

FY15 ENRICH IOWA REPORT

Direct State Aid Funding Use & Impacts from Iowa Public Libraries

This report details the amount and use of Enrich Iowa funding Iowa libraries received for the Direct State Aid program. Annually, Iowa libraries are required to report on the use of this funding in set categories, but libraries are also given the opportunity to provide comments or stories on the impacts of these funds. The right column includes the comments submitted by Iowa libraries. Please note, "NA" in the Amount Received column indicates that the library did not participate in the Direct State Aid program.

For more information on Enrich Iowa funding, see the FY15 report at www.statelibraryoflowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia/eilr/leg-reports.

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Adair	Adair	NA		
Adair	Fontanelle	\$1,159.03	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture; Programs	<p>Training Books, supplies and labels computers Display Boxes Summer Reading Program advertising Blank Park Zoo, 4th of July float, Summer Reading supplies Being able to receive this funding helps in so many ways. As a small town with a great library it's so nice to introduce young patrons to reading and the wonderful things our library has offer.</p> <p>One of my favorite story's is about an elderly man who was on Hospice. There wasn't much for him to do so they thought maybe he'd enjoy some reading. Hospice contacted me to see what I'd suggest since the man was almost legally blind. We went with a Large Print Book. So whether or not he could read much of it, it was the thought that counts and knowing I could help out with something for this man who was in the last of days. Our library keepings growing and we always love to see new and old faces.</p> <p>Because of this funding we are able to have such wonderful programs which keeps our patrons coming back every year.</p> <p>We also like being able to keep up with new and favorite titles.</p> <p>Are displays have changed as well which helps making things easier to find.</p>
Adair	Greenfield	\$1,436.12	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture; Programs	<p>Audio books Copy machine computer chairs Summer reading program A patron trying to meet a business deadline came in to use the copier/scanner to meet that deadline and not have to pay a penalty. The library does a land-slide business in copies for the community at large. We cannot provide good service without a copier!</p>
Adair	Orient	\$392.88	Materials and Supplies; Programs	<p>Purchased a children's DVD. \$269.04 -Supplies for a weekly preschool story hour. This story hour lasts eight weeks and runs from June - July. Examples of supplies are paint, glitter, paper, rice, plastic dinosaurs, and food for snacks. And \$115.92 for a visit from from the Blank Par Children complete age-appropriate activities each week around the theme of a book in our preschool story hour. Children who come every year learn to follow rules, work on their own (with assistance), how to check out a book, are exposed to a variety of books and learn to create. They also learn small motor skills and feel good about the projects they complete each week. If they forget it, they always come back and pick it up later. Parents</p>

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				are very appreciative and tell us how much the program means to their child and how they enjoy attending with their child and working together on the activities. And older siblings love to attend with their younger sibling and participate in the activities!!! We are able to offer a summer preschool story hour with lots of quality activities. This program is a good complement to the summer reading program when younger brothers and sisters feel left out.
Adams	Corning	\$1,468.00	Materials and Supplies	New books; It has helped us be able to buy more new books. Most of our books are from memorials and donations, so this is a big help.
Adams	Prescott	\$368.42	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Hard back books for both children and adults This money was used to buy supplies and snacks and a performer for our summer reading program By being able to extend our book collection we have an elderly lady who lives outside of town and takes care of her husband who is ill. She is unable to leave him alone or take him anywhere herself. We have a shut-in delivery available and she uses this serves and just loves that we can keep her Christain books coming! Our childrens programs was more successful this year due to be able to have more to bring the children in. Parents have given us great compliments on our Summer Reading Program. We were also able to extend our book/DVD budget and was able to purchase mre DVDs this year, this helps low income families to do more family togetherness when they can simply check out a new movie for free from the library instead of having to drive into another town to rent a movie for family night.
Allamakee	Harpers Ferry	\$414.09	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Paying staff for programs. DVD's to keep up with patrons requests as we are weeding VHS. computer repairs and paper for fax and copy machines. supplies for craft activities My goal is to get kids into the library to enjoy it and love books and reading and this moey helps with that as far as book requests, activities and just making our library a fun safe place to learn and keep reading! I am sure you have heard this before that small libraries can use extra funding and for me this is amazing to offer programs for children, our small community has many kids moving to college in the last few years so hopefully this \$\$ for programs keep drawing kids in to participate.
Allamakee	Lansing	\$1,311.27	Materials and Supplies; Technology	This amount was used to help pay for part of our audio book downloading. Pay for program supplies. The Library spent this on software, support, and ink to keep their Technology; and equipment functioning for their patrons. Thank you.. Thank you for this support. We need this support to help with the extra services we give to our patrons: Computer use: paper and ink for printing, technical support for our programs and computers, etc. Also, we have been able to put some of these monies toward upgrading equipment. Thank you...
Allamakee	New Albin	NA		
Allamakee	Postville	\$1,648.91	Furniture	Replaced an old circulation desk with a new one.

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Allamakee	Waterville	\$381.88	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements; Programs	Book processing supplies, story hour supplies, summer reading supplies, adult program supplies. Open FlagUNI program on renewable energy for summer reading. We are able to provide programs for both adults and children, and have made many of our programs annual events that have become well-attended for our small community.
Allamakee	Waukon	\$2,187.59	Materials and Supplies; Programs; Other	New children's non-fiction books (\$660.55); Audio books (\$393.79); Large print materials (\$126.42). Performance fees. Unspent balance of \$1.83 We have greatly expanded our children's programming throughout the year and are getting much higher attendance, not only at events but also at our weekly story time. Circulation is up as well.
Appanoose	Centerville	\$2,125.12	Materials and Supplies	Books, dvd's and audiobooks We are able to offer materials that patrons request. More materials available for patron use.
Appanoose	Moravia	\$1,152.81	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Microfilming and creating Compact Disc of 2006-2013 Hometown Newspapers for the Public to use. 2 Camera Security system to protect Children who play in and around the Library. Fee for the Blank Park Zoo Programs for the Summer Reading Program. We had a lady whose class reunion was held in June and she had spent several days in the library going through the newspapers on Compact Disc collecting ALL write ups and pictures of the activities her class was involved in throughout their school years. One of her classmates was described this to his sister who graduated from here and her class reunion is coming up, so she asked this lady if she would do the same thing for her for her class reunion. The Security Camera System has help when a child was injured. We were able to assist faster. The Microfilming helps keep our older Newspapers from deteriorating. The children enjoy the Blank Park Zoo.
Appanoose	Moulton	\$1,141.19	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Wilbor e-books Summer Reading Program performance fees and supplies for other story times. A patron who recently had a stroke and is home bound is grateful for the Wilbor e-book service we now offer. It has given her a certain amount of independence. Without this funding we would not have been able to improve our library Summer Reading Program and story time. The funding has also helped us provide e-books to our patrons.
Audubon	Audubon	\$1,622.16	Furniture	Solid oak wood bookcases were made to the Library's specifications. There is not a specific story, but children go right to the new bookshelf and select their books. It has created an area in the Children's Library, just like the adults have in the Adult Library Patrons have been able to find books more easily as well as enabling staff members to shelve books much easier on bookshelves that provide more space for the collection. The bookshelf in the Children's Library can display new books for the children and it is easier for children to find the new books when the book's attractive covers are face out. The custom made, oak bookcases match the 1912 bookcases from the original Carnegie Library and give an attractive, warm look to the Library.
Audubon	Exira	\$1,247.22	Materials and Supplies	We used the total amount received to purchase books. We struggle each year to purchase the titles requested by our patrons. Especially for our large print readers. We did not

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				receive an increase in our budget so this funding was very helpful and appreciated. We have an older gentleman that comes to our library on a regular basis to get books on World War II. He loves to talk about World War II as well as read about it. He served in the war and has many stories to share. Many of our books he has read multiple times and most are in regular print. With this funding I have started ordering books of interest for him in large print. He is a widower, past his 90th birthday and very appreciative of our library. We have several patrons that are not able to read regular print. They love to read and it is difficult to keep enough large print titles available for them. This funding has made it possible to purchase the large print books needed to provide this service for our community.
Audubon	Kimballton	NA		
Benton	Atkins	\$1,348.37	Technology	Wireless internet- I find people sitting on our window sills to use the wireless; we have a lot more people coming in with their own devices to use our wireless
Benton	Belle Plaine	\$1,590.79	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements; Programs	We purchased several children's DVD's and used for our subscription to Junior Library Guild for books. Had some landscaping work done.Had the Blank Park zoo come and do 2 programs, and bought some prizes for summer reading. We had really great turn out for our summer reading program. The extra money helps with special programs, and prizes of ice cream cones, which the kids really enjoy.
Benton	Blairstown	\$1,184.45	Furniture; Programs; Other	3 new computer chairs for public access computers. Lego kits, base plates, lego superhero characters, and lots and lots of blocks to develop a lego club.Bought two banners with "Blairstown Public Library" printed on them, for use in parades and other public relations events. Funding does make a difference in our patrons' lives. It makes programming possible for all ages, which builds community. Older get to know the younger. Hispanic grow more comfortable with the Anglo. And we don't charge, which opens the doors for everyone. Our previous computer chairs were getting rickety. Now patrons will feel a lot more confident about sitting down. We have not started the lego club yet, but I foresee that it will be very popular. We have 3 different books that are about designing and building with lego blocks and they are heavily checked out. We also have many children that are at loose ends after school and, especially so in the summer. This will give them an activity, plus creative time with their peers.
Benton	Garrison	NA		
Benton	Keystone	\$1,145.40	Furniture	4 Tables, 16 Chairs, table/chair caddy It is much easier to setup for special programming
Benton	Newhall	\$1,219.90	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Programs	Training and mileage to library related events Supplies for winter reading program and general library supplies New shelving and storage for children's area Supplies for summer reading program for preschool and school-age programs There is a daycare nearby that is always looking for things to do with the kids. The reading programs have offered activities twice a week this summer for those kids. They have come to every session so far and every session of the winter program that I did for preschool age. Without this funding we would not have been able to afford supplies or prizes for the summer reading programs. It also

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				gave us the ability to purchase new storage containers for the newly donated toys in our children's area. We used to have very old toys for the smaller kids to play with. A family donated newer toys to us and we bought storage to keep them in good condition and make them more accessible for the kids.
Benton	Norway	NA		
Benton	Shellsburg	\$1,215.32	Materials and Supplies	New books were bought to upgrade our childrens area. Fiction and non- fiction There are a set of twins that have been coming to story hour every week for 5 years. The mother says shes sure she checked out almost all the children's books at one time or another. The little twins were so exited to have new books, but they would have to learn all the stories to make sure Mom didn't skip pages! Our non fiction books were very outdated.We replaced most of them for more interesting books , our circulation has improved in the non fiction area. Also updated board books for the small children with more currant themes.
Benton	Van Horne	NA		
Benton	Vinton	\$2,112.05	Capital Improvements; Programs	Didn't plan to use it to help pay for spending it on a new furnace, but needs must.We ramped up our programming for adults this year - had 7 programs for adults instead of our usual none.
Black Hawk	Cedar Falls	\$8,776.03	Personnel	Salary for 3rd Age Coordinator- At one nursing home, we've watched the book club dwindle as members pass away. Very depressing for others in the group! Because the members valued this interaction, and the friendships that had developed, they went out and recruited new members so that their book club could continue. This funding makes it possible for our library to partner with the Waterloo Public Library in order to offer outreach services to patrons who may not be mobile enough to visit our physical building. They may not have anyone to transport them to the library, or do home delivery. Our 3rd Age program takes small rotating collections of large print and audio materials to local nursing and retirement homes. We also purchase multiple copies of large print titles suitable for book discussions. And for patrons who may no longer have the capacity to read, we offer nostalgia kits that can be used in group gatherings. The multiple copies are also made available to other libraries in the state. The 3rd Age program carries out our mission of lifelong learning, creates a commons area that serves a social purpose, and offers access to current titles and topics. We use Enrich Iowa funding to support a part-time position that facilitates this program, with the help of volunteers.
Black Hawk	Dunkerton	\$1,201.47	Materials and Supplies	We purchased books, audio books, and DVD's. A woman, who's job had changed and was required to travel long distances, was so thrilled when I was able to purchase some popular titles in audio books for her. Library service has improved in our community due to this funding because it made it possible for us to purchase items requested by our patrons.
Black Hawk	Evansdale	\$1,279.00	Materials and Supplies;	New World Book encyclopedias, painting supplies Monitor to use as electronic bulletin board Cabinet to house router/switch/modem, Plastering work. With our new "wall" and

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			Technology; Furniture; Other	the TV monitor, we are now able to keep our residents apprised of new and upcoming events and materials in the library quicker than before.
Black Hawk	Hudson	\$1,514.75	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	DVD's Makerspace cart, outdoor sign. Our makerspace activities are popular with our after-school crowd and the cart we purchased should facilitate the program and make things more efficient. Many of our after-school kids benefit from this enrichment and the educational opportunities it provides. The outdoor sign we purchased is used to promote library programming. We know people watch it for information.
Black Hawk	La Porte City	\$1,573.09	Capital Improvements	This amount was paid toward the total cost of labor and supplies for repainting the interior of the library. The library has received many compliments since being painted. The change in color has created an updated and warmer feeling. The cleaner and warmer walls appear more welcoming. The old paint color was harsh, hard on your eyes, and stained. The new color has less glare and is easier on eyes. It seems that patrons enjoy their time in the building more and stay longer. Painting supported a local business and gave the library the opportunity to utilize many youth volunteers that wanted Silver Cord Hours for school requirements such as National Honor Society and volunteer recognition at graduation - and the more active volunteers are in the library the more they take ownership of it. Painting the inside of the library created enthusiasm and renewed interest. People who hadn't been in the library for a long time stopped to see the changes and progress, with many of them now using our services again. We received coverage in the newspaper and the community was talking about us. The painting also required us to clear and move the shelves, causing us to clean, straighten and reorganize several sections of the library. The process was a lot of work, but we are better organized, we found a few lost treasures, some patrons returned and others started coming in, and painting increased community pride in the library.
Black Hawk	Waterloo	\$14,805.90	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Salary towards 3rd Age Coordinator position, shared with Cedar Falls Public Library Large print books and CD books One of our regular 3rd Age patrons, Barbara, was an avid reader, and she appreciated that our 3rd Age Coordinator, Mary, selects "good, high quality" books. She didn't leave the nursing home often in the last years of her life, so appreciated that she had a group of about 15 neighbors to meet with in order to discuss books and swap titles. She frequently recommended good titles to our coordinator, Mary. The last book that Barbara had from the library was "All The Light We Cannot See," which was very meaningful to her since her husband was a bomber pilot over Germany in WWII. She wrote Mary a note, thanking her for "presenting" that book to their group. She died suddenly shortly afterwards. We can lose patrons at a fast rate in this service, but many of them give back to us, too. We especially like the concept of "presenting" books, as Barbara put it. This funding makes it possible for our library to partner with the Waterloo Public Library in order to offer outreach services to patrons who may not be mobile enough to visit our physical building. They may not have anyone to transport them to the library, or do home delivery. Our 3rd

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				Age program takes small rotating collections of large print and audio materials to local nursing and retirement homes. We also purchase multiple copies of large print titles suitable for book discussions. And for patrons who may no longer have the capacity to read, we offer nostalgia kits that can be used in group gatherings. The multiple copies are also made available to other libraries in the state. The 3rd Age program carries out our mission of lifelong learning, creates a commons area that serves a social purpose, and offers access to current titles and topics. We use Enrich Iowa funding to support a part-time position that facilitates this program, with the help of volunteers. We also supplement this program (materials in particular) with funds from our own cities.
Boone	Boone	\$3,845.94	Materials and Supplies	Library materials, large print books. I had an 89 year old patron write me a lovely letter along with a contribution to support the library. She wrote she loved the library since she was a little girl and she is 89 years old now. She raised her four daughters to love the library and reading also. She is proud to say she has taken her grandchildren and nieces to the library as well and happy her great grandchildren are being taught to appreciate books and reading. She thanked us for the great services our library has provided throughout her time in Boone. She is an avid user of the large print collection. Boone County has a large population of large print readers. With 45.2% of the population age 45 years or older, many have impaired vision that restrict them to read larger print books and some just have a preference. This large percentage of users are a dedicated group that value libraries and free access to books, information, and traditional library services. They specifically tell library staff that e-readers are not a good option for them, and they will only read the book in print. Our library also serves three large retirement and senior centers with large print materials check-outs on a monthly basis. Our library has a high demand for large print books that are new and include a variety of fiction and non-fiction to fill the reading needs of our users.
Boone	Madrid	\$1,591.79	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Purchased Tumblebooks database for patrons Replaced two desktop computers with new ones There are many patrons in our community that rely on the library's internet and computers for filling out job applications, looking for housing and doing homework. The library not only helps fulfill that need but is also a community gathering place for all. Has helped the library with things that improve the lives of our patrons such as new computers and databases.
Boone	Ogden	\$552.94	Materials and Supplies	Used funds to update our audiobook collection and large print titles. Patrons were thrilled. We have a patron with special needs who travels weekly to Des Moines for appointments. His mom likes to use the drive as a time to listen to good literature. She has been thrilled to have new material to share with her son. We are a small library, but have a group of avid "listeners" to our audiobook collection. Several who have listened to our entire collection. Having the opportunity to provide a wide selection of new audiobooks has been widely applauded.

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Bremer	Denver	\$1,570.09	Materials and Supplies	We used Direct State aid funds to enhance our book and movie budget. Jr Library Guild \$366.00, Capstone \$385.10, Pumpkin Books \$257.02, The Book Farm \$461.99, and Micromarketing \$99.98 Additional State Funding has enabled our library to grow our Young Adult section attracting teens to the library by offering the books that are popular with that age group.
Bremer	Janesville	\$1,327.93	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	This funding helps us to continue our Saturday morning hours Books! Being open on Saturdays gives the community a weekend day to visit the library. Purchasing new books gives the community a better selection of materials.
Bremer	Plainfield	\$1,202.11	Technology	Entire allocation applied to project for Replacement of all library computers and change to Apollo Library System. Our library volunteer who handles most ILL requests is able to check availability of ILL requests for item status, get call numbers, and respond to some requests from her home; thus, making more efficient use of her volunteer time and providing a more timely response. Upgrade of computers and library system moved the library from Windows XP to Windows 7. Apollo Library System is a better fit for our small library, offers remote access to our card catalog from patron's homes and other remote locations, and provides reports and contact options more focused on the needs of our library.
Bremer	Readlyn	\$1,321.99	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Programs	Additional wages for programming Summer Reading Supplies - 94.91; Early Out Program dvd's - 38.18. Grump Days Celebration Sihlouettist - \$100.00; Summer Reading Programming - \$892.34. With this funding we were able to reinstate Early Out Programming during the school year to give K thru 6th graders a safe, supervised place to be on early out days. The silhouettist that we sponsored for Grump Days was a hit, sending each person who posed home with a piece of art. Lastly the assistance with programming for our Summer Reading Programs was a huge help in enabling us to provide several quality "hero" programs in the summer reading theme.
Bremer	Sumner	\$1,708.00	Furniture	Two booth style bench seats for the young adult area. During the school year one patron came to the library and "set up shop" at the booth, staying most of the day until school got out working on online classes on her laptop. She stated that she loved having a comfortable, quiet place to complete her studies. We attempted to make the young adult area inviting with butterfly chairs and other brightly colored seating but the sturdiness did not hold up. When children did go in the YA area it was usually younger children messing around. Since the addition of the two booth seats (and a table purchase with donations) the YA area is in constant use by YA and when school is in session, adults.
Bremer	Tripoli	\$1,388.73	Personnel; Technology; Programs	With these funds we were able to staff additional help with the summer reading program. We were able to finish updating our automation process. With these funds we were able to purchase supplies for our summer reading program. We had a family with four children recently move into the area. I suggested that they try the summer reading program. They were not so sure. They had never done the summer reading program. However it helped them make friends, continue with their learning and reading skills, and also to get to know

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				the community better. They really had an excellent time and was disappointed to see the reading program end. I think overall it was one of the highlights of their summer! I was very happy to hear that we had a positive impact on them! With the help from these funds we were able to offer a more rewarding summer reading program to the children. We had more staff and supplies available when needed. Also with the help from these funds we were able to complete updating our automation process. We now have a web based program that has been much more successful than our old automation system. We are able to help patrons in a more efficient manner and also allow them access to their own accounts from home.
Bremer	Waverly	\$3,418.52	Technology; Other	AWE Early Literacy Learning Station. Long Range Planning consultant Kim Kietzman helped us create a plan for 2014-2019. In clarifying our commitment to early literacy and growing young readers (through the long range planning process), we developed a special summer reading program challenge for babies and toddlers & their caregivers based on the Every Child Ready to Read concepts -- Sing to your child, Play with your child, Talk to your child, Write with your child, Read to your child. It was a "BINGO" card of activities to check off and receive a little prize. Hopefully there were more babies in Waverly that heard more stories, more songs, and more conversations this summer!
Buchanan	Aurora	\$729.01	Materials and Supplies	All Enrich Iowa funds were spent on books and DVD's. Some of the new young adult books we have purchased will soon have movies based on the books coming out and this has persuaded more young people to read. We are able to purchase more new books and movies.
Buchanan	Fairbank	\$1,275.65	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Purchased many children's books Blank park Zoo will be coming to the library for a program with the kids. A patron is very thankful that we have computers for her to use the internet to reach family members. Children were able to check out books that they could not afford to buy.
Buchanan	Independence	\$2,507.00	Materials and Supplies	Purchased DVDs, audio books and ebooks.
Buchanan	Jesup	\$1,632.06	Technology	This was are fee for our Biblionix Appolo software. The software we paid for provides pictures of the book cover for each book in our library. It also lists the books in NEIBORS (now BRIDGES). Our patrons really like this factor. The software also has a lot of new features to notify patrons of overdues, reserves, etc. which saves a lot of staff time.
Buchanan	Lamont	\$779.07	Other	Biblionix/Apollo automation System
Buchanan	Winthrop	\$1,238.31	Materials and Supplies	books, audiobooks able to add to our audio book collection and increase our book purchasing
Buena Vista	Albert City	\$1,179.24	Materials and Supplies;	Children's books Performance fees, supplies, and books for Summer Reading Program.

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			Programs	
Buena Vista	Alta	\$1,408.55	Materials and Supplies; Programs	LP books, newspaper subscriptions, SLP The additional funds for the Summer Library Programs helped us to give more reading prizes. And by prizes I mean books! So many of the kids were excited to own a book that they could keep and not have to return back to us. Our citizens whose eyesight is failing make great use of the large print books we order. As do other patrons who like them because they are just easier on the eyes.
Buena Vista	Linn Grove	\$407.77	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Requested books and DVDs Copy and fax paper Summer Reading Crafts and Books One child came all the way from Nebraska just to attend our Summer Reading Program. Kids are reading more.
Buena Vista	Marathon	\$1,092.68	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology	Schooling Books. Updated program for book cataloging. It has made my life much easier as far as cataloging books and checking books in and out. This new program that we purchased has made it much easier for patrons to look up books.
Buena Vista	Newell	\$1,213.52	Personnel; Technology; Programs	This money was used for personnel during summer reading programs. This money was used to replace 2 older public computers. Used for supplies and programs for summer reading I have an older adult who will now come in to get help with the computer. She didn't come in before for computer use, but is now coming to check e-mails, etc. Without new computers, this would have been more difficult for her to use. We have been able to offer public computer use to more people that want up-to-date equipment (no more slow computer and waiting in line). We also have been able to interest small children in the library and have seen many of them now come back on a regular basis. They loved the programs and just kept coming back for reading materials. We love to see that happen and these funds have made that possible to get people into the library.
Buena Vista	Rembrandt	\$747.30	Personnel	We used our money on salary so that we could be open on Sat. mornings 9-12 so our patrons could make use of the library. We have a preschooler who is with her daddy every other week-end and the two of them come down check out books and play with the stuffed animals at the library. The library is a fun place for them to come in our small town on Sat. mornings. The children enjoy coming to the library on Sat. mornings so they can use the computers, check out books, play with the legoes, put puzzles together and check out DVDs for the week-end.
Buena Vista	Sioux Rapids	\$821.15	Personnel; Programs	For part time help on Tuesdays and weekends Spent this for the children's summer reading program, for programming and craft supplies. It helped us to hire someone who needed a job. And it helped us to be able to have more help for our children on weekends. This has been a great benefit. We are able to remain open our regular hours because of this funding. And we could pay for programming and craft supplies for our children for the summer reading program. So this funding made a difference to everyone in our community and surrounding area.

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Buena Vista	Storm Lake	NA		
Butler	Allison	\$1,241.03	Materials and Supplies; Technology	NEIBORS audiobook/ebook consortia Follett Destiny Library Manager Software. One of our avid readers, Syd, is battling cancer and undergoing many treatments. She is finding it difficult to concentrate and enjoy reading as usual. Listening to audiobooks from the NEIBORS consortia has allowed her to enjoy books while closing her eyes and trying to relax. Direct State Aid funding has allowed us to join the NEIBORS consortia so that our patrons may borrow audiobooks and ebooks. We were forced to update our original Follett Circulation Plus software to Follett Destiny Library Manager when we began to experience difficulties. Direct State Aid funding was used toward this project.
Butler	Aplington	\$1,260.21	Personnel; Technology	Training costs for hiring a new director. Covered part of the cost of a new server. The new server will allow us to continue implementing updates to our software system which will better enhance the service we can give to patrons. The new server will also be more reliable and function better, which will allow us to stay more connected with our circulation software system and better assist patrons. It was a luxury to be able to have a year's time for the current director to train the new director. Training was able to occur to share information on all the programs the library offered so that the services offered to the community were not lost in the transition. It also allowed time for the new director to evaluate programs and services and make changes if necessary to give things a fresh spin. A result of a survey an evaluation did see a change in hours to adding more evening time and another hour on Saturday, which will allow more time for patrons to visit the library.
Butler	Clarksville	\$1,320.44	Materials and Supplies; Programs	We were able to replace a lot of our old, outdated junior nonfiction books. The Direct State Aid funds helped us pay for the Blank Park Zoo to visit and for extra summer reading program supplies that were out of our budget. We have some families in our community that are not able to take their kids to the zoo or on a vacation during the summer, so being able to have the Blank Park Zoo visit our library was very exciting for these kids! We were able to update our junior nonfiction titles, which has been very beneficial to the mid-elementary to middle school students with reports and projects that they are assigned. And our teachers have been utilizing the new books as well, due to our school library not having the subjects they need available.
Butler	Dumont	\$1,165.12	Other	We used the money to pay for our service agreement for our furnace and air conditioner. we also replaced our water fountain that was no longer working properly.
Butler	Greene	\$1,261.61	Personnel	\$10.34 per hour x 122 hours = \$1261.48 Direct State aid funding pays for the first 122 hours of the year worked by our 4th librarian. Sandy, our 4th librarian, decorates the library for every season of the year. We have many patrons tell us that they look forward to coming in because our library is so welcoming and decorated so tastefully! Direct State Aid allows our library to be open three extra hours per week by partially paying a 4th librarian's wages. Those three extra hours allow our community to use library services on an additional

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				morning per week.
Butler	New Hartford	\$785.59	Technology	We used the entire amount towards the cost of the Follett Destiny software Technology; cost. (Total cost for Follett: \$1679.00) I'm going to state that this funding has made a difference in MY life! I'm a person! The "extra" funds allows me to search for more books that could get a young person reading. There is the constant need to get the kids off their electronic devices and pick up a book- ANY book. I find that the books that movies are made from or are made after the movie, gets their attention. I look for those at the lowest cost available. Since our small town has such a limited budget, any amount that can be applied to a fixed cost can be applied elsewhere - such as the purchase of more books, magazines and movies. The patrons sure appreciation our ability to get the "popular" titles for them to check out.
Butler	Parkersburg	\$1,385.55	Furniture	Mobile display unit was purchased to promote eBooks, new products, and/or upcoming programs. The mobile display unit arrived during summer reading program, and we were able to promote fun summer books, and the upcoming pool party for summer reading participants. All information the patrons needed was available as soon as they stepped in the door. Books on this display unit have been circulating. Information and books are displayed on the mobile display unit, which is located near the front entry door, and patrons are able to absorb the information provided right at the point of entry, thus improving their knowledge of new products, upcoming events, eBooks added, and in the long term use, it will possibly improve attendance at such events, and increase circulation.
Butler	Shell Rock	\$1,274.38	Personnel; Technology; Programs; Other	Travel for new director to get to classes and library errands. We fixed many of our computers and updated them so patrons could get better use out of them. Booked three different performances for summer reading, and purchased supplies for story hours and summer reading. Telephone payments. Library service has improved as a result of funding by assisting it's director and assistants to continue their education and get new ideas and knowledge about libraries. We were also able to update computers that the patrons use.
Calhoun	Farnhamville	\$482.09	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Children's books Materials for games and refreshments. Our program on the community heroes helped adults in our community see how presenting a program on what the EMT's and firefighters do during a 911 call would help adults as well as children understand their jobs. The books bought for the library broadened the minds of children by exposing them to new reading materials. There were more checkouts by children of nonfiction books because of the books were purchased with these funds. The summer library program special event programming taught children about "heroes" in a broader sense, such as animal heroes and community heroes.
Calhoun	Lake City	\$1,565.51	Materials and Supplies	DVDs, audio books and WILBOR subscription. We provide outreach services to the local assisted living facility. This past year there was a resident that we delivered books to twice a month. Her eyesight has failed to the point that she can no longer read. We are now able to deliver some of our newly purchased audio books for her to enjoy. The farmers and

