

DUBUQUE COUNTY LIBRARY

Information for the Board of Supervisors



ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

- ▶ Dubuque County Library District is organized under chapter 336, Code of Iowa.
- ▶ The Library reports to a nine person Board of Trustees
 - ▶ Members are appointed proportionate to population by the Board of Supervisors or one of the five branch community city councils
- ▶ DCLD leases all its spaces
 - ▶ The Farley site is shared with Drexler Middle School's library via 28E agreement
 - ▶ The Peosta site is shared with NICC's library

A FEW NUMBERS FROM FY2020

Service Population Unincorporated County Cities of Asbury, Epworth, Farley, Holy Cross & Peosta	29,502 2010 census
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	FY19	FY20	% Difference
Registered Users	9,706	8,600*	-11%
Library Visits	63,929	53,730	-16%
Library Programs	431	539	+ 25%
Program Attendance	4,413	4,815	+ 9%
Staff FTE	11.45	11.45	
Collection Items	150,218	171,280	+ 14%
Collection Use	126,561	116,799	- 7%

*Lower number due to removing inactive borrowers

VALUE TO TAXPAYERS

- ▶ Average cost of a hardback book, 2025; \$25
 - ▶ If use equates purchase, 126,561 uses = \$2,919,975
- ▶ Library offers instruction on using new devices – Device Advice program via phone and Zoom
- ▶ Instituted “virtual” library cards during pandemic closure
- ▶ Access to 62,000+ ebooks, 28,000 e-audiobooks
- ▶ Amid pandemic, switched to nearly 100% virtual programs
- ▶ Subscribes to dozens of databases/electronic resources
- ▶ Physical and digital materials for research, reading, and viewing
- ▶ Test proctoring, notary service, in-house computers & wifi
- ▶ Chromebooks & wifi hotspots available for loan

DCLD FUNDING

- ▶ There are 543 public libraries in Iowa
- ▶ DCLD is 523rd in terms of per-capita funding
- ▶ Dubuque County libraries per-capita funding comparison

Dyersville	\$107.40
Dubuque	\$64.79
Cascade	\$67.44
Dubuque County	\$33.67
State Average	\$71.46

Source: Iowa Public Library Statistics, FY19 ed. Funds are from all sources, not just local income

LOOKING AHEAD: TRANSITIONS

- ▶ Strategic planning process just getting underway, will set priorities for the next few years
- ▶ Beginning migration to a new library management system
- ▶ Farley building search continues; planning how to serve temporarily w/o a building
- ▶ Preparing for administrative transition with new director
- ▶ Developing plan for anticipated funding increase. Library per-capita funding is assessed according to official census numbers. Census 2020 determines population numbers for 10 years of budget calculations

STAFF

- ▶ Mike Wright, Director
- ▶ Amanda Vazquez, Assistant Director
- ▶ Robin Cowart, Holy Cross Clerk
- ▶ Alyssa Davidshofer, Clerk, primary courier
- ▶ Julie Eggleston, Epworth Clerk
- ▶ Mike Federspiel, Peosta Clerk
- ▶ Kayla Ferguson, Children's Librarian
- ▶ David Green, Asbury Clerk, primary substitute
- ▶ Teresa Jack, Children's Storyteller
- ▶ Josie Johnson, Farley Clerk
- ▶ Kathy Loewenberg, Asbury Clerk, primary materials processor
- ▶ Jenn Matters, Young Adult & Adult Services Librarian
- ▶ Donell Siegert, Librarian, Circulation Manager