

# Onawa Public Library

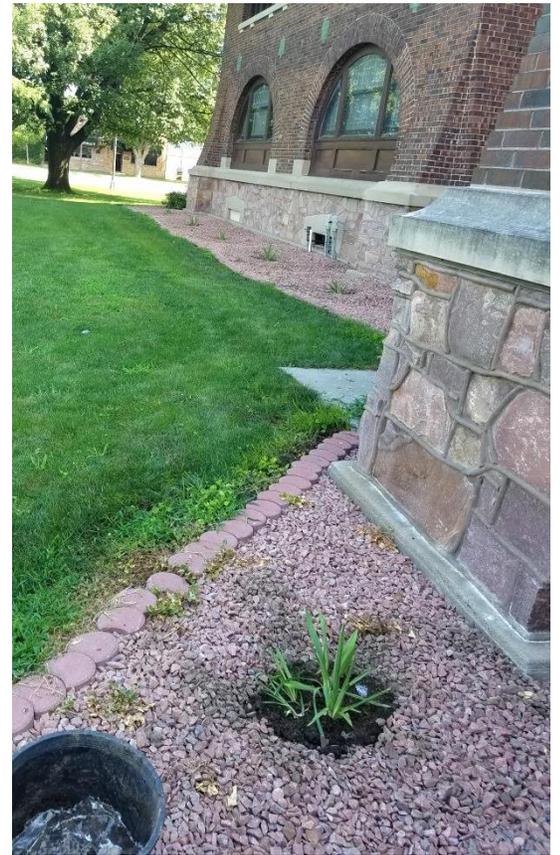
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## Annual Report 2016-2017



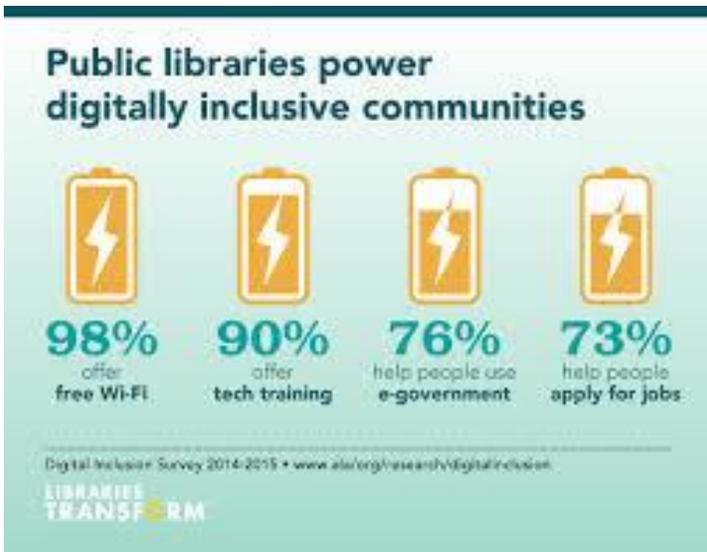
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“Libraries really are wonderful. They're better than bookshops, even. I mean bookshops make a profit on selling you books, but libraries just sit there lending you books quietly out of the goodness of their hearts.”

— [Jo Walton](#), [Among Others](#)



## THE LIBRARY -- GOALS AND PERSONNEL



The Onawa Public Library provides the residents of Onawa and the surrounding area with access to books, library materials and other resources, as well as programs and services to meet their informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs. The library promotes reading and the use of library materials, and provides support for community, cultural and historical activities. Through its staff, Board and services, the library builds knowledge, understanding and appreciation of libraries and library materials in those it serves.

Financial support of donations from gracious library supporters, the City of Onawa, the Monona County Board of Supervisors, Enrich Iowa, Open Access, Access Plus, and Iowa Infrastructure enable

the library to serve the majority of people in Monona County.



We feel so fortunate to have a staff of employees who are dedicated to supplying the kind of quality service that the patrons of the Onawa Public Library have become accustomed to.

These workers are listed below as well as their years of service to the library:

Director:	Lori Beck	31.5 years
Assistant Librarian	Chris Zink	26 years
Librarians:	Ann Crawford	15 years
	Margaret Blatchford	12 years
	Rachel Ruffcorn	6 years
	Amy McDermott	5 years

## Board of Library Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Onawa Public Library who, like the founding fathers of the library, are civic minded people who truly love and support our library. Without their dedication, our library would not be the community asset that it is.