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				commuters appreciate that we offer a range of audio books for them and providing up-to-date movies has brought people to the library that would not have come otherwise.
Calhoun	Lohrville	\$1,174.68	Materials and Supplies	Summer reading program supplies, dvds, children's books, we have a family in town that doesn't have much money. Their only form of tv is borrowing DVD's form he library and with the direct state aid help we have been able to provide a wide range of DVD's for them. We are better able to keep new materials on our shelves and are able to provide more for our summer reading program.
Calhoun	Manson	\$1,558.62	Technology	AWE learning station. During the summer, we have several "free-range" children who live at the library. The new AWE machine is an educational way for them to pass their time. Preschoolers can learn and play on a safe internet-free system. All of the programing is self contained on the device.
Calhoun	Pomeroy	\$895.65	Technology	Used as matching funds for grant to purchase iPads for use by young children. A family who come regularly to the library during the summer have three children under 5 and 3 children in middle school. One of the parents has some medical issues that won't allow him to get a job outside the home so he uses the internet to buy and sell parts for his tractor refurbishing hobby. Our purchase of I-pads that can be used by even the youngest children to learn and be entertained allows the freedom for the older children and parents to enjoy their time in the library. Visiting the library is a family affair in our Library. Families sometimes spend whole afternoons during the summer in our cool and comfortable environment. We noticed that needs were being met for most of the children and parents but the 3 through 8 year olds were left out. The money we received this year helped us to purchase I-Pads with locking cases that we loaded with educational games for young children.
Calhoun	Rockwell City	\$1,141.80	Materials and Supplies	We used our Direct State Aid to add books to our junior fiction and junior non-fiction section. These areas were in need of updating and they are also some of the most used sections in our library. We have many boys who have difficulty finding books that interest them and recently, after we had added a series of books called "Origami Yoda" they were thrilled. Our school district's library does not have the funding needed to keep up with the demand of its students, so we have tried to keep our children and young adult collection up to date as much as possible. When it gets close to Accelerated Reading due dates, the kids flock to the library in search of books to read. We are happy to be able to provide them with a wide variety of subjects and reading levels.
Calhoun	Somers	\$419.09	Personnel; Technology	PLM 1 Class in Fall 2014 & travel Helped cover matching funds for computer purchase and also paid for computer program & virus protection. Our new computers and tablets have made an impact particularly in the lives our community's young people. As a rural town, the youth don't have access to much entertainment and do not always have the opportunity to drive to another town. The computers and tablets have drawn in several children and teens and offer them a source of entertainment and learning that both keeps

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				them off the street and in a learning-conducive environment. Having working computers and tablets in our library has helped our community members improve literacy through education programs. It has also allowed our adult patrons who do not have computers to have access to internet sources, such as social media and job resources.
Carroll	Carroll	\$3,253.70	Materials and Supplies	Gale Virtual Reference Library database including hosting fee and digital content. A young adult patron that is often seen in the library heard about GVRL when the library director came to her school to talk about what the public library offers students. She used GVRL to find resources to help her write a report about the Holocaust. She came in to tell the librarian on duty how much she appreciated being able to find resources for her paper and how easy the library made it for her to get her report done. She was so excited that she got an A that she had to share with staff. Apparently her teacher marked on her paper that the student used very good resources. This year we purchased a non-fiction core database from Gale Cengage for Gale Virtual Reference Library. This expenditure included database hosting and digital content including a core collection and additional titles purchased. These titles integrate with our current ILS system so that patrons have 24/7 access with an internet connection. This has been a great addition to the Carroll collection because of our current space limitations for print. The community now has quality non-fiction digital titles available for students and adults that might not otherwise be available on the shelf. The collection development team at CPL will continue to add to this collection with general fund budget dollars but the initial collection would not have been possible to purchase without State funding.
Carroll	Coon Rapids	\$1,323.81	Programs	Performances and summer reading incentives Because of this money, I was able to have 3 performances. Our patrons, young and old, had a lot of fun at them. And every summer reader received totes and other incentives. I could not have done it without the Direct State Aid money.
Carroll	Glidden	\$896.25	Materials and Supplies;	All monies were spent on children's books, promotional supplies for SRP (bags, pencils, sunglasses, coloring books), and DVD's for our collection. We have several little kiddos in our community that don't have access to any other "entertainment" than coming to the library, so keeping new books and extracurriculars (coloring books) available mean a lot to them. I have a very limited line item for promotional Materials and Supplies; so I always try to use part of my direct state aid on supplies. Kids love getting "freebies" that I might have out on the circ counter throughout the summer months.
Carroll	Manning	\$941.95	Materials and Supplies; Technology;	WILBOR Toward the annual automated system payment with Book Systems I cannot think of any special impact for one person. The WILBOR has been a big boost for people with e-devices that cannot make it to the library.
Cass	Anita	\$1,262.13	Other	Annual online catalog software support. Our patrons are thankful that they can view our catalog on their home computers and devices to view, add a hold, or just renew their books. Enabling our Library to be automated and funding the annual support is a great help to our

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				already stretched budget. Local taxpayers monies can be used for other programs and to buy more books.
Cass	Atlantic	\$2,471.59	Technology; Programs;	Apollo by Biblionix integrated library system. Jester Puppets presents "H.E.R.O.s" A program about bullying. A great program addressing the issue of "bullying" and this program was open to all ages. Beneficial to have this program before school begins in the fall. Apollo is a wonderful software system that benefits both the staff and patrons with it's user friendly service.
Cass	Cumberland	\$1,103.33	Personnel; Materials and Supplies;	This money was spent on personnel salaries. This money was spent on books, supplies, and Summer reading materials. We are a small Library so the funding enables us to be open and pay the salaries. If I wasn't open then a lot of children wouldn't be able to come to the Library on the days we are open. We are a small Library and this money is a nice supplement to our other funding resorces
Cass	Griswold	\$1,269.69	Capital Improvements	We replaced our old section of our library with new lighting that are more energy efficient. We had a patron state that he could finally see the keyboard on the computer keyboards. I had many teens excited that they could actually read books in our old side because there was enough lighting to see. This has made our library more cohesive with our new side. The teens are actually to have their hang out on this side! We had 11 ballast not working. Our old lighting looked very shabby. There were many water marks in the tile. We had 49 light at 45 watts each. We applied for a grant and fell short even after a rebate of getting new lights. Our city wanted to cut from our budget. With this funding it allowed us to complete our lighting. We now have recessed lighting that matches our new section. We only needed 29 lights with the brighter bulbs. The lights only use 15 watts. We are hoping with the savings we will stay right on budget.
Cass	Lewis	\$785.71	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Iowa Choice and Goldfinch books. Additional books for our teen/tween section of the library. Purchased a receipt printer and a computer. One of the tween girls we have that comes in regularly asked if there was anyway we could purchase some fun new books for her reading level (tween/teen). With the help of her book likes and that of her peers we were able to purchase books the children are wanting to read and excited to read. Now the kids come in nearly everyday of business to sit and read a book. Our amount of checkouts in the teen tween age demographic has increased. The purchase of the receipt printer has been helpful to patrons in fully remembering when their items are due back. Purchasing another computer as increased the amount of patrons that are able to use the computers.
Cass	Massena	\$777.58	Personnel	We use our Direct State Aid funding to help pay a portion of the health insurance for library director. The city allows \$100.00 per month to go towards health insurance for the library director. Without the funding the state gives the library, the city might eliminate that benefit. Every bit helps! Granted it's a drop in the bucket considering the outrageous cost of health insurance, but it is still appreciated. This director will gladly take what is offered! When the community is able to provide the staff of its library with somewhate adequate

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				benefits, it helps the library overall. A happy director is a "good" director.
Cedar	Bennett	\$783.83	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Used on staff hours to cover 40 hours needed bought books and dvd's We have a lot of new patrons in town and they are so excited when we get new items because they dont have to drive so far to get them. It has allowed us to provide more items for check outs and allowed us to cover staff expense for extra hours,
Cedar	Clarence	\$1,224.18	Materials and Supplies	books - updated the children's collection. Because our selection has increased some of the kids who were unable to find things to their liking now are making multiple selections. It is great to see the books go out the door! Our circulation of children's items has increased with a broader selection of items. Our story time programs now offer more topics and I have been able to offer Book Bundles to our young families.
Cedar	Lowden	\$1,219.92	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Used to purchase Tumbleweeds, Ebsco, Movies USA license New computer for circulation desk Supplies for Summer Reading Program
Cedar	Mechanicsville	\$1,308.07	Materials and Supplies	Books- It provided us with more money for books that have been enjoyed by our patrons.
Cedar	Stanwood	\$1,157.31	Furniture	Replaced the chairs for our main table in the library. This table is used for library board meetings and the city also uses the area for some of their meetings such as the ambulance board. This is also an area highly used by patrons that bring in their Due to the funding we receive through Direct State Aid, we are able to purchase more necessities for our library. In the past, the money has helped us to hire part time assistants to help the library director when needed. As a small town, all of the funding we receive enables us to provide better service to all of our patrons.
Cedar	Tipton	\$1,799.98	Capital Improvements	Replaced old air conditioning unit.
Cedar	West Branch	\$1,551.79	Materials and Supplies	The library has really pushed ebook services this year, based on a steady increase in use. The Direct State Aid this year went to increasing the number of digital books that our patrons had available.
Cerro Gordo	Clear Lake	\$2,901.78	Materials and Supplies	Purchased 73 books on cd We have a large number of patrons who commute, and they really appreciate our cd collection.
Cerro Gordo	Mason City	\$7,215.79	Personnel	Children's Room Staff to offer more programming and help in the children's room. Many of the children who attend our programming would not see any special performers or attend special events during their summer vacation if the library did not offer them for free to the public. It is fun to see kids who see Dan Wardell in person and are so excited they cannot speak. Additional staff in the Children's Room helps us to offer more service, programs, special displays, bulletin boards and enhanced collection development.
Cerro	Meservey	\$1,098.93	Furniture	All direct state aid this year went toward paying for new carpet throughout entire building.

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Gordo				Meservey is a very small town, and libraries are especially important in communities like ours. It's very important to us that members of our community use and appreciate our library, and it helps when we have a building that is pleasing to the eye. Our library was sort of stuck in the 70s for a while, and grants and state aid have allowed us to give our building a makeover. This, in turn, attracts more people to our library - numbers are up for programs, and patronage seems to grow every day. I like to think this was, at least in part, because of our beautiful new carpet and Furniture;. We have received many compliments on our new carpeting, and it has definitely brightened up the library. We held an open house so that everyone could see our new carpet and layout, and everyone loved it!
Cerro Gordo	Rockwell	\$1,362.07	Materials and Supplies; Programs; Other	Purchased large print books Summer Reading Program.Pool party and prizesTech support for circulation system. The Summer Reading Program is a big event in our town. The extra money helped us do some special things for the kids this year. The kids look forward to the pool party and enjoy getting the special prizes for being the top readers. We have a large number of patrons who read large print books. We were able to purchase more books with some of the direct state aid money and increase our large print collection. The \$300.00 for the Summer Reading Program enabled us to have a pool party for the kids and buy special prizes. The tech support for our circulation system is a necessary expense and the direct state aid helped us pay for this.
Cerro Gordo	Swaledale	\$1,097.58	Materials and Supplies	BOOKS, DVDS, CRAFTING MATERIALS, MAGAZINES. We have several underprivileged teens who benefit drastically when I'm able to purchase relative books & magazines. They are able to "escape" their daily troubles in the library! We were able to get several more books, movies and magazines that we normally wouldn't be able to purchase.
Cerro Gordo	Thornton	\$1,191.83	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture; Programs	books for summer reading program new copy machine, accessible to public, computer tech for maintenance of public computers, and anti-virus subscriptions for computers repair on fitness room machine and mount and hang a wall cabinet fees for summer reading program We are able to carry out some projects that might not be feasible without these funds.
Cerro Gordo	Ventura	\$1,263.77	Materials and Supplies	The funding was used to purchase DVDs as our demand for movies keeps increasing.
Cherokee	Aurelia	\$1,253.23	Technology	We have had to completely overhaul our networking system this past year. We also hd to increase our ban width from 2 to 10. Between the increase in cost for this, which will go to \$99.99 monthly and the cost for all the IT support it will take all our Dir For some folks in our community, the Library is the only place they can use a computer, and the Internet. Adults are doing business, and job searching and the kids are off the streets and inside where it is safe. Our Library/WiFi/Internet/Patron computers (7) impact many lives not just 1.
Cherokee	Cherokee	\$2,121.25	Materials and Supplies;	Books, DVDS, LEGOS laptop Duffy Hudson, Grout Museum

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Cherokee	Cleghorn	\$1,099.07	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Extend hours and fill in at the library for staff training. audio books and e-books new color printer Summer Reading Program supplies and incentives We have a limited number of large print books. We belong to the Decorah Public Library Program which helps but does not offer the books our patrons always want to read. With our e-readers I have two older ladies that I can order books on the e-readers and adjust the size of the print for the ladies to be able to read comfortably. We have also expanded on our audio books which these ladies also love. I appreciate the Direct State Aid funding being available to enable us to make a difference in our older patrons lives. We ordered e-readers from Grant money. The state money allowed us to purchase e-books to load onto the readers. As a result more patrons are checking the e-readers out and improving our circulation. Also, The Direct State Aid money allows us to have a wonderful summer reading program. It allows us to offer reading incentives for all grade levels. It also allows us the money to purchase and print flyers and posters to get the word out about summer reading. As a result, we had between 20-35 children for each session. In a town of 236 people that is huge!
Cherokee	Marcus	\$1,264.07	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture; Programs	We added to our Large Print collection and DVD collection as requested by our patrons. Used to pay for increased bandwidth for our patrons' computer access. Used toward the purchase of new book ends and book stands to freshen the library and provide display of featured items in a neat and orderly fashion. Used to purchase a set of books for book discussions-- these books will then be loaned to other libraries/entities for their discussions Many of our patrons are elderly, and are no longer able to read regular-print books. Our Large Print books are constantly circulating, but we can't always buy as many as we'd like due to the increased cost of many of these titles. We used the funding to buy several books by an author many of our patrons love, and one woman in particular was so pleased to see her favorite author in a format she could read that she had tears in her eyes when she checked out her books and thanked me. We use the Direct State Aid funding to pay for items and services we otherwise may not be able to afford-- these little 'extras' are things that really should be done, but are generally not top-tier needs so they are often set aside due to more pressing concerns, like keeping the lights on and staff paid. But they make such a difference to our users and library staff!
Cherokee	Quimby	NA		
Cherokee	Washta	\$423.04	Materials and Supplies	applied to purchase of WILBOR and children's books Some of our patrons are enjoying the WILBOR site and reading online. Our children's sections are growing.
Chickasaw	Alta Vista	\$1,153.64	Personnel; Materials and Supplies;	Mandatory training Food at events, filled patron requests for books and DVDs, and drinking water for patrons Upgraded printer cartridges to better handle patron printing Flower bed upgrades, new hours signChildren's computer desk Monthly BINGO, Summer Reading

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			Technology; Capital Improvements; Furniture; Programs	Program, Kids Games, Adult Speaker Programs A patron requested a local author to be hosted. We were able to fulfill this request as well as offer a program featuring this author to other interested patrons in the area. Hint: the author was well-received. We are better able to offer materials patrons request for the library as well as host more events for both children and adults.
Chickasaw	Fredericksburg	\$1,298.66	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Programs	Additional staff hours for programming. CE for director & children's librarian. A couple of new magazine subscriptions, special guest book purchases & programming supplies. Performance fees, SRP, preschool story hour, special guests. We have patrons that are going to weight loss struggles and I've been able to bring in a nutritionist/trainer to talk about healthy life choices. I've also purchased some new books on this topic and new subscriptions to clean/healthy eating magazines. Some of these patrons have gone through quite a healthy lifestyle change both inside and out! We've been able to purchase new books and magazines that our patrons have requested. Programming is in great demand in our small town and attendance is great so we are happy to be able to provide quality programming and bring in special guests.
Chickasaw	Ionia	\$1,160.84	Personnel; Programs	Again went for salary increase for staff Program treats
Chickasaw	Lawler	\$1,179.53	Materials and Supplies	Early readers, adult books I don't know if it made a difference in anyone's life, but I have two girls who make a special effort to come into the library if they know I am ordering more "Ivy & Bean" books! I'm getting more kids from preschool age through early elementary grades that are required to read a certain amount of books during the summer. I have found that spending money on early readers and early chapter books is a good investment for my library right now.
Chickasaw	Nashua	\$1,452.07	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Programs	Training for staff and director new books and materials to update collection children's area updates. all ages programming. This funding has helped our library stand out and be the heart of our community when other things in the community may be struggling the thing that holds true is the library and the need for it in our community. We offer so many services that if the library was not here and we didn't have funding that our patrons would suffer. By being able to have a library director that is certified and able to make the library a place of need and where patrons want to come is what having a library and the certified staff is all about. With funding it opens a lot more doors for patrons thru our services we offer. the library is now a place that people love to come and is the heart of our community. Since the new director took over there is a more active approach to programs and the funding that we receive we are able to do a lot with programming and buy more materials that patrons are requesting.
Chickasaw	New Hampton	\$1,874.31	Materials and Supplies; Technology;	NLW & SLP supplies 440.81 LP Books for book discussion 245.15 Wireless router Duffy Hudson, Darrin Crow, Blank ZooALA memberships. Visually impaired are able to take part in book discussion. We have been able to provide more programming for our community and

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			Programs; Other	give people opportunities for quality entertainment.
Clarke	Murray	NA		
Clarke	Osceola	\$1,992.65	Technology	Funds used to service computers, computer security, wireless keyboards and wireless mouses for circ desks and staff computers. Funds also helped with copy machine service. Adults frequently use library computers to fill out job resumes, we've had two patrons let us know that because of this service they have been successful employed. Our county is one of the lower income counties of Iowa, library computers are used by adults and children daily, many would not have the needed computer access if not provided by the library. It's important that we have a sufficient number of computers and that they are in good working order.
Clay	Dickens	\$715.31	Personnel; Technology; Capital Improvements; Other	Staff New Printer Building Improvement. Recycling Children can get to their craft supplies more easily. The library is cleaner and looks better.
Clay	Everly	\$783.03	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Purchased audiobook cds since we weeded out all audiotapes and we only had 1 juv. and 1 young adult audiobook Purchased a smart tv and wall mount We had a couple of veterans come and talk with kids for our summer reading program. I was not able to pull up sound on the computer, but we were able to pull up the website on the tv. The kids were better able to understand why our military men and women fight for this country and it got the conversation started. Having audiobooks and books of the same title has helped one child with his fluency and hes beginning to read higher level books more people are checking out audiobooks. For the first time kids are being able to listen and read a book at once People are able to see what events are going on at the library and in the area.
Clay	Peterson	\$752.88	Personnel; Programs	Salaries for Summer Reading Program Supplies and Performance fees
Clay	Royal	NA		
Clay	Spencer	\$3,327.24	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Young Adult, Adult and children's titles, including large print. Web Cam,Flash Drives, Rasberry Pi Starter Kits, laptop. One young man wasn't sure that he was going to like Code Club, but he was pressured into it by his family. He has come to love the program, and eagerly completes his projects with gusto. His projects are often the most creative, and his enthusiasm is contagious. He's only 10, but is now very interested in a career in designing video games, and I certainly see his potential! In particular, with the Rasberry Pi starter kits, we were able to start a new program, targeted at upper elementary students. They meet once a week on Wednesday to leart to code. The extra monies for books helped us to further diversify our collection. The other Technology; purchases are also tied in to the Code

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Clay	Webb	\$714.21	Materials and Supplies	Adult fiction and nonfiction as well as childrens fiction and nonfiction There is an senior gentleman in town that enjoys nonfiction and we have been able to provide him with new and recent books to read. This last year we have attracted more residents because we are able to purchase best sellers, additions to series and specific books requested by patrons.
Clayton	Edgewood	\$1,187.09	Technology	We purchased a new touch screen computer for patron use. We have several students we proctor tests for. We use this new computer for testing. It has been much easier for the students to get into their tests accounts with this new computer. They are very happy to have a computer that they know is going to work for them! Half of our computers are outdated. With this new computer we are able to offer our patrons up to date programs and experience using a touch screen and Windows 8.
Clayton	Elkader	\$1,369.14	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture; Programs	Purchased World Book Encyclopedia set otherwise we would have had to do without a physical set of encyclopedias Purchased online Encyclopedia Britannica for patrons to use both in library and at home Purchased 2 bean bag chairs for teen area Amount put toward Summer Reading Program incentives This funding, which allows the library to offer online and physical encyclopedias to our patrons, makes a difference in the lives of everyone who needs to look up something but cannot afford to purchase these types of materials. Having the library provide these types of materials to its community's citizens helps to balance the scale between those who have a high socioeconomic status and those who don't. Because we are able to provide an online encyclopedia as well as a physical set of encyclopedias, our patrons are able to access reliable information in a variety of formats wherever they may be. It is important for the community to have citizens who can find information when necessary. The bean bag chairs and the extra summer reading program incentives help make the library a welcoming place for young people--and if young people enjoy the library, they'll become adults who also value libraries when it comes to funding and other support.
Clayton	Farmersburg	\$393.69	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture	Library Materials, books, newspaper and magazines. Used to purchase anti-virus protection for our computers Computer chair Their is a patron that lives in town, that comes to read the newspaper and use our computers because they cannot afford this luxury. It purchased new materials for the library. We had a broken computer chair and it helped us buy a new one. We can keep up on our anti-virus protection on the computers to help them running faster and smoothly for the patrons.
Clayton	Garnavillo	\$1,266.88	Capital Improvements	Replace carpet in the library. The replacement of the carpet has made a difference for all the patrons. The library has received numerous compliments on the new carpet and have said that the library looks much nicer and up to date. The library was able to use the money to help replace the carpeting that had been in place since 1977. Although the carpet does not directly improve library service, the people using the library have a fresh and updated look when they come in.
Clayton	Guttenberg	\$1,494.25	Materials and	Books, DVDs, & audio books, A visually disabled patron was able to add a bit of enjoyment

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			Supplies	to her life by checking out and listening to audio books on CDs. Patrons were able to find out answers to reference questions from non-fiction items that were purchased. People who had visual difficulty were able to listen to books. The funds from Direct State Aid helped our library keep up with demand for reading material in our community.
Clayton	Mcgregor	\$1,291.28	Materials and Supplies	Children's picture books,award-winning books and educational DVDs. Families have been using the new books in the children's department every week Keeping this area of interest in children who are just learning to read - attracting new patrons and families with new materials.
Clayton	Monona	\$1,422.59	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Neibors: ebook,audiobook subscription Apollo Circulation software subscription We have a family that really only checks out audiobooks once a year on their vacation to listen to on I assume a long car ride. I suggested they try the Neibors website to supplement the one they checked out. When they returned they appreciated the suggestion and will use it on future trips. Apollo circulation software has improved services because patrons and staff can search for the availability of any title in the physical or virtual collection. Access to Neibors (now Bridges) provides access to patrons looking for this format as their preferred format to read.
Clayton	Strawberry Point	\$1,370.30	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	Books,DVD movies and games Floor lamp, fireplace, popcorn popper and stand On Saturday morning their are kids who come in the library to play Connect 4, Battleship and other games. It is fun to watch them in their own area visiting and interacting. There is one boy in-particular who goes to alternative school and has a hard time interacting with others. He does well with games and enjoys being able to assist others with tips on how to play. This is one time where he is part of "the" group and feels he fits in. Our library continues to reach out to all age groups to meet the needs of our community. This funding was crucial in assisting us with rearranging and making additions to our Tween/Teen area. A fireplace and colorful floor lamp were purchased which helps to make this area warm, cozy and inviting. A popcorn machine and cart were purchased which is served once a week on Wednesdays. This day is designate to do after school programs. Funding was also used to increase our book collection, movies and to keep our library with current materials and providing games for game day. It is refreshing to see the kids play board games and have time away from the computers. This funding gave our library the ability to provide a fun, relaxing and stimulating area for the Tween/Teens of our community!
Clayton	Volga	\$723.83	Personnel	The state aid provided money to employ library staff ensuring the library remains open.
Clinton	Calamus	NA		
Clinton	Camanche	\$1,884.96	Materials and Supplies; Programs	We purchased Children's books, and large pint books for the adult collection. We purchased weekly prizes and grand prizes for the Children's Summer Reading Program, posters and bookmarks to use throughout the year, supplies & snacks for various children's story & craft times throughout the year, pizzas & soft drinks for the Teen Ad
Clinton	Clinton	\$6,315.71	Materials and	Books, DVDs, Audio Books, Resource Databases Computer unit expansion, increased

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			Supplies; Technology	connectivity, computer network security We get positive feedback from our patrons regularly, but what stands out most to me is the response from our Homebound patrons. I receive comments all the time about how wonderful it is that we are able to bring books, audiobooks, DVDS, and other library resources out into the community and to update these so that people are not getting the same stuff over and over again. The families of these patrons are particularly grateful because it's something their loved ones really look forward to and value. There is a wider variety of materials at the library to choose from and access has expanded further to remote users. There are more opportunities for internet access and use of computers for patrons of all ages. The efficiencies gained from this funding allows library staff to focus on good service to the community.
Clinton	Dewitt	\$2,681.35	Materials and Supplies	1,931.49 for Books, 663.51 for DVD's and 86.35 for miscellaneous supplies
Clinton	Lost Nation	\$1,086.18	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology	This amount was used for online CE classes. This amount was used for books,DVD's and a movie license. This amount was used for internet and WI-FI access. Our Summer Reading Program is always a big hit. Free school supplies catch the parents attention and the trendy backpacks keep the younger ones reading. Readers who complete the program are always excited about the bag of supplies and I know this helps out the parents pocketbook. Our community is a small one. the library is a safe place for kids of all ages to meet. We offer a variety of programs. Lego Club, craft hour, story time , movie day and coffee for adults on Wednesday mornings. Our highlight this year is seeing the next generation of parents bringing in their children for reading and activities. This tells me we are on the right track.
Clinton	Wheatland	\$1,138.41	Materials and Supplies	We have added many DVDs to our collection. Also have been upgrading the YA section of our collection. We have a young man in our community that has special needs. We try to carry DVDs that he can learn from and enjoy at the same time. We try to carry many of the current DVDs, especially the movies from books. We carry both, I have found that many patrons like to read the book first.
Crawford	Charter Oak	\$386.80	Materials and Supplies; Programs	We purchased items for National Library Open House. Food,coffee pot, non-electric floor sweeper,oriental trading for SRP items,Books from the school's book fair. One young man won the book & animal "Cars". When he came in and had a "Cars" cap on! Was he ever excited!! The lady that won the "50th"anniversary book "To Kill a Mockingbird", was worried not reading the book, so she could donate it back. I told her the book was her's, she was happy. She will also receive the new book, by Harper Lee, when it is out. I think getting more patron's in the library by having an "Open House" for National Library Week helped. We had refresments and gave books as prize's. People then find out what we all have in here. We also spent some of the funding by purchasing books from the school book fair. Shiny book's seems keeping them entertained this summer. We get the young children,junior's but not young adult's.
Crawford	Denison	\$2,853.99	Technology	New Server for our Technology; Upgrades. This funding was instrumental in helping us

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				purchase the new server. The direct impact on patrons lives will be the electronic upgrades in providing better service through out Technology,, keeping it current and viable into the future. The direct impact of these funds in aiding in the purchase of the new server can be attained by watching the patrons check out computers, by them using the programs that have been current via the new server and they are happy rather than frustrated with the quick response time from the computer to the internet to the printers etc. The new server that we are presently having installed will aid in the updating upgrades of all public access computers. The server we had been using was a re-purposed server from another city department. That server was actually beginning to crash and the software support was being discontinued. A new server will serve the Denison community and surrounding area for some time to come.
Crawford	Dow City	NA		
Crawford	Manilla	NA		
Crawford	Schleswig	NA		
Crawford	Westside	NA		
Dallas	Adel	\$2,062.96	Materials and Supplies	Used in the adult collections. Just the other day a person was excited to see a new adult fiction book to check out because they were going to be at the hospital all day waiting while their husband had surgery. We used it to purchase books for the adult collections. Our circulation is down in that area so I am hoping to see an increase of circulation this next year.
Dallas	Dallas Center	\$1,447.77	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Program supplies and Summer Reading Supplies Summer Reading Programs We have a foster child that is new to our community that has been able to become involved through library programming. We are able to offer family friendly programming and reading incentives to our community.
Dallas	De Soto	\$1,229.91	Materials and Supplies; Programs; Other	I bought mythology graphic novels from The Book Farm. I don't usually place book orders with them, but I knew the books would be of interest to my patrons and an order with The Book Farm meant that Rick Brammer would come do a free SRP program. All in all I used Enrich Iowa funds to cover some Summer Reading Program expenses, as well as our spring break program.I bought posters for the library as part of my revamping/refreshing the face of the library. The posters mostly came from the ALA store, with a few coming from DFTBA.com. One of the programs we paid for with Enrich Iowa money was a caricature artist. we have a little girl come out to the program from a neighboring town that hadn't been here before. She had a wonderful time, signed up for the reading program, sat out front and read while she waited for her turn, and showed back up to the library today with her mother so her mother could get a library card. Her mom said she's just starting to turn into a reader, so I was thrilled that she's excited to come to our library! We are able to provide a summer reading program each year that I'm very proud of, and we wouldn't be able to offer nearly the same caliber without Enrich Iowa funding. Our program draws lots

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				of kids to the library each summer and gives them a safe and fun place to be!
Dallas	Dexter	\$802.32	Materials and Supplies; Programs	We used these dollars to add books to our multiple copies collection and add a youth book club to our library. We used these dollars to purchase incentives and books to be given away free for our summer reading program. The programs we provide are the only summer activities for a lot of the children in our community. If we were to discontinue our programs I think the children in our town would feel the loss. When budgets start getting tight we rely on these dollars to supplement our budget and help us continue to provide excellent summer reading programs as well as programs throughout the year for the patrons at our library.
Dallas	Granger	\$866.02	Furniture	We replaced a 4 person children's table with an 8 person table and chairs. We also added a tall menu table with chairs for our teen area. I had a mother of a story time patron tell me how much she appreciated us replacing the children's Furniture; with something safer. One of our old chairs had fallen on one of her children in the past, and her comment was that this new Furniture; is "just so much more kid friendly." Our Furniture; was just delivered within the past couple of weeks. However, we have already had numerous positive comments about the improvement. Our previous children's chairs were unstable, causing them to be tipped over multiple times during storytime. The Furniture; we purchased for the teen area allowed us to open that area more and allow for better browsing of our YA section. It has made our young adult section more inviting to teens and pre-teens and has become a popular location for our after school crowd.
Dallas	Linden	\$702.23	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Mondy was used to pay for staff to work the evening hours and to open a half hour early for farmers to have coffee in the morning. We spent half of this money on large print books and half on summer reading theme books.
Dallas	Minburn	\$736.42	Materials and Supplies	We used Enrich Iowa money for our subscription to Baker and Taylor and to order Books, DVD, audio books, eBooks, and program supplies. Every day kids come in and look for new books to read, and one in particular is always really joyful to get a new one. Her name is Ruby and she's 3 years old. Without this funding, our library would not have the collection that it does. We rely on it to keep our collection current.
Dallas	Perry	\$2,642.63	Materials and Supplies	The entire amount was spent on library materials. We are able to order more books to meet our patrons' needs. Especially patrons discovering a new authors. They will request all the previously published books by the author. If we feel that the books will circulate, we will order the books instead of interlibrary loan them. Many times patron express surprise that we can do this for them. We had another patron come in to request a book on special meals for a family member who was undergoing chemotherapy and radiation for cancer. We were able to purchase the books for her. Yes. The library does receive funds from our city budget for library materials, however it does not come close to paying for all the materials we need at the library. These state funds are extremely useful in enhancing our collection to serve our patrons better.

