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State Funding for Iowa Libraries

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The State Library is pleased to submit this report on the **FY08 Enrich Iowa: State Funding for Iowa Libraries** programs.

More than two-thirds of all Iowans have an active public library card. Libraries enrich Iowans' lives by contributing to education, lifelong learning, and local economic development efforts.

This 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 that Direct State Aid funding made it possible for local public libraries to upgrade their services to Iowans.

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

The State Library provides 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.

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.

Thank you for your support of Enrich Iowa.

Enrich Iowa: Summary



A father and his children at the Des Moines Public Library

Iowa libraries are essential elements of their communities, be they towns, schools, colleges or corporations. And in Iowa libraries are abundant with 543 public libraries; more than 80 college and university libraries; and about 1,400 school libraries.

The Enrich Iowa program improves library services for Iowans. In accordance with 2008 IOWA ACTS, Chapter 1181, Section 5 (4B), the State Library is pleased to submit this report on the impact of state funding on Iowans and their libraries.

Enrich Iowa includes three programs: Direct State Aid to public libraries, and the Open Access and Access Plus library resource sharing programs. \$2,773,428 was distributed to Iowa libraries in FY08.

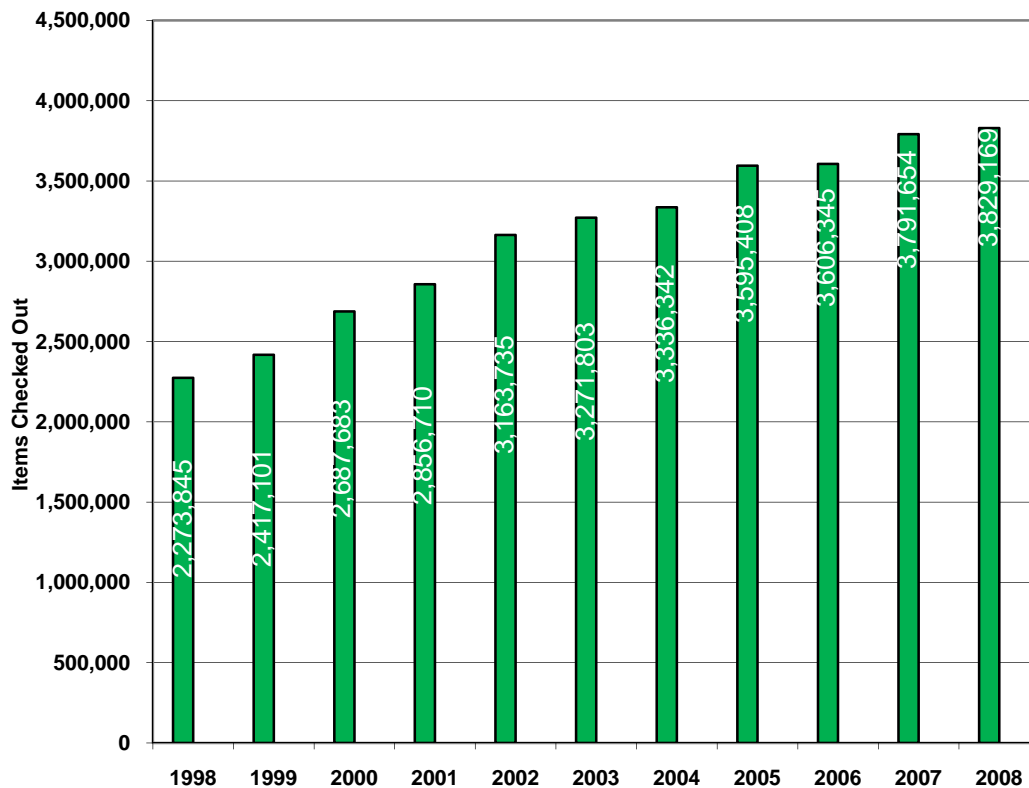
Direct State Aid helped 473 Iowa public libraries provide programs for children and adults, and purchase books, supplies and computers they could not otherwise offer their customers. The program is designed to improve library service and reduce inequities in library services among communities; to enhance, not replace, local funding; and to encourage achievement of statewide public library standards. Since its inception in 1999, this funding has led to a 94 percent increase in the number of accredited libraries in Iowa, from 171 in FY99 to 331 in FY08. This report reflects the crucial role of this money in promoting lifelong learning; strengthening reading and literacy programs for children; providing safe, accessible buildings; improving Internet connections; and increasing the number of hours libraries can remain open. Direct State Aid funding in FY08 was \$1 million from the general fund.

Open Access lets Iowans walk into most any 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 3,829,169 items from 607 libraries through this program in FY08. Open Access funding in FY08 was \$1,282,686 (\$553,754 from the general fund and \$728,932 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).

Access Plus funding helps libraries borrow books and other materials from other libraries if their library doesn't own something a customer is looking for. The money is used to help offset the cost of mailing the materials back and forth. The 607 participating libraries loaned a record 269,598 items in FY08. Access Plus funding in FY08 was \$490,742 (\$269,676 from the general fund and \$221,066 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).

"Many people in the community cannot afford home computers or the Internet. Direct State Aid funding allows us to keep our equipment updated to serve the needs of those people who most need computer and Internet access." – Knoxville Public Library

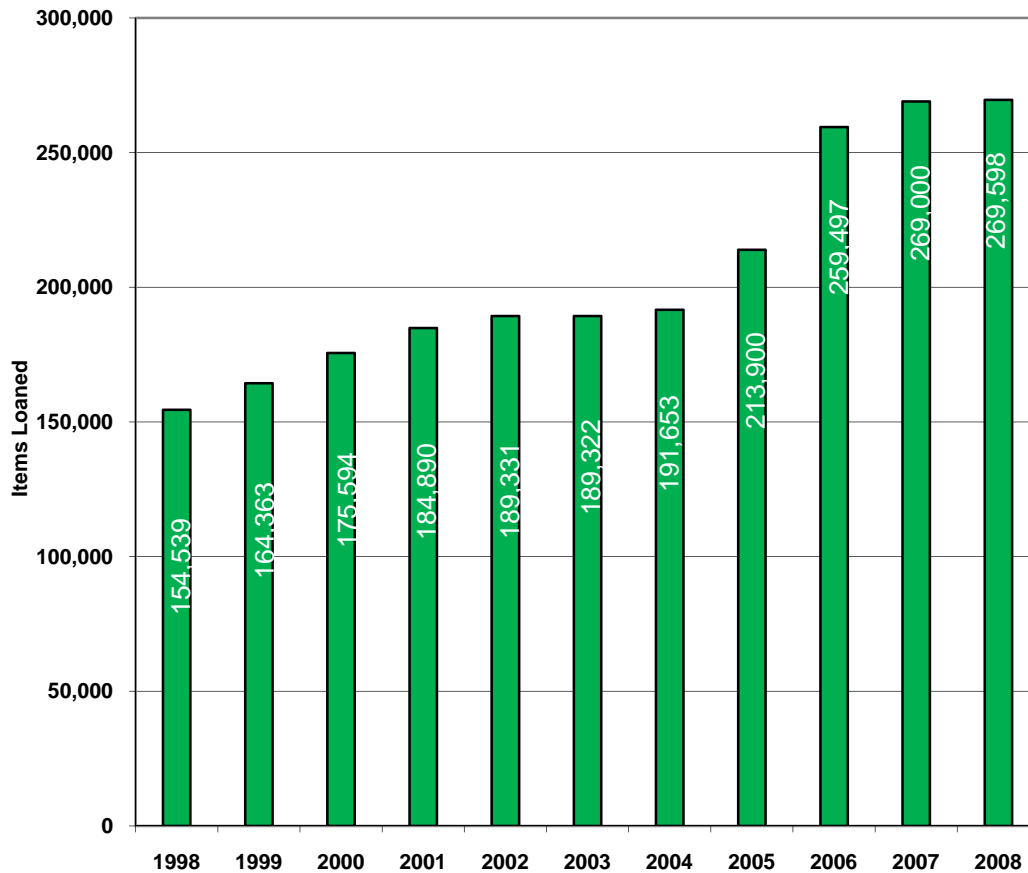
Open Access



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 68% from 2,273,845 in FY98 to 3,829,169 in FY08. Open Access funding in FY08 was \$1,282,686 (\$553,754 from the state general fund and \$728,932 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).

Access Plus



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

The number of items borrowed has increased 75% from 154,539 in FY98 to 269,598 in FY08. Access Plus funding in FY08 was \$490,742 (\$269,676 from the state general fund and \$221,066 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund).

Direct State Aid

State support for Iowa public libraries, or Direct State Aid, is intended to improve library services and reduce inequities among communities. Between FY98 and FY08, the number of Iowans with active library cards increased 22 percent, the number of items checked out went up 12 percent, and the number of library visits increased 41 percent.

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, 329 received Tier 3 funding (highest level), 87 received Tier 2 funding, 57 received Tier 1 funding, and 70 were not eligible in FY08.

Iowans love and use their libraries. They are a fundamental part of Iowa's rich educational tradition. Below are a few observations from library directors about the impact of Direct State Aid.



“Every patron is more likely to find what he or she needs because of this funding. Thanks! Your funding helps us keep going!” – Callendar Public Library

“Direct State Aid paid for two new computers and software. A customer who has been ‘tweaking’ his resume using the new computers in the library has a job interview! He stopped in the library to share the exciting news.” – West Union Public Library

“With our economy as it is, we have seen an increase in the number of children using the library. With Direct State Aid, we were able to add junior-age programs with age appropriate prizes.” – Dexter Public Library



“Direct State Aid made it possible for us to be open more hours (staff pay). During the flooding which occurred in Greene the first week of June, the library was one of the few places in town with operational Internet service. Our community was thrilled to be able to check their e-mail, correspond with FEMA, or just relax.” – Greene Public Library

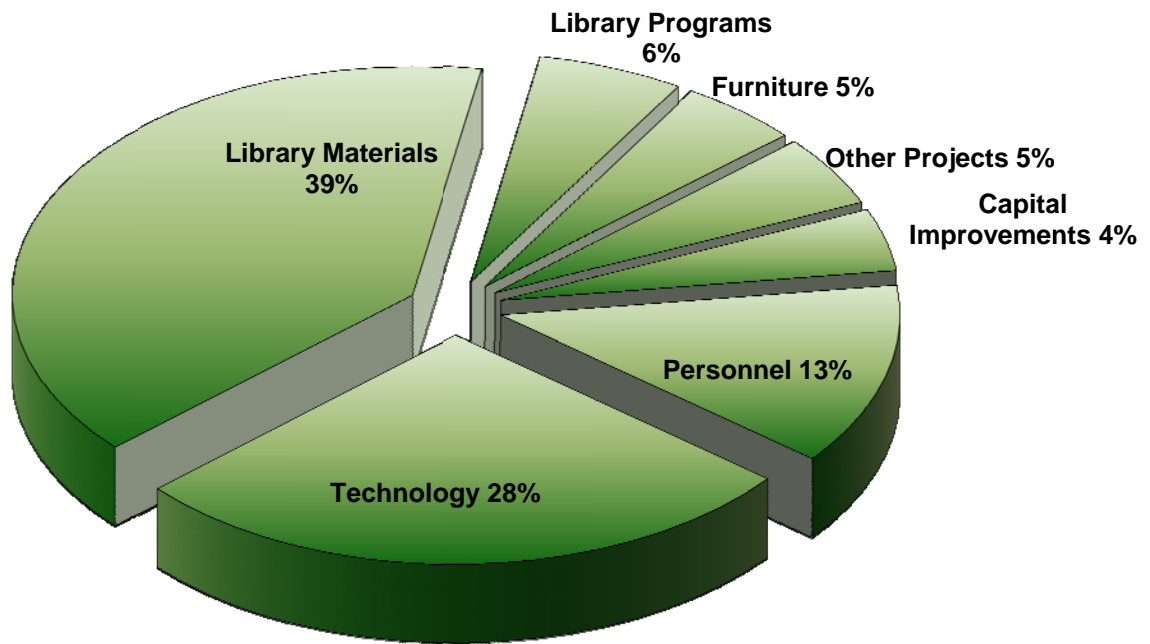
“Without this money, fewer new books and audio books would be available for check out. Our low-income community relies on this funding, however small it is.” Washta Public Library (received \$448 in Direct State Aid)

“Money from Direct State Aid was channeled entirely into new library materials. I have a patron who was recently diagnosed with a serious and incurable ailment. We not only did research online to find out more about the disease, we also looked up all her medications in our new PDR pill guide and came up with a list of questions to ask her doctor.” – Lehigh Public Library

I can tell you that Sigourney Public Library users appreciate every dime they receive. It is very important when one considers the limited resources and availability of books in the community. The benefit of Direct State Aid to Sigourney and other Keokuk County residents is immeasurable.” – Sigourney Public Library



Uses by Iowa Public Libraries of Direct State Aid in FY08 (\$1,000,000)



Based on 471 Iowa public libraries reporting expenditures
of Direct State Aid funds

NE=Not Eligible for Direct State Aid
NR=No Report

Ackley	1660.61	Materials & Supplies	We have a greater population of patrons over age 50 and more and more large print books have been requested. Especially the westerns and christian fiction which were enhanced and very much appreciated. Also, Blue Ray and DVD's are in higher demand. We could not purchase these without Direct State Aid.
Adair	NE		
Adel	1576.65	Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase a computer to put near the story room so parents can use the Internet and still watch their children. We have received positive feedback from parents regarding this computer purchase. We also purchased a new computer for a staff member.
Agency	1263.74	Technology & Equipment	We ordered an automated library system for check in/check out. This will enable our library to keep better records, better access to the libraries materials and provide easier use for our patrons.
Akron	1080.46	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We used the money towards a CD book lease program. I wish we could increase it. This money is very important.
Albert City	1311.51	Materials & Supplies	As a result of this funding, our library was able to increase CD book materials. Direct State Aid money helps our library keep up with the ever increasing demands for a variety of materials.
Albia	1567.79	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We were able to subscribe to current biography materials, purchase a disc repair system and purchase other needed materials.
Albion	481.76	Materials & Supplies	NR
Alden	1396.65	Materials & Supplies	Our budget was cut three years ago and this helps us offer new materials. Our patrons really benefit from this money.
Alexander	1358.73	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	The majority of the spending was targeted towards the children's fall/winter and summer story hours. The fall/winter story hour was reinstated. The summer story hour was able to have great reading incentives and a magic show with 35 children and 14 adults attending. We were also able to replace our outdated audio cassette books with up-to-date CD audiobooks.
Algona	2715.15	Materials & Supplies, Capital Improvements	Thanks to our Direct State Aid funds, we are able to provide our patrons with restrooms that are safer and more accessible. It was particularly helpful to have Direct State Aid to defray the cost of asbestos testing and removal. We have also been able to provide families and students with educational materials (history DVDs) that we would not have been able to afford.
Allerton	NE		
Allison	1401.88	Materials & Supplies	During the past year, we have done a thorough weeding of our young adult collection and used our Direct State Aid funds to update and improve

			that collection.
Alta	1541.02	Materials & Supplies, Furniture, Library Programs	The books we purchased are popular books, new and in quality condition. The digital camera class we offered to the public brought new people into our library. We also purchased a new book drop.
Alta Vista	1286.55	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Furniture, Library Programs, Other	One of the ways funding has impacted our community is in the entertainment department. Our only gas station closed this year, so there was no place for people to rent new release movies. The library recognized the need and have purchased many movies to give the community a selection much like they had. Another way the funding has impacted our community is by the number of computers we have in our library. With the funding, we are always able to upgrade and provide our patrons with great Internet service!
Alton	1105.38	Other	This money helped us digitize the 2nd half of the Sioux County microfilmed newspapers and put them online. This includes the Alton Review dating back to 1883.
Altoona	5466.6	Materials & Supplies	Altoona is striving to reach Level III accreditation. The audio/visual area is the only one remaining where we are behind. By adding more AV materials we are able to offer more services to our patrons. Circulation of AV materials has more than doubled as a result.
Ames	14203.87	Library Programs, Other	Ames Public Library used Direct State Aid funding to enhance library programs for children. Books for Babies is an initiative developed to highlight the importance of reading to babies. Research has proven that a child's first years are critical to language development; reading to infants is one of the best ways to encourage that development. A Books for Babies gift bag contains a board book, information for parents on the importance of reading beginning at birth, and a coupon that can be redeemed for another free book at any Story County library. These gift bags are given to all new moms who deliver at Mary Greeley Medical Center. This funding enabled distribution of 1200 gift bags. In addition, funding was spent on books that were given as prizes for youth summer and winter reading programs. To encourage early literacy development, the monies were used to purchase interactive boards that were installed in our youth department. Children can use their handprints for creative fun or experiment with humorous and realistic expressions with a "Make-A-Face" board.
Anamosa	2471.75	Technology & Equipment	These funds were used for Internet service and to hire tech support to keep a computer functioning for the year. Internet service helped a person whose business had been lost to the flooding in June. She maintained her business from the library until she was able to get back into her flooded building. Internet service also helped a family stay in touch with a soldier in Iraq.

Anita	1422.43	Technology & Equipment	We were able to get Destiny automation yearly support, Title Peek yearly support, and a 26" flat screen TV. Our automation system and on-line catalog enables our customers easier use to information and our collections.
Ankeny	11798.01	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Furniture	We added several on-line resources, computers, home theater projector, CD display case and reference center in the children's area that we would have not have added without this funding.
Anthon	415.65	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	This amount was used for the director to attend many workshops and training sessions, to extend our CD collection, and to provide a Summer Reading Program.
Aplington	1423.88	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Other	Increased wages and hours for staff, a copier cartridge, TZO patch and USB flash drives, and postage and bubble mailers were all purchased using Direct State Aid.
Archer	NE		
Arlington	1253.38	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We purchased two standing orders of Large Print (clean reads) and Large Print (Westerns). We have a large demand for this format. Our patrons find them easier to read. Purchased children's books. We have a story hour program that has been going for over 30 years. For a small community, we have around 24 children who register and about 20 who attend the one hour program each week during the school year. Direct State Aid helps us to purchase craft items and incentives for our summer reading program. The board had no funds for programming this year and without DSA funds it would have been hard to do our program. Twenty five children attended the four week program. We are a small community with a limited amount of funds for materials. These funds help provide the large print we need to help our elderly to keep reading. Comment from one of our patrons, "I don't know what I would do if I could not read."
Armstrong	1368.9	Capital Improvements	Our building was in a state of disrepair. With the money from Direct State Aid, our building looks so much more inviting to our patrons.
Arnolds Park	1529.05	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	Direct State Aid allowed us to pay our library aide for extra hours to work the front desk one morning a week to free the director to give computer classes. We also purchased large-print books. The money also helps us pay for interlibrary loans. The morning book club has been successful so we are

			very happy to be able to afford to interlibrary loan extra copies of each book.
Arthur	413.23	Materials & Supplies	We need this funding to help us purchase new materials. It is getting harder to make our small budget stretch and this funding is a blessing!
Ashton	1306.48	Personnel	Without this direct state aid to supplement our regular income, we would not be able to be open 20 hours a week to remain accredited.
Atkins	1443.46	Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid to purchase a computer, and Internet connection. This year we got to spend money on craft projects that would normally not fit into our budget.
Atlantic	2815.94	Technology & Equipment	One of the library's goals is to provide a safe and secure environment for our patrons. The security camera system we purchased will help us to do that.
Auburn	500.95	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	We purchased DVDs. Because of the updated DVDs that the library bought with this money, we have had increased patron use of the library. According to our records, in the last six months over 500 DVDs have been checked out compared to under 500 for all of last year. We have found that when people check out DVDs they will also look at books and check them out, too. We also used these funds to train a new director.
Audubon	1848.01	Technology & Equipment	The new circulation system was implemented recently so patrons of the Audubon Library are only beginning to see the impact the new system will have on the library service they will receive. They have already enjoyed using the card catalog, since ours had been out of order for about 3 months. Many people have appreciated the new receipt they receive when checking out items that is more complete. The next step will be to educate the patrons to use the on-line system at home so they can check the card catalog, see which books they have checked out, fines, and place reserves. It will make a large impact on Library service.
Aurelia	1392.74	Personnel, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	Funds from the state of Iowa were crucial this year to meet staffing costs, primarily due to the increase in the minimum wage. We did not have to reduce the hours the library was open. The money was also used for DSL Internet access, for summer library program supplies and to supplement our budget for the summer library programs. We have seen an increase in the number of children attending which is wonderful, but costs us more for supplies and incentives. We like to give each participant a t-shirt; the kids love them and it promotes our library. Without these extra funds we would not have been able to purchase shirts for the increased number of kids. We would also have had to cut back on supplies and occasional snacks. This

			money did not make a difference in one person's life, it made a difference in the lives of 52 kids!
Aurora	805.31	Materials & Supplies	We continue to update and add to the reference section with resume and job interview books. The library purchased several non-fiction books for children to go with the summer reading program theme.
Avoca - Start	1542.94	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Other	The library purchased the last five years of the local newspaper, <i>The Journal-Herald</i> , on microfilm from Heritage Microfilm, Inc. The library is quite proud of the complete set of newspapers we have put on microfilm for local & traveling geneology patrons. The collection goes back to its earliest paper published in 1874. The library purchased a Dell Optiplex 330 computer for the circulation desk, replacing the Windows 98 computer. The library purchased Accelerated Reading tests from Renaissance Learning to provide tests for the library books purchased. We had found if there was not a test for a book, the kids were reluctant to check them out. Also, purchasing accelerated reader tests makes it easier for the school children to reach their reading goals and helps keep the library current and vital to the students.
Badger	NE		
Bagley	1277.09	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	Used Direct State Aid to start out of necessity our new collection of books on CD, which we were not able to allow for in the budget this year. We had a patron who moved to our town 6 months ago. She faithfully checked out books on tape to listen to on her drive to work. Recently she traded cars and the new one did not have a tape player, just a CD player. She was lost. We have a new collection to offer our patrons. Services to the public have been greatly improved in reference, readers advisory, and especially in technology by being able to attend workshops without closing the library. We used Enrich Iowa money to enable us to hire an additional staff person to work some weekend hours and fill in for regular staff.
Bancroft	1410.51	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	With the additional funds from Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase 2009 World Book Encyclopedias and World Book Learning Ladders book series. Our library needs and appreciates all funds from Direct State Aid. We are very grateful for what we receive. Thank you!
Batavia	NE		
Battle Creek	1311.13	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We are able to expand on the Summer Reading Program. Additional staff is needed at our programs so some of the money is used for salaries. We are able to provide a variety of periodicals.
Baxter	1386.53	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase new CD's in audio form, something our book budget couldn't cover. Bought a new scanner for our computer. We were also able to pay Summer Reading Program helpers.