These members of our Board were as follows:

Geraldine Johnson	appointed July 2006	(July 2018)	President
William Wonder	appointed April 2003	(July 2018)	Vice-President
Matt Minnihan	appointed July 2008	(July 2020)	Secretary
Lou Hewitt	appointed July 2010	(July 2022)	Publicity
Jessica Hupke	appointed July 2016	(July 2022)	

The dates of expiration of their terms on the Board are shown in parenthesis.



*Rooted in Our Community*

# FINANCE

Every year we have to depend on the gracious and generous support of many different entities and people. Our City is a constant source of great support for our facility making us able to continue to provide wonderful services for those in our community who cannot afford these things themselves. We are always pleased with the amount of donations that have been given. Some of these come in the form of memorials, monetary gifts, or a gift of an item from our wish list.

**Balance on hand:** July 1, 2016



<b>Revenue Collection</b>	<b>(actual)</b>
Transfers in (city funds)	\$ 113,763.00
Monona County	\$ 17,803.00
Fees and fines	\$ 3,322.29
Fee cards	\$ 70.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,547.97
Gifts	\$ 755.50
Memorials	\$ 1,202.08
Facility tax	\$ 19,845.78
Rents	\$ 6,360.00
Grant	\$ 1,000.00
Enrich Iowa	\$ 1,786.01
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 168,455.63</b>

## **Expenditures**

**(Actual)**

Salaries	\$ 78,378.32
Liability Insurance	\$ 4,757.00
Repairs	\$ 5,063.56
Memorial	\$ 1,216.08
Operational supplies	\$ 35,404.65
Support Library Tax	\$ 4,278.25
Books, periodicals, media	\$ 18,380.71
Misc/petty cash	\$ 1,152.51
Enrich Iowa	\$ 1,529.86
Profit handler (City bookkeeping account)	\$ 18,294.69
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 168,455.63</b>



We truly value and appreciate the generosity of our patrons. With the continued support of our community, we will be able to keep up with whatever changes the future holds for America's Libraries.

**A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.**

—Andrew Carnegie



**The citizens of our community are experiencing some tough economic times and we are noticing many changes in our statistics. Technology advances are prompting a lot more Internet use of the library. The library has been able to continue to provide BRIDGES eBook/audio services to our patrons. This service has seen a continued growth level and our Facebook page continues to gain support and followers. We have expanded services to include acting as a Proctor for students taking online classes.**

BRIDGES is an eService that we subscribe to for our patrons to use to download any form of audio. There are many different formats and genres available. We have had an ever-increasing number of patrons subscribe to use this service. We now have 246 patrons who have registered and used this service for a total of 2,782 circulations this fiscal year!

**Circulation Statistics:**

**Books:**

Adult	8467
Young Adult	428
Juvenile	<u>3447</u>
Total Books	12,342

**Other Materials:**

Video (VHS & DVD)	3,617
Audio	818
Periodicals	728
All others	<u>139</u>
Total	5,302

**Registered Patrons:**

	3,817
Patrons Added	186
Patrons Withdrawn	<u>77</u>
Total active patrons	3,926

**Holdings:**

Items held at the start of the year	46,397
Materials Added	1,463
Materials Withdrawn	<u>1,020</u>
Total materials at year end	46,840

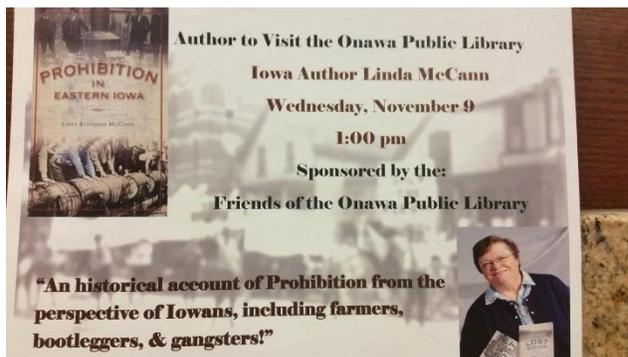


Computer usage	5196
Meeting Room use	2139 @ 230 mtgs
In-Library Material use	7,752
Door Count	29,206



**We have continued to provide more programming for adults/families this year.**

Author, Linda McCann visited our library on November 9: She researches and writes about Iowa history. Most of her research and books concern the Cedar Valley area of Iowa, but she is expanding to other areas, with new books. Linda states, "I enjoy the research and write it to pass the information to our future generations. My grandchildren were the catalyst for me beginning to write". She has written more than 20 books and continues to expand her works. A very interesting program filled with many unknown facts.



