

ISSUE BRIEF

Forecasting Closures Across Iowa Public Libraries and Museums: Assessing the Impact of HF718 and the End of .27 Cent Local Levies

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Iowa's public libraries and museums had long relied on two specific levies, authorized under Iowa Code 384.12(20) (Support Public Library) and 384.12(4) (Cultural & Scientific Facilities), to fund essential services. However, in 2023, the Iowa Legislature passed House File 718 (HF 718), which removed local authority to levy these funds. This report examines the immediate and projected impacts of that decision across nearly 100 Iowa communities. Based on the findings and the critical role these levies play, the report concludes with a recommendation that the legislature repeal the changes under HF 718 and restore the two levies to their previous status.

Key Survey Findings

Two independent researchers, Cindy Wells, Chair of the Waterloo Public Library Board of Trustees and Billie Bailey, retired Executive Director of the Grout Museum District conducted a phone and email survey of public libraries and museums in Iowa that are affected by the end of the .27 voted levies under HF 718. They spoke with 97 public libraries and 4 museums and compiled information on the immediate, mid-term, and long-term fiscal impact of HF718 on these institutions. Ninety-seven libraries and three museums responded and described a range of impacts, from an immediate negative fiscal impact to mild or unknown impacts.

The elimination of the 27-cent library levy will likely impact over 90% of qualified libraries before the end of the 5-year sunset period. For many of the most-impacted libraries, .27 levy funding accounted for over one-quarter of their

total operating budget. While certain cities have offered short-term stopgap measures, many library directors express deep concern about long-term sustainability. Commonly cited consequences include reductions in hours, staff, and programming, as well as deferred maintenance that could jeopardize community access to essential library services.

The impact on the four museums is more dramatic. It makes up 40% - 90% of the budgets for these organizations. Already, one has lost the funding completely. Another has had a small reduction in the first year, but the Mayor and CFO of that city indicated that there would be more substantial reductions in coming years. While the two received their funding this year, they do not believe it will be maintained beyond FY29, and it may be cut before that date.

1. Basic Reliance on Levy Funds

- In many cases, the .27 cent levies accounted for 10%–30% of a library’s operating budget. Some smaller towns reported reliance levels reaching 33%.
- Certain libraries lost all levy funding in FY25, while others will see a phased reduction over several years. Even a phased approach complicates budget planning and service delivery.
- Even modest-sized libraries (serving populations of 2,000 to 5,000) often relied on the levy to maintain staffing, purchase new materials, and offer basic programming.
- For museums, the levies typically accounted for 40% - 90% of the organization’s operating budget.
- One museum lost all levy funding in FY25. The remaining museums could see aggressive, phased reductions over the next several years, with support ending in FY29.
- Museums used funds for staffing, utilities, and programming.

2. Immediate and Planned Service Cuts

- Kalona Public Library (2,630 population) has already reduced daily open hours by two and cut staff.
- Anita Public Library (963 population) cut its hours by 15%, citing a 27% budget drop.
- Seymour Community Library (634 population) announced it will reduce summer programming, halve its weekly hours, and curtail new book purchases.

- Other libraries (e.g., Charles City, Seymour) explicitly mention reducing staff hours or positions to address shortfalls.
- Many directors noted reduced or eliminated children’s programs, summer reading activities, and “makerspaces.”
- Book and materials purchasing budgets are frequently the first line item to be slashed when funds drop, which directly impacts the breadth and depth of collections.

3. Uneven Temporary Solutions

- A minority of libraries (e.g., Burlington, Marshalltown) reported receiving one-time coverage from Local Option Sales Tax (LOSST) or city general funds in FY25.
- A small number of libraries (e.g., Lenox, Lohrville) have been assured by their cities of continued equivalent funding in the immediate term, but do not have long-term guarantees.
- Most libraries and all museums note “futures are uncertain,” as there is no long-term guarantee of revenue replacement.

4. Rural Communities Disproportionately at Risk

- Smaller towns such as **Mondamin** (339 population) reported losing **33%** of their library’s budget, describing the cuts as a “death sentence.” When a library is the sole public gathering place in a community, such cuts reverberate beyond the library’s walls— affecting youth, job seekers, and older adults who rely on free internet and safe spaces.

