Did You Know?

In FY13, Iowa Public Libraries:

- Educated and entertained 1,531,025 Iowans with 72,808 library programs. If the attendees paid a commercial admission fee of $4 a person, they would have paid OVER $6 MILLION.
- Delivered 49,879 programs for kids - about 137 story hours and classes per day.
- Provided the Summer Library Program to 98,986 children and 14,692 young adults.
- Owned more than 18 million items, including books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and downloadable items. That’s about 6 items for every Iowan.
- Added around 1.1 million items to their collections for a cost of nearly $14.7 million - or $13 per item.
- Checked out 28.3 million items. If Iowans had to pay for each item, at $13 an item, it would cost about $368 million, or around $119 per Iowan.
- Provided free Internet computers that were used more than 3.6 million times. If each computer was used for 30 minutes at a commercial location, it would cost about $21.6 million, or $7 per Iowan.

Provided all of the above services at an average cost of $36.21 per Iowan!

Every Day Iowa Public Libraries:

- Welcome 51,297 people to the library
- Help 9,778 people use the Internet
- Teach 7 Internet or computer classes
- Check out 77,585 items of all types
- Add 2,344 new books
- Answer 4,703 reference questions
- Host 137 programs for children with 3,353 attendees
- Host 62 programs for adults and teens with 841 attendees