

MEETING NOTICE

DATE: November 15, 2024
TO: Library Board, Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney
FROM: Ryan Wieber, Library Director
SUBJECT: Library Board Meeting

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING: Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Bennett Martin Public Library
136 S. 14th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

STARTING TIME OF MEETING: 8:00 a.m.
CHAIR OF MEETING: Joe Shaw, President
PURPOSE OF MEETING: Monthly Business Meeting

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Announcement of Open Meetings Law
2. Approval of Agenda*
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items
4. Approval of October 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes*
5. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Committee on Administration
 - b. Committee on Buildings and Grounds
 - c. Committee on Finance
 - i. Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures for October 2024*
6. Special Committee Reports
 - a. Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries Executive Director Report
7. New Business
 - a. *Bennett Martin Elevator Replacement Agreement
 - b. *Polley Music Library – Annual Report
 - c. *Schedule of 2025 Board Meeting Dates and Locations
8. President's Report
9. Assistant Library Director's Report
10. Library Director's Report
11. Public Comment – Anyone wishing to address the board on a matter not on this agenda may do so at this time.

*Action Item

Proposed agenda kept continually current and available for inspection at the Administrative Office of the Bennett Martin Public Library. The Board shall have the right to modify the agenda at said public meeting when convened.

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Library Board Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

WALT BRANCH LIBRARY

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Hale, Dan Sloan, Terri Dunlap, Nichole Bogen, Patty Beutler, Joe Shaw, present. A quorum was present. Jackie Ostrowicki arrived later.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

President Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced the Open Meetings Law was posted and available for review.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shaw noted that the Agenda/Meeting Notice was posted according to the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska. Shaw asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as posted. Beutler so moved. Sloan seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Dunlap, Shaw, Sloan – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Shaw asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Hale so moved. Beutler seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hale, Beutler, Dunlap, Shaw, Sloan, Gerteisen – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Administration

No report

Committee on Buildings and Grounds

No report

Committee on Finance

Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures for July, 2024

Treasurer Hale shared that the total Operational expenditures were \$1,014,519.91. Expenditures from other funds totaled \$32,931.57 for Total Expenditures of \$1,047,451.48. Hale moved approval of the report. Dunlap seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Beutler, Dunlap, Shaw, Sloan, Gerteisen, Hale – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Foundation Executive Director Report

Gail McNair provided invitations to the upcoming Spelling Bee, reminding all that spellers and cheerleaders are still needed. President Shaw volunteered to be a speller and McNair promised to sponsor him. She reported that

the 2024 membership drive ended in October, and brought in \$58,346.70, nearly \$6,000 more than last year but with four fewer donors. Regarding Book Nooks, September was a record-breaking month, bringing in \$2,800 from the six libraries, including nearly \$1,200 from Gere alone. Brief discussion followed. Ostrowicki arrived at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Mail Management Agreement

Director Wieber explained this is an agreement with Mail Management Services who provide the library's daily delivery of mail, books and office materials between libraries every day except Sundays. He reported that we've been with this company for at over six years and have received good service. The one difference this year is an increase in cost requested by the company in order to pay the delivery driver a competitive wage. He explained that while the ask is more than what we'd normally be happy with, it's understandable in the current hiring environment. He also noted that if cost continued to rise, the contract could be re-bid. The new annual amount is not to exceed \$88,000 for the next year. Beutler moved approval. Ostrowicki seconded.

Discussion: Sloan noted that when the Security contract asked for an increase for guard wages, they included a mechanism to show that cost was passed through to their staff. He asked if there was any such plan to verify these increases with Mail Management. Discussion followed, and it was determined that while Purchasing made no change in the contract language for this year, asking for verification now and a change in language for next year would be appropriate. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Shaw, Sloan, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

Walt Branch Report

Director Wieber shared that at the Nebraska Library Association conference in Kearney the second week in October he attended the excellent presentation put on by Walt staff, Librarian Vicki Clarke and Library Service Associate Liz Claymon about their program, Circle of Friends. He invited them to give a condensed version of their presentation to the Board. He commended the pair on the program that not only engages community members, but provides them an opportunity to make connections interact with one another.

Clarke and Claymon shared that Circle of Friends developed after staff observed that this was a community of adults with disabilities who visited the library, often with their staff, but who weren't making full use of the library and all its offerings. Given the library's stated mission to increase accessibility to library services, staff was inspired to look around at library offerings and adapt them to meet the needs of this community. They identified a lack of opportunities for interaction between adults who are being served by different organizations and who rarely, if ever have the opportunity to gather together. They also identified the fact that staff turnover is high, due to which maintaining relationships between staff and the adults they serve can suffer.

This program provides folks (accompanied by their support person) with activities like music, art, games and puzzles they can participate in, alone or together, adapted to their abilities, their likes and their age. The program information was shared directly with caregivers and tailored to work with their schedules. The programs are offered at times when staff know the service providers are available to provide transportation and supervision. The program is marketed directly within the building, online, and Claymon went on Channel 10/11's First at Four program to promote the program. The number of participants continues to increase.

Walt's program schedule has increased from bimonthly to weekly to accommodate increasing numbers of participants, and Gere Library is now offering a similar program on a different day to accommodate more folks' schedules. Benefits have included peers reconnecting with others they went to school with or participated in other

programs with. Their staff are making connections and communicating between agencies, and connections with library staff have improved as well. Discussion followed.

Director Wieber congratulated Wyatt Packard on his new position as Director of Walt branch. Packard gave a brief report on Walt staff, circulation and programming. He highlighted Walt's Baby Storytimes, Makerspace, Teen Dice Guild, and encouraged all to view and vote for Walt's annual pumpkin decorating competition.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The creativity and themes displayed in Walt's annual pumpkin decorating is remarkable – please go check out the pumpkins.

ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Director Glaesemann shared a hiring report – the system is much closer to being fully staffed. There are three currently vacant positions, and multiple positions working through the hiring process. She gave an overview of staff who presented at the NLA conference in addition to Claymon and Clarke. Heath Gewecke gave a presentation on increasing diversity in hiring and received good feedback. Packard and retired Youth Services Director Vicki Wood gave a presentation on Intellectual Freedom.

Glaesemann reported on the Southern Heights Food Forest program – a publicly available space for residents to have plots to grow food plants available for forage, and announced an upcoming collaboration with them at Eiseley Branch library. Related education and programming will be held at the library.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

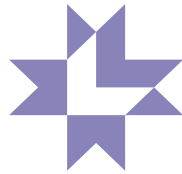
Director Wieber reported on the previous night's One Book One Lincoln finale featuring Amanda Peters, the winning author. One hundred seventy-five people attended the program at Lincoln High School. Librarian Jen Jackson interviewed the author on stage and the back and forth was relaxed, interesting and enjoyable. Brief discussion followed.

