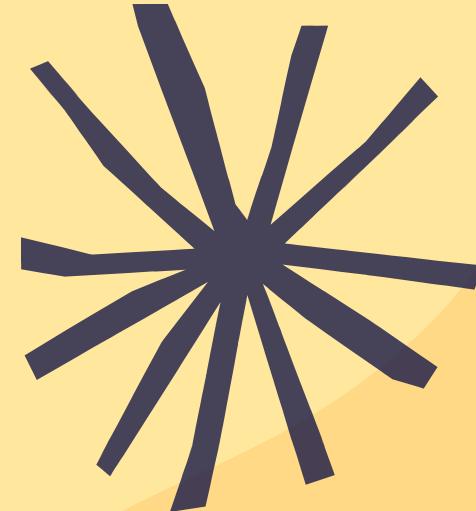




# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Iowa Library Association



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# PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT



Thank you for being an essential part of the Iowa Library Association. Together we accomplished a lot in 2025 and this annual report is a new initiative designed to create a clear picture of those achievements while outlining where we're headed in 2026.

Reflecting on the year that just concluded, I am inspired by what this community can accomplish when we work together. Whether you shared information about library-averse legislation with your family and friends, presented at the ILA Fall Conference in Sioux City, spoke up at a council meeting about library funding, served on an ILA committee or as a subdivision leader, or just talked about the value of libraries in your community – thank you!

I am equally proud of the work done at the organizational level. We have fortified ILA's infrastructure to ensure the continued strength and relevance of the second oldest state library association for years to come. While there is more to be done, I am confident that under 2026 President Brittany Jacobs, we can continue to build on this foundation and focus on what matters most – making each of our communities better.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your 2025 ILA President.

# MISSION & VISION

## Mission

The Iowa Library Association fosters a community of innovation and advocacy, supporting and strengthening our members to promote libraries as an essential resource for all Iowans.

## Vision

Engaging Iowans and building community through Iowa libraries.

# THE 2025 BOARD



## President

Eric Jennings  
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## Vice President

Brittany Jacobs  
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Orange City Public Library



## Director

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Iowa City Public Library



## Director

Jillian Aschliman  
Bettendorf Public Library



## Director

Michelle Kruse  
Cedar Rapids Community School District

# ACHIEVEMENTS

No library-averse legislation passed at the state-level in 2025

Held ILA Conference in Sioux City for the first time in 21 years

Provided access to Google Meet & Sched to ILA Committees and Subdivisions

Re-signed contracts with Capture Management Services (ILA's association management company) and Campbell/Patterson Consulting (ILA's lobbyists)

Implemented changes in investment strategies

Passed a bylaws change

Created a new sustaining partner program for corporate sponsors

Financially solvent

# THANK YOU

To ILA's inaugural sustaining partner,  
**Library Furniture International!**



# WHAT'S COMING IN 2026

2026 marks our 136th year of service as the second oldest library association in the nation. From what's sure to be an active legislative season to a stellar annual conference in Cedar Rapids, we have so many opportunities to show up and speak out on behalf of Iowa's libraries. Cheers to a great year ahead with the Iowa Library Association!

– Brittany Jacobs, ILA President 2026



- **Sustainability Committee**
- **Revamped Advocacy One-pager**
- **Annual Conference in Cedar Rapids**
- **ILA Leadership Institute**

# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Subscribe to the Catalyst and share it with a colleague

Join us at annual conference

Join a subdivision or apply to be on a committee

Become an ILA member today



Without your member support, ILA  
wouldn't be what it is today.