

Onawa Public Library

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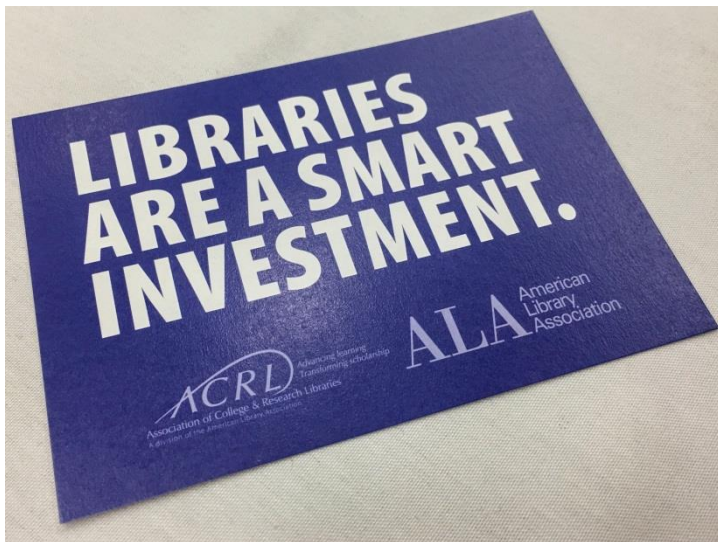
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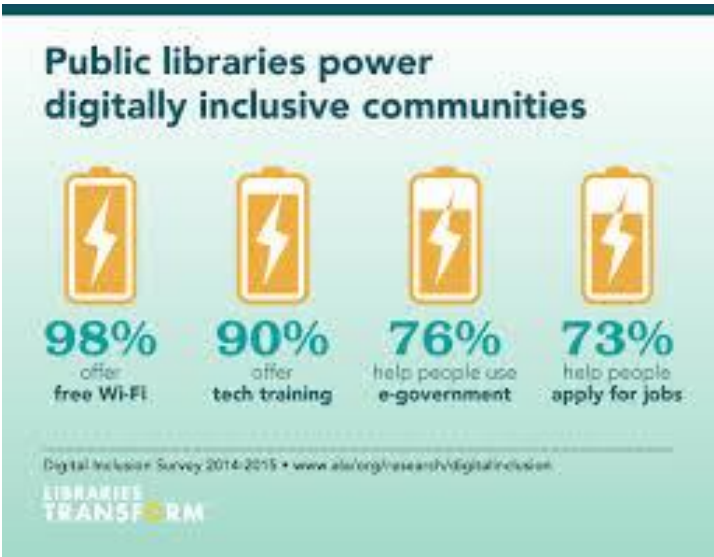
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“Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.”

Lady Bird Johnson



How well-informed do you feel about the different services your public library offers?

Do you feel like you know...



Based on Americans ages 16+ who have ever used a public library (n=5,393)

PEW RESEARCH CENTER



Libraries Matter

“The purpose of the public library is the pursuit of happiness first and education second. Happiness and education it’s all good

John Cotton Dana

Over 100 years ago, the first city librarian

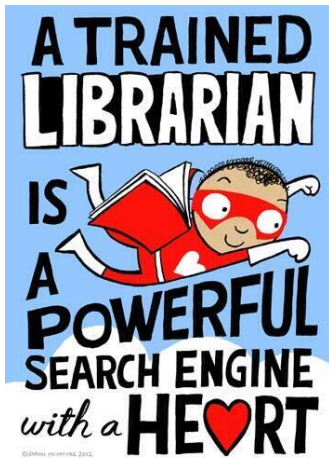
THE LIBRARY -- GOALS AND PERSONNEL



The Onawa Public Library provides the residents of Onawa and the surrounding area with access to books, library materials and other resources, as well as programs and services to meet their informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs. The library promotes reading and the use of library materials, and provides support for community, cultural and historical activities. Through its staff, Board and services, the library builds knowledge, understanding and appreciation of libraries and library materials in those it serves.

Financial support of donations from gracious library supporters, the City of Onawa, the Monona County Board of Supervisors, Enrich Iowa, Open Access, Access Plus, and Iowa Infrastructure enable

the library to serve the majority of people in Monona County.