Bayard	1331.12	Materials & Supplies, Furniture	We were able to purchase new books. Purchased a love seat and chair for our lounge, replacing 20-year-old furniture. Direct State Aid allows us to keep pace with demands on our large print collection. Our building is 20 years old and so is our furniture. Part of the cost of purchasing new lounge furniture came from our Enrich Iowa funds. We're looking much better as a result.
Beaman	1318.71	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Furniture, Library Programs	We used this money to purchase label protectors, envelopes, view binders and sheet protectors. We received a grant for \$3,000 for new computers and needed another \$300 for the laptop. Therefore, we spent the \$300 on the laptop from Direct State Aid. We also purchased a "Warm Up to Books" wall hanging for the children's department. We bought a new adjustable folding table for the children's department. We also spent money on a bean bag chair for the young adults. For the Beaman Memorial Day program we had a stilt man come to the library and go around town. Half was paid by the library and half by the Beaman Tap. We also had an open house for people to see the remodeling we are doing. The stilt man made people come into the library that had never been here before. We even received a letter from a State Representative stating that his grandson enjoys the library and the programs that we have. The funding helped our small library to be able to get some supplies that were too costly for us to buy otherwise. It also helped us to get an adjustable table for the kids, so we can bring it out for the Summer Reading Program and other craft days. Direct State Aid allows us do things we would not otherwise have the money for in our small town library.
Bedford	512.78	Technology & Equipment	Maintenance agreement for microfiche reader/printer. People come from many states to use our microfiche for genealogy and they comment how grateful they are for the quality of equipment we have. 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.
Belle Plaine	1850.11	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	We purchased several educational DVD's and work supplies. Also paid for EBSCOhost and Neibors program for downloadable books. We purchased several new headphones for use with the computers. We purchased supplies for the summer program and for other programs throughout the year. I had several teens that really enjoyed the craft projects and cooking programs we have done. This money helps us have more money for the extra things that make the programs special.
Bellevue	1840.4	Materials & Supplies	The Direct State Aid money is extremely important to our library as it enables us to buy books and materials we would not ordinarily be able to afford. It has a direct and positive impact on our patrons. It makes a difference in many peoples

			lives.
Belmond	1917.73	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Additional audio books and DVDs were purchased with these funds. A new computer was purchased and a new fax machine. Residents from Krysilis, a group home for handicapped young adults, visit the library weekly. One young man loves Thomas the Tank Engine videos & always checks out the two we had every week. He was thrilled when he came in one day and found several new ones. Our new fax machine is soooo much faster and more reliable than our old one. It saves a lot of time for both patrons and staff, thus offering better service. Adding extra audio books and DVDs to the collection always delights the patrons. We are trying to get our whole video collection switched to DVD format.
Bennett	NE		
Bettendorf	8003.48	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We used this money to purchase office supplies. We also spent money on a combination of Evance (scheduling software) and Net Library downloadable books.
Birmingham	NE		
Blairstown	1307.7	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	The Teen Advisory Board looked at what materials were needed for their age group in the library. They decided we needed TV series DVDs, something I hadn't purchased at all because of the high price. We have a little girl living here this summer, displaced by the flooding in Cedar Rapids. Her family lost everything and are staying with family members here. She comes to the library daily and the games, activities and reading give her something to do. Having a staff person that zeros in on youth programming and needs has been great. As director, I was doing all the programming, plus trying to prepare all the year-end fiscal reports in the summer, plus ordering materials for the increased demand and shelving all those extra books. Sometimes the kids got short-changed amidst all that. Now I know they are getting great one-on-one attention. We created a new staff position: Youth Services Librarian and dissolved the old position of Assistant Librarian. We spent the Direct State Aid funds for the extra hours of training, salary and for classes for her.
Blakesburg	828.06	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Furniture	We used Direct State Aid on a DVD rotation contract. We also purchased a fax machine plus a couple of months of ink. We bought a book drop from another library, as well as a desk for computers. We have more children coming into the library and more children come for story hour. We also spent money for staff training.
Bloomfield	1276.64	Technology & Equipment, Other	We were able to purchase a media projector, a portable tabletop screen, and magnets and pens to promote the library. The projector and screen will help us "tell our story" when we give presentations to different organizations.
Bode	1289.68	Materials & Supplies,	Direct State Aid helped us buy some adult non-fiction, and a juvenile insect series and an

		Technology & Equipment, Furniture, Library Programs	endangered animal series. We were also able to buy a new printer, modem, cables and software, as well as a new bookcase for current bestsellers. We spent more on the summer reading program than ever before. This money helps a great deal for this small rural library. It provides us with some extras that really enhance our services. Thank you! It was wonderful to have money to spend on the summer program. We had great craft items, new bug and insect books and a small circus for the finale. We had overwhelming attendance.
Bonaparte	423.04	Materials & Supplies	We spent this money to purchase new books and DVDs. The amount of state aid we receive is added to other funds to provide up-to-date books, DVDs and CDs for the community. Without Direct State Aid, we would not be able to provide as many of these things for our patrons.
Bondurant	1879.08	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	In our new building, we will have a gaming area for our youth. We bought Nintendo Wii games and a flat screen TV.
Boone	4302.32	Materials & Supplies	The money was equally divided between the adult and youth departments (adult audio books and youth books). Approximately 43% of the citizens in Boone commute to work in other communities. Audio books are in high demand at our library. This funding allowed us to substantially increase our collection. A new Family Resource Center has opened in Boone. It houses a daycare, a preschool and Head Start. Early childhood curriculum picture books are requested by the teachers weekly. We were able to meet their requests with this funding.
Boyden	625.8	Materials & Supplies	We were able to buy a laminator and audio books. Thank you so much for this state funding! It is much appreciated. The laminator has really improved the quality of our signs.
Breda	NE		
Britt	1737.03	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped us buy children's audio books on CD and flat screen monitors for 6 patron computer stations - three old monitors needed replaced and this allowed us to update all six. We had a family in last summer - actually three elementary age schoolgirls and their grandmother. The girls were all trying to show their grandma their favorite parts of the library and some of their favorite materials. Being able to increase the staffing in the summer has been crucial - we had a huge increase in children & youth in the library. Our community has been without a pool, so the kids need a place to go. Additional staffing has allowed us to not cut hours while providing a safe and fun place for kids.
Brooklyn	NE		
Buffalo Center	NE		
Burlington	7943.77	Materials & Supplies, Technology &	Purchased a new barcode scanner, Wii system and games. Also a new server, public use printer and overhead projector. Carryover funding will

		Equipment, Other	let us purchase public access computers in FY09. One of the ways the Burlington Public Library used Direct State Aid funds this year was to purchase equipment to offer game nights for teens. The teen game nights have drawn in some teens who haven't used the library in the past and helped change their perceptions of it. We took this same game equipment to senior centers as a new addition to our book delivery outreach program. This year's funding allowed us to continue to have a Web presence by funding a Web server. Our online library provides the community with access to our catalog, electronic databases, and program information, as well as a means to renew and request materials online.
Burt	1344.06	Materials & Supplies, Furniture	Direct State Aid was spent on new books and videos, a new computer, a 5-in-one game table and two chairs. There are several children who come into the library and spend all day here with no parental supervision. The game table is a real boon to this small community because it gives these children something to do in addition to computer time. We were able to provide nice hardback books as prizes to the community children for reaching level 3 in our summer reading program.
Bussey	443.61	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	Books signed by authors were purchased with this funding for our summer reading program. Also bought bulletin boards and signage, a new computer monitor, and supplies for summer reading program crafts. One of our patrons was so pleased to use the new computer monitor to fill out a job application because it was very easy to read and made the process easier for her to fill out. The purchase of a new monitor was a definite benefit to our community. The library currently has 3 computers for public use, often <i>all</i> are in use, and we could not depend on the old monitor to always work. The computer station with the new monitor is the one most used. We also used this money for training for the library director.
Calamus	NE		
Callender	1308.63	Materials & Supplies	We purchased new books. Every patron is more likely to find what he or she needs because of this funding. Thanks! Your funding helps to keep us going!
Calmar	1479.76	Materials & Supplies, Furniture	Direct State Aid allowed us to buy adult audiobooks/books on CDs, young adult/junior non-fiction reference books entitled "America The Beautiful," a collection of books of all fifty states updated from 1998 to 2007-2009. Students are now able to utilize new, updated materials for school assignments. Funding was used towards the purchase of a new computer and circulation desk chairs to replace old, worn out chairs that were in need of replacement. As a result of Direct State Aid, we are able to continue purchasing audiobooks/books on CD, which is a very popular format and utilized by many of the library patrons.

			Having comfortable new chairs is a nice addition to the library, not only for the patrons to use at the computers, but also for the staff to use at the circulation desk.
Camanche	2070.67	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	We purchased large print books to add to our collection. We purchased one year subscriptions to Ancestry Library Edition and HeritaQuest for our patrons to use. We bought three gift cards from Paul Revere's Pizza, Kwik Star and Dollar General and gave as prizes for our Adult Winter Reading Program.
Cambridge	461.27	Library Programs	We spent money on Patchwork Puppets for our Summer Library Program and on new books for our reading program. We needed some new books for our middle school age children and our junior high ages. When we had Carol Taylor come with her Patchwork Puppets there were two little boys sitting in the front row. They sat entranced by Carol. One of the little boys is supposed to be hard to manage but I don't think he moved the whole time Carol did her show. We have had a larger number of children come to our programs.
Cantril	NE		
Carlisle	1407.27	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Other	We were able to renew magazine subscriptions, purchase a Transaction Tracker Receipt printer (Circulation System) and print and mail a library survey, the results of which will enable this library to better serve the needs of its patrons.
Carroll	3690.02	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid helped us provide partial payment for a book rental plan. Having 10 copies of a Grisham or Steel book means much shorter reserve lists and greater satisfaction for our patrons. The rental plan also enables us to acquire books of ephemeral interest and send them back when interest wanes.
Carter Lake	1840.39	Personnel, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	These funds allowed us to purchase a laser bar code scanner, a Kodak digital camera, and summer reading program prizes. The library has had users coming into the library that have had to apply for unemployment or post job resumes or needed help with summer homework assignments. The extra summer help we were able to hire allows us to spend the time needed to help these users.
Cascade	1611.44	Furniture, Other	We had our old furniture recovered and refinished, and put some of this money towards new carpeting for our library. It gave our library a new look and we've had many positive comments.
Casey	507.02	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	We purchased book pockets, check-out cards, and laminate to cover the books that did not have processing already done. Most of the money was used to hire another part-time employee to clean the library building, which frees up the staff to concentrate on other issues.
Cedar Falls	10274.53	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	We purchased multiple book sets for book discussion groups at local nursing and retirement homes. When our previous 3rd Age Coordinator retired, I started to get many calls about the 3rd Age Program. The participants were in a panic that

			<p>the program might not be continued. This outreach takes our library service outside the walls of the physical building, and into retirement and nursing homes. Residents of these homes have rotating collections of materials delivered to their sites. They also have volunteers who come and lead book discussion groups, right on site. The library provides the multiple copies of books. The participants enjoy receiving library materials (some have limited mobility outside the home), and enjoy the chance to come together and discuss books, and socialize. Because we went for a period of time this year while replacing the 3rd Age Coordinator, we were able to use some of the money that would have gone towards salaries to update and expand the multiple copies available for the book groups. In addition, the 3rd Age Coordinator oversees delivery to homebound, and has started offering basic computer classes to the homebound. The 3rd Age Coordinator is a position shared with the Waterloo Public Library</p>
Cedar Rapids	29107.07	Materials & Supplies	<p>Adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs, and music. Since our materials budget has been a bit below the average for our size library, the Direct State Aid funds are invaluable to keep our collection up to the standards we strive to attain and maintain. Thank you sincerely.</p>
Center Point	1243.12	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	<p>Direct State Aid was used to purchase the Iowa Children's Choice Awards books and to buy a public use computer. Iowa children's books have been checked out almost continuously since they were processed. In the past we have had to use other sources to borrow these books for children as well as educators. In the future I hope that this money is made available to us again. Our public usage of computers has grown so much that, if we had the space, we would like to be able to add an additional unit each year. Adding one more seems to have tipped the scales and reduced waiting time for now.</p>
Centerville	2506.27	Materials & Supplies	<p>Books, children's books and book processing materials were bought. Some of the Laura Ingalls Wilder books have been replaced with nice new shiny copies. This has really increased the circulation and a few of our dedicated readers have commented on the clean new copies.</p>
Central City	NE		
Chariton	2278.67	Technology & Equipment, Furniture	<p>Each year we use part of our DSA to pay for automation expenses. In the past, we've used it to pay for our BookWhere license and subscription. We began circulating via our automated system in July 2007. Since we began to function on our automation system this past year, so many patrons have commented on what we're able to do for them. Requesting a hold on an item used to be a rather involved procedure when items were all checked out via date-due cards. Each year, this funding makes it possible for us to function as an automated library. Without it, we'd have to cut</p>

			other budget areas to pay the ongoing costs of automation. So, this funding really protects our book and audio-visual budgets from being cut. This year the funding also made it possible for us to utilize our staff computers more efficiently by allowing us to work seated at the circulation desk. Finally, this funding has allowed us to purchase a digital camera, always before a wish-list item. It became a necessity once we had a Web site where we could add photos of the library itself and the activities available within it.
Charles City	3142.39	Materials & Supplies	We are expanding our non-print format to include Playaway recordings. We also are moving toward DVD video format, so the remainder of the funds added new videos to the collection. It is the policy of our collection of video materials to not compete with the local video stores. Therefore our collection is mainly children's selections, classic movies, and informational movies. We enjoy the shelf space gained by have DVDs instead of VHS tapes.
Charter Oak	NE		
Chelsea	NE		
Cherokee	2417.96	Materials & Supplies	This money makes it possible to provide additional books, CDs and DVDs to our patrons that we would not be able to provide with our regular book budget. It has remained stagnant for several years due to severe budget limitations in our city.
Churdan	1416.14	Capital Improvements	This money was a great help towards paying for new wiring in the library. Every other year we host a Festival of Trees at our library and community center. With over 80 trees and displays our program is several pages long. With the new copier we purchased, we easily and efficiently copied the programs we needed. As we planned to get a new copier it became more important to have the wiring updated before the copier was purchased.
Clare	NE		
Clarence	1376.91	Personnel, Technology & Equipment, Furniture, Library Programs	Direct State Aid allowed the library director to attend Public Library Management 2 classes. We purchased Follett software, a phone and a printer, as well as children's tables. This money also allowed us to provide story hour and the Summer Reading Program.
Clarinda	2444.64	Materials & Supplies	These funds where used to add to the library's collection of audio/video and print supplies. The library was able to update and expand it's first run collection of DVDs. The monies where also used to print materials. We had one patron who wanted to watch a documentary that once aired on TV. She had given up hope for a few months until she noticed our audio/video collection during a normal visit to our library. She was delighted. These funds have allowed the library to market itself to a different type of service population and we have seen a great increase in the use not only of the new audio/video material, but also the older items

			as well.
Clarion	1987.3	Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	We were able to buy a new computer/printer and pay for the summer library program. This makes a positive difference in services provided to our public.
Clarksville	1503.06	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped pay for new audio books, magnetic bookends, book stands, easels and a Dell Laptop computer. We have several patrons who do a lot of traveling and others with very poor eyesight. By having audio books to offer these patrons, they are able to listen and still enjoy books of all kinds, even though they can't or don't have the time to read a book! With the funding, we were able to purchase a laptop computer to use with a projector that we received with other grant money. With this computer, we are able to offer the use of Microsoft Powerpoint for those presenting programs or making presentations at the library. Overall, this enhances the programs and meetings by adding a great visual tool!
Clear Lake	3276.99	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We used these funds to increase the number of titles available in our audio book collection. Part of the funds were used for our Overdrive subscription which made downloadable audio books available for our patrons for the first time. We purchased two new computers to update our public Internet work stations. Audio books are growing in popularity for persons of all ages. We added some teen titles this year which were well received, and this age group really likes downloadable titles. People were also pleased with the updated Internet computers which improved access to various electronic information resources.
Clearfield	NE		
Cleghorn	1222.89	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	Direct State Aid payed for new adult audio compact discs, children's books and the summer library program. This great program encouraged the children to utilize the library and broaden their reading skills. The children were eager to learn more about bugs and asked many informative questions which sent them diving into books. The library has experienced an increase of patrons using the library to check out audio books on compact discs because of the enhanced collection. The attendance of this year's summer reading program was substantially higher because of an outstanding program presented by Lisa Laird. Likewise, the library created a contest for the class that received the highest attendance. The previous year, 10 children attended the library's summer reading program. This year there were 113!
Clermont	887.97	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Other	We were able to buy books on CD, DVDs, a new fax machine and a digital camera. Our fax/phone was not working and now we can get our messages. The digital camera will be nice for getting photos on our Web page.
Clinton	7399.43	Materials &	Direct State Aid paid for DVDs and urgent tuck

		Supplies, Capital Improvements	pointing to stabilize an unsafe area over the doorway at the Main Carnegie Library and crumbling parapet wall over the front entrance of Lyons Branch Library. Several parents and small children attending a library story hour did not have to receive emergency care at the trauma center due to blunt force injuries from falling debris from the elevated portions of the library parapet wall. The City of Clinton had set aside \$25,000.00 for urgent tuck pointing. In the process of completing the scheduled work further "urgent" areas were identified to secure the ledge over the main entrance of the Carnegie building. When work moved to the Lyons Branch Library it was found that the parapet wall cap had leaked and the cinder block rotted and was leaking water between the walls. If left untreated it would only have deteriorated further.
Clive	4264.96	Materials & Supplies	The library was able to purchase new books, audio books, CDs, and DVDs. This funding to local libraries benefits local citizens.
Clutier	407.92	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a new computer for the director's use. The motherboard had gone out of the main computer so this was a much needed purchase. Library service in the community improved because the new computer is the main computer for the library director. The higher speed of the computer insures more efficiency, therefore leaving more time to interact with patrons. With only one library employee, efficiency is of utmost importance because the patrons must come first. More interaction with patrons equals more library usage.
Coggon	955.66	Materials & Supplies	We were able to expand our book collection with using money from the Direct State Aid.
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Colesburg	1242.68	Personnel, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	We bought new DVD's to use with our large screen TV we received with a grant. We had after school and early out programs set up for the children. We spent extra money developing a morning and afternoon story hours to help working parents with their schedules. We also had a summer reading program and were able to purchase incentive prizes for the children. As I wrote above, the children of Colesburg were impacted the most with all the extra programs that were developed for ages 3-15. This money was also spent to extend the librarians' hours in order to have the programs. Our librarian also attended the Public Library Management 1 classes and some of the money was spent to pay for those extra hours.
Colfax	1062.93	Personnel, Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase a new computer. During the flooding this spring, a woman came in to use the internet. Her brother was traveling from another state to vist her and needed directions to know which roads to avoid because so many were closed. She was able to talk him through the Quad City area. We also used the money for continuing

			education classes for the director.
Collins	1248.46	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We purchased new books and were able to present a story hour and school visits. We received a call from the Remedial Reading teacher at our local elementary school stating that one child, who previously struggled to read, was finally getting it after he had checked out and read over 400 books through our "Readers Are Winners" school program. Much of our total library circulation depends on programs and services we can provide to the community. We spent the majority of state money on purchasing new books to keep up with these programs. Over 200 kids a week depend on our library for reading materials that we would not be able to provide without these funds.
Colo	1526.36	Technology & Equipment, Furniture	The library purchased a new color printer. Also, a new copier for public and staff use. Two computer workstations print from this new copier, which will help cut the cost of cartridges. The library purchased a computer workstation for three public access computers. This is a nice addition to the computer area and helped with a space problem. The new computer workstations are handicapped accessible. We have several patrons that had difficulty using the computers before the workstation was installed. Computer usage has increased since we installed it. It looks nice and the computers look more inviting. It is easier for the staff to reach the towers and wiring when technical problems occur.
Columbus Junction	1631.45	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a new Konica Minolta copier. The Direct State Aid check plus money we received from the United Fund and other gifts of money we received paid for it. The little Hispanic children come in and see what they can do here--it helps them fit in with the rest of the population. We have many foreigners coming to Columbus Junction to work at Tyson. Our library is the only place they can use to get copies made of birth certificates, TIN cards and other personal documents that they need.
Conrad	1532.91	Other	Because of the building project, the library was responsible for two utility bills for a 6 week cycle. Therefore the library had four utility bills instead of two for this period. This money really helped.
Coon Rapids	1480.04	Personnel	This year, all of the city departments were asked to do a budget reversal. Direct State Aid helped staff get training we could not otherwise afford. We work on PLOW (Web site) issues, WILBOR training and general library training. The staff at the library are all part-time personnel and usually never work together. The staff training lets the staff learn as a team and share ideas.
Coralville	5506.32	Personnel	Because we were able to supplement our part-time staff funding, we were able to complete the RFID tagging project prior to our grand opening at the end of May. This is a direct benefit to the public, as we now can utilize two self-check stations in

			addition to our regular staffed circulation area. It was also extremely beneficial to have additional staff hours for the very cumbersome collection moves that we had to accomplish in November and again in May. We used all of our Direct State Aid funds to supplement our part-time personnel funding. This enabled us to utilize additional part-time staff hours for our tagging process as we converted our collection to RFID.
Corning	1629.7	Materials & Supplies	Money was spent to buy new books.
Correctionville	430.52	Technology & Equipment	We got a new Vista computer for our patrons to use, which is much faster.
Corwith	1301.2	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We spent this money on new books, DVDs and the Summer Reading Program. We are a small community of 350, with a limited budget. The extra funding allows us to better serve our patrons in a variety of ways. We were also able to get some special training.
Corydon	1501.93	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	We purchased Iowa Teen Award books & Children's Choice books. We also use it to pay staff so we can keep the library open until 6 p.m.
Coulter	1368.3	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used for adult/children's books, audios and supplies for various programs. It was also used for summer reading programs/materials for crafts and prizes. We are able to offer our patrons up-to-date materials to keep them coming into our library.
Council Bluffs	15281.81	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Furniture, Library Programs Other	The senior citizens in our community love the playaways we purchased. Some have used them while on exercise equipment at the senior center. When others ask what they are they usually tell them to "go to the library. They have them there." Due to Direct State Aid, the Council Bluffs Public Library has been able to use deaf interpreters for programs, use the Mid America center for two authors in our author series due to large audience, and add titles to our playaway collection.
Cresco	2100.92	Materials & Supplies	We purchased new books and audio books. We had a patron who was losing her eyesight and was unable to read large print books anymore. Her daughter got her started listening to audio books and she really enjoyed them. It has been good to be able to offer more audio book titles as they are very popular with our patrons.
Creston	2943.54	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to purchase new books.
Crystal Lake	1256.77	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	These funds were used to purchase new books, a VCR/DVD player, and pay staff to work evening hours.
Cumberland	840.06	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements,	Direct State Aid was used to purchase new books, audio books, CDs, ink, book pockets, paper, pay for mailings and cleaning supplies. It also helped cover the cost of having EBSCOhost and a new computer monitor. We also had enough funding to help with a wiring project and to pay for the Summer Reading Program. All the children that