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Dallas	Redfield	\$859.89	Technology; Furniture	Computer, 3 bean bag chairs for teens. Couldn't afford extras for children and teens without direct state aid money.
Dallas	Van Meter	\$417.36	Programs	Supplemented funds for supplies and fees for library programming for the community. Moving to a new place can be hard, and it can be especially difficult to make connections with people and find friends outside of the normal school setting. One person had this problem after moving to the community just as school ended. They didn't really know how to go about making new friends, or where to go to have fun. Library programming helped this person find a welcoming venue to interact with new people, make friends, and discover other ways to get involved with the community. Now they volunteer regularly at the library and started bringing more friends to our programming. Providing programming can be very difficult on a limited budget, but it's so important for drawing members of the community to the library. Programming provides fun and learning experiences that are often hard to find in a small community. In addition to the normal summer reading program, we have been able to offer book clubs, creative craft times, after school programs, winter reading programs, and have even started going out into the community to offer a kids' corner at the farmers market and collaborated with other departments to offer day camps.
Dallas	Waukee	\$3,712.59	Technology	These funds were used to purchase: a 3-D printer & cartridges; an Apple TV; a projector; 10 mini laptops; a scanner and a wireless microphone. The new microphone for presenters has helped hearing impaired members of the public be able to get more out of meetings and programs held at the library. With the 3-D printer, laptops, projectors and Apple TV, we are now able to offer more Technology; focused STEM programming. We are using the mini laptops to host coding programs for all ages. Also we are using the Apple TV in some storytimes to model how to interact with tablet Technology; for children and parents. The additional projector allows us to have multiple programs or meetings going simultaneously. The wireless microphone is very useful to community group speakers who meet in our library.
Dallas	Woodward	\$1,241.84	Materials and Supplies	Direct State Aid funds our yearly Wilbor subscription, our DVD collection and goes toward building our children's book collection.
Davis	Bloomfield	\$1,189.77	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Magazines Update software for circulation/catlogging Working on updating circulation and catlogging to be more user friendly for staff and patrons. Planning to add to Web page. Patrons generally do not check out too many magazines, but enjoy sitting and reading for downtime in the library.
Decatur	Garden Grove	NA		
Decatur	Lamoni	\$1,459.91	Materials and Supplies	Books. DVDs. Audiobooks. Deep-discounted clearance library supplies purchased from BRODart; mostly laminate for covering books. Puppets. 3 T-shirts for library staff to wear at community events. A family came into the library with 3 bickering children, ages about 5, 9,

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				and 14. They were preparing for a long car trip... and possibly dreading being cooped up in the backseat with each other. We were able to point them to the childrens' classic audiobooks that we had just purchased with direct state aid money, and they found some stories that everyone in the family, even Mom and Dad, could happily listen to together. Audiobooks from the library helped this family bond together during what could have been a stressful time. We took advantage of 80%-off sales on supplies we use regularly, that came at the end of the fiscal year when we had no budget money left to spend. This will let us stretch next year's operating supplies budget much farther. We got library-themed T-shirts for staff to wear when representing the library at community events, improving the library's image. We bought puppets that are being used to enhance the summer reading program and preschool story time. By far the largest part of the money went to buy books, DVDs, and audiobooks that were beyond the scope of the library's materials budget. This improves the collection available to our patrons.
Decatur	Leon	\$942.30	Other	Office Supplies and Promotional Pens-these pens were used for marketing We used the promotional pens for distribution at an area cultural festival. This connected over 100 people with our library. More importantly, however, are the stories of the following people who, although we cannot connect them directly to this funding, were helped by the fact that our library was here to help them. 1. The gentleman who needed a job and used our public access computers and our expertise to fill out an online application with a local hog farm even though he knew very little about computers. He got the job. 2. The lady who asked us to proctor her multiple online tests, and said that if we had not offered this service she would have had to drive the 60+ miles to Des Moines each time she tested. Several of her tests earned her a B or above. 3. The gentleman who needed a ride to Des Moines for a job interview and had no money even to help with gas. He said that he knew we were the ones to ask for who might help him, and he was prepared to walk the 60+ miles in two days time if he wasn't able to find someone. He got the ride. We were able to cover expenses that we normally do not have the resources in our regular budget to pay for.
Delaware	Colesburg	\$1,116.06	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture	Added extra staff time for children's programming added craft supplies for extra programming bought a new computer. bought a new children's computer desk for the AWE computer. We were able to serve a greater percentage of children in town with the added money.
Delaware	Delhi	\$1,144.09	Personnel	Payroll Expense for staff. We are a size A library and having the extra staff to cover the directors days off is a great help! Otherwise the library would have to close which may result in decreased patronage.
Delaware	Earlville	\$837.07	Materials and	We used the money to purchase books and movies to add to our collection. As I have also

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			Supplies	used the money to purchase children's books, I can add to my children's collection. I deliver books to 4 daycares in town, and I believe that the deliveries very positively impact those daycares and make a difference in the kids' lives. We are able to provide the most current and topical books that our patrons want to read. People who read "Gone Girl" are now wanting to read "The Girl on the Train" because of the comparisons made between the two books. If we didn't have the money from Direct State Aid, we couldn't purchase as many books. The same is true for movies; we are able to purchase the latest releases that people really want to see. As people see that we have good movies to check out, they use the library more and more, and are checking out more than movies.
Delaware	Hopkinton	\$1,176.64	Personnel	To cover wages so we can be open additional hours/ have more help during story hours, programs, etc.
Delaware	Manchester	\$2,260.26	Technology	We purchased 2 all-in-one computers for the public.
Des Moines	Burlington	\$6,906.04	Materials and Supplies	Online resources. The online tutoring service funded with Direct State Aid is heavily used at our library. It allows members of our community to get one-on-one tutoring help from wherever they have Internet access. We regularly see comments for users that say their grades improved thanks to the tutoring help or that they were stuck and the tutor helped them to understand. This service is an important part of the public library's role to create opportunities for people of all ages to succeed in school, at work, and in life. The funding was used to support several online resources, including emagazines, eaudio, and online tutoring. These are all popular services with our customers. They allow the users to access the library around the clock and from where they are.
Des Moines	Mediapolis	\$1,593.00	Technology	Bought a new staff computer.
Dickinson	Arnolds Park	\$1,284.63	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Programs	Funds were used to have extra staff available during our library programs. New books were purchased to promote the summer reading program. The library used the funds to provide entertainment and family programming to go with our summer reading program. Funds were also used to purchase small prizes to be given our for reading achievements. A young women recently moved to the area with her children. They didn't know anyone or have a lot of money to spend on entertainment to meet new people. They started coming into the library regularly to utilize our computers and check out books. They also came to quite a few of our family programs. This funding made it possible for her to meet new people and provide her children with free entertainment. The funding provided by the state has made it possible for our library to expand our summer reading program. We were able to have our programs properly staffed and we were also able to provide new reading materials to promote each program.
Dickinson	Lake Park	\$1,266.53	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	Money was spent on books and audios and DVDs. 6 new chairs were purchased. We have a gal who is a regular patron who is not totally blind, but can't read books and needs the audio books. It has been nice to be able to buy some audio books she hasn't gotten to listen to and add them to our collection. Also many patrons request series books and we are able

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				to fill out some of the books that may be missing from our collections. We are able to buy new release books and book requests from patrons. It's a good feeling to be able to meet their needs without them having to go to a larger town or library. We have also been able to purchase some audio books.
Dickinson	Milford	\$1,641.84	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Expanded and updated our DVD collection. Internet access Our after-school crowd are heavy users of our internet and with faster service they are happier and accomplish more. Our adult patrons are also more satisfied when using our internet for tax forms, job applications, and other information needs. We have increased our DVD circulation so our community must appreciate that we have expanded our collection. We have upgraded our internet and have faster service and less down time. We have fewer patron complaints about speed and lack of service.
Dickinson	Spirit Lake	\$2,088.49	Personnel	We hired extra staff to work in the children's area for the summer reading programs. With this funding we are able to have staff in the children's area during the summer reading programs to help with that specific need.
Dickinson	Terril	\$777.13	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Books and DVDs Printer ink cartridges and wii remote charging station Summer Reading Program supplies We purchased new remote controller battery packs and a charger which made it possible for the children to play on the WII again. We were able to offer 25 new large-print Westerns to some faithful patrons who were bored with our prior selections.
Dubuque	Asbury	\$10,737.66	Technology	Dubuque County Library used Direct State Aid, supplementing local funds, to replace old, badly outdated public computers and monitors at our Asbury, Epworth, Farley, and Holy Cross branches. Several of our patrons have made a point of telling staff how much they appreciate the updated machines. One user from Holy Cross had given up using the computers there, finding it less frustrating to drive a half-hour to our Peosta branch where the equipment was newer. It meant a lot to her to once again be able to walk down the street to use the Library's computers Many Dubuque County residents do not have a home computer or internet service, for a variety of reasons. And as we know, computer and internet access are almost mandatory for much of daily existence. This means that, by offering computer and internet access, the Dubuque County Library acts as something of a digital lifeline for a substantial number of people. However, the public computers at our Asbury, Epworth, Farley, and Holy Cross branches were all ancient,(some more than 10 years old) all used Windows XP, all were slow, and most were cranky. All were too old to be updated to a newer operating system. Some had died and been removed from service. Moreover, our new Asbury branch was scheduled to open and we felt it essential to offer more than four public computers at our headquarters location. So we needed to replace all the old ones and buy additional machines, but the money just wasn't in our budget -- we would have had to spread the replacement/upgrade across two or three fiscal years (meaning two or three more years of offering substandard computers) without the supplementary funds available from Direct State Aid. Our new machines are fast, reliable,

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				have larger monitors, and offer a superior -- and more secure -- experience to our users, whether they are taking a test online, typing up a resume, applying for a job, writing a paper, or just surfing the web. The improvement is striking.
Dubuque	Cascade	\$1,405.84	Technology	AWE tablet purchased for the library. The tablet was partially funded by a Theisen's grant, and Direct State Aid funding was used for the rest. This has made a difference in several children's lives. We have children that do not have access to Technology; at home, and are too young to use the other computers in our library. These children now have access to the AWE tablet. Prior to purchasing the AWE tablet we did not have computers or tablets available for children under the age of 8. Now that we have the AWE tablet we are able to provide educational games for children ages 3-8
Dubuque	Dubuque	\$12,130.79	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements	The total of the funds, \$6630.79, was used to purchase e-books. This was a welcome bonus that patrons truly enjoyed. It has been difficult to fund e-books at an adequate level. It is the fastest growing format. \$5,500 was spent to hire an architectural firm. The architects identified two locations in our facility that can be repurposed to create a physical maker space. The fee includes conceptual plans and estimated cost. Our e-Book collection grew considerably with this funding and the boost has been enjoyed by many Dubuquers as the check outs grow by about 25% every month. Interestingly the demand for print material has not decreased by much at all so reallocating funds from books to e-books has not been possible. We now have quite a list of equipment that will fit in a Maker Space. Previously the equipment was used in outreach programs, but has grown to such an extent now that space needs to be identified to house the computers, 3D printers, cameras, iPads, etc. so that it is open to the public and not in storage between programs. We expect that this space will be immensely popular and greatly expand the resources that we offer to our community.
Dubuque	Dyersville	\$1,754.25	Materials and Supplies	All direct state aid is used to supplement and improve the library collections. This year the funds were allocated for the library's media collections including electronic materials, DVDs, board games and console games. Library service has improved because we are able to offer a broader collection to the community.
Emmet	Armstrong	\$1,190.77	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements	Books ordered for our shelves. Remodel bathroom: fresh paint on ceiling and walls, new flooring, updated plumbing and had old toilet replaced with new. Our bathroom has not been updated for many, many years. The flooring was coming apart and the toilet was so old that the ceramic was worn off. We now have a bathroom that our patrons can use and we're proud to show them the way. The money not used for the remodeling of the bathroom was used to put new books on our shelves. Books that patrons specifically asked us to order in. It is very important to me that our patrons are happy with our reading materials. Happy readers keep coming back and that's what we're all about.
Emmet	Estherville	\$2,388.90	Materials and Supplies;	Display items to better feature our collections. Paid our annual subscription to our circulation software.

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Emmet	Ringsted	\$734.42	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Adult fiction, Children's fiction Computer replacements from local community college SRP supplies I have a new and consistent patron because of the books I was able to acquire by her favorite author. Our door count and programming is up from previous years
Fayette	Arlington	\$1,105.69	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Children's books and adult fiction books on CD Purchase toward a patron access computer Movie License & Ebsco databases We are a very small library but our patrons deserve the same services as other communities. These funds help us provide those services. We provide a story hour program for children during the school (26) programs in all. We would have to cut these programs if we did not receive state funding to help with other expenses. With Direct State aid we are able to provide movies for the community, extra children's books and periodicals that our budget can not provide. It also helps us to keep our computers updated by providing funds toward Technology;.
Fayette	Clermont	\$787.22	Materials and Supplies	The Clermont Library was able to purchase more special request items to meet the needs of our patrons. This also helped increase circulation by supplying requested titles. At least one young patron started reading a series of books while in school and was able to complete the series over the summer months because we were able to provide what he/she wanted. By being able to meet the needs and wants of our patrons, their lives have been enriched.
Fayette	Elgin	\$1,159.65	Materials and Supplies	Books, ebooks, and audio books When I, as library director, go out to the elementary school to do outreach, the teachers are always telling me what a difference it has made in the students' interest in reading. Kids fight over the books on my cart, and one day a 6th grade student told me how her reading MAP scores had gone up considerably since I had been visiting their classroom. What a difference some new books and a shared love of them can do in a very short amount of time each week! We were able to purchase children's books which are such a need and in high demand, as our elementary school library has cut funding, and our high school has gone almost entirely to ebook format, which is limiting for students. The funding has enabled us to do outreach to our school system which has also created more traffic in the library and increased program attendance and circulation.
Fayette	Fayette	\$1,302.47	Technology	It went toward the purchase of a patron laptop cost of \$1422.11. The community has several children after school with very little to do. We provided after school programming on early outs but most of all the kids want to be on the computers. These are children that parents aren't home after school and need a safe place to go. The service is very helpful to children of the community. Circulation and computer usage has increased due to more update computers. We also use this computer to replace a laptop that had window's XP and the library updated to windows 7 but just didn't work well after that. We then purchased the new laptop with windows 8 so that patrons could learn the new operating system.
Fayette	Hawkeye	\$1,109.54	Materials and	NEIBORS yearly renewal subscription Follett Support - (extended maintenance, support

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Fayette	Maynard	\$1,123.18	Materials and Supplies; Technology	The remaining portion of our direct state aid was used to purchase books. The majority of our direct state aid that we received was used to purchase a staff laptop. The laptop will be used when director is attending meetings. We also use the laptop to show a slideshow at library functions of the fundraising that the library is The funding for the laptop educates our community on the efforts of our fundraising committee with raising funds to build a new library.
Fayette	Oelwein	\$2,423.73	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture; Programs; Other	ILA membership World Globe Wireless Access Points Whiteboard Story Time Supplies, Art Show ribbons and refreshments, Care Facility program refreshments, Safety Fair incentives, Summer Reading Program prizes, yard signs, and programs: Zoo, Humane Society, Science Center, Evolution of Comics (adult).display easels One of our patrons was unexpectedly widowed. Her husband had served in the Vietnam Conflict and, during his time of service, he had recorded a message to send home to his parents. The local radio station transferred the recording from reel-to-reel to a jump drive. The patron came to me and asked if it would be possible for us to play the recording; she had not been able to listen to it on her home computer. I plugged the jump drive into my computer and used Media Player to play the recording. As his voice began to play, I left her to be alone in my office. Afterwards, with tears flowing down her cheeks, she thanked me for the gift of being able to hear her husband's voice as a 25-year-old young man stationed in Vietnam. Membership with ILA allows our librarians to keep abreast of current practices, the World Globe offers the best visual of country and ocean locations, updated Wireless Access Points allows uninterrupted internet access for devices, Display Easels allows face-out book shelf displays, Library Programs gives citizens of all ages the opportunity to participate in activities of interest and learning.
Fayette	Wadena	\$387.62	Materials and Supplies	I have been working on my young adult collection and have weeded hundreds of books. I have bee filling in with a lot of material that is up to date and items that the young adult want to read. The amount of people doing family history research is amazing. Our library has a lot of history and we encourage people from all over with ties to our town to come in and see what we have in books and the pictures on the walls of every year graduates from our town school. People love this. We have spent a good majority of time and money this year on our teen section. We have worked hard to get this demographic in to our library. The effort has paid off and I will say that this section is being used by our teens and adults more than ever.
Fayette	Waucoma	NA		
Fayette	West Union	\$1,554.83	Materials and Supplies	The money was spent on items for the collection: large print books, audio books, and a new playaway program. We have several quilters that use the playaways while they are sewing.

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				It is so handy for them to put the playaway in their pocket and use the earphones to listen to an audio book. It is also a plus when their husbands are in the same room. After many requests to add playaways to the collection, we were able to use the Direct State Aid funds to pay for a new lease program this year. Our patrons are very happy to get the chance to use this new item.
Fayette	Westgate	\$720.52	Materials and Supplies; Programs; Other	Bought books, audio books, and DVDs. Blank Park Zoo program Movie License The library is able to keep adding a variety of new programming to entertain and educate our community.
Floyd	Charles City	\$2,750.56	Materials and Supplies	Spent on large print books. A widowed lady with limited mobility and macular degeneration uses our large print exclusively. She really enjoys the Amish fiction and says this gives her something to do with her time. We have many voracious readers that want large print. This extra money helps to make sure that we have continual new content.
Floyd	Marble Rock	\$1,152.53	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Books, magazines, Computer and printing supplies children's programming
Floyd	Nora Springs	\$1,398.54	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology	staff training Neibors, extra books,disc repair supplies tech support We have residents in our community that can not afford internet services and the Nora Springs Public Library is able to provide this service in our technologically driven society. The Nora Springs Public Library has been able to increase its material collection which benefits all of our patrons.
Floyd	Rockford	\$1,274.45	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements; Other	Books and Dvds Used to create a website to host our new digital microfilm collectionHelped defray the yearly cost of the integrated library system software. One young man walks to the library after school and checks out DVDs several times a week. He does not have any cable tv at home so our movies are his only screen time entertainment. We are able to augment our materials budgets to make our collections better, especially DVDs which are very popular at our library. We also were able to get our newly digitized newspaper collection online.
Floyd	Rudd	\$820.31	Capital Improvements	This money was used for the replacement of 2 19w LED wall unit outside lights at both library entrances and also the replacement of 2 dilapidated screen doors at both library entrances. This funding was not allocated to change one person's life. We have put money into a project that affected many lives. The old screen door was metal and was bent with sharp edges. One of our young patrons and her Grandma were visiting the library when the door slammed shut on the young girl's head causing injury. The new screen doors are user friendly to all ages as the tension has been adjusted to a comfortable level. By replacing the existing lighting that was not working correctly with new 19w LED lights ensures and shows the patrons that the Library is considerate of their safety. A once dark entrance is now lit up to where the patrons can see the steps and handicap ramp very clearly.

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Franklin	Alexander	\$1,212.67	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture	We purchased new books for our Children's section, also purchased books for our missing series in the adult section. Wireless Copier/Fax Machine/Scanner Table and chair set With the purchase of a new fax machine, it has made the life of one patron much happier. He is elderly, but still works so his company sends his pay stubs and paperwork via fax to the library. Our old machine was constantly breaking down, and he wasn't able to get his information on a timely basis. Now with the new one it comes through promptly and very clear. He is one happy patron. Our old copier/fax was so old we couldn't get parts any longer. Our circulation has increased, and so has the use of the public computers. More and more individuals are using our library and our services. Without funding we wouldn't be able to keep up with Technology; or would we be able to buy books or dvd's. Our library is the hub of the community so funding is necessary to the library to keep our doors open.
Franklin	Coulter	\$1,203.13	Materials and Supplies	This money was used for books. Keeping new materials in the library to read gives the under privileged the opportunity to be able read more. We have patrons tell us that the library is the only way they can get books to read. With this money we can purchase more books for our patrons to have new materials to read.
Franklin	Hampton	\$2,463.59	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Bilingual librarian salary. Bilingual materials. This year we had several Latino children sign up for summer reading and use the library over the summer because their parents can understand the importance of reading as explained by our bilingual librarian. The program didn't just make a difference in one person's life but in several of our Latino students. The Library service has improved for our Latino citizens. They can communicate with our bilingual librarian to get the information or materials they are looking for.
Franklin	Sheffield	\$1,465.87	Programs	The money was spent, as I always try to do on children's programming. We use it for Summer Reading Program and a Fancy Nancy program that we try and do every year. I think of a young middle schooler. She has attended programs since a little girl. She would come to the Fancy Nancy party to participate with her mom. Her mom died of cancer several years ago and we kind of look out for her here since then. Now that she is older, this year we asked her to volunteer at the Fancy Nancy party. What a sweetheart, she came early and stayed late to help with set up, then did nails, and helped us clean up with such a sweet attitude. Our being able to do programs like this benefit not only the children involved, but those who can volunteer their time. We can really run a great summer reading program. Our numbers of children were up this year and we wanted to do a program of excellence and quality. The direct state aid helps us to do that. We are able to bring a special guest which costs money each year. The money helps to facilitate this.
Fremont	Hamburg	\$863.93	Furniture	Door assembly, installation, including panic bar
Fremont	Randolph	NA		
Fremont	Sidney	\$1,253.85	Materials and Supplies;	Norton Security for computers additional shelving summer reading and program supplies We have lower elementary that are are able to come in and find leveled readers and

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			Technology; Furniture; Programs	children's fiction books more easily which gives them more independence choosing their own books. Although this is not a single person that it has made a difference for it has made a huge difference for this age group. We are providing more programs for all ages and this has brought more public awareness of the library and it's services, which in turn has made the library busier. We added shelving and seperated teen, and children's areas plus started a board book section, and leveled readers sections in the children's area
Fremont	Tabor	\$838.21	Materials and Supplies; Programs	WILBOR membership Summer Reading Program materials We have a patron that is in a rehabilitation center that is still able to read and does not have to depend on others to get her reading material for her as she is able to use WILBER We are able to provide books and more to patrons that are not able to make it to the library during library hours and to patrons that like the convenience of ereader's of all kinds
Greene	Churdan	\$1,232.89	Technology	1000 was towards a new copier. 232.89 was spent on large, portable widescreen projection screen. The program we presented was called TERRA FIRMA. It is the story of three War on Terror veterans, who happen to be women. It follows their stories of using agriculture, in particular organic farming, to help them work through their PTSD. One of the three, Sonia Kendrick of Hiawatha IA, was able to speak to our group following the showing of the film. What a GREAT program!!!! Every time Sonia is able to share her story she helps not only herself but others like her!. The community appreciates the access to the copier. The copier was beginning to cost more to maintain. The new copier provides a few new features and lowered our yearly maintenance costs! We purchased the screen for a program we were presenting in an auditorium that didn't have a large screen. Another local non-profit also used it for a program they presented! We plan to use it for early out days this coming school year when we show movies!
Greene	Grand Junction	\$808.51	Materials and Supplies; Technology	This amount was spent in getting new books for teen and juniors.500.00 This amount was spent on new computers for the library. With many children using the library the use of computers are a must in the library. I have children in to use the computers for games and homework. The use of computers help in getting projects done for school and to help parents track how a student is doing in school. Many of our computers were needing to be replaced. This funding helped in getting new computers. We have a total of 5 computers and 3 were working well, now all 5 are up and running and in use most of the time.
Greene	Jefferson	\$1,999.62	Materials and Supplies; Programs	educational toys & DVDs, graphic novels author talk Recently a young adult man came into the library the day I was getting many new graphic novels ready to check out. He was thrilled and said if the library he went to as a young person would have had graphic novels, he would have spent a lot more time there! He promptly checked out four of the new graphic novels and later I observed him very excitedly telling a friend all about them. Word spreads quickly about good things found in libraries! Young children need hands-on experiences to develop educational skills. The Creative Learning Center at our library is a unique area for children, and was created and has been entirely maintained by state

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				funding. Interactive learning toys inspire and challenge young, developing minds and hands. Parents meet other parents and find support and friendship. Thank you to the State of Iowa for continued, ongoing support of Direct State Aid program that benefits ALL Iowans.
Greene	Paton	\$1,086.08	Materials and Supplies	Books and Dvds
Greene	Rippey	NA		
Greene	Scranton	\$1,174.51	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology	We put this amount towards salaries so that we could have more programs available to the kids and adults in our town. We put this money towards book and DVDS. A lot of people in our community love to get the new releases and this definitely helps out with accommodating them. We boosted our internet speed to 6g. This way everyone can have a little faster internet. There are a lot of people in our community that don't have internet at their house and we are able to be able to help them with homework and other internet based needs. WE have a girl in our community that has a chrome book from her school but doesn't have the internet at home. She comes to the library everyday and uses the WiFi and also uses it when the library is not open. A lot of times I will see her outside the library using the WiFi on our bench. She told me she didn't know how she would ever get her homework done without the use of our facility. We have been able to offer a lot more programming for adults and for kids. We also get to offer a lot more books and DVD's which patrons love to check out. It also helped with internet speed to get people to come in and use our internet and our library.
Grundy	Beaman	\$1,167.64	Technology	We bought a laminator in 1998 and has been used ever since for a lot of people, etc. In January it quit working. The Library Board decided to buy a new laminator. The cost was \$2,039.00. We used the Direct State Aid money for \$1,167.64 and used \$871.36 fr There is a lady from Union that puts posters together for a military museum in Eldora. She calls ahead so the laminator will be working. She usually has 6 to 12 posters to laminate. The bank uses it for posters for on floats in parades. We just have a good volume of people, businesses and libraries using it. We have so many people from our community as well as people from towns around us. I had people waiting in line to get things laminated when the laminator quit working.
Grundy	Conrad	\$1,376.73	Personnel	The money allowed the library to provide extra programming which required more staff hours than the original budget would have allowed. Yes, the public has been please with the additional programming.
Grundy	Dike	\$1,386.99	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs;	Youth and Adult Fiction, picturebooks, audio books, magazines Add Microsoft word. Summer reading program supplies such as book give-aways, book bags and book marks Comic books and graphic novels are popular with our young readers. One boy increased his reading level and time spent reading when he discover this genre. He was proud when he turned in his reading logs, especially when he had finished, yet another series. Our summer

