

# Annual Report Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Mission Statement: The Elkader Public Library provides the residents of the community and the surrounding area equal access to resources and services for information, continuing education, and recreation.

## PANDEMIC RESPONSE CONTINUES

*Prior to Fiscal Year 2020-21: The Elkader Public Library provided only no-contact library service in response to the global Covid-19 pandemic. No in-person programs were held; adult book discussions, children's story times, and the Summer Reading Program were moved online.*

From July through November, cardholders and visitors could make appointments to use the library for 30 minutes each day, Monday-Thursday. Starting in December, appointments could be made for Friday, as well. By February 2021, a limited number of simultaneous users were allowed to visit the library, without prior appointments; however, the length of time inside the building and access to certain areas continued to be restricted.

Children's Story Times continued online, but the Summer Reading Program was designed so that families could choose to attend in-person, online, or complete the program on their own from home. The in-person groups were kept small by offering the same program twice each week and were kept brief by preparing crafts for families to complete at home. The Friends of the Library sponsored two special presentations for children and families which were held off-site.

By the end of FY 20-21, book discussions for adults resumed in person. Some library restrictions were lifted, while some remain in place, to date, as a precaution against the highly contagious Delta variant.

## RESOURCES & STATISTICS

### Books, Magazines, DVDs, & Audiobooks:

Checked out 10,369 items

### Puzzles, Cake Pans, Kits, & Equipment:

Checked out 177 items

### Public Computers & Wireless Network:

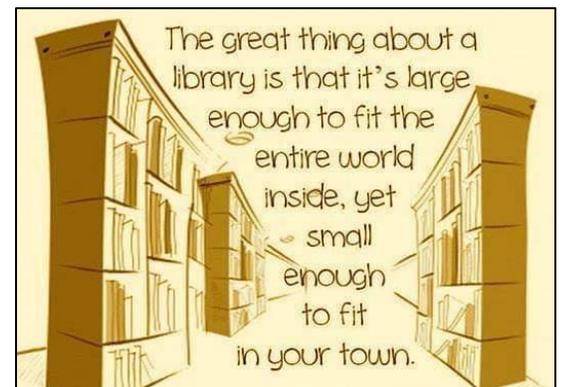
Used 3,900 times

### BRIDGES Audiobooks, E-books, Magazines, & Videos:

Downloaded 4,385 items

### Website Including Online Catalog:

Accessed 4,006 times



## SERVICES PROVIDED

Faxing, Photocopying, Scanning; Access to Newspapers, Tax Forms, Local Information

## FUNDING SOURCES

The City of Elkader provides 74% of the Elkader Public Library's budget. The library receives 22% from county appropriations. Revenue from overdue fines, fees for services, the State Library Enrich Iowa program, and library service contracts with the towns of Elkport, Garber, and St. Olaf make up the remaining 5%.

## CARDHOLDERS

1,166 Elkader Residents

1,042 Rural Clayton County Residents

92 Contracting Cities: Residents from Elkport, Garber, and St. Olaf

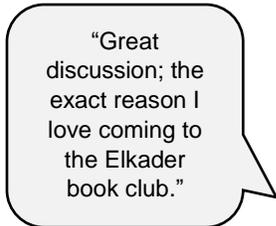
587 Open Access (patrons outside local jurisdiction) and Out of State

434 Interlibrary Loan (libraries borrowing our materials for their patrons)

## PHOTOS & COMMENTS



Toddlers and preschoolers enjoyed activities and stories during Summer Reading Story Time.



Special presentation: "Mr. Taylor Sings"

Book discussion group meets outside.



Junior Readers read the book *Pie in the Sky* by Remy Lai and painted scenes from the book.