Wieber shared useful information about the committees on which Board members have been assigned to serve, and advised that quarterly meeting dates will be sent out shortly. Brief discussion followed. He shared plans for upcoming arts collaborations at the library with Lincoln Arts Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



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City Libraries

Memo to the Library Board

November 2024

Please note: this month's Board meeting is at **Bennett Martin Library, at 8am.**

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET: The actual percent of budget expended year to date is 19.51%, compared to the budgeted 16.67%. Annual adjusted expenditures to date are 19.76%.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Administration

The Committee did not meet.

Committee on Buildings and Grounds

The Committee did not meet.

Committee on Finance

**Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures—Action Item*

Reports are attached. Treasurer Lisa Hale will bring forward a motion to approve.

The Committee met on October 30 to review current and upcoming large spending projects including carpet replacement and the BMPL elevator project.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Foundation Executive Director Report: Gail McNair

NEW BUSINESS

Bennett Martin Elevator Replacement Agreement with Kone not to exceed \$316,000, **APPROVAL NEEDED*

Contracts over \$50,000 are brought to the library board for approval. This CIP project to replace the 4-floor elevator at BMPL is slated for approximately March 2025. It was put out to bid in September, and we received 3 proposals, with Kone the lowest at \$316,000. Facilities Superintendent Dan Miller is coordinating other, required work needed for the project including installation of drywall in the elevator control room, wiring for wifi, and adding film to the elevator shaft windows.

Polley Music Library Annual Report, **APPROVAL NEEDED**

Librarian Scott Scholz will provide an overview of the activities of the library during the past year and the plan for the upcoming year. Lillian Polley's original directives for her trust required an annual process for the Polley Music Library including this report, which is to be approved by the Library Board, then forwarded to US Bank, where trust officers will forward it to the Polley Music Advisory Board. LCL receives funding from the trust to support the Polley.

Schedule of 2025 Board Meeting Dates and Locations, **APPROVAL NEEDED**

The Board reviews and approves the lineup of dates and locations for the year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Please see the attached revised 2024-2025 Committee Assignments.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jodene Glaesemann will provide a staffing update, and other operational news.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I'll provide updates on library planning and strategic initiatives.

CONTRACTS FILED

Business Name	Description	Date Received
Los Mariachis de la Ciudad - Brett Noser, Director	To present a short Mariachi performance at Bennett Martin Library in conjunction with the Library's Dia de los Muertos celebration on Friday, November 1, 2024 from 4:30pm-5:00pm at no cost.	10/15/2024
Brian J. Corey	To present the program, "Do you Believe in Ghosts?" at Eiseley Branch library on the date and time in the agreement at a cost not to exceed \$50.	10/11/2024
Jay Kreimer	To give a presentation on making musical instruments from found/common objects at Bennett Martin Public Library at the date and time in the agreement for a cost not to exceed \$200.	10/10/2024
Nebraska History Museum - Dir. Araceli Hernandez	Director Hernandez will give a presentation on Notable Nebraskans on Sunday, 11.3.24 at Bennett Martin Public Library at no cost. sed/10.9.24	10/3/2024



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Director's Report for October 2024

The first season of **ballot boxes** at LCL locations were mostly uneventful, however we did experience occurrences of poll watchers who caused uneasiness for library visitors and at times, staff. We'll gather and communicate our experiences with the Election Commissioner for their awareness to assess and evaluate and react to any circumstances involving safety or operational concerns. The Commissioner estimated that approximately 45% of voters dropped off ballots at boxes or voted early at their office. We experienced no issues (or reported issues) involving the recently installed security cameras at boxes.

The October 9-11 Annual Conference for the Nebraska Library Association in Kearney saw several LCL staff involved with presentations or acting in leadership roles. Team members Heath Gewecke, Liz Claymon, Vickie Clarke, Scott Scholz, Brenda Ealey, and Wyatt Packard all demonstrated their expertise or experiences to grateful attendees from across the state.

The library's new **strategic plan** is a guiding document created with the help of staff systemwide who identified what's important to best serve our community now and in the immediate future. Examples of suggested activities already in place to help move forward priorities like "Communicating our Offerings" and "Strengthening our Potential" include ways to improve internal and external communications. To provide better transparency and awareness of activities, decisions, funding, etc., we've begun a quarterly all-staff **Town Hall** on Zoom, as well as the "**Biweekly Staff Bulletin**" delivered every other Monday where we announce new staff, best practices, and updates on services. "**Another Chapter**" is the bimonthly public facing newsletter that expands on programs and services and emphasizes library news that patrons should know about. We're also working on a **partnership with KZUM** to deliver 1-minute weekly blurbs advertising programs, and a monthly half-hour podcast where we talk about the library, interview our partners, and share great news on the great things happening at LCL.

The City's efforts to improve sustainability practices now include a "**Green Team**" made up of ambassadors from every department. Green Team ambassadors will educate fellow staff on how the City of Lincoln is building a more resilient community and how staff can contribute to City-wide sustainability and climate goals by integrating environmentally beneficial choices into their work. By communicating with their division or department to promote environmental awareness, share tips, and encourage sustainability best practices, the Green Team will cultivate a community of staff who are mindful of their social, economic, and environmental impacts and who are empowered to affect change. The program will be piloted for a year, starting on November 1st, 2024, and will be led by the sustainability team in the Mayor's Office." I'm happy to report that the Library's

ambassadors on the Green Team for a two-year term are Lauren Eastman, Matt Norsworthy, and Megan Peda.

Assistant Director Jodene Glaesemann is coordinating an **accessibility audit** of library facilities and resources, working with local consultants who will assist in identifying ways to ensure our spaces are inclusive for our residents. Our intention with the review is to establish a list of priority actions that are achievable and make a difference.

The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries' Annual Spelling Bee on October 30 was a well-attended, and very fun event. The Foundation's Nebraska Literary Heritage Association (NLHA) put on the event, with proceeds to benefit the Library and specifically, the Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors. The competition was intense, yet the atmosphere—aided by emcee John Bayer—was festive and light!

Vision: ***LCL: Literacy, Community, and Lifelong learning***

Mission: ***Lincoln City Libraries provides access to information, ideas, books and lifelong learning opportunities that inform, enrich and empower every individual in our diverse community.***

Priorities: **1. Maximizing Access**
2. Communicating our Offerings
3. Strengthening our Potential
4. Growing our Support

Examples of the Library's Vision and Mission in our daily work:

- Educare Family Night was held on the same evening as Eiseley's regular Preschool Storytime. Prior to the program, families were able to share a meal at the library and then visit each service desk for library information and sign up for cards. Eighty-five families and staff members from Educare attended. The final portion of the evening was Preschool Storytime open to all patrons.
- During the Lincoln Public Schools fall break, Karrie S. and Christina S. [NESU] hosted a special youth event called **Dance It Out**. Christina handled the technology piece, and Karrie led the 13 participants in a fun-filled 30 minutes of dancing and exercising. This is a great event, because it gets kids up and moving. It is also a great event, because it requires little planning or preparation by Karrie since she has done it in the past.
- Lisa W. [Walt Branch] helped a customer look up voter registration information and printed forms so she and her husband could register in person at the Election Commission before the deadline.

