



ERICSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report

Letter from the Director

Jamie Williams, Library Director



We are pleased to present the Ericson Public Library's fiscal year 2019 Annual Report. It is an honor to serve the community, and I'm pleased about the work our library is currently doing and the opportunities it has in the future.

FY19 was another great year of efficiencies for the library as we had our roof replaced and added much needed insulation to increase our energy savings while also receiving an Alliant Energy Rebate! The library also updated computers to better serve the community and ensure that people have access to the resources they need. We also spruced up our furniture by reupholstering it. During this project the torn and worn fabric from 1993 was replaced as well as new plush cushions were added. We also replaced our well loved train tables with newer ones. The play train tables have always been a hit with kids, and we are so happy that they are used as much as they are and enjoyed by all!

FY19 was also a year that we went through the reaccreditation process through the State Library of Iowa. As an accredited library, we are recognized state wide for our efforts in all areas of library operations including governance and funding, staffing, library collections, services, public relations, access and facilities. This honor recognizes our commitment to high quality library services. Through this process we also created a new mission and long range plan based on a survey we sent out to the community. Our updated mission focuses in on what our community and Library Trustees desire to see from library: A destination for opportunities to connect with others, to learn, and to enrich lives.

Connect * Learn * Enrich

Despite a limited staff, we continue our commitment to provide engaging, educational and informative programs for our community. The library offered a total of 636 programs in FY19, an increase of 22% more programs than last year. The increase in programs would not be possible without the grants that library staff applied for and received as well as donations from our generous community. In fact, we made use of 49% more in grants and donations than from the previous year. We continue our many partnerships to ensure we work collaboratively and more effectively within the community.

The library continues to invest in opportunities to improve quality of life issues. Although we face challenges, we will continue to try our best to meet our mission to enrich lives and invest in our community's learning and access to information.

For more information about the Ericson Public Library, go to www.boone.lib.ia.us.

The Statistical Story

122,429

People in the Library



Materials Used :

126,485



Issued **619** New
Library Cards for a
Total of **5,793**



**COMMITTED
TO OUR
COMMUNITY**

7,171 Reference Questions

16,942 People Attended 636 Programs

20,731 Hits On Our Website

www.boone.lib.ia.us



13,519

Computer Uses
by Patrons



31,766 Wi-Fi Users



290 meeting room
reservations

COLLECTION INCLUDES:

63,057	BOOKS
49,496	EBOOKS
3,575	AUDIO MATERIALS
22,560	DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO
4,802	VIDEOS
50	DOWNLOADABLE VIDEOS
<u>1,067</u>	OTHER MATERIALS (PUPPETS/KITS/ETC)
144,607	TOTAL ITEMS
69	PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
49	LICENSED DATABASES

5,056

Materials
Added



Strong Library, Strong Community

Our library continues to be a community hub as people bring their children for programs, attend programs themselves, attend meetings in our Meeting Room and more! They use our technology to access resources, help with Wi-Fi, charge their devices or print from their devices. They read the Wall Street Journal, Des Moines Register, Ames Tribune and much more. Patrons can make use of the library daily without becoming a statistic that is tracked by the state or the city, except to note that they entered through the gate, library visits counted this way show that in fiscal year 2019, about 392 people visited the library on an average day. This is considering the fact that the library is only open 6 days a week or 2,637 hours annually.



Financial picture

Income Sources

City of Boone	
General fund	\$523,120
Hotel/Motel	\$2,500
Capital income	\$113,970
Contract cities	\$1,160
Boone County	\$61,750
State	\$8,668
Fines/Fees	\$14,353
Gifts/Grants	\$25,081
Capital income (private)	\$4,881

Operating Expenditures

Materials	\$46,027
Salaries	\$285,002
Benefits	\$134,850
Other Operational	
Expenses	\$146,572

Capital Expenditures

\$118,851

Ericson Public Library- *committed to enriching lives since 1885*

What our community is saying...

“Helpful staff. I appreciate the email reminders and renewal. love the electronic checkout.”

“This library is full of life, amazing selections of books, it’s so welcoming and the staff is always there. Computers are available and the WiFi when I take my computer works well. So many book selections for all ages. They have amazing events that are all age friendly. I love the library!”

“Amazed at how much is done with so little funding. Great services, books, etc. Wonderful programs for children and youth. Decrease in funding has limited adult programs. A treasure!”

“Mr. Z and the children’s department is such a great asset to our community. We are so lucky to have wonderful people bringing our kids the love of reading with great programming. Thank you EPL!”

FY19 Results and Accomplishments

Enhanced quality of life issues

*Hosted training sessions on technology, job skill development, health care, employment, financial literacy and education

*Hosted a carnival for the community, attended by approximately 2,000 people and partnered with 52 organizations to create an exciting atmosphere to promote summer reading and highlight community services and resources

Created more efficiencies for building use and functionality for community

*Completed roof replacement project with added insulation to receive Alliant Energy rebate and additional savings from electricity costs

*Updated the landscaping to eliminate time spent on maintenance.

Developed programs to engage and enhance lifelong learning for our patrons

*Helped kids succeed as an essential education partner by providing 78 outreach visits, reaching over 5,806 individuals outside the library walls to schools, daycares and more

*Provided families and caregivers with workshops, activities and literacy tips to help develop important literacy and language skills

*Leveraged grant funding to increase programming without adding additional staff to include engaging, educational, and fun topics such as Murder Mystery nights, Mosaic Ink Art, Teen pottery, MoneySmart workshops, History and author speakers and more.

Long Range Plan 2019-2024

Key Focus Areas and Goals

#1: Accessibility and Connection to Technology

The community will have increased access to online library services. Library users will have improved connectivity and wi-fi capabilities at the library. Library users will increase their use of E-readers and online databases to access online library resources.

#2: Spaces/Places

The public will have additional access to meeting space. The public will have more library spaces which will enhance collaboration, technology and streamline services. Online library users/searchers will receive updated information from the library's website.

#3: Education/Lifelong Learning

School children will have increased access to library resources. Library users will have increased access to library resources with consideration of additional hours.