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Pleasant Hill Public Library Recognized for Accreditation Efforts

PLEASANT HILL, Iowa – August 27, 2015 – Iowa Library Services has announced that the city of Pleasant Hill Public Library has met the conditions for state accreditation as outlined in “In Service to Iowa: Public Library Standards Fifth Edition.”

“Having our library recognized provides a standard benchmark for our goals and improvement plans,” said Library Director John Lerdal. “We serve our community and reach above and beyond what is set as minimum standards for public libraries to better our community. Throughout the year, we strive to develop and execute programs involving individuals of all age groups. After all, we want everyone excited about their community and the public library that serves them.”

Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high quality library services. Of Iowa’s 544 public libraries, 351 – including the Pleasant Hill Public Library are accredited. The Pleasant Hill 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 is valid through June 30, 2018.

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

Iowa’s accredited public libraries are recognized for being responsive to their communities and for exhibiting excellence in their provision of library services. More than 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 medical conditions, access government information, and more.

Accredited libraries receive a higher rate of compensation through Iowa Library Services’ Enrich Iowa program. They also receive a Certificate of Accreditation signed by Governor Terry Branstad, Lieutenant

Governor Kim Reynolds, State Librarian Michael Scott, and Iowa Commission of Libraries Chairperson Brandie Ledford.

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