- Scott S. in the Polley Music Library reported “This month, we had an event aimed at kids featuring Lincoln world-renowned instrument inventor Jay Kreimer. The original plan was to let the little ones play a range of the instruments Jay uses in his own work, and then show them how to think about sound and make their own simple experimental instruments. As it turned out, all of the kids (and many of their parents!) were so excited to play with the instruments, we decided to just let them have an hour of self-discovery and they played together and alone and learned a lot about music and the nature of sound by doing it themselves. In particular, I was struck by how inventive everyone was using Jay’s “sound table” device, which amplifies very quiet objects placed onto its surface. There were about 20 attendees.”
- Vicki C. [Walt] shared that on “Halloween night a young woman brought a book to the checkout counter that she was obviously very excited to have found. I was equally excited as I scanned it as I had recently read and loved the same book (*Shark Heart* by Emily Habeck). It had been recommended by one of her favorite Podcasters. Then she saw on the cover that Anthony Doerr blurbed it – the enthusiasm was palpable. We had a lively conversation about it and then I told her this book must be perfect for her because the book jacket perfectly complemented the outfit she had on. It was definitely a treat to end Halloween evening.”
- On 10/16/2024, Jodi R. helped represent LCL during Project Connect Lincoln held at Pinnacle Bank Arena. According to the event website, “Project Connect Lincoln is a one day, one stop event for members of our community facing homelessness or near-homelessness.” Attendees can access a wide variety of assistance including medical care, haircuts, employment services, housing assistance, and even bicycle repair. Of this event, Jodi wrote, “I had the opportunity to work with Ali B. [Youth Services Coordinator] & Erin S. (from Gere Branch) at Pinnacle Bank Arena for *Project Connect Lincoln* on the afternoon of October 16. There was a busy and steady stream of people throughout the afternoon. Many people signed up for library cards or filled out fine forgiveness forms while there. We advocated for our library system as offering free Wi-Fi, storytimes for kids, and gave out many copies of *The Library Lineup*. Copies of QR codes were available to assist with Homework Help. The Library booth being placed next to Lincoln Literacy was helpful, as there was a strong connection between the two agencies, making it convenient for people who could benefit from the services of both.
- Amanda T-S and Ronda H [Gere-South] hosted 5 meetings of Circle of Friends at Gere with 142 attending. Amanda shared this from the meeting on the 2nd, when they did ghost painting and bookmarks: “I had a lot more people want to paint than I expected! I was worried they might be intimidated, but it seemed like they really enjoyed it.
- Staff members from the Northeast Service Unit [NESU] were out in full force during October 2024. Eight of NESU’s 12 classified staff members represented LCL at 6 youth outreach events this month. Four of these events took place at elementary schools designated by Lincoln Public Schools [LPS] as Title I Schools (*). According to

the LPS website, these schools have high levels of poverty, and they receive federal funding to help close the achievement gap between low-income students and other students. NESU employees spoke with a combined total of nearly 2,800 individuals.

- Jodene Glaesemann and Lisa Olivigni met with R.J Vega from City Resources and Lisa Guill from the Asian Community & Cultural Center and Coordinator of Welcoming Communities. They wanted to use the library meeting rooms for an upcoming program – Civic Connections. Its goal is to provide newcomers to Lincoln an opportunity to meet some people from City/County Departments and City/County Officials. We were glad to offer the space but also offered to introduce the participants to the what Eiseley and LCL have to offer. We'll be following a structure similar to how we run school nights, with a passport to guide participants through the program. This program will be held at Eiseley on Thursday, November 21 from 5:30-7:00.
- Araya W. [Gere-South] shared this interaction: "A patron approached me at the circ desk and told me they were really sad because they had checked out Moonlight (DVD) from Eiseley but the disc had a huge scratch on the back and they couldn't watch it. They asked me if we had any LGBT movies or a Gere copy of Moonlight, and I looked in the catalog and found that we have a BingeBox with LGBT movies including Moonlight. I showed the patron where to find the BingeBox, which contained 6 movies, and they asked if we had any other BingeBoxes with LGBT material and we ended up finding one with 4 documentaries. The patron was super happy that we had them available and conveniently grouped by subject in BingeBoxes."
- Jodi R. [NESU] reported about the Cross the Line Church *Trunk or Treat*, "Nancy was able to initiate many conversations with parents & caretakers while I kept up with the steady stream of guests at our library booth. Having some library bookbags was also very helpful. Kids with no bag, or who were needing to share a bag with a sibling were so grateful for them. Having the library advertised on the bag was a good way to market our library system."
- Susan S. and Lisa O. [Eiseley-Williams] staffed the Trunk or Treat at Arnold Elementary School. There were 300 people in attendance. It was a great opportunity to promote Williams to the community, and later Kate K., Selene S. and Melody S. promoted library services at the Trunk or Treat at the Fallbrook YMCA. There were 900 people in attendance.
- Laurie J. [Walt] led many great teen programs this month, including a spooky-themed Manga/Anime Club, two Dice Guild programs, and a Dice Guild One Shot where "we played the table-top RPG Honey Heist. The first hour was spent on character creation and the next two on infiltration of a summer (fall break) camp to steal their honey. It was instant chaos but they got their honey in the end and 'defeated' the villain."

- Diane V. [Gere-South] hosted 9 sessions of Baby Storytime with 271 attending and themes of Fall Walk; Squirrels; Leaves; and Pumpkins. Diane said: "We spent the month whooshing scarves like falling leaves and playing Ring Around the Pumpkin. A fun thing that has happened in Baby Storytime on Tuesdays is three Portuguese speaking families independently started coming to storytime and were very excited to find each other and have since exchanged numbers to get together outside of storytime."
- Deanne J. shared that she "helped an elderly patron who was looking for books written by Carl Jung. He apologized for being a nuisance (which he was not) and when he checked out the ones we had he told me I was helpful and to 'continue to provide inspiration to others as you have to me.'"
- Virtual Services reported "It's not unusual for us to get occasional OverDrive support requests from people in other locations called "Lincoln," such as Lincoln, Rhode Island; Lincoln, Illinois; or Lincoln City, Oregon. But I believe this is the first time we've received *three* such requests in the same month from Lincoln, England."
- The Tech Time Staff at Gere helped 10 unique patrons during an equivalent of 20 half-hour appointments. Of these, 3 needed assistance with digital library services. Leanne D. shared: "I was working with one woman, helping her set up her new Chromebook, and she mentioned that she had arthritis and had a hard time typing. I showed her the microphone search feature in Chromebook and she was thrilled!"
- Yoel S-T [Gere-South] was at Lincoln Senior Square Apartments representing Lincoln City Libraries for a Resource Fair on the 29th. Yoel shared that they signed up 6 new library accounts and issued one replacement card – and also had one individual sign up for home outreach on the spot! Yoel shared this comment from one resident, Linda, who has an Aide that takes her to the library: "The best thing I have is going to the library. I don't know what I'd do without it. It keeps me sane."
- Meagan M. reported that she "assisted a grandmother over the phone with renewals. She mentioned that her grandson, whom she brings to story times, had fallen suddenly and severely ill and that they had not been able to make their usual visits. While she said he was improving, there was still a road to recovery before them as a family, with her having to make trips to Omaha on the daily. I mentioned that despite not be able to physically visit the library, that there are digital options available, if she was interested in having something to occupy her during her travels or if she wanted to enjoy stories with her grandson while at the hospital. She had not been aware of our Libby, Hoopla and Tumblebooks apps and was very glad to learn about them, citing that they seemed easy to access and would be 'a welcome distraction from point A to point B' while he is recovering in the hospital."
- Heritage Room Librarian Amber S. attended the Nebraska Celebration of Books on October 12th doing outreach with Jen J. This was the first year for this event in this

