Organizational Information

- Dubuque County Library District is organized under chapter 336, Code of Iowa.
  - It is one of only three county libraries in the state
- The Library reports to a nine member Board of Trustees
  - Members are appointed proportionate to population by the Board of Supervisors or one of the five branch community city councils
- DCLD leases all its spaces.
  - The Farley site is shared with Drexler Middle School’s library
  - The Peosta site is shared with NICC’s library
- The branch cities cover costs for the buildings, including maintenance and utilities
- The County provides HR support, financial and payroll services per chapter 336
A few numbers from FY2019

**Service Population**
Unincorporated County
Cities of Asbury, Epworth, Farley, Holy Cross & Peosta

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<th>FY16</th>
<th>FY19</th>
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<td>Registered Users</td>
<td>8,206</td>
<td>9,706</td>
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<td>Library Visits</td>
<td>60,020</td>
<td>63,929</td>
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<td>Library Programs</td>
<td>183</td>
<td>431</td>
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<td>Program Attendance</td>
<td>2,171</td>
<td>4,413</td>
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<td>Staff FTE</td>
<td>9.78</td>
<td>11.45</td>
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<td>Collection Items</td>
<td>73,218</td>
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<td>Collection Use</td>
<td>133,218</td>
<td>126,561</td>
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*Impacted by 3 month closure of Asbury branch. FY18 showed 7% increase over FY16. FY18 use was 141,973. Asbury accounts for ~50% of the system’s collection use.*
Value to Taxpayers

- Average cost of a hardback book, 2019; $25
  - If use equates purchase, 126,561 uses = $2,962,500

- Library offers instruction on using a new phone – Device Advice program
- Mini-classes on using Ancestry.com for Libraries in genealogy research
- Helping make young children readers via 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Programs introducing future engineers to simple coding with Bloxels
- Finding instructions on fixing a snowblower using Small Engine Repair Reference Center
- Makerspace programs for hands-on STEM learning
- Physical and digital materials for research, reading, and viewing
DCLD Funding

- There are 543 public libraries in Iowa
- DCLD is 521st in terms of per-capita funding
- Dubuque County libraries comparison

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<td>State Average</td>
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- Figures are FY18 and include all income, not just the local contribution
Looking ahead

- Solicit community feedback on satisfaction with library service through open houses, a survey, or both
- Develop next strategic plan for years 2021-2026 based on results from the surveys/open houses
- Continue search for new location in Farley
- Determine where new staff positions will be most needed and effective based on strategic plan priorities
- Develop plan for anticipated funding increase. Library per-capita funding is assessed according to official census numbers. Census 2020 will determine population numbers for 10 years of budget calculations.
Staff

- Mike Wright, Director
- Amanda Vazquez, Assistant Director
- Robin Cowart, Holy Cross Clerk
- Alyssa Davidshofer, Clerk, primary courier
- Julie Eggleston, Epworth Clerk
- Mike Federspiel, Peosta Clerk
- Kayla Ferguson, Children’s Librarian
- David Green, Clerk, primary substitute
- Teresa Jack, Children’s Storyteller
- Kathy Loewenberg, Clerk, primary materials processor
- Jenn Matters, Young Adult & Adult Services Librarian
- Donell Siegert, Librarian, Circulation Manager
- Vacant, Farley Clerk