

# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023





Public libraries are one of the few places in civil society where information is readily available at no cost to anyone who might seek it out. People with different backgrounds, passions, and interests are welcome to take part in a living democratic culture at their local library.

At North Liberty Library, the staff makes it our practice to ensure free people read freely and that access to information is provided with as few barriers as possible. To that end, we identified the defining principles at the center of the library's 2023-2025 Strategic Plan:

### **ACCESS**

We provide information and resources equally and equitably to all individuals through a variety of delivery methods.

### **DIVERSITY**

We value a diverse world and strive to both mirror and reflect that diversity by providing a full range of resources and services to the communities we serve.

### **SERVICE**

We provide service with empathy, compassion, and excellence. We continually seek to enhance our professional knowledge and skills through learning opportunities for all library staff. So that we might give our best to the community, library staff are supported so they might achieve a work-life balance that looks like success for their individual lives.

As our 2024 story unfolds, we thank you for being part of our continued success and share with you the FY23 highlights reflected in this report. From successful grant awards to community programming and events, your library is a place of belonging where all are welcome and where all voices are valued.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennie Garner".

**JENNIE GARNER**

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

**173,017**

LIBRARY  
VISITS

**32,316**

PEOPLE  
ATTENDED

**169,017**

TOTAL  
COLLECTION USE

**32,020**

REGISTERED  
BORROWERS

**1,480**

LIBRARY  
PROGRAMS

**51,403**

PHYSICAL ITEMS  
IN COLLECTION

**1,682**

NEW LIBRARY  
CARDS ISSUED

**13**

LOCAL ARTISTS  
FEATURED

**95,971**

PHYSICAL MATERIAL  
CHECKOUTS

**3,380**

HOURS OF  
OPERATION

**4,508**

SNACKS  
DISTRIBUTED

**52,981**

E-CONTENT ITEMS  
IN COLLECTION

**9,256**

COMPUTER  
SESSIONS

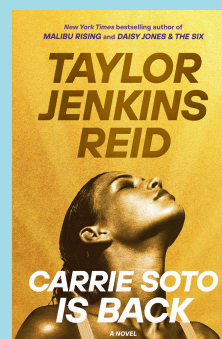
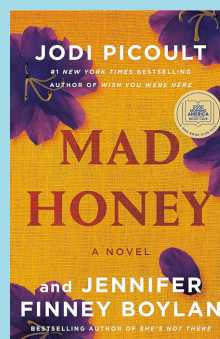
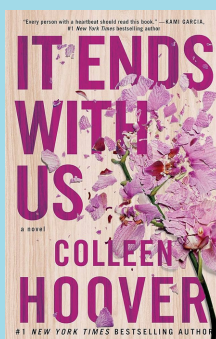
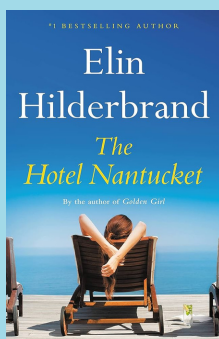
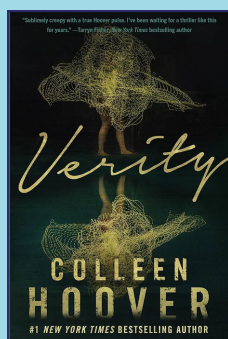
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PEOPLE UTILIZED  
IOWA LIBRARIES  
ADVENTURE PASS

**73,046**

E-CONTENT  
CHECKOUTS

## TOP 5 MOST CHECKED OUT BOOKS



## 2023 Highlights

- Play Garden added to our outdoor garden space. Filled with dirt, trucks, shovels, fossils, and gemstones this raised bed garden bed encourages kids of all ages to get their hands dirty and explore nature.
- Updated information desk and acoustic panels. The colorful new panels along the main hall and bright, adjustable height desks are eye-catching and provide staff ergonomic comfort for sitting or standing.
- The library in collaboration with Community Relations took over North Liberty's Summer Lunch & Fun. This program coordinates weekly meals and activities for children in the community. Over 285 volunteers and 13 community partners helped make the program a success and served 5486 youth free lunch from June to August (FY23-FY24).

## Awarded \$32,443 in Grant Funding including

- A \$20,000 Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Small and Rural Communities grant to improve public accessibility in the library.
- A \$4000 grant from the Community Foundation of Johnson County to fund our public outdoor art project.

## Social Responsibility

- Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) - Worked with an outside facilitator to host three focus groups to gather information on how we can better serve identified populations in our community.
- Hosted our first Drag Storytime with over 130 people attending for an inclusive dance party and literacy fun.