format, combining the previous book festival with the annual Nebraska Book Awards. It was well attended, and they spoke to several people about the Heritage Room, the Nebraska Author database, and how to donate books to the Heritage Room.

- South Branch Library received the following note from a customer: "...After losing my job & the death of my mother, I spiraled into a pretty dark place as I lived out of my and looked for some remnants of hope. During these last 4 ½ months, I frequently came into this branch library to charge my phone, use the restroom, fill up my water bottle, feel a bit safe, and use the computers to job search. I am grateful that one of those job searches has led to me getting a job in Hastings...Thanks for all you do to make this library a place of transformation. Gratefully, ..."
- Teentober is one of Susan S.'s (Eiseley-Williams) favorite time of year. She visits numerous middle and high schools and promotes the young adult collection to students via book talks. There just isn't enough time to fit it all into October, so she'll have some sessions in November. In October, she visited Northeast High School, Standing Bear High School, Culler Middle School, North Star Highschool, East High School, Southeast High School and Lincoln High School.
- Lisa O. (Eiseley-Williams) reported: "One of our frequent patrons stopped me on the floor recently to let me know how much she appreciated Eiseley staff. She had been looking for a new job and couldn't praise the staff enough about all of the help they gave her updating her resume. "I even sent my resume in through one of your databases and got feedback on it!" She was very happy to tell me that she had gotten a new job at one of the local hospitals and she said she was very excited to begin her new job and learn about her new responsibilities. She did actually say "I couldn't have done it without the staff here at Eiseley! They all deserve a raise!" It is quite incredible to know that library staff can make such an incredible impact on a patron's life."
- Jessica S. organized the annual Walt Literary Pumpkin Parade. "From October 1st through the 15th, all ages of the public were invited to bring in their own pumpkin decorated like their favorite book or book character without puncturing, cutting or carving the gourds. The community could then view and vote for their favorite creation in each of the 4 age categories between October 16 through October 22nd. Winners were given a 3-D printed pumpkin trophy, a place ribbon and a goody bag. Each participant received a coupon for one free item from the Walt Book Nook courtesy of the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries. We had about 86 pumpkin entries ranging from age 3 to 46 years of age." A picture of the winning pumpkins is at the end of this report.
- On October 8, the Mayor, City Council members, Library Board Members and other dignitaries were on hand with illustrator, Chloe Burgett, at South Library for a press conference highlighting her mural on the west wall of the library. Then on the 29th Chloe Burgett and Andy Peterson (Lux Center for the Arts) were back at South

Library to add a couple of Squirrels from the mural to an inside wall. The project was funded by the Country Club Neighborhood Association and coordinated by the Lux Center for the Arts. The project invited the community to be involved and help with painting the panels for the mural.



Ryan Wieber, Library Director
11.06.24

**Lincoln City Libraries
September 2024 Use Report**

Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits			September 2024 Other Use					September 2023 Other Use					Change: Total Other Use
	Sept 2024	Sept 2023	Change	Sept 2024	Sept 2023	Change	Computer Reservations	Program & Outreach Attendance	Meeting Room Attendance	Study Room Attendance	Total Other Use	Computer Reservations	Program & Outreach Attendance	Meeting Room Attendance	Study Room Attendance	Total Other Use	
	Bennett Martin Public Library	12,568	14,246	-11.78%	14,254	9783	45.70%	2,591	1,104	190	51	3,936	2,191	1,520	95	0	
Anderson Branch Library	11,835	11,715	1.02%	5689	5469	4.02%	878	312	180	0	1,370	822	216	196	0	1,234	11.02%
Bethany Branch Library	7,044	7,616	-7.51%	2764	3064	-9.79%	202	198	0	0	400	250	247	0	0	497	-19.52%
Eiseley Branch Library	21,815	23,277	-6.28%	9511	8914	6.70%	1,579	1,295	265	287	3,426	1,189	1,241	401	0	2,831	21.02%
Gere Branch Library	52,836	59,622	-11.38%	18704	17667	5.87%	1,002	1,438	542	340	3,322	1,251	1,519	387	0	3,157	5.23%
South Branch Library	8,570	9,528	-10.05%	3852	3552	8.45%	533	217	0	0	750	499	359	0	0	858	-12.59%
Walt Branch Library	37,689	38,630	-2.44%	12281	11956	2.72%	943	1,399	394	346	3,082	998	2,139	313	0	3,450	-10.67%
Williams Branch Library	972	1,115	-12.83%	1011	1325	-23.70%	175	187	0	0	362	262	261	11	0	534	-32.21%
Lied Bookmobile	1,457	1,534	-5.02%	299	372	-19.62%	0	55	0	0	55	0	41	0	0	41	34.15%
InterLibrary Loan	196	193	1.55%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
SUBTOTAL	154,982	167,476	-7.46%	68,365	62102	10.09%	7,903	6,205	1,571	1,024	16,703	7,462	7,543	1,403	0	16,408	1.80%
DownloadStream Audio	43,768	40,126	9.08%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBooks	30,089	32,116	-6.31%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	1,011	747	35.34%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Download SUBTOTAL	74,868	72,989	2.57%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	229,850	240,465	-4.41%	68,365	62,102	10.09%	7,903	6,205	1,571	1,024	16,703	7,462	7,543	1,403	0	16,408	1.80%

Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total	REGISTRATIONS	2024	2023	Change
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth		Purged			
Owned	372,148	329,191	80,850	34,144	816,333	Active			
Added	2,236	1,915	248	477	4,876	Resident	148,228	147,280	0.64%
Withdrawn	-86	-3	-8	-1	-98	Library OneCard	52,270	46,802	11.68%
Current	374,298	331,103	81,090	34,620	821,111	County	8,944	9,064	-1.32%
						NonResident	955	935	2.14%
						Reciprocal	490	477	2.73%
						Limited Use	9,845	9,027	9.06%
						Total Active	220,732	213,585	3.35%

Notes for Month

	2024	2023	Change
WiFi Sessions	124,134	124,904	-0.62%
WiFi Users	9,325	10,502	-11.21%
Website Users	86,504	90,858	-4.79%
Website Sessions	117,857	120,001	-1.79%
Database Use	7,026	9,761	-28.02%

