



## Indianola Public Library Annual Report July 2014 - June 2015

### Mission Statement

Indianola Public Library connects individuals to each other, the community, and the world through access to information and activities.

### Indianola Public Library by the numbers ...

# 114,901

Items checked out  
= 7.7 items per resident



# 313

Programs  
sponsored

The Library  
houses

# 47,312

books, movies, and  
recordings with an  
additional

# 30,278

downloadable  
items



# 74,600

Visitors to the Library

Average number  
of times each item  
was checked out:

# 2.0

Public computers  
were used

# 9,000

times

# 7,300

Reference  
questions  
answered by  
Library staff



## Long-Range Plan

During FY 14/15, the Library Board of Trustees and staff focused on developing and implementing a new long-range plan.

The process began with two focus group meetings held in August and September. At these meetings, conducted by a representative from the State Library of Iowa, participants were asked to look at Indianola as a whole and then focus on the Library. At the end of the second meeting participants selected priorities for the Library to concentrate.

After that time the Library staff, with input from the Trustees, developed the actual plan. Once approved by the Board of Trustees the implementation process began.



### Highlights included:

- Completion of a project to revamp the Genealogy collection and relocate it to a more visible area of the Library.
- Switching the Teen and Audio-Visual areas to create a space for teens to feel more at home.
- Reorganizing the Children's area to include educational computers as well as educational toys to encourage learning as well as pictures around the area to brighten it and make it more appealing to children and parents.
- Monthly displays to highlight areas of the library collection.
- Using state funds, a new photocopier and an up-to-date microfilm scanner were purchased.



### Celebrate!

In February, the Library was re-certified by the State Library of Iowa at the highest level possible. This certification is good through 2018.

In order to attain this status, the Library and staff met:  
46 of 46 required standards  
29 of 33 non-required standards  
(meeting 16 of these standards was required).

Everyone involved with the Library is proud of this achievement.