We feel so fortunate to have a staff of employees who are dedicated to supplying the kind of quality service that the patrons of the Onawa Public Library have become accustomed to.

These workers are listed below as well as their years of service to the library:

Director:	Lori Beck	32.5 years
Assistant Librarian	Chris Zink	27 years
Librarians:	Ann Crawford	16 years
	Margaret Blatchford	13 years
	Rachel Ruffcorn	7 years
	Amy McDermott	6 years

Board of Library Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Onawa Public Library who, like the founding fathers of the library, are civic minded people who truly love and support our library. Without their dedication, our library would not be the community asset that it is.

These members of our Board were as follows:

Geraldine Johnson	appointed July 2006	(July 2018)	President
William Wonder	appointed April 2003	(July 2018)	Vice-President
Matt Minnihan	appointed July 2008	(July 2020)	Secretary
Lou Hewitt	appointed July 2010	(July 2022)	Publicity
Jessica Hupke	appointed July 2016	(July 2022)	

The dates of expiration of their terms on the Board are shown in parenthesis. New Trustees coming on are Jenn Collison and Curtis Sturgill.



Rooted in Our Community

FINANCE

Every year we have to depend on the gracious and generous support of many different entities and people. Our City is a constant source of great support for our facility making us able to continue to provide wonderful services for those in our community who cannot afford these things themselves. We are always pleased with the amount of donations that have been given. Some of these come in the form of memorials, monetary gifts, or a gift of an item from our wish list.

Balance on hand: July 1, 2017



Revenue Collection	(actual)
Transfers in (city funds	\$ 115,390.00
Monona County	\$ 18,387.00
Fees and fines	\$ 3,437.87
Fee cards	\$ 90.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,781.87
Gifts	\$ 2,144.50
Memorials	\$ 1,222.09
Facility tax	\$ 20,407.77
Rents	\$ 5,915.00
Grant	\$ 5.00
Enrich Iowa	\$ 1,995.70
Totals	\$ 172,776.80

Expenditures

(Actual)

Salaries	\$ 78,927.33
Repairs	\$ 14,606.11
Liability Ins. -Work Comp	\$ 4,617.20
Books & Periodicals	\$ 16,837.14
Operational supplies	\$ 31,987.24
Misc/petty cash	\$ 1,051.08
Memorials	\$ 1,343.37
Capitol Outlay - Improvements	\$ 3,154.64
Profit handler (City bookkeeping account)	\$ 20,252.69
Totals	\$ 172,776.80



For the first time in as long as I can remember, we were over budget due to multiple mechanical issues with our HVAC system and a major roof repair. Hopefully in the year ahead, we will be more fortunate.

We truly value and appreciate the generosity of our patrons. With the continued support of our community, we will be able to keep up with whatever changes the future holds for America's Libraries.

A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.

—Andrew Carnegie



The citizens of our community are experiencing some tough economic times and we are noticing many changes in our statistics. Technology advances are prompting a lot more Internet use of the library. The library has been able to continue to provide BRIDGES eBook/audio services to our patrons. This service has seen a continued growth level and our Facebook page continues to gain support and followers. We have expanded services to include acting as a Proctor for students taking online classes.

BRIDGES is an eService that we subscribe to for our patrons to use to download any form of audio. There are many different formats and genres available. We have had an ever-increasing number of patrons subscribe to use this service. We now have 246 patrons who have registered and used this service for a total of 2,782 circulations this fiscal year!

Circulation Statistics:

Books:

Adult	8435
Young Adult	433
Juvenile	<u>2737</u>
Total Books	11,605

Other Materials:

Video (VHS & DVD)	3,511
Audio	810
Periodicals	655
All others	<u>190</u>
Total	5,166

Registered Patrons:

Registered Patrons	3,926
Patrons Added	180
Patrons Withdrawn	<u>274</u>
Total active patrons	3,843

Holdings:

Items held at the start of the year	46,840
Materials Added	1,427
Materials Withdrawn	<u>960</u>
Total materials at year end	47,307



Meeting Room use	2851 @ 234 mtgs
In-Library Material use	7,752
Door Count	25,484
Computer usage	6159



We have continued to provide more programming for adults/families this year.

Barn Quilt Program!