**September 2024 Use Compared to September 2023
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Location	Print Checkouts		Print Loan	Non-Print Checkouts		Non-Print	Total Checkouts		Total Loan
	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Loan Change	2024	2023	Change
BMPL	10,296	11,491	-10.40%	2,272	2,755	-17.53%	12,568	14,246	-11.78%
Anderson	9,804	9,326	5.13%	2,031	2,389	-14.99%	11,835	11,715	1.02%
Bethany	6,391	6,653	-3.94%	653	963	-32.19%	7,044	7,616	-7.51%
Eiseley	19,728	20,328	-2.95%	2,087	2,949	-29.23%	21,815	23,277	-6.28%
Gere	47,250	52,395	-9.82%	5,586	7,227	-22.71%	52,836	59,622	-11.38%
South	7,487	8,295	-9.74%	1,083	1,233	-12.17%	8,570	9,528	-10.05%
Walt	33,720	34,124	-1.18%	3,969	4,506	-11.92%	37,689	38,630	-2.44%
Williams	801	900	-11.00%	171	215	-20.47%	972	1,115	-12.83%
Lied Bookmobile	1,361	1,420	-4.15%	96	114	-15.79%	1,457	1,534	-5.02%
InterLibrary Loan	196	193	1.55%	0	0	0.00%	196	193	1.55%
Subtotal Checkouts	137,034	145,125	-5.58%	17,948	22,351	-19.70%	154,982	167,476	-7.46%
Download/Stream Audio	0	0	0.00%	43,768	40,126	9.08%	43,768	40,126	9.08%
Download/Stream eBook	0	0	0.00%	30,089	32,116	-6.31%	30,089	32,116	-6.31%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,011	747	35.34%	1,011	747	35.34%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	137,034	145,125	-5.58%	92,816	95,340	-2.65%	229,850	240,465	-4.41%

Location	Youth Checkouts		Youth Loan	Adult Checkouts		Adult Loan	Visits	Visits	Visits
	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change
BMPL	4,218	5,215	-19.12%	8,350	9,031	-7.54%	14,254	9,783	45.70%
Anderson	6,041	5,564	8.57%	5,794	6,151	-5.80%	5,689	5,469	4.02%
Bethany	4,096	4,250	-3.62%	2,948	3,366	-12.42%	2,764	3,064	-9.79%
Eiseley	15,058	15,559	-3.22%	6,757	7,718	-12.45%	9,511	8,914	6.70%
Gere	30,549	34,704	-11.97%	22,287	24,918	-10.56%	18,704	17,667	5.87%
South	4,847	5,370	-9.74%	3,723	4,158	-10.46%	3,852	3,552	8.45%
Walt	26,162	26,630	-1.76%	11,527	12,000	-3.94%	12,281	11,956	2.72%
Williams	760	748	1.60%	212	367	-42.23%	1,011	1,325	-23.70%
Lied Bookmobile	988	974	1.44%	469	560	-16.25%	299	372	-19.62%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	196	193	1.55%	0	0	0.00%
Subtotal Checkouts	92,719	99,014	-6.36%	62,263	68,462	-9.05%	68,365	62,102	10.09%
Download/Stream Audio	6,226	5,584	11.50%	37,542	34,542	8.69%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBook	5,174	7,263	-28.76%	24,915	24,903	0.05%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,011	747	35.34%	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	104,119	111,861	-6.92%	125,731	128,654	-2.27%	68,365	62,102	10.09%

Location	Program & Outreach Attendance - Youth		P&O Att - Youth	Program & Outreach Attendance - Adult		P&O Att - Adult	Computer Use		Computer
	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change
BMPL	223	318	-29.87%	881	1,202	-26.71%	2,591	2,191	18.26%
Anderson	312	216	44.44%	0	0	0.00%	878	822	6.81%
Bethany	156	190	-17.89%	42	57	-26.32%	202	250	-19.20%
Eiseley	1,228	968	26.86%	67	273	-75.46%	1,579	1,189	32.80%
Gere	1,260	1,267	-0.55%	178	252	-29.37%	1,002	1,251	-19.90%
South	209	357	-41.46%	8	2	300.00%	533	499	6.81%
Walt	1,278	1,516	-15.70%	121	623	-80.58%	943	998	-5.51%
Williams	179	246	-27.24%	8	15	-46.67%	175	262	-33.21%
Lied Bookmobile	20	0	0.00%	35	41	-14.63%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%
TOTAL	4,865	5,078	-4.19%	1,340	2,465	-45.64%	7,903	7,462	5.91%

Location	Meeting Room Attendance		Meeting Room Att	Study Room Attendance		Study Room Att	2024	2023	
	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change			
BMPL	190	95	100.00%	51	0	0.00%			0.00%
Anderson	180	196	-8.16%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Bethany	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Eiseley	265	401	-33.92%	287	0	0.00%			0.00%
Gere	542	387	40.05%	340	0	0.00%			0.00%
South	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Walt	394	313	25.88%	346	0	0.00%			0.00%
Williams	0	11	-100.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
TOTAL	1,571	1,403	11.97%	1,024	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%

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Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits		
	Loans/ Circulation	Loans/ Circulation	YTD Change	Visits	Visits	YTD Change
	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD		FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	
Bennett Martin Public Library	12,568	14,246	-11.78%	14,254	9,783	45.70%
Anderson Branch	11,835	11,715	1.02%	5,689	5,469	4.02%
Bethany Branch	7,044	7,616	-7.51%	2,764	3,064	-9.79%
Eiseley Branch	21,815	23,277	-6.28%	9,511	8,914	6.70%
Gere Branch	52,836	59,622	-11.38%	18,704	17,667	5.87%
South Branch	8,570	9,528	-10.05%	3,852	3,552	8.45%
Walt Branch	37,689	38,630	-2.44%	12,281	11,956	2.72%
Williams Branch	972	1,115	-12.83%	1,011	1,325	-23.70%
Lied Bookmobile	1,457	1,534	-5.02%	299	372	-19.62%
InterLibrary Loan	196	193	1.55%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
SUBTOTAL	154,982	167,476	-7.46%	68,365	62,102	10.09%
DownloadStream Audio	43,768	40,126	9.08%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBooks	30,089	32,116	-6.31%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	1,011	747	35.34%	0	0	0.00%
Download SUBTOTAL	74,868	72,989	2.57%	0	0	0.00%
Total	229,850	240,465	-4.41%	68,365	62,102	10.09%

	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change
Online Registrations	64	181	-64.64%
Overall Registrations	1167	1296	-9.95%

	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change
WiFi Sessions	124,134	124,904	-0.62%
WiFi Users	9,325	10,502	-11.21%
Website Users	86,504	90,858	-4.79%
Website Sessions	117,857	120,001	-1.79%
Database Use	7,026	9,761	-28.02%

