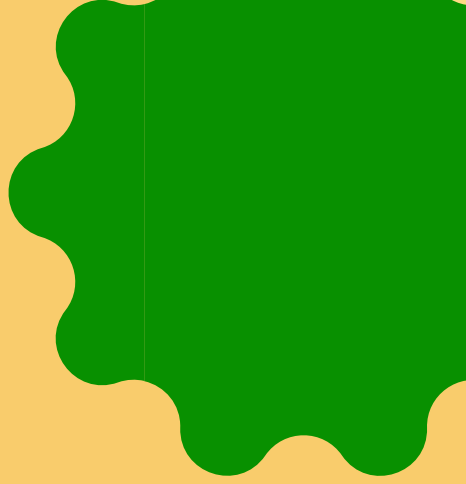




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Iowa Library Association



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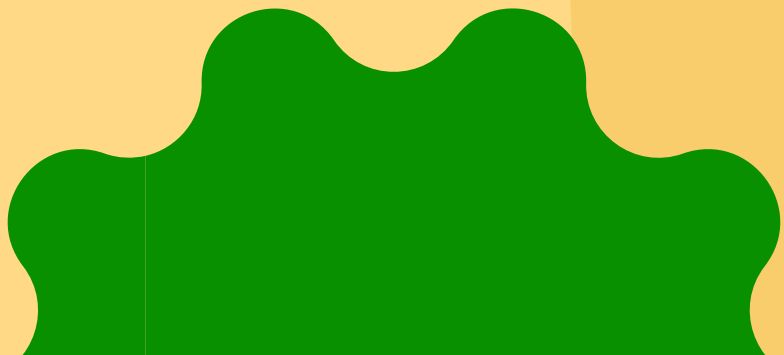
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# PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT



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



**Treasurer**  
Trevor Krug  
Waverly Public Library



**Director**  
Jeff Collins  
Davenport Public Library



**Secretary**  
Megan Blackford  
Cedar Falls Public Library



**Director**  
Katie Dreyer  
Pella Public Library



**ALA Councilor**  
Janette McMahon  
DeWitt Community Library



**Director**  
Maggie Halterman-Dess  
University of Iowa



**Parliamentarian**  
Lisa Johnson  
Orange City Public Library



**Director**  
Alyssa Hanson  
Iowa City Public Library



**Director**  
Jillian Aschliman  
Bettendorf Public Library



**Director**  
Michelle Kruse  
Cedar Rapids Community  
School District



**President**  
Eric Jennings  
University of Northern Iowa



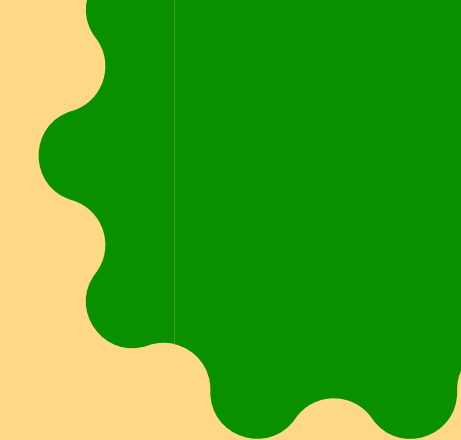
**Vice President**  
Brittany Jacobs  
Burlington Public Library



**Past President**  
Julie Finch  
Urbandale Public Library



# 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

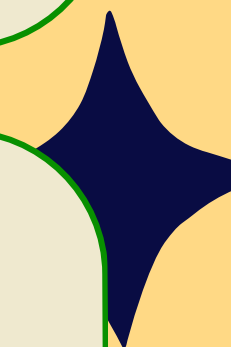
Re-signed contracts with  
Capture Management  
Services (ILA's association  
management company)  
and Campbell/Patterson  
Consulting (ILA's  
lobbyists)

Implemented  
changes in  
investment  
stratedgies

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!**



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# 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



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



# THANK YOU

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