5. Building Maintenance and Service Upkeep

- Historic or large facilities, like the Drake Public Library in Centerville (built in 1904), face ongoing maintenance costs that are harder to defer.
- Some libraries rely on levy funds for lease or rent costs; for example, Corydon’s Karl Miles LeCompte Memorial Library may not be able to cover its lease.

6. Long-Term Financial Uncertainty

- As city and county budgets shrink overall (due to broader tax reforms in HF 718), potential backfill for libraries or cultural and scientific facilities becomes increasingly doubtful.
- Several directors voiced concern about “phased” cuts, which will reach full impact by 2029, making it difficult to plan or retain qualified staff.

Legislative History of HF 718

For decades, Iowa’s public libraries and some museums have relied on specific voted property tax levies authorized under Iowa Code 384.12(20) (“Support Public Library”) and 384.12(4) (“Cultural & Scientific Facilities”). These provisions allowed communities, with voter approval, to levy up to .27 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation specifically for supporting public library services or for cultural and scientific facilities. All of these levies were approved by voters on municipal ballots at regular elections. This framework empowered local citizens to directly fund these cultural services in a transparent and democratically approved manner, ensuring the sustainability of library and museum operations, staffing, programming, and facilities maintenance through community support.

In 2023, the Iowa Legislature enacted House File 718 (HF 718), introducing a significant set of property tax reforms designed to consolidate city levies and regulate future local tax rates. Around the same time, local governments, library leaders, and policy observers began to question how HF 718 would affect essential public services, particularly library funding. Although the original intention of HF 718 was to simplify property taxes and introduce new limitations, many communities in Iowa quickly realized that dedicated funding streams for public libraries and cultural facilities would be severely impacted by this legislation. In the final days of the 2024 legislative session, SF 2442 was passed to include technical corrections and adjustments to the levy limitation calculations and budget timelines established by HF 718. While SF 2442 provided some procedural refinements, it did not restore the specialized authority to levy for libraries and cultural facilities.

The [Iowa League of Cities conducted an analysis](#) of both bills, highlighting significant changes that directly affect city governments and their capacity to fund public services, including libraries. In it, they discuss how under HF 718, the previously separate levies for public libraries and cultural facilities were combined into a newly defined Adjusted City General Fund Levy (ACGFL). This consolidation merged multiple levies, including the general fund levy, emergency

levies, bridge funds, and dedicated library and cultural facility levies into a single general fund limit. Consequently, local governments lost the authority to levy funds specifically for libraries and museums, undermining the democratic process that had previously allowed these services to be funded through direct voter approval.

While this consolidation aimed to create consistency and control over property tax rates across the state, it also eliminated the dedicated, voter-approved funding streams that public libraries and cultural institutions had depended on for essential operations. Without the ability to independently levy funds for libraries, many institutions now face significant budget shortfalls that directly threaten their capacity to maintain services, staffing levels, and programming. The loss of these levies disrupts the financial stability of libraries, especially in smaller and rural communities where such levies make up a substantial portion of their operating budgets. It is important to note that this change does not impact the property taxes of the entire state of Iowa. It only impacts communities that voted to tax themselves in the first place.

As cities transition to the ACGFL system, the removal of the dedicated library and cultural and scientific facilities levies under Iowa Code 384.12(20) and 384.12(4) leaves public libraries and museums without a reliable and democratically sanctioned funding mechanism. This legislative shift sets the stage for potential reductions in hours, staffing, programming, and even closures in the most affected communities, thereby undermining the crucial role that public libraries and museums play in fostering education, community engagement, and access to information.

Recommendation: Repeal HF 718 Provisions and Restore 384.12(20) & 384.12(4)

Because House File 718 does not allow for reauthorization of the special levy and related tax reforms restrict local government's ability to increase general funds, many libraries and museums are moving through FY25 and beyond with significant uncertainty. As these financial realities set in, the outlook for some of Iowa's most vulnerable libraries and cultural institutions remains precarious.

