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Waukee Public Library Receives Accreditation From The State Library of Iowa

DES MOINES (January 23, 2024) — The State Library of Iowa has announced that the Waukee Public Library has met the conditions for state accreditation as outlined in “In Service to Iowa: Public Library Standards Sixth Edition.”

Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high-quality library services. The Waukee Public Library has been recognized for its efforts in all areas of library operations including governance and funding, staffing, library collection, services, public relations, access, and facilities. The accreditation status began July 1, 2023, and is valid through June 30, 2026.

“The director and board of trustees of the Waukee Public Library and the city of Waukee are to be commended for this achievement and their commitment to excellence in public library services for their community,” said State Librarian Michael Scott.

Of Iowa’s 543 public libraries, 414 – including the Waukee Public Library – are accredited. Iowa’s accredited public libraries are recognized for being responsive to their communities and for exhibiting excellence in their provision of library services. Almost two-thirds of all Iowans have active public library cards. Iowa libraries play key roles in workforce and economic development, lifelong learning, and e-government activities. Iowans use their libraries to find jobs, do homework, locate a good book to read, research legal information, access government information, and more.

Accredited libraries receive a higher rate of compensation through the State Library’s Enrich Iowa program. They also receive a Certificate of Accreditation signed by Governor Kim Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg, State Librarian Michael Scott, and Iowa Commission of Libraries Chair Zachary Stier.

“The Waukee Public Library is dedicated to ensuring high-quality library service for all,” Waukee Public Library Director Kristine Larson said. “Accreditation is an important way to ensure we continue providing the highest of library standards to Waukee and surrounding communities.”

For more information on the State Library’s accreditation program, and to view the Public Library Standards, go to statelibraryofiowa.gov/index.php/libraries/search/accred-stand.

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About the Waukee Public Library:

The Waukee Public Library operates as part of the City of Waukee. It is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. In 2023 alone, nearly 100,000 visitors walked through the Library doors and nearly 190,000 items were checked out. In addition to providing books, digital materials, meeting space, and computer access, the Waukee Public Library hosts hundreds of programs and events each year to educate and enlighten Waukee area citizens of all ages. Visit waukeepubliclibrary.org.