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				reading program continues to grow and the funding helps the library reward readers with their favorite books and supplies.
Grundy	Grundy Center	\$1,773.99	Materials and Supplies; Other	We supplemented our book budget using our funds. We used funds to purchase additional materials such as craft supplies, paper, and pay for our public access copier contract. I have had several community members comment that they liked to read more fantasy books that the library didn't carry. They were thrilled to find out that we would purchase books based on request and that they library would buy "new" authors for our collection. We have branched out to new authors and found new library users. The direct state aid money has helped us provide information services to a wider group of users. We were able to meet the requests of our diverse group of readers by adding direct state aid money to our book budget. The library tries to fulfill all requests in some manner, so newer books are generally purchased for our readers when ILL is not an option. Our readers have commented on how much they appreciate our willingness to always get the information they need. It cost money, so our direct state aid allows us to better serve the information needs of our community.
Grundy	Reinbeck	\$1,516.52	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Award winning children's books and YA books Performer for last story time of the year, summer reading presenters, and reading incentives. We were able to reach several new families in town through our first summer event. One mother who has her step children during the summer was very pleased that the library offered programs and reading incentives. Allowed us to provide programs we could not normally afford. School got early on the last day, and many kids came directly to the library to sign up for summer reading.
Grundy	Wellsburg	\$1,294.23	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs; Other	flannel board kits Barcode Scanner and iPad Easel and Lego'sMovie license My early elementary children love Lego Day so much that they are asking for these days to be held more often. Parents are calling in to see if it is Lego Day yet. I have been helping one of our older patrons with loading her eBooks on the iPad her children gave her. It has made a huge difference for both she and husband that I am able to take the time to help teach them how to use their device. Our story time children have loved the flannel board kits and easel we have been incorporating into our sessions. The movie license is enjoyed by both young and old for programming needs. The Lego Day's have been a huge hit here at the library...the kids ask when the next day will be! The scanner is useful for both inventory and cataloging books...the iPad has been very beneficial as I try to teach others how to use their own and how to use an iPad to load neighbors ebooks. I think that the library has very much improved with the funds we are given and we appreciate them greatly!!
Guthrie	Bagley	\$1,126.64	Technology	In order to get into after school/early out and summer programming, we purchased a television, dvd player and a movie license. There are many kids who are just running in the streets that now have something entertaining to do. It is bringing more people into our Library as we are able to show movies. Our town does not offer anything for our community

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				to do, therefore, after careful consideration and talking with our patrons, we decided to purchase the equipment and license to show movies. It is a great asset in our community as we also have many community members at poverty level or below. We are able to serve all age groups from toddlers to adults with this addition.
Guthrie	Bayard	\$1,174.00	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Other	Update our State book collection for youth Door counter Advertising Magnets Our State books were dated. School students use the collection each year and need up-to-date information for their research. Teachers appreciate having the resource.
Guthrie	Casey	\$1,159.45	Personnel	The money was used for staffing a cleaning person to free up the librarians time to focus on the development of the library. The cleaning personnel is a wonderful woman who works very hard. She was in need of a little supplemental work to pay her bills comfortably, and because of the available position she is able to obtain that. The library is able to provide a cleaning position for someone in the area. In a small town local work is almost impossible to come by leaving some community member without work. So this funding is an un-measurable help to library and community.
Guthrie	Guthrie Center	\$1,483.50	Technology; Programs; Other	A new router to enable us to count all wi-fi users Treats and supplies for Summer Reading Programmagnets with hours to give away, piano tuned,a boom box, lockdowns for tablets. Our summer reading program is a real success this year and many parents have come to thank us for our program! The new boom box will allow up to 5 children on head sets to listen to audio books or music at one time.
Guthrie	Jamaica	NA		
Guthrie	Menlo	\$1,138.71	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Supplement staff wages & workshops for Plow website. DVD's, Books, and office supplies supplement the cost of a wi-fi router, as well as a new patron computer books, craft supplies, & the Blank Park Zoo.. The funds that we used to supplement the wages for an assistant has enabled me to bring my assistant out of her shell, and allowed her to have a job close to her home. She was extremely shy, introverted, and not at all sure that she would be any asset to me. In the time that she has been with us, she has truly blossomed. She no longer frets about how to deal with the kids, or what to do when someone has a request for something and she doesn't know the procedure. She has learned that it's okay to not know the answer, and has the desire to learn what she doesn't know. She has become the main person to keep up the website, and that, more than anything, has encouraged her to broaden her learning horizons! She is now Certified Support Staff, and has truly become a "Library Assistant". I really enjoy that look on her face when she makes a connection of why we do something the way that we do it. To see her champion the cause(s) of the library is just a joy! To top it off, unbeknown to me when I hired her; the Library Director that was in place for the longest time, (Janet Wright), was her husband's aunt. So she is helping to carry on the family love for the library. This money allows us to

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				utilize an assistant to help run the library while I conduct programs. We were able to purchase some movies that we utilize during schools' Early Out days. We also purchased a lot of our prizes that we use for S.R.P., as well as craft/art supplies.
Guthrie	Panora	\$1,358.10	Technology	Computers. Some patrons can't afford new computers and depend on our to find jobs or to do internet banking. We purchase new computers every year to keep up the Technology; for our patrons.
Guthrie	Stuart	\$1,441.80	Personnel; Technology	We hired a high school student to assist with summer reading. 2 desktop computers purchased from Tech Soup be used for public access. We have many people coming into the library to apply for employment. But one gentleman's story seems to express our service best. This gentleman was laid off from his warehouse job at the age of 57. He quit school in the 11th grade and had no computer skills. Staff spent many hours showing him how to use the computer, how to apply on-line for jobs, and convinced him to purchase a flash drive. Staff helped him write his resume and then helped him save it and how to upload it into job applications. Even though it was a lengthy process, it is satisfying to see him come into the library now and use his computer skills to find a job. Our public access computers are all five years old and beginning to show wear and tear. In an effort to put a Technology; replacement plan in place, we purchased 2 desktop computers to be used by the public. We also bought used computer carels. We paired these two computers with the carels and set up a space dedicated to job seekers.
Hamilton	Ellsworth	\$1,185.74	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Other	Training eBooks and downloadable audiobooks Computer Maintenance, security program, headphones,DVD/CD Cleaner Maintenance kit Additional periodicals More teenagers are reading now that we have magazines available with subjects of interest to them. There are more periodical choices for various interests. We added 3 new titles for teens, and 2 new titles for adults. Library staff is are able to help patrons more effectively due to additional training.
Hamilton	Jewell	\$1,357.47	Technology	This funding was used to pay for Technology; support. In previous years, staff attempted to monitor computers to solve any tech problems. This funding allowed for contacting professionals to keep our computers free from viruses and running smoothly. Th Recently, our community has had an influx of Spanish speaking families move into the area. These families visit the library to use a computer and maintain contact with their family members in Mexico. The funding has had a positive effect as our computers are up and running successfully during the open hours of the library. This has allowed these individuals to maintain contact with their family members. Our computers are running faster and smoother with less problems. Staff are able to contact the Technology; support company immediately and are able to resolve any issues or questions that our staff may not be current on. The support provides periodical checks on our systems and recommendation for improvement for public computer usage. The support has come to the library on certain issues but do so within a day to keep our computers up and running at all times. This has

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				freed up staff time as well. Staff no longer need to spend time trying to resolve a computer problem. A phone call is made directly to the support.
Hamilton	Stanhope	\$1,164.63	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture; Programs	Helped with eBook and purchase of books in library Helped with new computer purchase Chair for teen area Helped in prizes and refreshments for summer programs
Hamilton	Stratford	\$1,188.07	Technology	New computers, including a Mac. One of our patrons uses our computers for online classes. She doesn't have to wait for a computer with Internet access, and every computer has good speed. The local Boy Scout troop has also used the new computers for various merit badges, trip planning, and for viewing the council web site. The new computers are much faster than the old ones were. Every computer easily connects to the Internet, this was not always the case before. We are able to offer a Mac for those who prefer those.
Hamilton	Webster City	\$2,730.33	Materials and Supplies	Zinio digital magazine subscriptions. This funding enables us to offer digital magazines to our patrons. This format is especially helpful for people who are limited in their ability to travel to the library.
Hamilton	Williams	\$1,148.11	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	DVDs, ebooks, program supplies Kindle Fire HD and key board cover for patron use SRP Zoo Program \$132.12 SRP Storyteller \$160 Adult Program 129.00 We were able to provide a college student with several Ebooks needed for her class that were not available through any other means. She was very thankful for the help and for the relief from the stress of not finding the books she needed. These funds provided programming for children and adults who otherwise would not have the means for the educational opportunities provided. We also were able to fund a Kindle for patron use as many have no opportunity for hands on experience prior to a major purchase.
Hancock	Britt	\$1,568.29	Personnel; Technology; Programs	Additional help for summer reading program, new monitors through Tech Soup Legos for new children's afterschool program The purchase of LEGOs has allowed us to start a new afterschool program which led to working with the county extension office in providing a LEGO camp in our community and working together to start a First Lego League together at the library this fall. new computer monitors we only possible with the combined Direct State Aid funding and Tech Soup offering of hardware.
Hancock	Corwith	\$1,167.48	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Conf./travel Books, DVD's, EBSCO. Internet service Summer Reading, supplies for Summer, Reading & Speaker fee. Being in a small town funding from direct state aid helps enhance our services. We had a large group of children this year for summer reading and we think it is important to provide the incentive to reading and at the same time provide some summer fun.
Hancock	Crystal Lake	\$787.15	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Books and dvd's, 1 laptop computer. Our community has quite a few low income families, so our computer use is pretty high for school use and personal use. Yes, every little bit helps our little town library. And we try our best to stay up to date with our Technology; and our

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				books and dvd's.
Hancock	Garner	\$1,853.54	Materials and Supplies	Paid for filming of newspapers for Garner (7/2004-6/2014) and Britt (7/2004-12/2007) [13 rolls of microfilm]. I was able to help one patron finish a family history book she was getting ready for a reunion this summer. We were able to find several wedding announcements and obituaries to complete the book. Our patrons have better access to local history documents which are now better preserved.
Hancock	Kanawha	\$1,233.91	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements; Furniture	Children's Tumblebook Library access for website, junior fiction and nonfiction titles for the Heroes Summer Reading Program. Added outlet and updated wiring in our storage closet to accommodate a protected power strip to charge e-readers, iPad, and Samsung tablet. Three new shelving units built to house the donated Kanawha Reporter Newspaper binders. Some elderly ladies love the new Kanawha section with the donated newspaper binders and newspaper clipping binders with Kanawha people and events. They have spent hours here reliving the "good old days." Many patrons have enjoyed looking through the old Kanawha Reporter newspapers. Children have been using the online TumbleBooks library to increase reading minutes for the Summer Reading Program. Our new Technology; (e-readers and tablets) now have a safe home and are continually charged and ready to go.
Hancock	Klemme	\$1,203.71	Technology	We spent \$1203.71 amount on a new copy machine. We had a land auction here in the Community Room and they needed a copy of the bill of sale. With NO place in our community to get a copy it was essential to have a good copy machine to make a legal document for the lawyer for this transaction. We share a copy machine with city hall and the old one just didn't work anymore. We have many people in our small community that need copies and with the bank only open a few hours we are the only place in town that they can get their copies. Many people that didn't use our services before now have been using them.
Hancock	Woden	\$1,132.00	Technology; Capital Improvements; Programs	Computer tech to improve and install new computers constructing a new and safer walkway entrance money was spent on crafts and prizes for the end of the summer picnic I have a patron who is not tech savvy, yet now with our updated computers her and her husband were able to watch their granddaughter play in a softball championship hundreds of miles away, and now she does her annual Christmas letter here on computer. our crumbling sidewalk is gone it is safer to enter now, the newspaper did a great piece on how the community came together to as volunteers to make the new walkway and as a result many who read about it came up to check it and us out.
Hardin	Ackley	\$1,361.29	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Large Print standing order through Center Point Large Print Books Follett Single Site LM-Hosted service renewal and Titlepeek Online Service JK can no longer read a regular print book and relies on us to provide her with reading material. She loves the selections we are receiving in our large print area and in turn tells others that we have good titles available for them to read too. It seems that no matter how hard we try we never have enough large print books for the community. We also 'share' our books at the local nursing home and

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				they too enjoy when we can bring them newer books to rotate on their shelf. The hosting of the web site has greatly helped with our system being up and running all of the time and not bothering the volunteer IT who is the IT for the local bank. Time spent using a good system is a positive for the staff allowing them more time to spend with the patrons.
Hardin	Alden	\$1,261.55	Materials and Supplies	Books. Because of this extra funding we have positively improved our patrons access to materials. Several of community members will have specific materials requests for our library. We have always been able to say "Yes" and purchase those items for our patrons. This money allows us to purchase materials for patron that our budget does not cover. Allowing us to provide better service and education for our patrons.
Hardin	Eldora	\$1,677.82	Materials and Supplies	Books. Thank you. We were able to purchase books we couldn't afford on our regular budget.
Hardin	Hubbard	NA		
Hardin	Iowa Falls	\$2,228.40	Capital Improvements	Funds were used to continue a previous lighting project, changing over current lighting fixtures to LED to save in energy costs. This year we continued by changing out lights in the community/conference rooms. We have already noticed a drop in energy costs. We have many groups that use the community & conference rooms on a regular basis. One of the many groups that uses the room is a local church women's group, composed mainly of elderly members. The improvements to the lighting in the community room has increased their ability and overall enjoyment of the programs presented. With better lighting in the community and conference rooms, it is helpful to all the groups that use the rooms. The community room provides use for a diverse population of needs, from birthday/anniversary/holiday parties, to entrepreneurs selling and promoting their new business, to local organizations having meetings. With improved lighting, it is just a better and brighter environment.
Hardin	Radcliffe	\$1,217.20	Personnel; Technology	After being Director for ten years, I felt the need to increase the hours from 32 to 42, which for a small town, it is a big accomplishment. The hours remain more consistent, and has been appreciated by the patrons. A Samsung Galaxy Tablet 3 was purchased, for staff use. We are finding it very useful for meetings, selecting material, and communicating with patrons. A few years ago, I offered a person the evening hours, which at that time was from 7-9 p.m. two nights a week. With three small children at home, she was pleased to be able to work those hours. Now she has been able to add quite a few hours to her schedule, and remain close to home. She does a wonderful job, and is a pleasant person to greet and assist the patrons. By open regular morning and afternoon hours has simplified the schedule; and with late closing on two evenings at 7 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. helped encourage part-time employees to pick up more hours. The Library Board is pleased to be able to add another person to our staff. During the summer months we have more activities for the children; and provide a cool area for the residents to enjoy.

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				Having a tablet helps with meetings, scheduling, classes and communications. Technology; is vital to a library, setting an example for the patrons to move forward as new devices become available.
Hardin	Steamboat Rock	\$791.94	Technology	1) Computer Tower for Circulation Desk 3) Deep Freeze Standard edition Licenses 4) Windows 7 Enterprise Licenses 4) Microsoft Office 2013 Professional Licenses We had a young lady that came in needing to use our computers for a college course she was taking. The teacher had very specific instructions regarding the version of Microsoft Office the students were supposed to be using. This student even had take screen shots showing the edition of Windows, Word, and Excel to prove she was using the correct format. Thankfully we had upgraded all of that so it was easy for her to complete her assignments. This year we upgrade our public access computers with the money we received from the Direct State Aide program. We installed Windows 7 Enterprise and Microsoft 2013 Professional Plus on all of our PCs. This not only helped to make our computers faster and more efficient, but also easier for our patrons to use since they are all running the same operating system and software. We also installed the Deep Freeze program on our public use computers to better protect our machines from damaging content, as well as our patron's privacy while using publicly shared equipment.
Hardin	Union	\$1,196.07	Personnel; Technology; Programs	Extra staff to help with cataloging new material. Patron printer to replace one that was no longer working. Supplies and snacks to do a monthly children's program and monthly adult program. We were doing a travel program on Africa. Come to find out we have an African gentleman living within 10 miles of our library. He has come in and met people, got a library card, used our computers and last week came in with his lap top to use the Wifi to snipe his family in Africa. He is a very nice person. We have actually gotten new patrons and old patrons back because we have been able to do monthly adult programming and monthly children's programming. They like the programs but also enjoy the social part with their snacks.
Harrison	Dunlap	\$852.18	Personnel	Money was used for my replacement for vacation and sick days I am able to take time off.
Harrison	Logan	\$922.53	Materials and Supplies	Spent split between DVD's and Audiobooks. I don't have a particular story this year just know that patrons enjoy the movies on DVD that we are able to provide as well as audio books on CD. The same as in years past we are able to provide more for our patrons because of this funding.
Harrison	Missouri Valley	\$1,081.16	Materials and Supplies	Used to purchase books, DVDs, downloadable audio books, eBooks, and program supplies. These funds have given low-income patrons opportunities to obtain research and reading material along with access of their children to our collection and reading programs. Increasing the volume, variety, and timely collection of books, DVDs, downloading audiobooks, eBooks, and library programs has allowed more opportunities for patrons to utilize the collection and services
Harrison	Modale	NA		

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Harrison	Mondamin	\$750.45	Materials and Supplies	Funds spent on books, DVD's, Blue-Ray Disc, and AudioBooks. Our patron "X" can not afford to buy or rent movies. She also does not have access to television or satellite feeds. She is a frequent visitor to our Library to get children's videos to educate and entertain her 3 small children. She is grateful for our Library and the services we are able to provide. This funding has allowed our small, rural community to purchase additional resources that we would not have had access to without these dollars. This has allowed many patrons the availability of DVD's, Blue-Ray Disc, Books and Audio Books.
Harrison	Woodbine	\$1,314.19	Programs	Bought supplies for summer library program,after school program supplies,adult library programs
Henry	Hillsboro	NA		
Henry	Mount Pleasant	\$2,893.59	Materials and Supplies; Technology	We purchased dozens of new popular TV programs for our DVD collection. DVDs have very high circulation. We replaced an old and unusable laminator for the children's department. The children's department uses it for programs and posters. The children's department has benefited greatly from the new laminator. The programs have been enhanced. We have increased the number of materials and upgraded our Technology; with these important state funds. Without these funds, we would not have the ability to replace old and malfunctioning Technology;.
Henry	New London	\$1,030.27	Technology	2 - HP ENVY 700xt Windows 8 Desktop. This funding helps us to keep our public computers updated - something the public expects and deserves.
Henry	Salem	\$1,125.02	Technology	New laptop
Henry	Winfield	\$888.37	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Juvenile nonfiction, some juvenile fiction. Summer reading juggler A mother said that her son (age 9) has finally made the jump to reading chapter books after reading a few narrative nonfiction books purchased with direct State Aid money. Juvenile Nonfiction has increased circulation by 8%.
Howard	Cresco	\$1,967.01	Materials and Supplies	The funding was used for books and audios. A woman came in the library and told us that her elderly neighbor could not read large print any longer. We suggested her neighbor try a couple audio books. This woman now comes in the library weekly to check out audios for her neighbor to listen to. Audio books have always been extremely popular in our community. This funding helps us purchase more audios for our patrons.
Howard	Elma	\$1,223.46	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Money was spent on training in a new library assistant. We have an increasing demand for large print books, so we bought 37 large print books to add to our collection. Patrons have commented on how much they like and appreciate our new staff member for her knowledge of books and helpfulness in locating materials they are looking for. Many patrons have expressed their appreciation with the expansion of our large print selection and tell us how large print is the only thing they are comfortable reading due to the print size. The hiring of new staff has helped improve customer service with reference questions and knowledge of books. Our circulation of large print books has increased since

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				purchasing more large print books in genres requested by our patrons.
Howard	Lime Springs	\$1,202.44	Materials and Supplies; Technology	These funds were used to purchase new books. These funds were used to purchase the annual maintenance agreement for the copy machine and to help purchase a new laptop. This funding has helped our library purchase the maintenance agreement for the copier machine for another year. The library also purchased a new laptop. This will be used to present slide shows when special presenter programs are offered, to show events held at the library and to be used by the Director for reports.
Humboldt	Bode	\$459.51	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology	Computer tech program supplies HP Laserjet Printer Anytime that we can purchase supplies and pay to get things fixed it is great to have some extra money!
Humboldt	Humboldt	\$2,124.04	Materials and Supplies	Funds were used for downloadable and streaming music from Freegal. Every year the middle school students come to the library for a class visit to talk about the Summer Reading Program. As I look around the room and some of the students are starting to lose interest in my book talks, I begin to mention all the things they are able to do with their library card. Not only downloading ebooks, audiobooks, magazines and using Learning Express, but they can also get free music downloads and streaming music. All of a sudden I have the attention of the reluctant readers. The avid reader clearly understands that the library is indeed a magical castle and they always knew with a book you could be transported into another realm. Now, maybe, I can use music to lure in the students who have thought of libraries as a place for only those who loved to read. In their eyes I can see the wheels turning in their little minds that perhaps the library is actually a very cool place and perhaps in time, they too will discover the love of reading and try a book just for the joy and thrill of it. Of course, many adults enjoy Freegal as well! Without the state funding we received I was worried I would not have been able to renew our Freegal subscription. This enabled us not only to get downloads but also streaming music which in turn allowed us more downloads per week.
Humboldt	Livermore	\$1,159.95	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Additional Christmas books, Dr Suess Books and Easter program, Halloween Program. Summer Reading books and Easter crafts. New wifi router and two new computers Summer Reading and Easter Programs It helps our school children. We have a lot of new computer uses and more people interested in using the computers now that they work. We also get a lot of school children now that have school computers and come to use our wifi. It is a necessity to keep our Technology; going.
Humboldt	Renwick	\$1,132.44	Technology	We decided to purchase a new computer for the director
Ida	Arthur	\$359.53	Materials and Supplies	Used for books. Patrons are enjoying new reading materials!
Ida	Battle Creek	\$1,137.74	Personnel; Materials and	We were able to have added personnel to help with summer reading. (\$7.25 X 40 hours.) Money spent for new children's books. \$155 spent for one summer reading program and

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			Supplies; Programs	\$150 spent on another summer reading program. \$92.74 spent for supplies. We were able to offer the children a variety of new books and to offer better summer reading programs during the summer. The programs were for adults and for children alike.
Ida	Galva	\$729.55	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Bought DVDs and Books bought craft supplies for kids programs. Don't have a story. ups the circulation because we can buy more books and movies for checkout to our patrons
Ida	Holstein	\$1,285.57	Materials and Supplies	We spent \$499 for our Tumble Boos subscription and \$786.57 for print books. Families are able to access ebooks for children at home.
Ida	Ida Grove	\$1,444.95	Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Other	Funds were used to purchase new children's hardcover non-fiction and picture books. Funds were spent to purchase new mobile wood bookshelves for our paperback collection; allowing more space for large print and western collections. Funds were used to add Mango Languages to available online library services. The funds were used to start the service in July 2014 and again in June to renew the subscription for the service from July 2015 through June 2016. A Hispanic resident has been using Mango Languages ESL courses. Being a small community, there are no classes offered for ESL. ESL learners would normally have to travel at least 30 miles to the community college campus to attend ESL classes. With the library's subscription to Mango Languages our patron can access the ESL courses from home, library, work, anywhere that has an internet connection; eliminating the need to travel or arrange schedules. They can access the courses when it is convenient for them. Direct State aid has allowed us the opportunity to expand our language learning collection through the addition of Mango Languages with six language courses available to our patrons. Direct State Aid has also allowed us to increase shelving space by purchasing mobile shelves for highly used paperbacks, placing them in a visually appealing area, while adding additional shelving to expand our collection of large print books for patrons with vision impairments.
Iowa	Marengo	\$1,152.45	Technology; Capital Improvements; Furniture; Programs	Internet, Handicap sign for restroomrepairs on chairs in the childrens area Supplies purchased for crafts for the summer reading. Puppets bought for toddler storytime. Our new teen computer lab is offering a place for our teens to come in and just "hang out". I love the fact that they enjoy coming in and talking with us. We have found that our adult patrons enjoy having a computer area that is not constantly loud. I have always believed that if you make the teens feel like they are welcome they will continue to use the library and realize that it is a valuable asset to their community. We have been able to offer programs for elementary students after school. We also have created a new teen computer lab for our patrons between the ages of 12-16. Our library is now looking into starting a GED program and also is helping local students with the college application process.
Iowa	Millersburg	\$381.46	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Bought graphic novels and filled in on series for books. Purchased prizes for Summer Reading and items for other programming. The graphic novel purchase has improved the reading in two young men's lives that had difficulty reading. One of the youngsters is now checking out other books and we have worked together on his reading skills and we are

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				going to continue with that over the summer. He told me that he won't mind going back to school this fall and showing his teachers how much his reading has improved. I don't think we would have accomplished this without the purchase of the graphic novels. Purchasing the graphic novels has brought more teen boys into the library. Two of them have difficulties reading and they love being able to check-out the graphic novels. One of them has even begun to check-out other books. Also, more young children signed up for Summer Reading when they saw the prizes and programs.
Iowa	North English	\$1,307.36	Materials and Supplies	Large print materials audio books for the juvenile collection and additional YA materials I have a fourth grade boy who struggles with reading I was able to buy Henry Winkler's stories and cd's about a dyslexic boy and he really enjoyed them and has requested more!! I was able to provide more large print books for my patrons at the local Care Center and I was also able to purchase cd audio books for some struggling juvenile readers. These are special areas that I have limited funds to address and I was able to fulfill this need using direct state aid.
Iowa	Victor	\$1,278.69	Programs	The money was used to hire performers and pay for supplies for the summer reading program. We would be unable to hire performers and have the same quality summer program without this funding. I believe that the participation would be greatly decreased.
Iowa	Williamsburg	\$1,743.01	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Added books and DVDs to our library collection. Money spent on Book Groups, support for library programs - SRP, adult programming. By spending some of this money on large print books, a patron is able to continue reading in spite of macular degeneration. This money diversifies the funding resources of the library and makes us less susceptible to budget shortfalls due to local government funding sources.
Jackson	Bellevue	\$1,585.75	Materials and Supplies	We spent the money on library books. Any new materials paid with revenues other than the city's tax asking improve the library and therefore, the lives of our patrons. The funding has helped us buy more, much needed, library books.
Jackson	Maquoketa	\$2,340.16	Personnel; Technology	Additional staff Computers One mother is able to continue her online classes while holding her child while her other children play and read. Mother's can now use a laptop while holding infants or sitting next to their children as they play. We had additional staffing to make sure there was not a long wait for signing up for summer reading and for days when we had programs.
Jackson	Preston	\$1,318.92	Materials and Supplies; Technology	The money was used to add to items to our collection- books and DVDs primarily. We now have WiFi and we purchased a new slip printer and supplies. Because we have funds to purchase materials for the collection we are able to expand out in to more specific areas in the collection- ie: non-fiction and purchase items for those people and the specific interests of certain patrons. Our card catalog system need updating and the slip printer was a must as well. We are now current in this area of our Technology; in the library. Our patrons are appreciative of having a greater variety of materials in our collection from which they can choose.