Year-to-Date Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	
Owned 9/1/2024	372,148	329,191	80,850	34,144	816,333
Added YTD	2,236	1,915	248	477	4,876
Withdrawn YTD	-86	-3	-8	-1	-98
Current - 9/30/2024	374,298	331,103	81,090	34,620	821,111

Location	Other Use														
	Computer Reservations			Program & Outreach Attendance			Meeting Room Attendance			Study Room Attendance			Total Other Use		YTD CHANGE
	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change	FY 24-25 YTD	*Study Room Attendance	YTD Change	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	
Bennett Martin Public Library	2,591	2,191	18.26%	1,104	1,520	-27.37%	190	95	100.00%	51	0	0.00%	3,936	3,806	3.42%
Anderson Branch	878	822	6.81%	312	216	44.44%	180	196	-8.16%	0	0	0.00%	1,370	1,234	11.02%
Bethany Branch	202	250	-19.20%	198	247	-19.84%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	400	497	-19.52%
Eiseley Branch	1,579	1,189	32.80%	1,295	1,241	4.35%	265	401	-33.92%	287	0	0.00%	3,426	2,831	21.02%
Gere Branch	1,002	1,251	-19.90%	1,438	1,519	-5.33%	542	387	40.05%	340	0	0.00%	3,322	3,157	5.23%
South Branch	533	499	6.81%	217	359	-39.55%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	750	858	-12.59%
Walt Branch	943	998	-5.51%	1,399	2,139	-34.60%	394	313	25.88%	346	0	0.00%	3,082	3,450	-10.67%
Williams Branch	175	262	-33.21%	187	261	-28.35%	0	11	-100.00%	0	0	0.00%	362	534	-32.21%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	55	41	34.15%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	55	41	34.15%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Total	7,903	7,462	5.91%	6,205	7,543	-17.74%	1,571	1,403	11.97%	1,024	0	0.00%	16,703	16,408	1.80%

*Study Room Attendance tracking began 9/1/2024

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Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits		
	Loans/ Circulation	Loans/ Circulation	YTD Change	Visits	Visits	YTD Change
	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD		FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	
Bennett Martin Public Library	25,454	28,044	-9.24%	25,344	21,196	19.57%
Anderson Branch	23,935	23,395	2.31%	11,918	11,180	6.60%
Bethany Branch	15,383	15,201	1.20%	5,917	5,937	-0.34%
Eiseley Branch	43,379	47,210	-8.11%	19,549	19,128	2.20%
Gere Branch	107,836	121,787	-11.46%	38,670	37,254	3.80%
South Branch	17,609	19,464	-9.53%	8,032	7,410	8.39%
Walt Branch	76,010	80,349	-5.40%	25,639	24,885	3.03%
Williams Branch	1,973	2,232	-11.60%	2,268	2,617	-13.34%
Lied Bookmobile	3,238	3,049	6.20%	878	822	6.81%
InterLibrary Loan	387	440	-12.05%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
SUBTOTAL	315,204	341,171	-7.61%	138,215	130,429	5.97%
DownloadStream Audio	89,794	81,466	10.22%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBooks	63,626	62,843	1.25%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	2,109	1,505	40.13%	0	0	0.00%
Download SUBTOTAL	155,529	145,814	6.66%	0	0	0.00%
Total	470,733	486,985	-3.34%	138,215	130,429	5.97%

	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change
Online Registrations	123	319	-61.44%
Overall Registrations	2137	2350	-9.06%

	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change
WiFi Sessions	261,990	259,792	0.85%
WiFi Users	19,158	21,042	-8.95%
Website Users	175,259	181,942	-3.67%
Website Sessions	240,196	239,021	0.49%
Database Use	13,856	18,263	-24.13%

Year-to-Date Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	
Owned 9/1/2024	372,148	329,191	80,850	34,144	816,333
Added YTD	5,625	4,119	497	691	10,932
Withdrawn YTD	-23,962	-24,525	-6,664	-1,549	-56,700
Current - 10/31/2024	353,811	308,785	74,683	33,286	770,565

Location	Other Use														
	Computer Reservations			Program & Outreach Attendance			Meeting Room Attendance			Study Room Attendance			Total Other Use		YTD CHANGE
	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change	FY 24-25 YTD	*Study Room Attendance	YTD Change	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	
Bennett Martin Public Library	5,221	4,718	10.66%	1,900	2,607	-27.12%	498	223	123.32%	116	0	0.00%	7,735	7,548	2.48%
Anderson Branch	1,778	1,609	10.50%	3,417	2,530	35.06%	468	397	17.88%	0	0	0.00%	5,663	4,536	24.85%
Bethany Branch	421	487	-13.55%	433	471	-8.07%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	854	958	-10.86%
Eiseley Branch	3,092	2,556	20.97%	3,898	2,744	42.06%	644	791	-18.58%	600	0	0.00%	8,234	6,091	35.18%
Gere Branch	2,245	2,585	-13.15%	3,605	3,540	1.84%	1,213	1,124	7.92%	696	0	0.00%	7,759	7,249	7.04%
South Branch	1,014	995	1.91%	442	628	-29.62%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1,456	1,623	-10.29%
Walt Branch	1,962	2,081	-5.72%	3,065	4,559	-32.77%	727	643	13.06%	767	0	0.00%	6,521	7,283	-10.46%
Williams Branch	399	506	-21.15%	767	373	105.63%	0	16	-100.00%	0	0	0.00%	1,166	895	30.28%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	110	133	-17.29%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	110	133	-17.29%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	445	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	445	0	0.00%
Total	16,132	15,537	3.83%	18,082	17,585	2.83%	3,550	3,194	11.15%	2,179	0	0.00%	39,943	36,316	9.99%

