

IDA GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrating 111 years of library service to the Ida Grove and Ida County community.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - 10am-6pm
Tuesday - 11am-5pm
Wednesday - 12pm-5pm
Thursday - 12pm-7pm
Friday - 10am-7pm
Saturday - 9am-2pm
Sunday - Closed

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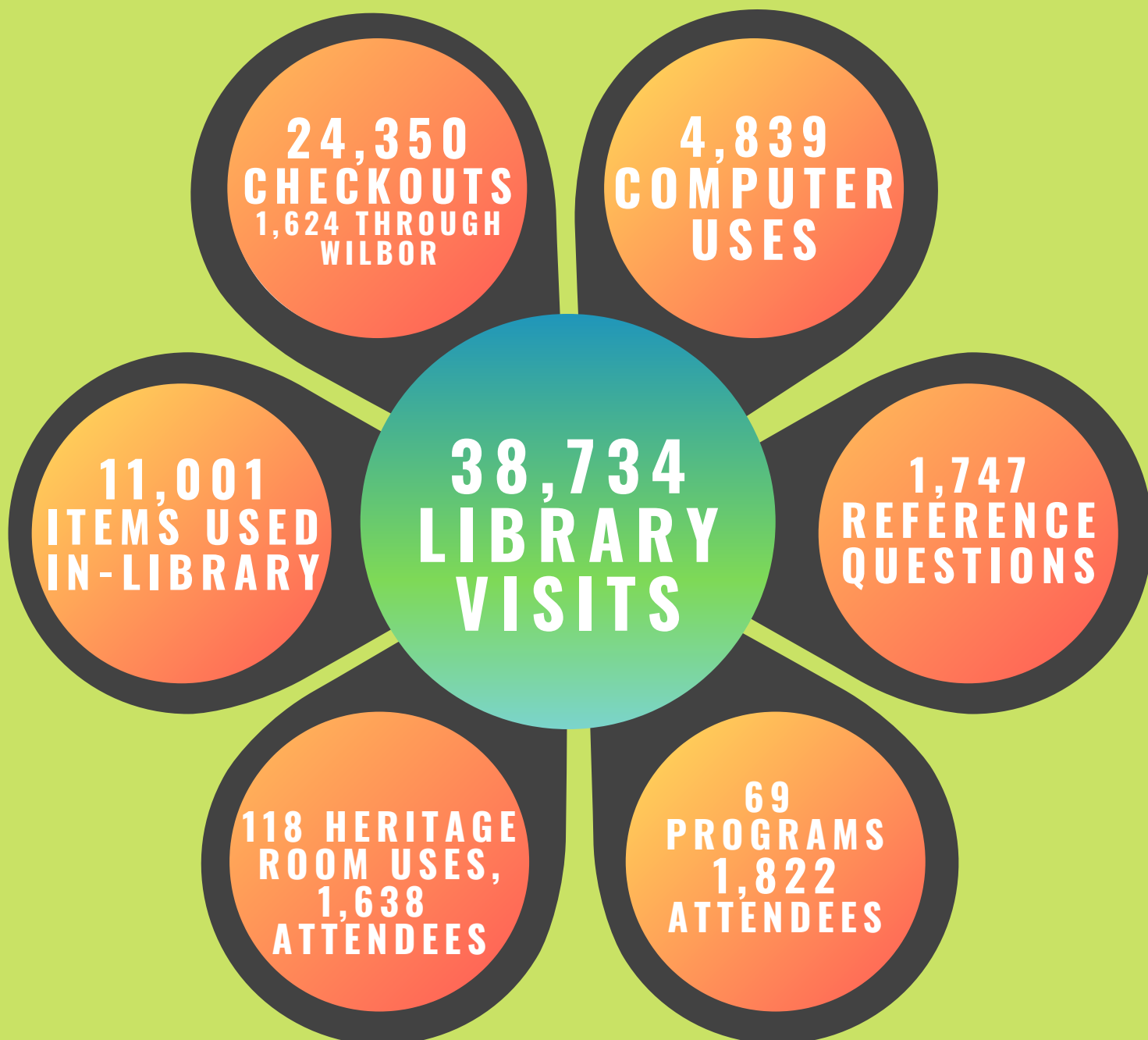


SERVICES

- Public Access Computers & Free Wi-Fi
- Iowa Workforce Development Virtual Access Point
- One-to-One Technology help
- Digitized Local Newspaper Collection
- Reader's Advisory Services
- BRIDGES Downloadable Books
- Gale Online Research Database
- Transparent Languages Online
- Brainfuse Job Now/Vet Now
- Interlibrary Loan Services
- Preschool Storytimes
- Special Guest Speakers
- After School Adventures
- Summer Reading Programs
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Heritage Room meeting space

