

Urbandale Public Library Foundation, Inc.

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Dear Library Friend,

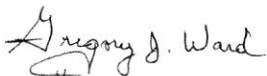
On December 11, 1961, the Urbandale Public Library first opened its doors in the lower level of City Hall. The past sixty years have seen many changes to the Urbandale Public Library, including different locations, new services, the growth of Urbandale, and, most recently, COVID-19. Throughout, the Urbandale Public Library has endeavored to find ways of adapting, including finding ways to continue to serve the public in the midst of the pandemic. In February of 2021, after providing months of heavily-used curbside services, we were thrilled to re-open our doors to patrons.

The Urbandale Public Library Foundation exists to provide supplemental support to the Urbandale Public Library by helping to fund *special* programs, materials, and services. During the past year, your generous financial contributions have allowed the Urbandale Public Library to:

- Continue the annual summer reading program for kids, teens, and adults. This year's summer reading program kicked off with a tremendously successful drive-thru event with 700 people attending.
- Purchase hundreds of books for kids and teens who completed various milestones throughout the summer reading program.
- Continue participation in the Iowa Libraries Adventure Pass program, enabling patrons to experience the Science Center of Iowa, the Blank Park Zoo, the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, and the newly added Des Moines Children's Museum. To date, over 683 families have benefitted from this program.
- Create a "Dial-A-Story" service, allowing patrons to call the library and listen to pre-recorded stories at any time. Callers have access to multiple menus featuring storybooks for kids, chapter books for teens and adults, writing prompts, and information about upcoming events.
- Add more than 60 Wonderbooks to the library's collection. Wonderbooks are print books accompanied by a ready-to-play audiobook inside.
- Hire a summer intern to help support the summer reading program.

All contributions, regardless of amount, are meaningful and help continue the Urbandale Public Library's never-ending mission of providing diverse resources for life-long learning and enjoyment, as well as being a magnificent, central location for community activity and engagement. As always, thank you for your continued support.

See you at the library!



Greg Ward
President, Urbandale Public Library Foundation