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Jackson	Sabula	\$802.50	Materials and Supplies	\$376.37 was spent on DVDs and \$426.13 was spent on books. We are able to offer a very current DVD section, which is a big draw for new patrons.
Jasper	Baxter	\$1,288.35	Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Programs	Easy chapter books and picture books for the kids We purchased book easels and display racks. Movie License We show movies twice a month for children. One special needs boy looks forward to this and never misses. If his Mother can't bring him he gets his Aunt or Grandma to bring him. His smile is one reason I love my job. The children are really enjoying the new books we purchased. Many were for beginning chapter book readers. The movie license is used 2-3 times a month for movie nights. The display racks help the library look less cluttered and make the displays more enticing.
Jasper	Colfax	\$915.79	Technology	New Desktop Computer for public access I can think of two separate examples of people using the public access computers to print boarding passes for travel. One customer was traveling internationally. One of the patrons used mapquest to find and print directions for a planned trip. Both customers were very grateful because they had no other access to the internet. Computer access for the public continues to stay up to date and available which helps those people who may not be able to afford to have a computer or internet access at their home.
Jasper	Lynnville	\$871.18	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Books, materials, and supplies for Summer Reading Program We used the rest of the Direct State Aid funding to help pay for a new copy machine with more capabilities as far as fax, scan to email, and good quality color copies. There is one little girl in particular that has benefitted greatly from our Summer Reading Program. Her mom and grandmother brought her to each Summer Reading session. She read so many books that her name was drawn for a prize every single time! Her grandma is a babysitter who regularly checks out 30+ books at a time to read to the children, which includes this little girl. Now, since the official Summer Reading Program is finished, this 3 year old is STILL bringing in the little reading logs. I have a bucket of "prizes" and she is coming in for two or three each week. That tells me she is hearing over 24 books a week. This is a case where Summer Reading (along with a grandmother and mother who promote reading) really clicked! Plus our library is the source of their books! We are happy to provide! Our Summer Reading Program has been hugely successful. Children from the community and also the surrounding rural areas love to come to our Summer Reading activities because they have learned that they will hear excellent stories, which motivate them to read more; do fun activities and crafts; work hard to win prizes; and they especially look forward to the "show" on the last session. This varies from year to year but is always a professional presenting a program that fascinates kids! We used the remainder of the Direct State Aid funds to help pay for a new copy machine. This has already been so useful to folks who need to fax or scan to email medical records or personal information for other uses. The color copies are excellent. They aid the library itself in advertising and communicating information, and they also aid the community in

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				meeting their varying needs as far as color copies.
Jasper	Mingo	NA		
Jasper	Monroe	\$1,361.35	Furniture; Programs; Other	Extended our library shelving for the young adult area paid for supplies for our community Christmas and Summer Reading programs Purchased an annual Movie screening license from Movies USA I have several middle school boys that hang out at the library everyday. I asked them if they would be my helpers for the Annual Christmas party and even the shy boy agreed to help out. It was great to see the teen generation interacting with the smaller youth of our community. During a break one boy told me that he is thankful to God for his church and the library for a safe place to go. Our library has been able to expand our young adult area making a special space for the teens. Also, we have improved our programming and added twice monthly movie showing for our community. Our attendance for these programs have skyrocketed.
Jasper	Newton	\$4,493.72	Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Programs; Other	books, puzzles, and puppets stools for café charging table in teen area new teacher luncheon, SRP pool party, author visit, 7 programs, prizes and promotional items access to Chilton database A representative from a local service organization that works with low income families said that parents who are clients of said organization are truly appreciative of the library programs available and free for their children to attend. The free programs offer these children whose parents can't afford other entertainment or special event opportunities a way to provide fun and educational experiences without being a financial burden to the family. This year we used the major part of this funding for programming. For the last 4 years we have seen a substantial increase in attendance at summer reading programs as well as increased registrations. Having numerous programs during the summer as well as during the year that are free to attend bring an increasing number of families to the library. We schedule the pool party at the end of summer reading so that entire families can attend together.
Jasper	Prairie City	\$896.50	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Programs	This allowed us to have a second staff member during our busy times this year. We used part of our Direct State Aid funds to extend our Bridges subscription. This covered the expense of craft supplies and a performance fee for a caricature artist for summer reading. We were allowed additional staff during our busy times to help with putting away items and assisting patrons. She also was a huge help during our summer reading programs! The funding also enhanced our summer reading program this year allowing us to hire a caricature artist and purchase additional craft supplies. We were able to continue our Wilbor/Bridges subscription for another year. The patrons really enjoy it!
Jasper	Sully	\$1,380.46	Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Other	Kids books/with cd sets. Leapfrog chairs & table ILL postage

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Jefferson	Batavia	NA		
Jefferson	Fairfield	\$3,440.32	Materials and Supplies	We routed our Direct State Aid to library materials. Library staff work hard to develop a vital collection that is actively used by patrons in our service area. This library is heavily used; circulation and traffic are often 2-4 times that of peer communities in Iowa. Our ability to serve the public is significantly impacted by funding. It is encouraging to know that the State of Iowa makes libraries a priority by funding the Enrich Iowa agreement. An 18-year study determined that our annual spending for library materials averaged \$57,820. During this current fiscal year, our General Fund budget for library materials is only \$8,000. The City of Fairfield is re-vamping its wastewater treatment facility and upgrading its Park & Recreational facility. Direct State Aid is an extremely important source of library revenue at this time.
Johnson	Coralville	\$5,449.27	Personnel	This year, we invested all of our direct state aid funds in personnel. We have been making a concerted effort to expand our reach to underserved populations, especially our children's programs and summer reading programs. The Enrich Iowa funds helped to We are continuing to search out ways to reach more of the underserved populations in our community. We have collaborated with the food pantry as well as continued to provide outreach to all of the daycare agencies in Coralville. We are fortifying our collaborations with the public schools to strengthen the continuum of educational support. The Direct State Aid funds have allowed us to staff beyond what we were able to budget for, to make this possible.
Johnson	Iowa City	\$17,743.29	Other	Strategic Planning. Funds paid our consultant to assist with our new strategic plan including meeting with staff, city officials, focus groups, and creating and delivering surveys. Meetings were then held with the planning committee. New plan went into We learned a lot about how our community views the library through our planning process. Focusing on concerns about access identified in the planning process we have made two top priorities implementing a bookmobile and improving our web site in order to better serve people who may have a hard time getting to our downtown single building.
Johnson	North Liberty	\$3,792.49	Materials and Supplies; Programs; Other	Purchasing multiple copies of high demand DVDs and book titles. Also, began participating in Overdrive Advantage program for eBooks and downloadable audios (\$2500.00). Purchased educational toys and supplies for addition of a new Baby Story Time. Purchased supplies to start a new "pop-up" library at the local Food Pantry - two times a month the library staff will bring library cards, materials and information on services to the local food pantry to create new cards, check out material, and provide Recently, at the pop-up library at the food pantry, our Adult Services Librarian, Elaine Hayes, had two young children who came over and found books to read while their mother shopped at the pantry. This gave their mother some time to look for necessities while the kids were busy doing a positive activity. Another person who checked out at the food pantry told Elaine how much she appreciated that we offered this Outreach service. It's very rewarding to be able to reach a

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				<p>segment of the population that is often underserved and may otherwise not have the opportunity to use library services. Response to new programming and services has been overwhelmingly positive. Our community has many young families with new babies. Expanding our story times to offer a regularly scheduled baby story time weekly allows us to reach out to new parents and provide opportunities to learn literacy skills to our youngest patrons. By creating a pop-up library at the food pantry, we are hoping to reach an underserved population and give access to materials to patrons who may not be able to come to the library otherwise. We are very excited about the community impact the expanded outreach at the food pantry provides and we are seeing increased use as we spend more time there. We hope to expand the pop-up library initiative to other local organizations (Crisis Centers, women's shelters, etc.) in our county and create sustaining partnerships. Our Adult Services Librarian has an appointment to meet with the director of a local assisted living facility where we will start a second pop-up soon. Our goal is to reach as many people in the community as possible and be a resource for more of our residents. The direct state aid helps us stretch the budget to add these services.</p>
Johnson	Oxford	\$442.66	Materials and Supplies	<p>Children's Materials One of our latest areas of focus for the children's room has been on non-fiction. We had a young boy come in and really wanted to stay playing on the computer, but his mom wanted him to come pick a book. He didn't think there would be anything there he would like. He found a book on the tech information on a jet and another on a race car. He was very excited and glad to come back. Just an illustration of why getting the children's non-fiction back up to date is important. Yes, library service has improved because of this funding. We consider this a chance to get a good burst of new children's books to support summer reading every year.</p> <p>However, it's even more important this year. We have started a project to reorganize the children's area and do a major weed. This has helped us recognize some major holes in the collection, for instance we hadn't realized how much of the children's non-fiction section was out of date. Normally we focus on getting current picture books and easy chapter books, but this year we're spending money on filling identified holes in the collection instead.</p>
Johnson	Solon	\$2,635.44	Materials and Supplies; Technology	<p>Auto Repair data base and Library Aware resource which we will use for marketing. We have had limited funds to apply toward data bases and this funding allows our library to experiment with on-line resources that the state library helps to provide through We worked to upgrade 4 public computers plus our Wi-fi before the end of the fiscal year. We have a substantial budget cut this next fiscal year and we wanted to make certain that we kept up with our computer replacement schedule. Using data base reference material, for auto repair, should be an improvement over the limited hard copies that we currently provide. This will be a great experiment: marketing this new resource to a group of patrons that we don't usually see.</p>

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				Using supplemental funding, allows our staff and patrons to practice using data bases, on a limited basis, as we build our annual budget to plan for expanded choices in this area. Up to date Technology; is a priority. We've had many patrons using our computers for job searches, applications and for writing resumes. We do have a budget for regular computer updates but we wanted to make certain that this task was accomplished, in spite of our 10% drop in the annual budget next year. If we manage our spending wisely, then we can flip some remaining funds in our regular budget back for those special projects that state funds are reserved for. Our intention is not to replace local funding with state funds, but we do want to guarantee specific services for our patrons.
Johnson	Swisher	\$447.31	Furniture;	Middle reader Reading nook.
Johnson	Tiffin	\$916.31	Materials and Supplies; Programs;	Books for children's/teen programs summer reading paid performance programs for summer reading/supplies The children attending our program had no idea we had an author living in tiffin he explained to kids how he got his idea for his children's book and how he went about publishing it. He talk to them about getting an idea and going with it. We plan to use that information this fall in an after school reading and writing program. Yes with out this money I would not be able to do the summer programs that I offer: This year I was able to super hero books for summer reading and I was able to have a local author come and talk to kids about writing stories. I think this was the best attend and the best summer we have had.
Jones	Anamosa	\$2,191.85	Personnel	This money was used to increase the hours of part-time staff. This enables other staff to spend time away from the circulation/reference desk, developing new programs for patrons and assisting patrons one-on-one with Technology; issues. Several patrons recently have come into the library after having their computers hacked by the same telephone scam. Community members have been receiving calls asking for remote access to their computers because their computers are being 'hacked.' After allowing this access, the hacker scours the computer for personal data and hangs up. With the additional hours staff have been able to work on creating public awareness of the scam and doing our best to reset the computers and passwords of those who have already been hacked. Staff have been able to develop and host more programs for community members to take part in and assist patrons one-on-one with Technology; problems.
Jones	Martelle	\$758.42	Materials and Supplies	Books Allowed the Library to purchase new books for patrons.
Jones	Monticello	\$1,855.45	Materials and Supplies	Used money to lease books on CD through TEI Landmark and to expand our DVD collection We have a few over-the-road truckers that have discovered out Books on CD and say they make their job less monotonous. They are thrilled with the service and stop to restock every week. We have heavy usage of our books on CD and DVDs. This funding has been used with our regular funding to expand these collections even further to best serve our communities needs and desires.

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Jones	Morley	\$410.14	Materials and Supplies	Bought DVDs Our DVDs has the best circulation of any of our other items,
Jones	Olin	\$1,215.43	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Capital Improvements; Furniture	Gift cards for Summer Reading Program volunteers Updated our Learning to Read in our easy reader section. Bought and updated our Junior section of the Library New Printer for student use. New Sign at entrance to LibraryNew Cart for Summer Reading Program We have increased the number of students using our computers due to the addition of the new printer hooked up to the young adult computer section. We have had an increase of patrons as well as a large increase in our Summer Reading Program
Jones	Oxford Junction	\$1,176.31	Technology; Programs	This is the first year WML has been automated. The Board decided that the annual \$800.00 fee would be budgeted from Direct State Aid each year. The remaining funds were used for the children's programs. It had been several years since WML had purchased enough new crayons, markers, scissors, and glue for the children's use. Also, quality books were purchased as prizes for the Summer Reading Progr WML is in a community where some of our children have very few experiences. They go to school not knowing how to use scissors, glue, and even colors, because they don't have the opportunity to use them at home. Part of their "education" at the library has been that putting the lids back on markers is a very important skill to learn! These may seem like small skills, but definitely make a difference in their young lives. Putting the automated system into place has been a daily struggle. The older patrons have had a difficult time adjusting, while the younger patrons are used to this way of life. Luckily, the whole community seems proud that WML has joined the 21st century and have continued to learn and grow with the times changing!
Jones	Wyoming	\$823.96	Materials and Supplies	These funds were used to purchase additional books and DVDs. A majority of the funds were used to purchase books for young adults. Our local school does not have a very good selection of books for this age group and we have been able to work with the school to make sure the students get what they want to read from our library. We deliver and pick up the books from the school, with our automation system this makes it easy for students to see what we have and for the school to reserve the items they want. Many students help us make selections, and have benefited from us increasing our YA section Many of the library expenses are out of our control such as lp, electric, and upkeep on the building. So usually the first thing to cut is our collection budget. We used the funds to add additional items to our collection allowing us to provided a wider variety of materials to our patrons.
Keokuk	Hedrick	\$1,152.86	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	e book subscription, supplies for summer reading new displays and shelves We have had several children who have never been to the library. They where so excited to see all the books and get to take them home. One little boy cried because I let him take a book home and he was never allowed to do that at school. We where able to offer more books this summer to the kids as well as adults.
Keokuk	Keota	\$1,188.93	Technology;	We replaced the old barcode scanner on one of the staff computers. We bought more

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			Furniture	bookshelves so we could quit using the bottom shelf and make our collection more accessible. Some of our patrons have trouble reaching books on the bottom shelves or reading the titles. With our new bookshelf space, the books will be more accessible to all patrons. We are able to serve our patrons more quickly now that we have replaced the old barcode scanner that wasn't working correctly.
Keokuk	Richland	\$1,126.11	Materials and Supplies	We purchased books, DVD and Audiobooks for our collection. This funding has given us a chance to purchase additional teen materials without having to cut back on adult or children's items. We've added comics and graphic novels to our collection for the first time. These items have attracted several teen patrons to our library. We are able to offer a greater variety of collection materials to our patrons. We have had requests to diversify our collection: to add more fantasy, science fiction and teen materials. This funding helps us add new genres to our collection. We also have a high demand for movies. This funding helps us meet that demand.
Keokuk	Sigourney	\$1,469.75	Materials and Supplies	The money we received from the Direct State Aid program was used to enhance our special collections: large print and audiobook collections. This story is similar to the one from last year and they are both part of the reason we decided to use the money to help our older patrons continue their love of reading. A few months ago there was an older lady was brought in by her daughter and they were both having a difficult time finding her books that she was able to read with her failing eyesight. They had purchased a Kindle and were neither very good at running it, so they turned to us for help. While we told them about our ebooks program to start with and explained a few key things to help them with their ereader, they were both still very frustrated with the device and decided to just stick with print books at the time. So they were introduced to our expanding collection of large print books and were able to leave with a handful and a big smile. Our older patrons have (many, if not all) been with our library for years and years, so it's a blessing to be able to assist them throughout the years. The ability for us to use this money to enhance our collections is immeasurable. The collections we enhanced this past fiscal year was geared towards our older readers. Many of whom are having trouble reading regular print books, so they have been turning to large print and audiobooks more and more.
Keokuk	South English	\$384.81	Materials and Supplies	books and DVD's A young boy who was a non-reader has discovered books and is now reading and spending time at our library. This funding allows us to provide needed materials for the patrons of our library
Keokuk	What Cheer	\$763.92	Materials and Supplies	Adult and children's non-fiction and fiction books and DVD's Not having it would limit service.
Kossuth	Algona	\$2,472.56	Materials and Supplies	These funds supplemented our media budget, specifically to purchase audio books and DVDs for both adults and youth Many times patrons have expressed surprise and gratitude when the Library has promptly supplied an item they have requested. This funding has allowed us to purchase additional materials for the community. This helps us to fulfill

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				requests for materials and promptly replace popular titles as needed.
Kossuth	Bancroft	\$1,268.24	Materials and Supplies	\$676.00 spent on J-Non Fiction State Books for children and \$592.24 spent on Large Print books for adults. Enrich Iowa funding has helped our library purchase additional large print books for our patrons; in which they really appreciate and use our library frequently. Thank you for the Enrich Iowa funding! With additional funds, our library has been able to purchase additional items in our library's collection to better serve our public. Thank you for the funding Enrich Iowa provides Iowa libraries!
Kossuth	Burt	\$1,218.59	Materials and Supplies	Books We have had requests from teens for addition new book series and to complete some popular series that we had some books but not all. This has encouraged additional reading by several young people. We are able to offer additional selections.
Kossuth	Fenton	\$1,155.23	Technology; Capital Improvements	Beacon System and a new public printer, the other one quit working & was old and could not get anymore parts for. Light blubs were purchased for the library and also a dehumidifier was purchased to keep the moisture down in the library for our books. There are several people who depend on our computers. They are at a fixed income and can not afford to have a computer at home so they come up here to the library and use the internet for research that they want answers to. They feel connected to the outside world that way and I am glad we can provide this service for them. The funding helps our library to keep up with modern Technology; and also helps with the cost of materials needed to run the library properly. I am so thankful for this help!
Kossuth	Lakota	\$1,149.25	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Training and classes for the library director. Purchase additional books for all age groups. Copy/fax machine lease Purchase additional items for our summer reading program. This year I have had quite a few parents come in and say, "my child needs to read this summer, can you help me find something that would interest them to keep reading?" I was excited to be able to purchase some additional books to help keep these kids coming back for more! The library director was able to attend training/classes that were valuable to her job. It's very exciting to be able to purchase additional books for all ages to enjoy! Our patrons really depend on our copy/fax machine services we offer. We had a really successful summer reading program, so being able to purchase some additional items paid off. This funding has a huge impact on our small community in many different ways and we are grateful for the support!
Kossuth	Ledyard	\$451.25	Materials and Supplies	Books, both for Adults and children, Family DVD's. Supplies for our Adult programs. Winter gets to be long and cold. Our patrons have a night they can get out with out having to travel far. We were able to offer new books and new movie titles. Our winter programs for adults is a huge hit in our small town. We offer an evening out with a variety of things to do.
Kossuth	Luverne	\$1,150.74	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Books and DVDs for all ages. This helps us improve our library services and meet the needs of the community by providing patron requested books and DVDs. New books and new DVDs keep patrons coming in! Supplies and incentives for our summer reading program and back to school carnival. Having fun activities keeps the kids interested in reading over the

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				summer. We also purchase supplies for our adult programs. The school students appreciate current books on topics needed for school reports. Patrons appreciate it when they ask for a certain book or certain subject of book and we can purchase something. This funding helps keep our library current.
Kossuth	Swea City	\$1,219.34	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	Mileage to meetings and conferences. Library books, DVD's and materials As a result of this funding I am able to travel to other libraries for county meetings as well as the Mason City Library conference.
Kossuth	Titonka	\$1,204.37	Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements; Programs	We added more DVD's and audio books to our collection Added two more shelves to our storage room.We added after school programs; because of our school closing we have needed to offer a place for children on early outs a craft and educational opportunities at our library. it enables us to have crafts/science projects/snacks and movies... This is a little different...we have an elderly lady who lost her husband about a year ago. She comes into the library and picks up books on CD; so she has some noise in her home. She has no TV. Nevertheless, this funding helps in the purchase of audiobooks. So again thank you. It gives us the capabilities to provide after school programs; without having to worry about how we are going to pay for them.
Kossuth	Wesley	\$1,182.92	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology	Attending several meetings to further library knowledge...Director and staff. Expanded our Large Print section greatly. Purchased multiple copies for book club. Purchased iPad mini for patron in-house use. I have a middle-aged patron with severe eye issues. She can now read more easily with the Large Print materials. She thought she was doomed to a life with audio books. :) My patrons now DEPEND on Large Print materials, and this funding helps us to be able to provide them with that.
Kossuth	Whittemore	\$1,201.67	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology	\$250.00 was spend on having extra help in the Library when the regular staff was unable to be here due to illness and being out of town. This really helped us to be able to keep the Library open. We are a small town and the Library is important to our cit \$351.67 was used to replace VHS movies with DVD movies. Very few of our patrons have working VHS players anymore so it was time to refresh our collection with DVDs. \$600 was spent on the Library's Beacon Automation System annual support. It was possible to keep the Library open during several times when none of the staff of our small Library was able to work due to illness, or having to be out of town. We were able to bring in extra help to work hours that we needed to be open. Our patrons appreciated this.
Lee	Donnellson	\$1,215.03	Personnel	For staff salaries to extend opening hours 2.5 hours/week. Our average wage per hour is: \$9.43. For 182 hours a year the total cost of being open for these hours is: \$1,225.90. All of our money was spent, and we added some from our budget to cover the To be open these extra hours helps everyone in the library community. We have seniors who stop by before they go to congregate meals, just one block down the street. They really appreciate the fact that we are open by 11:30 a.m. (previously, we opened at 1:00 3 days, and 10:00 one day per week.)

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Lee	Fort Madison	\$1,120.38	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Value Line Investment Survey Annual Subscription Purchased additional Legos for weekly Lego program. Value Line is an important resource for many of our users who follow their investments closely. It is also an expensive resource. Direct State Aid funding makes it easier for us to afford this.
Lee	Keokuk	\$3,183.10	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Purchased downloadable audio books and ebooks from OverDrive Advantage. We purchased three new wi-fi access points through Open-Mesh. Two were replacements. We have better wi-fi access after purchasing new wi-fi access points. Wi-fi statistics doubled after we purchased these, and it boosted the signal in our meeting room, which has been an issue for library speakers. We also purchased downloadable books to give our patrons a greater variety of books, and to lessen the waiting time for popular items. Usage of downloadable books has steadily increased over the years.
Lee	Montrose	NA		
Lee	West Point	\$1,235.13	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Adult Fiction books from Baker & Taylor, children's books from Smart Apple Media Computer service & virus removal for public desktop computer, HP color laserjet ink cartridges for 2600n printer, AM Black toner for HP 4200 printer We were able to greatly improve the function of one of our four computers available for public use by having it serviced and viruses removed. We were also able to provide both color and black & white print outs for patrons. Many patrons request specific titles and through this funding we were able to purchase more titles patrons wanted and grow our collection for both children & adults.
Linn	Cedar Rapids	\$26,217.88	Technology	Used for dispensing units for DVD collection. Our volunteers are very engaged and satisfied because they can now find the titles they are looking for on our holds list. This money has helped to support our popular media collection and prevent theft. We are able to grow the collection and provide new titles without high risk because of our dispensing units.
Linn	Center Point	\$1,508.64	Personnel	Summer reading staff It has allowed us to staff the library properly for summer. We had over 600 people sign up for summer reading this year. We would not have the time to serve the public properly and give them quality service and activities without additional staff to just help us keep up with returns and questions.
Linn	Central City	NA		
Linn	Coggon	\$832.78	Materials and Supplies	books
Linn	Ely	\$1,529.17	Materials and Supplies	Approximately half of this amount was used to purchase juvenile non-fiction texts that reflect high interest areas, such as record books, Minecraft, dinosaurs, survival, etc. The other half was used to purchase new leveled books for beginning readers. For several years, I have wanted the summer reading program to be what it is intended to be - a way to fight the reading slide over the summer. I have felt that the way the programming had

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				<p>been run was more of a way to reward those kids who already love to read, and not really targeting those struggling readers and providing the support and encouragement they need to be successful over the summer.</p> <p>My answer to this conundrum was to offer free reading support for children, led by volunteers, daily from 1-2 pm, all summer long. I contacted our local school district and with their assistance, provided my information to Title 1 teachers, who in turn provided this information with the youth they work with and their parents.</p> <p>The result has been astounding! Thirty youth (grades K-6) have been receiving this one on one reading support with 30 volunteers providing this important service. The library is packed during this time with reading happening in every corner, nook and cranny! The really exciting part is to see patrons who were not registered as part of this reading support, come in on their own as pairings of parents and/or siblings, and read together during this time. It has been so rewarding to see the youth come in excited and ready to read and learn.</p> <p>The non-fiction texts and leveled readers purchased using Direct State Aid have been used heavily for this pilot project and are making all the difference. Library service in our community is enhanced with this funding. Without this funding, these necessary materials might not have been purchased. The texts purchased are updating key areas of use within our community. Since their inclusion, we have received numerous pleased comments about their availability.</p>
Linn	Fairfax	NA		
Linn	Hiawatha	\$2,979.97	Personnel	We use this money to help cover salaries for being open on Sundays. We sometimes have parents who must have supervised visitation with their children, and they come to the library as a safe, neutral place with lots of opportunity for starting conversations. We have saved many students from having to tell their teacher that they could not find any material for their research. We are very busy on Sundays, and patrons complain mightily that we close on Sundays during the summer. These extra hours are great for families who want to spend time together on Sunday afternoons. We also have many students who need research help, and we assist many patrons with Internet access and looking for jobs.
Linn	Lisbon	\$1,588.01	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Purchase of 2015/16 Children's Choice, Teen Award and Goldfinch books; purchase of Tumblebooks, an interactive literacy program for our website Purchase of a new printer/copier/scanner/fax machine We have the only public copier in the community. People depend on us to print, copy and fax documents. We are happy to be able to continue to provide this service with a more up-to-date printer.
Linn	Marion	\$8,544.26	Other	Professional community needs assessment and satisfaction survey, by Vernon Research, Cedar Rapids. We are using the survey to test hypotheses regarding our audiences and their needs. If confirmed as we expect, this will lead to a greatly expanded children's services space and program to meet the needs of the young families that constitute a

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				<p>significant portion of Marion's demographic. The survey results will guide our decisions regarding services, collections, and personnel deployment to make a noticeable difference in the lives of Marion's children.</p> <p>We also expect the results to reveal that the Marion library must evolve into an active center of community engagement that is an adult destination for downtown Marion. We are currently in the process of conducting the survey. It will allow us to determine correlations between the importance of services to users and the extent to which those services contribute to satisfaction with library use. It will allow us to identify new demands and underserved audiences. Our purpose is to revise our strategic plan and design in appropriate features in a new and expanded library to be constructed in 2016-17. We need to determine what the facility will do, not what it will be.</p>
Linn	Mount Vernon	\$2,032.26	Materials and Supplies; Programs; Other	<p>\$1,294 was spent on our juvenile collection after a large weeding project. \$331.26 was spent on super hero Legos for our summer Lego Club. The above amount was spent for an actress to come and impersonate Elsa for our Frozen Party. The above amount was spent on plastic beaded necklaces for our town's Heritage Days parade. This is the first time the library has had a presence in the parade. This summer the elementary public school library is closed making our library the only one available to young readers. With Direct State Aid we were able to spend a great deal more on enhancing the juvenile collection before summer.</p>
Linn	Springville	\$1,394.00	Technology	<p>The library purchased 8 pair of AblePlanet True Fidelity Noise-Cancelling Headphones for public use. We purchased a HP ENVY Rove with learning games installed for patron use. A laptop for staff use was acquired (Dell Inspiron) We have anywhere from 7 to 10 children in the library after school and the headphones have been a HUGE hit. One Saturday a family came in to the library so the children could each have their own computer, Mom sat down at the Rove and started playing. It was not long and the children joined her and they had some great family time. The purchases we were able to make with this funding has improved our patrons library experience greatly. The patrons really appreciate the headphones. Our after school group especially like the headphones. The Rove has proved to be quite a family draw. The lap top allows a staff member the freedom to move around the library to help patrons and complete tasks.</p>
Louisa	Columbus Junction	\$1,440.84	Personnel; Furniture	<p>we hired a high school student last summer to work on special projects relating to local history and the civil war we purchased a heavy duty step ladder that will allow us to change light bulbs and eliminate having to pay an electrician</p>
Louisa	Letts	\$1,132.28	Materials and Supplies; Technology	<p>ebooks Apollo software..</p>
Louisa	Morning Sun	\$1,245.65	Personnel; Technology;	<p>The money was used for our assistant librarian to attend the Kids First Conference! We used this money towards our fees for our printer, copier, and fax combo. This money was used</p>

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			Programs	from the summer reading program. It went towards promotional materials, a performance by a ventriloquist, and supplies! This isn't a direct difference in a single person's life but for the summer reading program we decided to purchase school supplies for the children who completed the agreed upon amount of books! Several families were able to use this towards saving money on school supplies. They were extremely thankful and encouraged their children to use the library for this benefit! Amie, the assistant librarian, was able to use some of the money towards attending the Kids First Conference. She was able to bring back many ideas that we are now using in our programs and to help our community!
Louisa	Wapello	\$1,494.73	Technology	Purchase yearly fee for Apollo Automation Software A person who used the library a lot always had overdues. Now our system automatically sends out a message by e-mail or text as a reminder that their library materials will be due in 3 days. Now the person rarely has an overdue because they can renew on line or give the library a call to renew. Purchasing the automation software has allowed patrons to search the library from their home. More accurate records are kept. Patrons can now check their library account, renew books and reserve items.
Lucas	Chariton	\$1,954.30	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Other	Paid for the Director to attend Town Meetings and for mileage to another training event. Paid for 2 Movie Licensing Fees, Paid for our EBSCOHost subscription, and purchased Audiobook Cases and Book Jackets for collection items purchased with memorial money. Paid for tech support on public access computers. Paid for our BookWhere renewal fee, and for a remote control for our Christmas lights, as well as paying for us to revamp our storage room into a book sale room. We used DSA funds to rent the sanders we used to prep the floor of the room after removal of Our biggest improvement this year was gaining a book sale room. We ripped up the gross old carpet and sanded the adhesive in one of our storage rooms, after removing defunct shelving units that made the room crowded. The sanding took a long time, and it was the rental for the machines that was paid for by DSA funds. After painting the floor with porch paint, we gained a room just for book sales that is clean and bright. We hold six sales a year now & patrons can gain access to the room by appointment as well. We also require DSA funds to keep up our movie licensing fees and EBSCOHost subscription, or else these services would be cut.
Lyon	Doon	NA		
Lyon	George	\$917.50	Materials and Supplies; Programs	We used \$300 of our Direct State Aid to purchase DVD's, books, and other program supplies to create take home storytime kits. Each kit is theme based and offers books, movies and extension activities based on that theme. We used part of the Direct State Aid money to purchase supplies for our summer reading program. Each student participating received a t-shirt and browsing bag. We were able to run our program into July this year because of the Direct State Aid money. This funding allows us to offer programming, both active and passive, that we wouldn't be able to offer without these funds. We are seeing an increase in the number of students registering for our programs and are even able to run a "Back to

