

# Onawa Public Library

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*For those without money, the road to that treasure house of the imagination begins at the public library.*

I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.

Laura Bush

“Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.”

Lady Bird Johnson



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BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES.**

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—Andrew Carnegie

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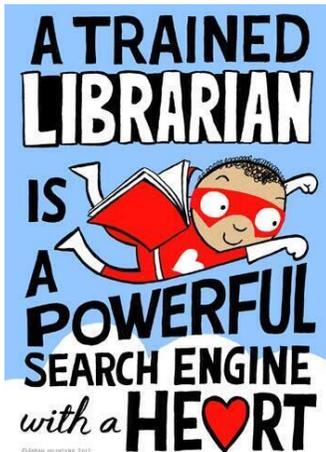
## THE LIBRARY -- GOALS AND PERSONNEL



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	33.5 years
Assistant Librarian	Chris Zink	28 years
Librarians:	Ann Crawford	17 years
	Margaret Blatchford	14 years
	Rachel Ruffcorn	8 years
	Amy McDermott	7 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:

Jessica Hupke	appointed July 2016	(July 2022)	President
Matt Minnihan	appointed July 2008	(July 2020)	Vice-President
Lou Hewitt	appointed July 2010	(July 2022)	Publicity
Jenn Collison	appointed July 2018	(July 2024)	
Curtis Sturgill	appointed April 2018	(July 2024)	

The dates of expiration of their terms on the Board are shown in parenthesis. Outgoing Trustees were Geraldine Johnson and William Wonder



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, 2018



Revenue Collection	(Actual)
Transfers in (city funds	\$ 124,340.00
Monona County	\$ 18,629.00
Fees and fines	\$ 3,912.00
Fee cards	\$ 60.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,505.00
Gifts	\$ 539.00
Memorials	\$ 1,139.00
Facility tax	\$ 20,290.00
Rents	\$ 4,800.00
Grant	\$ -
Enrich Iowa	\$ 2,159.00
Totals	\$ 179,373.00

## Expenditures

(Actual)

Salaries	\$ 79,694.00
Withholdings FICA, IPERS, Health Ins	\$ 23,784.00
Repairs	\$ 2,044.00
Liability Ins. -Work Comp	\$ 5,476.00
Books & Periodicals	\$ 14,918.00
Operational supplies	\$ 36,827.00
Misc/petty cash	\$ 1,108.00
Memorials	\$ 1,139.00
Capitol Outlay - Improvements	\$ 2,389.00
Totals	\$ 167,379.00



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.

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**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	7929
Young Adult	394
Juvenile	<u>2454</u>
Total Books	10,777

**Other Materials:**

Video (VHS & DVD)	2837
Audio	713
Periodicals	529
All others	<u>194</u>
Total	4,273

**Registered Patrons:**

Patrons Added	3,843
Patrons Withdrawn	130
Total active patrons	<u>276</u> 3,697

Meeting Room use	3118@ 277 mtgs
In-Library Material use	9,581
Door Count	25,320
Computer usage	5968

**Holdings:**

Items held at the start of the year	47,307
Materials Added	1,319
Materials Withdrawn	<u>2,602</u>
Total materials at year end	46,024

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

## **RAGBRAI**

Onawa was the kickoff site for RAGBRAI July of 2018. Our little town was buzzing with people, bicycles, vendors, and just spectators trying to be a part of the fun. Since we have a good sized yard that was so centrally located, we were a natural destination for some of the tent campers. It was a lot of fun.

There were around 350 people camped in the library yard beginning on Friday, Saturday and leaving on Sunday morning July 22. The library was open, even if we were somewhat land locked because the main street was shut down. It was an amazing time and we met so many interesting people who became Onawa library fans.



We took part in the Onawa Chamber of Commerce fall sports decorating contest. We decided that as a Library, our favorite team would have to be a Quidditch team from Harry Potter!! Our patrons loved it and were hoping that we will put it back up next year.



## **Santa Came to the Library!!**

HO! HO! HO! Who wouldn't go.... Up to the library..quick, quick quick! 113 children stopped in to give Santa their Christmas list and get some candy! We got to show off our gorgeous Christmas decorations.



We have been the starting and registration point for OnaBike for many years now. The event has been recently renamed the OnaBike/Shawn Gosch Memorial ride. Every year we have returning riders, as well as new ones!



### **“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 proctor tests for students who need this service. We have had many requests for this service and are happy to help in any way we can for our citizens to further their education and save time and money while doing it.



We are also a passport acceptance facility and have 4 registered agents who can process the applications.

We have been getting people from areas north that cannot get appointments with the Sioux City Post Office. We have been very busy with passports each year. People come in from Nebraska and the Sioux City area to have us process their forms. It is an amazing service and we are so glad to be able to provide this service for our community.



## **A Universe of Stories!!!!**



We held our 27<sup>th</sup> Summer Reading Program this year. 52 children signed up for our program and 33 actively participated. And over 20000 pages were read by the boys and girls. One child going into 3<sup>rd</sup> grade read 4518 pages alone.

Our numbers seemed down a little from prior years, but each and every child who attended was so happy to be involved and eager to participate in whatever the activity was.

