



Ames<sup>TM</sup>  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Report  
2018/2019



**LIBRARIES  
TRANSFORM<sup>®</sup>**

# BECAUSE OF YOU, LIBRARIES TRANSFORM.



2018/2019  
by the numbers



Over **1.2 million** items were  
**checked out last year.**  
(That's an average of over 3,400  
items each day!)



An average of more than  
**1,300 people** visited  
the library **each day.**



About **350 people**  
**signed up** for a library card  
**each month.**



## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

**511 volunteers** contributed nearly  
**17,000 hours** of assistance in  
2018/2019.

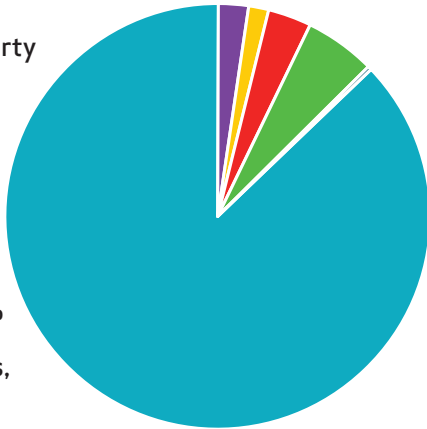
That's an average of almost **48 hours**  
**each day** that the Library was open!

# BECAUSE GOOD DECISIONS DEPEND ON GOOD DATA.

Total Budget: \$4,709,824.64

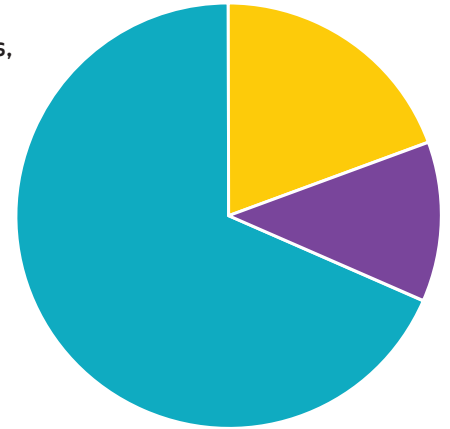
## Income

- City of Ames Property Tax, 87.2%
- Fines and Fees, 2.3%
- State of Iowa, 1.5%
- Story County, 3.3%
- Grants & Donations, 5.4%
- Misc. Revenue, 0.3%



## Expenses

- Wages & Benefits, 68.4%
- Facilities and Operations, 19.4%
- Materials, 12.2%



AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Friends Foundation

## Grants & Donations: \$251,721

Thank you to our generous donors and grantors for supporting projects including collection enhancements, Project Smyles, book clubs, special events, Small Talk, and more.

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



**1,382 children, 380 teens, and 525 adults** participated in the 2018 Summer Reading Program.

The Library helped combat childhood hunger by serving **5,875 free meals** in 2018 as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Meals program **for children and teens.**

**84 young people** grades 6-12 spent the summer helping out at the Library contributing 2,242 hours through the **APL-Youth Volunteer Program.**

**Project Smyles** offered books and storytimes to children in daycares and preschools through **1,043 visits and 51 Library tours.**

**36,254 people** attended **976** storytimes and **programs for children and families.**

**3,102 teens** attended **177 Library events** designed for 6th-12th graders.

**8,220 people** attended the Library's **633** programs for adults.

The Library's **meeting and study rooms** were used for 12,347 programs, meetings, tutoring sessions, and more. That's an average of almost **35 uses per day!**

Library staff and volunteers made **792 deliveries** of books to 80 homebound citizens and 13 centers through **Home Delivery.**



# BECAUSE 0 AND 1 ADD UP TO INFINITE POSSIBILITIES.

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 about **124 times per day** in 2018/2019.

The Library's **iPads** were checked out an average of **390 times per month**.