*Study Room Attendance tracking began 9/1/2024

**Lincoln City Libraries
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Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits			October 2024 Other Use					October 2023 Other Use					Change: Total Other Use
	Oct 2024	Oct 2023	Change	Oct 2024	Oct 2023	Change	Computer Reservations	Program & Outreach Attendance	Meeting Room Attendance	Study Room Attendance	Total Other Use	Computer Reservations	Program & Outreach Attendance	Meeting Room Attendance	Study Room Attendance	Total Other Use	
Bennett Martin Public Library	12,886	13,798	-6.61%	11,090	11,413	-2.83%	2,630	796	308	65	3,799	2,527	1,087	128	0	3,742	1.52%
Anderson Branch Library	12,100	11,680	3.60%	6,229	5,711	9.07%	900	3,105	288	0	4,293	787	2,314	201	0	3,302	30.01%
Bethany Branch Library	8,339	7,585	9.94%	3,153	2,873	9.75%	219	235	0	0	454	237	224	0	0	461	-1.52%
Eiseley Branch Library	21,564	23,933	-9.90%	10,038	10,214	-1.72%	1,513	2,603	379	313	4,808	1,367	1,503	390	0	3,260	47.48%
Gere Branch Library	55,000	62,165	-11.53%	19,966	19,587	1.93%	1,243	2,167	671	356	4,437	1,334	2,021	737	0	4,092	8.43%
South Branch Library	9,039	9,936	-9.03%	4,180	3,858	8.35%	481	225	0	0	706	496	269	0	0	765	-7.71%
Walt Branch Library	38,321	41,719	-8.14%	13,358	12,929	3.32%	1,019	1,666	333	421	3,439	1,083	2,420	330	0	3,833	-10.28%
Williams Branch Library	1,001	1,117	-10.38%	1,257	1,292	-2.71%	224	580	0	0	804	244	112	5	0	361	122.71%
Lied Bookmobile	1,781	1,515	17.56%	579	450	28.67%	0	55	0	0	55	0	92	0	0	92	-40.22%
InterLibrary Loan	191	247	-22.67%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	445	0	0	445	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
SUBTOTAL	160,222	173,695	-7.76%	69,850	68,327	2.23%	8,229	11,877	1,979	1,155	23,240	8,075	10,042	1,791	0	19,908	16.74%
DownloadStream Audio	46,026	41,340	11.34%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBooks	33,537	30,727	9.15%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	1,098	758	44.85%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Download SUBTOTAL	80,661	72,825	10.76%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	240,883	246,520	-2.29%	69,850	68,327	2.23%	8,229	11,877	1,979	1,155	23,240	8,075	10,042	1,791	0	19,908	16.74%

Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total	REGISTRATIONS	2024	2023	Change
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth					
Owned	374,298	331,103	81,090	34,144	820,635	Purged	604	606	-0.33%
Added	3,389	2,204	249	214	6,056	Active			
Withdrawn	-23,876	-24,522	-6,656	-1,072	-56,126	Resident	148,231	147,234	0.68%
Current	353,811	308,785	74,683	33,286	770,565	Library OneCard	52,513	47,067	11.57%
						County	8,952	9,053	-1.12%
						NonResident	952	932	2.15%
						Reciprocal	490	478	2.51%
						Limited Use	9,861	9,099	8.37%
						Total Active	220,999	213,863	3.34%

Notes for Month

	2024	2023	Change
WiFi Sessions	137,856	134,888	2.20%
WiFi Users	9,833	10,540	-6.71%
Website Users	88,755	91,084	-2.56%
Website Sessions	122,339	119,020	2.79%
Database Use	6,830	8,502	-19.67%

**October 2024 Use Compared to October 2023
Lincoln City Libraries**

Location	Print Checkouts		Print Loan	Non-Print Checkouts		Non-Print	Total Checkouts		Total Loan
	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Loan Change	2024	2023	Change
BMPL	10,445	11,106	-5.95%	2,441	2,692	-9.32%	12,886	13,798	-6.61%
Anderson	9,719	9,227	5.33%	2,381	2,453	-2.94%	12,100	11,680	3.60%
Bethany	7,467	6,665	12.03%	872	920	-5.22%	8,339	7,585	9.94%
Eiseley	19,253	20,864	-7.72%	2,311	3,069	-24.70%	21,564	23,933	-9.90%
Gere	48,426	54,329	-10.87%	6,574	7,836	-16.11%	55,000	62,165	-11.53%
South	7,916	8,617	-8.14%	1,123	1,319	-14.86%	9,039	9,936	-9.03%
Walt	34,097	36,895	-7.58%	4,224	4,824	-12.44%	38,321	41,719	-8.14%
Williams	792	923	-14.19%	209	194	7.73%	1,001	1,117	-10.38%
Lied Bookmobile	1,628	1,380	17.97%	153	135	13.33%	1,781	1,515	17.56%
InterLibrary Loan	191	247	-22.67%	0	0	0.00%	191	247	-22.67%
Subtotal Checkouts	139,934	150,253	-6.87%	20,288	23,442	-13.45%	160,222	173,695	-7.76%
Download/Stream Audio	0	0	0.00%	46,026	41,340	11.34%	46,026	41,340	11.34%
Download/Stream eBook	0	0	0.00%	33,537	30,727	9.15%	33,537	30,727	9.15%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,098	758	44.85%	1,098	758	44.85%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	139,934	150,253	-6.87%	100,949	96,267	4.86%	240,883	246,520	-2.29%

Location	Youth Checkouts		Youth Loan	Adult Checkouts		Adult Loan	Visits	Visits	Visits
	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change
BMPL	4,282	4,929	-13.13%	8,604	8,869	-2.99%	11,090	11,413	-2.83%
Anderson	6,034	5,586	8.02%	6,066	6,094	-0.46%	6,229	5,711	9.07%
Bethany	5,157	4,467	15.45%	3,182	3,118	2.05%	3,153	2,873	9.75%
Eiseley	14,440	15,905	-9.21%	7,124	8,028	-11.26%	10,038	10,214	-1.72%
Gere	31,640	36,450	-13.20%	23,360	25,715	-9.16%	19,966	19,587	1.93%
South	5,168	5,768	-10.40%	3,871	4,168	-7.13%	4,180	3,858	8.35%
Walt	26,288	28,893	-9.02%	12,033	12,826	-6.18%	13,358	12,929	3.32%
Williams	746	805	-7.33%	255	312	-18.27%	1,257	1,292	-2.71%
Lied Bookmobile	1,178	1,030	14.37%	603	485	24.33%	579	450	28.67%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	191	247	-22.67%	0	0	0.00%
Subtotal Checkouts	94,933	103,833	-8.57%	65,289	69,862	-6.55%	69,850	68,327	2.23%
Download/Stream Audio	6,964	5,534	25.84%	39,062	35,806	9.09%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBook	8,300	5,306	56.43%	25,237	25,421	-0.72%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,098	758	44.85%	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	110,197	114,673	-3.90%	130,686	131,847	-0.88%	69,850	68,327	2.23%

Location	Program & Outreach Attendance - Youth		P&O Att - Youth	Program & Outreach Attendance - Adult		P&O Att - Adult	Computer Use		Computer
	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change
BMPL	138	911	-84.85%	658	176	273.86%	2,630	2,527	4.08%
Anderson	3,093	2,314	33.66%	12	0	0.00%	900	787	14.36%
Bethany	187	188	-0.53%	48	36	33.33%	219	237	-7.59%
Eiseley	2,584	1,473	75.42%	19	30	-36.67%	1,513	1,367	10.68%
Gere	2,003	1,851	8.21%	164	170	-3.53%	1,243	1,334	-6.82%
South	215	268	-19.78%	10	1	900.00%	481	496	-3.02%
Walt	1,425	2,301	-38.07%	241	119	102.52%	1,019	1,083	-5.91%
Williams	571	104	449.04%	9	8	12.50%	224	244	-8.20%
Lied Bookmobile	0	51	-100.00%	55	41	34.15%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	445	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	10,216	9,461	7.98%	1,661	581	185.89%	8,229	8,075	1.91%