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				School" program this year.
Lyon	Inwood	\$1,283.91	Technology	used total amount along with other funds to update our outdated server
Lyon	Larchwood	\$899.69	Materials and Supplies	Spent the money on audiobooks for all ages. We have a 90+ year old lady who listens to at least two audiobooks a week. She calls us up and asks us to deliver them to her home. We can't keep purchasing enough to satisfy her wants. She is partially blind, and really appreciates this service. Yes. We have a large amount of requests for audio books at every age level. Many people take out five or more audiobooks at the same time. They are constantly asking us to purchase more audiobooks.
Lyon	Little Rock	\$744.77	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	DVDs ink cartridges summer reading prizes and a magician Many of our children just come to the library because there really isn't a whole lot to do in our small town, so they read or play on the computers. I like to have things for them to do when they aren't reading. Our summer reading program has been well received with the added prizes and entertainment.
Lyon	Rock Rapids	\$1,134.24	Materials and Supplies; Technology	\$520.20 NoveList Plus \$614.04 New patron computers to replace XP computers
Madison	Earlham	\$1,419.22	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture; Programs	Iowa award books for srp purchased laptops new table summer reading supplies The funding enables us to provide the resources and programming that our community desires.
Madison	St. Charles	\$509.41	Materials and Supplies; Programs; Other	This amount was applied to updating books and DVDs. This amount was applied towards the Summer Reading program for this year. This amount was spent on crafts for our monthly craft day for the customers. The library service has improved because with the amount given we were able to provide more services and supplies for the community.
Madison	Truro	\$851.71	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Betty Green-computer classes Upstart --supplies \$27.38DVD'\$135.62Library supplies \$131.82 Computer router #100.00 Toner\$106.98Ink \$38.97 Ink \$45.94 Zoo program \$90.00 animal program \$75.00 Special programs made our work easier. Router, toner, and the ink kept our equipment working for our patrons. Programs for SRP were enjoyed by all.
Madison	Winterset	\$2,443.90	Materials and Supplies; Technology	93 DVDs for adults and juveniles laptop We had to close our Community Meeting Room for nearly a year, due to a large facility repair project. We just re-opened the Community Meeting Room 5 days ago, so we don't have very many examples of how the laptop made a difference - YET. The speaker for one of the first meetings scheduled has already indicated her need for the presentation equipment, and also wants a briefing to make sure she can use it. We anticipate use of the equipment at least weekly, and perhaps more often than that. In one month, the small town of Winterset will host a state-wide meeting -- the Preserve Iowa Summit. The laptop in the Library's Community Meeting Room will be used

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				<p>for presentations throughout the 2-day program. The Preserve Iowa Summit will have a state-wide impact, and we anticipate that the use of the Library's new laptop and other presentation equipment will continue to grow as the community learns how useful it is.</p> <p>DVD project -- The DVD collection is used very heavily in our community, which does not have a DVD rental store. Our patrons desire checkout of movies for their children and for their own entertainment, and of course they prefer the newest releases. We added 93 DVDs to our collection to help meet the demand by our patrons.</p> <p>Laptop project -- We had two laptops which were both over 5 years old. The older laptops do not have HDMI ports, and we were in need of a laptop with HDMI ports in order to fully use the new presentation equipment that we had purchased last year with grants. We have a strategic focus on adult programming, and the new laptop gives us the features to conduct programs using state-of-the-art presentation software and equipment.</p>
Mahaska	New Sharon	NA		
Mahaska	Oskaloosa	\$1,498.54	Materials and Supplies	Current best sellers and new fiction titles in print, large print and audiobook formats. Funds received from the State help ensure that our collection remains relevant and up to date for our patrons (but do not take the place of local funding). All Direct State Aid funds go to support our collections and our goal at meeting collection development standards for state certification.
Marion	Bussey	NA		
Marion	Knoxville	\$2,621.39	Personnel; Technology; Furniture; Programs	We were able to hire part-time help for the summer when we are extra busy. We upgraded our wireless equipment for stronger signals and the ability to keep track of wireless usage. We added café style chairs and one table in the teen area. We used funds to help with library program supplies. We hire additional help for the Summer Reading program and it really makes a difference since we are so busy and get 250 people each day through the doors. One young hire in particular has grown more confident and self-assured working and having fun with the young kids and her peers. She talks about possibly studying Library Science and making it a career. We love having energetic and enthusiastic lovers of the library! We are very grateful for the funds through Direct State Aid. It helps us provide additional services (refreshments for library programs!) that we would otherwise not have. The Furniture; designed especially for teens to use in a little space dedicated to them has made them feel appreciated in the library. Little gestures can mean so much and make a big difference to our patrons.
Marion	Melcher-Dallas	\$441.27	Materials and Supplies	updating children, youth, and teen books and adding games to our collection. I now have groups of kids coming together to play games. When it was really hot they came here instead of going to the park and getting into trouble. My numbers of youth using the library has gone up. Now kids have something to do here instead of getting on the computers
Marion	Pella	\$3,342.13	Materials and Supplies;	downloadable and streaming materials we upgraded the projection equipment in our meeting room microfilm and digitize local newspaper This funding allows us to offer

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			Technology; Other	services that we would not otherwise be able to afford. This year we introduced a new online service, hoopla, and used state funding to pay part of the cost.
Marion	Pleasantville	NA		
Marshall	Albion	\$1,124.53	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Capital Improvements	Books for the preschool age-range, targeted for the StoryTime audience Computers needed Microsoft Office purchased and installed. 4 of those computers also needed their hard drives wiped of viruses and then programs re-installed. Locksmith maint. to realign the doors to lock properly after some ground settling. One example would be community members having access to a computer/internet for on-line job applications. That particular use for library computers happens with a much higher frequency. This funding helped support the maintenance of elements of the library - allowing the library's functions to continue. Patrons having computer access, Story Time materials new and relevant, and sustaining the security of the building.
Marshall	Gilman	NA		
Marshall	Laurel	NA		
Marshall	Legrand	\$1,224.77	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Books to support Summer Library Program and a set of new states books for elementary age children Programs and events for Summer Library Program Able to support local elementary school with their American states studies, also lots of programs and materials for Summer Library Program
Marshall	Marshalltown	\$6,658.88	Personnel	As with previous years, direct state aid is spent on staffing to allow to maintain hours and service. Marshalltown Public Library is seeing a new influx of Burmese refugees. Our staff is helping them with securing immigration papers and the documents they need to complete them. We have found them to be a gracious and kind addition to our town. This past year the library has introduced one on one Technology; assistance for library patrons. Marshalltown is a rural community and we lack the amenities of a more urban community. Our Technology; coaching allows our patrons to better navigate the digital divide.
Marshall	Melbourne	\$1,183.41	Technology; Furniture	Renewal of Follett software for circulation and cataloging. Conference table and chairs purchased. Each week, a group of older women come to the library to socialize. Many of them consider this time their special weekly outing and don't visit much outside this time. The conference table and chairs give them a quiet corner to call their own every Tuesday. Circulation software helped maintain our service. The table and chairs provided a large public meeting area for work or social gatherings.
Marshall	State Center	\$896.55	Programs	The Gutekunst Public Library used the Direct State Aid funds to enhance our children's programming. We hired performers and purchased supplies and incentives for our summer library program that has grown to serve nearly 100 children.
Mills	Emerson	NA		
Mills	Glenwood	\$2,337.63	Materials and Supplies	supplemented our DVD collection A patron commented we're saving her money because she no longer has to rent movies from Redbox or Netflix. We get a lot of people that come

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				in to the library just for DVDs. They are extremely happy to see new releases. One woman commented we're better than Redbox.
Mills	Malvern	\$1,274.72	Materials and Supplies	Library Supplies These funds make a big difference in the life of our teenage employee who is in charge of running tween time and teen time.:) Without the extra money for supplies her job would be much harder, and rather boring.:) The money allows us to spend a little on things we don't have the money for in the budget, such as supplies for teen time, tween time or summer reading. This provides better programming for our community.
Mills	Silver City	\$747.58	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs; Other	dvds Resource mate, Data base subscription fee. paper, ink cartiages Reading and art material,Ice Cream Social suppliesdecorations Our library is the hub of our farming community. The bathroom is now accessible for all patrons. Our library is now open on Tuesday for families with young children and families that have children being homeschooled. We serve the after school hour children that need a place to go. We served with the Summer Reading Program. We had 40 children participate and around 148 books were checked out during that time. We used community resources for the reading program, over 200+ patrons enjoyed our Ice Cream Social that served as a fund-raiser and culminating activity for the reading program. We also have a Pre-School/Home school out reach on Tuesday mornings.
Mitchell	Osage	\$2,103.11	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Large print books and annual binding of local newspaper. Fall and winter special programming; Summer Library Program
Mitchell	Riceville	\$1,271.98	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	These funds went toward staffing extended evening hours on Mondays. With this funding we were able to replace children's classic VHS videos and cassette audio books with DVDs and CDs. We also used funds for supplies to conduct our monthly Science program for K-5th grades. Patrons who get off at a local manufacturing facility (our community's largest employer) were previously unable to use the library's computers/internet service because by the time they were off for the day we were closing (6pm). The extra hours every Monday has enabled one particular patron to come in and, with staff assistance, craft a resume and apply for and receive a different job. We also have monthly adult programming 2 Mondays of each month during the extended hours. Our circulation of the updated children's videos and YA audio books has significantly increased. We now have many happy patrons who formerly lamented the fact that, though they would love to check out and play various videos and audio books, they no longer had compatible devices.
Mitchell	St. Ansgar	\$1,437.42	Materials and Supplies; Technology	We were able to purchase books for the summer reading program and also for school challenge Battle of the Books. DVD's are mainly for recreational purposes. We purchased two mini I-Pads for patron in house use, to have more computers available to the public. We have a space issue that we deal with and now these I Pads give more people us of online information. We also purchased a door counter for our librar More and more children are coming to the library to do their school work and research. Adults are also

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				looking for more information on line and keeping connected with family members that live a distance away. Just another asset for lifelong learning for the public. The mini iPads has opened up access to online services for more people than we ever could before. We also downloaded some fun leisure games and music for the public along with educational opportunities.
Mitchell	Stacyville	\$1,288.57	Materials and Supplies	We purchased Large Print books with the Direct State Aid money. We are finding that as our rural population ages, more and more of our patrons are requesting large print materials. We get compliments from patrons and guests about the size of our large pri I have a patron that is an avid reader and has degenerative eye disease. She is able to keep reading the books she enjoys because they are included in our large print collection. We are able to better serve our population, including residents of the community nursing home.
Monona	Mapleton	\$1,272.43	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Furniture	Hired another staff member for the summer so that we could offer an expanded Summer Reading Program. 1.) Bought books for our Junior Non-Fiction Collection that we separated out. 2.) Invested in our Large Print collection to expand it and make it larger. 3.) Invested part in our Junior Fiction collection to get some series. Improved our YA section so that there was more seating and some charging stations for Ipads and devices. This is all based on observation and I do not have all the facts. However there is one particular teen (we'll call her Sarah for privacy reasons) that came to the library rather infrequently. I noticed, and heard from others, that she did not have the best home life. After we improved our YA section it was a few weeks later when Sarah asked me about the area and I told her it was for just sitting and hanging out and that you could also charge your ipads there (the highschool kids get Ipads through the school during the school year). She didn't seem that impressed at the time but as the weeks went on and the weather started getting colder I noticed her using the area and coming into the library on a regular basis. Though I cant say for sure since I didn't ask her but I personally noticed a happier attitude about Sarah when she was in the library and about the library. That made it worth it to improve the opinion of the library and provide a place for her to hang out. This year the children and teens in our community benefited the most from this funding. We invested a lot in our children's sections including fiction and non-fiction. Since we expanded our Summer Reading Program this really benefited quite a few children that were participating. Our improved YA section was also a benefit for the teens in the community. Where before their section was in a highly trafficked area and was not used that much. We then moved their section to a corner of the library and got some more seating and a charging station and now the teens use it all the time. It's provided a safe place for teens to relax and hang out in a community where there are not many places of that caliber.
Monona	Moorhead	NA		
Monona	Onawa	\$1,683.04	Materials and Supplies;	Books, and DVDs for special collections. Computer upgrades. We were able to purchase 3 rebuilt computers. New signage for our parking. Needed better visibility of parking lot

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			Technology; Capital Improvements	drives. We have several "success" stories from being able to better serve our patrons and visitors with improved computer service. We have helped many people file for unemployment, jobs, set up email accounts, etc. We helped our community become the First Skilled Iowa Community by administering the testing required. One of our success stories comes from that. A lady came in and tested several times before receiving her certificate. She then applied for and got a job within a week. We needed to upgrade our computers. The ones that we had were extremely old and without the Direct State Aid funding, we would not have been able to complete these upgrades.
Monona	Ute	NA		
Monona	Whiting	\$1,160.97	Personnel	The very first Direct State Aids funds enabled us to add four additional hours of service, making our schedule consistent and user-friendly. The funding is still used for staffing that time period. Direct State Aid funding provides hours of library-access in tune with community needs.
Monroe	Albia	\$1,412.61	Materials and Supplies	Audio books and DVD's We recently had a patron come in and ask about audio books because she needed eye surgery. She doesn't read much but thought audio books might help her boredom when she couldn't do anything. She loves them and says they have made her confinement time enjoyable. We have more and more patrons who are using audio books for travel, working around the house, as a replacement for TV and truckers for long drives. Word of mouth is making these books very popular and patrons love them.
Montgomery	Elliott	\$742.51	Technology	The library replaced all of its 3 computers and added a wireless system for our users. The city covered the rest of the cost of this project. Many people in our community are very low income and do not have a computer or access to a computer and the internet if it was not available to them from the library. These computers will also allow students that do not have computers at home to research school work and complete school projects. This funding has allowed the library to replace our three computers that were not functioning. The public will now have access to the internet at the library for reading and research purposes.
Montgomery	Red Oak	\$2,238.17	Other	The library purchased numerous puzzles, teaching toys, activity tables, display stands, hoses and lighting to provide additional programs and activities for the public. The library offers activities and programs that allow people to get together and spend time getting to know each other. We have families that network with other families and this is one of the few places where people meet each other and get included into groups. Many of our families are learning how to entertain their children and help them learn. Many of the items we buy and the activities role model needed behaviors to help children with literacy and basic human interaction. Our library is able to offer services and programs that the public would not have to make their lives as pleasant as they are, with these opportunities. Rural areas really benefit from having activities and places to go to entertain the population.

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Montgomery	Stanton	\$1,148.01	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs; Other	To continue the extended library hours. Demco labels. Vipre 3 year site license. Summer Reading Program Security camera The extended hours has allowed one person to come in and take online tests after her work schedule where I'm her proctor. She has been doing this the past year and hopes to finish this year with her degree. These monies have allowed the library to keep their extended hours, help fund the summer reading program and purchase a security camera.
Montgomery	Villisca	\$1,275.86	Materials and Supplies	electronic materials (EBSCOhost, etc) \$1,235. Remaining \$40.86 applied to WILBOR We currently have two patrons end up homebound for a period of months this past winter. Both, voracious readers, I was able to get them set up with kindles and taught them to download ebooks. One is still very happy with the ebooks, the other was delighted in being able to return to the library and check out books. Direct State Aid allows us o purchase online materials that reach our youth, tech savvy, homebound, and out of city limit populations. Without it there would be a large deficit in our programing.
Muscatine	Muscatine	\$4,619.99	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Gale Virtual Reference Library. We paid the remaining \$928.01 out of our budget. AWE - Early Literacy Station We purchased a replacement AWE Early Literacy Station and since school released for the summer our AWE computers have been in constant use. We noticed one young boy coming most every morning to use the AWE station. One morning, our children's librarian engaged in a conversation with his mother and learned that the child was requesting to come every morning to play Math Blaster and the mom was accommodating him because he had left second grade with poor math skills but in less than a month of consistently using Math Blaster he was able to do all the work he had had so much trouble with all year and he was actually enjoying math! The family couldn't afford a computer at home so this was the only place the child could play the game that had helped him learn his math. The addition of Gale Virtual Reference Library has enabled us to provide quality reference information from grade school through high school. The product contains reference material in all areas and students are heavily using material in the history, literature, geography and science areas. Additionally, since it is a virtual product, students can access this material at home to complete homework assignments. We would never have been able to afford this material, or even have the space to house it, in the traditional print format. Nor would we have been able to afford it without Direct State Aid.
Muscatine	West Liberty	\$1,822.61	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	Purchased Spanish books Purchased new Furniture; for children's dept. We are able to continue to add high quality Spanish materials to our collection. It is important to add new things to all areas of our collections and the funding allows the leeway to add at a nice pace.
Muscatine	Wilton	\$1,636.88	Technology; Programs	Wireless Door Counter 5 Programs for summer reading - Tim Reed, Blank Park Zoo, Duffy De France, Hutchinson Parrot, Noah Reiman. We found out that programs have definitely left a lasting impression on our youth. One of the mothers commented that her son had been interested in a specific area ever since we had a special program on that. With Direct State Aid, we have been able to offer a wide variety of paid programs that we could not afford to

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				do otherwise. We were able to offer more programming for our Summer Reading Program. This has given our children more experiences in different areas. The counter has helped us to identify when we need more or less staffing.
Obrien	Archer	\$394.18	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs; Other	Books for prizes for Summer Reading Cleaning a computer virus 3 Summer Reading Performances fees We had our first ever movie night 3 times this winter so bought movies and snacks and advertising. My home schooled kids enjoyed the Summer Reading performer with science experiments. This funding helps so much with being able to performers for Summer Reading and the community loved the 3 movie nights we tried this winter.
Obrien	Hartley	\$1,355.10	Technology; Programs	Update computers from Windows XP to Windows 7. Computers were updated for those patrons taking online classes and tests as well as for public use. This paid for some of our Summer Library Program Entertainers and we also purchased books for "Every Hero Has A Story" to go along with our Toddle Time, Story Hour events. Our library provides a place for kids to expand their horizons during the summer by giving a variety of opportunities to craft, play and be entertained, as well as creating incentives for kids to keep reading and learning all summer long. Parents enjoy the interaction with the different programs offered. Our Entertainers drew in children from all around the area. Each week we were amazed by the number of kids attending the events. Toddle time and Story time were also well attended.
Obrien	Paullina	\$1,235.80	Materials and Supplies; Programs; Other	Bridges consortium Subscription Summer Library Program performer, prize books for program, and supplies Public performance movie license E-book and downloadable audio book use continues to increase and we are able to offer this service to our patrons with this funding. We have seen an increase of participants in our summer library program and this funding helped us offer more to our children by enabling us to hire a Magician to perform and also provide a free book to all participants.
Obrien	Primghar	\$1,207.33	Materials and Supplies	Adult books and children's books We would not be able to offer the types of materials and the amounts of materials with out the funding provided by Direct State Aid.
Obrien	Sanborn	\$1,303.19	Technology	We invested in seven new computers this year! We have had a few of the windmill guys come in and use our computers since they are working in this area and can have access to our computers! We invested in new computers because we get several people in that use our computers. Kids like to also play the same games at one time to compete to see who completes the level! Several people have come in to complete job applications on line so we have been able help them with this.
Obrien	Sheldon	\$2,036.03	Capital Improvements	Remodeled public restroom Many people use the library throughout the day and evening. We have moms with babies all the way up to senior citizens, as well as visitors from all over the state and country. Two of the places used most in our library are the computers and the restroom and the restroom definitely needed updating. We installed new tile on the floor

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				and up the walls, painted, replaced the plumbing and sink faucet. Since the project completion, we have had many positive comments from the community, but we knew we scored a hit when visitors from Australia told us our public restroom is one of the nicest they have seen in their travels across the U.S. The cost of the entire project was \$2,79.72 so the Enrich Iowa funds went a long way and made a big impact on our library and the people we serve.
Obrien	Sutherland	\$1,156.97	Materials and Supplies	Our Direct State Aid went into books for all ages, magazines, DVDs, and other materials for check out. This funding has allowed us to keep up in less heavily trafficked parts of our collection, such as large print books. We have an individual in a nursing home who will have someone check out nearly three large print books a weeks to read. Now we have more breathing room in our budget to provide for his interests. This funding allows our small library to provide a variety of materials for our patrons; without it, we would likely be underserving some portion of our community, whether it be our older population that relies on large print or our younger population that utilizes more and more Technology; in their everyday lives or some other population group.
Osceola	Ashton	\$1,163.56	Materials and Supplies; Other	books new scanner, router and improved internet service we have a lot of patrons who do not have asses to internet at there home. so we are the place they do allot of there online work. the internet before was so slow and would kick people off because of the increased traffic in the library on laptops, phones and our desktop computers. with the increased speed of our internet we are able to accommodate job seekers and patrons applying for financial aid without taking to long to wait for the internet to load pages. it also allows patrons to come in and browse the internet. because of the funding we were able to purchase a new scanner to check out library books and purchase a new router for the library due to the other router not being as fast as it can. in addition to that we increased or internet speed to keep up with the additional patrons using WiFi devices. because of the funding we were able to purchase large print books that patrons for patrons who have a difficult time reading the regular print books.
Osceola	Melvin	NA		
Osceola	Ocheyedan	NA		
Osceola	Sibley	\$1,616.74	Materials and Supplies; Technology	We did a heavy weeding project in our non-fiction section and used some of the money to replace worn out books with newer editions. Cleaning up this section has boosted circulation in this area. We replaced several computers and this helped with the replacement cost. Having accurate medical information is very important for our patrons, especially when they have just received a diagnosis and they don't know where to turn. The library staff is always ready and willing to help our patrons with their questions and concerns. Our community appreciates the use of computers in our library and especially since they are new computers. Our community is also happy to be able to find updated non-fiction materials that are current and accurate.

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Page	Clarinda	\$2,153.98	Materials and Supplies	to provide additional books and materials
Page	Coin	NA		
Page	Essex	\$1,166.46	Materials and Supplies	YA books and DVD's At this moment I have 4 young women in the meeting room talking books, and teen chat. These young women would not otherwise have connected and found the common bond of reading. We have been able to greatly expand our YA section. This enabled us to start a YA Book Discussion/Advisory Group.
Page	Shenandoah	\$2,052.88	Technology	Annual subscription to ProQuest (Ancestry & Heritage Quest databases) We had 360 searches on the two databases just in June 2015. We are meeting a need! Those PBS shows about finding your ancestors inspire others at the local level to search too.
Palo Alto	Emmetsburg	\$2,017.82	Materials and Supplies; Technology	A selection of eBooks was purchased for the library's online collection. A new disc repair machine and consumables were purchased. A person brought in a game disc that they had paid over \$50 for, but that they were now unable to play due to scratching. The library's disc repair machine took the scratches out enabling use of the disc. Popular titles were purchased as eBooks in order to dramatically shorten the wait times for local residents and to relieve some of the pressure on the statewide consortium. The new disc repair machine is much more low-maintenance. It takes fewer consumables.
Palo Alto	Graettinger	\$881.14	Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Programs	DVD's were purchased to replace old VHS tapes We put shelves in the backroom for more storage Craft supplies were purchased for the summer reading program. Plaster of paris, cement, beads, glass beads, ect I have a family that doesn't have a lot of money and now that they know they can check out movies free of charge, they come in more often. The youngest one gets so excited when there are new DVD's to check out We have seen an increase in our movie checkouts
Palo Alto	Mallard	NA		
Palo Alto	Ruthven	\$1,204.25	Personnel	The library was able to open for an additional hour in the morning the three weekday mornings we are open: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. A patron wanted to take a long, online proctored exam at the library. Under the old library hours, there would not have been adequate time to do this. They were able to have the test proctored at the library (as well as subsequent exams)within the three hour period. It has been a positively received change because it allowed the public another hour in which to use the library, allowed the library staff another hour in which to get things done, and made all the library's morning shifts identical (we are also open Saturday mornings): 9:00-12:00. It was also a big help with scheduling morning children's programs, better allowing adequate time for the programs, as well as setup and cleanup.
Palo Alto	West Bend	\$1,232.08	Materials and Supplies	Books, Audiobooks, ebooks, and DVDs We have many adults that enjoy the dystopian books, and the Teen Choice had a wide array of selections. For adults they are a quick read and are enjoyed by many. It also gives parents and children that enjoy them something to

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				discuss. This year I spent a majority of the funds on Young Adult and Juvenile Fiction books. I purchased the Iowa award winners: High School, Teen and Children's Choice winners. It was my intention to offer a broad based selection to encourage reluctant readers.
Plymouth	Akron	\$1,010.05	Materials and Supplies	\$995 for library software annual fee;\$99.30 for Ebsco subscription, total \$1094.30. \$84.25 from library budget. I have several people that now take advantage of the online library system to check their accounts and place holds on items. A few patrons even use the renew feature. Library service in our community has improved as a result of this funding because our small town library needs every single dollar it can in order to stay current with Technology;. People are using the online services through Atrium BookSystems to check their accounts, renewing items and placing holds that are only accomplished with the library software program. They can view magazines and journals that the library has to offer through Ebsco.
Plymouth	Kingsley	\$968.53	Personnel; Programs	A person who had our summer reading program. tshirts and supplies we were able to give a tshirt every time someone registered for summer program.
Plymouth	Le Mars	\$3,066.12	Furniture; Programs	Cubicles to remodel staff offices Summer Reading Program The library staff has a workplace that is ergonomic, screened from the public and with a professional appearance. The summer reading program was able to provide more special performers for summer reading programs. These programs brought new people to the library.
Plymouth	Merrill	NA		
Plymouth	Remsen	\$1,001.76	Materials and Supplies	Funds were used to build book collections and fill children's series. Our library is used by our parochial school middle school students during their library time. We used some funds to rebuild junior fiction and young adult books for that age group.
Pocahontas	Fonda	\$814.45	Personnel; Programs	Additional hours needed for planning and implementing Summer Reading Program. We mailed magnets & brochures to our patrons, showing our library hours & services, hosted an Adult Holiday Gathering, and had a visit from the Blank Park Zoo for our Children's Summer Reading Program. In our community, we had an overworked single Mom, struggling to cover all her commitments, and she was totally frazzled! She had the best of intentions for getting her kids to the library, as she realized how important it was for their growth and education. However, she had a hard time remembering what hours we were open. In the past, we've printed off bookmarks with our hours on them, and she'd put them on her fridge with magnets. Invariably, they'd fall off the fridge, and become lost. Because of our new magnets, she is now able to see at a glance, when we're open, decreasing her stress level, and increasing her children's usage of the library & their access to learning. Our budget does not provide enough funds for us to bring in a performer or a program for our Summer Reading Program. Because of this funding, we were able to bring in the Blank Park Zoo this year! This allowed our kids to be exposed to animals they've never before encountered, on a one-on-one basis. We also were able to host a Holiday event for the Adults in our Community, which brightened their holiday season. Because of this funding,

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				we were able to mail out magnets and brochures, showing our hours, and what great services we offer! Truly opening doors and providing learning opportunities for everyone in our community!
Pocahontas	Gilmore City	\$1,106.02	Furniture; Programs; Other	Shelves for DVDs SRP supplies advertising for new hours magnetic signs We have a young lady that is wheelchair bound. she was having trouble getting around our standing swivel movie racks. Our new DVD shelving is flat against a wall allowing her to be able to move easily along in front of it. We have changed our hours to accommodate our patrons. Also, moved things around so they are more accessible.
Pocahontas	Havelock	NA		
Pocahontas	Laurens	\$1,321.25	Materials and Supplies Other	Book processing supplies & book repair equipment & supplies. Large dehumidifier and Summer Reading supplies
Pocahontas	Palmer	\$409.92	Technology	Purchase of New Color Printer/Copier/Fax Machine. Our previous color copier broke down and was unserviceable and the cost top print was very high. Now we are able to continue to provide color copies and we can do it at a cheaper price.
Pocahontas	Plover	NA		
Pocahontas	Pocahontas	\$1,424.09	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Programs	Programming for our children's summer reading program to purchase prizes, crafts, and supplies. Used to purchase our Overdrive/Wilbor for the year as well as DVD's for patron use. To book performers for the children's summer reading program. This funding has been a way for a truck driver to increase his use of audiobooks for his trips. We introduced him to Wilbor and he now can download books while traveling on the road. He also loves the variety of audio books and how easy it is to download them to his device. This funding increases the quality of programming and services that our Library can provide for the patrons of our community. We so appreciate and need this funding to continue giving excellent service to our patrons.
Pocahontas	Rolfe	\$808.38	Personnel; Technology; Programs	Additional hours for training for directors duties; attend annual county library meeting Purchase CurrentWare software & one year of annual maintenance Summer Reading program; supplies; visit from Blank Park Zoo; & 20 handmade kaleidoscopes The Summer Reading Program was a great success this year; we had the largest number of kids we have had in the past seven years. With the state emphasis to improve reading scores in the schools, we feel it is our job as a public library to encourage the children in our community to read in the summer and to really enjoy reading and learning.
Pocahontas	Varina	NA		
Polk	Altoona	\$4,363.56	Materials and Supplies	Advantage purchases for eBooks and eAudiobooks and partial funding of consortium membership.
Polk	Ankeny	\$10,550.34	Materials and Supplies	Books and A/V materials Continues to benefit the rural population by having access to a public library.

