

# Lied Public Library 2013 Annual Report



*Building Our Community*

**The Lied Public Library  
is a department of  
the City of Clarinda.**



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Thank you for allowing me to present this annual report on behalf of the Lied Public Library Board of Trustees.

The Lied Public Library of Clarinda has been “building our community” for more than 108 years. The library not only offers numerous books, movies, downloadable collections and countless other resources; it plays a vital role in the personal stories of each and every citizen.

It was a very exciting year as the library introduced a good number of new digital products to our community. Through *Zinio*, patrons now have access to popular magazines and *Freegal* continues to add new songs to the millions already offered. The library also added *Chilton's Automotive Repair*, *PowerSpeak Language* learning, and *Price-It Antiques and Collectibles* to the number of online databases that can be accessed 24/7 on the newly updated library's website. Citizens can now use their smartphone, tablet, laptop or computer to connect to the library anytime, anywhere.

Reading is fundamental and developing early literacy skills is essential to ensure that all of our youngest citizens are fully prepared for school and life. In 2013 the library saw over 6,500 children and families attend various events that promote reading and lifelong learning. For example, Story Hour is a program for children 3-5 years of age who join the library for books, stories, songs, crafts, and much more! It is held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:30am-11:10am during September to May and 2013 attendance was near 800!

I'd like to thank the community for the support given to the library, both past and present, as well as the Friends of the Lied Public Library and Clarinda (Lied) Public Library Foundation. This also includes the countless number of volunteers who have donated over 986 hours to the library in 2013. Without their help and support the library would be unable to provide such great service.

In an average week during 2013, the Lied Public Library...

- Welcomed 846 visitors
- Circulated over 1,631 items (nearly 271 per day)
- Answered over 52 questions
- Provided computer use to nearly 205 customers
- Added 73 items to the Library's collection
- Issued 7 new borrower's cards
- Received 586 hits on the Library's website
- Processed 20 requests from customers and libraries for interlibrary loan materials

Please study the following information to see how we serve you and our community. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the library. Thanks for your time, your attention, and your continued support of the Lied Public Library.

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# Statistics 2013

Total Circulation <i>*includes digital items</i>	84,790
Volunteer Hours	986
Reference Questions Answered	2,693
Computer Use	10,681
Number of Attendance at Programs Held	8,157
Number of People who Visited the Library	44,033

	2012	2013
Total Circulation	77,546	84,790
Books/Magazines/Audio Books Circulation	59,607	58,919
eBook / eAudioBook Circulation	2,496	2,787
Other Digital Items / Databases	N/A	7,204
Video Circulation	15,443	15,880
Items Added	3,593	3,829
Visitors	48,358	44,033