In light of the data, the most direct and effective way to ensure the stability of Iowa's public libraries and museums—and the cultural, educational, and economic benefits they provide—is to reinstate the local voted levy authority under Iowa Code 384.12 by repealing the recent provisions of House File 718 that stripped local authorities of their ability to collect the 27-cent levies

designated for libraries and cultural and scientific institutions. The primary goal should be to restore Iowa Code 384.12, specifically subsections 20 and 4, which would allow communities to re-authorize or continue their “Support Public Library” and “Cultural & Scientific Facilities” levies without facing penalties or reductions in caps.

Restoring this local levy authority also reinstates the democratic process that empowers local voters to decide for themselves whether they wish to tax their communities for these essential services. There is a solid rationale for reinstating the library and cultural levy. Throughout history, Iowa voters have shown overwhelming support for these levies, often approving them by large margins. Libraries and museums play a key role as access points for lifelong learning, technology, and community engagement. Budget cuts hamper the ability of job seekers, students, and families to access free resources that are essential for their growth and well-being. Additionally, vibrant libraries and cultural programs significantly contribute to the quality of life, attract new residents, and bolster local business development, particularly in smaller communities struggling with population decline. By taking these steps, Iowa can ensure that its public libraries and museums continue to thrive and serve as vital pillars of their communities.

The enactment of House File 718 (HF 718) and the subsequent modifications introduced by Senate File 2442 (SF 2442) represent a significant shift in Iowa’s approach to property tax and local funding mechanisms. Data collected from 97 public libraries and four museums across the state reveal that the elimination of the 27-cent levy under Iowa Code 384.12(20) (“Support Public Library”) and 384.12(4) (“Cultural & Scientific Facilities”) has already begun to erode the financial stability of these essential community institutions. The impact is widespread and severe, threatening to diminish the vital services that public libraries and cultural institutions provide to millions of Iowans, from urban centers like Davenport and Cedar Falls to small rural towns such as Mondamin and Baxter.

A Call for Transparency and Honesty

It is crucial for the library and museum community to commit to transparency and engagement regarding the projected impacts of HF 718 on their services. Library and museum leaders must communicate the challenges they face—such as reductions in operating hours, staffing, programming, and essential services—truthfully. By openly sharing these projections with users and local voters, these institutions can foster a deeper understanding of their essential role in promoting education, community engagement, and access to information.

Honesty in reporting these challenges not only builds trust but also galvanizes community support, which is vital for advocating effective solutions.

Advocacy for Legislative Engagement

The changes imposed by HF 718 and SF 2442 were enacted without adequate consideration of their long-term consequences for public libraries and museums. The library and museum community must actively engage with state legislators to address and rectify these misguided tax reforms. Libraries and museums should advocate for the repeal and restoration of the 384.12(20) and 384.12(4) levies, emphasizing that these funding mechanisms were democratically approved by voters and are essential for maintaining robust library and cultural services. By presenting comprehensive data and personal testimonies from affected libraries and museums, the community can make a compelling case to lawmakers that the current legislative framework is unsustainable and detrimental to the social and educational fabric of Iowa's towns and cities.

Questioning the Absence of Legal Challenges

One perplexing aspect of HF 718's implementation is the lack of legal challenges from voters or affected stakeholders aimed at blocking its enforcement. The legislation effectively invalidated dozens of previously voter-approved levies without providing a clear path for recourse, raising significant concerns about the democratic integrity of the process. It is worth examining why no one has filed suit to contest these changes. Possible reasons could include limited awareness, organizational barriers, or a perceived low likelihood of success. Regardless of the reasons, the absence of legal action creates a gap in protecting voter-approved funding streams. The library community and other affected entities should consider the viability of legal challenges or other forms of advocacy to safeguard their financial autonomy and ensure that legislative actions do not undermine democratic principles.

Moving Forward

The funding crisis triggered by HF 718 and SF 2442 calls for a strategic response from the library and museum community, allied local governments, and concerned citizens. By embracing transparency, mobilizing legislative advocacy, and exploring legal avenues, Iowa's libraries and cultural institutions can work toward restoring their essential funding mechanisms and preserving the invaluable services they provide. Failure to act decisively risks not only the decline of library services but also the broader erosion of community resources that support education, literacy, and civic engagement.