		Library Programs	come to the Summer Reading Program continue to come to the library and use the facility. We are a small community and there is little for the children to do. The Library is their place to be. They enjoy the fun that this program creates for them. This is an event that the children look forward to participating in. State funding helped to pay for our electrical wiring for lights in the Library. It helped everyone find the books they wanted. Without your funding this library would not operate and the whole community would be without a Library. We also used some of the money for salaries for additional staff and for educational Public Library Management classes.
Cushing	386	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We were able to buy books - mainly bestsellers - and children's books This supplemental funding has made a difference for a book discussion group. (It is used to pay the postage to return the multiple copies borrowed from other libraries.) This group of interesting ladies between the ages of 47 and 87 years have bonded together Also, the library service has improved by having a certified library director. Purchasing new books for our collection has also improved the library service in our community. Patrons appreciate having the current bestsellers available and the effort made to meet their specific interests.
Dallas Center	1610.12	Capital Improvements	The funds were used this year to replace ballasts and to purchase replacement light bulbs.
Davenport	22815.13	Personnel, Library Programs, Other	Youth Services - programs, guest speakers, etc. Enrich Iowa allowed us to hire a professionally trained facilitator, Susan Henricks, who used the Public Library Association's endorsed "Strategic Planning for Results" in working with our library to develop a strategic plan. She facilitated a community group of 15 members. The teen "Battle of the Bands" brought out 140 attendees who voted which of the three teen bands were the "best". The process of developing the strategic plan allowed the Board of Trustees to get objective information from leaders in the community, the staff and young people as it plans for the library's future. It was a time consuming but necessary process which will be most helpful for future growth of library services. This is not a plan that will be put on a shelf and forgotten. It has measurable goals and objectives which the board can use in evaluating library services during the next 5 years. The library's Summer Reading Program brought in numerous children and adults. Though it will not be completed until the end of July, the statistics thru June were significant. - Staff Development - without the funding from Enrich Iowa, the library could not fund much of the training that we received this year. We also fund professional memberships so that all professional staff has an opportunity to learn about librarianship.
Dayton	1417.05	Materials &	We used Direct State Aid for large print books,

		Supplies, Technology & Equipment	supplies, audio books and a computer. We now supply large print books to patrons in the care center so they can enjoy a "good book" like the rest of us. As we all know, the cost of everything keeps going up! This money helps in buying books, supplies and for technology. Budgets are tight and this sure helps!
De Soto	1370.01	Materials & Supplies	Books (early literacy and adult fiction) and DVDs, (both movies and nonfiction/documentaries). Our Summer Reading Program received a big boost with the extra books we were able to order. We had a record number of children sign up, 151. Further, we had a record number of books read - 3,367 over the six-week reading program. We were able to expand our collection and offer our patrons a broader collection.
De Witt	2697.88	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	With Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase DVD's and spend money on the OverDrive Project and Webcatalog software for ur Web site. A movie license catalog is now accessible from our Web site as well as downloadable CDs.
Decorah	3448.29	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	Books, books on CD, work supplies, computer software, computers, headphones, and adult and children's outreach were paid for using Direct State Aid. The mezzanine art gallery is a program the library sponsors. With staff assistance, a middle age student with severe physical disabilities was able to show her art work. The show, entitled "Lydia and Friends," features works by Lydia and her classmates. The library is able to provide books and services seven days a week for our small rural area. Library technology assists in bridging rural to the world for many citizens in our area. Staff training (also paid for with these funds) assures quality programming to meet the needs for our small town.
Delhi	1255.14	Technology & Equipment, Furniture	We got a new computer for the circulation desk and a printer cartridge for the main printer. Also, a library table, office chair for main desk, and a microwave. All of the above items help us provide better service to our patrons for regular use and programming. For small libraries there is seldom enough money to keep things updated.
Denison	3008.16	Technology & Equipment, Furniture	New server, computer workstations and 5 computer tables were purchased. Those who use our online computers do not have computer access at work or home. One of our patron's livelihood is her E-bay business which she conducts on the library computers. The computer-use-only library cards we have implemented have been very popular. They have been so popular that we normally had a waiting list for our 7 online computers. Three additional patron computers will help tremendously to alleviate the wait time for computer access.
Denver	1692.78	Materials & Supplies, Technology &	The library purchased a new set of World Book Encyclopedias and purchased supplies for the summer reading program. The funds helped us to

		Equipment	purchase a new color printer. We had a patron that wanted to print photos of her grandchildren and she was able to because we had the color printer. Without this money we would have had to wait at least six months to purchase it.
Des Moines	47191.32	Materials & Supplies	This funding supplements our materials budget and allows us to purchase additional materials we may not otherwise be able to offer to our patrons. We purchased new furniture and the program fees for a puppet festival. Also used funds for books, compact discs and audio books.
Dexter	895.36	Materials & Supplies, Capital Improvements, Library Programs	We were able to purchase a larger quantity of audio books on CD for our patrons who commute to work. We purchased paint for our interior walls and have volunteers willing to help us paint. The money was also spent on prizes for our summer reading program. Many children in our community look forward to the summer reading program. With our economy as it is, we have seen an increase in children using the library. We have been able to add junior programs with age appropriate prizes for this group.
Dickens	423.55	Personnel	Direct State Aid helped the new library director take Public Library Management I and II classes. She now has a better understanding of how the library works and the importance of how to better serve her community's needs.
Dike	1510.62	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We purchased some more books on tape for our young people. Also purchased a set of animal books and used the rest of the money for two main programs for the summer reading programs. We had the conservation officer from Grundy County and as a final program we had the Grout Museum come and do a program. The rest was used for craft supplies, prizes, equipment. We had two little girls increase a whole level in the AR reading program during our summer session. The parents were very thankful for the fun activities that we had that really encouraged their children to want to read. This year we had a record amount of children signed up and participating in our program. It is about all some of these children have to do in the summer and it definitely encouraged reading more. The teachers tell us this is always a great program to help the children continue their reading over the summer. We were able to hire two high school girls and give them each 50 hours. They came for 2 hours after school when we are the busiest. This was a great use of the extra funds.
Donnellson	1393.88	Personnel	Being open at the same time each day, 11:30 a.m., enables many seniors and young parents to use the library. And, surprisingly, usually the first persons through the door are adults who use the computers. We funded an additional 1.5 hours per week to be open using this money.
Doon	NE		
Dow City	NE		
Dows	1475.74	Materials &	We bought junior fiction and non-fiction books.

		Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	Also, follett Support and a new typewriter, as well as Summer Reading Program supplies. Our summer reading programs have been very well attended and I do believe it is from the extra money to buy more books and craft supplies.
Dubuque	14021.97	Other	Our money was spent on electronic media (a cross between materials and technology). Direct State Aid made possible our partnership with the Sioux City Public Library to introduce downloadable audio books. We have purchased MP3 players so that patrons can check these out and experience this new media. One patron, who is an avid listener of audio books, told us she had never used an MP3 player before checking one out at the library. She was hooked on this. While we very much want to keep up with the array of content available to people, we had additional motivation to launch this service. Our library will be undergoing a \$7 million renovation project beginning in November 2008. The project will take 15 months to complete and the library will remain open the entire time. 20 - 40% of the library will be inaccessible at any given time, over 100,000 items will be in storage, and we expect the contractors will grab the best parking spots. Offering materials to people remotely has been our goal in order to mitigate the disruption and inconvenience to on-site library use which they may experience. Direct state aid made possible for us to cover the start up costs of \$9,000 and devote the balance of the funds to content.
Dumont	491.27	Materials & Supplies	We used the money to purchase next year's Iowa Children's Choice Awards books as well as the teen and high school Choice books. Our library would not be able to purchase these books without Direct State Aid.
Duncombe	1317.21	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We purchased books, books on CD, three new large screen computer monitors; one DVD/RW to replace defective drive; and a new speaker telephone. In Duncombe, many of our patrons are elderly, some with failing eyesight. With our having an online catalog, it was difficult for them to read the screen. The large screen monitors help immensely. The increased number of large print books and books on CD has increased circulation to patrons who had stopped reading due to failing eyesight.
Dunkerton	1312.78	Materials & Supplies	We purchased a good variety of youth non-fiction and books on CDs. A teacher praised the library for the excellent collection of our non-fiction.
Dunlap	503.17	Personnel	Direct State Aid pays for a substitute library director when needed.
Dyersville	2133.88	Materials & Supplies	These funds are put into our general operating budget and used to supplement our media purchases - audiobooks, DVDs, and this year downloadable audio and video. We are able to provide a bigger, better collection and access to new technology (downloadable media) thru the use of Direct State Aid.

Dysart	1445.7	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for books on CD, DVDs, large print books and award books, as well as summer story hour supplies. These funds enable us to enlarge our children's department. New this year are movies on DVD for children and family movie night. It also pays for staff to help with pre-school story hour and family movie nights.
Eagle Grove	2273.98	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We purchased a subscription to the USA Today Newspaper. It was a very good investment, as it is used by many more people than had requested it. We also used money to participate in the NEIBORS downloadable audio book project. We purchased a disc repair system for the library. This machine will allow us to repair CD's and DVD's "in house" rather than having to take them to the local video store for repair. Nearly two years ago a patron had inquired about downloadable audio books; it was impossible for us to provide the service at that time because of budget constraints. I was very excited when the NEIBORS project was initiated. The availability of additional funds to supplement our large print, audio book and DVD collections is greatly appreciated by a number of our patrons.
Earlham	1521.28	Materials & Supplies, Capital Improvements, Library Programs	We love to keep up to date on what people want and for us this year that was switching from cassettes to books on CD. We bought some new things to brighten up the library -- lamps, paint and some posters. Every day people comment on what a cheerful library we have. We needed more money for story hour because of a daycare that attended. This year we had a daycare that came to story hour. We had to buy lots of extra prizes and craft supplies, but we loved having them and they all loved getting the chance to come to the library, have a book read to them and to do a craft. Having this money makes a difference. I love buying great books, having wonderful reading programs and over all being the best library we can be. Direct State Aid is a wonderful help.
Earlville	948.34	Materials & Supplies	We purchased books, videos, and DVDs. One person likes to preview our movies (to make sure he wants to buy them for himself) before he purchases them, so it saves him a considerable amount of money. By purchasing new books and movies, we are reaching more and more people. Circulation and patronage have both increased. We feel good about the way we serve our community.
Early	937.59	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Other	Because of this money, we were able to purchase approximately 20 new books that we wouldn't have been able to buy otherwise. We also purchased Internet security to protect our computers from viruses, and ink for the copy machine. We were also able to purchase seasonal decorations that add interest to the library.
Eddyville	1399.14	Personnel	In order to provide library services to the people who have day jobs and/or are in school, it is important that we are able to stay open until 7:30

			p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. The community appreciates the open evening hours. We are going to use the entire amount of 1399.14 from the Direct State Aid to pay salaries needed to cover the hours we're open.
Edgewood	1414.46	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs Other	Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase audio books, young adult fiction and nonfiction books, a movie license and coffee makers. The biggest success is showing movies when there's an early out from school. More than one parent has thanked me because they didn't have to worry about their kids being home alone or they didn't have to hire child care. We have added after school programs and are able to offer hot drinks to patrons. (A big hit this past winter.) We were also able to add materials to our weaker sections.
Elberon	807.43	Materials & Supplies	We bought books and audio books. Our patrons have access to more new, up-to-date library materials.
Eldon	966.7	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We now have early magazine subscription renewals, can pay fees to Southeastern Library Services for audio book and DVD rotations, and pay for computer maintenance. The public access computers allowed a mother to see the wedding pictures taken of her son and his new bride (he is in the service and stationed on the west coast). In 2006 the library board dropped our audio book and DVD rotations due to funding issues. In 2007, our budget specifically line itemed these two services and documented the expense coming from Direct State Aid, not the monies from city support. The board saw how the dropped services had a negative effect on circulation numbers compared to the previous months. The funding was used to perform computer maintenance was the first time in several years.
Eldora	1893.35	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for new books and a new computer. People now have more access to public access computing and the children have a better selection of books.
Eldridge	12860.09	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	We got "My Library TV," an online movie service; two World Book Encyclopedia sets; two RICO copy machines; two used self-checkout machines; a new computer; a new laptop computer; one Play Station 2 and one Xbox game machines. Game days bring in many new users. We have two age group sessions that alternate weeks. A 4th through 6th grade day and a 7th through 9th grade day. Not only are the kids happy to have the opportunity to play and compete with one another, but the parents are happy, too. This event has attracted many first time teen users. The games we play here and check-out are bringing in the teens, who then peruse other areas of our collection. The additional funding helped us initiate and provide some services we otherwise could not afford. Value Line online is far superior to the print resource. We have several investment clubs that used the print resource, but are far

			happier with the more current on-line version. Self-checkout machines provide much better patron service when we are busy, with no additional staffing. Two of our branches' copy machines died and were beyond repair because of their age. If not for the state money, those purchase would have been delayed for some time. In an effort to attract teens to the library we began having game days.
Elgin	1298.79	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Books, audio books, CDs, and DVDs were purchased with Direct State Aid, as well as computers. The computer purchases allowed us to replace four of our out-of-date machines, making Internet access faster and better for all patrons. A year ago, we had some computers that were slower than others, and some that couldn't print through the network, and others with problems. Someone would sit down to print a document, and they may not be able to, then have to move to a different machine. Our circulation for the year rose by 3,129 checkouts over the previous year.
Elk Horn	1287.02	Technology & Equipment	Our funds were used to purchase equipment to start automating the library.
Elkader	1579.34	Materials & Supplies	These funds were used for buy children's books, an audio lease, a database and yearly subscriptions. Many of our library patrons travel for business or to get to work and use our audio books to have new materials to listen to. The program sends new titles every three months and if not for this lease and these monies from Direct State Aid we would not be able to afford them. We We were also able to make additions to the children's collection that would not have otherwise been possible.
Elliott	445.43	Materials & Supplies	All of this money went to buy books. The children have really enjoyed reading the new fiction and non-fiction books. Also the large books have made a positive impact with our elderly patrons. It has helped to keep our books updated.
Ellsworth	887.41	Materials & Supplies, Furniture, Other	We used Direct State Aid for periodicals, EBSCOhost database, a computer center for public access computers, office chairs, and postage. The new public access computer center was made handicapped accessible. Now, our young (10-year-old) handicapped patron can get her wheelchair up to a computer easily. With this funding the Ellsworth Library can purchase more periodicals and be open additional hours. Postage was paid for interlibrary loan through the mail with Direct State Aid money.
Elma	1358.42	Materials & Supplies	Some of this funding was spent on World Book non-fiction sets. The rest of the money was spent to purchase adult large print fiction. More of the younger patrons are checking out the new non-fiction books. The ones about animals are an especially big hit. It's great that these young patrons can find non-fiction books that interest

			them. Because of this funding, we were able to withdraw a large number of older large print fiction and buy new ones. The library is finding that we have increasing numbers of patrons who prefer the large print. Our service has improved for these people.
Ely	1572.06	Personnel	We are beginning to see more teens visit our library. I feel the addition of a teen services staff member will enable this trend to continue. This person is in charge of children and teen programming and purchasing.
Emerson	NE		
Emmetsburg	2283.44	Technology & Equipment; Other	The money was used to pay for a subscription to CatExpress at the 2000 record level plus overage. Improved access and bibliographic control of the local collection tells its own story. A person is not going to find an item sitting on a back shelf waiting to be cataloged. Nor will they find poorly cataloged items in our catalog. Area residents benefit from the improved workflow at our library made so simple by subscription to this authoritative database. Having high quality records in our local catalog and our holdings set in WorldCat will continue to pay dividends for years to come. We also purchased a laminating machine.
Essex	1328.81	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs Other	We were able to purchase a multi-media storage rack and books used as prizes for bookmark contests for National Children's Book Week and the Summer Reading Program. We also bought books and supplies for Summer Reading and Movie Licensing USA so that we can show movies in our library. Two of the little girls that won the books are pretty quiet and don't get involved too much in classroom activities. They are shy and aren't as "popular" as some of the other students. When they won the books from the bookmark contests, their eyes got real big. Because we are able to show movies in our library, we can have our senior citizens in for movies once a month. It also helped to improve our Summer Reading program and the program that we do during National Children's Book week by getting the children involved before the event begins. They are more excited about getting things started.
Estherville	2690.82	Technology & Equipment	All of the funds were used to purchase technology materials needed to upgrade programs that are available for public use computers. We serve a large Hispanic population and they need forms to complete for various purposes in English. We have a bilingual staff person who assists these users. This has also become a very big public relations move for the library. When this staff person is off site in a grocery store, at a ball game or some other setting, the person she assisted always recognizes her for her help. When she is out in public and being recognized, it is definitely a plus for the library service. The upgrades purchased for technology purposes affects the

			programs that we may provide to the public on the 18 computers we have for public use. The programs are also on the staff computers so it is beneficial for staff to have first hand access to help the user if they need assistance in reserching or in producing for example, a resume or other types of business documents.
Evansdale	1581.74	Materials & Supplies, Capital Improvements, Library Programs	We were able to buy posters for the program room, a pantry unit and countertop, summer reading program craft materials, books for the summer reading program and frames for posters. The money helped make our spare room aesthetically more pleasing for those who use it. The pantry unit and countertop is beautiful and the posters make the room more kid friendly. The rest of the money was used for our summer reading program, which is something we always need help with!
Everly	879.45	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	Direct State Aid helped us buy craft supplies for the summer reading program and a theater makeup workshop for summer reading program July 2007. The summer reading program was enhanced by the makeup workshop. They learned the art of applying makeup for stage performance for the play they put on. This funding also paid for the Public Library Management classes and mileage so that the new director could work toward meeting the certification requirement.
Exira	1391.75	Personnel	Continuing to receive pay raises affects the staff in a positive manner and continuing to purchase materials that our patrons want makes a difference in many peoples lives. We have not received an increase in our budget for several years and this funding helps to pay staff salaries. Cost of living increases continue to put a strain on our budget and this funding helps to keep us from having to lower our "books/materials" line item which would affect our main purpose -- serving our community.
Fairbank	1403.37	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	We used this money to purchase children's reference books, audio and large print books. We also bought anti-virus software and hired a person from The Grout Museum to give a program at the library this summer. We also purchased books for our book discussion groups and some supplies for the after school and summer reading programs for the children.
Fairfax	NE		
Fairfield	4000.75	Materials & Supplies	Books, audio books, music CDs, and DVDs were bought with Direct State Aid. Our materials budget from the city is lower than it was 10 years ago. Direct State Aid makes a critical difference in the quality of this library's collection.
Farley	9671.03	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Furniture, Library	We purchased downloadable audio books through Neibors, NoveList and enhanced content for our catalog. We purchased a new copier for the Epworth Branch, and scanners and color printers for all three branches. We purchased eight lounge chairs for the adult and young adult areas. We