FY19 STATISTICS

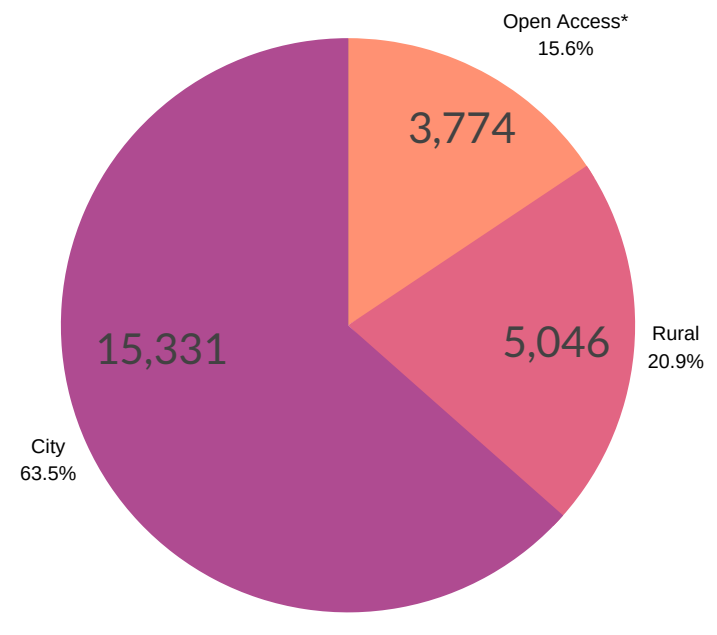
The library continues to be a vital resource for our community. From public computers and free internet, children's programs, reference services and a variety of reading choices for all ages, we are happy to serve our patrons and community. Below are the FY19 statistics as taken from the Ida Grove Library's Annual Report to the State Library of Iowa.



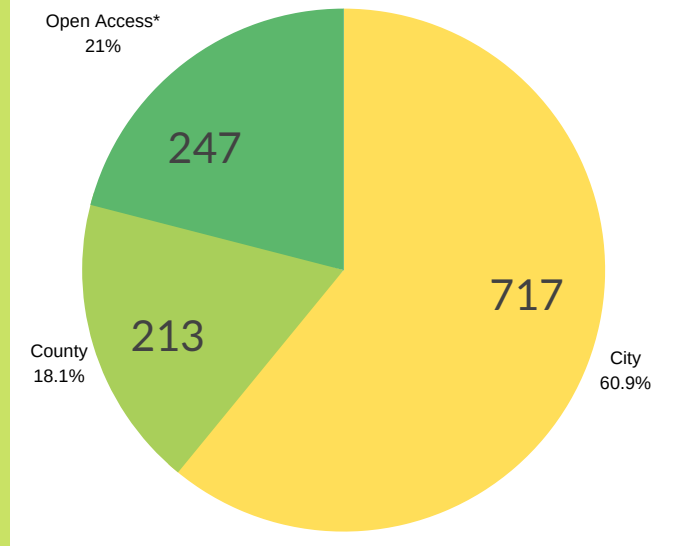
WHO USES THE LIBRARY?

Over the past year we have seen 38,734 visitors to the library. Visitors use the library for many reasons, even when they cannot visit their home library, they are visiting our library!

2018-19 ANNUAL CIRCULATION

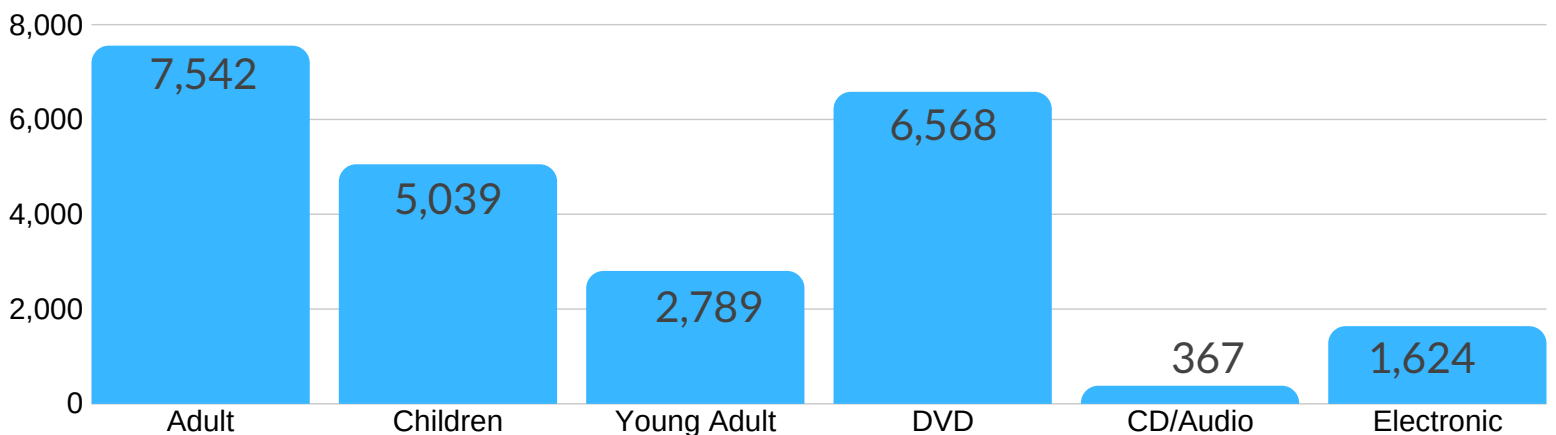


LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS



*Open Access: Patrons who do not live in Ida Grove or Rural Ida County. This includes cardholders from other towns in Ida County (Battle Creek, Galva, Holstein & Arthur)