NEXT STEPS FOR STAKEHOLDERS

- **For Legislators:** Examine opportunities to restore or replace lost levy funds, or to provide alternative revenue mechanisms specifically for libraries and museums.
- **For Local Governments:** Continue to explore interim funding models (e.g., LOSST, city general funds) where possible, and engage in transparent discussions with library and museum boards about budget priorities.
- **For Library and Museum Leaders:** Collaborate on cost-sharing, staff resource pooling, or grants that may mitigate immediate shortfalls. Document and share the outcomes of these approaches to inform potential statewide or regional solutions.

Appendix A - March 2025 Impact Forecast Interviews

The authors conducted phone and email interviews with directors of several of the Iowa libraries and museums that are affected by the end of the .27 cent local levies to ask about current on-the-ground financial impacts and forecasts about long-term impacts. These summary profiles are edited for clarity.

Avoca Public Library - Avoca, IA

Total Budget - \$119,000

Previous Levy Amount - \$20,053

Accreditation Level 3

Total Staff - 5

FUNDING PROFILE:

The city has cut all levy funding and also reduced the budget by another 25%.

The library has had to use Memorial and gift funds to make up for operational shortfalls.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:

Book purchases were reduced from \$16,000 to \$5,300.

CD and magazine subscriptions stopped; Hoopla e-books was reduced.

Eldon Public Library - Eldon, IA

Total Budget - \$48,262

Levy Amount - \$4,047

FY 2024 = \$3,897

FY 2025 = \$86.44

Accreditation Level 3

Total staff - 3

Hours - 30.5 / week

FUNDING PROFILE:

The city has cut the levy down to \$86.44 from \$4,047 in 2022.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:

None yet. Forecasting that they will need to cut programming.

Waterloo Public Library - Waterloo, IA

Total Budget - \$2,600,000

Levy Amount - \$624,268

Accreditation Level 3

Total Staff - 28.5

Hours - 65 / week

FUNDING PROFILE:

In addition to losing the levy, the City took \$250,000 from the library's existing reserves to fully fund this year.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:

None yet.

Garnavillo, IA

Total Budget - \$61,000

Levy Amount - \$6,041

Accreditation Level 3

Total staff - 3

Hours - 30 / week

FUNDING PROFILE:

They have received all of the levy funds and they have a very supportive City Council

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:

No cuts.

Harcourt Public Library - Harcourt, IA

Total Budget - \$42,294

Levy Amount - \$1,687

Accreditation Level 3

Total staff-5

Hours open- 20

FUNDING PROFILE:

They have not received any levy funds this fiscal year, and the city council is divided on supporting the Library.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:

They cut the book purchases by 50%

Dayton, IA

Total Budget - \$60,000

Levy Amount - \$3,946

Accreditation Level 3

FUNDING PROFILE:

The library levy allocation has not been reduced this fiscal year.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:

None yet.

Karl Miles LeCompte Memorial Library - Corydon, IA

Total Budget - \$74,000

Levy Amount - \$11,080

Accreditation Level 3

Total staff-2

Hours - 28 / week

FUNDING PROFILE:

They have not received any Levy funds. Levy funds are used to pay their lease. The city

expects them to use donations to cover shortfalls.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:

They have reduced the programming and cut materials. Hoopla and Libby ebooks will not be available.

Harlan, IA

Total Budget - \$450,000

Levy Amount- \$48729

Accreditation Level 3

FUNDING PROFILE:

The city has frozen all funds, including the levy. No increases to keep up with inflation.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:

Materials are being reduced, and open staff positions will be unfilled.

Albion Municipal Library - Albion, IA

Total Budget - \$58,150

Levy Amount - \$2,736

Accreditation Level 3

Total Staff -1

FUNDING PROFILE:

They have only received \$16,000 from the City, including Levy funds, this fiscal year.

Historically, the City has not allowed them to keep any reserve funds.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:

The City has an ordinance that states they will close the Library if it does not have proper funding.

Anita Public Library - Anita, IA

Total Budget - \$104,500
Levy Amount - \$8,469
Accreditation Level 3
Total staff - 3

FUNDING PROFILE:

The city cut them by \$15,500 which is equivalent to all Levy funds plus \$7,031

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:
All staff reduced their hours.
Programming and book purchases are only made with donations.