On August 14th we had a Barn Quilt painting workshop sponsored in part by our Friends of the Onawa Public Library! Suzi Parron taught the attendees how to pick a pattern, mask off and paint the areas then retape and finish the project. Each attendee was able to carry out their own barn quilt at the end of the evening! It was so amazing to watch each of these ladies work their own special magic with their creations!



Iowa Honey Queen!!

September 22nd found us hosting the Iowa Honey Queen, Carly Rae Vannoy. She gave a wonderful and informative talk about the endangered condition of our honey bee population and very interesting facts about their habits, honey production, and colony activity. After her talk, she took questions from the audience and posed for photos.



We took part in the Onawa Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow and Snowman Decorating contest.





Santa Came to the Library!!

HO! HO! HO! Who wouldn't go.... Up to the library..quick, quick quick! 113 children stopped in to give Santa their Christmas list and get some candy! We got to show off our gorgeous Christmas decorations.



Graffiti Night !!!

Once again, the library put on an event for children during the Graffiti Night event here in downtown Onawa. Our local Banks and our Friends Group funded our event. We rented inflatable amusements and the children were able to play on them for free. We also had some other table games that they could do during the afternoon.

We were also fortunate enough to have Country Knot perform in the afternoon also. Their music is always a treat for all the people in the park! It was great fun and we hope to be able to continue this event in the coming years.



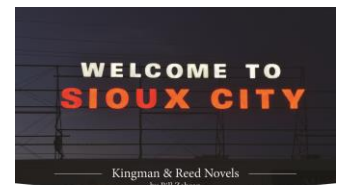
Author Visit



Buckle up Onawa!! Are you ready for some good mystery reads?

Bill Zahren is a fifth-generation Iowan born in Lake Park. He graduated from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, and worked for the *Le Mars Daily Sentinel* and *Sioux City Journal*

He was featured in the *Sioux City Journal*!! Iowa author Bill Zahren held his book signing **Saturday, August 19th from 1-2 pm.**



RAGBRAI kicked off in Onawa this year.

There were around 350 people camped in the library yard beginning on Friday, Saturday and leaving on Sunday morning July 22. The library was open, even tho we were somewhat land locked because the main street was shut down. It was an amazing time and we met so many interesting people who became Onawa library fans.



We have been the starting and registration point for OnaBike for many years now. The event has been recently renamed the OnaBike/Shawn Gosch Memorial ride. Every year we have returning riders, as well as new ones!



“Books for Babies”

68 babies were born at Burgess Health Center in this fiscal year. We were so thrilled to be able to provide this wonderful gift for each child born. This project is funded by John and Carol Murphy and fulfills a long standing wish for us. We have a very good system in place and have been able to supply new books to all the babies born at Burgess Hospital for several years now.

We proctor tests for students who need this service.



We are also a passport acceptance facility and have 4 registered agents who can process the applications. We have been getting people from areas north that cannot get appointments with the Sioux City Post Office.



Summer reading program!!!!



We held our 26th Summer Reading Program this year. 64 children signed up for our program and 48 actively participated. and 9,882 pages were read by the boys and girls. One child going into 2nd grade read 1071 pages alone.

We also had a mural that the boys and girls colored for the entire program so we could display it here in the library.

During each program we also drew winners from the boys and girls who attended that day. This seems to be a very big hit with all the participants. Each program also contained some sort of take home activity for the boys and girls to do. Each child was given a song title to listen to before the next program. They then discussed the song, whether they liked it, what they thought it meant, etc.

Programs: 4 Summer Reading Programs with Attendance #1: 36+6 visitors #2: 36+5 visitors #3: 24+6 visitors #4: 27+8 visitors

Program 1 There's a song bird who reads.

The basic rules and ideas of the program were explained to the attendees. This first program dealt with how important poetry is to song. The story read was Green Eggs and Ham. Different poems were read to the beat of the drum to show that rhythm is essential in both! Prizes were drawn for and the children began coloring the mural.

Program 2 Discover your world.

Selections from Shel Silverstein were read to begin the program. We had several make and take crafts for this second program. The boys and girls performed the Musicians of Brennan. Prizes were drawn for and the children continued coloring the mural.

Program 3 Ozzy's "Crazy Games".

