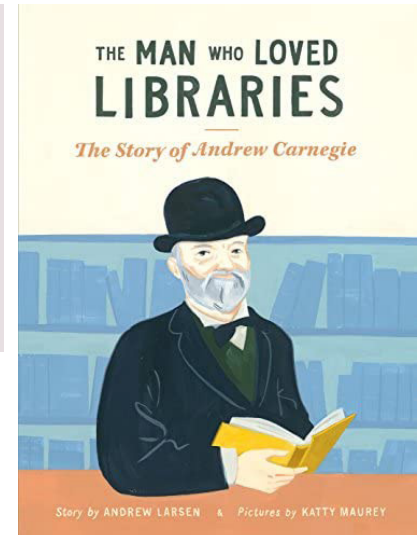


# The Man Who Loved Libraries: The Story of Andrew Carnegie by Andrew Larson

**Book Synopsis:** Learn about the life of Andrew Carnegie in *The Man Who Loved Libraries: The Story of Andrew Carnegie* by Andrew Larson. Andrew Carnegie grew up during the height of the Industrial Revolution as a poor immigrant. As an adult, he made his fortune in the steel industry. This beautifully illustrated book highlights Carnegie's philanthropic work through the development of over 2,500 public libraries and shares the lasting impact of Carnegie's work.



## Connection to Iowa History

Although Carnegie never lived in Iowa, he still greatly impacted the state with his philanthropic work. Between 1883 to 1929, he donated \$55 million to fund the construction of over 2,500 libraries. In total, 101 Carnegie libraries were built in Iowa and only 48 are still used as public libraries for the community. However, Indiana had the most libraries built with a whopping 164! Carnegie also built libraries across the world - including Canada, France, Australia and Fiji. Head online to find where the nearest Carnegie library is located near your hometown.

## Goldie's Kids Club Storytime Activity

After reading the story, create your own paperclip bookmark featuring your favorite animal or flower.

### Instructions ([Video Instructions Available](#))

- 1 Gather.** Before you begin this activity, gather all the necessary materials.
- 2 Brainstorm.** Begin by creating a list of what animal or flower you would like on your bookmark. A few examples include the state flower, the wild rose, or the state bird, the goldfinch.
- 3 Draw.** Once you have decided what to include on the bookmark, begin to create your design on construction paper. If you need inspiration, check out a book or head online to view some pictures.
- 4 Cut.** Once you have drawn out all the shapes needed for your design, cut them out of the construction paper. If you are using multiple pieces, like wings or facial features, glue those pieces together and set aside to dry.
- 5 Glue.** Take your finished design and glue the design on top of the paperclip. Make sure the end that goes onto the paper is on the bottom of the paperclip.
- 6 Dry.** Set aside to dry. Once it is fully dried, you are ready to save your pages in a book.

### Materials

- Paperclip
- Construction Paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers
- Glue

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## Instructions continued

- 7 Share!** After you complete this activity, share your work with the State Historical Museum of Iowa. Email a photo of your list to [museum.education@iowa.gov](mailto:museum.education@iowa.gov). We want to share your creation with others!
- 8 Questions to Spark Learning**
  - In the story, Andrew was a child worker in a textile factory which meant he was not in school. Why do you think his lack of education as a child inspired him to support public libraries as an adult?
  - How did Andrew's love for learning help him in life?
  - How did the creation of public libraries help to improve local communities?