



Ames[™]
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Report
2016/2017

LIBRARIES TRANSFORM[®]

**BECAUSE
LIBRARIES
MAKE LEADERS.**

**BECAUSE WORDS
HAVE POWER.**

**BECAUSE LEARNING
TO READ COMES
BEFORE READING
TO LEARN.**

**BECAUSE
LIBRARIANS HAVE
BEEN HELPING
PEOPLE FACT-CHECK
SINCE FOREVER.**

BECAUSE THE BEST SEARCH ENGINE IN THE LIBRARY IS THE LIBRARIAN.

2016/2017 by the Numbers

Over **1.28 million** items were checked out last year.
(That's the equivalent of each and every Ames resident checking out 22 items!)

An average of **1,479 people** visited per day.

About **387 people** signed up for a Library card **each month**.



The Bookmobile makes several weekly stops throughout Ames.

In 2016/2017, **10,393 customers** visited a **neighborhood stop!**

The Bookmobile also visited a variety of **community events**, such as Farmers' Markets and the annual EcoFair, welcoming **1,900 people** aboard.

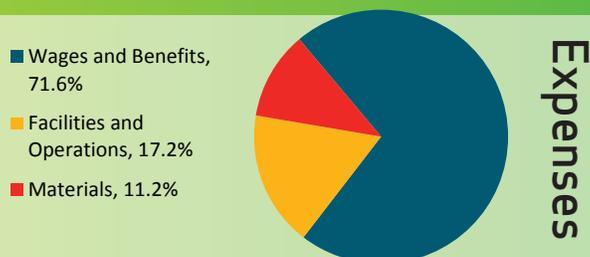
Grants & Donations: \$235,520

in grants and donations supported Ames Public Library Friends Foundation projects, including enhancing the collections, Project Smyles, book clubs, special events, the WOW Wall, and more.

Special thanks to the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation, the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust, and the Kinney-Lindstrom Foundation.



Operating Budget: \$3,960,169



BECAUSE LEARNING CAN HAPPEN ANYTIME, ANYWHERE.

Library staff and volunteers made **746 deliveries** of books to 64 homebound citizens and 14 centers through **Home Delivery**.

The Library's **meeting and study rooms** were used for 10,624 programs, meetings, tutoring sessions, and more. That's almost **30 uses per day!**

78 young people grades 6-12 spent the summer helping out at the Library contributing 2,430 hours through the **APL-Youth Volunteer Program**.

The Library helped combat childhood hunger by serving **1,622 meals** in 2016 as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's **Summer Meals for Kids & Teens** program.

Books for Babies provided a board book and information packet to the family of each baby born at Mary Greeley Medical Center.



9,501 people attended the Library's **597 programs for adults**.

3,731 teens attended **125 Library events** designed for 6th-12th graders.

31,636 people attended **956** storytimes and **programs for children and families**.

2,055 children, 290 teens, and 320 adults participated in the 2016 **Summer Reading Program**.

Project Smyles offered books and storytimes to over 11,424 children in daycares and preschools through **925 visits and 47 Library tours**.

Small Talk Story County helped **81 families** create an enriching language environment for their babies by providing information, personalized training, and a "talk pedometer" for parents to measure their progress.

BECAUSE ACCESS EQUALS OPPORTUNITY.

Ames Public Library offers technology and digital resources for many purposes, including bridging the digital divide, helping individuals of all ages gain skills needed in our digital world, and connecting our community with the many resources available online.

Computers for the public were used over **121 times per day** in 2016/2017.

The Library's **10 iPads** were checked out an average of **155 times per month**.

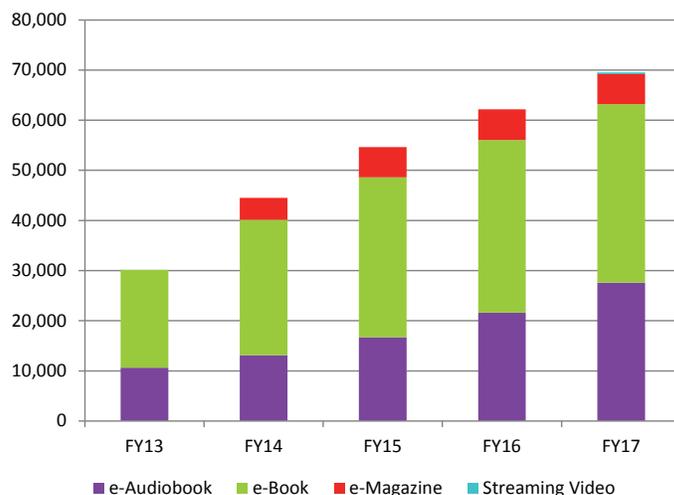
The **4 early literacy computers** were used over **4,825 times each** last year.

Library visitors have free access to the Internet via Wi-Fi throughout the building.

Ames Public Library offered cardholders a wide range of online research and learning tools free of charge, from popular genealogy software to language learning programs to informational tools for consumers to brain training games.

Library staff and community partners shared their technology expertise through computer classes, iPhone & iPad Training, Tech Talk, Coding for Kids, and more.

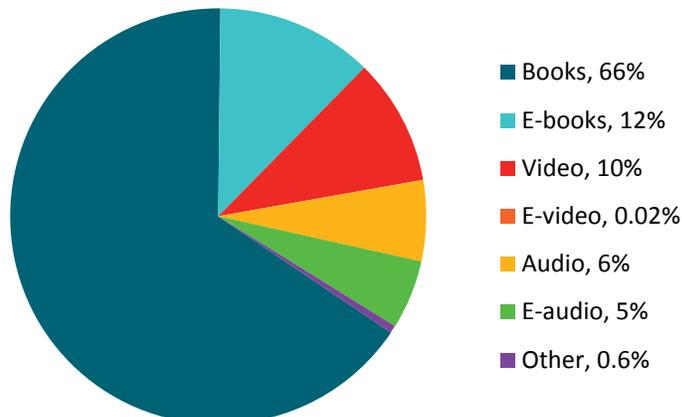
Electronic Format Usage



Libraries offer opportunities to discover a new favorite book, explore a hobby, and experience arts and culture—without an admission fee.

In 2016/2017, Ames Public Library offered over **303,000 items**, from bestselling e-books to children's puzzles to GRE study guides.

Material Formats



BECAUSE OF YOU.

**LIBRARIES
TRANSFORM**

Ames Public Library staff and board members have a vision to connect with, inspire, and bring together the Ames community while promoting literacy.

This goal could not be accomplished without the boundless energy and support of the Library's volunteers, donors, community partners, and City of Ames employees.

Community members who are passionate about educating, entertaining, and making connections with others aid the staff in turning a beautiful building into a true place for enrichment—filled with opportunities to learn, grow, discover, and connect.

Thank you
for your support!

538 volunteers
contributed **15,623 hours**
of assistance in 2016/2017.

That's an average of over
44 hours each day the
Library was open!

Leadership

Library Director:
Lynne Carey

Library Managers:
Tracy Briseño
Alissa Dornink Hawes
Jerri Heid
Mary Logsdon

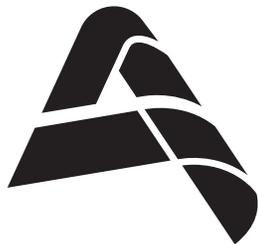
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The Ames Public Library Friends Foundation conducts fundraising, operates the Literary Grounds bookstore, and holds book sales to support Ames Public Library.



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