

2020

Annual Newsletter

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Hours:

M: 10am-6pm
T: 11am-5pm
W: 12pm-5pm
Th: 12pm-7pm
F: 10am-7pm
S: 9am-2pm
S: Closed

Library Board:

Larry Albrecht, President
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Library Staff:

Angela Scales, Director
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Jane Petersen, Assistant
Michelle Schmidt, Custodian

FY20 Statistics

The library continues to be a vital resource for our community. From public computers and free internet, children's programs, reference services and a variety of reading choices for all ages, we are happy to serve our patrons and community. Below are the FY20 statistics as taken from the Ida Grove Library's Annual Report to the State Library of Iowa.

Annual Visits 24,935

INCLUDING:

Checkouts	21,186
Digital Checkouts	2,055
Computer Use	3,491
Wireless Use	3,884
Website Visits	2,070
Programs Held	44
Program Attendance	802
Reference Q's	1,140

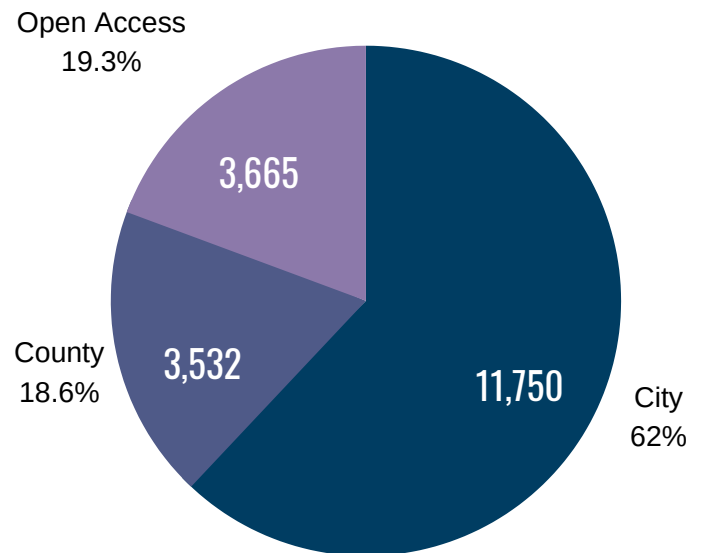
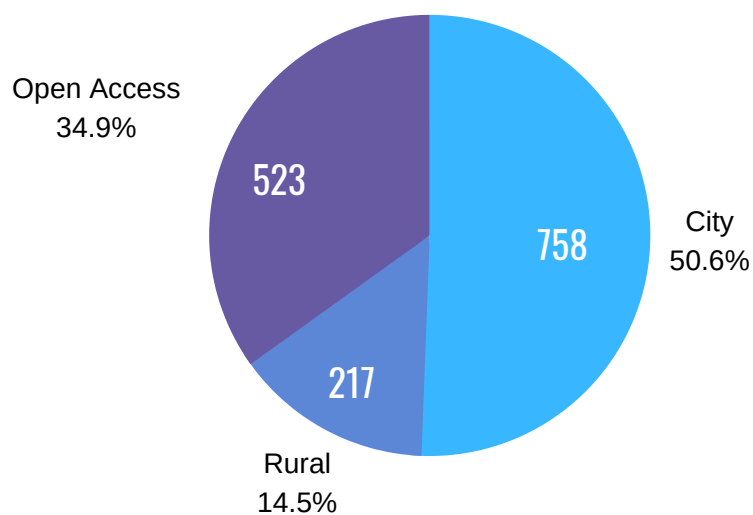


Who Uses our Library?