CIRCULATION BY ITEM TYPE





FY19 ACHIEVEMENTS

Highlighting the top five achievements of the Ida Grove Library over the past year. We've been on a roll implementing new services and updating library spaces.

1

ADVENTURE PASSES

May 2018 saw the implementation of the Adventure Pass; allowing library patrons free admission for four to the Blank Park Zoo, Launchpad Children's Museum, and Des Moines Botanical Gardens. In May of 2019, the Science Center of Iowa was added to the pass collection.

2

JUVENILE READING AREA

Spring of 2019 saw the completion of a new juvenile reading area in the children's library, including custom shelving and lounge furniture. (Ida County Community Betterment Foundation Grant project)

3

YOUNG ADULT AREA

Fall of 2018 saw the implementation of a young adult reading area complete with a sofa, lounge chairs, laptop work stations as well as a device charging station. (Ida County Community Betterment Foundation Grant project)

4

MAKER SPACE

A new makerspace was implemented in the children's library, Maker items include dry erase tables, Keva Building blocks, Legos, Q-Ba Maze, Code and Go robots, and snap circuits. (Ida County Community Betterment Foundation Grant project)

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PROGRAMS

FY 2019 saw many programs for children and adults. In December we hosted our first "Escape Room" and in June our first stuffed animal sleepover. Plans are underway for hosting mini-mysteries and library mini-golf in FY20.

LOOKING FORWARD

Each year, the library board and staff plan for new and improved services for our community. Below are three of our top priorities to get started on in FY20.

1

UPDATED WEBSITE

The State Library of Iowa has offered new website platforms to Iowa libraries and Ida Grove will be taking part in this update. The new site will feature a user friendly layout and enable access on a wide range of mobile devices.

2

ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS

To ensure access to library facilities for all patrons, we will be seeking out funding opportunities to help fund renovation of our restrooms to make them more accessible by all.

3

TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

As part of the Library Edge assessment findings, we will evaluate technology needs and plan for updates to our meeting room facilities, available for use by individuals, groups and organizations in Ida Grove and surrounding communities.

WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS!

And thank-you's! Our library would not be the wonderful community resource that it is without the support of our local governments, residents, businesses, and organizations. We thank you for your continued support of our worthwhile mission, ensuring access to resources for all.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Listed below are this fall's children and family events. All events are free and open to the public. We hope to see you @ the library!

1 AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES

Held on early out Wednesdays, children have an opportunity to spend time learning and having fun at the same time. After School Adventures will be held at 2pm on:

- Sept 11
- Sept. 25
- Oct. 2
- Oct. 16
- Nov. 6
- Nov. 20
- Dec. 11

2 MOVIE AFTERNOONS

Celebrate no school at the library with a newer release movie showing. Movies are all rated PG and snacks are provided! Movies will be held at 2pm on November 1st and November 27th.

3 MINI-MYSTERY PARTY

Help us solve a mystery! We'll be hosting 2 mystery parties this fall. Sign up is required to reserve a spot, groups of 8 or 16. Here's our mystery line up:

Oct. 25, 11am-3pm - The Thing in the Cellar
Dec. 23, 1-3pm - There Might Be No Christmas

4 MINI-GOLF @ THE LIBRARY

Come out and enjoy a short 6-hole mini-golf course at the library! Held from 1-3pm on December 27, 2019!

5 STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Bring your stuffed animal to a Christmas themed sleepover! Drop off your stuffed animal anytime between 10am-6pm on December 30 so they can enjoy a fun filled evening. Then stop by on Dec. 31st at 11:30 for a holiday movie, snacks and pick up your animal.



ADULT EVENTS

The library is a place for all to learn and explore their world. We have lined up some great presenters for special adult programs this fall. We hope you'll check them out!

1 NANCY DREW: IOWA'S HEROINE TO THE WORLD

Join guest presenter, Barbara Lounsberry, for a special program about Nancy Drew and her creator, Mildred Augustine from Ladora, Iowa. Program held on September 19th at 6:30pm in the Heritage Room.

2 IOWA'S PRISONERS OF WAR

Join guest presenter, Linda McCann, to learn about Iowa's Prisoners of War. Program held on October 23rd at 2pm in the Heritage Room.

3 CULINARY HISTORY OF IOWA

Join guest presenter, Darcy Maulsby of Lake City, for a special presentation of Iowa's best known foods. Program held on November 15th at 6pm in the Heritage Room.