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- Over 2700 items were added to the library's collection.
- The Library received 2 Washington County Riverboat Foundation mini-grants of \$2000 each.

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# Kalona Public Library

## Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

### Highlights of 2010-2011

The library continues to thrive in Kalona, with new hours, new acquisitions, and new patrons.

After an extensive survey of library patrons, the library went forward with plans to extend the daily operating hours. In December of 2010 the library opened for an additional 13 hours. The total hours of operation per week is now 55, an increase of 31% compared to FY 2009-2010.

A new part-time staff member, Chelsea Nizzi, joined the library staff to accommodate the increase in hours.

2,744 new physical items were added to the collection. This increase brings the total physical volume of materials to 27,072. A new digital dimension rounded out the library's collection this year with the addition of eBooks.

335 items were requested to be borrowed by other libraries this year. 483 new cardholders were added to our database, bringing the total number of cardholders to 4,203. During September, the library replaced 35 cards for free as part of our National Library Card Sign-Up promotion.

Kalona partnered with other libraries to join the WILBOR consortium. Patrons can check out eBooks and audiobooks and listen to their downloads on



**A young library patron browsing the new Libri Foundation books.**

many portable devices and mobile phones. Library staff continues to answer questions about this feature, train the public on how to use their eReading devices, and perform general troubleshooting.

### Odds-n-Ends

47 volunteers contributed 582 hours of their time on projects for the library, a **146.6% increase** over last year.

Number of computer uses totaled 6,037; 807 was the total number of wireless uses. The library recorded 36,932 library visits this fiscal year, a 5.4%

Kalona was one of 25 libraries in Iowa that received the SmartInvesting@YourLibrary grant from ALA and FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

The Library Foundation paid for a brick quilt block to be installed in the front of the library as part of the revitalization of Kalona project. The Foundation also paid for upgrades to the Velma Skola Program Room, including room darkening shades, new speakers, and wiring for the projector and media components. They also purchased 6 new computers as replacements for the patron computers.

The library migrated to a new county-wide automation system, Alexandria, paid for with a Riverboat Foundation grant and the Brinton Trust of Washington. The new system went live on November 2, 2010.

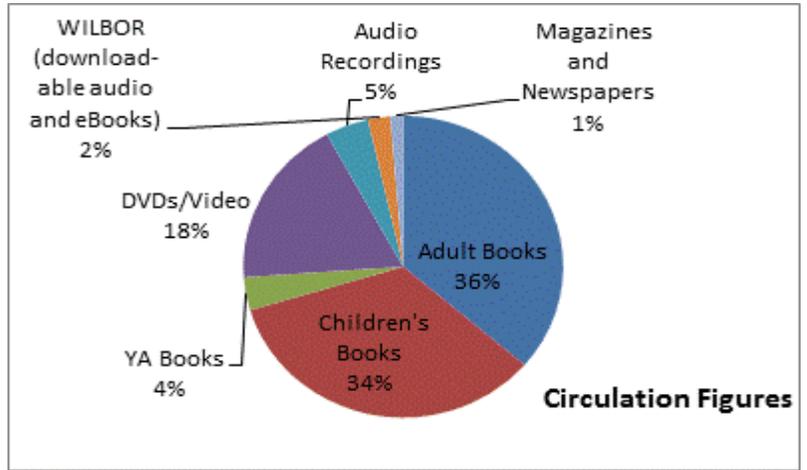
increase over last fiscal year. Library circulation increased 11.6% over last year!



# Statistics

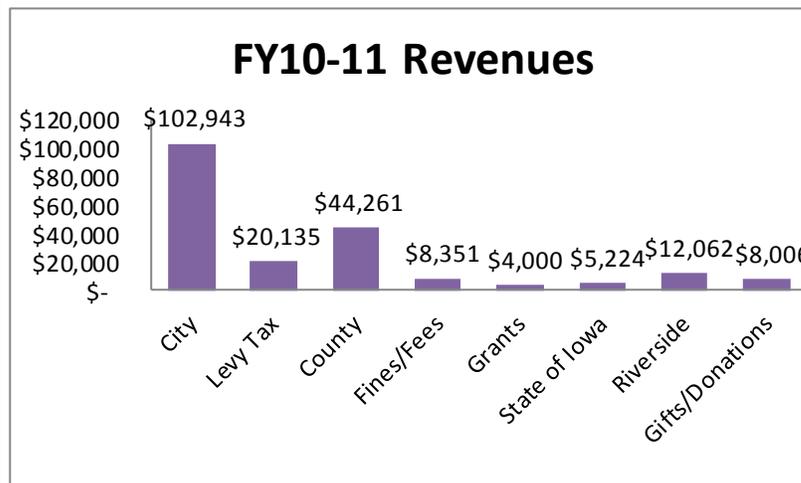
The total materials circulated for this fiscal year was 54,836. The pie chart breaks this number down by percentage.

19,753 of these items were adult books. 18,528 were children's books. 9,894 were DVDs/Videos. Audio books equaled 2,382. YA books totaled 1,941.



