Matters by providing for the project coordinator's salary. The program targets active seniors, seniors who live in retirement/nursing centers and home-bound patrons. The program provides aids and devices to enhance reading abilities for seniors and disabled customers, plus provides motorized carts and special walkers for those with mobility problems. Book discussion groups at nursing and retirement centers, which began with the 3rd Age Project, continue. Other services offered include recruiting and training volunteers for outreach, a special website for seniors and the use of bi-folkal kits. We know from the success of the very first 3rd Age Project that this program will continue to change the lives of area seniors. Many new book discussion groups have formed since the program first began, and several library staff members have become involved in the book clubs.
Cedar Rapids	\$29392	Materials & Supplies	We purchased adult and children's books. This funding is very important to the enhancement of the library's collection. Thank you.
Center Point	\$1255	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	The Neibors Project, supported with Direct State Aid funds, is exciting for our audio materials listeners. They can download the book/music onto their own equipment for a time. If they want to burn to disc we have equipment at the library to assist them.
Centerville	\$2531	Materials & Supplies	Because of Direct State Aid, our nonfiction collection has been updated, demand for large print has been partially satisfied, and teens have a greater selection of reading materials. One of the new nonfiction books was recommended for reading by the director, who enjoyed it enough that she ordered the audiobook edition and was able to attract a new patron by suggesting he listen to it. He was not a library user before, but now he checks out audiobooks regularly. Improving the nonfiction print material was the indirect cause of gaining him as a patron.
Central City	NE		
Chariton	\$2301	Technology & Equipment	This funding is helping make us become an automated library. As we near the end of our retro-cataloging, and the end of grant funds which were

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			secured for that purpose, we realize that Direct State Aid has been an important source for some of the funds necessary to maintain our continuing automation subscriptions which were not covered in the grant funding. Each budget year, we are unable to allocate enough of our local dollars to cover these expenses. This money has filled that hole in our budget, allowing us to get the job done. The fact that we are becoming automated makes a great difference to our staff. The pride and confidence we feel in meeting the needs of our patrons has increased dramatically with the ability to locate and make items available to patrons more efficiently. Our staff feels like we're no longer behind the times or inadequate. Our push to utilize technology in serving our patrons is improving the image our community has of their library.
Charles City	\$3173	Materials & Supplies	The DVDs and the large print medias we purchased with these funds have been well received. The MP3 discs are still finding a market. Hardware that plays this format is not as popular with our customers, so the folks who like this format are fewer. One advantage of an MP3 disc is that most audio books can be recorded on 1 or 2 discs, which means commuters don't have to risk life and limb to change discs as they speed down the highway. With the onset of the downloadable MP3 e-books, we will be interested to see the use and popularity of this format. We have several commuters who have nearly exhausted our audio collection. Therefore, additional titles are eagerly awaited by them.
Charter Oak	NE		
Chelsea	NE		
Cherokee	\$2442	Materials & Supplies	These funds allowed us to purchase new DVDs and books.
Churdan	\$1430	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture	The video cabinet we purchased increased our floor space for children's programming by about 3-4 feet, so the children are more comfortable and can see the story book better. The new book case makes it easier for people to make selections. We have a great number of commuters and we are in the process of shifting from tapes to CD's to accommodate them. The fire extinguisher we purchased allows us to comply with the insurance company. We have an elderly patron who has suffered a stroke and can no longer get to the library to choose her books, and it is more difficult for her to read as much as she used to. She is simply thrilled with the Love Inspired series we purchased. They are a very easy read and she appreciates that. We also have several other older patrons who prefer the light weight, light reading books!
Clare	NE		
Clarence	\$1390	Technology & Equipment; Furniture;	With Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase more books, add more DVDs and update our large print area. We have an elderly woman who comes in to

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		Other	read the large print books. We have a chair waiting for her in the large print room. She sits down and takes her time looking over all of them. We were also able to purchase an answering machine.
Clarinda	\$2469	Personnel; Programs	The Direct State Aid funds allowed our library to reach more community members with Saturday hours. Many of our adult patrons who work during the week are now able to use the library on Saturdays. The funds also allowed us to purchase much needed supplies for our Summer Library Programs.
Clarion	\$2007	Other	We paid consultation fees for professional fundraising and an architect's consulting fees.
Clarksville	\$1518	Technology & Equipment	The new computers we purchased with these funds are much faster, so our patrons are able to access the Internet quicker and have a better overall experience. We are also getting new patrons because of these new computers. Many people in our community cannot afford their own computers and Internet. By offering this service, they are able to set up their own e-mail accounts, do job searches, and keep in touch with loved ones far away!
Clear Lake	\$3309	Materials & Supplies	Direct state aid funds help us to provide a greater number of audio-visual materials in a variety of formats to serve groups diverse in age and interests. People, especially home schooling families, appreciate the documentaries in our video collection, and nonfiction in our audio books.
Clearfield	NE		
Cleghorn	\$1235	Materials & Supplies	With a larger collection of audio, large print and children's books, the library has attracted new patrons from neighboring towns. We have several elderly patrons living in Cleghorn. Earlier this year, they asked if the library could start a large print collection. By purchasing large print books with state funding we have given them an opportunity to continue reading.
Clermont	\$ 897	Materials & Supplies	With Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase New World Book People & Places and other books for the library.
Clinton	\$7472	Capital Improvements	These funds have permitted the new building study process to move forward to external and interior renderings, site study, floor plan bases on space needs assessment and building program documents. The public has had multiple points of access to contribute to the planning process at public meetings. An elderly person came to one of the presentations and stated she came into the meeting against the idea. But after hearing how well thought out the project was and how careful all parties were of the taxpayers' budgets, she changed her opinion to support the new library.
Clive	\$4307	Materials & Supplies	New books & CDs were purchased with Direct State Aid.
Clutier	\$ 412	Materials & Supplies	With Direct State aid, we purchased new books for our patrons. We put out a request jar and tried to get a variety of suggestions of books for all ages. This funding sure helped to fill in where our budget lacked.

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Coggon Coin	\$ 965 NE	Materials & Supplies	With the Direct State monies, we were able to further develop our book selection and purchase much needed materials.
Colesburg	\$1255	Furniture	Before new shelving was added, our books were very crowded and the wall where the shelving was placed was just wasted space. We now have a very welcoming, organized space for our local and state books located near a reading table for convenience. As a result of the additional shelving, we were also able to move all of our large-print books to a more prominent place. I've had many older patrons comment that they didn't know we even offered large-print books and they really appreciate the easier-to-read selections.
Colfax	\$1073	Capital Improvements	The DVD & CD browser we purchased with Direct State Aid will make it much more accessible for our patrons to see what we have. This is something we would not have been able to purchase out of our budget.
Collins	\$1261	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Our limited budget would not allow for any growth of programs or services, and the state funding is used to provide for and expand our library. The state funding is our only means to grow and develop not only for our community, but in some cases county wide. We would be completely stalemated without this money. We have one family that homeschools two children and uses our library for the majority of their learning materials. Whether it is the historical collection, or the early reading materials, they use our library several times a week to educate their children.
Colo	\$1541	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	With Direct State Aid, the library purchased a hanging shelf unit designed for cake pans. Materials needed for processing the cake pans (hanging bags, labels, pockets, etc.) were also purchased. The Colo library came up with this idea when a family donated over 100 cake pans to the library after their mother/grandmother died. She had been the cake lady in town for years. The family and community thought this was a wonderful way to remember a great lady.
Columbus Junction	\$1647	Technology & Equipment	We purchased 3 new computers with Direct State Aid. We reached the maximum number of computers needed for a library of our size. We have 6 for adult patrons and 3 for children in the children's room.
Conrad	\$1548	Materials & Supplies	We used these funds for audio visual materials, especially DVDs, CDs, and audio books.
Coon Rapids	\$1495	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was used for staff training for part-time workers, books including large print, and a fax/printer and software.
Coralville	\$5560	Personnel	We used all of our Direct State Aid funds to supplement our part-time personnel funding. This enabled us to do some aggressive weeding and collection development in preparation for the

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			upcoming transition to temporary configuration due to our building project now in progress. We are spread very thin right now, in terms of staffing our public services and accomplishing all of our tech services, as well as the demands of the building project. These funds allowed us to get some much needed work done on the nonfiction and CD collections, truly benefitting our users!
Corning	\$1646	Materials & Supplies	We will use this money to purchase new books.
Correctionville	NE		
Corwith	\$ 916	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	We are a small community of 350 and our budget is limited. This additional funding allows us to better serve our patrons in a variety of ways! Staff were able to get needed training, we purchased new books and videos, and offered a Summer Library Program. We have a number of low income folks in our community and our Summer Reading Program gives some of those children an opportunity to have a rewarding experience.
Corydon	\$1517	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to add more hours. The library is more accessible to persons who work until 5 p.m. because we are open until 6 p.m. We also purchased new audio books and CDs.
Coulter	\$1382	Materials & Supplies; Programs	We purchased new books and music CDs for children. We also took our Summer Reading Program to day care centers to promote reading. We have more young families coming to get books for the young readers.
Council Bluffs	\$14750	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Other	The funds enhanced our audio/visual collection. 20% of our circulation is audio/visual. The funds also enabled us to purchase a new machine to clean and polish CDs and DVDs as they are returned, thus, giving them a longer life. We hear a lot of people from our community tell us what a great collection we have. The money from Direct State Aid helps enhance the collection.
Cresco	\$2121	Materials & Supplies	We are able to circulate more books to our 6,500 patrons. I was able to gather up several new bestsellers for a woman to read at home while she was recovering from knee surgery.
Creston	\$2972	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	We used this funding to extend our hours, and for staff training and salaries. We also purchased a new copier. Patrons can now make their own copies. With a pay increase in April, everyone was able to keep their jobs and same amount of hours.
Crystal Lake	\$1269	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Direct State Aid was used for training, new books, printer and computer repair, and our Summer Reading Program. Every little bit helps in a small town; it keeps us going. The library gives our kids a safe and productive place to go.
Cumberland	\$ 848	Personnel; Materials & Supplies;	The funding we get helps to do many things in the library. We are a small community, but the children really use the library. With the funding we can have a

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		Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture	nice Summer Reading Program and it also provides for other things in the library. It was fun to watch the children get excited about reading. They also have checked out the books we could buy with these funds and enjoyed the movies.
Cushing	\$ 389	Materials & Supplies; Other	All the patrons of our library benefit from the new outdoor book return we purchased with Direct State Aid. We needed a different outside book return when we moved to a new location. We chose a stainless steel, freestanding book return that is not attached to the building itself. It is more secure and also more visible to the public. The library director reports that it is used extensively throughout the week. One senior citizen in particular has become an avid reader since her retirement. She especially enjoys a specific author who is a prolific writer of religious fiction. Last week the library director called her when we received the first book in a new series by this author. The patron was at the library within minutes and was so excited to get her hands on this book. She couldn't wait to get home to get started reading it. Funds to buy new books helps us to create these moments.
Dallas Center	\$1626	Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase series 3 of America the Beautiful. It is helpful to school students to have current volumes available on individual states and countries.
Davenport	\$23038	Personnel; Other	Direct State Aid was used for our staff development and training, and the Summer Reading Program which attracted 4,370 more program attendees, a 232% increase over the previous year. Our total program attendance increased 83% to 15,509 attendees. An elementary teacher at Wilson School in Davenport shared that her students are proudly showing her books that they have checked out at the library. Many had not gone to a library until their families started attending our programs. Also, 95 students at Adams Elementary finished the Summer Reading Program and proudly wore their library t-shirts to a city council meeting where they thanked the council for a library they could walk to easily.
Dayton	\$1431	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	We are able to purchase more books and provide more services for our patrons, including a storytime and Summer Reading Program supplies. We were also able to pay for some technical support.
De Soto	\$1383	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	With the new furniture, rugs, and desktops purchased with these funds, the library has been given an upgraded look! The old computer chairs were from 1994 and a bit thread bare on the seat. We have not received the new children's audio tapes yet but I plan a promotion focusing on them when they do arrive. The new patron chairs are quite a hit! Parents often come to the library with their young children. The kids will play while the parents sit and read the paper. One grandmother told me she really appreciates the new chairs, that they are very comfortable.

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Decorah	\$3482	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	The funds allowed us to be open more hours. What a better way to serve our community than to "boast" that the library serves the public seven days a week. We have had families state that they use the library on Sundays when they can come as a family. The books on CD that we purchased are growing in demand and now we have more titles to choose from.
Delhi	\$1267	Furniture; Other	We were able to purchase 3 new shelves for our children's section as well as a large bulletin board.
Denison	\$3038	Technology & Equipment	Computing at the library is more streamlined now that we have a few new computers. All of our machines now run the same software and have the same configurations, which makes patrons happy! With our new computers, we hosted our first Game Night at the library. Thirteen teen boys joined us that night -- mostly teens that don't have other activities in which to participate. One young man, a teen that we know doesn't have the best home life, made a special point to thank us personally after the event was over, and has been a regular visitor to our library and seems to have a better relationship with staff members. I'm not sure we'll ever really know how much our attention means to him simply because we connected with him over his favorite hobby -- gaming.
Denver	\$1709	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	With Direct State Aid, we purchased new magazines, newspapers and books. We also had our printer repaired and purchased antivirus software for the computers. The funds also allowed us to purchase Summer Library Program giveaways.
Des Moines	\$47655	Materials & Supplies	This funding is an important supplement to our materials budget and provides additional materials to our customers.
DeWitt	\$2724	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs; Other	Books on CD for children and adults were purchased with these funds. We were also able to purchase printers and computer equipment. We have helped a small local school district that has several students who need to listen to a book along with their reading program.
Dexter	\$ 904	Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase new magazines. For some time we have been unhappy with our magazine circulation. This year we decided to invest in more titles and a wider variety. Already our circulation has made a substantial jump so we feel that our patrons are much better served than previously. Christian fiction is always popular but this year, thanks to Direct State Aid, we were able to add some new authors who are more "fun" and appeal to a younger group. People who just visited the library to use the computers or the copy and fax machines have started checking out the newer magazines and "fun" Christian fiction titles. We now have several patrons who were formerly only interested in our technological services who are now reading. This includes the "teen" group who like many of our new magazines. We librarians certainly feel that reading changes lives.
Dickens	\$ 428	Personnel	We hired another person to take over the director's

