

In 2025, Drake Community Library turned the page on an exciting new chapter as we began putting our five-year Strategic Plan—adopted in 2024—into action. This work was energized by the Drake Community Library Board Endowed Designated Fund, created through last year's transformative gift from the Marilyn Peery Estate. Thanks to this remarkable support, ideas that once lived only on paper began taking shape throughout the library.

### Resource Access and Digital Empowerment

With Peery funding, we partnered with Library Market to envision and design a new library website—one that promises a smoother, more intuitive patron experience, greater accessibility, and stronger connections to the community we serve. Behind the scenes, staff also began reimagining our physical collections, planning new layouts and face-out displays that make it easier for patrons to stumble upon their next great read or resource.

### Inclusive Services & Access

In the Teen Area, staff reconfigured existing shelving for full ADA compliance and added end caps to create more face-out displays. These changes opened up the space, making it more accessible, welcoming, and inviting for teens to explore and discover.

### Operational Excellence and Innovation

Meanwhile, our commitment to behind-the-scenes excellence continued to grow. By expanding our use of CollectionHQ, we tapped into powerful data-driven insights that help us shape a collection that truly reflects—and anticipates—the needs and interests of our community.



#### Income

City of Grinnell	\$1,093,539
Poweshiek County	\$30,213
Friends of DCL	\$19,504
Fees	\$8,117
State of Iowa	\$5,433
Gifts & Grants*	\$17,548



#### Expenditures

Wages & Benefits	\$497,509
Roof Repair	\$293,752
Contractual Services	\$84,448
Building & Equipment	\$82,757
Collection & Databases	\$75,310
Utilities	\$46,000
Programming	\$7,700

\*Gift & Grant income is the amount spent from our gift/grant accounts in FY2025.



### Library Usage

Cardholders: **8,380**  
Computer Use: **8,100**  
Meeting Room Events: **1,111**

Visits to the Library: **62,670**  
Wi-Fi Sessions: **10,146**  
Meeting Room Attendance: **10,939**



### Circulation

Physical items: 55,804  
Bridges/Libby: 23,336  
**Total Circulation: 79,140**



### Programs

Offsite Programs: **95** events with **3,172** attendees  
Onsite Programs: **273** events with **4,172** attendees



Library Consortium Views  
**9,773**



DVD Circulation  
**2,195**



Eaudiobooks  
**10,860**



Ancestry Library Edition  
**1,950**



Ebooks  
**10,096**



Mango Languages  
**432**



Emagazines  
**2,380**



Pages Printed  
**9,489**



Kanopy Film  
**1,698**



Equipment:  
Wi-Fi Hotspots &  
Energy Toolkits  
**227**