Our Friends of the Library worked diligently to produce and perform a production "Love Letters" on February 18 & 19.

Love letters by A.R.Gurney is a reminiscence. It is two people whose lives have been intertwined. It is fun, happy, angry, and sad all in one moment in time. 20 devoted and talented people worked very hard and brought this play to life. It was a fundraiser for the Friends group but the Library was the benefactor of these funds. It was such a huge success that the attendees asked if this was going to become an annual event. Something similar is being considered.



Look up to the Stars astronomy program (June 2) Kevin Manning, an astronomer and former consultant with NASA, has always been passionate about astronomy. He provided a program as a part of Star Tour 2017. Their aim is to open new galaxies of inquiry and possibilities for people. It was an educational and entertaining exploration of the universe, the stars and other celestial wonders, as well as a refreshingly large perspective gained by looking up to the stars. During this program we were also given the opportunity to view the amazing rings of Saturn, craters of the moon and other jewels of the night sky through a powerful telescope.





Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Onawa Public Library

## YOU'RE INVITED

### Astronomy for Everyone: Size & Scale of the Universe

Gain experience in inspiring and sparking presentation that will draw you into a deeper understanding of the workings of the cosmos.

"This book is a great addition (learning) to much more national interest, and made it a truly awesome, inspiring, and enlightening experience!"

It is a time where there is concern for the future and our future, the possibility of life on other planets is to help everyone do and look for their life. It's all about the future, interest, curiosity and history is added through the delivery of an inspiring, educational and entertaining presentation.

Join us for this family-friendly presentation, hearing more about the beauty and majesty of the universe. Astronomy for Everyone: Size & Scale of the Universe explores the universe from the very small to the very large. It's a visual journey throughout the cosmos.

"The program was fantastic and we had an all-time record who loved it, and our attendance was phenomenal breaking an all-time record!"

Dr. Keith Manning worked as an astronomer with NASA and the Charles A. Young Observatory located on the lunar shuttle with the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

Onawa Public Library presents:  
 Friday, June 2, 2017  
 7:00 pm  
 Onawa Public Library  
 307 Iowa Ave  
 Onawa, IA 52060

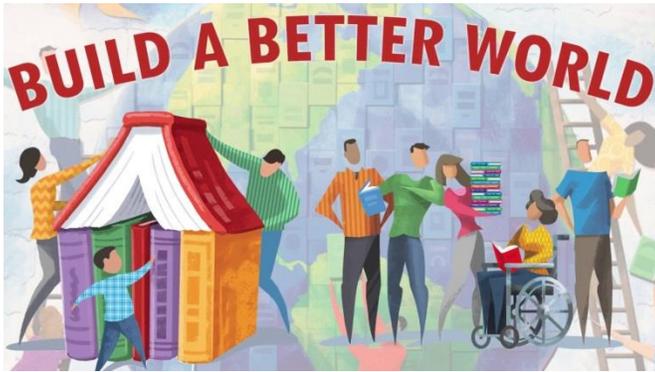
Following the presentation we will go outdoors to view the night of Saturn, who, through a powerful back-lit telescope, weather permitting.





### **“Books for Babies”**

68 babies were born at Burgess Health Center in this fiscal year. We were so thrilled to be able to provide this wonderful gift for each child born. This project is funded by John and Carol Murphy and fulfills a long standing wish for us. We have a very good system in place and have been able to supply new books to all the babies born at Burgess Hospital for several years now.



We held our 25<sup>th</sup> Summer Reading Program this year. 64 children signed up for our program and 48 actively participated. and 41,192 pages were read by the boys and girls. One child going into 4<sup>th</sup> grade read 6,399 pages alone.

We also had a mural that the boys and girls colored for the entire program so we could display it here in the library. During each program we also drew winners from the boys and girls who attended that day. This seems to be a very big hit with all the participants. Each program also

contained some sort of take home activity for the boys and girls to do. We also had a bookmark creation contest. There were winners chosen and each bookmark submitted was copied and are available here as bookmarks.