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			job. She started out working on the children's programs and learning how to do the cataloging and book distribution.
Dike	\$1525	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Programs	We have increased our Summer Reading Program from 50 children to over a 100. We had increased usage and patron visits this year again. People tell us we have a great selection and many new things. We try to have some of the books the school has for the Accelerated Reader program. We have them all marked so the children can recognize them. One little girl wanted to read a special book, but there was a long reserve list at the school. We were able to supply her the book.
Donnellson	\$1408	Personnel; Other	We are a very active small library. The additional hours we were able to add with Direct State Aid resulted in an increase of at least 30 people per week who use the computers, bring in young children, and check-out materials. We noticed that a local housewife spent a lot of time helping her husband with his college classes, researching topics on the Internet for him while he was in classes in Burlington. We convinced her that she had all of the skills necessary to go back to school also. She enrolled during this summer's semester.
Doon	\$ 483	Programs	Direct State Aid adds to what we as a small town library can offer! Much of the money went towards our Summer Reading Program. Thank you!
Dow City	NE		
Dows	\$1490	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase junior fiction and large print books, as well as a laminator and cards.
Dubuque	\$14159	Technology & Equipment	Thanks to Direct State Aid, we had the opportunity to try new databases with remote access. Tutor.com has been very helpful. Use has been very strong and has made a compelling case for ongoing funding from the city.
Dumont	\$ 496	Materials & Supplies	We are able to purchase the Iowa Children's Choice books as well as the Iowa Teen Awards books because of these funds. The teens enjoy having a collection of books specifically for them. They enjoy the wide variety of titles and subjects.
Duncombe	\$1330	Technology & Equipment; Furniture	Due to space limitations, we have been unable to subscribe to additional requested magazines. The new revolving rack we purchased with these funds holds double the number of subscriptions, thus allowing us to obtain a wider variety of magazines, which we are able to do through a magazine exchange service for a nominal increase in cost. The new laptop will allow the library board secretary to type the minutes at the meetings. This is much more accurate and efficient, and will allow her to more fully contribute at the meetings. Based on this improvement, she agreed to serve another term. She has been, and continues to be, a valuable member of the board. The computer will also be used to store

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			backups, allowing us additional safety for our records in the event of power or computer failure.
Dunkerton	\$1326	Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase new books and audio books. I have a patron that is losing her vision and she has been very thankful to have the new audio books. She has always been a very avid reader.
Dunlap	\$ 508	Personnel	We were able to hire a substitute librarian so I could take a vacation.
Dyersville	\$2155	Materials & Supplies	Iowa's Direct State Aid program has improved our library's ability to provide quality services. We were able to improve the quality and quantity of our DVD collection.
Dysart	\$1460	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	We have a large group of young people who have no parents available during the day and we felt adding more books to the collection for that age group would get them doing something besides playing games on the computers. I have watched some of these kids grow up and hopefully having things they like to read encourages a life long love of reading. We also purchased supplies for our summer story hour.
Eagle Grove	\$2296	Materials & Supplies	The demand for audio books and large print materials continues to increase more rapidly than our budget for those materials. As our population continues to age, demand for these materials will continue to increase. We have several truck drivers, commuters and assembly line workers in our community. They are using our audio book collection extensively. They also share with other people they work with.
Earlham	\$1536	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Furniture	With these funds, we were able to pay for additional help, buy new books and purchase new bookshelves for our teen area. Every day people say how they love all of the improvements we have made. The bookshelves that finished up the teen section have just been wonderful. The kids love the new area and the adults love that the teens are no longer in the reading room with them.
Earlville	\$ 958	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase new books and pay for general library expenses and program materials.
Early	\$ 946	Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase books for children and young adults, and non-fiction adult books. New books are very popular with our customers. I make up baskets of new books for people based on their interests. They really like the convenience.
Eddyville	\$1413	Personnel	We used this money to pay for part-time staff wages so we can stay open longer. This makes the library more accessible for many patrons.
Edgewood	\$1428	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Other	Anytime we can provide more books to our patrons, they are happy! The Spectrum software support we purchased allows us to have current updates and helps get new books processed in a timely manner. The magnets we purchased for our customers have been a huge hit since our hours are different from day to day. A student is taking tests at the library. She has a magnet at home so she can see when we are open and available to proctor her tests.

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Elberon	\$ 815	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Local students had access to the current award books - Iowa Children's Choice, Iowa Teen Award, and Iowa High School Award - which are part of required reading at their school. It was a special service to them to be able to check out any book on their reading list at the local library. The purchase of the additional computer helped one local patron with his job. He works in the aviation industry and needs to constantly update protocol and depends on library computers to get the needed information. The new computer makes his waiting time to use a computer almost nonexistent. This is very helpful as he can only come in after work.
Eldon	\$ 976	Capital Improvements	This year the funding made a difference in the lives of over 998 people. Without a new boiler, the Eldon library would not have been able to function and stay open over the winter. Direct State Aid helped us keep the building warm, dry and open.
Eldora	\$1912	Materials & Supplies	Thanks to Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase new books.
Eldridge	\$12986	Technology & Equipment	As a result of the new phone system we purchased with Direct State Aid, patrons are able to dial directly to various departments without having to wait for an operator to find the person they seek. The system also provides voice mail, allowing callers to leave messages in the event the person sought after is away from her desk. Furthermore, it allows us to communicate with our five branches without paying long distance charges. Through this system we hold system meetings without our branch associates traveling to Eldridge by using the conference call feature of the system. This, tied with gotomeeting.com , allows us to do training and help individual staff with various technical questions they may have in using Workflows or other software. All this impacts the patron by being able to provide better and faster service with fewer mishaps by having more highly trained staff. An elderly woman came in to pick up a book she requested and explained how happy she was. It didn't take several phone calls to request the material as it sometimes did, she said. "Lorna wasn't available, so I left her a message telling her what I wanted and a couple days later she called to tell me the order was placed for the material I wanted. That's good service"
Elgin	\$1311	Technology & Equipment	The purchase of one new patron computer and a new server computer has greatly improved library services. The patron computer is fast and allows patrons to access information much more quickly than most of our other machines. We had a complete crash of our main server/catalog computer this year, and the new one we purchased to replace it is faster, which enables us to serve the public more efficiently. The ongoing purchase of DSL Internet connections also enables faster service. A patron came in wanting a printout of a digital picture that she needed in a hurry

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			for a family reunion. Her printer was broken, so she came to the library and was able to access her e-mail account quickly and print the picture and be on her way in a matter of minutes. This would probably have taken much more time had we used some of the older, less efficient machines.
Elk Horn	\$1300	Technology & Equipment	We are using Direct State Aid funds to automate our library, which will be a great asset.
Elkader	\$1595	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	One of the things we used the money for this year was the Neibors Project. We would not have been able to participate in this great new service without these state funds. We have several big audio users that are home bound. With the MP3 players we purchased, we are able to provide what they need - an almost endless supply of books. They have previously listened to everything we have and all that the neighboring libraries have.
Elliott	\$ 450	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	A large percent of our city's population is senior citizens who still like to read but have trouble seeing regular print books. The large print books we purchased with Direct State Aid enables them to still enjoy reading.
Ellsworth	\$ 896	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	This money provided more books for the children to check out and read. In order to have a public access computer, the hard drive needed to be rebuilt. It had acquired many viruses. One patron's computer crashed and she couldn't correspond with her relatives in Texas during a family illness. With the public access computer up and running, she could contact her family every day.
Elma	\$1372	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We now have a nicer selection of non-fiction books in our children's section thanks to Direct State Aid. We had complaints regarding our third and oldest computer as it would regularly kick the patrons off Internet sites. Getting the new computer increases the number of people using computers at one time, which improves library service.
Ely	\$1587	Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase three new computers and a laptop with help from Direct State Aid. Our patrons greatly appreciate the availability of our public computers. The majority of the time they are all being used. We are beginning to see some patrons bring their own laptops in to use our wireless Internet. This has provided a positive image for our library and shows our community we are trying to stay current with technological changes.
Emerson	NE		
Emmetsburg	\$2306	Furniture; Other	As a result of this funding, our library was able to provide the highest quality records to aid patrons in locating the resources available at our library, and we added a popular area for teens to relax and read. Because of the improved workflow from using CatExpress, the time the library staff spends cataloging items has lessened and staff are able to focus on other areas of public service.
Essex	\$1342	Materials & Supplies;	We have been able to offer more audio books and videos to our patrons with the help of Direct State Aid.

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		Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Programs	The new TV/DVD replaced a TV that didn't have DVD capability. The money for the Summer Reading Program helped to fund one of the programs we had and the new storage freed up space for a meeting room. Having a separate meeting room has been beneficial to everyone concerned. It helps to cut down on interruptions and distractions.
Estherville	\$2717	Technology & Equipment	Due to this money, we have additional stations for users of the online card catalog. This is especially important when we have large groups and classes from school. We have a lap top computer and by having a printer, it enables people using the community room to have printing capability. The back up tapes for circulation that we purchased protect our system so we don't have the possibility of losing information. One tape is taken out of the facility each night. The jump drives we bought allow us to keep an accurate inventory of all records.
Evansdale	\$ 889	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Other	With Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase a wireless router, a tape recorder and a microphone.
Everly	\$ 888	Personnel; Technology & Equipment; Programs	1996 was the year the previous computer was purchased. This funding made it possible to purchase a new one. We were also able to offer quality prizes for the Summer Library Program with this money.
Exira	\$1405	Personnel	This funding helped pay staff salaries which otherwise would have been paid out of our budget, reducing the amount of funding for other library needs. Allowing staff to receive an increase in pay and still have some funding for book orders etc., effects both staff and patrons.
Fairbank	\$1417	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	With this money we purchased large print books and audio books, as well as security for our computers. I was also able to purchase books to give to children who participated in the Summer Reading Program.
Fairfax	NE		
Fairfield	\$4040	Materials & Supplies	We are able to supplement our meager budget for library materials. Thanks to Direct State Aid this was the main motivator for achieving Tier 3 status. We added many items to the collection at the end of FY 2006-07, and several patrons stopped by my office to express heartfelt appreciation.
Farley	\$9766	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture Other	We were able to use this money to replace some old, classic children's books, purchase a new copy machine, provide wireless Internet in our branch libraries, and add four new tables to the Holy Cross branch. The biggest impact came from the long range planning that we did. We had lots of community input and have begun to make many changes in our budgeting and personnel. We are cutting some bookmobile services, while adding more adult programming, a large print collection, more adult services and better access to materials.

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Farmersburg	\$ 445	Materials & Supplies; Programs	We used these funds to purchase new books and to provide school children materials celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. The school visits are always a big hit with the children. It is wonderful to provide an incentive for children to take back to school.
Farmington	NE		
Farnhamville	\$ 520	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	We were glad to have been able to help the people who requested more audio tapes. A lot of people in our little town work elsewhere so they can listen to books on tape as they commute back and forth. We also purchased a new cart on wheels so we can move a copy machine between the library and city offices.
Fayette	\$1477	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Other	We were able to furnish three new programs. Downloadable books, wireless Internet access and photo printing on public access computers. Patrons love our wireless Internet.
Fenton	\$1299	Capital Improvements; Furniture	Thanks to this money, we were able to repair a leak in the roof. We also got new wiring and exhaust fans, and a new humidifier for the basement.
Fertile	\$1317	Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase large print books on a standing order plan. We also paid for a year's subscription to "Heartsong Presents." They are very popular here.
Fonda	\$ 903	Materials & Supplies	With most people's lives becoming busier every year, many are checking out more DVDs since they do not have as much time to read books. They like to have a wide variety of DVDs to choose from in our collection. Several people from other towns nearby like to visit our library because we have a larger collection of DVDs than their local libraries.
Fontanelle	\$1316	Personnel	This money was used for library staff wages. Without Direct State Aid, we would be unable to have the library open for 20 hours a week. This helps us meet the accreditation criteria for which we are grateful.
Forest City	\$2220	Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase a new file server. The old one was 8 years old and the software system was running slow.
Fort Atkinson	\$1296	Materials & Supplies	This funding helped the library expand its services for youth. It also helped to greatly expand our non-book collections and update the book collection. One of my library kids told me his reading scores improved in school since he did so much reading at the library.
Fort Dodge	\$7680	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Without this funding we would not have been able to purchase CD's, DVD's, microfilm or a new server.
Fort Madison	\$1350	Technology & Equipment	We were able to subscribe to 3 FactsOnFile databases: World Atlas, Health Reference Center, and Personal and Business Legal Forms. These databases will allow us to provide up-to-date information in key areas. The World Atlas provides current information for students' reports. The Health Reference Center will help students doing reports as well as all patrons looking for authoritative health information. Finally, the Legal Forms provide access

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			to state and federal forms for individuals as well as businesses. The key benefit of all three of these databases is that they will remain more up-to-date than print materials.
Fredericksburg	\$1469	Personnel	We had requests for more evening hours. We were able to add 1 1/2 hrs during the school year to our calendar. Thank you.
Galva	\$1227	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Galva is a very small town so we do not have a movie rental store. The funding helps us keep up on the latest releases on DVD and we have an excellent selection for our public to check out for free. This helps our circulation tremendously. We also purchased new books and work supplies, as well as prizes for the Summer Reading Program.
Garden Grove	NE		
Garnavillo	\$1419	Capital Improvements	Due to problems that have arisen in our county with built-in book returns, the board felt that the library should replace the existing book return with a free standing one. Direct State Aid money will pay for a portion of the cost for the new book return.
Garner	\$2029	Personnel	Without this funding, I could not afford to hire a children's assistant and offer the programming we do for our kids.
Garrison	\$ 456	Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase children's books.
Garwin	\$ 878	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid allowed us to get staff training, supplies, reference books and help pay for Internet service.
George	\$1017	Personnel	We were able to hire additional staff for the Summer Reading Program.
Gilman	NE		
Gilmore City	\$1328	Personnel; Furniture; Programs	We were able to pay some of the salary for our story hour presenter. We also purchased two chairs for our public access computer areas.
Gladbrook	\$1399	Materials & Supplies; Programs	It has been great to have a nice selection of movies to offer our patrons. Often times when people come to get movies, they pick up other items. And our new children's materials are a huge asset to our collection. When you have beautiful books to offer - patrons will check them out.
Glenwood	\$2505	Capital Improvements; Other	Security lighting at the meeting room entrances outside made a big difference for those persons using the it after hours in the evenings. When an elderly lady was the last to leave the meeting rooms and to lock up by herself, she really appreciated the extra security lighting as she left the building alone and walked to her car. The lighting replaced in the lower level improved the amount of light and also lit the display walls better. The balance of funds went towards our Alliance Plus online subscription for better Marc records for SILO.
Glidden	\$1018	Materials & Supplies; Programs;	Since the Glidden Public Library has such a limited book budget (\$2,450 FY), any amount of extra funding is more than helpful. Our Christian section is one of