## Library Staff

Andrew Hoppmann  
*Director*

Marissa Gruber  
*Youth Services*

Linda Warrick  
*Circulation Librarian*

Lynn Whitmore  
*Circulation Librarian*

Karol Dudley  
*Youth Services Asst.*

Rachel Dudley  
*Library Assistant*

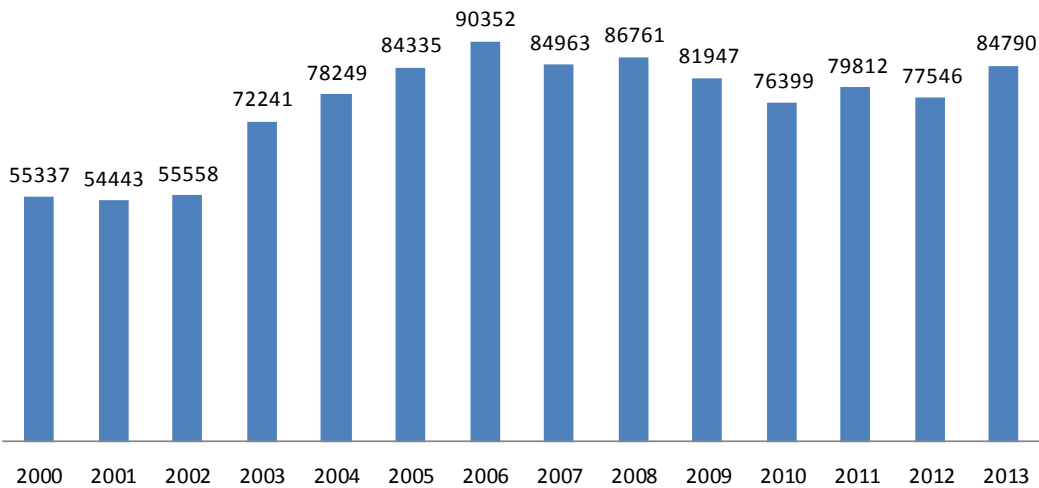
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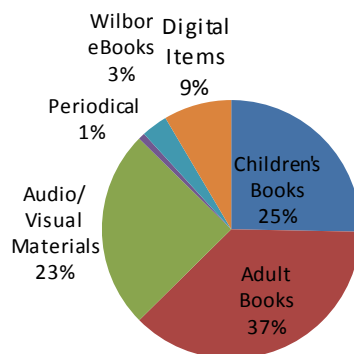
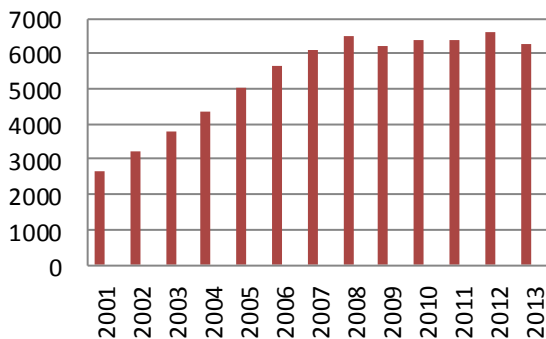
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Samantha Sics  
*On-Call Library Assistant*

## Material Circulation



## Registered Borrowers



## Circulation by Type

## Library Board of Trustees

Robert Briggs, President

Ruth Falk, Vice President

Jeremy Peterson, Secretary

Tasha Cole

Pam Herzberg

Paul Jones

Evelyn Rank

Phil Tornholm

Allie Wellhausen

# Highlights of 2013

**January:** The library launched a new service that allows patrons to be notified by text message when they have items due or at the library to be picked up. The library also launched LearningExpress, an online database funded by the State of Iowa that allows patrons to take online course and exams, including GED, GRE, computer skills, and much more. The library also started an iPad Club, a group of tablet users who meet monthly to exchange questions and comments. The library also received two Leap Pad children's learning tablets from the Friends of the Library and Clarinda Optimist Club.



Student at Brain Teasers

**February:** The library held a special program with KMA host Chuck Morris on Alaskan Travels. Chuck and his wife shared their experience as they traveled through Alaska. The library also began offering a Brain Teasers program, an after school program that allows children to be creative as they solve complex problems and riddles. The Friends of the Library also hosted their semi-annual Book Sale.

**March:** A special program on Soap Making was presented at the library by Naomi, of Naomi Soaps in Clearmont, MO. The library also launched ZINIO, an online database that provides digital copies of over 50 different magazine titles to library patrons. The library also hosted the Junior High Art Show, where student's art and creations were displayed at the library for a week. Library Director Andrew Hoppmann was also selected as a mentor in the statewide I-Lead program, a program designed to help librarians expand and explore new technologies.



Visit to Des Moines on Library Lobby Day



Marissa Gruber reads to children

**April:** The library hosted a program on knitting and during National Library Week had a special display on the history of the library. The library also had a drawing for a Kindle and Leap Pad that were donated by the Library Foundation and Friends of the Library. Youth Services Librarian Marissa Gruber was selected as employee of the year at the annual Clarinda Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Luncheon. The library also hosted a teen



Sweet Harmony performing

mystery party that saw over 35 young adults come to the library after hours and work in teams to solve a crime. A musical program was also performed at the library by Sweet Harmony. The library also had repairs made to the roof.

