

ENRICH IOWA REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2015

Uses & Impacts of Enrich Iowa funding for Open Access, Interlibrary Loan, and Direct State Aid Library Programs



Iowa Library Services/State Library of Iowa annually administers funding appropriated by the Iowa Legislature to libraries in Iowa. Enrich Iowa consists of three programs to aid libraries in offering improved service to Iowans:

- **Open Access** enables Iowans from participating libraries to check out physical materials at other participating libraries, providing them with direct access to more materials and information resources.
- **Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement** provides Iowans with equal access to library resources by supporting loans of materials among all types of libraries.
- **Direct State Aid** improves library services and reduces inequities among communities.

This report is submitted to the Iowa Legislature and Governor in accordance with Iowa Code Section 256.57(6).

OPEN ACCESS

Open Access provides Iowans with direct access to more library materials and information resources. It is a reciprocal borrowing program that enables customers from a participating library to go to other participating libraries and directly check out materials.

As a result, Iowans have greater access to more library resources, more choices in library service, and the convenience of using a library where they work, shop, or visit.

The state reimburses the loaning library a small amount for each item to offset expenses.

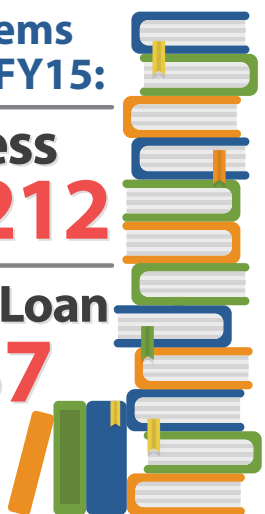


Bettendorf Public Library

Number of Items Borrowed in FY15:

Open Access
3,817,212

Interlibrary Loan
251,437



LIBRARY IMPACT: 498 Iowa libraries (public and non-public) participated in the Open Access program in FY15.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement provides Iowa citizens with equal access to library resources by encouraging and supporting the loaning of materials among all types of libraries. If a library does not own a book a local patron needs, it can be borrowed through interlibrary loan. Libraries are reimbursed with state funding to help offset costs.

LIBRARY IMPACT: 508 Iowa libraries (public and non-public) participated in the Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement program in FY15.

FY15 ENRICH IOWA FUNDING	
FY15 Appropriation	\$2,574,228
Open Access	\$1,260,150
Interlibrary Loan	\$379,491
Direct State Aid	\$934,587

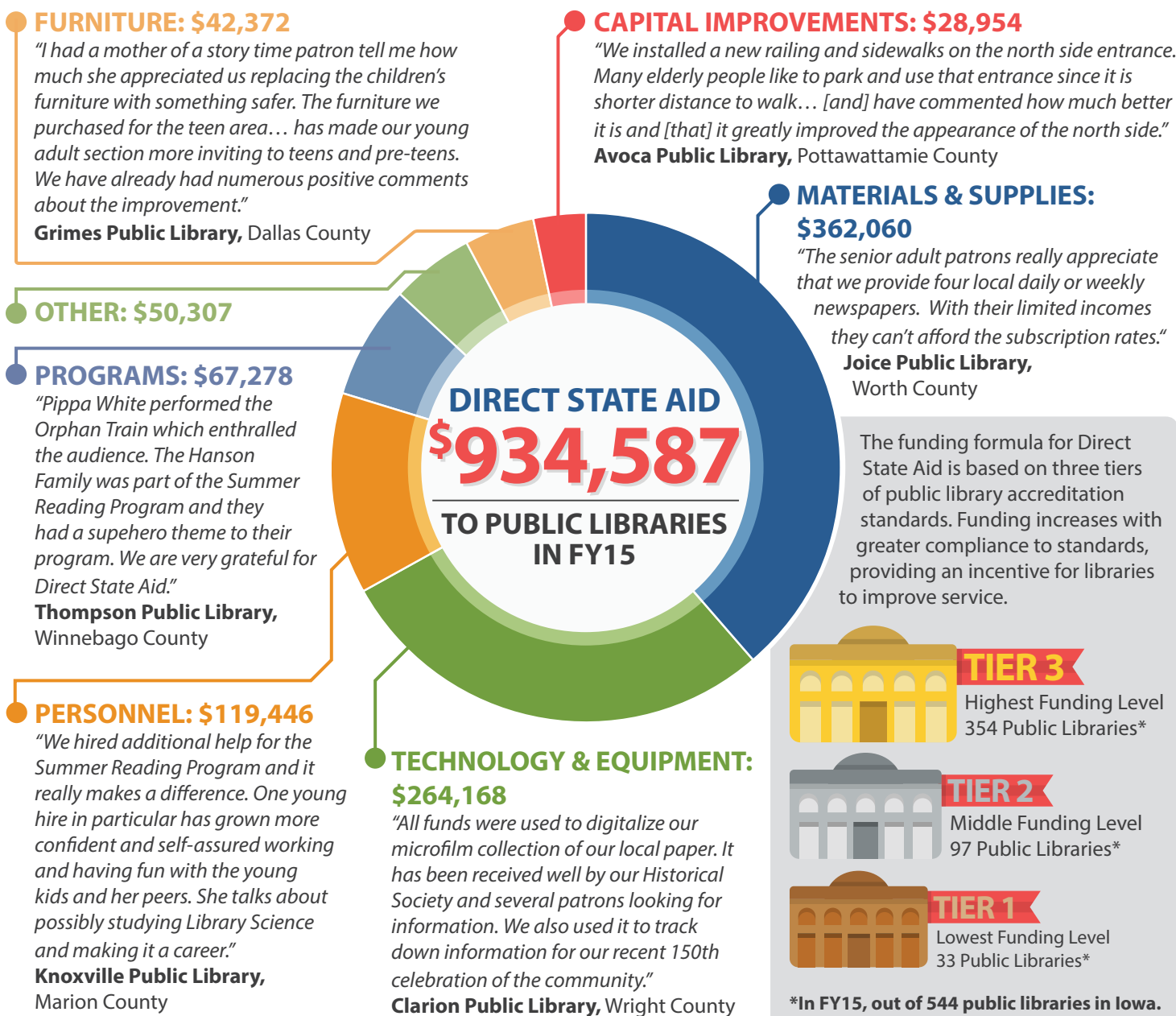
DIRECT STATE AID

Direct State Aid provides financial support to public libraries from State of Iowa funds. It is carefully designed to:

- Improve public library service in Iowa through increased funding incentives
- Reduce inequities in access to information for Iowa residents
- Ensure local discretion in the use of resources
- Enhance, not replace local funding
- Encourage the adoption of recognized library standards with graduated payment levels

Direct State Aid moves library service in Iowa closer to the ideal envisioned by library customers, librarians, and governmental officials.

LIBRARY IMPACT: Since 2004, Direct State Aid funding has helped lead to a **30 percent increase** in the number of accredited libraries in Iowa. In FY15, **484 public libraries** (out of 544) in Iowa received Direct State Aid funding. Iowa libraries that receive Direct State Aid report on the funding use based on set categories. Libraries are also given the opportunity to provide comments or stories on the impacts of these funds. Below is a sampling of comments received; all comments are available in a more detailed report at www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia/eilr/leg-reports.



See how your public library used Direct State Aid funding at www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia/eilr/leg-reports