		Programs	participated in The Big Read, and purchased a movie license and a popcorn machine. We spent the better part of the previous year doing "Planning for Results." After community surveys, we found that more programming and material availability were important. Better technology (and training) was also a priority. We used this money to help fulfill these goals.
Farmersburg	440.27	Materials & Supplies	We purchased books and DVDs for all our patrons. Farmersburg is a very small town and has a very small budget. Without funding from Enrich Iowa/Direct State Aid, we would not have been able to purchase these items.
Farmington	NE		
Farnhamville	514.67	Capital Improvements	We are putting in a new book drop box. The rest of the money was used for its installation. Our Enrich Iowa money was helpful in replacing the book drop since a lot of books got wet and we had to replace them. Our outside book drop was leaking, so we decided to put one in the wall.
Fayette	1462.83	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We purchased children's books. The library receives 7 books each month from the Jr. Library Guild. These books have been very popular with the children. The Library Guild does an excellent job of selecting high quality materials for children in several reading levels. EBSCOhost databases and a staff computer were also purchased. The EBSCOhost databases, which contain thousands of periodicals, means we no longer have to purchase them separately. We have several local authors who use the EBSCOhost for research in writing their books. As a small community, to be able to provide this service is very essential. This funding is so critical to our library services. Without these funds we would not be able to keep up with our technology needs. Also funding this year helped to provide needed materials to our children's library in a variety of reading levels.
Fenton	1286.55	Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	This money helped cover computer expenses; a new fuser for the laser jet printer; a new DVD/VCR machine; and summer reading program speakers, treats, prizes, etc.
Fertile	1304.28	Materials & Supplies	The money was spent on books and audio books. Our collection would suffer greatly without this funding.
Fonda	894.06	Library Programs	We began a preschool storytime due to community wishes, and also had to have our summer reading program in June rather than July for 2008, which meant we had two summer reading programs in one budget year. This funding paid for staff time as well. One Mexican mother seemed especially glad to be able to bring her children to our storytime, because it also got her out among other mothers. This was helpful since she and her family are new to the community. Parents of some of the preschool children in our community are very appreciative that we have started a preschool storytime. This would not have been possible without being able

			to use this funding, especially with the large increase in minimum wage.
Fontanelle	1302.79	Personnel	This money is important because the library can be open 20 hours per week and stay open until 6 p.m. and on Saturday morning. This makes the library available to meet community needs.
Forest City	2198.98	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Furniture, Library Programs	After the library purchased music CDs with the money from the anti-trust suit, the public requested more music CDs. Since this was an almost new collection to the library and the public requested it, the extra money helped enlarge the collection. The four public computers were all infected by viruses two days apart. It was comforting to know I had access to money to repair and get them up and running ASAP. Young adults in the community are requesting more young adult books and series. In order to accommodate their requests and spread the books farther apart, the library needed two 4-foot bookcases added to the shelving area. What a joy to have them ask for books, not DVDs! It was decided to spend leftover money on incentives, prizes, books and videos to award the children.
Fort Atkinson	1284.13	Materials & Supplies, Furniture	We added a lot of popular DVDs and books that are not readily available in this small community. Two matching chairs from a local furniture store were also purchased. I am seeing more and more patrons visiting our library and am getting positive feedback as to "I sure like the books you are purchasing for the library now." Because of these extra funds we continue to improve our open hours and it helps us keep up with the demand for new books.
Fort Dodge	7605.63	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Funds were used to purchase books, audios, CD's, and DVD's. Also used funds to pay remaining amount for our computer server. Without this funding we would not have been able to hire an additional staff person to help with summer reading activities.
Fort Madison	1336.7	Technology & Equipment	We used these funds to purchase a subscription to three online databases through Facts On File - World Atlas, Health Reference Center and Business Forms Online. A patron was looking for some help in starting a daycare business. While NOLO is my favorite resource for legal help, all of the pertinent books published by them were checked out. While the patron placed holds on the books that sounded most promising we were able to find some of the forms in the online database so she could get started while waiting for the other books. The most frequently used of the three databases is the Personal and Business Legal Forms. Patrons have had greater access to frequently requested forms such as power of attorney and living wills. People starting small businesses also have ready access to business forms without needing to rely on books which may be checked out.
Fredericksburg	1454.8	Personnel,	Four new chairs for the computer center were

		Furniture, Library Programs	purchased with this money. We also held book discussions with two groups, and bi-monthly public evening classes covering various community interests. Our patrons were delighted to have another day with morning hours, which we were able to do by spending some of this money on salaries. The senior citizens can now come to the library before they go to the meal site on both Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Galva	1214.84	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We were able to purchase DVD's and new books. The library staff also bought a computer so that we don't have to share one with the public. We can now offer accelerated reading books which the kids need for school credit.
Garden Grove	NE		
Garnavillo	1404.77	Technology & Equipment	A new server/workstation for the library office and a new checkout computer for front circulation desk were paid for with Direct State Aid. Because the library is able to provide current technology, all the library patrons benefit. The server and checkout computer help the staff provide excellent patron services. Without this funding, the library would not be able to replace aged (year 2000) computers. The city is not able to provide adequate funding for such large ticket items.
Garner	2009.25	Personnel	We have had parents bring in their children who saw my staff person that day talk about the library and demanded to be brought in (or back, in the case of class tours) and get cards and start using the library. Without this money there is no way we could be doing outreach to the daycares, reaching kids we'd never see otherwise. Salary for a children's assistant to do story times, parties, and go out to daycares and preschools was also paid for with these funds.
Garrison	451.76	Materials & Supplies	Purchased books for children and young adults.
Garwin	869.21	Materials & Supplies	We were able to get new books with Direct State Aid.
George	1007.49	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	The library used the Direct State Aid to purchase more large print books and audio books for our patrons as we have seen an increase in demand for these materials. The library used part of our Direct State Aid for additional programming for our Summer Reading Program. The Direct State Aid helped the library to meet the needs of our community by being able to purchase more audiobooks, large print books and have additional funding for our Summer Reading program.
Gilman	NE		
Gilmore City	1314.92	Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	With this money, we were able to do computer upgrades, hire a story hour coordinator, purchase craft and project materials, and prizes and books for our summer library program. We now have better computers for public access and have had an excellent community response to story hour.
Gladbrook	942.66	Capital Improvements,	We used this money for a new back door and installation because of damage during a robbery.

		Furniture, Other	We had wind damage to the shutters and replaced two sets. Bought a new office chair to replace old one, and a camera to take pictures of children's programs for scrapbooks and the local newspaper. We write a news article each month for the newspaper and like to include pictures.
Glenwood	2481.14	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid money was spent on books, books on CD, and the heavy plastic cases for circulating the books on CD. It let us get more new titles for our patrons to help meet their requests.
Glidden	1008.48	Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	We had a new server installed, purchased a back-up tape drive, and updated all of our computers so they would be card catalog accessible. Incentives and promotional items for the summer reading program were also purchased. Back to the card catalog option: No one has to feel embarrassed to come to me and ask me to look up a subject that might be on a personal level. Everyone now has the confidentiality factor that is needed to run a library efficiently. Just having a reliable server for our computers has proven to be of the utmost importance. Knowing I can back-up our system without any problems really helps. Also it has been great for the patrons to be able to access our card catalog via any computer.
Gowrie	1447.94	Materials & Supplies	Books, DVDs, program materials, audio books were paid for with Direct State Aid. There is a boy in the area who comes in each day who seems to have no friends. He does not come to story hour, but enjoys doing the crafts we do when he comes in. He usually stays the whole afternoon. He also enjoys the new bug books that we purchased. We started a book club and have quite a large group of women who come each month. Some of them hadn't used the library in some time, but now are in on a regular basis.
Graettinger	NE		
Grafton	510.37	Personnel, Technology & Equipment, Furniture	We were able to get wireless access for our two public access computers and new chairs for the public computers. We had several patrons request wireless. Now people can bring their laptops in and use them when the other computers are being used. We were also able to pay for part-time assistance with book weeding and rearranging the library.
Grand Junction	1414.65	Personnel	By hiring one part-time employee we were able to present weekly preschool story times and additional after school activities.
Granger	857.59	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs, Other	Direct State Aid allowed us to join the audio book downloading program Wilbur, purchased items for the Summer Reading Program, and a storage unit for all the program materials we use throughout the year.
Greene	1436.32	Personnel	During the flooding which occurred in Greene the first week of June, the library was one of the few places in town with operational Internet service. Our community was thrilled to be able to check their e-mail, correspond with FEMA, or just relax.

			We also provide better community service because we spend money to be open more morning hours.
Greenfield	1636.07	Furniture	Purchased a new storage cabinet for micro-film. This community was compiling a history book and many people took advantage of searching the newspapers on micro-film dating back to the 1800's. With the new storage unit, the rolls were easily accessed, in order, with lots of room to store more. This library serves the entire county in terms of genealogy holdings and research and we were really needed more This has been such an improvement in accessibility!
Grimes	2662.8	Other	Used funds to paint trim on outside of library.
Grinnell	3239.49	Capital Improvements	Used Direct State Aid to pay architects' fees for design of new building During this past year we have continued to work with our architects on a building design. They have produced drawings and specifications, and construction has now begun. The funds received through Direct State Aid have been helpful in supplementing city funding and money raised through private fundraising.
Griswold	1414.71	Technology & Equipment	We purchased two new computers, screens, and monitors to replace two that were five years old. We frequently have patrons use our computers to run a job search and complete online job applications. We have had two patrons who directly received employment using this method in the library and were therefore able to continue to live in Griswold. Our community depends on using our computers during all the hours we are open. We offer five public access computers, a children's computer, and an on-line catalog plus two staff computers and a server. We need computers that are dependable, durable, and have the capacity to do the jobs our patrons request. This capacity has increased with the use of downloads, games and graphics.
Grundy Center	1972.5	Materials & Supplies	We spend our Direct Aid money on materials, and it seems to always go on books. There is never enough money in that area. This funding helps us complete series of books. We have several adult and juvenile fiction series that we were able to complete with the use of the Direct State Aid. We have not been able to increase our book budget for a number of years. It is greatly appreciated.
Guthrie Center	1667.23	Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	Older computers are being replaced on a regular basis because of Enrich Iowa. We are able to offer nicer incentives for our summer reading program.
Guttenberg	1717.3	Personnel	Having more staff on hand at our library means better service to the public. The Direct State Aid funding helped with the cost of providing additional staff time. The extra staff hours helped to free up the librarian and assistant librarian so that they could complete their other work and provide more programming for the public.
Hamburg	979.49	Furniture	We were able to buy sixteen side chairs. Before

			we had mismatched chairs at our computer workstations and tables. The new furniture helps make our library comfortable and attractive. Today, our library is much more than a reference facility for books and reading materials. We support our library catalog on the Internet, have wireless access for patrons with laptop computers, and online databases. The new furniture makes our library an inviting place to use our computers.
Hampton	2694.88	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Furniture	We spent this funding on DVD's to add to our rather limited collection. We also spent money on our audio visual materials because they are in demand, although we now have online audio. Bought a new CPU used for cataloging materials and SILO with a set of four headphones for patron use. We had the library painted this year so we did some artistic painting as well as new frames for posters in children's room. We have a patron who has MS that prohibits him from reading. He comes in and borrows a lot of our AVs as well as the ones we interlibrary loan for him. He always comments on how much he appreciates our assistance. The headphones have been very useful as the ones that came with the original Gates computers had all stopped working. The new CPU at our cataloging station enabled us to open another Internet site for the public.
Hanlontown	1275.37	Materials & Supplies	Because of these funds, I have been able to purchase some graphic novels, which caught the eye of a budding artist who was only checking out movies. This summer she has been in two to three times a week to get actual books besides the graphic novels. She also asked the other day if I could find a "classic" for her. I felt like I made a difference. Without this money we would not be able to get so many of the current titles or the variety that people want.
Harcourt	1278.3	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements	Books, audio books, DVDs, new fax machine, and painting for the inside of library were all paid for with Direct State Aid. There was a student doing a school report and this money helped pay the postage for interlibrary loan materials for her to use. The money was also used for expenses incurred taking Public Management I and II classes, as well as wage increases.
Harlan	2580.65	Materials & Supplies	We were able to pay for audio books and large print books. We have an elderly patron who as long as I've worked here (31 yrs.) has always been an avid reader. Just recently macular degeneration started affecting her eyesight. She went from reading regular print to large print, and just didn't know what she was to do since the large print was getting difficult for her to read now. We showed her our audio books collection, both CDs and cassettes, and suggested she give one a try. Needless to say she was thrilled. She gets 5 or 6 titles at a time. We try to keep up with the more current titles, but with the prices

			increasing, Direct State Aid assures us of being able to continue to satisfy such patrons, as well as the quilters, travelers, and office workers. Without this funding our collection of audiobooks, and large print books would be mediocre. Our population is aging, and more and more are requesting large print books or audios.
Harpers Ferry	455.94	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	This money allowed us to maintain our weekly hours and train a new assistant director. We were able to buy large print books and computer anti-virus updates. We also spent money on story hours and programs for children. I am sure all small libraries will agree we really need this money.
Hartley	1546.93	Materials & Supplies	We primarily use the Direct State Aid to purchase additional books, audios and DVDs for our children's section. Through Enrich Iowa, our library was able to upgrade our "state" books. This was a great advantage to our 4th grade students who are required to do a state report each year. Our upper elementary girls were thrilled to see the Hannah Montana series on the shelf. The children in our community are encouraged to be good readers through programs and they are always attracted to new books. Providing new material is one way to keep the children's increased interest in non-fiction books. This money is helping us to develop our non-fiction section.
Havelock	NE		
Hawarden	1902.05	Materials & Supplies	We are able to purchase a lease plan for audio CD books. One of our patrons is a salesperson who travels several states. He is always ready for the new CD books to arrive. He has been known to listen to several of them over and over again. These purchases help us to give him and others like him access to more titles. Many patrons use them when they travel, when they exercise, when they do their housework, or just when they're out for a walk.
Hawkeye	1253.14	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	We used these funds to purchase DVDs to meet requests from patrons for a larger selection. The money was also used to take Public Library Management I and II to become certified.
Hedrick	1332.37	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs, Other	We have had multiple parents tell us how appreciative they are that there are activities for their children in the library. We had a summer daycamp this summer in conjunction with the Keokuk County Extension. This camp revolved around our summer theme, but Extension charged a \$5 registration fee. The library was able to pay for all the Pekin school kids who wanted to take part. Most of those children would not have been able to participate if they had to pay the fee. The library is the only place our community has for activities. We are able to provide not only summer & winter reading activities for the children, but also activities like our annual Halloween Parade & Supper for trick-or-treaters and their parents. We

			give each child a book for reading pleasure and a glow stick for safety before they go out trick or treating with a little nourishment in their tummies. We are able to do these community acts of good will because of Direct State Aid.
Hiawatha	3057.08	Personnel	This funding allows the library to be open on Sundays during the school year. Patrons may use the library for Internet access, homework assignments, and general browsing.
Hillsboro	NE		
Holstein	1481.59	Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to pay for the Wilbor audio book project, our EBSCOhost database subscription and new books.
Hopkinton	885.82	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	The funds were spent on new books, DVD's and a visit from "Spoon Man" during our Summer Reading Program. It was also used to pay for custodial staff.
Hospers	1460.48	Materials & Supplies, Furniture	We bought new audio books and DVDs to increase our collection. We spent the money to buy new shelving for the young adult area. Using the money to buy shelving for the young adult sections has been one of the best things we could have done. Before we only had two four-shelf sections for the young adult books. By adding more shelving we were able to expand our collection of books for this age group. The teens are now reading all the time, and for the first time ever we had twenty teens sign up for the reading program. Circulation in that area has nearly doubled. We also added new DVDs to our collection and people are now coming to the library to check out a movie rather than driving the six miles to the nearest rental store. They love it.
Hubbard	NE		
Hudson	1725.59	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Other	We bought DVDs and three Mp3 players available for check-out for audio downloads We also purchased a multimedia projector for use at the library and city hall, and a projector screen large enough to show movies. Money was also spent on a license for showing movies to the public. We are most excited about the projector, screen, and license in that we will be able to show movies to the public. We have "special movie events" planned for young and old alike. Hudson will probably never have a theatre but the Direct State Aid made it possible for us to provide that service.
Hull	1232.68	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We used the funds for an audio lease for books on CDs. We also purchased books for children in grades 3-6 to give them during the Summer Reading Program. We added books to series collections and started new ones. We also purchased DVDs for adults. We started an adult Summer Reading Program and purchased mugs as incentives to begin a new venture. We had a great response. A patron shared how her spouse never communicates while they travel. Audio books have been the answer for her, and her spouse is being introduced to some great authors.

Humboldt	2374.68	Materials & Supplies	We were able to continue to expand our collection of books on CD.
Humeston	424.45	Technology & Equipment	The entire amount of our Direct State Aid paid for a portion of our library automation software renewal agreement with Sagebrush/Follett. This funding makes the greatest difference for the library director. It provides a bit of insurance against glitches that would make daily circulation activities extremely difficult. All of the library patrons appreciate the fact that the library is automated. Keeping the automation software service agreement current benefits all library users. The annual fees ensure that we are able to keep the most up-to-date version in our library.
Huxley	1883.22	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a 32" HDTV, HP color printer and refill cartridges, cordless phone, a DVD/VCR recorder, and a surveillance camera. The main goal was to replace our antique TV and VCR - both from the mid-1980s.
Ida Grove	1694.6	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for books for our teen readers, three new computer towers, and three security packages. This allowed us to upgrade to Windows XP from Windows 98. Our patrons are much happier with the faster computers! It also allowed us to start an updated teen book collection. This is a difficult age group to get in the library. We have seen an increase in attendance with this age group since adding the new books.
Independence	1926.6	Materials & Supplies	Books were purchased to update our adult and juvenile nonfiction books.
Indianola	4658.72	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Furniture, Library Programs	This funding partially paid for an online database - Opposing Viewpoints. It increased the number of public access computers from five to ten. We purchased a new shelf for a staff desk area and bookmark display shelving for our stacks. We used this money to hire a juggler for the summer reading program. Without this funding, we would not have been able to update the number of public access computers we have available to the public. In the nine months since doing this project, computer usage has increased by 72%. Even with the additional computers, there are still several times each day when people must wait to get online. We are so excited that these funds were available to use for this project.
Inwood	1411.4	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid allows us to buy new books, supplies for our Summer Reading Program, and a slip printer and paper. We also spent some on technology-related items.
Ionia	1292.93	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	We were asked to start carrying DVDs, so this funding was the "nudge" we needed to get going. It also helped pay the director's salary.
Iowa City	18171.07	Technology & Equipment	We did three different projects with this funding. We purchased a new version of the Adobe suite graphics software for use in designing the library's graphic materials, we purchased a software package from our ILS to index online databases, and we funded a usability study of our

			current Web site which we plan to redesign. State funding allowed us to purchase two pieces of software that we would not otherwise have been able to afford. One upgraded our graphics software and makes it much easier for us to prepare our newsletter, posters about events, and informational materials. The other will help us get more use out of the online databases that we purchase by providing the opportunity to perform a federated search. Finally, we were able to study how users navigate our Web site and we prepare to redesign the site in order it make it more user friendly.
Iowa Falls	2408.13	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	NEIBORS audio book download project was paid for using Direct State Aid. New computer upgrades, labor for installation and network management were also paid for with this money. One senior citizen has been able to email her family (all out of state) thanks to assistance by staff to help set up an email account and navigate the technology. She was so pleased, as was her family, they made us cookies. We have patrons of all ages come into the library to use our computers. Our Internet use continues to be a vital resource for the community. We average 1700 patrons per month using our computers. This is an increase from prior years.
Irwin	NE		
Jamaica	NE		
Janesville	1540.09	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	We are able to staff the library on Saturdays and purchased new books and audio books with this money.
Jefferson	2345	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Other	<p>With the help of Direct State Aid funds, the Jefferson Public Library is able to offer a new service to its patrons called WILBOR downloadable audiobooks. People who check out audiobooks will have a much larger selection, and this electronic resource will save shelf space which is at a premium at our library. We also purchased an Mp3 player in order to demonstrate how to use this new service to our patrons. The Vertical File project is photocopying some of the historical items we have in storage. The goal of the project is twofold: preserve local history and make it accessible to the patrons. We have many patrons who ask us for historical [printed] information about our town and county and who do family history research. The booklets and pamphlets in the vertical files are aged and valuable. Photocopying this information and putting it out on the shelf will allow us to preserve the originals and provide increased accessibility to our patrons.</p> <p>The children continue to enjoy using the educational items and toys in the Creative Learning Center in the children's department. This collection was started with Direct State Aid funds several years ago and has grown over the</p>

			years almost exclusively with this money. We have endeavored to expand our DVD movie collection by using Direct State Aid funds to purchase musicals, classics and modern classics, and educational DVDs such as exercise, travel, sports, and history subjects. These types of films are only available in our town at the public library; the local video store only carries current movies and charges rental fees.
Jesup	1724.74	Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase Children's and Teens Choice Award books, a travel guide and atlas, children's easy and non-fiction books to round out the collection after extensive weeding, and adult resume and financial planning books to replace older books. We've had several people come in who have lost their jobs in the slow economy. They have checked out the new resume books and have gotten jobs. I like to think the new books helped in that process. We weeded quite heavily this spring and filled holes in our collection with Direct State Aid money. Also, the school encourages students to read as many of the Children's Choice and Teen Award Books as possible. Many of the students come to us as the school is only able to purchase one set, as are we.
Jewell	1504.13	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	Funds were spent to increase our video collection. We used some of the funds to help support the cost of postage created by our participation in the interlibrary loan program. Increases in postage every year have created this need at our library. The videos at the library are in great demand. Jewell is a small community so it does not have a video store with much of a collection. Our patrons have really appreciated having this service so that they do not have to drive a long distance to rent a movie, especially with the high gas prices.
Johnston	5086.62	Technology & Equipment	We purchased and installed EnvisionWare software for public computer reservation and print management in February 2008. Our customers have embraced this technology, and especially appreciate the ease of getting on public computers. Library cardholders no longer need to check in with staff before logging on to available computers. If all the public computers are in use, customers can reserve time at the reservaton station. Printing to a high quality networked printer is now managed through a release station and a coin-op machine, so customers are very aware of the cost before the printing is done.
Joice	1275.81	Materials & Supplies, Furniture	We purchased graphic novels, DVDs, music CDs and six new office chairs. The graphic novels have been checked out by our "reluctant" readers. The music CDs are a calming influence on our pre-teens.
Kalona	1793.24	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	This money was added to our collection budget. It helped us meet required standard #28, "The library allocates funds for purchasing materials in all appropriate formats based on its collection development policy, the library's plan and current