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		Other	our most popular features in the library...new books made a wonderful addition. The funding also helped with the Summer Reading Program and buying supplies for that. One of the things our library spent the money on was canvas bags for our Traveling Tales program. Traveling Tales consists of bags filled with books, worksheets, and stickers that are delivered to the day care providers in our town on a monthly rotational basis. It has been a great success as our day care providers have a difficult time coming into the library themselves to pick out books for the kids in their care. We hope to continue with this program as long as there is an interest.
Gowrie	\$1462	Materials & Supplies	The Gowrie Public Library is able to keep up-to-date with the best selling books and the newest movie releases. The money also has allowed me to have Blank Park Zoo here for summer reading and an adult program entitled Yesterday's Fashions. A family here in Gowrie recently got custody of three grandchildren who lived out of state and were not being sent to school. Therefore, the children are way behind the other children academically. I was able to purchase accelerated readers to help the children try and catch up with others.
Graettinger	NE		
Grafton	\$ 515	Technology & Equipment; Programs	This funding has enabled us to furnish our children with prizes and incentives for our Summer Reading Program and also helps with the materials and cataloging which helps to make books more available to everyone. It definitely gives our community a service that they are happily taking advantage of. I have more and more requests for books and videos that they want through SILO interlibrary loan. It's been referred to as "we're one big gigantic library."
Grand Junction	\$1428	Personnel	Without Direct State Aid, we wouldn't have a part-time employee.
Granger	\$ 866	Furniture; Programs	With Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase a youth round table with 4 matching chairs and pay for our Summer Reading Program and our relocation promotion. Mothers with young children are able to enjoy a place where their kids can be "busy." Children have their own special place to go. Prizes help enhance the summer program and it's more fun for all involved.
Greene	\$1450	Personnel	Because of this funding, we have been able to allow more working hours for our 4th circulation librarian and utilize her unique talents. We have a local man whose son is serving our country in Iraq. This father comes in every morning to check his e-mail for news from his son. Having the library open on Friday mornings is really important to him.
Greenfield	\$1652	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture	Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase more CDs, helped us purchase 2 computers and pay for a book display and storage cupboard fo children's books.

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Grimes	\$2689	Personnel	We have had little time to spend on our filing, so we used this money to hire extra help.
Grinnell	\$3271	Capital Improvements	At long last we are truly in the planning process for a new building, and we have been working with our architectural team during the past several months. We were grateful to have funds from Direct State Aid available to us to finance the early stages of this process before we had other funds budgeted for the purpose. Our community is very involved in working with the architects to plan a building that will serve Grinnell well.
Griswold	\$1429	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We are offering broader experiences with our technology (i.e., Game Day and iPod's for checkout with downloaded books.) We developed a game day with new software and a gamebox. We invited middle school students to attend. We had over 15 students attend our first game day. One boy won a prize and stated that he had never won anything before. He has been to the library almost every day since and has begun checking out books in addition to using the computers. We now have game day the fourth Thursday of each month primarily for middle school kids--they are loving it. We set out puzzles and other board games for our younger patrons who show up, too. We serve popcorn and pop.
Grundy Center	\$1992	Materials & Supplies	This money has allowed us to purchase new CD/audio books above our already, stressed budget. We have several elderly patrons who cannot read anymore and these new CD/audio books enhance their lives. We are grateful for the State Direct Aid.
Guthrie Center	\$1684	Technology & Equipment	We have gone from 4 computers to 21 in 7 years and are able to keep updating on a regular schedule with this funding. We have been able to hold computer classes and taught a lot of people how wonderful this technology is. Grandparents have been able to see pictures of new grandchildren still in a hospital who live a distance away from them.
Guttenberg	\$1734	Materials & Supplies	Library service to the handicapped or vision impaired has improved with these funds. We purchased audio books and music CDs.
Hamburg	\$ 989	Other	The book return we purchased with this money adds another aspect of convenience for our patrons. With today's busy lifestyles, it is not always possible for patrons to get to the library during open hours or take the time out of their busy schedules to park and come inside.
Hampton	\$2721	Materials & Supplies	Our growing Hispanic population is being better served with the RosettaStone language programs and more bilingual books for the young reader that we purchased with Direct State Aid.
Hanlontown	\$1288	Materials & Supplies	This funding allows us to lease books and this year we also started leasing audio books.
Harcourt	\$1291	Materials & Supplies; Other	With Direct State Aid, we purchased additional adult/juvenile books, books on CD and office supplies. Our patrons really like the books on CD.
Harlan	\$2606	Materials &	This funding is a great help to our library. We have an

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		Supplies; Technology & Equipment	older population that needs large print books and audiobooks. Without this funding, we would not be able to adequately provide these services to our patrons.
Harpers Ferry	\$ 460	Personnel; Technology & Equipment; Other	This year Direct State Aid was a big help in maintaining our open hours. The upcoming year will be a bit tricky. We also purchased a CD player for our programs and a battery for our APS back-up system. Having more open hours has allowed us to be available to offer our services to the many patrons that visit our town during the summer.
Hartley	\$1562	Materials & Supplies	The entire amount of Direct State Aid has been spent on children's books, along with a small selection of videos. The library is able to accommodate the elementary and preschool better with the subjects they are interested in. There is also a greater selection of books to pair with the children's programming, such as Headstart/Preschool visits, after school specials and story hours. One book which was purchased with the Direct State Aid was "Winter is the Warmest Season." This book was read at an afterschool special themed "Reading Is Snow Much Fun!" The children had an opportunity to see all the "warmth" winter can bring in our lives during such a cold season. This was a thought provoking concept for these children!
Havelock	NE		
Hawarden	\$1921	Materials & Supplies	This funding helps us offer an expanded CD collection. As a small library, it is hard to meet all the demands of our patrons. Books on CD are a growing part of our circulating collection. We have seen the circulation double on this material. The online encyclopedia we purchased with this money is wonderful because people can get a password from us and use it on their home computer. The time that they use it has no boundaries.
Hawkeye	\$1265	Personnel; Furniture; Programs	We have had many requests for a changing table in our restroom. We could never buy many incentives for summer reading but with this funding, we could make it a little more enjoyable for the children. The additional hours we added were appreciated during the winter.
Hedrick	\$ 912	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs; Other	With Direct State Aid we were able to purchase books for summer reading, virus protection for computers and Summer Reading Program materials. The funding makes it possible to have summer and winter reading programs to help get and keep kids interested in the library.
Hiawatha	\$3087	Technology & Equipment	We were able to add to the number of Internet stations for public access computing. That makes it possible to provide service to more people and turn away fewer people.
Hillsboro	NE		
Holstein	\$1496	Materials & Supplies; Capital	We made improvements in the library.

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Hopkinton	\$ 894	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs; Other	Summer story hour planning was easier this year because I hired a couple of local women to work on them while I was training a new aide at the library. Local kids do not have much chance to see live performers and the extra money allows us to attract a good performer to our library. We also purchased new DVDs.
Hospers	\$ 632	Technology & Equipment	We used this money toward the purchase of new public access computers. As a result, computer use has gone up 80% or more. A Hispanic woman was unable to understand her child's homework. However, using a computer we were able to not only translate the homework into Spanish, but were able to find a Web site which was able to teach/explain the concepts to the mother in Spanish. The mother was very grateful.
Hubbard	\$ 972	Technology & Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we replaced an old copier with a wonderful machine that is a huge benefit to our community. Businesses are able to come in and print color brochures, school kids can produce a nice color copy for their reports and the patrons love being able to scan and reprint old photos and also print all their pictures from their camera cards. We are the only access in our town for all of these features so it is used a lot. We may have to use next year's funding to hire someone to just work the copier! We have had many thank- you's from people for providing this copier. We tell them that it would not be possible without our state aid program to help fund it. This was not something we would of been able to purchase with our budget. Thank you.
Hudson	\$1742	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Our DVD collection is still being built and the extra money has had a huge impact. We also payed for the audio book download program, Neibors. We have a patron who travels weekly to attend to a grown daughter with brain damage. She is very grateful for our audio-book collection and the Neibors project will greatly increase the titles she has access to.
Hull	\$1245	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Even though we have access to the Internet, patrons still enjoy reading a book. Our newest set of encyclopedias were dated (2002) so we were due for an update. Patrons have commented on the attractiveness of the new set and are eagerly browsing them. We also purchased a new set of People & Places. A daughter of one of our staff is going to Romania. She couldn't wait to see the layout of the country and get acquainted with the culture.
Humboldt	\$2398	Materials & Supplies	Without state funding the library budget could not supply the audio/visual needs of our community. We were able to purchase recorded books and DVDs.
Humeston	\$ 429	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase antivirus software which ensures that the public access computers remain protected against common threats. Several patrons use the EBSCOhost database when looking for obscure information, and all patrons enjoy the variety of books we can purchase

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			with extra money from Direct State Aid. Funding makes a big difference in my role as a librarian. Library budgets are often small, but this funding helps to ensure that the library can fulfill its role in serving the community.
Huxley	\$1302	Materials & Supplies	Our book budget for public materials is only \$5,000 (the school contributes \$10,000 for school purchases) so Direct State Aid really helps us bridge the gap. Our patrons appreciate the selection of new public books we are able to provide with these additional funds.
Ida Grove	\$1711	Technology & Equipment	Our library patrons now have the capability of scanning documents and also printing color documents. Prior to this purchase, the only business in our town capable of printing color documents was the local newspaper. Without this type of funding, the library wouldn't have the means to buy this equipment.
Independence	\$1945	Materials & Supplies	We purchased juvenile, young adult and adult nonfiction books. Our community has access to additional resources as a result of this funding.
Indianola	\$4704	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We have been able to expand the number of online databases as a result of Direct State Aid - something we would never have been able to do otherwise. Our patrons have benefited from this additional access to information - beyond the doors of our library building.
Inwood	\$1425	Furniture; Programs; Other	We were able to purchase a rotating multi-media stand, vacuum and a fan. We also purchased t-shirts as prizes for our Summer Reading Program participants.
Ionia	\$1306	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	Direct State Aid helped pay the director's salary. We were also able to purchase books for a book club, and supplies for a craft club and a children's program. It also partially paid for the Summer Library Program and our school year program.
Iowa City	\$18349	Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	We purchased software from our online library vendor that improves the efficiency of our materials invoice, provides the ability for the public to enter their own reviews for materials in our catalog, and allows remote use of our catalog for people using cell phones or PDAs. We also remodeled an area in the library for a used book store. Moving the used book store into the library has brought lots of positive feedback. The volunteers who run the store like it, and people who never knew we had a store are discovering it. In the first week we had double the visitors and made double the money compared to the old location.
Iowa Falls	\$2432	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	We added significantly to our audio/visual collection, purchasing more DVDs, music CDs and the popular audio book collection. We also purchased antivirus software for our public computers. This year we implemented a Community Reads program entitled "One Book - One Movie - One Iowa Falls." With this money we were able to purchase multiple copies of the book title as well as DVDs of the movie based on the book. The program was a huge success and generated favorable comments from patrons and non-

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			library users. All the improvements we are making in the library are putting us in better shape to offer more to the public now and in the future while maintaining fiscal discretion. One patron in particular, who works from home, listens to audio books all day long. She checks out at least 10 items at a time. Because of her own needs, she's made a generous donation to the library for more items in this format.
Irwin	NE		
Jamaica	NE		
Janesville	\$1555	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	This money allows us to remain open on Saturdays. We also purchased new books.
Jefferson	\$2368	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	The amount of movies that are checked out annually has increased dramatically. In an effort to meet the higher demand, we purchased many new DVDs for both children and adults. Some of these movies replaced the same titles currently held in the VHS collection which we will be phasing out in the coming year. This purchase would not have been possible with the regular operating budget. Because of Direct State Aid, we were able to add many new titles to our family movie collection. Our local school library's budget is very limited. As a way we can work with the schools and support the efforts of the teachers, we have added a teacher's shelf in the children's department. There has been a very positive response from the elementary teachers. They appreciate the public library's commitment to assisting them in providing the best education possible to local students. The Creative Learning Center in the children's department is a favorite among young children in our community. In the center, they find rotating displays and educational activities that are colorful, inviting, and fun. This is a special area just for young children who are not ready for computers or reading on their own. Parents and teachers enjoy bringing children to visit the CLC.
Jesup	\$1742	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Students and adults alike are thrilled to have Office 2007 and Power Point on all of the computers so they can make professional looking presentations for school or business. Teachers are very pleased with the new non-fiction elementary science and social studies books we purchased.
Jewell	\$1519	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs	We used this money to participate in the Neibors project and to purchase an Overdrive MP3 player. We also spent money to purchase a digital camera for publicity purposes and additional shelving for DVDs. Funding has also helped us participate in new projects offered by the library service area and to continue to participate in interlibrary loan even though postage costs continue to escalate.
Johnston	\$5136	Technology & Equipment	The upgraded infrastructure we purchased allows the staff and the public to share bandwidth more effectively. The new platform provides greater security for the network, which results in a more stable

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			environment for our public computer use.
Joice	\$1288	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	We were able to give the library assistants well deserved increases in pay. We also purchased new books.
Kalona	\$1269	Personnel	Our staff has increased in number as well as the number of hours they work. State funding has been helpful in that regard.
Kanawha	\$1401	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was used for training staff, and for books and DVDs. It's a bonus to our budget! Thank you.
Kensett	\$ 907	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	We used this money to update our juvenile books. We also redecorated our children's section.
Keokuk	NE		
Keosauqua	\$ 941	Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	We were able to purchase Sagebrush technology and support, a thermal printer for check-out, and new fire extinguishers with this money.
Keota	\$1423	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	This year was a big year for our library. We began by moving our young adult section to a new location and then we spent a large amount of time weeding through all of our young adult books. We then sent questionnaires to all of our young adult patrons asking them what books and authors they thought our library should order. They were very helpful and gave us a large list of items that they were interested in, and in return we spent this past year trying to build-up our that section. We now have new authors, new series, and new books that our young adults love! Our young adult section has become a lively and fun place for our after-school kids to go and hangout! We will continue our young adult wish list this year as well. There is a large group of our patrons who travel to and from work everyday, as well as two families who operate trucks that travel all across the county. We have had such a large demand from these patrons that our library was in need of some new books on CD. Over this past year, we have worked very hard at building up our collection of audio CDs for our patrons and have noticed a significant increase in not only our circulation numbers but also the wonderful feedback about our library. We have now become a hot spot for our traveling patrons and we love it!
Keystone	\$1322	Materials & Supplies	We replaced a very old set of encyclopedias and upgraded our selection of children's books for a preschool that meets in the library.
Kimballton	NE		
Kingsley	\$ 567	Programs	We will use Direct State Aid to purchase t-shirts and other supplies for our Summer Reading Program.
Klemme	\$ 958	Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to help purchase 3 new computers for patrons. This helps immensely. Thank you so much.
Knoxville	\$3093	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We replaced 2 of our 10 computers and set them up with Centurion to minimize breakdowns. They are all busy most of the time. Many people in the community are low income and would not be able to have access