Burt, IA

Total Budget - \$48,000
Levy Amount- \$2,460
Accreditation Level 3
Total Staff- 2
Hours 21 / week

FUNDING PROFILE:

All levy funds were received

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:
No cuts have been made

Drake Public Library - Centerville, IA

Total Budget - \$379,000
Levy Amount - \$40,031
Accreditation Level 3
Total staff- 7 FTE
Hours - 44 / week

FUNDING PROFILE:

They made their FY24-25 by using LOSST funds and foundation funds

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:
No cuts

Charles City Public Library - Charles City, IA

Total Budget - \$529,164
Levy Amount - \$67,136
Accreditation Level 3
Total staff- 6 FTE
Hours - 52 / week

FUNDING PROFILE:

The FY 24-25 budget cut was \$7,000; the FY25-26 budget cut is \$25,000. Has increased meeting room fees.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:
Programs have been reduced. All materials, supplies, books, have been reduced. They have discontinued every digital subscription and cut DVD's by half. They are projecting to cut staff hours and open hours.

Churdan Public Library - Churdan, IA

Total Budget - \$56,000
Levy Amount- \$2,074
Accreditation Level 3
Total Staff - 3
Hours - 25 / week

FUNDING PROFILE:

They have received Levy funding this fiscal year

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:
No cuts

Lied Public Library - Clarinda, IA

Total Budget - \$398,000
Levy Amount - \$41,389
Accreditation Level 3
Total staff - 4.2 FTE
Hours - 52 / Week

FUNDING PROFILE:
They have received all Levy funds this fiscal year

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:
No cuts

Burlington Public Library - Burlington, IA

Total Budget - \$1,600,475
Levy Amount - \$195,968
Accreditation Level 3
Total Staff - 27
Hours - 60 / week

FUNDING PROFILE:
The library Levy was zeroed out in FY24-25. In FY25-26 the city cut an additional \$75,000. In

FY24-25 they could backfill the shortage with LOSST funds and did not suffer any cuts.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:
In FY25-26 they project ending all purchasing, databases, all materials or laying off staff

Jesup Public Library - Jesup, IA

Total budget - \$138,808
Levy amount - \$28,228
Accreditation Level 3
Total Staff: 4

FUNDING PROFILE:
The city reduced the library budget by \$25,000 in FY24-25 and by another \$25,000 in FY25-26. The library was able to offset the impact

of the Fy24-25 cut by withdrawing \$5,000 from a trust and making small adjustments throughout the budget. They anticipate withdrawing \$5,000 - \$10,000 in FY25-26.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:
None yet

Lakota Public Library - Lakota, IA

Total Budget - \$29,600
Levy Amount - \$1,626
Accreditation Level 3
Total Staff - 1

FUNDING PROFILE:
Received the full amount in FY24-25, no indication yet what will happen in FY25-26.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:
None yet

LuVerne Public Library - LuVerne, IA

Total budget - \$40,000
Levy amount - \$3,379
Accreditation Level 0—not accredited
Total staff - 1

FUNDING PROFILE:
The library has not received current year Levy funds. They have recently received two bequests that are dedicated to building

improvement projects but are concerned that the city may try to use them for operations.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:
They cut hours, went from 6 days per week to 3.5 days per week. Staff is being reduced through attrition.

Pleasantville, IA

Total Budget - \$68,000
Total Levy - \$14,695
Accreditation Level 3

FUNDING PROFILE:

Their first voter-approved .27 cent Levy passed in 2021. Prior to the levy, they were a private library funded by a trust. In 2016, they began working on their building. At that point, the city urged them to pursue a levy, telling

them that if it passed, the city would assume ownership and responsibility for the library.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:

It appears the city will continue to support them at the levy level, but if nothing changes in four years, it will revert back to a volunteer-run library.

Seymour, IA

Total Budget: \$19,025
Levy Amount: \$3,705
Accreditation Level: 0—not accredited
Total Staff: 1

FUNDING PROFILE:

They have only received half of their normal Levy this fiscal year.

CHANGES MADE TO LIBRARY SERVICES DUE TO THE CUTS:

Without new donations, the kids' summer reading club will end. No new public computers can be purchased. Planned patron comfort improvements are canceled.