**May:** The library partnered with local electronics store High-Tech Electronics and hosted a special technology petting zoo. This event gave patrons hands-on interaction with various types of technology including, smartphones, tablets, eReaders, and more.

**June:** The library began the summer library programs with another visit from IPTV superstar Dan Wardell who had a packed house of over 200 people! Local resident John Lisle also presented a program on Southwest Iowa Artifacts and collecting. Performer Gary Weldon also presented a magic and puppet show for children with a positive healthy message. Other special summer programs included visits from the Clarinda Humane Society, Omaha Zoo, Rocks of Iowa, Page County Public Health, Grout Museum, and various craft, movie, and game days.



Science Center of Iowa



**July:** Summer library programs continued into July. Special guests included Roger Williams of the Clarinda Fire Department who discussed fire safety with the children in our community. Other special guests also included Brian Prokop from Orkin who talked about insects, a speaker from the Science Center of Iowa, Debbie Pope from the ISU Extension, Clarinda Dive Team, Larry Hume who presented “The History of the Native American Lakota Tribe,” and Josh Heard, a paranormal investigator.

**August:** With help from a grant from the Clarinda Foundation, the library began offering downloadable music from the library’s website. Users can now download up to three songs per week with their library card using Freegal, the free and legal way to get music! The library also hosted an author visit with Joy Johnson, an Omaha author of *The Boob Girls* series.



Students working with LEGOs

**September:** With the start of a new school year, the library began offering Story Hour again every Tuesday and Wednesday. The library’s Lego Club also continued to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The library also hosted Judy and Joe Bengtson who shared their experiences from their trip to South Africa. The library also received funding for new children’s computers, a telescope, and iPads.

**October:** Runza hosted another *Great Books for Great Kids* program in which they donated 15% of their sales to the children’s department. The program raised over \$300! Library Director Andrew Hoppmann along with the librarians from Essex and Shenandoah met with Page County Supervisors and discussed the role public libraries play in our county. Each Supervisor was also presented with their own library card. The library also had another successful Fall Festival with over 200 families in attendance and special guests Jay and Leslie Cady who entertained with juggling, mime and magic. Also presented was a Stars & Night Sky program that had over 40 people in attendance to learn about the night sky with Dr. John Shaw of Northwest Missouri State University.



Page County Supervisors met with area Librarians





Jay and Leslie Cady

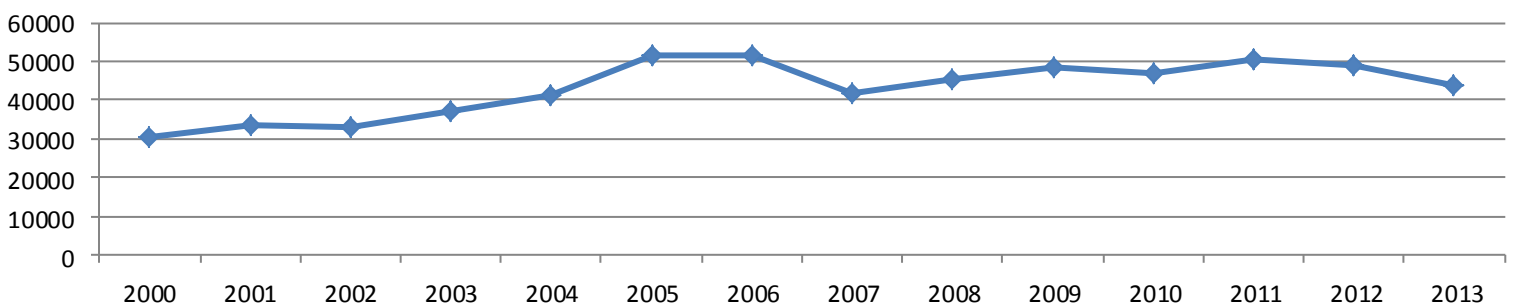
**November:** Josh Heard returned to the library to present another program on paranormal investigating. He talked about his most personal, and unbelievable first-hand accounts of dealings with the other side. He has written two books on his investigations and is from Tabor, Iowa. Another interesting program was “How Iowa Met Baseball: The Myths, The History, The Players.” It was a special presentation about the myths regarding the “invention” of baseball, the origins and evolution of the early game in the United States and was presented by John Liepa.