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			to computers or the Internet without the computers at the library. Many people use the computers for developing resumes or applying for jobs. We were also able to purchase 10 additional books on CD.
La Porte City	\$1688	Personnel; Technology & Equipment; Programs	We used this money to supplement extra staff time that was needed in the library for finishing our automation project and for extra programs the library offered during the year. We also changed our hours and that offered a few more hours to our employees on a daily basis. We also bought 2 new public access computers. In addition, we used Direct State Aid for supplies, advertising and summer reading prizes, as well as a guest performer, and for a "Ladies Night @ the Library" program.
Lacona	\$ 850	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	This funding had a great impact on our adult and juvenile book discussion programs, and the new books and audios brought more patrons in. There was an elderly widow that was deeply depressed. She was talked into coming to our adult book discussion. We have book discussion quizzes and she really enjoyed the atmosphere, humor, different opinions and the quiz questions. She didn't feel intimidated and has been coming regularly and bringing a friend. We are looking forward to the Summer Reading Program because some of the books we purchased were intended for this program.
Lake City	\$1754	Materials & Supplies	We purchased large print books and books on CD. Lake City has an unusually high percentage of senior citizens. Making it possible for them to continue to enjoy books and reading is very important to our library. Large print books and audio books are the fastest growing segments of our collection. One of our most avid readers, whose eyesight began to fail, devoured large print books by the armload. When she was no longer able to read even large print, she despaired of ever enjoying the written word again. What a joy when she discovered audio books!
Lake Mills	\$1726	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to purchase adult fiction books, a lap top computer, and a digital camera and printer. The new laptop will be used by staff when going to meetings. It will also be used by the public in the library when all of the public access computers are in use. This will alleviate the problem of not having enough Internet computers during high peak usage times. During the summer months, the computers are very busy with children playing games. I was able to allow one of our adults access to the lap top when she would have had to wait 1/2 hour until a patron computer was available. She was very appreciative. The digital camera will help tell the library story. We are using it now to take pictures of each child in our summer reading program. It is going on their identification cards that are hung in the library.
Lake Park	\$ 989	Technology & Equipment	The laminator we purchased will be used by all segments of our city. The school will use it since we are a combined library. It will also be used by the

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			public. The daycare providers in our area have been requesting that we provide laminating services for years. Now we are! Before we even discovered how to use our new laminator, the new bank here in town brought us brochures to be laminated. It sped up our learning curve and was a positive networking contact.
Lake View	\$1520	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid allowed us to retain a technology person for faster response when we're having problems. They also compare programs and equipment to help make decisions about our upcoming change in systems.
Lakota	\$1277	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	This money allows us to purchase new books, attend educational classes and expand our Summer Reading Program. Patrons are amazed at the services a small town can provide. Everyone's excited when we get new books.
Lamoni	\$1693	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	This funding made possible the purchase of a new work station computer and a quality summer program that children ages 3 through 6th grade could enjoy. The funding also made possible the addition of updated K-3 fiction and non-fiction materials as well as the purchase of quality Junior Library Guild selections for our 4th through 6th graders. As we have developed our children's collection and added updated non-fiction, the circulation statistics for this group have increased. During the month of May our junior book circulation exceeded the adult circulation for the first time in our history. That was an exciting finish to a year of improved collection development. Thank you!
Lamont	NE		
Lansing	\$1457	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	Using Marc records implements a better database for locating and obtaining materials for patrons use and keeps us current with other Iowa libraries. Our budget only allows us to purchase a limited amount of these requested items.
Larchwood	\$ 963	Materials & Supplies	More and more patrons are requesting audio books--especially in the CD format. We have a fairly large circulation of adult juvenile audio books, but we are just starting a young adult collection. Audio books are wonderful for people with limited vision. We also check out many audio CDs to commuters.
Laurel	NE		
Laurens	\$1523	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase die cuts to use during the Summer Reading and other program promotions. We also purchased antivirus protection for our computers, plus printer supplies. We used our new leaf-shaped die cut to make promotional materials for RAGBRAI's "Lei Over in Laurens." The committee was very impressed with how professional they looked.
Lawler	\$1334	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	With this funding we were able to purchase a new computer with wireless connection. We now have 3 computers for public use. We're also adding DVDs to our collection.
Le Grand	\$1392	Materials & Supplies;	We purchased new children's books with this funding and with a community foundation grant we were able

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		Programs	to expand our Summer Reading Program and add a summer recreation program.
Le Mars	\$3318	Technology & Equipment	Six new PCs were purchased with Direct State Aid and our server was upgraded to make our library catalog Internet accessible. This allows our patrons to access information in our collection anywhere, anytime. We had a severe snowstorm in early 2007, which shut down all city services for the first time in over a decade. Now that our collection is online, we'll still be available to our patrons the next time such a storm strikes.
LeClaire	\$1754	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid allowed our library to purchase a wonderful selection of popular and classic DVDs for both adult and juvenile library users. We also ordered VHS cases so that we could receive donated videos from community members and add them to our collection. We have received MULTIPLE compliments on the depth and variety of our film collection since adding these new and previously owned titles. The Davenport library's statistics on use from other Scott County library patrons shows that LeClaire residents borrow only a minimal number of films from that library. The director of the Scott County Library System commented that "you must be giving your library users what they want locally!" We took that as a compliment!!
Ledyard	\$ 483	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	We purchased new adult books and DVDs. We used some of the money to defray the cost of Internet access. We also purchased prizes for the Summer Reading Program and items to compliment the theme of the program. The children have such a good time doing the projects and reading the books.
Lehigh	\$1343	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	We used Direct State Aid for staff training, salaries and mileage. We purchased audio books and supplies, used some of the money for Internet access and the Summer Reading Program.
Lenox	\$1442	Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase two new printers and extra ink cartridges with Direct State Aid.
Leon	\$1072	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid allowed us some wiggle room in our budget. We were able to take advantage of an opportunity to pay a bill early with the result that we will be receiving a lower rate on a maintenance agreement for the next 2-3 years. We also purchased books and books on CD. This money has given me hope. As a new director, I am faced with finding ways to insure that not only does our library have sufficient funds to cover operating expenses for the present, but that we also have the wherewithal to pay for improvements for the future. The wiggle room mentioned above allows me to gain momentum on financial issues instead of applying knee jerk solutions to funding strains. When it comes to funding challenges, I would rather be Warren Buffet than Jimmy Buffet.

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Letts	\$1297	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped us with our monthly DSL charge, software to update from Windows 98 to XP, a yearly update to our Athena program and a new color printer.
Lewis	\$ 468	Materials & Supplies; Furniture; Programs	This funding has helped our library to be able to assist families in genealogy studies. Having four computers for public use has really helped many students with their school studies. There are several families that have come to use our library services because their finances don't allow them to have computers and Internet access at home. Our library has become a very active part of our community. We are growing!
Lime Springs	\$ 933	Capital Improvements	This funding has helped with the expenses toward the architect for our expansion project. When the project is completed, the space acquired will be a wonderful asset to our library. It will provide more room for materials and activities that the library provides our city and patrons.
Linden	\$ 801	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid for salaries to keep our library open more hours. We also used it to purchase new adult fiction and non-fiction books, as well as magazines and local newspapers. Several patrons read the local papers and we are having a coffee time Monday mornings. There are two school age boys whose parents work out of town. They spend quite a bit of time at the library in the summer. When they are at the library I feel they are not on the streets getting into trouble. We hope that we are making a difference in their lives. Time will tell the rest of the story.
Linn Grove	\$ 826	Personnel	With the funds we receive from the state, we can pay staff to remain open more hours.
Lisbon	\$1731	Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	We have one public access computer that is used constantly. It was getting old and unreliable, and the printer hooked up to it "burned up." Now we have a reliable computer with Internet access and a desktop-style printer for public use. The new stage lighting in Heritage Hall allows our amateur and professional performers to read their music and/or texts. We just had it installed in June and have already used it for two programs this summer. Thank you for providing these items on our "wish list." They make a big difference to the patrons using our computer every day and to the performers who generously share their talent with our community.
Little Rock	\$ 482	Materials & Supplies	We purchased new books, audio books and DVDs. There is no other place in town to get movies, so people come here. This money has also allowed us to have more prizes for our Summer Reading Program and a typewriter that works for the librarian.
Livermore	\$1325	Technology & Equipment; Programs	The money helps pay for Internet access and our Summer Reading Program. We had 123 kids attend this year. Another 40 kids attended our Halloween program.
Logan	\$1512	Materials & Supplies; Technology &	As a result of this funding, we were able to provide a new cataloging computer that enables patrons to access our card catalog in search of items to check

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		Equipment	out. We were also able to get program supplies for our Teen Read Week activities. We had a great turnout and look forward to more.
Lohrville	\$1330	Personnel	The library is open more morning hours - which the older patrons love. They can go get their mail - then stop in for coffee and read the paper. I had a little boy tell me his mother told him to go up to the library before 9 a.m. because Jane is always early and she'll let you in. We have a lot of latch key children.
Lost Nation	NE		
Lowden	\$1356	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	We were able to give the director a bonus, purchase children's books and host a community Halloween parade and party. We had about 85 children and adults. We also used Direct State Aid for supplies needed for preschool story time crafts and some new books for the Summer Reading Program.
LuVerne	\$1331	Materials & Supplies; Programs	This money helps us add to our children's programs and adult programs. Interesting programs keep people coming into the library. New books also keep kids and adults reading!
Lynnville	\$ 516	Materials & Supplies	Since audio and DVD's are so expensive this REALLY helps our budget. Our usage is very high. We purchased "Pride and Prejudice" for one of the teachers to use with a student that has trouble reading. This student came into the library and asked for other classics to read!.
Lytton	\$ 895	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	Many of the people in our community are elderly. We use a lot of big print books, which are costly, so with this aid we can buy more. We also paid for increased salaries due to the hike in minimum wage and for our Summer Reading Program.
Madrid	\$1236	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We purchased instructional DVDs for the Internet, e-mail, PowerPoint, Excel and Basic Computer for our seniors. We also bought audio books with these funds. Many seniors are taking advantage of the classes we offer using the instructional DVDs. Many patrons are delighted with the unabridged audios. They are in constant use and one patron cannot do without them.
Mallard	NE		
Malvern	\$ 984	Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs; Other	We purchased new educational programs and games to install on our children's computers and updated their programs from Windows 95 to Microsoft 2003 and up. We also purchased new chairs for the teen section and signage for their programs. Our teenagers are always sitting in "their" section studying and chatting - I love it! Our kids who are home schooled come to the library for an hour every day to use one of our new reading and spelling games on the kids' computers. We also had a Gingerbread workshop during Christmas. We supplied all the candy decorations and graham houses. They loved it and have come back every day. They also wrote us a thank you in the local paper.
Manchester	\$2470	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a public Internet/Microsoft Office computer with Direct State Aid. We also made a

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			partial payment on a children's computer. The newer computers are more secure than our older ones. They also have more features on them and allow patrons to have better access to our collection, more efficient and improved Internet services, and full access to word processing and spreadsheet programs. Patrons are also able to bring in and use USB devices, CDs, and DVDs with the new public Internet/Office computer. One particular patron uses headphones on the public computers. Unfortunately, the plug-in for the headphones is on the back of all of our computers. How the computers are arranged does not provide good access to the back. The new computer we purchased has all of the input devices on the front: USB ports, headphone jack, etc. The patron is very pleased about this and will use this computer whenever possible. For people who use the input devices, this is a real benefit.
Manilla	NE		
Manly	\$1572	Materials & Supplies; Furniture; Other	With Direct State Aid, we purchased Iowa Children's, Teens and High School award books. We also bought two dehumidifiers and a children's magazine rack. We are also part of the Neibors program which provides downloadable audio books.
Manning	\$1054	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We purchased books and tech support for our automation project with Direct State Aid.
Manson	\$1769	Technology & Equipment;	We used Direct State Aid to help purchase computers (1 desktop and 1 notebook). By purchasing a new notebook (we are wifi) and replacing the oldest desktop computer, we are able to provide better computers and service to our community. Computer usage is always increasing. Having notebooks available will give us another option for computer users, without the need for finding additional workstation space (we have none!) and networking cable access points. Many of our library's computer users, especially in the summer months, are persons visiting someone in town without Internet service in their home. They are thrilled they can send them to the library to check their e-mail, pay their bills, etc. Some even bring their own laptops and use our wifi access. We have one gentleman who uses our wifi Internet access so that he can conduct his business during his regular visits in our community.
Mapleton	\$1463	Personnel	With the help of this money and added funding from the city, we were able to add 312 hours to our yearly schedule. While we were sure this would be helpful to some of our patrons, we were dumbfounded at how many people have taken advantage of these new hours. Thanks!
Maquoketa	\$2652	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	Providing current children's literature that is promoted through the schools (e.g. the Iowa Children's Choice Awards) makes for a more unified approach to promoting quality reading for children. We also

