The State Library of Iowa administers funding appropriated annually 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 public 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 physical 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 checked out to offset expenses.

**LIBRARY IMPACT:** 598 Iowa libraries (public and non-public) participated in the Open Access program in FY16.

**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, the library can borrow it through interlibrary loan. Libraries are reimbursed with state funding to help offset costs.

**LIBRARY IMPACT:** 591 Iowa libraries (public and non-public) participated in the Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement program in FY16.
**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 2006, Direct State Aid funding has helped lead to a **13 percent increase** in the number of accredited libraries in Iowa. In FY16, **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. The funding amounts, categories, and comments are available in a more detailed report at: [www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia/eilr/leg-reports](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia/eilr/leg-reports).

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### Direct State Aid

**FY16 Funding Spent by Category**

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Total Distributed to Libraries: **$935,000**

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The funding formula for **Direct State Aid** is based on three tiers of public library accreditation standards. Funding increases with greater compliance to standards, providing an incentive for libraries to improve service.

**TIER 1**

- Lowest Funding Level
- 31 Public Libraries*

**TIER 2**

- Middle Funding Level
- 101 Public Libraries*

**TIER 3**

- Highest Funding Level
- 352 Public Libraries*

*In FY16, out of 544 public libraries in Iowa; 60 public libraries were not eligible for Direct State Aid funding.

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**Enrich Iowa Program Review & Report**

In July 2014, Interim State Librarian Barb Corson, with the support of the Iowa Commission of Libraries, named a Steering Committee to begin the process of reviewing the Enrich Iowa Program.

The Steering Committee was charged with developing a plan and timeline, ensuring that the process allowed for input from all stakeholders, including a Task Force of librarians from all types and sizes of Iowa libraries.

The State Library formed a Staff Committee to examine the recommendations from the Steering Committee and Task Force. Staff reviewed the issues and developed, with input from the Task Force, proposed changes to the Enrich Iowa Program to take effect July 1, 2017.

The final report and its recommendations were approved by the Iowa Commission of Libraries during the September 2016 meeting. Read the full report, including the Steering Committee and Task Force rationale and upcoming changes to the program at [www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia).

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**TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN FY16**

![Direct State Aid Funding](chart.png)

**$935,000**

**DIRECT STATE AID**

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