

## A Successful Library Project in 2019

The Oelwein Public Library was chosen to host a traveling exhibition designed to teach kids and their families about money, thanks to a competitive national grant from the American Library Association (ALA) and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

*Thinking Money for Kids* is a new multimedia experience for children ages 7 to 11, as well as their parents, caregivers and educators. The interactive exhibit uses games, activities and a fun storyline to help children understand what money is, its function in society, money choices, and money values, such as fairness, responsibility and charitableness.

The Oelwein Public Library will host the 1,000-square-foot exhibition for a six-week period between November 2020 and January 2021. Oelwein is one of 50 sites selected to host *Thinking Money for Kids* on its two-year tour of the United States. Nearly 130 public libraries across the country applied for the opportunity, according to ALA. In addition to the traveling exhibition on loan, Oelwein Public Library will also receive \$1,000 to hold public events related to the exhibit. The library will be collaborating with Iowa State University Extension in offering quality programming related to this exhibit.

### Library Goals Supporting City of Oelwein Goals

**Goal:** Residents will have access to a diverse, current collection.

**Objective:** The material budget will increase by 10% per year.

**Objective:** The collection will be evaluated and purged of unused and/or dated material each year.

**Objective:** New genres and mediums will be added as they are developed dependent on community interest.

**Goal:** Residents will receive exceptional customer service.

**Objective:** Staff will attend a minimum of one continuing education class per year.

**Objective:** Staff will take part in a minimum of one community event per year.

**Objective:** Staff will improve electronic communication methods by 2021.

**Goal:** Residents will have a welcoming facility for meeting and interacting with others.

**Objective:** A study room enclosure will be integrated by 2021.

**Objective:** Parking lot plantings will be restored by 2022.

**Objective:** Exterior steel beams will be repainted by 2023.

**Objective:** Sunday hours will be expanded by 2023.