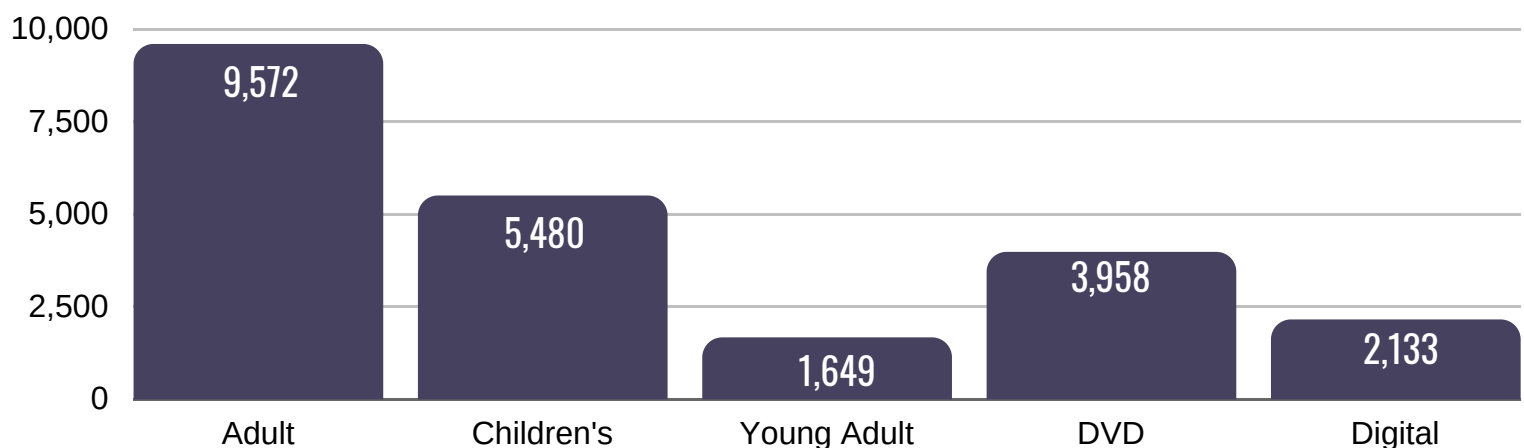
Over the past year we have seen 24,935 visitors to the library. Visitors use the library for many reasons, even when they cannot visit their home library, they are visiting our library!

FY20 ANNUAL CIRCULATION

CARDHOLDERS



CIRCULATION/ITEM TYPE



Programs

Programs for FY20 came to a stand still on March 17, 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The following are highlights of programs held prior to March 17, 2020. FY20 saw 44 programs held with an attendance of 802 patrons.



A Strange Year

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the library temporarily closed its doors to the public on March 17, 2020. Here is a look at how our library continued to serve our community and patrons during the temporary closure, and our plans for the future

New Library Website

FULL OF RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

In February 2020, the library unveiled a brand new website. The new site contains a much needed update in appearance, information and ease of use. Check it out today at www.idagrove.lib.ia.us

Digital Library Cards

ONLINE ACCESS FOR ALL

Creation of digital library card, allowing residents the ability to apply online for a library card, digital cards allowed access to all online resources available at the library.

No Contact Pick-up

ACCESS TO LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Patrons able to check out books, movies, and other library materials through no contact pick-up provided by library staff. Book house used for service built and donated by Hopkins Construction of Ida Grove.

Online Access

HOME ACCESS FOR PATRONS

Patrons able to log into their library account from home to renew items, reserve materials and manage account information.

Online Programs

SUMMER READING - ONLINE

Summer readers were able to participate in the library's online summer program through ReaderZone, which allowed them to log reading and receive incentives for their participation.



Looking Ahead

WHAT OUR FUTURE HOLDS

In addition to re-opening the library and re-imagining services, we have continued to work toward increasing the technology available to our community through the library.

Online Chat with Bold360

Have a burning question for a librarian? Connect in real-time with library staff through our new Bold360 Chat, funded by the State Library of Iowa.

Technology Upgrades

With grant funding from ICCBF, the library is currently upgrading technology in the Heritage Room. Updates include the installation of a ceiling mount projector and new screen, microphone and speaker system and new LED lighting. In addition, new LED lighting was installed throughout the library.