

## Shirley Vonderhaar

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**To:** Shirley Vonderhaar  
**Subject:** Enrich Iowa: Direct State Aid Tier Status / Funding Level



### State Library of Iowa

To: Shirley Vonderhaar, Director  
James Kennedy Public Library

From: Gary Krob, Coordinator State Data Center

Date: May 6, 2026

Re: Enrich Iowa: Direct State Aid Tier Status / Funding Level

Your library's Enrich Iowa: Direct State Aid payment and participation in the Open Access reimbursement program for next year (FY26 – July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027) is based on your library's Tier Status. Tier Status is determined by the number of standards met by the library as reported to and verified by the State Library of Iowa. Participation in the Open Access program requires that a library meet all Tier 1 requirements. Refer to [In Service to Iowa: Public Library Standards, 6th ed., 2016](#) for the standards and their definitions. More information on the accreditation program can be found online at: <https://statelibraryofiowa.gov/programs/accreditation-standards>.

There are four funding Tiers:

- ❖ Tier 0 – the library is not eligible for Direct State Aid funding or participation in the Open Access program.
- ❖ Tier 1 – the library meets requirements for Tier 1 funding and may participate in Open Access.
- ❖ Tier 2 – the library meets requirements for Tier 2 funding and may participate in Open Access.
- ❖ Tier 3 – the library meets requirements for Tier 3 funding, is accredited, and may participate in Open Access.

Your library's Tier Status and renewal date is listed below. Tier Status is good for three years.

**As of July 1, 2026, James Kennedy Public Library is Tier 3 and accredited**

**Accredited until June 30, 2029**

**You will need to renew your Tier Status by February, 2029**

If your records and The State Library's records do not agree, please contact Gary Krob immediately at 515-281-6618, 800-248-4483, or [gary.krob@das.iowa.gov](mailto:gary.krob@das.iowa.gov). It is the library's responsibility to verify its Tier status by June 30, 2026.

**You do not need to do anything at this time. This letter is a notification of your Tier Status Level.**

**Gary Krob**

**Coordinator State Data Center**

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