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			purchased an audio book display unit for the children's library. This unit allows us to separate the CD titles from the older audiocassette collection.
Marathon	\$ 840	Personnel	Direct State Aid helped pay the director's salary. We are open one extra day and 10 more hours making the library more accessible to the patrons in the community. We are busy nearly all the time - people use the library in Marathon. This is the only place that is open to the public in Marathon during the day.
Marble Rock	\$ 920	Materials & Supplies; Furniture; Programs	It really helps to have these funds to cover little extras that might not fit into our tight budget. We were able to purchase books and program supplies, folding chairs and signage.
Marcus	\$1442	Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements	We used Direct State Aid for additional large print books and a book drop. Our book drop was vandalized this past summer but the original design was not theft proof. This replacement has an "anti-fishing" device and was placed a little higher. This enabled us to have our book drop cart made larger and lined with metal including a hinged metal lid. We now have a fire retardant system.
Marengo	\$1309	Materials & Supplies	With Direct State Aid, we bought large print books, audio books, CDs, DVDs, and children's and young adult books. We were able to offer a better, more up-to-date selection of materials to our patrons.
Marion	\$7972	Capital Improvements; Furniture; Other	Direct State Aid helped to pay part of the cost of remodeling the circulation area to make access and the checkout process easier for library customers. We also paid a portion of the cost of additional shelving that was needed because of our expanding collections. We paid our share of a matching grant to survey the metro area on library services provided by the Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, Marion and Fairfax public libraries. The self-check machines were too crowded side-by-side. People using the self-checks find them much easier to use with the different configuration that was constructed. New library cards are issued from a desk that is separate from the self-check area. The young adult collection is arranged in a more logical way.
Marshalltown	\$7233	Personnel	This money was used entirely to fund part-time staff, allowing us to be open 66 hours a week. Direct State Aid has allowed our library to provide good public service to our community. We feel our excellent public service was rewarded when our community voted by over 70% to approve a \$5 million bond referendum to build a new library - Did Enrich Iowa have a part in our new library? You Bet!!
Martelle	\$ 475	Materials & Supplies	This money was used to purchase new books.
Mason City	\$8245	Materials & Supplies	These funds allow us a much needed supplement for program supplies and for materials and operating maintenance. And it's good PR for our local people to know that libraries are supported on the state level.
Massena	\$ 870	Personnel	Direct State Aid was used for the assistant librarian's salary. We can stay open more hours which allows

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			our working patrons to use the library.
Maxwell	NE		
Maynard	\$1268	Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to purchase a new computer with a flat screen projector. Being in rural Iowa, high speed Internet is not available in all areas. The library has seen an increase of patrons using our high speed Internet connection and updated computers.
McGregor	\$1623	Materials & Supplies	We purchased audio books, DVDs, juvenile fiction and nonfiction to supplement our collection in order to partner with the local school in providing Reading Counts books for students. The demand and interest in audio books has increased greatly, with more patrons listening to stories as they travel, are at home or work. We have expanded the audio book and DVD collections to respond and reflect this growing interest in our community.
Mechanicsville	\$1456	Materials & Supplies	We used these funds to purchase books, audio CDs and new DVDs.
Mediapolis	\$1700	Programs	We were able to start a movie night at the library. We've had a great turn out. We've been able to supply snacks for our monthly movie night as well as offering better incentives for our Summer Reading Program.
Melbourne	\$1358	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase new books, magazines and videos. We also bought barcode labels, copy paper, supplies, binders, a keyboard, USB hubs and storage bins. We have patrons who cannot afford to rent videos and it's wonderful to see the joy it brings to be able to borrow from our library. Reading and having access to books and information touches people's lives. This funding is making a difference. Thank you!
Melcher	\$ 500	Materials & Supplies; Programs	We used this money to purchase adult, child and youth books. We also used money for Summer Reading Program incentives. Our community has a lot of at-risk children who benefit from our library and the Summer Reading Program.
Melvin	NE		
Menlo	\$ 496	Personnel	Direct State Aid helped pay staff wages.
Merrill	NE		
Meservey	\$ 860	Materials & Supplies	We were able to provide new movies and books to our patrons as another source of entertainment.
Milford	\$1802	Materials & Supplies	Although media items are not always a priority when city governments look at library budgets, it's nice to have a way to offer these items to our patrons (for which media items most certainly ARE a priority).
Milo	\$ 934	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	We weeded most of our young adult collection and began a new one. We had many requests for DVD versions of some popular movies so we replaced some of our VHS movies. Community organizations donated 3 new public access computers for the library and we purchased a printer and wireless print server for them. We replaced one of the office computers with an older public access computer so we needed a router to connect all to the wireless Internet. We also purchased incentives for the kids reading throughout

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			the summer. Seven children continued their reading logs even after the summer program ended to earn additional incentives.
Milton	NE		
Minburn	\$ 862	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	We used Direct State Aid for a disc repair machine and supplies. We also purchased head phones for the computers, and cataloging and circulation software. The automation and circulation software has helped me to be more efficient in helping patrons find materials. Patrons bring in their personal DVD's and we clean and resurface them for a small fee. The patrons using the public access computers enjoy the headphones, especially the teens!
Mingo	NE		
Missouri Valley	\$1242	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We used these funds to purchase toner for our copiers and printers, as well as other supplies. We also purchased a new copier.
Mitchellville	\$1696	Materials & Supplies; Programs	We had a great fun and educational program for kids to start the summer programs which we would not have been able to afford without Direct State Aid. We also were able to offer a better selection of library materials to adults and children alike.
Modale	NE		
Mondamin	\$ 846	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Other	We bought new books. The balance of this money was spent towards a new copy machine. Our library is fairly small with a budget to match. Patrons here like new books and bestsellers. Any money that augments our budget is primarily used to purchase new materials. The library's copy machine was getting quite old. Also we did not have a fax machine or scanner. We received a grant to buy a new machine that copies, faxes and scans but were \$75 short of the total price so that is how the money was used.
Monona	\$1637	Technology & Equipment	We had a computer that was near its permanent retirement. The replacement of the computer with a new one has greatly improved patron flow at the computer stations. Patrons really took note and it is a great way for them to see their tax dollars at work. The other items purchased are less noticed by patrons, but highly appreciated by staff. Software to support our circulation system and keep our marc records up-to-date on SILO and our Clayton County Web site and catalog are a must. A patron needed to fax a sheet of important information one day. For some reason the fax would not go through. There was an e-mail address, however. We scanned the paper to our new computer, changed it to PDF format and e-mailed it. It made us look tech-savy as librarians and the patron appreciated that his library had the knowledge and equipment to get the job done.
Monroe	\$1019	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for all of our magazine subscriptions and books for the children's collection. We would only be able to subscribe to a few

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			magazines if we did not have this money. This is valuable because our patrons cannot afford to subscribe on their own, but they can get the magazines at the library.
Montezuma	NE		
Monticello	\$1436	Personnel	Staff salary. Since moving into our new facility, our circulation has increased. By hiring someone to help with shelving, etc., we are able to get the books back on the shelves in a more timely manner so more patrons will be able to check them out. The young lady we hired has volunteered in the library for quite a while. She has indicated a desire to work in a library and was excited when we asked her to work here on a regular basis.
Montrose	\$ 516	Capital Improvements	We were able to purchase both a library sign and flag pole making our library more visible and attractive. Many good comments have been received by the library board.
Moorhead	NE		
Moravia	\$1312	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase books, periodicals and a bulletin board. We also got a computer and paid for installation. The new computer provides immediate Internet access. It is used by the public rather than the staff. Patrons use the computer when applying for a job on line.
Morley	\$ 461	Materials & Supplies	With this money, we are able to offer a very good collection of DVDs that the community really appreciates.
Morning Sun	\$1400	Technology & Equipment	Our copier serves the whole community. People have come to depend on the library for copy service and now with our new Panasonic we can offer colored copies. We are in the process of automating our library with grant funding. We did not have the extra money to purchase a new printer/copier. The hard drive and the flash drives we bought with this money became a vital part of our progress. This is a major undertaking for us. A large portion of our patrons do not have their own PC's. With this addition to our library, one of our patrons was able to send colorful, customized Christmas letters this year.
Moulton	\$1324	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	If not for this funding we would not have been able to purchase the amount of new books we did. Also, by renewing our subscription to Marc Wizard we now have records that are greatly improved, which is great when patrons are looking for books. An older patron who isn't able to get out much and can't afford new reading material has said more than once that she didn't know what she would do if this library wasn't here. Thanks to this funding we are better able to purchase new material that people want to read.
Mount Ayr	\$ 697	Materials & Supplies; Programs	We used Direct State Aid for large print books and for materials and supplies for our Summer Library Program. The summer reading program encouraged children to come to the library and read. We purchased notebooks to use for reading logs. One child was so interested she came to the library every

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			day and read over 100 books. Large print books have enabled many more people to read and enjoy. I take large print books to assisted living and nursing homes.
Mount Pleasant	\$3522	Technology & Equipment	By combining Direct Access money with a local grant we were able to purchase 4 new computers for our patrons and 1 new computer for staff. This allowed us to provide Internet service and other computer services to our patrons by replacing out-of-date and poorly working computers. It allowed the Children's area to update one of its computers to help with cataloging etc. The rest just helped us provide more stools for staff and patron use and replace one dysfunctional book cart for the safety and use of the staff.
Mount Vernon	\$1530	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements	We used Direct State Aid for staff salaries to stay open extra hours, as well as staff training. Movie licensing for performance rights and resources for school-age children were also purchased. We also bought a library banner to mark the building's entrance. Mount Vernon offers relatively few recreational opportunities for school age children. By offering programming on Saturdays and on early release days, the library is filling a void in our community. The Mount Vernon schools have an early release day once a month. The library began offering a movie time on early release days for elementary school children. We have been at room capacity every month all year.
Moville	NE		
Murray	NE		
Muscatine	\$5199	Technology & Equipment; Other	Direct State Aid allowed us to buy a computer printer. We also purchased ECHO, which provides information to the greater Muscatine community about program and events offered by non-profit organizations. It centralizes all information in one convenient bi-monthly publication.
Nashua	\$1624	Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements	We purchased Iowa Children's Choice Award books, as well as Iowa Teen and Iowa Young Adult books. Available funds for children's books has been reduced. This money allows us to continue purchasing Iowa Children's Choice, Teen and Young Adult books - all which are very popular in our library! We removed and replaced existing concrete in the front entry of the library. The new entry will provide a smooth, obstacle free surface for our patrons.
Nevada	\$3050	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a copier and wireless equipment. We have many patrons and visitors who use the wireless access. The new copier can make double-sided copies and has a self feeder. The patrons like the increased speed and options.
New Albin	\$ 411	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to pay for training expenses for the director. We were also able to purchase new CD's which are checked out a lot by our patrons.
New Hampton	\$2130	Technology & Equipment; Programs;	We were able to purchase 2 public access computer work stations to replace 6-year-old stations. We also purchased multiple copies of book discussions titles

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		Other	for our middle school students. It also helped pay for the director's membership in the American Library Association.
New Hartford	\$ 904	Personnel	We would have had to lower the number of hours we were open so the money helped us stay open our normal hours.
New London	\$1222	Capital Improvements	With Direct State Aid, we were able to replace an old wrought iron fence with new fencing. It is sturdier and provides a safer, more attractive environment for library users.
New Market	NE		
New Sharon	NE		
New Virginia	\$ 875	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs	The new computer we purchased with this money allows for a more efficient use of my (director) time. We have been limping along with donated computers that were extremely slow and ready to crash. I can now look up interlibrary loan information for patrons very quickly. The DVD player is useful for mothers who bring their children with them when they use the community room for scrapbooking. The new chair is used by three different people, so an adjustable one was desirable and appreciated by staff. We have taken the opportunity the last two years to upgrade our office. It improves our efficiency and our appearance to the public and results in faster service.
Newell	\$1364	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we purchased a computer and used the rest of the money for a new large print book division in our library. We have a growing use in our community for this venue. We also replaced an older computer for our patrons. It was becoming a repairman's nightmare. The customers were complaining about it always being down. The new one has many more updates and features, and is more accessible.
Newhall	\$1366	Personnel	We continue to use the entire Direct State Aid money to help cover the cost of extending the hours we are open.
Newton	\$4926	Technology & Equipment	Online resources that we purchase with these funds help our library serve residents outside the walls and business hours of the library. We provide online subscriptions to Facts of Life, Learning Express test database, Ancestry and Heritage Quest, World Book Online and Facts.com
Nora Springs	\$1610	Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements	With this money, we purchased Dance Dance Revolution equipment, renewed our newspaper and magazine subscriptions, and did some rewiring.
North English	\$1449	Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid for the new server for our automation system. It is nice to be automated and to be able to do everything by computer.
North Liberty	\$3128	Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase new databases with Direct State Aid. We are now getting books on MP3 disc along with books on CDs. MP3 audio books seem to be a growing and popular area. We were able to get several new databases this year and this is important as all of our reference is done with databases. We

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			had a patron who is blind and he enjoys listening to audio books. He really likes our selection and rarely uses any other library.
Northwood	\$1170	Materials & Supplies	We have been able to enhance our juvenile nonfiction collection which has improved selection for elementary grade school children. We were also able to provide up-to-date and more popular audio tapes and cassettes to our collection. We have more patrons requesting unabridged books on tape and we were able to purchase several of these with these funds.
Norwalk	\$2809	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	We were able to purchase books on CD to expand our audio collection. A large percentage of our patrons use this collection. State funds enabled the library to offer a larger, more varied selection. The movie license and popcorn popper were christened during this year's Summer Reading Program. Over 120 children enjoyed a mystery movie and treat. The items purchased with the allocated funds benefited the community as a whole.
Norway	\$1302	Technology & Equipment	We upgraded a lot of our computer programs and cleaned machines.
Oakland	\$1580	Personnel; Other	With Direct State Aid, we could pay for extra staff needed during the summer. We would not have the finances to offer reading incentive prizes for our summer program without these funds. A new girl who just moved to town was able to meet a new friend because of the program.
Ocheyedan	\$ 925	Materials & Supplies	We were able to increase the size of our audio book collection, which has been used extensively by vision-impaired and hospitalized patrons. One of our patrons has been hospitalized for a lengthy period of time. His wife has checked out many of our audio books for him and reports that he enjoys them as a way to pass the time.
Odebolt	\$1484	Personnel	We are able to continue to pay staff so we can be open Wednesday mornings. At this time, a book review group meets and during the school year pre-schoolers visit all the time.
Oelwein	\$1930	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Direct State Aid was used to pay mileage to staff who attended PLOW (Putting Libraries on the Web) classes. We also added new periodicals, expanded programming for the Summer Reading Program, and purchased down-loadable audio books. We added a Teen Book Club to the Summer Reading Program. One of the youth will be responsible for adding the club's book reviews to our new Web site.
Ogden	NE		
Olin	\$1390	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	We were able to hire a Summer Reading Program coordinator with Direct State Aid. We also purchased new children's books.
Onawa	\$1921	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We purchased microfilm copies of our local newspapers for genealogy research. These funds also allowed us to match a grant for OPAC computers and for service work on the computer installation. We also bought a new fax machine and color printer.