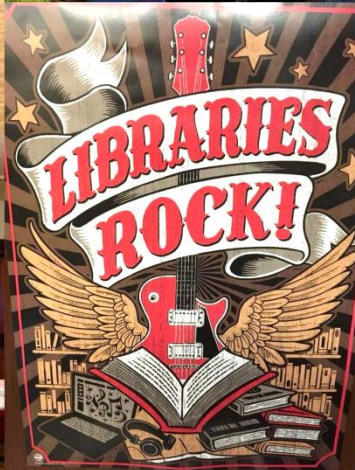
Story read was Moana.

All the boys and girls played musical chairs. They had such a good time and the person out each time the music stopped was allowed to help stop the music for the next round. The final touches were added to the mural.

Program 4 Finding your inspirations.

This was our final program and the boys and girls went on a scavenger hunt for some books on specific subjects. They played jumbo Jenga, they also had relay races with monster feet. The Iowa Extension Council also showed them how to make healthy treat choices with local seasonal vegetables. Winners of each division were announced and all prizes were handed out.

This year the program coordinators were James McDermott and E.J. Nagel. The guys lined up other help as they needed it, so we also had several high school students take part in the program. Our programs lasted through the month of June and all the programs were well received. It was a little difficult at first to get the boys and girls to understand that it was ok for the summer to make some noise in the library. The programs were upstairs in the meeting room so we could close the doors to minimize the noise levels for the rest of the library patrons. The kids seemed to have a really good time and everyone participated in every program. We are always so proud of the children who choose to be a part of our programs, and hope that their teachers can see a difference in learning when they return to school in the fall.



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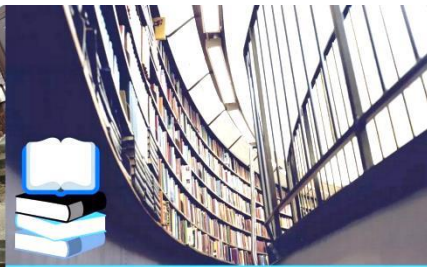
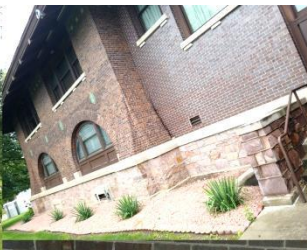
Trust Fund Accounts

The Onawa Public Library has been the recipient of several memorial trust funds. In nearly all instances, the principal is not to be used and there are specific instructions as to how the interest of each of these accounts may be used.

Trust funds are as follows:

Allen	\$973	Interest on hand	\$300.77	\$32.47 spent
Fran		Interest to be used for biographies		
Burton	\$2,500	Interest on hand	\$65.25	\$33.00 spent
Harry		Interest to be used to create an interest in astronomy		
McCaskey	\$1,000	Interest on hand	\$342.53	
Edith		Interest to be used for books for the general collection.		
Murphy	\$15,216.33	Interest on hand	\$249.60	\$113.99 spent
Esther		Some interest to be used for children's books some to accumulate.		
Meyers	\$5,000	Interest on hand	\$1096.66	\$574.60 spent
Frank C.		Interest to be used for books on history, biographies & general collection.		
Pennington	\$1,000	Interest on hand	\$323.93	
Horton B.		Interest to be used for non-fiction books on history.		
Prichard	\$550	Interest on hand	\$315.05	
Robert		Interest to be used for books.		
Prichard	\$405	Interest on hand	\$78.46	
E.M. "Bert"		Interest to be used for books		
Ropes	\$2,200	Interest on hand	\$368.93	\$116.92 spent
Wayne		Interest to be used for adult non-fiction		
& Cora		John Ropes contributes annually with purchase of Savings Bonds which will begin maturing in 2026		
Snyder	\$300	Interest on hand	\$268.59	
Earl		Interest to be used for items reflecting Earl's interests.		
Williams M/	\$6263.80	Interest on hand	\$573.25	
Wright D		These two funds were combined at the family's request and items purchased should reflect each woman's interest.		
Blakely	\$2122.69	available	\$126.54	spent
Loren		Fund established to purchase fiction books that reflect Loren's reading interest.		

We are also blessed to have regular contributors whose funds we are able to use at our discretion. We greatly appreciate your trust in us and hope that we are able to use the funds to best exemplify your wishes.



It's National Book Lovers Day!

What's your favourite book? Who's your favourite author?

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