

Urbandale Public Library Foundation, Inc.

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Dear Library Friend,

You and all Urbandale citizens have good reason to be proud of our Urbandale Public Library. For more than 60 years, our library has opened its doors to educate, enrich, enlighten, and entertain. Through the years, the building, services, staff and collection have grown larger and broader to serve the growth of our city. This year, the Urbandale Public Library developed a five-year strategic plan that includes a review of how to best use our library space to meet the current and future needs of the community.

As we look to the future, the Urbandale Public Library Foundation remains committed to supporting the Urbandale Public Library for the benefit of all the citizens of Urbandale.

Last year, your financial contributions allowed the Urbandale Public Library to:

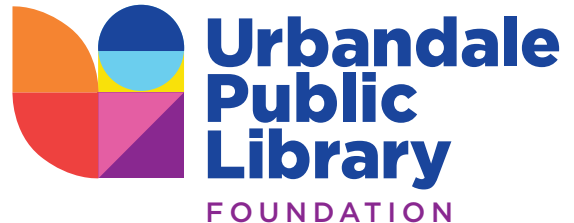
- Participate in the Iowa Libraries Adventure Pass program, which allows access to family-friendly cultural attractions, such as the Blank Park Zoo. To date, more than 950 families have benefitted from this program.
- Promote summer reading for kids, teens, and adults in a big way. This summer, the kickoff event was attended by more than 800 people. Highlights included bubble wand stations, foam blasters, nature-themed crafts, superheroes, and treats from local food trucks.
- Hire an aspiring librarian as a summer intern to ensure the success of Library events. More than 100 educational and entertaining summer events were held with more than 4,000 attendees.
- Host an outdoor piano on the library's patio from May to October, which promoted music and fine arts in Urbandale (a collaboration with the City of Urbandale Public Art Committee).
- Fund an online database of the Des Moines Register, allowing users to browse current issues and search past editions.
- Purchase hundreds of books for children who completed reading milestones this summer, as well as grand prizes for children, teens, and adults. Over 1,500 readers signed up for our summer reading program!

As another successful year ends, I ask you again for your support to the Urbandale Library Foundation. All contributions, regardless of amount, are meaningful and help the Library continue to provide diverse resources for life-long learning and entertainment at a magnificent, central location for community activity and engagement. As always, thank you for your support.

See you at the library!



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