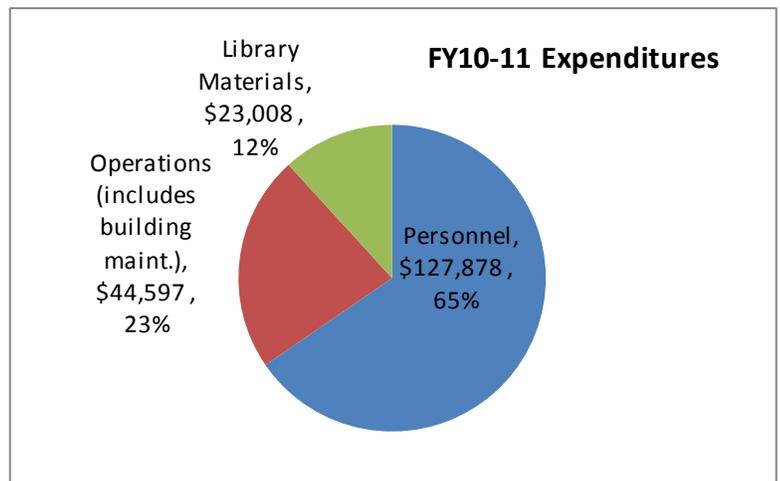
Downloadable audio and eBooks from WILBOR totaled 1,226.

*Did you know that over 150 books have been repaired and put back out in circulation during FY10-11?*



The library received funds from the city of Kalona, Washington county, the state of Iowa, Riverside, generous gifts/donations, and various other sources for a grand total of \$204,982 in revenues this fiscal year.

A total of \$195,483 was spent by the library during the fiscal year. Operations includes postage, book repair supplies, and supplies for processing materials, Library materials is strictly what was purchased for library circulation.



# Youth Services



The Summer Reading Program theme this year was “One World, Many Stories.” 174 children between the ages of 3 and 12 registered, with 123 completing all 4 levels of the program. 27 different programs were held, with an average weekly attendance of 136. Children were rewarded for completing reading levels with prizes, includ-

ing T-Shirts provided by Hills Bank. The University of Iowa Museum of Art brought in African art objects for a special program which was particularly well received.

The teen Summer theme was “You are Here.” 12 teens between the ages of 12 and 18 signed up, and 10 completed the program. 10 programs were offered, with Wii Wednesdays being a particular favorite. The Teen Advisory Board had a small fundraiser in the spring to raise money for programming to help defray some of the costs.

Other programs throughout the year included Early-Out movies, weekly

library story time, twice monthly story time at the Kids Country Club, and monthly story time at the Kalona Elementary Pre-School.

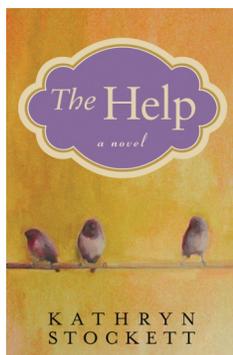
A fun time was had by all who attended the “Fancy Nancy Tea Party” in April. Girls came in their fanciest attire for stories, French lessons, crafts, and food. We hope to have more special programs like this in the next fiscal year!



## Programs

251 programs were given at or by the library to an audience of 3,037. Programs included story time, pre-school visits, after school programs, and book discussion groups.

As one of 25 libraries in Iowa that received the SmartInvesting@YourLibrary grant from ALA and FINRA Investor Education Foundation, we offered two, 6 week courses for each of three



different age groups, added \$600 worth of investing materials to our library's collection, and trained the staff on investment resources and tools to publicize the program.

The “Last Tuesday” adult book discussion group continued this year. Some of the books read included *Still Alice*, *The Help*, and *The Faith Club*.

**The Friends of the Library sponsored classical guitarist Peter Fletcher's performance in May.**

## Friends Corner

The Friends of the Library group continue to be busy. Their annual book sale raised enough money to sponsor Peter Fletcher's performance in May. The Friends agreed to buy the Children's Choice Books for this year, as well as new books specifically for the Summer Reading Program.

The Friends also donated money

for the purchase of a Wii gaming system, games, and additional controllers. The kids are very enthusiastic about this addition!

Of particular note, the group donated \$350 in matching funds so the library was able to receive a Libri Foundation Grant this year. Because of their generosity, 69 new books worth a total of \$1,155.05

were added to the children's collection. The books cover a variety of topics, including juvenile fiction and non-fiction; the library is fortunate to have such an active and generous group.



Renowned guitarist Peter Fletcher



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The mission of the Kalona Public Library is to provide information and materials of general interest free to the public in a pleasant and helpful environment where people can meet, and receive help for lifelong learning.

## Library Board of Trustees 2010-2011

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### Library Hours

Monday 9:30 - 8:00

Tuesday 9:30 - 8:00

Wednesday 9:30 - 8:00

Thursday 9:30 - 8:00

Friday 9:30 - 5:00

Saturday 9:30 - 3:00

## Additional Highlights

\*The library completed the application process and received library accreditation once again.

\*With the staff and board members, a five year long-range plan for the library was completed.

\*Landscaping of the west side was completed by Tammi Yoder.

\*New mulch was spread with help from the Mid-Prairie landscaping class and teacher Elsa Schmidt.

\*The pergola and front rails were repainted with a grant from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation.

\*The children's room benefited from a grant from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation as well. A new train table, lego table, puzzle station, and listening station were among the newly purchased items.



**New Train Table in the Children's Room**

## Future Planning

"It's difficult to see into the future, but I can guarantee technology will continue to be a major factor in the use of libraries. In the past year we have utilized technology for the library via downloadable audio and eBooks, Facebook, Twitter, the public access computers, laptops, new circulation system and media for the program room. As the demand for technology in libraries increases, so will the financial constraints. The board and I will need to assess our community's use and expectations for the library, and the community needs and values, then make decisions for the future of the library based on that assessment."

Anne Skaden, Library Director