**December:** The library hosted a Holiday Concert & Open House with the “Bells of Joy” Hand Bell Choir on Tuesday Dec. 10th and also provided insight about their instruments. A special children’s program had Hugo Kringle, Kris Kringle’s (Santa Claus’) brother make a visit who sang songs, told stories and tales on his brother.



### Library Visitors



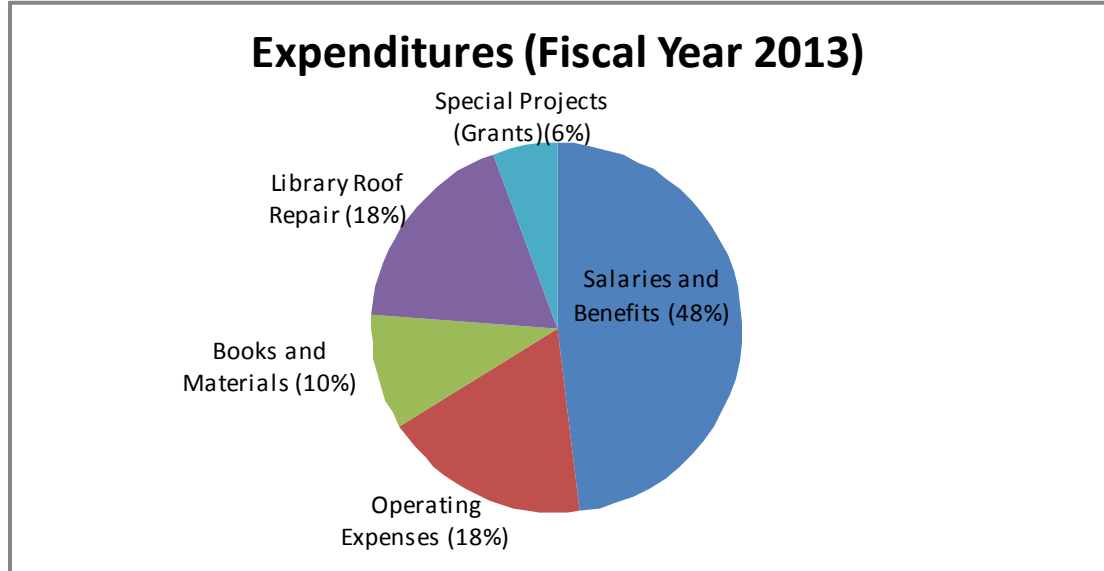
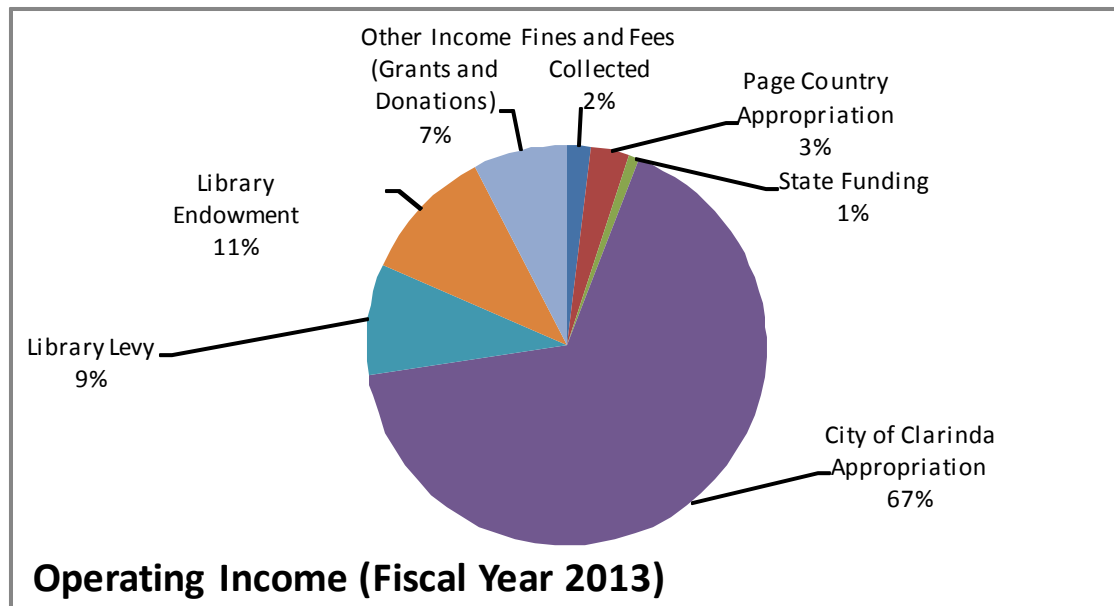
## Revenues and Expenditures (Fiscal Year 2013)

