

# Discover Connect Learn

## 2016 Annual Report



**Drake Community Library**  
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### Mission

Drake Community Library will be a community resource center striving to inform and empower every person in the community through responsive services, collections and programs. DCL will be a place where people have open access to the power of information and the joy of reading, a crossroads for social interactions and the exchange of ideas and cultural enrichment.

### Overview

DCL truly is a place to Discover, Connect, & Learn. The Library creates opportunities for people to discover and expand upon new interests by providing access to a wide range of materials both physically and electronically. The Library allows people to connect with one another through programs and meetings both onsite and virtually. The Library is a vital center for lifelong learning providing storytimes focused on early literacy skills, coding venues, opportunities for content creation, and many other avenues for individual exploration.

### 2016 Highlights (just to name a few)

**Friends of DCL** continue to sponsor valuable online resources for our library cardholders: Mango Language Learning, Ancestry Library Edition, Chilton's Auto Library, and the Gale Virtual Reference Library. Humanities Iowa speaker O.J. Fargo presented "A Visit from a Civil War Soldier" at the Friends annual meeting in February.

The Library's website now incorporates video tutorials via **Niche Academy** to engage our users with our ebook services, music downloads, and full-text periodical resources in addition to the above mentioned online resources. Library staff presented a session to the Grinnell Chamber Ambassadors on Reference USA – an excellent tool for business marketing. The Library also hosted a program on Cyber Security, creating necessary awareness for online users.

The Library was excited to be a recipient of the **Grinnell Public Art Initiative** sponsored by the Grinnell Area Arts Council and Grinnell City Collective. The *Seed of Knowledge*, a sculpture by Iowa artist Stephanie Sailer, graces the front entrance to the library as a result.

The **Grinnell AmeriCorps Partnership** demonstrated the importance of reading in the lives of our youth and our community. This was celebrated in September with a performance by the Grinnell Prairie Jewel Dixieland Band on the library terrace with root beer floats for those in attendance.

### Children and Youth Services

DCL provides quality services and innovative new programming as well as participating in collaborative partnerships within our community. Traditional library programming including storytimes and book clubs continue to provide early literacy experiences and interactive book discussions for our youth. One particularly popular program was **Family Fort Night**. Families came to the library after dark with pillows, blankets and flashlights. Each family built a fort among the book stacks and read together.

Various new opportunities have led to wonderful new partnerships and programs. The **Grinnell AmeriCorps Partnership** helped build capacity by expanding one of our summer outreach programs, **In Your Neighborhood**. Typically, the program runs twice a week for an hour, because of this partnership, we added 4 additional weeks of daily programming and the ability to serve children 6 hours a day including a free lunch through the school district's USDA grant.

DCL also participated in "**Code Community**" with Dr. Ursula Woltz, Grinnell College's Spring 2015 Noyce Visiting Professor. This was part of a community effort to introduce coding to Grinnell's youth. The group met at the library in the evenings during the school year and students were so excited they continued with 2 coding groups during the summer months. DCL also offered tech demos and coding activities as part of a global Hour of Code event in December. **Code4Kids** for elementary age students and **Code-Com** for older students continues to attract participation into 2017.

## 2016 Highlights, continued

### Technology

DCL opened in 2009, which means the end of life is approaching for many of our primary systems (network, cameras, wireless). A critical systems review was completed and a multi-year plan for system upgrades was created. The addition of exterior security cameras to cover the south terrace prioritized an upgrade to the camera system. Network infrastructure equipment was also upgraded to improve overall performance, data transmission, file storage capacity, and security. Currently, the public work stations are being upgraded and a major overhaul of the library's website is underway to create a more mobile friendly experience.

### Facility Improvement

The "new" library building has been in service for seven years now and continues to receive exclamations of praise from visitors. The facility is a great asset to the community and it is a priority to maintain all of its working parts. In addition to routine maintenance, the geothermal system needed a new compressor and a community room window was replaced (under warranty) during 2016. Donations funded an upgrade to the surveillance system including three outdoor security cameras as well as a new LCD projector for the community room.

### Population Served

Grinnell Residents .....	9,202
Poweshiek County Rural .....	5913 (by contract)
Kellogg.....	599 (by contract)
Malcom .....	286 (by contract)
Oakland Acres .....	156 (by contract)
Searsboro.....	148 (by contract)

### How We Stack Up

12,419 individuals hold library cards at DCL resulting in an average of 7,756 library visits per month. What do all those people **do** while at the library?? The numbers below give you a statistical glimpse of our library users in FY2016, but you really need to experience it for yourself!

	FY2016	FY2015	FY2014
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>108,226</b>	<b>105,629</b>	<b>109,849</b>
Books, Magazines	88,530	88,813	95,311
Audio, Video	9,202	8,697	9,435
eResource Downloads	10,494	8,119	5,103

#### Computer Use

Computer Sessions	22,239	26,346	29,329
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*Average 437 distinct users monthly + 118 guest users monthly.*

#### Meeting Room Use

Total Events	928	1024	850
Total Attendance	17,231	18,427	15,094

*Adult Senior Education provided by GRMC and the CEC is highly valued by the community.*

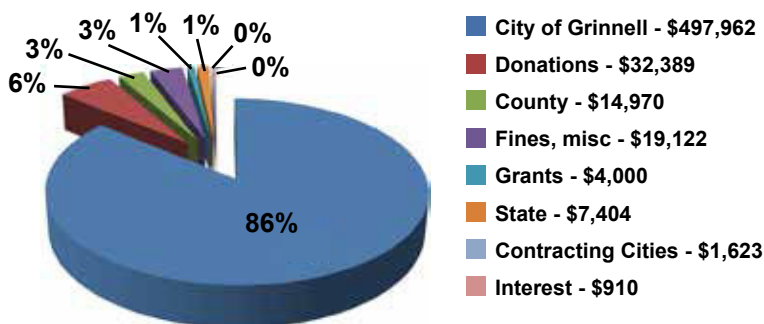
#### Programming

Library Events Offered	292	286	375
Library Program Attendance	6,050	7,643	7,412

#### Volunteers

An average of 27 generous individuals provide an average of 180 hours of volunteer service every month.

### Library Income



### Library Expenditures