			use." With Direct State Aid we were able to spend 10% of the total expenditures on the collection. Patron demands on our collection has increased the past year, but because of Direct State Aid, we were able to order more items for the collection. Our patrons have shown their gratitude in various ways, but the best way has been the increase in circulation. Last year we increased the Youth Librarian position five hours a week with the help of Direct State Aid. This allowed the youth librarian more time to devote to our Web page and gave her time to work on improving the collections in the children's and young adult areas. She wrote grants and partnered with the local middle school for a puppet workshop.
Kanawha	1387.07	Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for computer software and technology, and the Summer Reading Program. The technology world is the biggest part of our library and without this money we would struggle with upkeep and software. This is a HUGE help to our library!
Kensett	898.13	Materials & Supplies, Capital Improvements	Purchased additional books and supplies needed for the library. Put new carpet down in a room at the library that we had recently fixed up.
Keokuk	3727.22	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a new server and were able to upgrade to Polaris 3.3. Before we purchased the new server, our programs often crashed and we had many complaints about Polaris 3.2, but did not have enough memory for the upgrade. With the new server and recent upgrade, the server no longer crashes and we have a more user-friendly public catalog. Although we used to have many complaints and questions from the public about the old public catalog, I think they will be very happy to see the improvements.
Keosauqua	932.32	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Money was used to help purchase new books in our non-fiction collection and a wireless bar code scanner. I believe that having the new wireless scanner has made a difference in a lot of our patrons' lives. Our library is more organized and books are easier to find on our card catalog, as we continue to inventory and update our system. Having this funding sure does help to provide services for our community, as well as offering technology that helps us to keep our library moving forward in a positive and attractive manner.
Keota	1409.59	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	This funding was spent on library work materials, such as laminate to cover books and supplies to fix books. We also used the money to install new software, anti-virus software, and parental control on eight computers, as well as "cleaning out" two staff computers, and fixing main server to bring it up-to-date. We were also able to promote reading at the library and Summer Reading Program supplies including a guest speaker and a program about bugs. As usual we always use part of our Direct State Aid funding for our summer reading

			program and other programs for the kids throughout the year. The kids absolutely loved the program this summer on bugs. This year was a big technology year for our library. We were able to get grants to purchase three new laptops and were able to use part of our Direct State Aid money to help pay for labor, new software and to bring our main server up-to-date. Finally, some of this money was spent on mileage costs to various workshops throughout the year for both staff workers at the library.
Keystone	1308.81	Materials & Supplies, Capital Improvements	We bought DVDs to replace videos and also used Direct State Aid on a rear exit door, security light, and security grill, due to previous vandalism.
Kimballton	NE		
Kingsley	1021.36	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid for supplies and books for our Summer Reading Program, and purchased a new telephone/fax machine. We also bought t-shirts for our summer program.
Klemme	1360.41	Technology & Equipment	We were able to buy a new computer and pay for labor and ink jets.
Knoxville	3063.21	Technology & Equipment	We purchased 3 computers. The actual cost was \$3,942.75, but without Direct State Aid the budget would have been stretched to purchase even one. Direct State Aid funding allows us to keep our computers up-to-date to better serve the people of the community. Although we do not ask people how they use the computers, I know many who are using them to search for jobs or write resumes. A few have told us that they managed to find employment because of our computers. Another patron uses library computers to maintain contact with a relative who has been deployed in Iraq. Many people in the community cannot afford home computers or the Internet. Direct State Aid funding allows us to keep our equipment updated to serve the needs of those people who most need computer and Internet access.
La Porte City	1671.64	Materials & Supplies	I was able to order some extra books for our library that I knew would be of great interest to our younger readers. I also ordered some professional books that we could use for planning our story time activities. Our children were very excited to see the entire set of Hannah Montana and High School Musical books in the library. It kept them coming back every week to check out a new one. Some of these children only read during the school year and not during the summer.
Lacona	841.55	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	Easy Readers; juvenile age books and book sets; magazines; youth books and magazines; audios; adult books and magazines; address labels; and puzzles were all purchased using Direct State Aid. We also purchased supplies, including books, for our Summer Library Program. A young male didn't like to read at school but likes to come to the library and check out books. His mother is

			delighted, as is his teacher. His teacher told him to keep track of the title and author of each book and to write a report for which he'll get credit. We have more junior age male readers coming in to get books since we have trilogies. We're also having junior and young adult book discussions now.
Lake City	1736.97	Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to buy DVD's, books on CD, and WILBOR (digital audiobooks). Keeping up with changing technology and materials in new formats presents a serious challenge to our budget. The Direct State Aid payment has made it possible for us to satisfy our patrons' appetites for DVD's, books on CD, and digital audiobooks.
Lake Mills	1709.11	Technology & Equipment, Furniture	We bought a new staff computer. We also used Direct State Aid with some memorial money for a new book shelf/display case for the children's department.
Lake Park	1422.21	Technology & Equipment	We used these funds to purchase a new computer to be used for our card catalog/OPAC. The first day our OPAC computer was up and running, a lady stopped by to check her email. (She set up her email and learned to use it on one of our computer classes.) She was able to find the books she was looking for on the OPAC computer. In the past, OPAC could be accessed through one of our public access computers. However, since we are a combined library, we have security issues with patrons being able to access the school's computer system.
Lake View	1505.67	Technology & Equipment	We were able to hire a technology person to convert to Concourse. These funds allowed us to update to a more modern system and our catalog can now be accessed online.
Lakota	1264.67	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We were able to purchase new materials and pay postage costs as well as Summer Library Program prizes. Patrons are always amazed at the services a small town can provide. Patrons get excited about new materials. We also used this money for salaries and training.
Lamoni	1676.69	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We bought junior fiction and junior non-fiction books; materials, incentives, and supplies for the Summer Library Program. Our young people are so excited about the choices they have in fiction and non-fiction. We were able to provide quality books and materials for our Summer Reading Program. The young people could choose colorful up-to-date non-fiction that related to the theme of our program. We were also able to provide additional quality materials for our pre-school centers.
Lamont	NE		
Lansing	1442.8	Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Other	Direct State Aid helped us acquire printer repair parts, a computer, outside signage on the building, fire protection annual inspection, and repair of smoke detector. I have a number of new patrons because of the sign. The sign says we are wireless and has made a difference for many people visiting and passing through. We are a tourist town. I have a desk in the entry way that

			can be used 24 hrs a day and it is greatly appreciated. We have another computer for our patrons, and now one printer works.
Larchwood	953.99	Materials & Supplies,	We bought books, DVDs, audio books and juvenile audio books. We spent the entire amount on updating our classic literature collection. We have some homeschooled children who are reading the classics, and we did not have a very good collection.
Laurel	NE		
Laurens	1508.13	Technology & Equipment,	This year our Direct State Aid money went to supplement the purchase of a color copier/printer for our library.
Lawler	1320.86	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for DVDs, a flat screen TV and DVD player. Along with the TV, we purchased a Wii gaming system and we are seeing a lot of young people. They come to play the games or go on the computers while they are waiting. The larger DVD collection appeals to them and our other patrons alike.
Le Claire	1736.76	Materials & Supplies	The state funds helped us purchase full sets of the 2008 and 2009 Children's Choice Award books, and the Iowa Teen Award and Iowa High School list of nominated books for 2009, award labels for each book, and other recommended teen books.
Le Grand	1378.04	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid helped us acquire adult books on CD, other new books, board games, an enlarged doorway, replaced sink and handrails to make public bathroom ADA approved, and new lighting to entryway. By adding new lighting to the entryway, we were able to utilize that space as a display area for local history items, and by moving an antique display case to the entryway we freed up room for more books on CD. Some of the money helped pay mileage for training.
Le Mars	3286.11	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements	Membership in consortium (Central IA Library Services) for downloadable books. Purchased four new 17" LCD circulation desk monitors and an ADT Security System. Downloadable books are available to shut-ins and the handicapped whose access to our building is limited or non-existent. Our patrons have access to hundreds of titles for their listening pleasure. The vast materials housed in our building and bought with tax dollars are protected by a security system.
Ledyard	478.78	Materials & Supplies, Furniture, Library Programs	I ordered books about insects to read at our Summer Reading Program. I also ordered books about insects to give to the children as a prize at the end of our program. I also bought some food for the lunches I served. I ordered prizes and t-shirts for all of us and craft supplies for the program. We had a very fun summer in our reading program; I was trying to teach them about insects, and describe if they were good bugs or bad bugs. So far they have voted a lot of them as good bugs. They really loved our earthworm race. We had live worms, had to name them, and place them on the cardboard race track at the same time. I think they

			were amazed watching the worms move! We also recovered some of our chairs.
Lehigh	1330.07	Materials & Supplies	Monies from Direct State Aid were channeled entirely into new library materials. The library required a massive weeding, which left us teetering on the edge of having fewer than the recommended number of items in the library, hence all extra funds went directly to replacing or improving materials weeded. I have a patron who was recently diagnosed with a serious and incurable ailment. We not only did research online to find out more about the disease, we also looked up all her medications in our new PDR pill guide and came up with a list of questions to ask her doctor. Because of the funding provided, I was able to bring newer and more timely nonfiction materials into the library, giving patrons the most reliable information possible concerning medical care, pets, and current historical trends. This enabled the library to draw closer to being a modern facility with worthwhile resources.
Lenox	1428.39	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to purchase Summer Reading Program supplies, such as bug books. We also bought a HP printer laserJet cartridge. We used some of our new books for gifts to many of the children that do not get many new things. We also had really nice book bags that the children plan on using for the school year. We would not be able to have the above without this funding. I honestly don't know what we would do without it. All the patrons comment on the extra things that we are able to do. We had a wonderful program this summer. We also used the funds to pay the wages for our Summer Reading Program helpers.
Leon	1061.45	Personnel	This funding is in the process of making a difference in the lives of everyone who works at this library by allowing us to better serve the public. Up until now we have not had the time or equipment to adequately move the work load in maintaining the collection. If we were to have completely adequate staff hours, our assistant librarian would have an additional 5-10 hours per week, our adult librarian would probably have another 5 hours and I (the director) would be full time. Plus we would have a regular aide at around 20 hours a week. (I can dream.) As it is: our assistant gets 17 hours a week, and 5 of those hours have nothing to do with the day to day tasks of the library (they are cleaning and programming.) This limited exposure to routine tasks has made it difficult for her to gain experience over the last year that would allow her to get faster and more efficient at her work. The Direct State Aid funding has allowed us to give her additional open hours to give her time to sharpen her skills, and to begin to train on new staff computers that will allow us to increase cataloging efficiency with the Marc Wizard

			program. Training hours for Assistant Librarian.
Letts	1284.58	Technology & Equipment	We used this money for new computers and Internet access. Computers are a big item in our library, so keeping up with technology is a must and we couldn't do that without this funding.
Lewis	463.04	Materials & Supplies, Other	Renewal of our Marc Records card cataloging was completed using Direct State Aid. We also purchased archival plastic sleeves to help complete our project to preserve our Lewis Standard newspapers. Former residents or relatives of Lewis find looking through the newspapers a very satisfying and enjoyable experience, especially when they find articles on their ancestors. With the addition of the archival plastic for the Lewis Standard newspapers it makes it possible for the actual viewing of the newspapers instead of trying to find the information on micro film. People enjoy viewing the actual newspaper and it is a drawing card to our library. Regarding the card cataloging system, this makes it easier for books to be found on the shelves and to know if we have a certain book.
Lime Springs	924.35	Technology & Equipment	These funds were used to purchase a Canon Image Runner 1023 copier for our library. Patrons use the printer daily.
Linden	793.09	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Furniture, Library Programs, Other	This money was spent on books, CD's, magazines, newspapers and ink cartridges. It also helped pay for Internet access and the EBSCOhost database. We also used this money for three stackable chairs, the children's Summer Reading Program, a new telephone and insurance. We have put our emphasis on the children in our community as there is not much for them to do and I feel this has kept them off the streets and given them a pastime of reading that will stay with them the rest of their lives. Direct State Aid also helped pay the salary for the co-director.
Linn Grove	818.17	Personnel	We are able to be open longer hours to serve our community and surrounding area. Salaries.
Lisbon	1713.87	Materials & Supplies, Capital Improvements	We subscribed to NEIBORS through our regional library service. NEIBORS is an online audiobook library that patrons may access and download with their library cards and home computers. It is an excellent outreach service and provides users with many more available titles that they may download to their listening devices or burn onto disks. With the increasing popularity of audiobooks, this service is a bargain for our library and--best of all--the added volumes don't take up any space and never get lost! We also hired a design/organization consultant to rearrange the space in our small library for better work and patron flow. This was money well spent, as we succeeded in clearing out clutter, creating a workspace/storage area for the staff where there was none, opening up space for a young adult area with beanbag chairs, and making more attractive and efficient patron browsing and

			computer areas. The whole place looks more inviting and attractive.
Little Rock	477.46	Materials & Supplies	We used part of Direct State Aid to pay for postage for help with our interlibrary loan costs. We also purchased children's and adult books, audio books and DVDs. Several of the teachers at the elementary & junior high schools were able to take advantage of interlibrary loan to add to their collection of books for their students' projects. Adding to our DVD collection increased circulation as there is no other place in town to get movies.
Livermore	1312.64	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs, Other	Direct State Aid helped pay for a newspaper subscription, Worldbook yearbook and the school's yearbook. The hard drive had to be replaced on a computer and these funds also helped pay for our Internet for one year after the e-rate discount. We also used the funds for prizes and incentives for the Summer Reading Program. We made an art wall at the library with a pegboard, paint, hooks, and material for curtains. Our art wall is the cheap thing we did, but it has included local talent and the community has really enjoyed this display. This money always helps with unexpected repairs and to hire someone to work when the director and aide are both unable to work
Logan	1497.23	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid for audio books and the Summer Library Program. This funding makes a difference to a lot of people. This year we had one of our best Summer Library Programs and the kids really enjoyed it. It keeps them busy, and keeps them reading and having fun all at the same time. Library service improved as a result of this funding because we are able to offer our patrons more selection and current titles of audio books, which are very expensive. These supplemental funds are a blessing for those who enjoy the audio books while commuting, and for those who can no longer read anymore, or for those that want to listen while they work.
Lohrville	1317.09	Personnel	We have more adults in the library during the winter because we can use this money to be open longer. We have more children and do more programs for them with the extra hours. We used all of the money to pay staff.
Lost Nation	NE		
Lowden	1343.29	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Capital Improvements, Library Programs, Other	Direct State Aid paid for new books, carpet cleaning, a new book cart, for children's story time and for our EBSCOhost. It also helps pay the library assistant's salary.
Lu Verne	1318.01	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	These funds were used to purchase the 2008 World Book Encyclopedia, new children's books, and for children's and adult programs. Adult programs are very popular in our library. They are as much a social event as a learning event. The

			kids are always asking us when the annual picnic and annual carnival are going to be held. A very out-dated set of encyclopedias were replaced with the new 2008 World Book. New children's books were purchased, many with bug characters to go along with our summer program, "Catch the Reading Bug." The kids enjoyed having new books every week that matched our summer reading theme.
Lynnvile	511.01	Technology & Equipment	Two patron computers were damaged by one of the storms this year. We replaced one of the computers with Direct State Aid funding. Some of our patrons conduct business, including making flight reservations, using our online resources. They were so grateful when we were up and running again.
Lytton	886.44	Materials & Supplies	We used these funds this year for new books and CDs .
Madrid	1769.87	Technology & Equipment	This funding, along with additional resources, helped us replace three new computers and upgrade two Internet stations. By replacing our circulation computers, we will be able to use one of these older units to add another Internet station so patrons won't have to wait so long. The upgrades have improved performance and that has made many of our patrons very happy.
Mallard	NE		
Malvern	1434.96	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	We used some of this money to purchase supplies needed for classes that we hosted, as well as some needed materials. We used this amount to purchase a Wii station, controllers and a few games for our library. We host a game night for area kids on Thursday evenings where they play the Wii and playstation and spend some quality time with their families. On Tuesdays and Fridays area senior citizens from the Manor of Malvern come and play bowling on their league where they challenge other residents from Red Oak Rehab and care citizens. It is a HUGE hit. Also, golfers from the golf club come and practice their swing during the winter. We have some citizens from the Manor of Malvern who usually never get an opportunity to go out and do anything. Thanks to Direct State Aid we were able to offer a program where they could come here to the library and play the Wii. We hosted some adult cooking classes for the city of Malvern in our conference room. We paid the chef to come and host the class.
Manchester	2446.3	Technology & Equipment	We purchased a new public Internet/Microsoft Office computer to replace an older one. We also made a partial payment on another public Internet/Microsoft Office computer. We have two patrons who are friends and like to come to the library together and use the computers. Sometimes the computers would not be available when they came. When we went from five to six computers, the chances of patrons coming to the library and having available computers increased. Even if all the computers are full, patrons don't

			have to wait as long for one to open up. These two patrons, along with many others, greatly appreciate this. Additionally, there are more functions available on the newer computers.
Manilla	NE		
Manly	1556.36	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs, Other	We were able to purchase Iowa Childrens, Teen and High School Award Books, as well as a Voyager BT scanner, receipt printer, and NEIBORS membership (a downloadable audio book program). The money also helped pay for half of our Summer Reading Program – “Mad about Bugs.”
Manning	1043.35	Materials & Supplies, Other	Direct State Aid paid for toner cartridges for our new printer/copier/scanner/fax, a statue for the children’s area, new mats for under computer desks and desktops. It also helped pay for a cleaning service to come in after our remodeling project.
Manson	1751.78	Technology & Equipment	The money was spent for a color laser jet printer, data projector, tech services, and part of the payment to replace a computer. The library has printed fliers for our "Turn the Page" renovation project. The new color printer definitely makes these sharper looking. I am sure that some of the donations have come from people who might not have paid attention to our project had we not had such a professional looking and colorful flier. We are currently designing similar note cards to write our thank you's on. The data projector will be available for presentations by the library and city, and will be available for loan. The library chose to purchase one after several requests from individuals and organizations in town.
Mapleton	1448.48	Materials & Supplies	Money was split between audio books and large print materials. Last year we used the money for extra hours. This year we used the money to beef up our audio books and large print books. We are always surprised at how many people use these two formats and this money really helped extend our collections. Thanks!
Maquoketa	2625.89	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was used for audio books on CD, large print books, and theme-based children's books for the Summer Reading Program. Homebound persons were able to enjoy large print books and audio books through the library's Books on Wheels Delivery Program. These are both expensive formats, and Direct State Aid funding makes a difference in the materials we can provide.
Marathon	831.56	Personnel	More people pass through our doors each day. The visitors tell me they want more...more materials, more programs and more meeting times, and I can provide it. The new library now offers new services and hours that have increased convenience and choices. It is wonderful to have the library open extra hours during the week. We have noticed a considerable increase in the number of events taking place. We are using our Direct State Aid money to continue paying for the

			hours that the director is working to fulfill the 20 hour/4 day minimum in accordance with our accreditation standards for a tier two library.
Marble Rock	1302.52	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	We used this money to purchase books - both children's and adult. It was also used for supplies for children's programming, printer supplies, and extra personnel for summer story hour programming.
Marcus	1427.95	Materials & Supplies, Furniture	This money supplemented the amount budgeted for books. It helped purchase more adult, children's, and large print books. We also purchased new chairs for the adult reading area.
Marengo	1296.66	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was spent on audio books and CDs and a new printer for our public computers. A woman with a new grandchild in another state was able to get pictures of the baby on our computer and was able to print off the pictures using our new printer.
Marion	7894.31	Furniture, Other	This money was spent on shelving for young adult area, as well as a booth, cafe tables, stools, oak wall mounted magazine rack, vinyl rockers, a newspaper rack, six display cubes and computer tables. Also, a Playscape for children's area. The young adult area is now much more inviting and visually appealing for this important group of patrons. The Playscape is a play island that young children can use in the children's area of the library; it has different hands-on activities on each side and has been very popular. The place looks spiffy!
Marshalltown	7162.6	Personnel	Since receiving Direct State Aid, our library has been able to maintain evening and weekend hours when working people and students need our services the most. We are proud to be able to tell our funders (municipal government, county government, private donors) that the State of Iowa values library service enough to contribute to individual library budgets. Specifically, this money supports the salaries of a Library Adult Services Assistant, which allows us to remain open in the evening -- extending our hours and allowing us to maintain State of Iowa accreditation.
Martelle	470.25	Materials & Supplies	The funding helped us purchase new materials for our patrons.
Mason City	8165.07	Personnel, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Library Programs	With Direct State Aid, we were able to purchase a computer for archives. We also had some electrical work done and were able to help pay for some children's summer programs, offering better programming because we could pay the salary to fully staff our children's department.
Massena	463.48	Personnel	The extra income to the director helps her to live with the ever-increasing expenses that life has to offer these days. It is nice to be able to give library staff a raise in pay for the services they provide to the community. For all of their service, they are already underpaid but every little bit helps. The

			Direct State Aid almost covered the director's salary raise of 50 cents per hour.
Maxwell	NE		
Maynard	1255.82	Materials & Supplies, Other	The Maynard Library used part of our Direct State Aid to purchase books. The Maynard Library used this money to cover our postage costs. In the last year, our request for interlibrary loan has doubled. With the Direct State Aid, we can continue to get materials from other libraries for our patrons.
McGregor	1607.27	Materials & Supplies	books, audio CDs, and work supplies Direct State Aid was used to supplement funds in purchasing needed and desired materials for city and rural patrons, including books, audio CDs and work supplies.
Mechanicsville	1441.79	Materials & Supplies	This money helps us to purchase more books for our patrons.
Mediapolis	1683.23	Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to replace our automation system.
Melbourne	1344.69	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We were able to buy books, movies and Follett software support. We have a young adult who is a great reader! He has lived a terrible life and enjoys escaping from his life through books. He totally loved the new books we were able to purchase with this funding and the additions to our graphic novels as well. Children and teens love coming into the library to check out what's new in the collection.
Melcher-Dallas	NE		
Melvin	NE		
Menlo	490.85	Technology & Equipment	This money helped us purchase a badly needed new staff computer. Thanks to interlibrary loan, I am able to make one of my patrons an extremely happy person. This patron is pretty much a recluse. He is disabled and has very little money. He loves to read non-fiction, especially history books. When I took over as director, I came to realize that he was checking out books that already had his number in them. When I commented on this to him he stated that he had read pretty much everything on our shelves that he was interested in. When I informed him that I could borrow books from other libraries, he was ecstatic. He told me that there was a fiction author that he had read at one time that he enjoyed. I showed him how I could look up that author and get a list of books written by him and that we could make a list for him to mark for me of the ones that he wanted to read. I also have used our new computer to order books for him at such a reduced rate that I'm purchasing them faster than he can read them. It's so wonderful to watch him walk in with that expectant look on his face, as he wonders what I have for him this time.
Merrill	NE		
Meservey	851.4	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library	DVDs, Internet access, supplies for printers, the Summer Library Program and reading groups are some of the ways we used this money. We were able to provide treats/snacks during our book discussion group and provide hours of

		Programs	entertainment to many patrons of our library via the Internet.
Milford	1784.44	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We purchased books on CD and DVD items for our small (but growing) A/V collection. These items are not a high priority when budgets are tight so it's nice to have a source of funding to keep up these collections. We put some of our funding toward our WILBOR subscription this year, bringing downloadable audiobooks to our community at an amazingly affordable price. The availability of a variety of media is vitally important to the public we serve. These items are costly, and as local budgets get tighter we appreciate even more the support of the state.
Milo	1354.69	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Furniture	Our new donated public access computers were great, but it still takes quite a bit of money to get them usable. This money allowed us to get them out to the public immediately with printers and virus protection and ink. These would have had to wait until a new budget year. We did a complete building remodel and heavily weeded most collections. After we moved all items back, we noticed some real holes in our junior non-fiction collection. We used the balance of our Enrich Iowa to restock with new ones.
Milton	NE		
Minburn	853.45	Materials & Supplies	We used the money to purchase new popular books instead of waiting for them to go on sale. This allowed us to better meet the reading needs and desires of our patrons.
Mingo	NE		
Missouri Valley	641.64	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for new DVDs, a typewriter and ribbons, and tape toner.
Mitchellville	1679.65	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	With the help of Direct State Aid monies, the Mitchellville Public Library was able to provide much better summer programs for adults, teens and children. We also were able to offer a better selection of books and audio books.
Modale	NE		
Mondamin	837.42	Personnel	We were able to continue buying new materials as our patrons have come to expect. Because of Direct State Aid, budget money did not need to be shifted from other areas to cover wage increases. The minimum wage increase in January caused a temporary deficit in our budget. We have implemented the Special Library Levy, but it does not go into effect until this fall. Direct State Aid helped defray this deficit.
Monona	1621.38	Technology & Equipment	These funds helped us purchase a computer, MP3 player, circulation software renewal, Marc record renewal, virus software renewal, and copier maintenance support. We purchased an MP3 player when we subscribed to NEIBORS. It has helped us help others with their downloading and transferring questions. It has also benefited one of our patrons that has a great love of reading, but due to sight problems can only use audiobooks.