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Orange City	\$2657	Materials & Supplies	We have been able to increase the size of our audio book collection with these funds. Without these additional materials, we would not be able to keep up with patron demand.
Orient	\$ 434	Personnel; Programs; Other	I feel the summer preschool story hour is building a foundation for the children to relate to the school (we are a combined school/public library), library, and books. I was able to hire a preschool story hour coordinator for 8 weeks. The summer preschool story hour is reaching children at a young age and giving them a connection to the library and to other children. One shy little girl told her Grandma that she needed to go to story hour because her friend (another preschooler) would be there.
Osage	\$2240	Furniture; Programs	We purchased a new table in the leisure area, two end tables, a sofa table and two lamps. We also had two Patchwork Puppets performances and paid partial expenses for the Summer Festival entertainment, including treats, craft supplies and supplies for a Halloween party.
Osceola	\$2220	Capital Improvements	We made repairs to the exterior of the library and painted the trim. The brick was also power washed. The people of Osceola are proud of their Carnegie library so it's important to the community that this building be kept in good repair and looking nice.
Oskaloosa	\$4163	Materials & Supplies	We are using the funds to help us replace worn and outdated reading materials.
Ossian	\$1442	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Furniture Programs	We were able to pay staff to extend the hours of our Summer Reading Program. We also purchased a lease plan for books on CD, and purchased non-fiction and children's books beyond what could normally be purchased. We bought a patron computer chair and were able to offer drinks and crafts for the Summer Reading Program. As we have between 40 and 50 children at our Monday summer programs, providing 4 oz juice boxes has become expensive, but so nice since most of the children walk in hot weather to get here. Our Summer Reading Program helped one participant become more social. Our toddler part of the Summer Reading Program had 16 to 20 participants each week, developing early participation for those children. The desk chair was more expensive than our usual discount store purchase, but will last longer and be safer.
Ottumwa	\$2462	Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to purchase a telephone system. Our old phone system was antiquated but we had no money in the budget for a new one. Thanks to this funding we were able to update the system.
Oxford	\$ 502	Materials & Supplies	We spent Direct State Aid on children's books. Our book collection, computers, summer reading program, etc. are an asset to a small town such as ours.
Oxford Junction	\$1358	Technology & Equipment	We spent the entire amount on new computers. We now have more than one Internet computer. They all have high speed with no problems. It makes a difference in all our lives. We are so grateful to have new computers with no problems.

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Palmer	\$ 443	Personnel; Technology & Equipment; Other	We used Direct State Aid to pay staff to keep the library open until 6 p.m. one night a week. We also purchased a new phone line for Internet as well as anti-virus software for our computers. The young people in our little town use the computers in the library.
Panora	\$1458	Technology & Equipment	Using Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase two new computers. This funding helps our computer lab continue to grow with the library.
Parkersburg	\$1622	Furniture	We purchased a new staff work station. We have never had a place to process books efficiently. Also, our unfinished work currently gets placed in open shelving. This new work station will have cupboard doors to make the library look much better. Because we are creating a space specifically geared for processing books, it will make it much more time effective in getting new books and materials ready for patrons to use.
Paton	\$1221	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Direct State Aid paid for continuing education for staff. We also purchased audio books, CDs and DVDs, and paid for our Summer Reading Program prizes and books, which the children are thrilled by. We are a very small library and it would be hard to stay open without these funds.
Paullina	\$1426	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs; Other	We used Direct State Aid to hire a person to do computer work typing up library records. We purchased teen and pre-teen program planning kits, as well as 20 Big Books for story hour and school. We kicked off our Summer Reading Program with a puppeteer/magician. We also purchased promotional items for the year-long 100 th birthday celebration. Due to our promotion of the library through programs, giveaways, etc., our patronage has increased and the library use has increased considerably. We have become more visible to the public. Our children's and teen programs will improve with the purchase of the new books and kits. I had a group of children who have said that decorating and riding the float to represent the library in our town's 4th of July parade was the most fun they have had in a long time. They wanted to make sure that the people in town knew how much fun they have had reading at the library and at home, attending the library programs and story hour and that they can find books about anything they are interested in.
Pella	\$3597	Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to purchase adult and children's books.
Perry	\$3028	Technology & Equipment	We are able to rotate, replace and update a portion of our computers each year so that we are reasonably current with new technology.
Peterson	\$ 881	Materials & Supplies; Furniture; Other	This funding has allowed us to purchase more materials for our patrons. In particular, we purchased large print and children's books, as well as microfilm. We also purchased a mat for a desk chair, and Summer Reading Program promotion materials, supplies and incentives.

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Plainfield	\$1349	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture	We used Direct State Aid to purchase a globe, movies and books. We also bought a digital camera and revolving multimedia tower. We now have more up-to-date materials available, particularly for our children in the community. Our junior non-fiction section was very old and the globe still had the Soviet Union on it. We can now take pictures during programs and have them available to display or print in the newspaper. We can provide more DVD's and display them nicely. We had never been able to purchase the whole set of Children's Choice books, though they are used at the school and children ask for them. When I got the books and put them on display, two 10-year-old girls went crazy with excitement over them. They rushed to check out three a piece. It is great to see children excited about books.
Pleasant Hill	\$3415	Technology & Equipment	This money used to help fund the purchase of new computers for the public. Up-to-date machines are vital in providing quality library service. By having the Direct State Aid funds available, the library is better able to meet the needs of the constantly growing computer users.
Pleasantville	NE		
Plover	\$ 430	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	I was able to attend continuing education classes to help me learn more about computers. We also purchased new children's books for the Summer Reading Program, and purchased a new printer/copy machine. In addition, we were able to purchase craft materials for the summer program. I was able to keep more children coming in. I have also been able to help older people on the computer because of the classes I took.. The new printer/copy machine has helped more than one person. The craft materials keep 18 children busy making mystery pets and other projects for 6 weeks.
Pocahontas	\$1633	Personnel; Programs	Direct State Aid enables us to increase staff hours to help assist the record number of children we have signed up for the Summer Reading Program. They assist with the programs and extra activities that we provide in June and July. Direct State Aid also helps us buy supplies for our weekly story hours, and for crafts and activities for the children. We were able to purchase books for book discussion groups. This funding improves our quality in staffing and activities that we can provide to the children and teens of our community.
Polk City	\$1875	Personnel	We were able to hire a computer consultant. Having someone on staff to update and handle all computers has taken stress off other staff and we have a lot fewer computer problems.
Pomeroy	\$ 993	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs;	We used Direct State Aid to purchase large print books, Books Systems automation software, an oak bookcase, reupholstered chairs, Summer Reading Program materials and a refrigerator. With this funding we are able to complete the automation of our library, making check outs and overdues easier. The

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		Other	large print books are in popular demand with several nursing home residents and older patrons. We have a patron in her eighties who was always an avid reader. After having a stroke and getting cancer on her spinal cord she has become shaky, and it is difficult for her to focus in order to read. We gave her large print books to try, and she was overjoyed to see that she could read those. Now she has "come to life" after being depressed during the time when she could not read. She has a new lease on life. She fills her days with reading once again. The refrigerator will help us keep food and beverages cold and safe during programs for our children and adults. The reupholstered chairs are helping the library look tidy and inviting and are allowing plenty of comfortable seating in comfort.
Postville	\$1819	Furniture	We used Direct State Aid to purchase a large glass door display cabinet for our local history books and other historical items. We also purchased a 3-shelf book case for office use.
Prairie City	\$ 964	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	These funds were used for staff training, new books and computer support and software.
Prescott	NE		
Preston	\$1446	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Our library staff has been working to increase usage in the teen section of our library. The additional funds were used to purchase materials that a group of teens and the staff thought best for reading and for increased checkouts. We have a group of teens that love to read and they were excited to be able to help select materials for their section of the library. We were also able to purchase materials for our Summer Reading Program.
Primghar	\$1374	Materials & Supplies	We purchased adult and children's books, as well as new CDs. Our budget was recently slashed by \$5,000. This money will ensure that our patrons will continue to have new materials available to them.
Quimby	\$ 459	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We bought DVDs for classes in the library. We added a learning center for our library. We received a grant and had to have matching funds. We also got genealogy materials for library use, as well as a new TV with CD player, and a Boom Box. In addition, we used funds toward our Summer Reading Program.
Radcliffe	\$1337	Personnel; Capital Improvements	In order to get the automation project done in a timely manner, we hired an additional staff member. She worked 4 months and completed the project in a very organized, professional way. As the books were taken from the shelf to bar code, I found it an ideal time to hire a painter and give the entire library a new coat of paint. Team work accomplished this goal without a lot of disruption to our daily routine. By having our collection bar coded, checkout is much faster, and allows our patrons to spend considerably less time waiting to get their materials ready to go out.

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			For the staff, checking-in time has been greatly simplified. No more hunting for cards.
Rake	\$ 522	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for salaries so the library could be open one extra morning a week. We also purchased new books and audio books.
Randolph	\$ 449	Materials & Supplies	We were lacking religious fiction books for the older readers and added a nice group of books to our collection for children. We were able to purchase animal reference books. Great for the school reports.
Readlyn	\$1467	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We purchased new bulletin board panels for the library exterior. We also purchased a subscription to USA Today, and upgraded our server software to Windows 2003. We also bought 3 flat panel monitors. The new server software enables us to run our on-line catalog. The new monitors are energy efficient, and more inviting and user-friendly for patrons. The subscription to USA Today had been requested but was beyond our budget. Patrons are very appreciative. So am I!
Red Oak	\$1823	Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs; Other	We were able to offer continued Internet service and also wireless Internet capability. The timing of adding the wireless Internet was perfect. We were able to accommodate a large number of media during some major events in our area. We have seen many lives changed with the Internet's capability to find jobs etc. Our programs and their attendance is growing so we needed additional seating for the children. To record our programs, we purchased a digital camera. We will be using it to promote the library in the media.
Redfield	\$ 945	Capital Improvements	We purchased new shelving for Easy Reader books.
Reinbeck	\$1739	Technology & Equipment	We badly needed to replace two computers with updated ones. With the Direct State Aid, we were able to do so.
Rembrandt	\$ 829	Personnel; Programs	We are thankful we are able to be open more hours to serve our patrons. Children are able to come in and use our computers on Saturday mornings. They are able to do work for school and we are able to help by being open. The money will also help us to provide a better Summer Reading Program. Thanks.
Remsen	\$1127	Materials & Supplies	We have a large group of people who enjoy reading large print books. So we used all the money towards improving our collection.
Renwick	\$1299	Materials & Supplies; Programs	We used this money to buy audio and large print books. I have several patrons who are nearly blind and they enjoy the audio books. Several patrons need the large print books and since they are so expensive this really helps us purchase more. We are able to do more activities for the kids during the Summer Reading Program, plus we do more activities for story hour using Direct State Aid. We hold a once-a-month coffee for patrons to attend and see what's new at the library.
Riceville	\$1506	Personnel; Materials & Supplies;	With Direct State Aid, we can provided additional staff. We also purchased audio books and computer programs for children. By providing audio books,

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		Technology & Equipment; Programs	many patrons who have commute to work for an hour or more can still enjoy a good book. Money is also spent on the after school reading program.
Richland	\$1299	Personnel	We use Direct State Aid to pay the salaries for staff who assist with day cares and kindergarten service with library materials. Our books and videos are greatly appreciated. The books are used to read individually and in a group, as discussion starters and themes for projects as well as learning. Books and videos are delivered every other week.
Ringsted	\$ 847	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Thank you! With this money we can purchase new books, virus protection and headphones for our computers, and host an open house and children's program.
Rippey	\$465	Personnel; DVDs; Technology & Equipment; Programs	With Direct State Aid, we added additional staff to direct the Summer Reading Program. We also purchased new DVDs and a license to show movies. We also purchased incentives for the Summer Reading Program. This year we were able to include teens and pre-teens in a separate Summer Reading Program. The extra help allowed the director to do her job and work in other needed areas.
Rock Rapids	\$1311	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We purchased new videos and audio books, as well as computer service.
Rock Valley	\$1971	Technology & Equipment	We were able to upgrade to a Web-based automation system.
Rockford	\$1018	Materials & Supplies	We have moved to purchasing non-print media in DVD and CD formats. With changing hardware available to the library users, it is imperative that the software formats migrate to meet the hardware needs. Therefore, movies in DVD format and audio books on CD are vital additions to the media offered to Rockford library customers. There is a family with young children who live near the library and frequent it often. Although they are not automatically drawn to the books, they do have a DVD player at home. They have loved the selections they can now choose from. The library and the staff have become their home-away-from-home. Their single mother is suffering from cancer and has little energy to spend being a mom. This is another example of a non-typical role the library plays in the lives of their customers.
Rockwell	\$1508	Technology & Equipment	Our library was in need of a new computer for patrons to use. The new computer, with Windows Vista, replaced a computer that had Windows 98 on it. There was not enough memory or hard drive space to load a newer version of Windows on this old computer. It made a difference to a number of people. The new computer is so much faster. It makes surfing the Internet a lot easier and quicker. It also has a lot of new programs we didn't have on the old computer.
Rockwell City	\$1317	Technology &	We used this money to help purchase 3 new public

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		Equipment	access computers. They replaced 3 older ones that desperately needed updating.
Roland	\$1596	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid helped fund collection development. We focused on music CDs and DVDs. We also used this money to purchase adult and juvenile books.
Rolfe	\$1328	Personnel; Technology & Equipment; Programs	We used this money on salary for staff who visited and shared story books at the school, ran story times at the library, and staffed the Summer Reading Program. We also used the money for a program to secure Marc records. In addition, the money helps pay postage for the books we borrow from other libraries for our book discussion programs. We have a wide range (23-85) of ages who attend our book discussions. Some of the people are very shy, but they open up and take part in our discussions, expressing their opinions and sharing their thoughts.
Rowan	\$ 916	Furniture	The entire amount of money we received was used to purchase 2 magazine racks and book cases for the children's area in our library.
Royal	\$ 448	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	With Direct State Aid, we were able to pay staff and purchase more books for our patrons.
Rudd	\$ 532	Materials & Supplies	We purchased new movies, books, and magazines
Runnells	NE		
Ruthven	\$ 543	Technology & Equipment	We used our funds to contribute to matching funds for a grant project to digitize our newspapers. Our patrons now have an important resource available on the Internet 24/7. In the library, it is a big step up from microfilm because it can be accessed using any computer and printer rather than expensive and clunky microfilm readers.
Sabula	\$1347	Materials & Supplies	This money was spent for new books and videos.
Sac City	\$1207	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We started a DVD collection and added to our CD audio books. Most of our patrons who truck switched to CD players in their cabs, so they are checking out books again.
Salem	\$ 486	Technology & Equipment	We purchased updated Follett programs for our computers.
Sanborn	\$1005	Technology & Equipment	We bought a computer for the children's area using Direct State Aid. Kids now have access to the Internet and play games while at the library. As a result of this funding, the children are able to increase their knowledge of the World Wide Web. We are building a new library in the city of Sanborn. So every bit of aid that we get helps in purchasing new things for our library. Everything is very much appreciated.
Schaller	\$ 971	Personnel; Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid pays us to be open an extra half hour to keep us at Tier II funding. We had a double tier magazine rack with a seat and storage area underneath built into one unit. Before the patrons would only look at the top shelf of our portable rack - some magazines were never touched. Now they are all displayed at eye level and it's much better.
Schleswig	NE		