### Revenues

Fines and Fees Collected	\$7,206
Page County Appropriation	\$11,000
State Funding	\$3,100
City of Clarinda Appropriation	\$236,971
Library Levy	\$31,677
Library Endowment Used (Roof Repair)	\$38,750
Other Income (Grants and Donations)	\$26,671
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 355,375</b>

### Expenditures

Salaries and Benefits (48%)	\$170,563
Operating Expenses (18%)	\$64,443
Books and Materials (10%)	\$35,792
Library Roof Repair (18%)	\$65,000
Special Projects (Grants) (6%)	\$19,577
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$355,375</b>



## Did you know...

The Lied Public Library houses over 40,000 books and items.

Volunteers donated over 980 hours of their time to help at the library.

During the year staff cataloged, stamped, stickered, and readied 3,829 new items for the public to use and withdrew 4,060 outdated or damaged items.

From home or office computers patrons visited the library's website 30,458 times and logged on the library's database over 2781 times.

The library delivered over 603 items to those patrons who could not make it to the library through the RSVP program.

The library has over 1500 popular and informative DVDs and videos for patrons to check out.

## 2013 Memorials

Ann Heumphreus  
Chelsie Farmer  
Don Nassen  
Duane Snyder  
Eleanor Blair  
Helen Freudenburg  
Kennard Keeran  
Kim McAndrews Liddon  
LaDonna Brown  
Martha James  
Mary Price  
Maxine Louden  
Olga Simmons  
Sue Whitehead  
Thaine Cabbage  
Trudy Johnson



### **Library Foundation**

Janet Olenius  
Ruth Falk  
Marlene Paulson  
Tasha Cole

### **Friends of the Library**

Kathy Hansen and  
Liz Robinson, co-Presidents  
Sandra Bramble, Treasurer  
Mary Jo Combs, Secretary

***“A library is  
not a luxury  
but one of the  
necessities of  
life.”***

*Henry Ward Beecher*

## **Other Library Support (2013)**

Friends Of the Lied Public Library	\$1,643.96
Lied Public Library Foundation	\$11,322.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,966.56</b>

## **Lied Public Library Foundation Financial Report**

(As of 12/31/13)

### **Funds**

Cash- (Bank Iowa)	\$23,925.34
Investments	\$45,745.60
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$69,670.94</b>

## **Friends of the Lied Public Library (2013)**

Book Sale Income	\$2,016.77
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## **Library Endowment (As of 12/31/13)**

### **Funds**

Endowed Fund (includes Opitz & Buckley Trusts)	\$250,000.00.
Quasi-endowed	\$35,011.80.
Projects Fund	\$42,140.66.
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$327,152.46.</b>

## ***The Mission of the Lied Public Library***

The Clarinda community will have access to innovative library services delivered in an efficient and effective manner that will:

- Foster young readers through early literacy
- Provide access to current digital resources
- Provide a comfortable and welcoming space