			The patron has checked out the MP3 player and used it to download books from NEIBORS. We are better able to meet the patron's great appetite for reading that would not have been possible before. As gas prices soar, patrons are finding that they can save money by not having Internet/computer access at home. The library is available and has the computers and high speed Internet at the right price. Other expenditures of the Enrich Iowa monies are not quite so visible, yet so important to a well managed library
Monroe	508.21	Materials & Supplies	We used Direct State Aid to purchase magazine subscriptions and hardcover children's books. We would not be able to provide many for the magazines if not for this money. In this time of tight money, being able to provide our patrons with magazines they would otherwise be unable to access is a valuable part of our service to the community.
Montezuma	NE		
Monticello	1421.92	Furniture	We were able to purchase room divider/bulletin boards, and one book easel with magnetic markerboard alphabet squares. We have seen an increase in attendance at our children's programs this summer. The supervisor for a group of children saw our promotion for a puppet show and brought about 10 children to several of our programs. These children were given an opportunity to come to the library--which they probably would not have done otherwise. Since moving into our new library, we have increased the number of programs we offer children. We have been able to purchase items for our children's area to make it more "kid friendly" and the bulletin boards have made it easier to market our programs.
Montrose	511.16	Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid to upgrade our Internet connection and connect two computers. It was also used for prizes and new books for our summer programs.
Moorhead	NE		
Moravia	1299.7	Technology & Equipment	We used this money to purchased two computers complete with monitors and keyboards. A patron used digital imaging to verify a deceased World War II veteran's time of reburial from France to the United States. One computer has improved cataloging items for circulation. The other computer has provided digital imaging. We improved genealogy research covering the continental United States.
Morley	456.12	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was spent towards DVDs for our collection. Morley is a small community, so keeping our DVD collection updated is a high priority for us.
Morning Sun	1386.67	Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Furniture,	We were able to buy a bar code scanner, a digital camera, and a copier maintenance agreement. We replaced a drum unit in the copier and had electrical rewiring done for automation of the library. We also bought two office chairs and paid

		Library Programs	for our Summer Reading Program using these funds. This funding has enhanced our library services. This year we were able to complete our automation project. The bar code scanner really speeds up the check out process, and the camera has enabled us to send pictures into our local newspaper to be published. The photos have helped to increase public awareness of our activities. Our copier is used heavily by the community. Additional outlets were needed for our automation project. The Summer Reading program has doubled this year with our increased programing efforts.
Moulton	1311.07	Personnel, Technology & Equipment, Furniture,	We purchased Marc Wizard, a large children's area rug and bean bag chairs. This library has been without a substitute librarian for the last three years. We have relied on volunteers when the library director cannot be here. Having a regular substitute helps the library run more smoothly for the patrons as well as the director. Marc Wizard has made a great difference in our automated catalog, aside from it being a real time saver for the cataloger, we now have a more complete catalog for our patrons to be able to use. The children's room hasn't been remodeled in over 20 years so with the large new area rug and bean bag chairs the room has become more spacious and inviting. We are actually now able to use the room for our story time instead of the meeting room we had been using. I now often times find children who before would just come into browse now lounging in the bean bag chairs or even laying on the rug with a book in their hand reading. Salary for additional staff.
Mount Ayr	NE		
Mount Pleasant	3487.53	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment,	We were able to purchase DVDs and books. We spent money for our library Web site and purchased Heritage Quest Software. Our local genealogists and history buffs are able to access an important source of information from their homes, as well as the library. Our improved Web site allows our community access to our collection, databases and programming information 24/7. It took the library to people who could never access it before.
Mount Vernon	1515.14	Capital Improvements	We purchased a street sign for the private drive that leads up to the library. We also used this money for signage for the exterior of the library building. Many patrons in our community were frustrated with how difficult the library was to find. We had international library signs around town that indicated the general direction of the library but once you were close there was no signage. Russell D. Cole Library is a joint library between Cornell College and the city of Mount Vernon. Our library is located up a private drive on the campus and the public entrance is located on the south side of the building. There has not been signage on the building or on the street to help residents

			find the library.
Moville	NE		
Murray	NE		
Muscatine	5148.39	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid allowed us to purchase 3M security gates. When the gates broke we had to move our DVDs into a back room because we were losing too many to theft. When we replaced the gates and returned the DVDs to the floor, we had so many people tell us how much they had missed browsing the DVDs. We did not have money in our budget for replacement but were able to use the Direct State Aid in combination with some funds from our trust to replace the gates. The total cost for the gates was \$11,650.83
Nashua	1607.87	Materials & Supplies, Capital Improvements	We bought Iowa Children's Choice Award Books for 2008-09, Iowa Teen Award books for 2008-09, and Iowa Young Adult Books for 2008-09. We also remove/replaced damaged sheetrock in the public meeting/book sale room due to moisture and water damage. Available funds for children's books has been reduced. This money allows us to continue purchasing Iowa Children's Choice, Teen Award and Young Adult books - all of which are very popular in our library! The "new and improved" meeting room will be visually more appealing and more welcoming to the public we serve.
Nevada	3020.37	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Library Programs	We used this money the last few years to purchase adult books. All of our adult books must come from funds outside of the general fund. We appreciate this additional funding. We purchased two circulation printers which print out receipts for patrons. We had always used cards and pockets. We also purchased a new barcode scanner as one of ours was very unreliable. We had Master Gardeners and other volunteers tear out all of the old plantings at the front of the building and replaced it with new perennials and mulch. It certainly improved the look of the building. It is very welcoming. We purchased coffee equipment and supplies for our new coffee corner. Our goal is to be a place of destination. Nevada does not have a senior center or community building where people can meet with friends. The Direct State Aid funds help us accomplish projects from our long range plan that we would otherwise put off indefinitely. We are getting good response from our patrons on the changes that the Direct State Aid has made this year.
New Albin	NR		
New Hampton	2109.08	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Library Programs, Other	This money helped us buy books for adult book discussions and middle school book discussions. We also got a wireless network for laptop users. The new copy machine is capable of copying books and ledger sized paper and we got a USB connection. We also used these funds to buy plants and craft supplies for our summer program. We have middle school students who are socially

			awkward and the library is a safe place for them to interact with peers. Our middle school enrollment in the summer program has increased by about 25%. Implementing book discussions is so much easier when we have the books in-house for some of the events. Plus it lets us share them with other libraries who have shared with us.
New Hartford	895.29	Personnel	We have been able to stay open for 30 hours a week now instead of 22 because this money helped pay for salaries.
New London	1209.9	Capital Improvements	Direct State Aid allowed us to get new carpet and paint for indoors.
New Market	NE		
New Sharon	NE		
New Virginia	866.95	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Furniture, Library Programs	We purchased DVDs, a digital camera and printer, children's chairs, and pay for a puppeteer for our Summer Library Program. We also bought a flannel board for storytime. Before the new DVDs were processed, two young men were in the library and noticed a couple of the new movies. They couldn't wait to check them out. Additional children's chairs provided a chair for each child at storytime instead of sitting on the floor. Our storytime is growing, and we were pleased to be able to accommodate the additional children. We were also able to add current movies to our DVD collection, which pleases patrons.
Newell	1350.8	Technology & Equipment	A new faster, up-to-date computer was purchased to replace the public access computer. This has been a growing area in our library. We now have no complaints about the computer being "down" and more people are using this service.
Newhall	1352.73	Personnel	We will use the Direct State Aid money to continue paying staff so we can increase the hours we are open.
Newton	4878.72	Technology & Equipment	The databases we were able to get with this money (Ancestry/Heritagequest, Newsbank, Novelist, Auto Repair Reference) are well used by the public and reference staff. The genealogical databases are especially popular with the public. People who are trying to repair their own vehicles are happy to see that we have a database they can access from home that helps guide them in their repairs.
Nora Springs	1594.79	Materials & Supplies	We purchased new books, puppets and work supplies.
North English	1435.18	Materials & Supplies	We spent all of the Enrich Iowa Money (including Direct State Aid) on CDs.
North Liberty	3097.76	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	This money was used for a live homework help database, as well as materials for crafts for story times and tea party programs. We don't attend many national conferences but we do like to attend the Public Library Association Conference every other year and Direct State Aid helped pay for two staff to attend this year in Minneapolis.
Northwood	1158.6	Personnel, Library Programs	Direct State Aid paid for our Summer Reading Program Kickoff/Magic Show. One staff member was able to attend Putting Libraries on the Web, offered by the State Library, and has expressed

			how good she feels as a more integral part of the library. She has more confidence being in charge of our new Web site. Plus she says she has learned so much more about this technology and really enjoys being invited to take part in the classes. Thanks to these funds, we were able to provide an entertaining magic show for the kids to help kickoff our Summer Reading Program. We had almost twice as many children sign up and take part this year. The money also helped send our director to the Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis.
Norwalk	3078.84	Furniture	We purchased additional shelving units for the juvenile fiction collection. The new units doubled our shelving capacity and now we can provide a larger selection of juvenile fiction materials to the children of Norwalk.
Norway	1289.82	Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to purchase two new computers - one for staff and one for patron use.
Oakland	1564.52	Personnel, Other	Direct State Aid helped us purchase prizes for our Summer Reading Program participants. One father reported that his oldest son hates to read but that our prizes motivated him to do so. The father said, "I don't know how you are doing it...but keep up the good work!" We had several new families come to the library and receive information about the Summer Reading Program because of our great prizes. Many of the new patrons signed up as a result of the funding. The funds also helped pay the salaries for the extra staff needed during the Summer Reading Program.
Ocheyedan	915.7	Materials & Supplies	We used this money to purchase a new Book of Popular Science set and additions to the children's fiction collection. We have a number of home-schooled patrons who often use materials from our reference collection that they would not have access to otherwise. This funding enables us to purchase items we could not otherwise afford on our limited budget.
Odebolt	1469.47	Personnel	Direct State Aid money is spent on wages for the employees. Each clerk is paid an additional 25 cents per hour and the librarian receives 40 cents per hour more. In addition, we are open two extra hours on Wednesday mornings each week.
Oelwein	2771.5	Materials & Supplies, Other	We spent Direct State Aid on books which included a juvenile science encyclopedia set which desperately needed updating. We bought two newspaper subscriptions and four magazine subscriptions, in addition to new DVD's. We bought file crates to help organize our genealogy section and had some of our CD book disks repaired through our regional library.
Ogden	NE		
Olin	1376.19	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	With this money, we purchased children's books and were able to offer a quality Summer Reading Program with some new books about bugs. It also paid the wages for our Summer Reading Program coordinator.
Onawa	1902.1	Technology &	We were able to upgrade our computer system

		Equipment	and surveillance system. We are able to serve our patrons better by having systems that are up-to-date. Because our society is getting more computer and technology driven day by day, we need to make sure that we have new advancements on a continual basis.
Orange City	2631.68	Technology & Equipment, Furniture	This money covered our share of the bill for our county-wide microfilm digitization project. All of the microfilmed newspapers from Sioux County towns are now available online for convenient access and easy searching. We were able to purchase additional browser display bins for our growing music CD collection. The shelves had been too crowded to allow for easy browsing. Searching for family histories and other historical information is much more convenient for patrons now that it is searchable online. It saves time, travel expenses, and all the physical strains associated with operating a microfilm reader!
Orient	429.76	Materials & Supplies	We purchased a year long standing order of large print titles. Two titles arrive each month in a variety of genres. We keep local patrons coming back to our library rather than losing them to neighboring libraries in bigger towns. It makes a big difference in our small community.
Osage	2218.67	Capital Improvements	This money was used towards a surveillance system. The surveillance system is for theft prevention, but mostly for the safety and security of our customers.
Osceola	2198.32	Capital Improvements	The children's library was updated and refurbished. Walls were painted in colorful tones with the ceiling pipes and ceiling register painted in bright matching colors. Someone who was at the library for a program commented on the color design, stating that we had chosen a kid friendly color scheme and that our children's library was very welcoming. We have additional plans to create extra shelving and more area for display use. The ICN room, patron computer area, genealogy room and basement hallway were also painted. Children and adults have complimented the staff on the new look and have expressed how much they enjoy spending time in our updated library.
Oskaloosa	4122.74	Materials & Supplies	Books and audio books were purchased with Direct State Aid.
Ossian	1427.94	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Furniture, Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid for an audio lease program, books on bugs to supplement our collection and support our Summer Library Program theme. We replaced a patron desk chair and purchased supplies for Summer Reading Program. One boy attended who was with a daycare group and was older than our target group. Last year he was bored and talked during the program. This year he helped with our new toddler group and was such a great volunteer. I gave him a program shirt and he gained self esteem in the process. Our summer reading program has become very large with between 50

			and 70 children attending Monday morning programs. Without this funding, we would have to make very hard decisions about providing snacks or limiting participation. The money helped pay salaries for extended hours for the Summer Reading Program.
Ottumwa	NE		
Oxford	497.03	Materials & Supplies	We dedicated the Direct State Aid money to the children's book collection. One non-fiction title we got was "Daring Book for Girls." It was in our front window display and a girl walked by with her mother in the morning and insisted on coming back as soon as we were open to get that book. She went right to it, picked it up and walked out of the library hugging the book. This particular little girl hasn't been in the library very much before, but I think I'll see her more after this. This year, in addition to getting a fresh batch of new children's books (picture books, easy readers, and chapter books) just in time for the Summer Reading Program, we used part of it for some children's non-fiction titles. This area has been historically weak in our collection, but the positive response to the titles we got this year will make it more of a focus in the coming years.
Oxford Junction	1344.62	Technology & Equipment	The remaining microfilm was switched over to CD using Direct State Aid. We are ahead in technology for our small community. We get many compliments on the ease of searching our genealogy materials.
Palmer	438.7	Personnel, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs, Other	We used this money for a phone line for the Internet. We also spent some money for our adult reading program that we have in winter months. It also paid for our EBSCOhost database fees. I have quite a few children who come in and use the computers. The public appreciates that the library stays open until six o'clock on Wednesdays. We use the money to pay staff to be open those extra hours.
Panora	1444.15	Technology & Equipment, Other	We used Direct State Aid to purchase a laptop computer for use by staff, during meetings and for Powerpoint presentations. We were also able to buy new shelving.
Parkersburg	1606.03	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was used to buy automation software. The convenience of being able to access our card catalog and place a hold or renewal on a book is a great service to people. It is also great for staff when we need to access library information from different locations. The new software helps the library keep current with technology. This web-based software lets people access their account information from their home computer, which patrons love.
Paton	1209.23	Materials & Supplies	All of these funds were spent on adult and children's books. It makes a big difference in my life, being able to provide patrons with up-to-date materials and books we otherwise couldn't afford.
Paullina	1412.5	Materials & Supplies,	Direct State Aid paid for "big" books for children, a wireless computer connection (router,etc.),

		Technology & Equipment, Library Programs, Other	Disc-Go-Devil CD and a DVD repair/cleaning machine and cleaner solution. We also spent part of this money on monthly programs to celebrate Paullina Public Library's 100th birthday: Movie matinee at the theater, Valentine's Day program, 100th Birthday party, etc. In addition, we purchased two statues to display in the front of the library: One of a girl and boy reading a book, the other of two children riding a tricycle. The wireless connection has been very popular and much appreciated by our patrons and visitors. The CD/DVD repair machine is very useful for extending the use of the materials and in the future, when we offer it as a service to the public, we think it will be very useful to them as well.
Pella	3562.07	Technology & Equipment	We used this money for computer reservation software (Envisionware) and a PC for a sign-up station. Reservation software for our public PCs will ensure that everyone has equal access to the PCs and the Internet.
Perry	2999.07	Technology & Equipment	We were able to buy computers and networking devices. This year, because of state funding, the Perry Public Library was able to add a few new computers for the public. The result is increased public access to the Internet and to word processing applications.
Peterson	872.55	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	Adult, young adult and children's books, as well as promotion and supplies for our Summer Reading Program was paid for using Direct State Aid. This funding allowed us to purchase more materials for our patrons and enhanced our Summer Reading Program. We also paid a program coordinator for the Summer Reading Program.
Plainfield	1335.73	Personnel, Technology & Equipment, Furniture	This was combined with other funds to purchase a new computer for the public access to the catalog. We purchased nine chairs (cushioned, armchair style) for our meeting room. We have a lady who has started a quilting group at our library. She had been upset because one of her quilters had fallen from a chair because of the bowed legs -- it failed completely while she was sitting on it. We ordered the new chairs, and she was extremely thankful and liked them very much. The quilters will stay at our library now! The chairs in our meeting room were so old I could find no record of their purchase, nor could anyone remember them being purchased. Our meeting room is used an average of 16 times per month so this was really an issue. Without this funding, we would not have been able to take on a project of this expense. We also paid someone to put the chairs together.
Pleasant Hill	3382.09	Technology & Equipment	This money was used to purchase an update to the library's circulation system. A scanner for the circulation system was also purchased. The upgrade will improve the circulation system's effectiveness in meeting patrons' needs. The wireless scanner will allow remote scanning of items for circulation and inventory purposes.

Pleasantville	NE		
Plover	426	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements	This money was used to purchase books and crafts for the Summer Reading Program. We bought speakers for a new computer that was donated to us. With the help of a grant and the City we were able to put in a ramp and purchase a new book return. This will help patrons get into the building better and also the book return will keep the books, DVDs, and everything else dry and safe. This funding helps give at least 11-18 children an activity right here in town. Since the Summer Reading Program is the only thing that is in our town, it is very important that we can keep this going. We are a very small town and have to drive at least 15 miles to attend other activities. This funding really helps us. This money was also used so I could attend the Jamboree and to pay for extra staff during the Summer Reading Program.
Pocahontas	1617.18	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We used this money to supplement our book budget and to add some more CDs to our collection. The cassette audios we have are on a downhill trend and we need to increase our CD - audios for patron use. We also use the funding for our weekly story hour and traveling story hour, where we provide books, crafts and activities to kids. We provide this service to a total of 95 children per month. We go to seven daycares and take the story hour to them because they do not have enough car seats to bring the children to the library. The kids look forward to our staff coming and reading, doing fingerplays and crafts with the children. This funding has helped keep up the quality of our children's programming.
Polk City	1856.67	Personnel; Other	These funds were used to purchase a computer and telephone, as well as to pay salaries.
Pomeroy	983.42	Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	An automation scanner and Book Systems support license renewal were paid for with Direct State Aid. Also, a Book Bag for Baby program, board books, and Summer Reading Program supplies. The Book Bags for Baby, which we give to new parents, contains a board book and reading tips for parents to encourage reading to their children. One couple became aware that babies like black and white contrast shapes when they are very young from the Black on White board book their bag contained, and they appreciated this revelation. Because our automation system is now up and running and many of the initial "bugs" have been dealt with, it has been a greater convenience for our patrons who get waited on more quickly.
Postville	1800.98	Materials & Supplies	We bought audio books for our materials so that we may keep current with the new titles. Also, we bought audio books and books that go together for juvenile titles.
Prairie City	954.94	Technology & Equipment	This money helped with the purchase of a new public access Internet computer. We have many patrons that use our Internet access for

			employment searches. The additional computer allows more time to complete on-line applications and testing. There is less of a wait for computer use. Even with imposing time limits, we often have a waiting list.
Prescott	NE		
Preston	1431.99	Materials & Supplies	The funding was used to purchase general book processing supplies and books, CDs, and other materials for the library. Any additional funding is always a vital part of the functioning of our library. The staff has the creativity and energy to develop ideas but the funding, or rather lack thereof, limits or slows the progress.
Primghar	1361.07	Materials & Supplies	Adult and children's books were paid for using these funds.
Quimby	454.58	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid helped us buy new books, audio books, DVDs, and book processing supplies. We have been adding to our audio book collection. One of our local patrons spends a lot of time commuting to work. She has mentioned how pleased she is to be able to come to our library and check out audio books from our expanding collection. Our library operates on a small budget. Enrich Iowa funding allows us to purchase more books, more audio books, and the supplies needed to process new materials.
Radcliffe	1324.37	Technology & Equipment	We have purchased a MAC computer with the Direct State Aid funds. We have a special needs student who is greatly interested in computers, especially MAC computers. He visits the library on a regular basis to work on the computers, and is truly becoming skilled in the programs loaded in this new MAC. The delight when he first saw the replacement for our old computer was overwhelming. He had been so patient with the old one, as it "froze" up in the middle of his projects, and he wasn't always able to print his projects.
Rake	517.04	Materials & Supplies	As a result of this funding, the Rake Library was able to enhance our DVD collection. This is a great collection for our patrons, as there is no other place to get videos or DVDs in our town.
Randolph	NE		
Readlyn	1452.39	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Library Programs	We used these funds to buy Children's Choice Award books, MARC Wizard renewal, a new computer monitor, a digital camera and memory, AVG Server Edition (Virus Protection), handicap toilets and installation, and Creepy Crawlies through the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium.
Red Oak	981.64	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Furniture	The library purchased new books for our collection. We also purchased a new computer for Internet access in the children's department. The library purchased supplies to refinish several pieces of furniture to be used in the renovated library and addition. It is very important to our patrons to have some of the 100-year-old pieces of furniture remain in our renovated library.

