



Ames[™]
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Report
2017/2018

**BECAUSE BUILDING
A BETTER WORLD
STARTS WITH
LITERACY.**

**BECAUSE BOOKS
SHOW US EVERY
COLOR OF THE
RAINBOW.**

**BECAUSE 0 AND 1
ADD UP TO INFINITE
POSSIBILITIES.**

**BECAUSE
LIBRARIANS GET AN
A+ FOR ENSURING
KIDS EXCEL IN
READING.**

**LIBRARIES
TRANSFORM[®]**

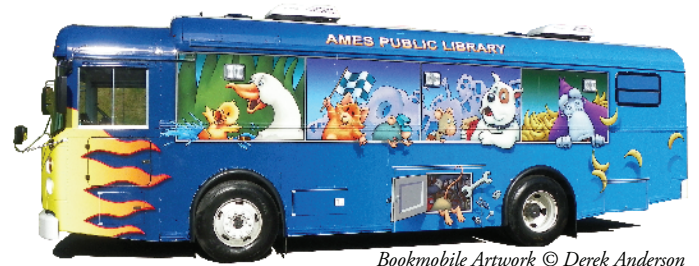
BECAUSE THE BEST SEARCH ENGINE IN THE LIBRARY IS THE LIBRARIAN.

2017/2018 by the Numbers

Over **1.23 million** items were checked out last year.
(That's the equivalent of each and every Ames resident checking out 19 items!)

An average of **1,360 people** visited per day.

About **370 people** signed up for a Library card each month.



Bookmobile Artwork © Derek Anderson

The Bookmobile makes several weekly stops throughout Ames.

In 2017/2018, **10,517 customers** visited a **neighborhood stop!**

The Bookmobile also visited a variety of **community events**, such as Farmers' Markets and the annual EcoFair, welcoming **1,991 people** aboard.

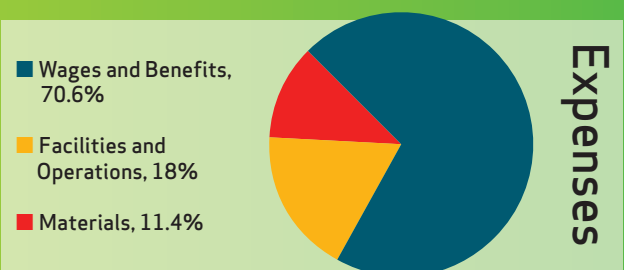
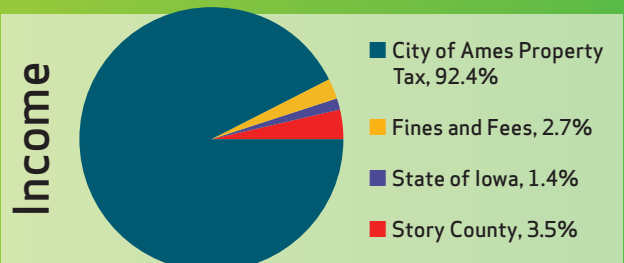
Grants & Donations: \$226,166

Thank you to our generous donors and grantors for supporting projects including collection enhancements, Project Smyles, book clubs, special events, Small Talk, and more. Over \$194,000 of this was raised through the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation!

The Teen Advisory Group's annual 5K Fun Run raises funds to support Ames Public Library.



Operating Budget: \$4,202,011



BECAUSE LEARNING CAN HAPPEN ANYTIME, ANYWHERE.

Library staff and volunteers made **742 deliveries** of books to 64 homebound citizens and 15 centers through **Home Delivery**.

The Library's **meeting and study rooms** were used for 11,814 programs, meetings, tutoring sessions, and more. That's more than **30 uses per day!**

90 young people grades 6-12 spent the summer helping out at the Library contributing 2,336 hours through the **APL-Youth Volunteer Program**.

The Library helped combat childhood hunger by serving **5,512 meals** in 2017 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.



9,112 people attended the Library's **620 programs for adults**.

2,680 teens attended **124 Library events** designed for 6th-12th graders.

41,399 people attended **1,035** storytimes and **programs for children and families**.

1,299 children, 232 teens, and 270 adults participated in the 2017 **Summer Reading Program**.

Project Smyles offered books and storytimes to over 13,320 children in daycares and preschools through **870 visits and 50 Library tours**.

Small Talk Story County helped **73 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 **110 times per day** in 2017/2018.

The Library's **15 iPads** were checked out an average of **215 times per month**.

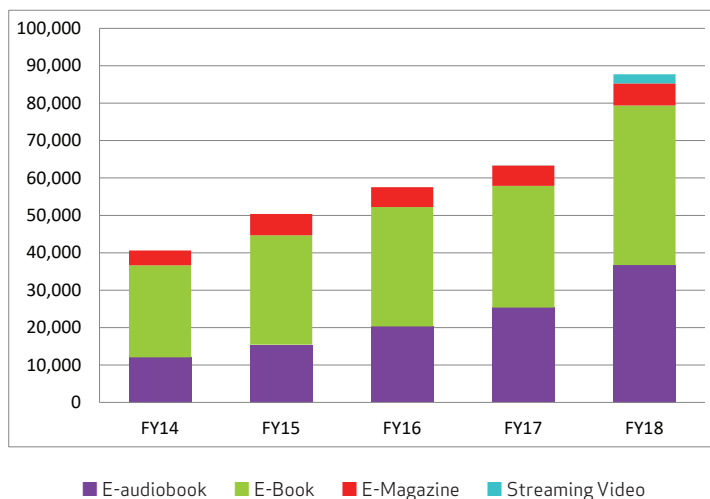
The **4 early literacy computers** were used over **4,879 times each** last year.

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, Coding for Kids, and more.

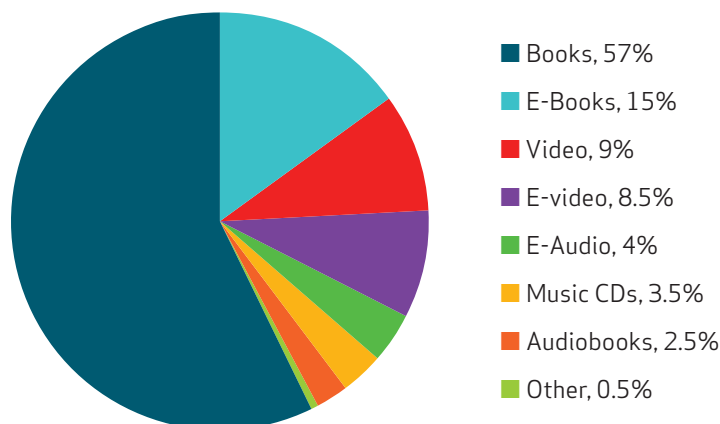
Electronic Format Usage



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

In 2017/2018, Ames Public Library offered over **362,589 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!

526 volunteers
contributed **15,866 hours**
of assistance in 2017/2018.

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

Leadership

Library Director:
Lynne Carey

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Mary Logsdon

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