MUSEUMS – IMPACTS

Grundy Center Historical Society Museum - Grundy, IA

Profile: Their cultural and scientific facilities levy was passed by voters in 2021. After some concern that they would not receive the funds, the museum did receive the money. At this time, it appears they will receive the funds for the remaining four years, but it will cease after 2029. After 2029, stable taxpayer-approved funding will end, and they will have to shut down operations.

Carnegie Cultural Center - New Hampton, IA

Profile. The Levy was \$28,037 of a total budget of \$58,450. The city continues to send them Levy funds and continues to provide for the maintenance and upkeep of the building. The Board is very concerned that they cannot exist on donations alone.

Grout Museum District - Grout, IA

Profile: Their .27 Levy was passed by voters in 2015. It is about 40% of the budget. With the cut, three positions have already been lost, and two staff members had hours reduced. One of the facilities had reduced hours to two days during the winter. Further cuts will require a complete restructuring of the institution, including programs and services. A total loss of funding end the current way the Grout Museum District functions.

Appendix B - List of Libraries and Museums with .27 Cent Levy in 2023

City Name	Institution Name	2020 Census	Amount of Spec. Levy Used	FY24 Library Levy Amounts		Total Budget	Year Levy Passed
				\$0.0675 Minimum	\$0.27 Special		
ALBION	Albion Municipal Library	448	\$0.27000	\$684.00	\$2,736.00	\$58,150.00	
ANITA	Anita Public Library	963	\$0.27000	\$2,117.00	\$8,469.00	\$104,500.00	1995
ARTHUR	Arthur Public Library	222	\$0.27000	\$265.00	\$1,059.00		
AVOCA	Avoca Public Library	1,683	\$0.27000	\$5,013.00	\$20,053.00	\$87,000.00	
BANCROFT	Bancroft Public Library	699	\$0.27000	\$1,877.00	\$7,506.00		
BAYARD	Bayard Public Library	405	\$0.27000	\$812.00	\$3,248.00		
BLAIRSTOWN	Blairstown Public Library	713	\$0.27000	\$1,656.00	\$6,624.00		
BURLINGTON	Burlington Public Library	23,982	\$0.27000	\$48,992.00	\$195,968.00		1976
BURT	Burt Public Library	418	\$0.27000	\$615.00	\$2,460.00		
CEDAR FALLS	Cedar Falls Public Library	40,713	\$0.27000	\$139,651.00	\$558,606.00		2005
CENTERVILLE	Drake Public Library	5,412	\$0.27000	\$10,033.00	\$40,131.00		
CHARLES CITY	Charles City Public Library	7,396	\$0.27000	\$16,784.00	\$67,136.00		
CHURDAN	Churdan Public Library	365	\$0.27000	\$518.00	\$2,074.00		
CLARINDA	Lied Public Library-Clarinda	5,369	\$0.27000	\$10,347.00	\$41,389.00		2011
COLO	Colo Public Library	845	\$0.12459	\$1,625.00	\$3,000.00		
COLWELL	N/A	55	\$0.27000	\$100.00	\$400.00		
COON RAPIDS	Coon Rapids Public Library	1,300	\$0.27000	\$2,338.00	\$9,351.00		
CORYDON	Karl Miles Lecompte Memorial Library	1,526	\$0.26234	\$2,851.00	\$11,080.00	\$74,000.00	
DAVENPORT	Davenport Public Library	101,724	\$0.27000	\$335,238.00	\$1,340,953.00		2003