Children going into 4<sup>th</sup> grade had the largest cumulative total once again this year with 12,714 pages.

Programs: 4 Summer Reading Programs with Attendance #1: 34+6 visitors #2: 36+5 visitors #3: 24+5 visitors #4: 27+8 visitors

**Program 1 Transform: at your library.** Story read was Sydney and Simon go green.

The boys and girls were asked to take the letter of either their first name or last name and reuse puzzle pieces to decorate their initials. Jennifer Macke from Crawford County Extension service was there to tell the kids about taking care of their teeth. Children began coloring the mural.

**Program 2 Discover your world.** Story read was The Lorax.

The boys and girls made a poster to represent the Truffula Trees in the Lorax. They also made an animal bookmark and continued to finish up the mural.

**Program 3 Build a better world.** Story read was In front of my house.

A project was done involving the creation of a picture of somewhere that the children imagined by using unexpected art supplies. After they were completed, the children could share what was in their imaginary place and what it represented to them. They were also given a Nature journal that they could complete at home. The final touches were added to the mural.

**Program 4 Conserve for a better future.** This was our final program so following the Henry Doorly Zoos wonderful presentation on how animals adapt and change to preserve their species, we awarded the prizes for everyone who participated and the top readers of each grade level. The boys and girls were guided on the migration path of the monarch butterfly.

This year the program coordinator was Lindsey Butler. Our programs lasted through the month of June and were well received. The kids seemed to have a really good time and everyone participated in every program. We are always so proud of the children who choose to be a part of our programs, and hope that their teachers can see a difference in learning when they return to school in the fall.



# Onawa Public Library Trust Fund Accounts

The Onawa Public Library has been the recipient of several memorial trust funds. In nearly all instances, the principal is not to be used and there are specific instructions as to how the interest of each of these accounts may be used.

Trust funds are as follows:

<b>Allen</b>	\$973	Interest on hand	\$319.61	\$63.81 spent
<b>Fran</b>		Interest to be used for biographies		
<b>Burton</b>	\$2,500	Interest on hand	\$60.92	\$285.00 spent
<b>Harry</b>		Interest to be used to create an interest in astronomy		
<b>McCaskey</b>	\$1,000	Interest on hand	\$328.16	\$110.01 spent
<b>Edith</b>		Interest to be used for books for the general collection.		
<b>Murphy</b>	\$15,216.33	Interest on hand	\$335.74	
<b>Esther</b>		Some interest to be used for children's books some to accumulate.		
<b>Meyers</b>	\$5,000	Interest on hand	\$1603.13	\$110.26 spent
<b>Frank C.</b>		Interest to be used for books on history, biographies & general collection.		
<b>Pennington</b>	\$1,000	Interest on hand	\$310.30	
<b>Horton B.</b>		Interest to be used for non-fiction books on history.		
<b>Prichard</b>	\$550	Interest on hand	\$301.44	
<b>"Robert"</b>		Interest to be used for books.		
<b>Prichard</b>	\$405	Interest on hand	\$73.92	
<b>E.M. "Bert"</b>		Interest to be used for books		
<b>Ropes</b>	\$2,200	Interest on hand	\$454.06	\$148.05 spent
<b>Wayne</b>		Interest to be used for adult non-fiction		
<b>&amp; Cora</b>		John Ropes contributes annually with purchase of Savings Bonds which will begin maturing in 2026		
<b>Snyder</b>	\$300	Interest on hand	\$264.05	
<b>Earl</b>		Interest to be used for items reflecting Earl's interests.		
<b>Williams M/</b>	\$6263.80	Interest on hand	\$286.96	\$210.42 spent
<b>Wright D</b>		These two funds were combined at the family's request and items purchased should reflect each woman's interest.		

We are also blessed to have regular contributors whose funds we are able to use at our discretion. We greatly appreciate your trust in us and hope that we are able to use the funds to best exemplify your wishes.



**I DON'T CARE IF IT'S  
twilight OR  
Fifty Shades  
OR WAR AND PEACE,  
NEVER LET SOMEONE MAKE YOU  
ASHAMED OF WHAT YOU  
LOVE  
TO READ.**  
-RAE CARSON