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Scranton	\$1330	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase teen and juvenile fiction books, including chapter books. We were also able to buy a circulation computer for staff.
Sergeant Bluff	NE		
Seymour	NE		
Sheffield	\$1606	Furniture	With Direct State Aid, we were able to complete a remodeling project that was started over two years ago. Painting, lighting and carpet had all been finished, but our furniture was 15 years old and showing signs of wear. Being able to use this money to finish the update was great. I've already noticed that kids have been using the seating to come in and hang around longer flipping through books. We are still awaiting the arrival of the adult seating. This should improve the comfort level of the newspaper and magazine reading area. Of course, the aesthetics of the library are vastly improved.
Sheldon	\$2271	Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase children and adult audio books. They remain a popular item at our library - they nearly fly off the shelves. Commuters, truck drivers and rural mail carriers love them.
Shell Rock	\$1476	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to enhance all manner of library materials – fiction and nonfiction books for children and adults, DVDs, books on CD, magazines and newspapers. Without state aid, our materials budget would be substantially lower and we would not be able to order as many materials benefiting all ages. One of our patrons who frequently checks out our audio books is a widow who owns her own business. She says she is alone, and the books keep her company at home and at work. She also travels and she says they keep her awake. She checks out not only fiction but books on changing your life. She says they have been a great help. We also sponsor workshops for grade school children in the spring and fall. With this funding we are able to purchase supplies.
Shellsburg	\$1378	Personnel; Technology & Equipment; Furniture	The library is able to be open to the public on the weekends because of the money we get to pay staff. The library was also able to provide an additional computer station for the public. We were also able to buy a computer chair.
Shenandoah	\$2436	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture; Programs	With these funds we purchased a Playaway, new books, and new teen books. We also got flat panel monitors for our computers and a new handrail and front door. We purchased computer workstation chairs, as well as teen chairs and a movie license.
Sibley	\$1260	Materials & Supplies	We're often told what a great children's area we have and a great selection of children's books. We can only keep this up because we are able to update/replace books with the funding from the state.
Sidney	\$1466	Personnel	With Direct State Aid, the city of Sidney has hired a 20

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			hr. a week assistant/children's librarian. The trustees agreed to pay half her salary until the city's new budget is in place. Our new staff member is a retired teacher and will be a great asset to all our patrons with focus on the children's programming. Oh happy day!
Sigourney	\$1701	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Other	Our patrons have utilized our new books, new audio books, large print books, CD's and new DVD's we purchased as a result of this funding. The rotations we receive from the Southeastern Library Service Area increases our circulation many times over and offers our patrons choices they would not otherwise have. Large print books that we have been able to purchase as a result of this funding have improved the life of one of our elderly patrons who has serious vision problems. He loves westerns and can read our large print novels. He comes in weekly to get more large print titles to read by his favorite authors.
Silver City	\$ 831	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements; Furniture	This extra funding allows us to be open 5 extra hours a week. Some of our children come in and do homework research because we are open more hours. They like our fast Web site. Three boys in one family use it a lot. We were also able to buy new CDs for the library, and are adding more book space by changing some of our shelves. The money will also help us get work stations for computers.
Sioux Center	\$2554	Materials & Supplies; Programs	Direct State Aid allows us to extend our Summer Reading Program to eight weeks. Also, we could afford to bring in a wide variety of entertainment and special programs to attract over 600 people who participate in our summer reading program. When Dan Wardell was here from IPTV, the kids were incredulous. He did a great job promoting the Summer Reading Program. Our staff set a goal of 88,000 reading minutes across the community. The 694 participants surprised us by reading a total of 399,000 minutes over the eight week span. That is quite remarkable and a tribute to both our community of readers and the library staff who encouraged all ages to join in this summer venture and expand their personal horizons through the written word.
Sioux City	\$20064	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Other	With additional part-time maintenance hours to day-care deliveries and additional staff hours to do shelving, the children's library assistant had more time for programming. We purchased children's and general DVDs and processing supplies. We purchased a network server and SIP2 protocol and other upgrades. DVD circulation is up 6.5% (12,585 items) over the previous year. The network infrastructure is being upgraded and the Pharos Internet management software will soon be in place. This will allow automated public Internet signup and time management at our Morningside Branch. A student in a local nursing education program stopped at the Main Library to check out a book that would help her study for her NCLEX nursing exam. After

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			discovering that all of the library books were checked out at that time, the librarian told the nursing student about the online practice tests available through the library's premium database subscription to Testing & Education Reference Center. When the nursing student learned that by simply typing in her library card number on any Internet-connected computer, she could take practice tests at any time, she was thrilled. She asked for three additional fliers describing the Sioux City Public Library's online databases so she could give them to her friends who also wanted to practice for the NCLEX exam. Staff do not recall any nurses stopping back to report test results, but we presume that there are at least three new licensed nurses seeing to the health needs of people in Siouxland.
Sioux Rapids	\$ 902	Personnel	We would not be able to be open the days and hours we are without my part-time helper. We could not offer the services to our customers that we do now. Being open 3 days until 6 p.m. is a very welcome service to our patrons. Last week, a young girl came in at 5 p.m. for help with a school paper. She thought we were closing. She was in tears until she heard we were open until 6 p.m. and would stay to help her longer if needed. She was so grateful!
Slater	\$1476	Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to supplement our library materials budget, providing people with new movies and books. People have noticed!
Sloan	\$ 943	Materials & Supplies; Furniture	Both things we added to the library will serve the community well. The copy machine has added uses - a scanner and a fax machine which we didn't have before. The new shelving makes browsing easier for patrons.
Solon	\$2122	Materials & Supplies	This is a community where most people drive at least 30 minutes to work. We heard more comments about folks whose cars now had CD players but we didn't have many choices for them in books on CD. Our regular budget provided new titles each month but we needed help. State funding helped us double our collection of books on CD. No complaints this summer! Thanks for helping us make this transition.
Somers	NE		
South English	\$ 409	Materials & Supplies; Programs; Other	We were able to purchase a new library name stamp, signs to put on the end of our shelves, and other supplies. The money also went towards the purchase of summer reading materials for crafts and some books. It also helped towards our postal costs. We were able to do more crafts with the kids for summer reading. We were also able to get some new books that helped with the theme. I had more kids for summer reading this year than before because we could break up the age level of the kids and do more things with them.
Spencer	\$3803	Materials & Supplies; Technology &	Direct State Aid helped us purchase new World Book Encyclopedias and online databases. We purchased 3 bar code scanners for circulation, a printer and

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		Equipment; Furniture; Programs; Other	cables, a portable PA system for programs, 2 monitors/screens, and a back-up battery for the file server. In addition, we purchased a paperback spinner for the children's area and hosted 2 mystery kits for murder mystery parties – one for teens and one for tweens. We also purchased larger signage for the children's young adult sections and our fiction collection. We had many comments from out-of-town visitors and other librarians conducting walk-thrus that our signage was hard to see. We've had many compliments on new signs.
Spillville	\$1296	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Direct State Aid has allowed the library to remain automated and to continue to add new materials to the collection. We have been working hard to update the junior fiction collection as well as building a large print collection. Since we have started the large print collection we have had some people start using the library. They appreciate having the large print since they can read it easier. They are now regular patrons in the library.
Spirit Lake	\$2373	Personnel	The additional staff person we were able to hire with Direct State Aid funds makes it possible for us to have a designated staff member in the children's area during all library hours and during the Summer Reading Program. This helps to make the program run smoothly, eliminates some congestion at the main desk, and provides a warmer welcome to our young patrons and their parents.
Springville	NE		
St. Ansgar	\$1611	Technology & Equipment	With Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase a new patron computer and a new mouse and keyboard for the circulation computer at the front desk. Our customers use patron computers more and more each week. Having updated technology is greatly appreciated whether they use it for their recreational or educational needs. Job searches, genealogy, testing for the local nursing class, it is difficult to know them all but these are some of the areas our customers have worked in. Employees at the circulation desk can check out customers more efficiently with the new keyboard and mouse.
St. Charles	NE		
Stacyville	\$1410	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	With this money we were able to purchase large print books to update our collection. We also purchased a portable DVD player for patron check out, and prizes and books to give to each Summer Reading Program participant.
Stanhope	\$ 890	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a new computer with Direct State Aid. Our old computer that we replaced was sooooo slow that my patrons were unhappy every time they used it. Our computers get a lot of use so it's nice to have faster ones. When the patrons are happy, I'm happy!
Stanton	\$1316	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to continue the number of hours we are open and to help purchase a new computer.
Stanwood	\$ 463	Personnel	We used this money to hire a substitute librarian who

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			fills in when the director needs a day off. Having a paid substitute helps to keep the library open all of the hours that are posted. It is becoming harder to find people who are willing to volunteer their time to work here at the library. As the director, it is a relief knowing that I have a person that I can call to fill in for me. Even when it came to training, if I could not find a volunteer, I would have to skip outside activities or appointments. Otherwise, during emergencies or illness the library would most likely be closed.
State Center	\$1026	Materials & Supplies	We used this money to purchase new books.
Steamboat Rock Stockport	\$ 858 NE	Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid for technical support and updates for our computer. Our patrons can use our 2 public access computers to e-mail friends and relatives - play games - seek employment - apply for jobs - file income taxes - research and write school assignments - find phone numbers and addresses.
Storm Lake	\$3516	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Programs	This year, I focused the majority of money distribution in two ways: staff support / training and adult patron programming. The library collection has been undergoing an extensive weed. With state funds, I was able to purchase technology tools for the library to use to efficiently and effectively accomplish this massive project. In addition, library staff were able to plan and execute an adult programming effort never attempted at this library. The library hosted a dinner and a movie, which was very well received by all attendees. The event was so successful, we are already planning another program for early fall! As a new director, this funding made new ideas possible. I am very appreciative that this money was available to the Storm Lake Public Library. Funding allowed me to facilitate new ideas generated by staff. This money allowed the library staff to provide service above and beyond the boundaries of our regular budget. Thanks for the additional support!!
Story City	\$1954	Technology & Equipment; Programs; Other	Story City used this money on Internet security software and the continuation of our Follett service agreement. We also used it for special programs. I am new, but I was told the programs were all absolutely wonderful! Most of them were for children, but adults enjoyed many of them also. This has been one of the few times there have been any outside programming offered, and the response has been tremendous. Story City brought out both young and old. The SCUM program has created some extreme interest in the study of chemistry and it was fun to watch the kids wanting to get books showing them how to do experiments! During the summer no less! We also purchased cataloging software.
Stratford	\$1365	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment;	We used this funding to purchase audio and large print books, two new computers, and paint and labor costs for the reading and children's area. A former library board president passed away. His widow

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		Capital Improvements	donated some money to create the Dr. Al Janney memorial reading area. What she donated wasn't enough to make it very nice, so we used some of our Direct State Aid dollars to improve it. She cried when she saw the area. It really is lovely with wingback chairs, a barrister shelf and magazine/book cases.
Strawberry Point	\$1598	Technology & Equipment	This money helps keep our library up to date on technology. With a limited budget it is a good addition. Thanks.
Stuart	\$1155	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase new books and a new computer for catalog use. Our patrons now not only have more books, but also have a computer designated only to look up books.
Sully	\$1452	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase Iowa Children's Choice Award and Teen Award books, as well as books on CD for children and adults. I wouldn't have been able to purchase these items without this funding.
Sumner	\$1261	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a new computer to help meet the needs of ever increasing use. A young woman was taking college courses and she could use our computers to take an on-line exam instead of driving out of town to school.
Sutherland	\$1333	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to supplement our materials budget to purchase books, periodical subscriptions and DVDs for our library patrons' use.
Swaledale	\$ 454	Furniture	The teenagers in town are very faithful users of the library. However, the library does not have a young adults section. Direct State Aid helped us create a space for the teenagers which will validate the importance of recognizing that population.
Swea City	\$1380	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Furniture; Programs; Other	We used this money for our director to attend meetings out of town, for craft supplies, toner, ink cartridge and work supplies. We also got new antivirus software, repair work on our emergency exit door and service work on our fire extinguishers. The furniture we purchased (floor lamp, area rug, rocker/glider chair, 2 video rocker chairs and 2 bean bag chairs) helped us update the "tween" area. The kids love having their own space, which has increased circulation. We also purchased new books and prizes for our Summer Reading Program. In addition, the money helped offset the costs of heating and electricity.
Tabor	\$ 525	Materials & Supplies	Each year, this funding helps us purchase books we wouldn't otherwise be able to buy. We purchased large print books, which circulate at the local nursing home. This brings them great joy! Thank you!
Tama	\$1796	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase book supplies, 2 new computers and 3 new flat monitors.
Terril	\$ 897	Technology & Equipment; Furniture; Other	Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase antivirus computer software, chair mats and a vacuum cleaner to use on our new carpeting. This money makes it easier for the library to provide a more attractive,