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DAYTON	Dayton Public Library	772	\$0.26997	\$987.00	\$3,946.00	\$60,000.00	
DENVER	Denver Public Library	1,919	\$0.27000	\$5,113.00	\$20,451.00		2004
DEXTER	Dexter Public Library	640	\$0.27000	\$1,651.00	\$6,606.00		
DUMONT	Dumont Community Library	634	\$0.26996	\$794.00	\$3,174.00		
EAGLE GROVE	Eagle Grove Memorial Library	3,601	\$0.27000	\$6,223.00	\$24,893.00		
EARLHAM	Earlham Public Library	1,410	\$0.27000	\$3,595.00	\$14,379.00		
ELDON	Eldon Public Library	783	\$0.27000	\$1,012.00	\$4,047.00	\$42,000.00	2022
FERTILE	Fertile Public Library	305	\$0.27000	\$606.00	\$2,425.00		
FONDA	Fonda Public Library	636	\$0.27000	\$709.00	\$2,835.00		
GARNAVILLO	Garnavillo Public Library	763	\$0.27000	\$1,510.00	\$6,041.00	\$61,000.00	
GEORGE	George Public Library	1,077	\$0.27000	\$1,963.00	\$7,851.00		
GOLDFIELD	N/A	634	\$0.23675	\$1,726.00	\$6,053.00		
HAMPTON	Hampton Public Library	4,337	\$0.27000	\$7,973.00	\$31,893.00		
HANLONTOWN	Kinney Memorial Library	206	\$0.27000	\$560.00	\$2,239.00		
HARCOURT	Harcourt Public Library	264	\$0.27000	\$422.00	\$1,687.00	\$42,294.00	
HARLAN	Harlan Community Library	4,893	\$0.27000	\$12,182.00	\$48,729.00	\$450,000.00	
HARTLEY	Hartley Public Library	1,605	\$0.27000	\$2,007.00	\$8,026.00		
HOSPERS	Hospers Public Library	718	\$0.27000	\$1,981.00	\$7,925.00	\$87,200.00	
IOWA CITY	Iowa City Public Library	74,828	\$0.27000	\$285,161.00	\$1,140,645.00		
JESUP	Jesup Public Library	2,508	\$0.27000	\$7,057.00	\$28,228.00		
JEWELL	Montgomery Public Library	1,216	\$0.27000	\$2,824.00	\$11,295.00		
KALONA	Kalona Public Library	2,630	\$0.27000	\$7,792.00	\$31,168.00		

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KANAWHA	Kanawha Public Library	658	\$0.27000	\$1,400.00	\$5,599.00		
KNOXVILLE	Knoxville Public Library	7,595	\$0.27000	\$16,400.00	\$65,602.00		2007
LAKOTA	Lakota Public Library	267	\$0.27000	\$406.00	\$1,626.00		
LATIMER	N/A	477	\$0.27000	\$987.00	\$3,948.00		
LENOX	Lenox Public Library	1,339	\$0.27000	\$2,739.00	\$10,957.00		
LOHRVILLE	J. J. Hands Library	381	\$0.27000	\$600.00	\$2,401.00		
LU VERNE	LuVerne Public Library	258	\$0.27000	\$845.00	\$3,379.00		
MAPLETON	Fisher-Whiting Memorial Library	1,165	\$0.27000	\$2,265.00	\$9,060.00		
MARION	Marion Public Library	41,535	\$0.04000	\$126,742.00	\$75,106.00		
MARSHALLTOWN	Marshalltown Public Library	27,591	\$0.27000	\$62,724.00	\$250,897.00		2015
MASON CITY	Mason City Public Library	27,338	\$0.14000	\$84,574.00	\$175,412.00		1990
MCGREGOR	McGregor Public Library	742	\$0.27000	\$1,750.00	\$6,999.00		
MEDIAPOLIS	Mediapolis Public Library	1,688	\$0.20000	\$3,485.00	\$10,325.00		
MESERVEY	Meservey Public Library	222	\$0.27000	\$215.00	\$862.00		
MIDDLETOWN	N/A	363	\$0.27000	\$844.00	\$3,377.00		
MODALE	Modale Public Library	273	\$0.27000	\$489.00	\$1,954.00		
MONDAMIN	Mondamin Public Library	339	\$0.27000	\$837.00	\$3,348.00		
MONONA	Murphy Helwig Library	1,471	\$0.27000	\$3,140.00	\$12,561.00		
MOULTON	Garrett Memorial Library	607	\$0.27000	\$457.00	\$1,827.00		
MOUNT VERNON	Russell D. Cole Library	4,527	\$0.27000	\$10,020.00	\$40,080.00		
NASHUA	Nashua Public Library	1,551	\$0.26999	\$3,330.00	\$13,319.00		
NEW HAMPTON	New Hampton Public Library	3,494	\$0.27000	\$10,031.00	\$40,125.00		