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 had a guest reader who entertained the kids with a fun story.

Programs: 6 Summer Reading Programs with Attendance #1: 30+8 guests #2: 25+4 guests #3: 23+5 guests #4: 20+8 guests #5: 14+2 guests #6: 15+5 guests

### **Program 1 Create your own universe.**

The basic rules and ideas of the program were explained to the attendees. For the first program the boys and girls painted their own canvas book bag. We provided numerous stencils, paint markers, and other items for them to use. Their creativity really shined through. The bags were amazing. We kept those bags to fill with their prizes at the last program. The story read was "Stuart at the Library" by Susan Hill. Our guest reader was Bill Cain. Both the reader and the attendees had a great time.

### **Program 2 The gaming universe.**

This program was an outdoor day. We played some space related games: Alien Egg Run, which is just a spoon and egg race; "Alien through the Black Hole", a bean bag toss game with squishy alien creatures; and a 3-legged race. They had so much fun with these games we had to play several different times. The story was "Be Quiet" by Ryan Higgins and our guest reader, back by popular demand, was Bill Cain again. We also gave out movie passes from the Iowa Theater to Leila Holverson, Blazen Beerman, Chanceton Kreger, and Tucker Healy for being top readers.

### **Program 3 One Giant Leap for Reading.**

This program featured ventriloquist Lisa Laird! She and her special friends put on a show about the importance of reading and had a few "alien encounters"! It was an amazing show that all the attendees loved. Because of the length of the program, there was no story read. Movie passes were given to Ciana Johnson and Brie Sorensen for being top readers that previous week!

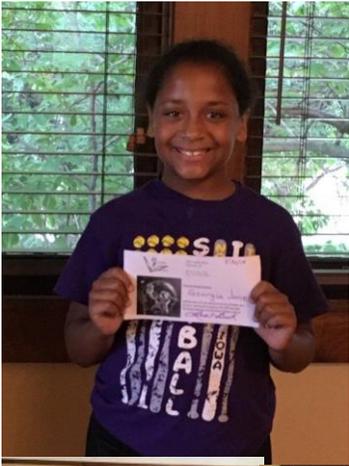
### **Program 4 \*Paint your universe. (Changed to Creatures of the Night)**

This was to be another outdoor program but because the weather did NOT cooperate with our plans, we switched ideas and the boys and girls colored nocturnal animal masks. We had mounted the masks to straws to make them easier to handle. Lots of markers and colors made for some beautiful and interesting animals! Our story was "Very short stories to read together" by Mary Ann Hoberman. This story was a two-person story and was read by Jessica and Brooklynn Hupke. Movie pass winners for this program were: Josie VanVoorst and Charis Sorensen.

### **Program 5 Paint your universe.**

Since the weather decided to cooperate with us, we had an outdoor program where everyone decorated our sidewalks with their very own sidewalk art. We handed out small buckets of sidewalk chalk and let them draw whatever their universe contained. So many beautiful things appeared on our walk! Movie pass winners for this program were: Georgia Jones and Steele Beerman.

**Our final program of the year was a Pizza Party!** We brought in 6 pizzas from the Pizza Hut and also provided juice boxes while we watched the "Cat in the Hat knows a lot about that: Space!" We handed back their decorated canvas bags filled with the prizes that the participants had won. We gave special awards to the first 3 places in each grade. Movie passes were given to Nevaeh Healy and Addalyn Lahr.



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## 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:

**Allen** \$973 Interest on hand \$248.15 \$60.46 spent  
**Fran** Interest to be used for biographies

**Burton** \$2,500 Interest on hand \$124.98 \$0.00 spent  
**Harry** Interest to be used to create an interest in astronomy

**McCaskey** \$1,000 Interest on hand \$371.77  
**Edith** Interest to be used for books for the general collection.

**Murphy** \$15,216.33 Interest on hand \$252.22 \$189.50 spent  
**Esther** Some interest to be used for children's books some to accumulate.

**Meyers** \$5,000 Interest on hand \$969.66 \$136.34 spent  
**Frank C.** Interest to be used for books on history, biographies & general collection.

**Pennington** \$1,000 Interest on hand \$347.33  
**Horton B.** Interest to be used for non-fiction books on history.

**Prichard** \$550 Interest on hand \$325.46  
**Robert** Interest to be used for books.

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**E.M. "Bert"** Interest to be used for books

**Ropes** \$2,200 Interest on hand \$98.64 \$177.51 spent  
**Wayne** Interest to be used for adult non-fiction  
**& Cora** John Ropes contributed for a time with the purchase of Savings Bonds which will begin maturing in 2026

**Snyder** \$300 Interest on hand \$268.59  
**Earl** Interest to be used for items reflecting Earl's interests.

**Williams M** \$6263.80 Interest on hand \$209.51 \$120.00 spent  
**Wright D** These two funds were combined at the family's request and items purchased should reflect each woman's interest.

**Blakely** \$1851.74 available \$175.79 spent(Loren) \$698.97 available \$51.03 spent (Helen)  
**Loren &** Fund established to purchase fiction books that reflect Loren's  
**Helen** and Helen's interests.

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 their wishes.

