## **Urbandale Public Library Foundation, Inc.**

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Dear Library Friend,

The Urbandale Public Library continues to be a premier community destination for lifelong learning, outstanding service, and education programs for all people. Over the past year, the Library checked out more than 430,000 items, offered 623 events, and welcomed over 180,000 visitors.

The Urbandale Public Library Foundation supports the Library's operations by providing funding for special programs, materials, and amenities. Last year, your generous financial support enabled the Library to:

- Continue participation in the Iowa Libraries Adventure Pass program, enabling patrons to experience area cultural attractions including the Science Center of Iowa, the Blank Park Zoo, the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, Brenton Skating Plaza, and the Des Moines Children's Museum. To date, over 1,200 families have benefitted from this program!
- Fund an online database of the Des Moines Register, allowing users to browse current issues and search past editions.
- Fund the All Urbandale Reads program a "one book, one community" reading initiative that strives to unite the community and promote literacy through one inspiring read. Funding allowed the Library to purchase 60 copies of the AUR title to distribute at library events!
- Offer more than 100 educational and entertaining summer programs attended by over 4,800 participants. More than 300 people attended the highly successful summer reading kickoff event, promoting summer reading for kids, teens, and adults. Over 1,000 kids earned a free book at the first milestone, with an additional 824 receiving a second book. Nearly 300 adults participated.
- Hire an aspiring librarian as a summer reading intern to ensure the summer reading program was a success.

I ask that you take this opportunity to help support the Library and our community. All contributions to the Library Foundation, regardless of amount, are meaningful and greatly appreciated.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity and support,

Steve Lytle

President, Urbandale Public Library Foundation