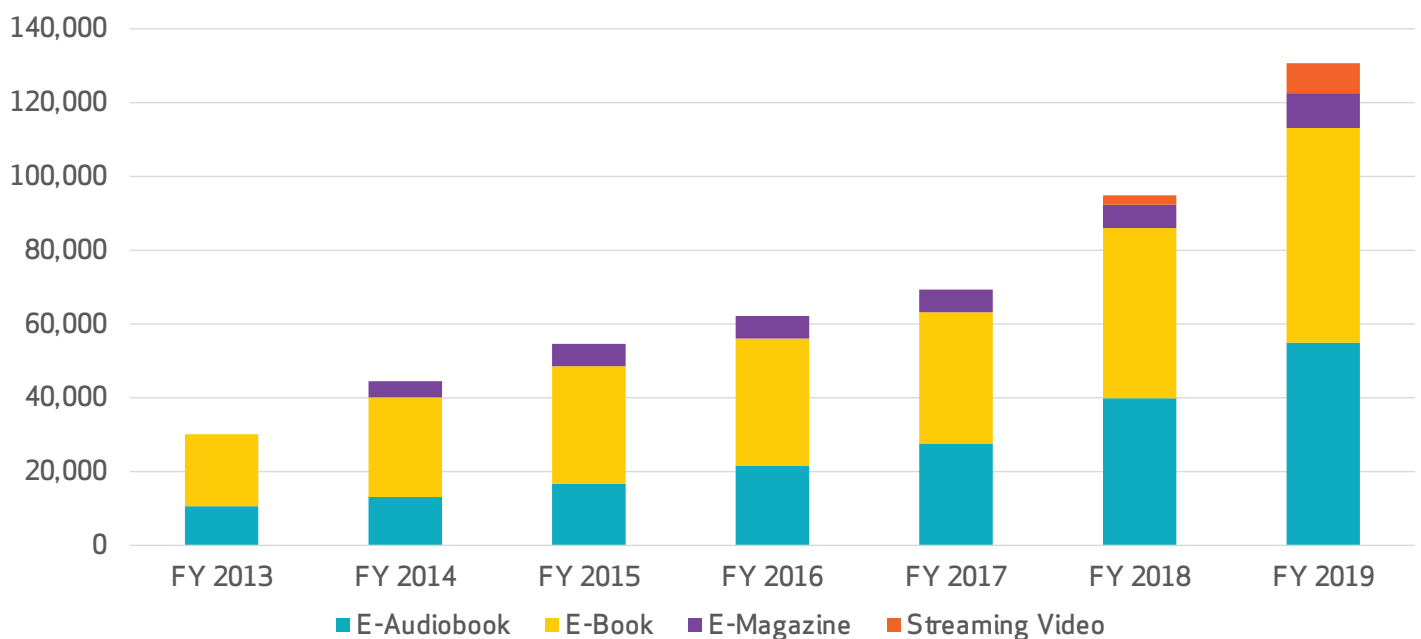
The **early literacy computers** were used about **48 times each day** last year.

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

Library staff and community partners shared their **technology expertise** through computer classes, iPhone & iPad Training, and more.

Ames Public Library offered cardholders free access to **30 premium online research and learning tools**, from children's interactive books to popular genealogy software to language learning programs to informational tools and reviews for consumers. In 2018/2019, cardholders searched these online resources an average of over **330 times a day!**

## Electronic Format Usage



# BECAUSE ACCESS EQUALS OPPORTUNITY.

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

In 2018/2019, Ames Public Library offered over **330,000 items** from bestselling e-books to graphic novels to GRE study guides.



## Did you know?

Ames Public Library lends a lot more than books, movies, and music!

A Library card lets you check out:

- **Adventure Passes** (*free admission to select local museums and attractions*)
- **Launchpad Learning Tablets**
- **Read-About Story Kits**
- **STEM Kits**
- **Puppets**
- **Puzzles**
- **Videogames**
- **WiFi Hotspots**
- **and more!**

**The Bookmobile** brings a traveling library for all ages to several weekly stops throughout Ames.

In 2018/2019, **9,304 customers** visited a **neighborhood stop!**

The Bookmobile also visited a variety of **community events**, such as Farmers' Markets and the annual EcoFair, welcoming **2,340 people** aboard.





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