Redfield	506.45	Materials & Supplies	We bought audio books.
Reinbeck	1722.13	Materials & Supplies	We purchased some new reference materials, DVD cases, and sets of children's award winning books. The middle school and high school students are very pleased with the Iowa Children's Choice, Teen, & High School books. One girl in particular checks our new book table every time she is in and is very excited when she finds something she has not read.
Rembrandt	820.67	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase some new children's books. We wanted to have some new ones for the children this summer. A student was able to use the computer and finish a project for a school assignment. When more assignments require the use of the Internet, students are glad we provide this here at the library. We use this money to pay staff so that we can be open on Saturdays, which our patrons really enjoy.
Remsen	1116.49	Materials & Supplies	We have a patron who comes to the library every three weeks to pick up her large print books and tells us she doesn't know what she would do without this service. We were able to expand our large print book section using these funds.
Renwick	1286.51	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We bought large print books and audio books. We had an evening summer program with different booths that kids could do crafts in and held a scavenger hunt. We also have monthly story time and we do crafts and have treats. I have one patron whose sight is not very good and she listens to the audio books and another patron that needs to read large print and we can offer both.
Riceville	1491.53	Technology & Equipment	By receiving these funds, the library was able to provide the director with a laptop computer to easily access the library's server and Web site to provide the community the best possible connection with its library via the Internet.
Richland	1286.05	Personnel	Our staff member provides a connection from children at school to our library that would not be possible without this funding. We do appreciate Direct State Aid. Salary for additional staff to assist with services to local daycare and kindergarten classes, and preparation of library materials and delivery.
Ringsted	839.14	Personnel, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to buy new computer headphones, new energy efficient light fixtures, and an adult program speaker. We also purchased Summer Reading Program supplies and a speaker. This money helps the director attend continuing education classes.
Rippey	NE		
Rock Rapids	1297.97	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for videos, audiobooks and computer expenses.
Rock Valley	1951.49	Technology & Equipment	This money helped pay for the <i>Rock Valley Bee</i> digitization project. We purchased a new color copier. People will be able to search for news

			items and family history on the indexed Web site.
Rockford	1008.42	Materials & Supplies	The library is moving to all DVD format for video media. With this money we have been able to add newer titles, replace old favorites, gain shelf space, and meet community needs. The library is the main source of family videos in our community.
Rockwell	1493.42	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	DVDs, and a TV and DVD player were purchased with this money. We started our movie time for kids on Thursday afternoons. We had eight kids come to the first one and 14 to the second. The kids enjoyed the movies and liked having this activity. It was a great way to get them in the library. Some were first time visitors. We are a small town with limited entertainment for the kids.
Rockwell City	1304.36	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	Direct State Aid was used to buy unabridged CDs for our audio book collection, a set of graphic novels for teens, and processing supplies to update the collection. We also purchased bookmarks and materials to supplement handouts for Internet classes. One boy came into the library and saw the cover of one of the graphic novels with a superhero on the cover and immediately became very excited. He wanted to know all of the other books that we had like that and he checked them all out. This was a boy that previously only used the library for the computers! The money that we spent on the bookmarks made our patrons aware of computer safety and lingo. The money that we spent on processing supplies made our collection more user-friendly and accessible.
Roland	1580.48	Materials & Supplies	We were able to purchase additional adult reading and DVDs as requested by patrons.
Rolfe	1315.6	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We spent our Direct State Aid money on new books and audio books. We spent money on postage for books borrowed through interlibrary loan for our discussion groups. We use our discussion group to encourage people to branch out in reading a variety of books and to be part of a group where they can meet other people in our community.
Rowan	1291.49	Technology & Equipment	We applied these funds towards purchasing a new Internet computer for our patrons. We have three siblings (two older girls and one 3-year-old) who come into the library quite frequently to use our Internet computers. They love playing games on the PBS.org site. Being able to purchase a new Internet computer for patron use has allowed us to offer access for three people to be online at the same time.
Royal	NE		
Rudd	527.34	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	One teenager who is rather a "geek" gets a lot of teasing from others. But in the library, he is the go-to person when it comes to computers and he often plays games with others and has more of a chance to relate to other kids. In a small town the library is very important. There isn't much to do in our community so the library plays an important role by offering a good selection of books, movies

			and magazines for everyone to help improve their lives. Direct State Aid also paid the salary for our Summer Reading Program help.
Runnells	NE		
Ruthven	537.38	Technology & Equipment	We used this funding to purchase a large screen display for one of the public access computers at our library. We chose to do this to facilitate better viewing of our online newspaper collection. With the larger screen, patrons have the ability to display higher resolutions more easily and have the capability to rotate the display 90 degrees for portrait orientation. Both facilitate better viewing of our online digitized newspaper collection.
Sabula	1333.96	Materials & Supplies,	We spent the money on books and DVDs.
Sac City	1737.67	Technology & Equipment	We needed the new computers we bought with this money so badly. Two of the computers replaced were seven and eight years old. Our patrons are overjoyed.
Salem	480.84	Technology & Equipment	We are a small library with limited funds. With the state money, we were able to purchase another computer for patron use. The kids in the area are very excited!
Sanborn	995.6	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to buy adult non-fiction books, adult large print books, audio books, puzzles and a fax/copier/scanner all in one machine for the office. We had a lonely widow who came in almost every day we were open. She would put our puzzles together, sometimes spending five hours a day here. Her family was so thankful for this because before that she wouldn't even go out of her house. So we were grateful to have the opportunity to be able to help her in this way. She just passed away July 5, 2008. We were very sad! Over 30% of our population is composed of senior citizens. Our check-out rate for non-fiction and large print has definitely increased. We feel that we are helping to enhance the lives of our senior citizens by offering them an updated, non-fiction and large print section.
Schaller	961.7	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs Other	It was used for books and DVDs, since the cost of everything has gone up. One DVD I purchased was the Planet Earth and everyone really enjoys that. Small amount used for book discussion postage for 15 members, also bought an ant farm and some buggy prizes for SRP with this. We have done an inventory of our library for Ins. purposes and have realized that we were way underinsured, so this amount went towards the higher Ins. premium. I have my sweet 98 year old man who just loves to read and comes in and we have the best talks about everything under the sun. He truly enjoys our library and says he wouldn't know what he'd do without it. It makes me feel like I'm doing something right and I try to stay up to date with the newest titles in fiction to keep my regulars happy. Also the same for the latest DVDs. I deliver to the elderly and they are very appreciative of my collection. To keep up with the

			cost of living raises for me and my assistant we have to dip into this to help.
Schleswig	NE		
Scranton	1317.17	Technology & Equipment	We purchased 2 new HP computers and had a technician install them for a total of \$1789.20 and applied our Direct State Aid to this amount.
Sergeant Bluff	NE		
Seymour	NE		
Sheffield	1590.05	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We used Direct State aid for children's books and for the Summer Library Program. We also purchased preschool book kits to distribute to local day cares. We have a new family in town who just moved in recently. Mom works the overnight shift and then still has to watch her young children for a good part of the day. Because we offer summer programming for her children, she gets a little break. Because we have been focusing on a children's area project this last year, we have spent a bit more money in this area to update not only the physical surroundings, but also tried to find some newer reading materials for children. We have really pushed the Summer Reading Program in conjunction with this project and are seeing an increased use of our materials and patrons, especially children, using this area of the library. We are still developing and getting ready the preschool/daycare materials, but have most everything in place. We are better able to serve the children of the Sheffield community because of our focus here and through the funding we have received.
Sheldon	2249.09	Materials & Supplies	Audiobooks for adults and children. We are able to offer a wide range of audiobooks for both adults and children.
Shell Rock	1461.48	Materials & Supplies	We spent all the Direct State Aid money on materials this year. We expanded our audio CD collection, bought early childhood DVDs and non-fiction, and juvenile non-fiction. We have several patrons with toddlers who are potty training. They came into the library looking for picture books for their children. Since we had purchased new easy childhood non-fiction, we were able to accommodate them. We hope the books helped. We have a business in town that welds radio components. The employers use our audio CDs, listening to them while they weld. We were able to expand our collections to accommodate their needs and they have been delighted to see the new, recent titles.
Shellsburg	1364.21	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	This money was used to purchase books for the library. We also used the money to pay staff so we can be open to the public on weekends. We were also able to staff the circulation desk during board meetings.
Shenandoah	2412.86	Personnel, Technology & Equipment, Other	With these funds, we paid a year's subscription to WILBOR, bought MP3 players for circulation to support WILBOR, and purchased a year's subscription to MLDV (downloadable videos). We used some of these funds to buy a new safe

			and rekey the library after a series of break-ins in August and September. We appreciate these funds because they give us seed money to try new projects, such as WILBOR and MLDV. In the past, we have tried NoveList and Playaways and because of their success, we now fund these out of regular budgets. One of our part-timers trained on WILBOR and then was in the building at specific times to help the public learn how to use it.
Sibley	1248.28	Materials & Supplies	High school and middle school students often have a hard time finding something to read. We set up a display of the award winning books we purchased from Perfection Learning and this has helped several children keep reading throughout the summer! This has been a great asset to our collection and something we would not have been able to purchase without Direct State Aid money. Also the World Book Online we purchased is great, especially since it has remote access.
Sidney	1451.86	Capital Improvements, Furniture, Library Programs, Other	We were able to buy easels for signage, slatwall bins and display holders, acrylic newspaper and book holders. This money also helped pay for the Summer Reading Program supplies and two outside library logo signs. Now that we have a community room, we were able to host a regional library meeting, so we needed signs to point the way.
Sigourney	1684.08	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Other	Our book budget is not very large. We need these additional funds to build a better collection for the populations we serve. Cat Express has been a valuable resource for cataloging DVDs and books. These funds help us save time in processing new materials. We provide rotations of audiobooks, CDs, videos and DVDs for our patrons. This cost is still not budgeted so these additional funds are more than welcome. I can tell you that Sigourney Public Library users appreciate every dime they receive. It is very important when one considers the limited resources and availability of books in the community. The rotations circulate well. The benefit to Sigourney and other Keokuk County residents is immeasurable.
Silver City	823.09	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements	This money helped us buy audio books. We will be getting some different computers that the library will be needing for automation if the grants come through. We have several families who are home schooled. They can come in the library and find information on our computers. Several bring their children in to check out books and DVDs. We are a small library and we depend on all the help we get with memorials, donations and state money. This money is also used to pay the director's salary. The city cuts our budget when we send it in, so this money helps keep the library open.
Sioux Center	2529.7	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We used this money for membership in the Wilbor Consortium to provide access to downloadable audio books. We were also able to purchase 5 AV carts to allow portable gaming stations in the new

			<p>library. The downloadable audio books are reaching a new audience not often affiliated with libraries. A local long distance trucker was very excited about being able to download books for his long haul routes. Both the downloadable audio books consortium and the portable gaming stations are part of the Sioux Center Public Library's way of providing 21st century library services. We are a small rural community and seek to build new programs based on creative partnerships and collaborations. The Wilbor consortium is a wonderful example of how this type of joint effort can benefit our users. The portable gaming stations will be one of our new efforts to expand outreach and services to young adults as well as seniors. We see gaming as a tool for learning as well as offering additional benefits such as physical fitness. We will provide a wide range a gaming formats and software that will appeal to a cross-generational audience.</p>
Sioux City	19869.18	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	<p>We used these funds to purchase DVDs, a licensing for a Testing & Education Reference Center database, library infrastructure, a computer and software upgrades including upgrading to Office 2007 on public-use and staff computers. A patron at the Morningside Branch regularly uses the library's Internet computers for online bill paying. She does not have a computer at home and uses the library to be a 21st century consumer. We continue to see increases in use of the library's non-print collections, noting a 3.4% increase in the number of DVD checkouts over the previous year. Internet services at our Morningside Branch Library improved with updated computers that can handle new applications and a less staff-intensive signup and time management method. To maintain an increased number of children's programmed events, Direct Aid dollars were used to hire staff to help with deliveries and shelving, freeing paraprofessional youth services staff to do outreach programs.</p>
Sioux Rapids	893.07	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	<p>We used this money for crafts and supplies for the Summer Reading Program. Because of this funding, we are able to be open for our latch key children and I have two Spanish families learning English. Because of the funding, we were able to stay open 33 hours a week. The money also helped give me a significant raise after 10 years of service. I had received a dollar in 10 years so this really meant a lot. The board could give us a raise and we could keep our 33 hours a week.</p>
Slater	1461.5	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	<p>The funds provided for lamination and paper to label every children's picture book bin by subject. The Summer Reading Program distributed books to children from this funding, and it also provided many new craft supplies and reading rewards. We also were able to promote new programs with this funding. We have received many comments on</p>

			the new way in which our children's books are arranged (by subject, such as Winter, Summer, Fall, Folklore, Multicultural, etc.), with all the bins labeled by illustrated, laminated pages. This couldn't have been done without this money. The library greatly improved the amount of services for patrons, especially children. With the amount of promotional funds provided by Direct State Aid, Slater has more rewards for child readers and more diverse programs, including a visit from Mad Science. Finally, the money allowed for travel to classes and a conference, as well as conference fees.
Sloan	933.62	Materials & Supplies, Furniture, Other	We bought large print books. We have had an increase of patrons needing this service. Now that we have them, even more are using them. We have a gentleman who reads extensively. He had a bad infection in his eyes and it destroyed much of his vision. Now with large print books he reads four books a week. He is very happy. We purchased a new desk for the librarian. The old one had many problems; none of the drawers could be locked which we felt was a necessity. We purchased three 8-ft folding tables to use in the meeting room and for such events as book sales and funding activities. What we added to the library using this money helped us extensively.
Solon	2101.52	Personnel	This money is used for salaries. Being able to draw qualified applicants for positions at a small library can be very daunting. We compete for these qualified people with larger neighboring libraries who always top our wage scales. We receive few applicants with experience when we do have an opening and it is difficult to keep staff once they've joined us. The disappointment in high turnover and the effort it takes to retrain can drain the remaining staff and library board. This last year, a new children's librarian was hired mid-year. It was unexpected so we were unprepared to offer the level of wages/benefits that could attract quality applicants. We had to bump our hourly wage up, beyond what we had budgeted for the year. Luckily, the board had not yet designated where our state funds would be used. We were able to use these additional funds to build a more appealing package to offer our preferred applicant. She said yes and we have been very pleased with a new children's librarian who brings experience, has recently completed her masters in library science and has really jumped into her role with gusto. We would not have been able to hire this very qualified individual without some extra funding to help us through this transition to the next budget year. This position will also be supported with funds that we will receive in the year 2009. Thanks for your help in making our small library more competitive.
Somers	NE		
South English	405.19	Personnel,	This money was spent on work supplies and the

		Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	Summer Library Program. I think the biggest difference was the fact that I provided the Summer Reading Program to a day care center that couldn't go to a library. The money also helped me take classes to improve my work at the library.
Spencer	3765.78	Materials & Supplies, Furniture	The money was used to purchase a young adult book leasing plan from McNaughton, Internet access to World Book Online Reference Center, and audiobook downloads through the WILBOR consortium. The money was used to purchase an area rug, table, and four chairs for our new teen area. We moved the young adult collection from one long wall to the new area adjacent to a bank of computers. After the Teen Board made their choices, we purchased the furniture. We felt that service to the teens needed to be improved. With the larger area for books and new furnishing, we have noticed more teens using the library. The young adult book club has grown from 6 to 36 teens. Book circulation in the YA collection has been increasing.
Spillville	1283.47	Technology & Equipment, Furniture, Library Programs	We have several older patrons that use e-mail to keep up with their families, but have never been able to print a picture of their children or grandchildren until we bought a new printer with this money. The new chairs we bought are much safer than the broken down roller chairs we had. The movie license this money paid for allows for movies to be shown during our Summer Reading Program and to eventually host a movie night at the library.
Spirit Lake	2349.97	Personnel	The additional staff person we pay with this money makes it possible for us to have a designated staff member in the children's area 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. We also used the money to pay salaries for additional staff in peak season during summer tourist time.
Springville	598.64	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We used the funds for DVDs, CDs and an LCD projector. The library has many families who check out items from the DVD and CD book collection using them at home for a family fun night. Any programming that is presented in our library community room draws attention to our library making the public more aware of our facility. With our recent purchase of an LCD projector, presenters are more apt to choose this room for small meetings or larger open-to-the public events. This in turn brings in more patrons and support for the library by new and current patrons and out of town visitors.
St. Ansgar	1594.94	Technology & Equipment	We were able to add energy efficient lighting. Patrons have had less trouble viewing the computer screen and looking for a book. Staff can shelve books and find information more efficiently.

St. Charles	523.81	Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We used Direct State aid to purchase books (adult, young adult, junior and e-books). The funds were also used for the Summer Reading Program. Now that gas is so high I've noticed more people coming in to check out books rather than buying them. They would have to drive to Des Moines to purchase a book. Our book budget is always small. The Direct Aid money was a big boost for getting new books.
Stacyville	1396.51	Materials & Supplies, Furniture, Library Programs	We purchased large print books to expand and maintain an up-to-date collection. We also purchased customized shelving for better display of adult fiction and DVD collections. The money was also used for prizes and books to give to each participant in the Summer Library Program.
Stanhope	881.2	Furniture, Library Programs	We purchased a second book browser for our childrens' section. We use this for childrens' videos. We purchased lots of summer reading materials - bug bracelets, bug keychains, bug supplies, lots of frisbees with bugs imprinted on them to throw out at our annual Watermelon Day parade. We have kids who very seldom frequent the library, plus the ones who are regulars, come to our weekly programs. It gives them something different to do with their summer vacation - and learn about bugs too.
Stanton	1302.95	Personnel, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Library Programs	We used Direct State Aid for a new toner cartridge for the laserjet printer, and black and color ink cartridges for the HP officejet. Some money was spent towards the purchase of new carpet, and Summer Reading Program supplies and prizes. I have several students work online at the library and with these funds we are able to buy supplies for the computers to help meet their demands. We also used the money to pay salaries for extended hours, which allows more patrons to come to the library.
Stanwood	876.25	Personnel	We have extended our hours from 20 to 23 hours a week. This helps us be more accessible to our community.
State Center	NE		
Steamboat Rock	850.16	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid stretches our limited materials budget.
Stockport	NE		
Storm Lake	3481.8	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid funding provided additional funds for supplementary library materials to be purchased. This money was set aside as our library's match for the Gates computer grant. We hired someone who is new to professional librarianship. During Fiscal Year 2008, she was able to attend the Public Library Association conference in Minneapolis. Attending this conference was a great way for her to become acquainted with professional librarians from all over the United States and learn about issues that affect libraries. She returned from the conference excited about library service and ready to try new ideas. Two other staffers were able to attend also. This opportunity would likely not have been

			possible without the support of Direct State Aid. Funding was also used to attend other local trainings.
Story City	1934.99	Personnel	For the first time in many years, we offered a program beyond preschool to older children, encouraging them to come to the library when they had free time. We have seen a noticeable increase in the use of the children's area, sometimes even reading to each other. We were able to hire two different people for very limited hours to offer those two programs. Our afterschool program started with only about 5 to 6 children in the fall, and by the close of the school year we averaged a dozen children.
Stratford	1351.39	Other	We have several blind people in our area, plus more with macular degeneration. Despite my setting them up with the Department for the Blind and Iris, they still need the personal touch. We are a small town of 750 with a nursing home and assisted living, as well as shut ins who love to read. The people here are so wonderful. If I say that Sylvia needs some books to the right people, they volunteer to drop the materials off to her. There is an elderly man in our community who has macular degeneration. He has always been a voracious reader. It took one year for him to go from reading regular print to large print to not being able to read at all. It was then that I contacted the State Library for the Blind but he wasn't getting what he wanted. I started checking large quantities of audiobooks out at the Ames Public Library. This only works when I am going to Ames on a regular basis. So when I got your check this last year, I decided to split it in half, one half going to audiobooks and the other half going to chapter books, an area we were sorely lacking in. We now have a very healthy collection of chapter books, since we also received a Libri Grant for children's books, but are looking forward to your check to be able to purchase more audiobooks. I purchase audiobooks from Amazon new and used and I can make the library's money go further. Since we have formed this connection with the two homes, some girls, ages 10-12, have formed a group, calling themselves the "library angels". They just started last spring, but so far have made bead bracelets for the lady residents, with their names on them. When school starts, they want to collect clothing for the kids in their school who don't have nice clothes. They have all kinds of other goals to help people, including delivering books. They already deliver books to some of our shut-ins.
Strawberry Point	1582.97	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid was used to pay for books and audio books. This amount was also spent on updating our circulation computer, card catalog computer and security for the public computers. A woman in our community is involved in a book discussion at her church. They borrow books from

			us, but she has vision problems and needs books on CD since she can no longer see the book. This funding has allowed us to have a better collection for her.
Stuart	1143.93	Materials & Supplies	These funds were spent on 59 large print books. While library patrons of all ages check them out, they are particularly valuable to our outreach programs. These programs include taking books to residents of the nursing home, assisted living facilities, and to low-income housing units. Over 25 percent of Stuart's population is over the age of 60.
Sully	1437.7	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	I used part of this money to purchase Christian fiction books, which reflect this community's interests. I also spent part of the money for postage and to purchase the CatExpress contract in order to keep the catalog up to standards. I am able to afford so much more and make purchases I might not make without this funding. This helps out greatly.
Sumner	1249.17	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for audio books on CD and one computer and monitor. A family checks out audio books to use during a trip up north for vacation. We have several of the children's classics on CD and they listen to them on the 8 hour trip. The mother said the time passes so quickly and there is less bickering between siblings. We had a large collection of audio books on cassette tapes. As people bought new vehicles, they discovered that they now had a CD player. We switched over to CDs, but just had a small collection to begin with. Patrons are looking forward to the new additions and we are focusing on this area with any additional funding.
Sutherland	1320.45	Materials & Supplies	Money was used to purchase books and magazines we otherwise could not afford. We purchased many in large print. I have a reader who is in retirement housing and was always a book lover. As she can no longer read regular print or get around well, I have been delivering large print to her. She said it saved her life. The large print books are very welcome to our older patrons as many are unable to read regular print. We do borrow from the Department for the Blind, but can't keep up with our readers.
Swaledale	830.66	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for books and DVDs, an Insignia 30" HDTV 424.99 and a Toshiba DVD Player. We're proud when we are able to roll out a grand TV and put in a new movie to show. It's a wonderful feeling to know you've found a way to reach people and offer a good time in the library. We are having "afternoon at the movies" and drawing in elementary and junior high students, who then check out books. It helps our circulation, plus provides something to do in our small town.
Swea City	1366.74	Personnel, Materials & Supplies,	This money helped us buy books, DVDs, puzzles, office supplies, MARC Wizard, fix our back door and book shelves, purchase lights for our library,

		Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Library Programs, Other	provide a Summer Reading Program, and purchase a new cordless vacuum cleaner. This money has allowed me to purchase DVDs. I realize that does not seem like a big deal, but it has brought seven middle schoolers into the library who I never would have seen without the movies. Now I have them checking out not only movies, but books, too. We have a very small budget at our library and this money is wonderful for us. It allows me to purchase more books and DVDs that I would not have the opportunity to purchase otherwise. The money was also used to help pay for fuel to and from classes for staff.
Tabor	520.17	Materials & Supplies	All funds were spent to help maintain the library collection and operations. Thank-you. This funding helps keep our library operational. Each year it is harder and harder to make ends meet so every bit helps.
Tama	1779.03	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for a staff computer and flash drives. With grants being given out for public access computers, replacement of staff computers is many times overlooked until it's almost too late. The computer that was replaced was eight years old and refurbished. In order to provide good public service, staff must have good computers, too.
Terril	887.96	Materials & Supplies, Capital Improvements, Furniture, Library Programs	We used this money to buy DVDS, book processing supplies, large print books, CD cases, cleaning tools and solutions for new windows, labor costs for installation of new windows, floor mats for under computer chairs and the circulation desk chair, DVDs and books for the Summer Reading Program. Almost every person who comes into the library since the new windows were installed says, "WOW! What a difference!"
Thompson	NE		
Thornton	1309.17	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Furniture, Library Programs	Thornton purchased a set of fictional biographies, 65 paper books - plus seven books on a series (6 books each) for book talks at noon for middle school students across the street. Next fall the school will be closed, but we are starting an after school Enrichment Program. We also bought a new computer for staff. We are now able to save our work!! We also bought a wooden wall mount/flier container and helped pay for a Summer Reading Program staff member.
Tiffin	904.22	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid went for books and work supplies.
Tipton	1892.37	Technology & Equipment	We replaced two PCs and a monitor. Our old automated system is in constant need of tech support due to our outdated computers. Getting two new computers and a monitor will eliminate downtime allowing better service to our patrons.
Titonka	NE		
Toledo	1728.16	Personnel, Technology & Equipment, Capital	Because of the state funding, we were able to pay a staff member a well deserved increase for serving as interim director. We were also able to give another staff member an increase in wages

		Improvements, Library Programs	due to exemplary job performance. I feel that your library is great if you have great staff to run, operate and maintain it. We also purchased two much needed hard drives and with all the growing technology in libraries these days, the state funds help to supplement the technology line in our budget. Thank you so very much for making libraries a priority!
Traer	1534.6	Materials & Supplies	We chose to spend most of the money on children's books, DVDs and supplies. We have replaced some of the old videos with DVD editions. We purchased books for weekly children's story time and some supplies for crafts. We also spent money on audio books; we have had a growing demand for audios, especially from our nursing home residents and those who commute to work.
Tripoli	1562.27	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Furniture, Library Programs	We purchased some nonfiction books for the children that involved our Summer Reading Program topics. With the help of these funds we were able to purchase a new computer for a station that has been down for over a year. We have been able to repair several of our light fixtures. They were in great need of repair and some were even original to the building. We were able to buy a much needed small, new children's book case. This is a small case that we can fit in between our wall and current standing bookcase. We were to have a special Summer Reading Program finale for the children this year. We had over 25,000 minutes read by the children -- an excellent turn out this year for the program. The children here at the Tripoli Public Library have really enjoyed themselves with Book Club this last year. I think that the most memorable moment for me was seeing the elderly folks in the Tripoli Nursing Home seem so excited to have a visit from our Book Club children for May Day. We had all the children make May baskets and deliver them to the residents. They spent some time with the residents and told them about their art work on the outside of the baskets. A real dedicated group of children in the library! Thank you again for allowing us to receive this funding for our library! We love to make a special difference in our patrons' lives. Thank You!
Truro	1306.68	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Library Programs	Our shut-ins are happy to have new books delivered to them, especially the books that are written in series form. Any time we have more funds we are purchasing board books and children's books to add to our collection. New books are more colorful and appealing to young children.
Union	1333.01	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	An assortment of library materials which included both adult and children's books, audiobooks and DVDs were bought with Direct State Aid. Materials are purchased to aid students in their reading classes; ex. Reading Counts Program. Funding allows staff to attend programs and

			classes to better serve patrons, and to purchase materials requested by patrons.
Urbandale	10268.95	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	6,000 new patron orientation packets were acquired, including 10,000 magnets. We also purchased a new laptop computer and a visual presenter projector.
Ute	NE		
Van Horne	1329.28	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid paid for large print books and DVDs . One elderly woman had become a limited user of the library because our large print selection was limited. Now that we have a larger collection of large print, we see her once a week! She does not get out of her house much, but makes a point to come to the library. When she comes in she not only finds a book, she has social interaction with other patrons and the library staff.
Van Meter	490.79	Materials & Supplies	This money helped us buy 50 new large print books for our new county-wide large print book rotation program.
Varina	NE		
Ventura	1376.81	Materials & Supplies	Funds were used to purchase more large print and audio books. We couldn't keep up with our increasing demands without this state funding. And as a result, our circulation has increased accordingly.
Victor	1451.27	Capital Improvements	Maintenance and repair of library heating system after break down of furnace was our main priority for these funds. Any assistance is appreciated in the yearly operating expenses of the library. The community uses the library facility regularly.
Villisca	1463.46	Materials & Supplies	Our community has many retired persons. Because of that, we have many patrons who need large print books. It is difficult to buy enough large print books to satisfy everyone's taste. This money helps buy enough books so that we can keep everyone happy, even the most avid reader.
Vinton	2362	Materials & Supplies, Capital Improvements, Library Programs	We were able to buy new dies from Accucut - used for children's programming, bulletin boards and occasionally used by community members. We replaced all lights with high efficiency lights in lower 'original' library - something that should have been done, but wasn't when we expanded and remodeled 15 years ago. People can now see when they are doing genealogy or sitting and reading in the lower level. As the staff grows older, we really appreciate the brightness the new lights brought. We also used the money to sponsor a Millie Kalish presentation to the community.
Volga	829.93	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	This amount helped us purchase several juvenile fiction books requested by several youth, several DVDs and several non-fiction adult books. It also helps us support our Spectrum Winnebago automation system. We are a very small community with youth who are interested in reading. I was able to purchase several of their favorite books that were in a series that they wanted to read. Funding is very limited for young adult fiction and the kids were very happy. We are

			in the process of automating our library. With the Spectrum system support, this helps us to update and answer questions that we have as we try to enter everything in our library into the computer. This is quite costly for a very small library on a limited budget. Without the Direct State Aid, I would not be able to continue to afford this service, which helps us keep up with modern technology. This amount helped to pay for salary increases for the staff due to the increase in the minimum wage law.
Wadena	NE		
Wall Lake	1400.6	Capital Improvements	We were able to install seven new energy efficient windows in the library.
Walnut	904.26	Technology & Equipment	Two new Dell computers for public access were purchased with Direct State Aid. The additional computers are very helpful in meeting the needs of our patrons who have previously had to wait to use the two public access computers that we had in the library. We are planning computer classes for members of our community now that we have additional computers.
Wapello	1669.38	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Library Programs	We purchased books and audio books and this money was spent to replace a battery backup that was on a server, and to purchase a wireless Internet card to put on a computer to allow Internet access to a computer in the genealogy area of the library. We purchased plants, mulch, and soil for landscaping in front of the library. Purchased a Wii gaming system with extra controllers and games for use in children and adult programs. Also purchased an MP3 player for patrons to try our new downloadable book collection. The Wii system has been used for several programs at the local nursing home. The residents have had lots of enjoyment. Direct State Aid has helped our library do some projects that we normally would not have had funds to do. It has also helped us replace equipment when needed instead of having to wait and "get by" until money became available. Our library has had landscaping improvement to look more "welcoming" and visible in the community. The purchase of a MP3 player can allow patrons to try downloadable books without having to purchase a player first. And of course the purchase of materials allows patrons access to more items. Materials purchase with the money were often requested by patrons or large print and audio books for people who have difficulty with regular print materials.
Washington	2155.87	Materials & Supplies	With Direct State Aid, we have been able to continually expand our holdings of leased audio books, solving a significant problem of keeping fresh titles on our limited shelf space. We have received many compliments on the program from our patrons.
Washta	448.25	Materials & Supplies	Without Direct State Aid, fewer new books and audio books would be available for check-out.

			Our low-income community relies on this funding, however small it is.
Waterloo	16921.69	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid allowed us to buy multiple copies of many different titles, for 3rd Age Book Discussion Clubs, and for listing on multiple copies Web sites. A 93-year-old woman was the first to request the homebound computer class. After just a one-on-one session, Amy was able to help her send and receive e-mail to and from her daughter. She is now very proud to be e-mail savvy, and has this easy way to stay in touch. This outreach takes our library service outside the walls of the physical building and into retirement and nursing homes. Residents of these homes have rotating collections of materials delivered to their sites. They also have volunteers who come and lead book discussion groups, right on site. The library provides the multiple copies of books. The participants enjoy receiving library materials (some have limited mobility outside the home), and enjoy the chance to come together and discuss books and socialize. Because we went for a period of time this year while replacing the 3rd Age Coordinator, we were able to use some of the money that would have gone towards salaries to update and expand the multiple copies available for the book groups. In addition, the 3rd Age Coordinator oversees delivery to homebound, and has started offering basic computer classes to the homebound. The money helps pay the salary for the 3rd Age Coordinator
Waterville	428.23	Personnel	Public Library Management classes have made the director understand there is much assistance from the State Library and other librarians throughout the state of Iowa. The educational benefits have enabled the director to implement better service and procedures, resulting in higher usage of the library and its programs. Direct State Aid this year was spent on education costs for the director.
Waucoma	1206.76	Personnel, Materials & Supplies	Again, we are very thankful that the State of Iowa financially supports our library. We would not be able to support staff and buy new reading materials for our community if this funding wasn't available. The money also helped pay for salaries.
Waukee	2996.06	Materials & Supplies	The Direct State Aid funds went towards a variety of large print books that we take to local senior retirement centers.
Waukon	2369.11	Technology & Equipment, Furniture	New public Internet access computers were purchased in part with Direct State Aid. It also helped pay for building materials for new paperback shelving and video storage units. As the library director, I have expended much discussion time with adult patrons as to why children, especially pre-school and lower elementary school children, should be allowed on computers to play games. With the purchase of new computers, Internet access has been a benefit to all patrons. This allowed us to move the

			two Gates Foundation computers loaded with children's computer games to the children's area. These are not connected to the Internet and are used solely for pre-school and lower elementary grades. During summer hours these computers are 75-80% occupied! Even though we have the same games loaded on all public Internet computers, these "game" computers free up Internet connected computers for "older" patrons. It is a delight to see 3 and 4 year olds leading grandma or grandpa over to their computers!
Waverly	3468.26	Technology & Equipment	These funds were spent on new computer monitors to replace old CRT monitors, back-up batteries for our servers, a print server, and various other computer-related items. We have been able to gradually replace aging computer equipment and keep our network viable, so that library patrons and staff can continue to have a reliable system.
Webb	818.44	Personnel, Technology & Equipment	We hired a technician to fine tune our computers and check them when we have problems. We feel that now we are up-to-par with personnel. We had a virus on the director's computer and he got this virus off and added anti-virus. The director and staff were given a long overdue raise.
Webster City	3131.06	Materials & Supplies	Direct State Aid was used to partially pay for the Baker and Taylor book lease program. This is used to provide extra copies of popular books and to supply books the library does not care to permanently add to the collection. The extra copies of best sellers make it possible to serve more patrons at one time.
Wellman	1485.06	Personnel, Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid helped us purchase a new networkable HP laser printer to replace an unexpected and unbudgeted breakdown. We also bought a high-speed paper shredder and purchased 3 x 2GB Mp3 players for loan to patrons. Being able to have my assistant director state certified by attending Public Library Management I & II classes using Direct State Aid allows me, as director, to have an employee that understands and can appreciate the broad spectrum of responsibilities and tasks a director faces. I now have an employee who can take over some of my extra busy-work, which helps both me and our library operate much more efficiently and effectively.
Wellsburg	1458.08	Technology & Equipment	This money bought us an HP Laserjet 4250 printer, ink cartridge and zip discs.
Wesley	905.08	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Library Programs	We were able to get more large print books and pay for Summer Reading Program prizes. The money also helped with salary increases.
West Bend	1439.54	Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment,	We used this money to purchase new books and books on tape for adults and children. We also purchased a new color copier and extra black and colored ink cartridges. Direct State Aid also

		Library Programs	helped us buy prizes and supplies for our Summer Reading Program.
West Branch	1675.86	Personnel	With the assistance of Direct State Aid, we've been able to increase the hours (salary) of our children's librarian to include additional programming as well as some administrative duties. Because of this, we've been able to increase services to patrons of all ages.
West Des Moines	12653.03	Technology & Equipment	With this money, we updated our server and receipt printers for an integrated library system. We also replaced all staff computer monitors and improved our wireless system. Library users may now use the wireless system without using a cumbersome proxy setting.
West Liberty	1948.58	Materials & Supplies	We spent most of the money on our Spanish collection. We specifically allocate these funds to enhancing the collection. A small portion was spent on young adult materials.
West Point	1419.31	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for a new staff computer, wireless equipment and installation, and the purchase and installation of "Deep Freeze" on three computers. Our staff work computer went down unexpectedly and had to be replaced. We can't function efficiently or effectively without it. So being able to replace it was great. We were able to get wireless access at the library for our patrons. We were able to improve the security on our computers by purchasing and installing Deep Freeze on three of our computers.
West Union	1755.92	Technology & Equipment	Direct State Aid paid for two new computers and software. A patron who has been "tweaking" his professional portfolio and resume using the new computers in the library has a job interview! He stopped at the library to share the exciting news. A local artist uses our scanner and computer to send previews of her work. Bigger screens, faster processors and updated software! Our patrons are thrilled -- the scanners work better and patrons now have more options for modifying and saving their work.
Westgate	805.91	Personnel	This funding allowed the library to increase wages because of the new minimum wage law and still manage to be open 20 hours a week. Otherwise we would have needed to cut back on staff and hours.
Westside	417.74	Technology & Equipment	This money continues to pay for our yearly automation update.
What Cheer	876.59	Materials & Supplies	Adult and children's non-fiction and fiction books, DVDs and audio CDs were all purchased using these funds.
Wheatland	1298.74	Materials & Supplies	We are able to keep current with a variety of materials for all ages and abilities with this money. We purchase Children's Choice Awards books annually. We have several students who know we purchase these and they read the books and tell their friends we have them. We are able to keep a variety of new books for all ages. Requests are always welcome. If can't buy what they want, we try to borrow it!
Whiting	1316.14	Personnel	Our Direct State Aid payment allows the Whiting

			Library to offer additional hours to better serve the community. Without this funding, we would have to cut four hours of service.
Whittemore	1323.95	Materials & Supplies, Furniture	We used this funding to buy audio books, needed office and work supplies such as paper (colored & white), laminating supplies, book processing and repair supplies, labels for cataloging, ink for our printers, etc. We also purchased a lighted glass front display case for displaying a Frederick Remington bronze that had been donated to the library. We have a patron who drives 100-150 miles each day roundtrip to work and she depends on the audiobooks. She eagerly awaits each new title. She feels that by listening to an audio while driving helps to keep her awake and alert. The audio books were met with excitement from our patrons who use and depend on them for their reading. Our line item budget is just \$500, so this doubled what we were able to buy. Supplies of all kinds are so expensive that it was great to be able to purchase what we needed throughout the year.
Williams	1305.36	Materials & Supplies, Furniture	Direct State Aid paid for new books, DVDs, a display rack for oversized children's books, DVDs and VHS and audio tapes. The first day that new books were displayed on the circular book display one of my young patrons who is a <i>Bob the Builder</i> fan saw the display. It was Wednesday and I knew he would be in, so I put <i>Bob the Builder</i> in front. Being new books, he wanted to take them all. Mom let him check out four, and he left a happy reader. He was back the next week for more of his favorite character. With new acquisitions for adult non-fiction and fiction, as well as new selections for our tween readers and young children, new interest has grown in the community and circulation has increased, especially in the children's section. The displays make the children's center more accessible, and the DVDs and videos more attractively displayed, as well as giving us more room and visibility in our building than the old bookshelf we were using.
Williamsburg	753.9	Materials & Supplies	The Direct State Aid was spent on books for both the children's and adult collections.
Wilton	1830.8	Technology & Equipment	We used Direct State Aid to help pay for a new copy machine and a new flat-screen monitor for a patron-use computer. Because we can provide these services, people do not have to travel 12 miles or more to get copies. Many people use these services and depend on us. They are very pleased that they have this service available locally. Direct State Aid helps us to keep updated in services that we can provide for our community. If people need copies made, they usually come to the library. Our old machine desperately needed replaced. With the Direct State Aid and other funding, we were able to purchase a new copy machine and pay for 1 of 3 new computer monitors.
Winfield	1047.62	Materials &	The funding allowed us to buy new books that

		Supplies	were used for the Summer Reading Program.
Winterset	2517.26	Materials & Supplies	In fiscal year 2008, Winterset Public Library spent the entire amount of Direct State Aid on library materials. We purchased 122 juvenile books, 4 young adult books, 20 adult audiobooks, 84 adult nonfiction books, and 18 adult fiction books. One of our elderly patrons comes to the library on a regular basis, brought in by her daughter. Her eyesight has declined over the past few years, and she is unable to read even large print books anymore. She is extremely happy with our selection of audio books. These funds allowed our audiobook patrons to keep up with some of the best-sellers in the audiobook collection. We have also amplified our juvenile book collection with new books in preparation for the Summer Reading Program on the topic of bugs and other nature topics. We have been weeding our nonfiction books in an effort to upgrade the usability of the collection, and the addition of 84 adult nonfiction books has given us a good start on this project. Additionally, both adult and young adult patrons continue to request best-sellers, so the purchase of 4 young adult & 18 adult fiction books has allowed us to make a stab at fulfilling some of their demands.
Winthrop	1341.4	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment	We used these funds to supplement our book budget. We updated science and medical materials as well as purchased children's materials on dealing with war. We replaced a 10-year-old computer that is used by library staff for a variety of tasks, including interlibrary loan. Our library operates on a very small budget. State funding allows us to offer more services to our patrons. This helps extend our evening hours to meet our patrons needs and fulfill State Library standards.
Woden	1265.82	Personnel, Materials & Supplies, Technology & Equipment, Capital Improvements, Other	Direct State Aid paid for books for our Summer Reading Program. We also updated Follet and purchased materials for automation. New lighting and repairs were made. We bought a bike rack so there is a place to put bicycles instead of dropping them at the door. We have children and adults that have no access to computers and also visitors from out of town. They all depend on the library for homework and other computer needs. This money also helped pay salaries for additional staff.
Woodbine	532.2	Technology & Equipment	This money was used for new computers and electrical costs such as wiring and installation. We have started our automation system - checking in and checking out with our new bar codes. It is going well and the community seems to be very supportive and excited about it. Our patrons love our new computers and the computers are being used more.
Woodward	1412.09	Materials & Supplies	We spent our Direct State Aid money to purchase additional books. We are now able to provide a bigger variety.

Wyoming	944.79	Capital Improvements	The funds were used to renovate an unused room in the library into a computer lab. This included installing counter tops to the walls to accommodate new computers. This fall we will be getting new computers. Once we have them, we will begin offering classes which is also a need in our community.
Zearing	1428.64	Materials & Supplies, Capital Improvements, Furniture	We updated classic, children's and popular videocassettes to DVDs and purchased updated biographies and books on our country for the children. These are two areas that teachers assign each year for projects. We made improvements on the furnace to avoid having to pay staff to come in to check on it during the weekends and over holidays. We also purchased a display type magazine rack to be placed in the children's area. More and more patrons are looking to borrow only DVDs and were disappointed that some of the classics we owned were only on VHS. The parents especially like the DVDs for traveling.