

# DUBUQUE COUNTY LIBRARY

Presentation to the Board of Supervisors



# ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

- ▶ Dubuque County Library District is organized under chapter 336, Code of Iowa.
  - ▶ It is one of only three county libraries in the state
- ▶ The Library reports to a nine member Board of Trustees
  - ▶ Members are appointed proportionate to population by the Board of Supervisors or one of the five branch community city councils
- ▶ DCLD leases all its spaces.
  - ▶ The Farley site is shared with Drexler Middle School's library
  - ▶ The Peosta site is shared with NICC's library
- ▶ The branch cities cover costs for the buildings, including maintenance and utilities
- ▶ The County provides HR support, financial and payroll services per chapter 336

# A FEW NUMBERS FROM FY2019

<b>Service Population</b> Unincorporated County Cities of Asbury, Epworth, Farley, Holy Cross & Peosta	<b>29,502</b> 2010 census
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	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>% Difference</b>
Registered Users	8,206	9,706	+ 18 %
Library Visits	60,020	63,929	+ 6%
Library Programs	183	431	+ 135%
Program Attendance	2,171	4,413	+ 103%
Staff FTE	9.78	11.45	+ 17%
Collection Items	73,218	150,218	+ 105%
Collection Use	133,218	126,561	- 7% *

\*Impacted by 3 month closure of Asbury branch. FY18 showed 7% increase over FY16. FY18 use was 141,973. Asbury accounts for ~50% of the system's collection use

# VALUE TO TAXPAYERS

- ▶ Average cost of a hardback book, 2019; \$25
  - ▶ If use equates purchase, 126,561 uses = \$2,962,500
- ▶ Library offers instruction on using a new phone – Device Advice program
- ▶ Mini-classes on using Ancestry.com for Libraries in genealogy research
- ▶ Helping make young children readers via 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- ▶ Programs introducing future engineers to simple coding with Bloxels
- ▶ Finding instructions on fixing a snowblower using Small Engine Repair Reference Center
- ▶ Makerspace programs for hands-on STEM learning
- ▶ Physical and digital materials for research, reading, and viewing

# DCLD FUNDING

- ▶ There are 543 public libraries in Iowa
- ▶ DCLD is 521<sup>st</sup> in terms of per-capita funding
- ▶ Dubuque County libraries comparison

Dyersville	\$105.70
Dubuque	\$62.01
Cascade	\$64.34
<b>Dubuque County</b>	<b>\$32.38</b>
State Average	\$56.98

- ▶ Figures are FY18 and include all income, not just the local contribution

# LOOKING AHEAD

- ▶ Solicit community feedback on satisfaction with library service through open houses, a survey, or both
- ▶ Develop next strategic plan for years 2021-2026 based on results from the surveys/open houses
- ▶ Continue search for new location in Farley
- ▶ Determine where new staff positions will be most needed and effective based on strategic plan priorities
- ▶ Develop plan for anticipated funding increase. Library per-capita funding is assessed according to official census numbers. Census 2020 will determine population numbers for 10 years of budget calculations.

# STAFF

- ▶ Mike Wright, Director
- ▶ Amanda Vazquez, Assistant Director
- ▶ Robin Cowart, Holy Cross Clerk
- ▶ Alyssa Davidshofer, Clerk, primary courier
- ▶ Julie Eggleston, Epworth Clerk
- ▶ Mike Federspiel, Peosta Clerk
- ▶ Kayla Ferguson, Children's Librarian
- ▶ David Green, Clerk, primary substitute
- ▶ Teresa Jack, Children's Storyteller
- ▶ Kathy Loewenberg, Clerk, primary materials processor
- ▶ Jenn Matters, Young Adult & Adult Services Librarian
- ▶ Donell Siegert, Librarian, Circulation Manager
- ▶ Vacant, Farley Clerk