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Polk	Bondurant	\$1,938.73	Capital Improvements	A small remodel project was completed with the Direct State Aid monies. A storage room was converted to workspace. The library now has 3 full time employees and there was not enough workspace for everyone with the current building set up. In the past two years we have received city funding to make two part-time staff full-time. But the building did not have enough individual work space for these now full-time employees. By doing the small remodel project staff now has workspace to work on library services, and space for computers.
Polk	Clive	\$3,959.93	Materials and Supplies	Books and DVDs
Polk	Des Moines	\$40,755.86	Materials and Supplies	Magazine subscriptions A library patron was able to develop a better understanding of personal finances and investment in the stock market by way of reading the various investment magazines that these funds allowed the library staff to purchase. As a result, the patron was able to make sound investments which resulted in their making a donation to the Library to purchase more books and magazines in the subject area. The person told us that he made the sizable donation in order to allow us to purchase more resources to help others as we had helped them. Expenditure of these funds allowed the Des Moines Public Library to purchase many magazine titles, in addition to our core collection, to enhance additional subject areas for the benefit of our library users.
Polk	Grimes	\$2,730.38	Capital Improvements	We used the funds to put automatic doors activated by a push button for the outside door as well as the library's inside door. Bev, a volunteer at Grimes Public Library, needs to use a walker for stability while walking. Not having automatic doors prohibited her and others with physical limitations from being able to be independent while using the library. Before the automatic doors were installed, she needed to call the library notifying us she would be arriving soon and would need help with the doors. If we missed her call or were busy helping other patrons, she had to struggle with trying to open the doors by herself while using a walker. Thanks to the new automatic doors, Bev, like others with physical limitations or parents with strollers, is free to be independent and no longer struggling to open the doors on her own or wait for staff to open it for her. This funding made Grimes Public Library accessible to everyone. Because of this funding, we were able to afford to install push button automatic doors, making the building much easier to access for those with physical limitations and for ease of use for those carrying heavy loads or busy parents pushing strollers.
Polk	Johnston	\$4,918.51	Materials and Supplies; Technology	This portion of our Direct State Aid funding was spent on audiobooks and books This portion of our Direct State Aid funding was spent on developing a collection of "Learning Tools" for patron use. The collection included a telescope, microscope, lunar globe, computer drawing tablet, and several other devices and tools meant to catal One of our regular patrons reported getting others in her office interested in the library's audiobooks.

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				Her coworkers now spend their driving time enriching their lives by listening to stories and learning about the world. The amount of funding we receive via the Direct State Aid program has a significant impact on the kind and quality of service we can provide. Direct State Aid funding spent on audiobooks, books, and other library materials helps us offer customers broader, more varied collections. The funding spent on Technology; has helped us ensure that we're offering resources that our patrons find valuable in pursuing their interests and developing their skills.
Polk	Mitchellville	\$1,498.37	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Books for all ages, including \$345 to start a Juvenile and Teen Graphic Novel section. Supplies for Children's programming.
Polk	Pleasant Hill	\$2,991.86	Technology	Purchased three new computers along software for patron use. Because of more up to date machines, patrons are able to more effectively access the Internet and use other programs in the library. Purchase of these machines helps the library have the most efficient Technology; possible available for our patrons.
Polk	Polk City	\$1,711.10	Personnel	personnel
Polk	Runnells	\$387.58	Materials and Supplies; Furniture	Audio books, large print books. Small shelf and bench for our board books The little ones enjoy sitting down on the bench and looking at books just for them. Their parents do not need to worry that they will tear out pages, so they can browse through the adult books without as many distractions. We usually do not buy many large print books and audio books because they are more expensive than regular books. The extra money helped us to purchase several more for our collection. We did not have a separate shelf for our board books.
Polk	Urbandale	\$8,710.49	Technology	Laptop Lab laptops-\$6,421.00 software-\$2,150.88 cart-\$388.53 The laptop lab was purchased in June so use has been limited to date. The lab will enable the library to offer a variety of educational classes and training opportunities for customers and staff. The laptops will be available for in-library use when not needed for classes or training.
Polk	West Des Moines	\$11,931.70	Technology	Used as part of our annual payment to Innovative for our ILS subscription, hosting and support. Several of our Homebound patrons are able to use the holds management function in their online patron accounts in a way they weren't able to with Horizon. In the first year after switching to iii, homebound deliveries increased from 135 to 362. In this past fiscal year, the number of deliveries was 684. This is largely due to the ease of control the new ILS allows patrons. Since switching to iii Sierra in 2012, we have been able to do far more in terms of public service than we were able to do with our older system. Our annual maintenance for iii Sierra (which includes remote hosting) is just over \$52,000 per year. The agreement we made with the City of West Des Moines was that the library would pay the first three years from the Library Trust--which the library uses as a pass-through account for State money--and the City would pay the last two years of the first five years. This money went towards that again in FY 14-15.

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Pottawattamie	Avoca	\$1,453.95	Capital Improvements	We replaced our sidewalk and railing on the north side and entrance. We have so many elderly in our community. It's nice to see a smile on their face when they walk in with their cane or walker and say, you have really improved that sidewalk. It makes our staff happier that we aren't hearing complaints about "the trecherous journey" from their car! :-)) We installed new railing and sidewalks on the north side entrance. Many elderly people like to park and use that entrance since it is shorter distance to walk. In winter months the ice and snow would settle in the low area right up to our door. The engineers regraded the sidewalk so there is much better runoff. Elderly people have all commented how much better it is and it greatly improved the appearance of the north side.
Pottawattamie	Carter Lake	\$1,721.71	Personnel; Technology	EBSCOhost Auto Repair, Home Improvement and subscription fee. Voyager Laser bar code scanner
Pottawattamie	Council Bluffs	\$15,126.33	Personnel; Technology; Capital Improvements; Furniture	One staff for travel to ILA conference = \$378.20. One staff to attend "Kids First Conference" = \$95.00. One staff sent to the Disney Customer Service Workshop = \$425.00. Purchased 2 new servers for the library computer system. One was \$2,401.42 and the other was \$7,043.93. Used to remove the rock pieces in our parking lot flower and shrub beds and replace the rock with mulch. New task chairs for staff working in Support Services = \$1835.00. Purchased 25 new computer chairs for the public computer lab = \$1885.00. 2 task stools for circulation department staff = \$147.90 We received a passionate letter from a patron regarding the customer service they received at the library this past May. The patron told of her appreciation for the patience shown by staff and the staff's ability to find what she needed in a very timely manner. The ability to use the Direct State Aid for staff development has a direct impact in giving the staff the tools needed to provide great customer service and is very appreciated both by staff and patrons. Through these purchases the library has been able to enhance training for staff, support our connectivity through new servers for our Internet, improve staff morale with new task seating to replace the 17 year old chairs that were in use, and improve the look of the library by replacing the rock in the flower and shrub beds in front of the library.
Pottawattamie	Oakland	\$1,531.83	Programs	Purchased prizes for our Summer Reading Program. A family with three children who had never been to the library before were totally amazed at the prizes. They are currently trying to read a lot so that they have a better chance at being drawn for our grand prizes. We also give smaller prizes to everyone as they complete a reading chart during the summer. This particular family has children who really appreciate the smaller prizes. It is exciting to see kids be so happy to read. The prizes we purchase for our Summer Reading Program brings in several new families to use the library that have not been participants in the past.
Pottawattamie	Walnut	\$807.92	Technology; Programs	Apollo Automation Service ---- We used the money to pay for our subscription to the automation system to upgrade our cataloging system We purchased supplies for use during summer story time. The cataloging system helps our older patrons see what is available

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				without having to leave their homes. The patrons of our library are now able to access our catalog from anywhere. The Apollo system enables us to catalog our audio and video collection. This is a great service for our patrons.
Poweshiek	Brooklyn	\$553.13	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Capital Improvements	Wages for someone to work while Director went to Kids First Conference and website training. EbscoHost subscription New door mats
Poweshiek	Grinnell	\$2,889.15	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Funds used for purchase of large print books. install & maintain upgrade to Firewall Library staff have direct contact with homebound individuals at our area long term care facilities. These residents would be limited to a very small library at their facilities if Drake Community Library did not deliver large print books at their request. The Enrich Iowa funds allow us to purchase large print books beyond what our normal budget can provide. This service improves quality of life tremendously for these people every week. Our library users use our public Internet everyday to send email, make purchases, check their bank accounts and other private transactions that require a secure network connection. Upgrading the firewall for our public Internet and WiFi systems creates a secure working environment for our library users. Maintaining current materials in the large print collection is very important to our sight-impaired and elderly population of library users. Funds were also used to insure a secure Internet experience for our users. A strong firewall prevents attacks on the library's system and protects users accessing private financial information on our network.
Poweshiek	Montezuma	\$1,001.39	Materials and Supplies	library Materials and Supplies:: books, DVDs, audio books, supplies for preschool story time, supplies for Summer Reading Program.
Ringgold	Mount Ayr	NA		
Sac	Auburn	\$822.50	Materials and Supplies	This funding was used to add books and DVDs to our collection. This fiscal year we started a Tuesday morning coffee and community group and there are about 8-10 regulars, all retired residents of our town. While it is not a book club, they are interested in reading and want suggestions on what they should take home. I offer suggestions based on what they tell me and what they have read in the past, and they also discuss with each other books they have really enjoyed and why. They love to read the hot current titles and often bring me newspaper and magazine articles with the newest reads listed and the ones they want circled. Having these available for them really adds to their quality of life. We are able to add more current titles and DVDs, keeping our collection fresh and appealing.
Sac	Early	\$526.96	Materials and Supplies	DVD's,Books, and program supplies This funding has not helped just one person but several. Our programming has been a big hit this year. We are able to serve our diverse community with our updated technologies.

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Sac	Lake View	\$1,358.37	Technology	This funding continues to be used to help pay our Technology; lady, Madonna Watson, who keeps our computers virus free and is available whenever we have a computer issue. Her yearly pay is higher than the amount received from State Aid. We have at least one frequent patron who uses our computers often and with the help of my assistant who is very computer literate, the patron has been most thankful for the assistance provided her. Even though more and more patrons have their own smart phone service we continue to have patrons needing to use our public use computers. Technology; is the future and this library continues to keep this service available to our patrons. Our Technology; assistant is often needed as well to assist with various computer questions.
Sac	Lytton	\$757.89	Programs	Summer Summer Reading Programs We have had great attendance for our summer reading programs and the children become acquainted with the library and come more often.
Sac	Odebolt	\$1,266.05	Personnel	We have always used this money for Wednesday morning hours. Other than Saturday, this is the only morning we are open. The director took these hours and the total amount was used. We have an elderly woman who schedules her hair appointment for Wednesday morning so that she can stop at the library afterwards. As for the preschool, many of the children bring their parents into the library after school or on weekends to meet the "library lady" who reads them stories. This year they presented the librarian with a large thank you poster, including a picture of them at story time along with a statement from each of them of what they love best about coming to the library. Our Wednesday mornings have continued to be extremely busy and many people enjoy coming on a weekday morning. We have an arrangement with our school district's preschool, and during the school year, the preschool class walks down to the library for story time with the library director, and afterwards, they check out a book for the week.
Sac	Sac City	\$1,533.65	Materials and Supplies	Since our library budget has not seen an increase in several years, our Direct State Aid funding was used to supplement our budget in purchasing books(westerns children & young adult fiction), audiobooks, and library supplies which were needed. We have an elderly open access patron who makes a monthly trip to Sac City. She tells us the selection we are able to provide is why she comes. She looks forward to her "trip" to our library, and it is her purpose for coming to "town". She looks forward to this outing all month and we look forward to seeing her. Our library continues to serve our community by provided current and relevant materials to patrons. The funding infusion that we receive from the Direct State Aid enables our library to provide materials that supplement our programs as well provide materials for teachers. We are also able to provide outreach to the community through our Book Box program and county libraries audiobook exchange.
Sac	Schaller	\$913.45	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Furniture;	for the director's continuing ed classes and mileage. this amount is for the DVDs I try to buy each week, when I can get them at Walmart and use the Target ad to get them cheaper! for a coffee table for our donated Keurig and a table for the microfilm machine. Both I refinished and got quite cheap. for a new phone with answering machine. Our Hispanics in

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			Other	town can't afford much outside their norm and are always so thrilled when I get new DVDs.They appreciate the little things. This is always an extra help when we need it most. I try to put off like the coffee machine and such till either donated by patron or the state aid!Then everyone is thrilled and totally enjoys these surprises.
Sac	Wall Lake	\$1,262.32	Furniture	Library shelving for our renovation in January of 2015. The library was renovated in January 2015 and the result was much better lighting (most common compliment from patrons) and an updated library. We added new shelving, new circulation desk, new carpet and paint; moved collections around and created a young adult area. Our patrons are now able to enter a pleasing and welcoming environment to read or use computers or network. Our young adult patrons enjoy having their own section of the library - by the computers.
Scott	Bettendorf	\$7,401.41	Materials and Supplies	Library materials in various formats and age ranges We have several young patrons who are reluctant readers. Providing access to literacy-based digital and electronic resources strengthens the literacy connection in these kids, utilizing formats which interest them. It also initiates them into the library culture, even if print materials are not their personal preference, setting the foundation for lifelong learning. Bettendorf Public Library is known throughout the local area for the depth and excellence of our collection of materials. This year, we have acquired significant numbers of digital resources, including large numbers of Playaways and Playaway Views, along with a new product from Findaway called Launchpad. These are products which we circulate to the public, increasing user satisfaction across MANY populations and age-ranges. Direct Aid allows our library to broaden the scope of our collection with innovative and engaging materials, outside what may have been possible within our regular annual general funding alone. Thank YOU!!
Scott	Davenport	\$20,274.14	Personnel; Furniture; Other	Registrations & travel for ILA conference, PTRC training, Harwood Institute/PLA, local workshops for training New browsing shelves for Main Library and updating of reference office. Main Library virtual tour after some renovations took place.
Scott	Eldridge	\$11,045.23	Materials and Supplies; Technology	We purchased eBooks. We worked with the County IT department to do a bulk replacement and upgrade of our terminals. We also replaced printers. We are able to offer more reliable equipment for our community. Many members of our community rely on the library for their computer and printing needs, and our Technology; was failing and breaking down. We recognized the need, but we did not have the funds to implement this upgrade.
Scott	LeClaire	\$1,697.50	Materials and Supplies	Our Direct State Aid helped us purchase new materials, including ebooks through OverDrive Advantage, which we have not had the opportunity to do before. With our new advantage account through OverDrive, we are now able to offer an eBook collection that caters specifically to the tastes and interests of our community instead of just relying on the titles offered through our eBook consortium. Our patrons are very happy that they can now request eBook titles directly through us.
Shelby	Elk Horn	\$1,162.40	Personnel; Materials and	We staffed an additional person during our Summer Reading Program to introduce a new preschool story hour 4 times during the summer months. Our library decided to expand it's

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			Supplies; Technology; Capital Improvements; Furniture	magazine collection this year by adding more for men's and children's interests. We also added a handful of Playaway Audio Books in different genres. A local business donated a flat screen TV, and so we purchased a new Blu Ray player and new Wii games to go with our gaming system, as we host a movie night and Wii night weekly during the Summer Reading Program, and other times throughout the year. Our children's area was outdated, so we removed the wallpaper and wallpaper borders and painted the walls in fun colors for the kids. We also added some other decor to update the area. Our library purchased hooks and a table to store our Wii gaming system, games, remote controls and Blu Ray player in. There is a particular boy that comes to the library nearly every day after school and stays until closing. He is struggling with reading, but I believe that the fun programming and Summer Reading incentives that we offer make it a fun place to be and definitely encourages him with his reading. He wants to be here everyday, and that's a good feeling. By adding new elements into our library, we have had many new faces curious to see what changes we have made. It is exciting to offer new and fun things since libraries have definitely become more than just a place to check out a book.
Shelby	Harlan	\$2,267.08	Materials and Supplies	Audio books for adult fiction, large print for adult fiction We have been able to rotate both adult large print and audio book collections. We have been able to meet the demand for older patrons and commuting patrons that we would otherwise have had sparse inventory to meet their requests.
Shelby	Irwin	NA		
Sioux	Alton	\$1,024.14	Technology; Programs	Computer support Summer Reading Program
Sioux	Boyden	\$967.19	Technology	updated our computers
Sioux	Hawarden	\$1,718.34	Materials and Supplies; Technology	CD Books (lease program)-- Encyclopedia Britannica Online edition Computers We are able to have information via the electronic encyclopedia in our patrons' hands day or night Plus, the material is updated daily and it is reliable. Our CD book collection continues to be used. Those patrons who commute and have older cars love this. CD books are also used in the nursing home and assisted living spots.
Sioux	Hospers	\$1,316.57	Technology	We updated our circulation system It has help to serve patrons better.
Sioux	Hull	\$1,656.76	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Each year we have a Christmas ornament decorating program and this year we spent direct state aid money on supplies for this program, specifically, ornaments to supplement what we had on hand to make sure there were enough for everyone who came. Just as in past years, library programs is where the bulk of our direct state aid money is put toward. This year we used this money to purchase copies of The Fault In Our Stars for our adult book discussion group. We also purchased many different prizes/g Even though purchasing copies of The Fault In Our Stars for our library book club was not the most expensive way we used this funding it was one of the most helpful. Our book club really wanted to read this book for the month and then watch the movie, however we were unable to interlibrary

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				loan copies due to its immense popularity. Instead of making the book club switch this book to a different month we purchased a book club set for the members. Everyone was very happy about this and really appreciated being able to read the book when they had planned. Because of state aid funding we are able to have better quality incentives for our summer reading prizes. Kids and teens reading programs are improved because of this and have a higher interest than they would otherwise. Having fun prizes is a good way to draw in some more reluctant readers that might not participate in the program if they did not like the prizes they could acquire. This funding also helps us put on our Christmas ornament decorating program. This has quickly become one of our more popular events during the year and having funding that ensures we can continue it is a definite plus.
Sioux	Orange City	\$2,443.95	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Other	Kids First conference for two staff One Click Digital Downloads for Sioux County Consortium Encyclopedia Britannica database. Spent on Audio CDs The Kids first conference was especially valuable for our staff. They'd never attended before and they were overwhelmed with ideas and enthusiasm for the coming year's programming. We were able to add a quality database to what we currently offer online, send staff to Kids first and were able to be part of the county's digital consortium.
Sioux	Rock Valley	\$1,885.10	Technology	OPAC i-pads
Sioux	Sioux Center	\$2,646.14	Materials and Supplies	We used our funds to purchase more ebooks for our collections. We have a patron that was visiting a dying parent that was thrilled to use our ebook selection while she was here. eBooks are very popular in our community and this money helped us to purchase far more titles than our budget would allow for.
Story	Ames	\$13,613.78	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	<p>Wages for library staff members doing outreach to daycares. (Project Smyles) Board books and materials for packets given to parents of newborns. (Books for Babies) Here are a few comments from daycare providers surveyed in March 2015:</p> <p>(Kimmys House) I really dont know what I would do without the Project Smyles program. It is such a great way to keep the children involved in reading which is vital to their development! I am thankful every month for our presenter (Ms. Rae) and all the fun knowledge she brings from her experience and knowledge of childrens literature. Not only do the children learn, but I think I learn more! Thank you.</p> <p>(Kimz Kidz) As a childcare provider I love Project Smyles. I currently watch 7 children so I am unable to take them to the library. I depend on Project Smyles to provide a wonderful learning opportunity for the children. They have learned wonderful skills to help get them school ready. They have learned to raise their hands, take turns answering questions and listen to stories. They have also learned about different animals, handling their feelings and recognizing their colors. I cannot say enough wonderful things about this project. It is such an amazing gift to Home Daycares. It really benefits the children of Ames.</p> <p>(St. Paul Lori Jenks) We love Project Smyles coming to our preschool each month! Not only do the preschoolers get literature skill taught to them we the teachers get additional ideas</p>

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				<p>to use in the classroom with the pre-readers for our daily story time. Thank You! You are a tremendous program in the community! Project Smyles is making an impact for generations to come from fostering the love of books to learning how to read books. Just think of the children who are being impacted by this high quality, age-appropriate literacy program. The Books for Babies and Project Smyles programs allow Ames Public Library to help improve literacy in the community and showcase opportunities available at the library. Each Ames newborn receives a new board book through Books for Babies. Parents also receive supplies to help them develop their infants language skills from the earliest days, along with a schedule of library activities and a voucher for a second free book that can be picked up when they visit the library. Story times for youngsters in local daycares are offered through Project Smyles. The children, childcare providers, and parents all benefit from observing library professionals. In addition, specially-selected materials are left at the daycares each month to provide them with a cost-effective, ever-changing, on-site miniature library. In 2015, local daycares also made trips to visit and tour the newly renovated library using funds from a transportation grant for Project Smyles from United Way of Story County.</p> <p>In June 2015, Ames was presented with a 2014 Community Pacesetter Award from the National Grade Level Reading Campaign. The award is based on communities measurable progress in helping children become proficient readers and for improving student outcomes in at least one of three focus areas: increasing school readiness, reducing chronic absenteeism and improving summer learning among low-income children. The Books for Babies and Project Smyles programs are two of the ways Ames Public Library contributed to the award-winning effort.</p>
Story	Cambridge	\$799.24	Materials and Supplies; Programs; Other	Books for Summer Program. For two Summer Program'sFor New Printer. We would not be able to get some of the programs that cost more money then we would have without Direct Aid. We had Keith West and the look on some of the kids faces was great. He did so many tricks that the kids were amazed . He pulled money out of one child's ear and she asked how did he do that. BECAUSE OF Direct Aid I am able to have these shows. We are able to reach more people in our community, and give better services.
Story	Collins	\$738.21	Materials and Supplies	New Material We have a lot of new material that is up to date and more useful for our patrons. Our Library has done a lot of weeding of old materials and used all of our funding to buy new materials. We added to our children's books as well as adult fiction & adult non-fiction
Story	Colo	\$1,361.78	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Programs	The Colo Public Library provided a family storytime every other week this past Winter/Spring with two staff members for the program. Purchased all the 2015 Battle of the Books from the 5th and 6th grade list. Supplies middle school summer reading program, including karaoke rental and craft supplies. Speakers, Jester Puppets, Mary Potter Keyon (Counponing Class),and Story County Genealogy. This is the first year the Colo Public Library

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				provided an evening family story time. Several families participated with an average of 10 to 15 at each program. One father brought is five children to each program. This allowed the mother to stay home and have one on one time with an older sibling. It was also great to see a father able to participate with story time, which would not have been possible during a daytime program. The Colo Public Library was able to provide a summer middle school program, an evening family story time and also provide copies of Battle of the Books for 5-8 graders. We also provided several educational programs for adults. This encouraged the preteen age to use the library and to have quality programs provided. The adult classes provided fun and educational speakers to encourage life long learning.
Story	Huxley	\$1,784.26	Materials and Supplies	Books and DVDs
Story	Maxwell	\$846.77	Materials and Supplies; Technology	We bought several eBooks for the Library use Kindels, We expanded our Early Out after School Program. We added a few Adult Technology; programs and of course added to all our book and DVD collections. A new computer so we could update our software and be able to have an online catalog. Without the funding we would not be able to afford to have the extra programing especially, as some people that work for the Board and the City don't believe that this is how money should be spent. They want more books and DVDs only, but since I explained this would help to bring in more people and boost our numbers they agreed and we have seen a big turn out at all our programs. I averaged 54 children at our Early Out After School Program. That is amazing for a town of 920.
Story	Nevada	\$2,717.63	Technology; Other	New server Volunteer recognition hanging. The server definitely speeds up the online catalog and has more storage for expansion to library software upgrades that we will be doing this summer.
Story	Roland	\$1,387.28	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Wilbor fees Programming including Tim Read, Jester Puppets, Science Center of Iowa, and a local petting zoo
Story	Slater	\$1,294.40	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	New Student Intern Position New Bluray Collection Local jobs for teens are hard to come by in small towns, and this past year we were able to add a position for a teen to help us during our summer reading program and continuing during the school year for our early-out programs. This student employee not only helped during the programming, but was trained to process materials, work the circulation desk, manage computer databases for program registrants, and help customers with all variety of library assistance. These skills have helped her with her college applications and I have been able write several references for college scholarship applications. We have been able to make more copies of videos available to our patrons by adding a Bluray copy of the most popular movies. We have also been able to add a part-time employment opportunity for a local teenager in a town where local jobs are hard to come by. The staff has allowed us the help we have needed with our growing children's programming in the summer and on early-out days.

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Story	Story City	\$1,773.26	Technology	Purchased tablets to use with Lego Robotics Mindstorm Lab at the library, seeking units that could be portable and offer screens large enough to view schematics. We had a very smart young man who has become part of this Robotics group and is so engaged and involved, the adult leaders have noted that he could lead this group! Prior to this program, he seemed very disinterested in the library programs, and only connected with the library to use the public computers. Since then, he has taken a leadership role, encouraging others to come to the robotics program, and offered volunteer hours to help in other areas at the library. We spent 14 months building this program, as computer applications using the robotics programs was not available in Story City when we first began this project. The initial investments were pricey, and we wanted to identify the youth who had the most interest. Using Boy Scouts for an initial test, we felt confident our young people would be excited to have this edgy programming available at the library, which encouraged us to make additional purchases to support this, using a combination of Direct State Aid money, and money from our Library Trust. During the past year, 12 different boys, who were not regularly using the library, have become more connected to the library, using other services, and committing their Saturdays to six hours of programming and experimentation using these devices.
Story	Zearing	\$1,224.76	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Books for program themes. Wall posters and craft supplies for after school and summer program Legos and Contraption Blocks for Lego Club and after school program The new supplies for library programs brought in new kids for after school and summer program.
Tama	Chelsea	\$725.42	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Bought DVD'S to add to our collection. Helped pay for a new computer for public use. One of our rural patrons came in and when she used the new computer stated that "I don't know what I would do if I couldn't use the libraries computers! Thank you!" She does not have access to the internet out in the county where she lives. The libraries computers are a great service that we can provide to ALL our patrons. We have a new computer for patron use and new DVDs for patrons to enjoy.
Tama	Clutier	NA		
Tama	Dysart	\$1,290.93	Personnel; Technology; Other	extra help for special programs Smart shield for new computers Tumbleweed We have been able to provide a weekly pre-school story hour for children unable to attend pre-school due to the expense of sending them. Have these funds have made it possible to offer services and programs that we might not have the funds to offer our patrons.
Tama	Elberon	\$1,032.77	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture; Programs; Other	Books, dvds, supplies computer stackable chairs for kids area Summer program suppliesmisc. services Some kids in our community don't have access to computers and other things so they love the fact they can come here and enjoy time reading or doing other things. Updated for patrons to enjoy while being at our library.

