



## ***A Snapshot of Orange City***

### ***Our library and our community***

#### ***Orange City Public Library***

- Mission: Orange City Public library is enriching a vibrant community with access to information and technology, serving as a community gathering space, fostering readers, and stimulating minds
- Celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015.
- Governed by a seven member Board of Trustees, under the jurisdiction of the city
- Supported by individuals, families, and businesses in the community
- Comparative Iowa State Library Stats for communities with populations of 5000-9999 (population rank 25<sup>th</sup> in this category)
  - \*ranked in top two in circulation per capita
  - \*11<sup>th</sup> in city contribution to library funding
  - \*18<sup>th</sup> in staff expenditures; 15<sup>th</sup> in total spent
  - \*4<sup>th</sup> in size of children's book collection; 41.7% of our books
  - \*7<sup>th</sup> in library visits
  - \*over 3600 hours of operations; averaging 56 books per hour
  - \*77.6% of books circulate to city residents
- Summer Reading Program is uniquely partnered with Orange City Summer Rec Program



#### ***Orange City, Iowa***

- Located in NW Iowa; county seat of Sioux County
- Population over 6000 (2010 census)
- Young, growing population with average age 29.1 years (Iowa average is 36 years)
- Values education with 41.5% of those 25 and older having a bachelor's degree or higher (state average is 25%); 18% graduate or professional degree
- Sioux County is second LEAST economically stressed county in US



- Excellent public (MOC- Floyd Valley Community School district) and private (Orange City Christian and Unity Christian High) schools
- Community supported daycare and preschool; multiple private preschools also available
- Embraces families, churches and involvement in civic organizations
- Home of Northwestern College, a 1200 student Christian liberal arts college affiliated with the Reformed Church in America ([www.nwciowa.edu](http://www.nwciowa.edu))
- Progressive health care with \$29 million Orange City Area Health System campus (opened 2006); also includes Landsmeer Retirement Community and Prairie Ridge Care Center (opened in 2013)
- Major industries include Diamond Vogel Paints, Staples, Quatro Composites, Van Beek Scientific, and CIVCO
- Recent completion of the Phoenix Project construction of the Hawkeye Center, Prairie Winds Event Center, and Unity Christian Knights Performing Arts Center
- Active arts culture ([www.OrangeCityArts.net](http://www.OrangeCityArts.net)) with grants bringing in internationally known artists
- Recreational opportunities for youth, families, and adults in Landsmeer Golf Course, Rowenhorst Student Center, Orange City Area Health System pools, Orange City Municipal Aquatics Facility, biking and walking trails, and community fitness center
- Showcases our Dutch heritage every May to thousands of tourists at the Orange City Tulip Festival ([www.octulipfestival](http://www.octulipfestival)).



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