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			pleasant atmosphere for patrons.
Thompson	NE		
Thornton	\$1322	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	We used this money to hire a local reading teacher to help with the Summer Reading Program. It was a huge success, doubling our numbers from last year. We also bought books for our adult book discussion, book certificates for the Summer Reading Program, book bags and prizes for winners of the reading program. A young autistic patron uses our library to enhance his reading of new non-fiction books we purchased recently.
Tiffin	\$ 913	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid allowed the library to remain open extra hours for high school students to complete an electronic newspaper assignment for American History. Students who are heavily involved in school activities were able to come to the library on Saturday and had later time in the evening to complete this assignment. We purchased more new materials, especially magazines for younger readers.
Tipton	\$1911	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	We added more mystery books for the preschool-teen ages to enhance the Summer Reading Program theme. We were also able to use this money to purchase a laminator.
Titonka	NE		
Toledo	\$1745	Materials & Supplies	We were very happy to use these funds to boost our collection of CD audio books geared toward the male population of listeners, as we are rather weak in this area. We have not had funds to purchase much in adult non-fiction DVD materials for quite some time so these were wonderful additions to our collection as well. A very heavily used part of our collection is children's DVDs and we can never seem to get enough that is new and educational for them. These are great new additions to our collection and will certainly see lots of use by our patrons. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide these resources for the community.
Traer	\$1550	Materials & Supplies; Other	We purchased CD books and used some of the money for heating and cooling the library. The increase in fuel for heating and the increase in the square footage of our new library has increased our utilities. We have several people commute to work each day and they enjoy listening to books on CD during the drive.
Tripoli	\$1578	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Capital Improvements; Furniture; Programs	We were able to continue with the after school book club for children in 4 th grade and older because we had the money to pay staff. We also purchased nonfiction books for children on topics that we currently did not have available in our library. We installed a fan in the entry way to help circulate air and keep moisture from building up on the door. We also installed a new planter and park benches outside for people who want to sit and read. We bought bean bag chairs and added a mural to the children's area. This money also allowed us to have the Summer Reading Program and special programs for National

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			Library Week. Thank you for allowing this funding to help enhance our library.
Truro	\$1319	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs	Direct State Aid allowed the librarian to take classes and paid for her mileage. We purchased new books, DVDs and magazines. One customer is home bound. His wife comes to the library every week and checks out books for both of them. New ones keeps him occupied and happy. We also bought a copier and ink cartridges as well as paper and other supplies for our programs.
Union	\$1346	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	The director used this money to attend programs and classes to keep her certification up to date. We also purchased various library materials including adult and children's books, DVDs and audio books. Appropriate materials can be purchased to aid students so they can be successful. For example, we purchased books used by the "Reading Counts" program.
Urbandale	\$10369	Technology & Equipment	We purchased 8 Dell computers for OPAC use. Now we have a better connection to our online catalog.
Ute	NE		
Van Horne	\$1342	Materials & Supplies;	We used Direct State Aid to purchase more large print books as we have more requests for them. We have many patrons who experience difficulty when trying to read the regular print in books. They really appreciate the large print materials and enjoy reading more as a result. An elderly woman had given up on reading printed material due to deteriorating eyesight. We introduced her to large print and audio books and she was thrilled!
Van Meter	\$ 496	Furniture	With Direct State Aid, we added storage cabinets in the store room so we can better organize our craft and book processing supplies.
Varina	NE		
Ventura	\$1390	Materials & Supplies	This funding was used to purchase new fiction for adults and young adults, as well as our audio book collection. We are meeting our patrons' needs.
Victor	\$1465	Technology & Equipment	We replaced our copy machine with an upgraded model with a color function and scanner. The library can now supply patrons needs for all types of copies. The community appreciates having access to a good, color copy machine. It gets a lot of use each week.
Villisca	\$1478	Personnel	We used this money to hire another part-time staff person who works 10 hours per week. That way there are 2 people on duty most of the time.
Vinton	\$2385	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Programs; Other	We purchased Accucut dies, a Wi-Fi router/Sonic firewall with unlimited user license. We also provided the Blue Trunk Education Series which will bring its rainforest to Vinton for the Summer Reading Program. Allowing people to access the Internet with their laptops is a plus for Vinton.
Volga	\$ 838	Personnel; Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid has helped us provide new books for our children and young adults on a monthly basis. Without this money, we would not be able to do that. The Junior Library Guild was highly recommended to me by other librarians in our area. The books have

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			been great! In our small community, we have about 18 children who frequent the library. Of these children, there are 5 who are on a very high reading level for their age and appreciate very much having various subjects in these books to challenge their reading level.
Wadena	NE		
Wall Lake	\$1414	Materials & Supplies; Furniture; Programs	Our library is able to have programs for our children like they offer in cities with larger budgets. We are able to buy more bookcases, books, DVDs and CDs that we would not be able to afford with our budget.
Walnut	\$ 913	Materials & Supplies	We purchased new books for our juvenile collection. We are fortunate that the elementary school in our community brings classes to the library during the school year to check out books. By purchasing new books, we are able to offer a broader selection of material to the students and replace old, worn out books. We added several series of books that had been requested by the school students. The books were eagerly checked out by children who had previously not been able to find books they really liked. It was fun to see them get excited about reading. We have a limited budget and this money helped tremendously.
Wapello	\$1686	Technology & Equipment; Other	With the purchase of a Spectrum In-hand, staff can more easily do inventory and as a result have better management of the library holdings. Books that have come up missing can be marked as such so that those using the library catalog will know if the item is on the shelf. Also it has helped find some items that had been lost because they were not in their proper place. Part of this funding went towards a project to purchase a media return. The library did not have a return for VHS, DVD, or CD materials. Users were asked to return them during open hours. Since the purchase of the media return, people are more apt to check out these materials, because they do not have to worry about returning them during open hours.
Washington	\$2177	Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to buy adult fiction and non-fiction books.
Washta	\$ 453	Materials & Supplies	We were able to buy books and audio books. Without these funds we could not have the latest materials. We don't get much support from the city.
Waterloo	\$17087	Personnel	The funding is ensuring the continuation of a grant called Gray Matters by providing for the project coordinator's salary. The program targets active seniors, seniors who live in retirement/nursing centers and home-bound patrons. The program provides aids and devices to enhance reading abilities for seniors and disabled customers, plus provides motorized carts and special walkers for those with mobility problems. Book discussion groups at nursing and retirement centers, which began with the 3rd Age Project, continue. Other services offered include recruiting and training volunteers for outreach, a

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			special Web site for seniors and the use of bi-folkal kits. We know from the success of the very first 3rd Age Project that this program will continue to change the lives of area seniors. Many new book discussion groups have formed since the program first began, and several library staff members have become involved in the book clubs.
Waterville	NE		
Waucoma	\$1219	Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase new books. Patron attendance and circulation continues to be enthusiastic. A Parkinson patient does research with our new medical books to help him learn about his advancing symptoms.
Waukee	\$3025	Technology & Equipment	We were able to add 3 more public access computer work stations for the public, bringing our total to 10. After school, all 10 work stations are used constantly with a waiting list of 10-12 people.
Waukon	\$2392	Materials & Supplies	Before Direct State Aid, our audiobooks circulation was 385. The next month, factoring in the additions of audiobooks we were able to buy with this money, circulation was 483. These funds definitely helped meet a local demand! One of our patrons had literally listened to our entire audiobook collection and was in the process of relistening. This person drives extensively for work, walks and mows lawns. Audio books have enriched these activities. But she reminds us that there is dual listening in that her husband also listens to these same audiobooks! I dare say that this story is typical in this community.
Waverly	\$3502	Technology & Equipment	We used this money to purchase a laptop and projector for PowerPoint presentations at community meetings. We also replaced old CRT monitors with flat panel screens at the public computer stations. Library staff members are more tech savvy in their use of laptops/projectors/PowerPoint and can help patrons use them. Library patrons with visual difficulties have an easier time viewing non-CRT monitors, which have larger screens.
Webb	\$ 826	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Furniture	This funding has been a tremendous help with a copy machine for staff and the public. A person came in to make copies who could not afford what another business was charging, so as a public service we could help him. The chairs are comfortable for people to use while reading the paper, doing a puzzle, reading a magazine, etc.
Webster City	\$3162	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid allows the library to contract with Baker & Taylor for their book leasing program. We order multiple copies of best sellers. The lease program enables the library to return extra copies when the rush is over, which makes room for newer titles. Our patrons appreciate the extra copies.
Wellman	\$1500	Technology & Equipment	Using Direct State Aid funds for some of our extra computer software and licensing needs allowed us to use our local funds to update technology and add more materials to our collection.
Wellsburg	\$1472	Technology &	We purchased a "Panther" inventory scanner. We

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		Equipment	can now inventory our materials with a device that works in conjunction with our automation system. Our library is in the beginning stages of fundraising for a new building. This is a wonderful time for us to thoroughly inventory and become accustomed to a new inventory procedure before moving to the new site. Our shelves are neat and clean and we can usually find everything we need, but this little device will help tremendously in tracking down anything missing and providing a much clearer picture of our holdings. We focus on the best customer service we can at the Wellsburg Public Library.
Wesley	\$ 914	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Programs	The money has really helped with salary increases and book costs. Purchasing more large print books puts a smile on our patrons' faces. We also used Direct State Aid for our Summer Reading Program prizes.
West Bend	\$1454	Technology & Equipment	We used this money to help update our 6 public access computers. They are used everyday, all day long. We have people touring the Grotto who come into the library and check their e-mail.
West Branch	\$1692	Personnel	We were able to hire help for programming, weeding and inventory. Direct State Aid allows the library to function better and with greater efficiency.
West Des Moines	\$12777	Technology & Equipment; Other	Direct State Aid was used for computers, a large monitor, specialized digital equipment for teen programming, and preparation of planning documents and expenses related to library consulting costs. Public staffing areas all have up-to-date computers and technology. Library planning efforts could occur thanks to partial coverage of consultants' costs.
West Liberty	\$1968	Materials & Supplies	We used this money to purchase Spanish materials.
West Point	\$1433	Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment	The digital camera we purchased with Direct State Aid will be used for the library's Web site. The easy and juvenile books we bought will be used by school age children. With the arrival of an elementary school in town, they will be a great asset.
West Union	\$1773	Furniture	We were able to buy two overstuffed chairs for our reading room.
Westgate	NE		
Westside	\$ 422	Technology & Equipment	Our major expenditure in regard to technology is to renew our Book Systems/Concourse Automation Program each year. Direct State Aid pays for almost all of this cost.
What Cheer	\$ 885	Materials & Supplies	We used this money to buy adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books, audio CDs and audio visual DVDs.
Wheatland	\$ 454	Materials & Supplies	More current books for all ages were purchased with Direct State Aid. We were able to add to our board books collection. We have a small girl who wants to come to the library often to read.
Whiting	\$1329	Personnel	Without this funding, we would not have been able to expand our open hours by 4. We added 2 hours a day on 2 days. These two time segments are often the busiest times for the library, so we know the

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			community appreciates it.
Whittemore	\$1337	Furniture	We used the entire amount towards hiring a local carpenter to build a new bookshelf unit and a video display unit for the library. Both were handmade of oak and match the rest of the library shelving. Both were a welcome addition to our library and enabled us to get rid of some very old shelving. We would not have been able to do this without Direct State Aid. Patrons have remarked on how nice the video shelf is and how much easier it is to use than the old one.
Williams	\$1318	Personnel; Materials & Supplies; Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements; Programs; Other	We paid for training and mileage for staff to attend classes. We also purchased new books and DVDs, anti-virus protection and a postage scale, building improvement for better accessibility and Summer Reading Program prizes and treats. We also made some landscaping improvements. It has been a goal of mine since starting here to update and improve our non-fiction books in both the adult and juvenile collections. I feel I've gotten a good start on this project. It is wonderful to be able to answer a question and see a child's eyes light up because I had just the book on hurricanes he was looking for! This past April, the library hosted a program on gardening. In honor of this event, I purchased some up-to-date gardening books for adults and children. They were a big hit. Even the speaker from the Extension Service was impressed by the books and the quality of the information and pictures.
Williamsburg	\$1328	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid funds went to the materials budget, out of which we purchase books in several formats and periodicals.
Wilton	\$1849	Technology & Equipment	We used this money to make the final payment on a microfilm reader/printer. We also have the extra program to connect the reader/printer to a computer. A patron can scan and then e-mail the information if they don't want to print it, or save it to a USB device. We have many people who visit the library year round to do family histories, etc. and use the microfilm. In the summer, we also have people traveling and doing family research. Having this machine with the extra capabilities makes it much easier for the patrons and the staff. Direct State Aid allows us to provide services that otherwise would not be available.
Winfield	\$1058	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase new books.
Winterset	\$2542	Technology & Equipment; Capital Improvements	Besides color copying, faxing, and scanning to e-mail, the new copier we purchased with Direct State Aid is also networked to our 11 public Internet-accessible computers. Each of these computers uses the copier as its primary printer. Since it operates as a self-serve, coin-op printer, it has greatly reduced the necessity of staff to hand out prints and take in numerous \$.10 print charges all day, every day. We are very under-staffed, so the ability to allow the library staff to help patrons with more meaningful issues has been a huge burden relieved. The

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			automatic door openers we bought allow much greater handicap accessibility to the building. Our front entry was considered accessible because there were no stairs involved, but the doors were so heavy that they were not truly handicap accessible. Now we have 2 sets of push-plates and the doors open automatically to admit the handicapped, the frail elderly, and parents pushing strollers into the library. Now they can independently enter the library without having to wait for a passer-by to open the door for them.
Winthrop	\$1355	Personnel; Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped pay for our extended evening hours, as well as training for staff. We also replaced a computer and screen. A local woman is able to take online classes at her convenience because of our extended hours. Since she is a single working mother, this is a big help to her and her young family. Our patrons are very appreciative of the services we offer and the hours we are open. We could not do this without Direct State Aid.
Woden	\$1278	Personnel; Programs	We were able to hire extra help for Marc conversion, salaries, mileage and continuing education classes. We also purchased books for smaller children in our summer story/craft program. Once in a while we give them a snack of Animal Crackers – anything to keep them coming back.
Woodbine	\$ 537	Technology & Equipment; Other	We purchased equipment and computers for our automation project. We're not done automating yet, but I'm sure this will make things a lot easier and help us keep better statistics.
Woodward	\$1426	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was used towards a new server when ours died.
Wyoming	\$ 536	Personnel	These funds were used to provide additional staff for an unplanned after school program. The library hosted 17 after-school programs on early-out school days. Opening the library extra hours and adding an extra staff person those days helped immensely. More children overall are using the library than in the past 5 years. We actually checked out more children's than adult books this year. Due to the fact that we have no local day care, many children in our community had no where to go or anything to do on early-out school days. Our program gives kids a safe environment, structured programs, homework help and positive free time until an adult is available to take them home.
Zearing	\$1443	Capital Improvements; Furniture	We will use Direct State Aid for new carpet and paint in the library. We will also purchase 4 locally constructed book bins for picture books. We find that children are much more willing to look at and check out books on display than the ones shelved. We hope the bins will be more user friendly for young readers. We had a special bin built for board books several years ago and the kids gravitate to this even though the books are below their typical interest level.