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Tama	Garwin	\$763.36	Personnel	wages Helps pay librarian.
Tama	Gladbrook	\$1,209.46	Technology; Programs	1 new computer and copier as they both were really old. Summer Reading Program performance fees We have people who come in to print their work pay stubs because these come on line for many who want a paper copy. It is great to have extra money to purchase items we need and for the Summer Reading Program.
Tama	Tama	\$1,608.38	Personnel; Technology	Extra help for summer reading. Two people. 3 New public access computers. With the replacement of three of the oldest computers in the library, it has provided the patrons with better equipment. The new computers help our patrons better to take on line college courses, apply for unemployment and study for tests using Learning Express. We were able to provide more hands-on help for the kids during summer reading programs each week.
Tama	Toledo	\$1,497.03	Materials and Supplies; Furniture; Other	Replacement DVDs, Best 100 Before Kindergarten Books, Easy Readers, Disney DVDs, Junie B. Jones Replacements, Elementary Battle of the Books. Partial payment for a new children's book shelf. Movie License. The Direct State Aid funding is an essential part of our budget and has assisted the Toledo Library in purchasing many new wonderful materials for our community. We strive to provide excellent services here in Toledo and with the help of these state funds, our goals can be met. It really is amazing how far our dollars can go to fill our shelves with new and interesting items for circulation. Here is how we used our funding. We replaced many popular DVDs that had gone lost or were damaged. We purchased Disney DVDs that are very popular and loved. We replaced missing and added new Junie B. Jones books that are a must for any library shelf. We purchased many of the Elementary Battle of the Books selections so our school kids will have access to these through the public library as well as Bridges and we purchased all of the remaining books that were were not on our shelves to make up the 100 Best Reads for Kindergarteners for our upcoming promotion. We also were able to purchase our annual movie license. With this license, we play summer movies, no school day movies and are beginning a senior series movie event called Theatre Thursdays. Getting people in the door for one event will always lead to another. Our funding also helped purchase a custom built children's book shelf for board books and bins for toys. The funding we receive from Direct State Aid is so vital to our library. We are fortunate to be able to spend it on items that our community can really use and items that can be added to our collection and enjoyed for many years. We appreciate this program and our library will continue to strive for excellence and be a part of Direct State Aid. Thank you. The Toledo Library Board, Foundation, Staff and Community.
Tama	Traer	\$1,390.88	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	DVDs, Puzzles & Children's Books 4 Pairs of Headphones for patron usage in computer lab and a hand held scanner for staff use Toys for new Story time module, Legos for new Ready Set Lego program, Crafts & Puppets for story time Because of the Direct State Aid, we were able to change the format of our story time by adding a variety of toys for large motor skill development. We also were able to enhance the story time experience by purchasing a

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				<p>variety of puppets, puzzles, books and craft items.</p> <p>We were able to start a Lego Program for elementary children this year that has been well received and will continue through the summer.</p> <p>The direct state aid also allowed us to purchase headphones for patron usage and add an additional scanner to help with administrative tasks. Every year we benefit from the additional funding, allowing us to purchase items for the library that we might not be able to within our normal budget.</p>
Taylor	Bedford	\$480.95	Furniture	4 black leather chairs With the new 4 black leather chairs, it is easier to clean and it's easier for our patrons to get out of the chair. The new chairs are higher up and very much updated. No more 1960's style colors (olive green, mustard yellow, burnt orange, and some kind of brown color.) We are getting more people sitting down here at this library and enjoying their reading material without feeling like the seat is closer to the ground.
Taylor	Clearfield	NA		
Taylor	Lenox	\$1,280.09	Materials and Supplies	We purchased large print and children's books As our community ages we find we have an increased demand for books in a large print format. We feature a shelf "front and center" with "New Large Print Books" our seniors love it! We had a large cut in or budget, without these funds we would not have been able to purchase the books.
Taylor	New Market	NA		
Union	Creston	\$2,679.20	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology	ILA memberships for staff to attend ILA conference. New large print books, audio books, newspaper subscriptions, and a magazine subscription were purchased that were beyond our budget. This was used for Technology; support for setting up 8 new computers in the library. We were able to offer more large print books to a patron that can only read large print. She was very grateful for the expanded selection as she reads 8-10 books a week. We were able to have a tech person install and set up our new computers so patrons had faster, more reliable internet access.
Van Buren	Birmingham	NA		
Van Buren	Bonaparte	\$720.28	Materials and Supplies	Library Materials and Supplies;
Van Buren	Cantril	NA		
Van Buren	Farmington	NA		
Van Buren	Keosauqua	\$810.24	Technology; Furniture	HP OfficeJet printer/copier/fax. 1 year warranty. 4 ink cartridges. Installation. New book shelves for the children/teen area We are able to make copies and send faxes for our patrons at a reasonable price that are still a high quality. Our teenagers won't have to sit on the floor to look at books to check out. They will be at the same height as the adult book cases.
Van Buren	Milton	NA		
Van Buren	Stockport	NA		

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Wapello	Agency	\$1,112.49	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	CEU classes Wilbur & Update Adult Non Fiction Computer and printer updates and repairs Summer Reading program, books, copies and supplies New children moved into town and a couple visiting a parent new to the area. They have been able to use the computers and check out various new books. Continue to work to improve computer/internet to patrons. Continue to work to provide updated and interesting materials for patrons to check out and use.
Wapello	Blakesburg	\$725.78	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Wilbor \$326.64; EbscoHost \$39.80; Daily newspaper subscription \$179.88 Ink cartridges, paper, supplies for programming. We have one patron who really likes the downloadable audio books so she can listen to a book while she is involved in other activities. She doesn't like just sitting still, but enjoys a good story. We helped her learn how to download books to her I-pad mini, and now she can listen and work at the same time. Other patrons like that they can download ebooks and increase the size of the text to make it easier on their eyes to read. We are able to offer our patrons access to e-books and database articles in addition to the daily newspaper because of our state direct aid. We have had some classes and promoted WILBOR (now Bridges) e-books and audio books and have seen an increase in use over the previous year.
Wapello	Eddyville	\$1,239.38	Personnel	The entire amount was spent on salaries to staff for extended hours. Several children are receiving one-on-one tutoring from an adult tutor. They are able to schedule their tutoring sessions at the library after school/work hours. We are able to be more accessible for those who work or attend school.
Wapello	Eldon	\$842.28	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Our yearly subscription to WILBOR was paid and 16 books were ordered for the Teen Summer Reading Program. Our performance license with movie licensing USA was paid and supplies for our Summer Reading promotion at the school Carnival along with snacks for our movies were purchased.
Wapello	Ottumwa	\$4,108.20	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Library cards reprinted, Permacard=\$940.50 (We are only claiming the \$544.20 difference in our balance) Info max one month's worth of printer/fax lease payments= \$564 and Zinio annual subscription (RBdigital) =\$1000, Transparent Languages database annual subscription (Recorded Books)= \$2000 I helped a woman who was of limited technical skills print out her daughter's summer camp form that was due that day. The mom was going through a divorce, stressed out at work, and didn't have a printer at home to complete this last minute request. Without funding that assisted in paying for our printers/faxes/scanners lease we would not have been able to quickly and efficiently help this mom. Yes, we utilize the funding for items/services that we might otherwise go without.
Warren	Carlisle	\$1,876.91	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Capital	books PA system (matching grant. cordless scanner. security camera window replacementtables We purchased a cordless scanner with the funding. This will allow us to use a laptop as an additional checkout station during our busiest time- Summer Reading! We are so excited to be able to help our daycares and families get checked out quickly so

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			Improvements; Furniture	that they can enjoy our library and programming instead of waiting in one long checkout line!
Warren	Indianola	\$4,605.61	Technology; Furniture	This money was used to finance a lease/purchase of a new microfilm reader/scanner, a computer to use with it and a table to put it on. We also used it to help with the lease of a new photocopier. None of these badly needed purchases would have been possible. We purchased a computer table to put the new computer and scanner on. We have a patron who is writing a book on a famous horse (yes, a horse) in Warren County. She was very frustrated with our old microfilm reader/printer but struggled through anyway because she had no other options. When we showed her how to use the new one, she was so excited and complimentary. It made her research much easier. Our old microfilm reader/printer was so old that parts were no longer available. Copy quality was iffy at best and usually poor. It was literally hanging on by a thread. With this lease/purchase we were able to replace the old microfilm reader/printer with a new one and the results have been fantastic. We are able to look up old newspaper articles without ruining our eyesight! Print quality is phenomenal. Our patrons love it.
Warren	Lacona	\$764.47	Materials and Supplies	Audio books, print books, DVDs One of our library patrons drives a truck for a grocery chain and spends many hours on the road at night. He enjoys the audio books and eagerly anticipates new additions to our audio book section. He brings his children to the library with him when he checks out the audio books, so his family is also encouraged to read because they see how important it is to their father. His children have made suggestions of book titles to be purchased for the library collection. The Lacona Public Library is working to improve the library collection and to provide for and encourage reading in our community. The money provided by Direct State Aid has greatly helped in building the collection.
Warren	Milo	\$1,199.80	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Furniture	We extended our hours on Thursday evening. We are open 2 hours longer and had to hire additional staff to extend hours. Bought various DVD's to enlarge collection and selection for the public. New chair for browsers in the library. We are a rural farming community. Many of our patrons are unable to receive high speed internet in rural areas. By receiving funding we are able to offer more hours after school and evening for our school age children to access the internet. They must have access to complete their homework assignments as our students a SEW must now use computer devices for homework. Without our service many of our area children would not be able to do homework. We have been able to offer more evening hours so that our school children have access to the internet.
Warren	New Virginia	\$783.97	Technology; Programs	Printer/89.99 Computer 603.98 SLP Performer The performer was amazing and the kids loved it. We have a new computer and a performer for the summer reading program.
Warren	Norwalk	\$2,788.19	Programs	We spend our Direct State Aid on our summer reading program reaching over 1400 patrons this year (2015). As a result of this funding, we have been able to provide a more inclusive summer reading program -- reaching all ages (babies - adult)

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				and have been able to provide more programs for participants throughout the program.
Washington	Kalona	\$1,925.12	Personnel; Materials and Supplies	A staff person started receiving health benefits in 2015. The Direct State Aid payment helped with that additional cost. The Direct State Aid payment allowed us to increase the materials purchased this year. A wonderful boost to all the collections.
Washington	Washington	\$2,960.87	Materials and Supplies	Purchased 2 ProQuest databases (Ancestry.com Library Edition and Heritage Quest), Tumblebooks e-books subscription for children, an EbscoHost research database, and BookPage print subscription. We have a family in town whose 6-year old was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder when he was 4. They have been working hard to get him ready to transition into a full-day Kindergarten. They love our Tumblebooks database because their son can practice reading in a fun, safe environment. These databases, which are accessible at all times of the day and night, allow us to serve patrons long after our bricks-and-mortar building is closed. Children can practice their reading skills on a Sunday, genealogists can track their family history on a Saturday evening, and students can finish those last-minute projects using our research database until the wee hours of the morning.
Washington	Wellman	\$572.54	Capital Improvements; Furniture	Replaced sash on window that had rotted out. Window is in Children's area that needed to be made safe for our little patrons. This was an unexpected expense, therefore not budgeted. Purchased a "mini" sofa for our smaller patrons. Old Furniture; is deteriorating and in need of replacement. Fixing the window obviously made it much safer for all our patrons. The little sofa is designed for small children and it is such a joy to see a child sitting down to read, and it is just right for a toddler to sit and begin good reading habits. Being able to fix the window has made it safer for our patrons as it is attached to a window bench that children sit on and read. It was an unexpected expense, but a repair that was desperately needed
Wayne	Allerton	NA		
Wayne	Corydon	\$1,349.65	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture; Programs	Extended hours due to being down to one staff member only start up Books, DVDs and program supplies Defective hard drive, rebuild RAID array Lighting ballasts no longer produced - lighting replacements Towards books, craft supplies for children's Summer Reading Program Funding has contributed to helping not one person or the telling of one story, but has helped to make improvements in many areas of library service, thus has raised community awareness and appreciation. This library is facing the need to have extensive and expensive repairs done to the building and must work with city hall to plan and execute repairs and renovations. Public support is and will be crucial to seeing this necessary work done. Were able to make overall improvements to the quality of services, more welcoming atmosphere - especially the children's section
Wayne	Humeston	\$729.45	Technology	Migration of our ILS from Follet (Sagebrush Infocentre) to Apollo by Biblionix. Direct State Aid covered a portion of the cost. This funding that helped us migrate to Apollo has impacted several people. The members of the library staff are thrilled with the benefits such as text messaging but community members have found value, too. One person greatly

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				affected by this was our Assistant Director. Much of her time used to be spent running overdue lists, making phone calls and mailing notices. Now, she has much more time to do the other library tasks that are assigned to her. The Apollo system has some wonderful functions that we didn't previously have access to. One of the main features that has been well received is the Due Date Warning and Overdue Warning text messages that are sent to patrons. We have found that with no staff time, we have a higher rate of materials being returned on time. Our library users like both sides of this. They appreciate the gentle reminders to return library materials. They also appreciate that the selection is often better because other patrons have been reminded to return their library materials.
Wayne	Seymour	NA		
Webster	Badger	NA		
Webster	Callender	\$1,180.82	Materials and Supplies	Books and periodicals. I was able to supply some young dog lovers with a great set of dog books. We were able to improve our children's non-fiction section.
Webster	Clare	NA		
Webster	Dayton	\$1,282.07	Materials and Supplies; Technology	Continue to enhance and maintain current selections in young adult section, which is increasingly popular at our library, for both youth and adults. offsets the ongoing Technology; costs of repair and maintenance for computers A grandmother was able to receive photographs from her grandson in Louisiana via our internet and computers, and take a printout home. It makes modern communication possible in households that may be lacking modern Technology;. Maintaining current book selections and functioning Technology; levels the playing field for residents of our small town library. We routinely serve customers who cannot afford personal computers or printers or ink or Internet service, as well as those who are able to own their own electronics, but have a sudden breakdown preventing them from printing or accessing internet. Therefore, we are able to supply an ongoing need as well as temporary emergency need to complete required "paperwork" online for various purposes, such as loan applications, housing applications, job applications, financial reports, school assignments, contacting relatives, etc.
Webster	Duncombe	\$1,187.45	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Capital Improvements; Programs	We had hired a new Children's Librarian, who had training to prepare for Summer Reading Program, as well as training for general library purposes. We bought books for Summer Reading Program. Flowers for our big barrels outside (we do a program on flowers and have the kids help plant them). We ordered supplies for our boards, and board decorations to help promote reading. All the computers got a little tune-up, as well as our main computer used for circulation. Our main computer also had a nice cleaning, and upgrade to stay running nice and smooth. We spent money to repair our door. We spent money on craft supplies for our Storytime and Summer Reading Programs. We just had a man in here who needed help to do an online interview. He has been out of work and coming in here to use the computers for many of months trying to find a job. He finally snagged an interview, but his options were to drive 4 hours away or attempt a Skype interview. He didn't have the

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				<p>money to drive, so we proceeded to help him with his Skype interview. We had it downloaded and set up an account for the library so others would have the same opportunity. If our computers weren't up to date and we didn't keep them maintained we wouldn't be able to do those things for people in his situation.</p> <p>We also provide programing for children, and recently purchased a bunch of bulletin board props. We have discovered that using the boards and showing how much the kids read, really helps improve how much they read. They want to see their numbers go up, and they strive to get more hours down. It has really helped our kiddos want to read more. Being a small library, and extra funding helps the library, and the community as a whole. Without this money, we couldn't have provided the extra supplies to help with Summer Reading Program. If we didn't have programs like Storytime or Summer Reading Program, kids wouldn't realize the importance of reading, or stay in the habit of reading during the summer months. Not only does it help with reading, we are providing educational time for parents to utilize. They learn the importance of many things with these programs, as well as motor skills (cutting, gluing, coloring inside the lines), as well as how to work with other kids their age to reach a goal. We couldn't have fixed our computers, that provided ways for people to apply and search for jobs. Jobs are still hard to come by in our area, which means that we still have many people searching for jobs via the internet, and if we weren't here to provide computers and free internet, it would be a lot harder for those individuals to look for jobs. They can walk here, not waste their gas, and spend an afternoon looking for jobs.</p>
Webster	Fort Dodge	\$6,733.70	Materials and Supplies	DVDs for patrons of all ages
Webster	Gowrie	\$1,316.82	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Books, and DVD's Summer Reading Program I have a couple of patrons that have absolutely nothing and because of our library has had access to computers and materials and one of our patrons, started reading again. She had not read since high school. It has brought in more patrons and they have used and loved the new materials.
Webster	Harcourt	\$1,150.89	Materials and Supplies	This year we decided to put it all our collection for books, e-books, and, DVD's. We are a small library so we highly depend on this funding to help us.
Webster	Lehigh	\$1,198.54	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Programs	To bring in an extra person for summer reading programs. Purchase of crafting supplies for summer reading program projects. Purchase of books and snacks for summer reading program My summer reading participants decided to do an impromptu puppet show which I would not have been able to perform had I not had the funds necessary to purchase the appropriate craft materials. Children of the area are being served to the best of the library's ability with proof being the addition of several new children to the program.
Winnebago	Buffalo Center	\$927.02	Other	Direct State aid money was used to buy a picnic table and benches for an outdoor learning center and play area adjacent to the library. The improved outdoor area makes our library more inviting and gives us a place for summer programs.
Winnebago	Forest City	\$1,936.87	Furniture;	bookcase \$425.00; bookcase \$239.40;bench with cushion \$276.83; fix circulation desk

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			Other	drawers \$122.33 carpet cleaned \$633.58; \$239.73 paint for painting interior walls The addition of one of the bookcases was used in spreading out children's books. This area had gotten very tight due to lack of space. The public likes the bench with a cushion in the entryway to sit down; especially those waiting for the taxi.
Winnebago	Lake Mills	\$1,529.98	Personnel	Summer Reading Programs We have some minority families that have moved into our area and their children became involved with other children due to these programs. We were able to present a quality summer reading program for children in our area due to these funds.
Winnebago	Rake	\$839.23	Furniture; Other	shelve replace floor in bathroom the shelve is for children's DVD'S so they can find them easier it has help to do improvements that we don't have in our budget
Winnebago	Thompson	\$1,230.18	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	One half year of People Magazine TV, DVD player and TV stand. Blind Date Promotion for month of February, Pippa White-Orphan Train Program, Hanson Family Juggling Program. The Board of Trustees have chosen to wisely spend Direct State Aid on bringing quality programming to the patrons. Pippa White performed the Orphan Train which enthralled the audience. The Hanson Family was part of the Summer Reading Program and they had a Super Hero Theme to their program. We are very grateful for the direct state aid.
Winneshiek	Calmar	\$919.04	Materials and Supplies; Technology; Furniture; Other	This portion of the funding was used to purchase audio books and DVDs, thereby providing patrons with the newest audio book titles and some of the more popular movie releases as they become available. This portion of the funding received was used to purchase two new portable telephones for the library. The FAX portion of the previous combination telephone/FAX machine was no longer in working order and rather than purchase a new phone/FAX combination m This portion of the funding received was used to purchase a new TV cart for the library. The old TV stand was becoming increasingly unstable and posed a definite hazard to children; therefore, it was decided to purchase a new heavy duty metal-framed TV s This portion of the funding received was used to purchase LEGOs and a toddler train table. Since LEGOs are so popular and the library had none to speak of, money received from Direct State Aid was used to purchase several sets for children 18 months all Audio books always tend to be popular with those individuals who travel distances, especially those who commute long distance to work. Tow local residents are women who commute 150 miles round trip to Rochester to work at Mayo Clinic as nurses and they utilize the audio books while commuting to pass the time. Patrons love the selection of our DVDs as we tend to purchase big name box office hits, offering a broad selection of movies for all ages. Children have enjoyed the LEGOS and train set and ask to play with them all the time. Again, teens love the new over-sized bean bag chair to have a comfy place to sit while using laptops or just socializing. Since the funds received have been used to purchase several items for the library, services for all ages has been improved by offering new DVDs and audiobooks, Furniture;, safety equipment, and toys, thus broadening what the library

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				has to offer, not just limiting spending to books.
Winneshiek	Decorah	\$3,165.92	Technology	The entire amount was designated for Technology; Funding towards Apollo web-based circulation system upgrade, wireless printer for personal devices and circulation scanner and hardware for new children's/youth circulation desk. Apollo e-mail capabilities has greatly improved communication between the large print library and the over 150 libraries served. Previously, printouts were sent with the shipment. Now e-mail notifications are sent which include all the large print books listing that a library has out. This helps all the libraries that Decorah Public Library services. Apollo software allows patrons to access their accounts online for renewals, reserves and material requests. Automatic e-mails upon check out/renewal keeps patrons informed on library account. Wireless printing capabilities are key for use of personal devices when using the library services. Circulation desk in children's area has proven to be informational in a timely manner for the Children/Young Adult staff in the area and young patrons and parents using the area.
Winneshiek	Fort Atkinson	\$1,123.95	Materials and Supplies	We used the money to keep up with the demand of NEIBORS annual fee, new books and new dvds It still amazes me when a person comes into our small library looking for that New York Times bestseller that they can't get at the bigger libraries because there is a long waiting list, and we have it waiting on the shelf "just for them" This scenario does change the way they think about the library right in their back yard. They realize next time they might not have to drive first before finding the item they want. We are able to keep the community coming in the door by having the items they want when they visit our library.
Winneshiek	Ossian	\$1,271.09	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Programs	Extra open hours for Summer Reading Programing. For our audio book lease and additional Large print materials. Replaced patron computer. This is partial Summer reading program for crafts and promotional material. We are the only source of computers and internet for some of this community. Staying up to date with new computers is really helping meet this need. We have a very active Summer reading program which we can invest more into because of this funding. Some of our most active readers are beginning to require large print and we had a very small collection prior to trying to meet this growing need.
Winneshiek	Spillville	\$1,127.44	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology; Capital Improvements	We sent a staff member to get trained in Des Moines. Books, Dvds audio Books bought used Monitor We used it to paint our basement so that we could rent it out in the future. We were able to purchase more large print books for our patrons with vision problems who use the library on a daily basis and love to read. We were able to improve our collection of books especially the large print collection.
Woodbury	Anthon	\$718.51	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Programs	Continuing Education Books, DVDs Prizes for Summer Reading Program, snacks for story time, crafts for Holiday Make It & Take It. Direct State Aid is so beneficial to small town libraries. The money helps supplement all the little extra things that we want (prizes, books, etc)

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Woodbury	Correctionville	\$751.56	Technology	It was put towards the expense of five new computers for our library. Yes, we were in need of updating our computers to keep up with Technology; for our public users. At the same time we also updated our internet connection and we have increased our computer usage. Our users are now able to access the web and other data sources easier. It was a huge expense that we didn't have in our budget this year. The rest of the expense was picked up by some memorial money.
Woodbury	Cushing	\$336.98	Technology	Atrium Express annual subscription It is a bit difficult to determine how this funding has made a difference in the individual lives of those patrons who use the Atrium system on a regular basis. However, there is one individual who uses the system through the library staff when she visits the library in person. The staff is not sure whether the individual has a computer with appropriate Atrium connections or if she has one at all. At any rate, this person is enjoying the benefits of the program by asking the staff member the information she wants or needs. Examples include: "Have I read this book?" and "Could you put my name on the Reserve List for this book?" It is obvious that this individual feels that equal access to the system has made a difference in her life. The Atrium system is a faster and easier way to process and catalog books and DVD's purchased or donated to the library. This, in itself gives the Library Director more time to help the patrons that come into the library. This system also gives patrons who are confined to their homes access to their checkout histories, information about their favorite authors, and availability of other books. Another feature is the opportunity to reserve books from the comfort of their homes. Other patrons, who are not necessarily homebound, appreciate the capability of remote access simply for the sake of convenience in their busy lives. (This, of course, assumes that these patrons have the proper computer connections to use the Atrium system.) We would not have been able to purchase the Atrium system without this funding.
Woodbury	Moville	NA		
Woodbury	Sargeant Bluff	NA		
Woodbury	Sioux City	\$16,981.59	Technology	New online public access catalog stations and software with up-to-date searching features. (Some components yet to be purchased as year ended.) A woman living in a senior living community phoned to inquire about security for the patron account information, saying she would gladly "in this day and age" add the step of entering a PIN. "I start all my library business on the computer," she said, "and I love your new catalog." Our Online Branch (web page, databases, catalog) has an up-to-date look and the catalog searching is google-like. The new in-house catalog computers respond much more quickly to a search than our previous thin-client version. And, these touch screen computers (only a test version is currently installed) make using the library's resources more app-like for quick searchers while offering more traditional keyboard input for those who prefer that.
Woodbury	Sloan	\$1,219.46	Personnel;	Wages for summer help during the Crazy 8's Math Club held in June We purchased the

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			Technology; Programs	<p>following: a tablet for debit/credit card payments, a desktop laminator, software upgrades for our security camera and time limit manager for the computer lab, and a desktop computer for the circ desk. Supplies for our summer Crazy 8's Math Club held in June for Pre-K, K-2, and 3-5 grade kids. The Bedtime Math's Crazy 8's math club has been a fun and different way to introduce and create a wider interest in math through a wide range of nontraditional math activities. This has included using glowsticks to create 2-D and 3-D geometric shapes, exploring time by being the hands of a life size clock, competing in toilet paper olympics which emphasizes counting, measuring lengths, and estimation, and spy training by cracking secret codes through pattern recognition and completion and association between sets. This has been a great addition to our summer program and has made a difference in the lives of over 60 children ranging in ages from 3-10. Our library service has improved from this funding by allowing us to provide a very fun and educational math club for the many kids that come through our doors when school is out and the great eraser begins.</p> <p>We have also benefitted by purchasing a Samsung Galaxy Tablet, which allows us to offer debit/credit card payments for fines and various purchases. This allows patrons, who seldom carry cash or use checks, to easily make a payment when necessary.</p>
Worth	Fertile	\$1,183.31	Materials and Supplies	We used the money to purchase books and audio books. I hear over and over young patrons are glad they can find the books they want or need to read here. Often times there are long waits for the books at the school library. We are able to provide a greater selection of titles and authors for all ages.
Worth	Grafton	\$1,160.46	Materials and Supplies	The money was spent on new books, DVDs, summer reading program materials and incentives. There was a certain new family in town in the past year, with 6 children, right across the street from the library. The children especially had a hard time leaving their friends behind, and not immediately getting to know anyone here. Their old property in Montana was larger than our entire town. We don't have theaters, a mall, a pool, school, eating establishments, or any of the usual places where kids gather and meet other kids. They came to the library first, and have been here nearly every day since I first met them. They had new books and new movies to keep them company, at first, and they had fun making new friends at the summer reading program, and enjoyed the incentives we were able to provide as rewards for reading. I think the new materials and extra programming materials we are able to provide because of this funding is very valuable, and it might just seem like "just another book," until you stop and really think about the needs we are able to fill because of them. This funding helps us provide our community access to many current books and movies and programing that would otherwise be a hardship for us to provide in such quantities to satisfy community needs. We do not have a school or a pool here or other usual forms of entertainment in our town, and the public library is all the more important.

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Worth	Hanlontown	\$1,155.42	Materials and Supplies	Books and Audio books We wouldn't be able to offer Audio books without this help Funding allows us to offer more selection for our patrons
Worth	Joice	\$1,154.65	Materials and Supplies	Mason City Globe Gazette = \$278.20; DVD = \$300.00 Adult fiction or non fiction = \$300.00 Junior Fiction or non Fiction = \$276.45 The librarian asks the patrons to look at the catalogs that the library receives and choose books they would read if we added them to our collection. This is very popular with our Junior Patrons when we order a book they select. They often ask if the item they selected has been shipped and take a special interest in that book when we receive it. One Junior Patron requested a book about the Titanic and has checked it out many times! His eyes light-up when he continues to give our staff a book report and how much he enjoys reading the book he selected. The senior adult patrons really appreciate that we provide four local daily or weekly newspapers. With their limited incomes they can't afford the subscription rates. At our circulation desk we provide a form that all our patrons can request materials they would like the library to add to our collection. Everyone in our community has the opportunity to see their tax dollars be used in a positive manner. It is rewarding as a staff member to hear positive comments about how someone really enjoyed reading a book or watching a DVD.
Worth	Kensett	\$828.06	Materials and Supplies	Updated our Children's books & Dvd's Lot more variety of books and dvds.....Has improved our circulation greatly.
Worth	Manly	\$1,367.88	Personnel; Materials and Supplies; Technology	Time spent training newest member of our staff. Spent money on books as our book budget was limited because of computer maintenance and repairs. Spent money getting rid of Windows XP. We have several children who do not have internet access at home. They are here at the library from opening to closing most days during the summer. It is an experience for them where they learn to share computers, to have access to the Internet, to get movies and books since they are all ready here, and they learn manners. These kids usually do not have pool passes and it is their only place where it is cool (air conditioning) and an welcoming and safe place. With the state funds, we were able to keep all our computer stations and therefore give these kids something constructive to do. We have been able to buy more books for our patrons, utilize all our computers which are filled with children most of the time, and train a new member of our team.
Worth	Northwood	\$1,045.68	Materials and Supplies	large print books for our ever increasing population that reads large print Patrons who can no longer read regular print can still enjoy new books in all genres. Many of our patrons are moving to large print for easier reading, and we have been able to add many more new books, including several best sellers, for their reading pleasure.
Wright	Belmond	\$1,726.42	Technology	AWE AfterSchool Edge computer With the Direct State Aid funding along with special project funding from our county we are able to purchase an AWE computer station for the children's department. It had been several years since we have had a dedicated children's computer station. The children's computer was always a popular item with the children and their parents, so it will be great to once again be able to offer one in the children's

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Wright	Clarion	\$1,795.79	Technology	All funds were used to digitalize our microfilm collection of our local paper. We have all issues from inception until the final three years transferred to that format. Using digital issues on-line is much more user friendly than sifting through microfilm. It has been received well by our Historical Society and several patrons looking for information. We also used it to track down information for our recent 150th celebration of the community. Patrons can access information from home. Genealogy is in our lower level and if only one person is on staff, the employee can research and find information from the circulation area.
Wright	Dows	\$1,214.33	Materials and Supplies; Programs	Juvenile Fiction and Non-Fiction Books Summer Reading Supplies. Books, t-shirts, logs, bags, and reward incentives. I have a couple of children who look forward to this each year. It has helped them improve their reading and it has been fun watching their confidence grow each year. We were able to purchase more juvenile books than if we had not received this money. Also, it helped finance our Summer Reading Program.
Wright	Eagle Grove	\$1,996.21	Technology	We replaced two public access computers and one staff laptop computer. The replacement of two public access computers has improved the speed and availability of newer Microsoft applications.
Wright	Rowan	\$1,164.09	Technology	Our old copier stopped working so we needed to purchase a new one. The money we received from Direct State Aid was applied toward it. A member of a local church has a four page district newsletter that she puts out to 80 people each quarter. When our copier stopped working and we had to buy a new one, it was very beneficial to this individual that we had the Direct State Aid dollars to help purchase a new one. We were able to order a copier and have it delivered by the time she needed it for her newsletter. She was very grateful that she didn't have to go out of town and could continue to support her local library. Being able to use the Direct State Aid dollars, to help purchase a new copier, has allowed the library to continue to provide copying services to patrons that are in our community.