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				\$0.0675 Minimum	\$0.27 Special		
NEW SHARON	Stilwell Public Library	1,262	\$0.27000	\$2,320.00	\$9,279.00		
NEWTON	Newton Public Library	15,760	\$0.27000	\$35,827.00	\$143,308.00		
OAKLAND	Eckels Memorial Library	1,524	\$0.27000	\$3,652.00	\$14,609.00		
ONAWA	Onawa Public Library	2,906	\$0.27000	\$5,750.00	\$23,001.00		
OTTUMWA	Ottumwa Public Library	25,529	\$0.27000	\$43,451.00	\$173,803.00		
OXFORD	Oxford Public Library	722	\$0.27000	\$1,835.00	\$7,341.00		
PLEASANTVILLE	Webb Shadle Public Library	1,676	\$0.27000	\$3,674.00	\$14,695.00		
POCAHONTAS	Pocahontas Public Library	1,867	\$0.27000	\$4,149.00	\$16,595.00		
PRIMGHAR	Primghar Public Library	896	\$0.27000	\$1,543.00	\$6,171.00		
QUASQUETON	N/A	570	\$0.11925	\$937.00	\$1,655.00		
RICHLAND	Richland Public Library	542	\$0.27000	\$1,072.00	\$4,288.00		
ROCK RAPIDS	Rock Rapids Public Library	2,611	\$0.27000	\$6,090.00	\$24,361.00		
ROCKFORD	Rockford Public Library	758	\$0.26999	\$1,343.00	\$5,370.00		
ROLFE	Rolfe PUblic Library	509	\$0.27000	\$1,015.00	\$4,058.00		
ROWAN	Rowan Public Library	123	\$0.27000	\$129.00	\$517.00		
RUDD	Rudd Public Library	358	\$0.24732	\$861.00	\$3,154.00		
SEYMOUR	Seymour Community Library	634	\$0.27000	\$926.00	\$3,705.00		
SHELDON	Sheldon Public Library	5,512	\$0.27000	\$9,053.00	\$36,211.00		
SHELL ROCK	Benny Gambaiani Public Library	1,268	\$0.27000	\$3,074.00	\$12,294.00		
SHELLSBURG	Shellsburg Public Library	961	\$0.27000	\$2,437.00	\$9,748.00		
SIBLEY	Sibley Public Library	2,860	\$0.27000	\$4,616.00	\$18,462.00		
STEAMBOAT ROCK	Steamboat Rock	264	\$0.27000	\$387.00	\$1,547.00		

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STUART	Stuart Public Library	1,782	\$0.27000	\$1,099.00	\$4,397.00		
SUTHERLAND	General N.B. Baker Library	629	\$0.27000	\$783.00	\$3,133.00		
SWALEDALE	Swaledale Public Library	144	\$0.26999	\$189.00	\$755.00		
THORNTON	Thornton Public Library	400	\$0.26509	\$725.00	\$2,846.00		
TIFFIN	Springmier Community Library	4,512	\$0.27000	\$18,185.00	\$72,739.00		
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS	N/A	1,228	\$0.27000	\$5,944.00	\$23,776.00		
VOLGA	Volga Public Library	203	\$0.27000	\$287.00	\$1,147.00		
WATERLOO	Waterloo Public Library	67,314	\$0.27000	\$156,067.00	\$624,268.00	\$2,600,000.00	1993
WELLMAN	Wellman-Scotfield Public Library	1,524	\$0.27000	\$3,312.00	\$13,246.00		
WHITING	Whiting Public Library	745	\$0.27000	\$1,372.00	\$5,487.00		
WINDSOR HEIGHTS	N/A	5,252	\$0.25984	\$17,032.00	\$65,565.00		
WINTHROP	Winthrop Public Library	823	\$0.27000	\$1,840.00	\$7,359.00		
Waterloo Museum					\$602,680		2015
Grundy Center Museum					\$40,078		2022
New Hampton	Carnegie Cultural Center	3,494	0.27		\$28,037	\$58,450	2013
Earlham	Old School House Museum & Hockett House				\$14,160		2007

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