Location	Meeting Room Attendance		Meeting Room Att	Study Room Attendance		Study Room Att	2024	2023	Change
	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change			
BMPL	308	128	140.63%	65	0	0.00%			0.00%
Anderson	288	201	43.28%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Bethany	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Eiseley	379	390	-2.82%	313	0	0.00%			0.00%
Gere	671	737	-8.96%	356	0	0.00%			0.00%
South	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Walt	333	330	0.91%	421	0	0.00%			0.00%
Williams	0	5	-100.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
TOTAL	1,979	1,791	10.50%	1,155	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%

Library Board Meetings 2025

Every 3rd Tuesday

Day	Time	Location
Tuesday, January 21, 2025	8:00 a.m.	Bennett Martin Public Library
Tuesday, February 18, 2025	8:00 a.m.	Bennett Martin Public Library
Tuesday, March 18, 2025	8:00 a.m.	Bennett Martin Public Library
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Eiseley Branch Library
Tuesday, May 20, 2025	8:00 a.m.	Bennett Martin Public Library
Tuesday, June 17, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Anderson Branch Library
Tuesday, July 15, 2025	8:00 a.m.	Bennett Martin Public Library
Tuesday, August 19, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Gere Branch Library
Tuesday, September 16, 2025	8:00 a.m.	Bennett Martin Public Library
Tuesday, October 21, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Walt Branch Library
Tuesday, November 18, 2025	8:00 a.m.	Bennett Martin Public Library
Tuesday, December 16, 2025	8:00 a.m.	Bennett Martin Public Library

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Polley Music Library Annual Report 2024
Submitted by Scott Scholz, Polley Music Librarian

The Polley Music Library completed 42 years of service to the public in September 2024. This document will highlight services provided in 2024, and describe plans for services in 2025. We enjoyed a great year with continued expansion of the diversity and quantity of Polley programming.

Highlights FY 2023-24 (September 2023-August 2024)

Public Service/Staffing

The Polley Music Library catalogued music collection remained available to the public throughout the 2023-24 year, with direct access to the shelves any time Bennett Martin Public Library (BMPL) was open. As in previous years, Polley offered twenty hours of public service per week provided by the Polley Music Librarian, but I assisted the public as needed during any other hours I was in the library. In addition to visitors to Polley, many patrons continued to request materials by telephone, email, social media, and through the Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) website, habits that are likely to continue. Similar to other years, many holds were delivered to other branches for more convenient pickup.

Collections

I ordered just under 300 new books this year. Our periodical subscriptions remained the same. The Music Online databases provided by Polley saw noticeably more use this year, which was interesting to note, and CD usage systemwide stayed very stable as well.

Guitars and ukuleles continue to be very popular circulation items, and we seem to have found a good balance of regular circulation with minimal holds for these items. I continue to do basic repairs to instruments as needed, and they're all holding up well.

Donations to Polley stayed at about the same levels as last year. As usual, most were passed through for eventual use at book sales, but we did add a few interesting titles.

Outreach/Collaboration

Collaborations between Polley and other organizations achieved some exciting results this year. By partnering with Lincoln Arts Council, we were able to bring Music Studio LNK to the library for a series of summer events for kids, and we also worked with the Crossroads Music Festival, hosting two of their events this year (see more detail on both of these in the programming/events section below). I'm especially excited about the work done by the Music District Advisory Group this year: our first major project, a rehearsal/recording/performance multipurpose space that will be called the "Music Box" is now under construction on the 1st floor of the Eagle parking garage across the street from BMPL. Using the vacant space provided by the city, the Downtown Lincoln Association secured grants to move forward with building and furnishing the space based on input from the advisory group.

In November, I did an immersive tour experience for a class of 18 at Nebraska Wesleyan called "Off the Beaten Path: Exploring with Multiple Intelligences." Students learned about the history and scope of the Polley Music Library, as well as the many kinds of resources that can be found here.

In February, I featured a display in the Polley area in collaboration with the Rhythm and Blues Preservation Society, an organization from New Jersey that organized an international call for having displays about the history of black music, drawing from a shared curation list. Almost all of the participants were academic music libraries—we were one of the first public music libraries to participate.

I gave a Bethany Book Talk in April, where I focused on 10 of the most interesting music-related books from the last year. We had 6 attendees.

In August, I spoke at the Foundry's monthly member lunch group, giving them an overview of the history of Polley and what we have to offer. There were 18 attendees.

I continued producing the weekly Polley Music Library show, which airs twice each weekend on 89.3 FM KZUM and is archived on Mixcloud: https://www.mixcloud.com/Polley_Music_Library/. I focused mostly on booktalk show formats this year, featuring books from the Polley collection about a diverse range of musical styles and backgrounds, followed by relevant listening examples. We passed the 250 program mark this year. As mentioned last year, the show is available now for public/community radio syndication through the PRX platform, and in the last year, three stations have aired episodes: Raven Radio in Sitka, Alaska aired 18 episodes, Radio St. Pete in Florida aired one, and KECG in San Francisco has recently started to air episodes as well.

I continued to contribute three “recommended reading” book reviews for the LCL Staff Recommendations website each month, adding to a nice body of Polley-related recommendations. This has temporarily ceased, however, as there isn't a section for the staff recommendations on the new library website. If this resource is added back to the website at some point, it will be easy to produce more of these by simply editing radio scripts.

I produced one or two e-newsletters each month, highlighting new radio and programming, upcoming Polley events, our songwriting club and guitar lending programs, and new book arrivals.

I only produced one video this year, and it was for internal purposes: it explored censorship of music in recent decades, a kind of cousin to banned books week issues. It was used as a part of “make-up” educational opportunities for staff who weren't able to attend last year's in-service day.

As mentioned in the previous two years, I continue to feel slightly hamstrung with the city's 2022 Social Media Policy that eliminated the Polley Facebook and Twitter pages. Now that Polley is hosting so many events, it's especially important to get the word out through as many media formats as possible. While posts are seen by more eyes overall through the main LCL social media pages, they're not necessarily seen by the same audience who liked or followed the Polley accounts, simply due to the way social media algorithms create information bottlenecks in an increasingly content-dense environment.

I also tended to create event pages a month before events so I could hype them several times before they occurred, but now they sometimes drop within days (or even mere hours) of events occurring, due to technical issues with Facebook scheduling for the many events in the library system. If we were back to individual program social media pages, some of those problems could be reduced or eliminated. I hope the city reconsiders this policy in the future.

Programming/Events

We continue to expand the number of events hosted by Polley. We reached a new peak this year with 19 events, not counting the monthly songwriting/composing club. While my general goal is to host around one event per month on average, we were able to work with some partners to add additional programs at minimal expense. I also tried to mix performance-oriented events with others aimed more at improving skills related to music. This year also marks the first time that I added programs focused on children—previous Polley events have always been for adults or families.

In September, we had a lecture/show-and-tell about synthesizers called “Synthtober,” led by Omaha synthesist Aaron Gumm. He brought lots of synths to show the basics of how they produce sound and how designs have evolved over time, and fielded lots of questions from the audience of 20. He ended up staying for an extra hour to continue addressing questions and allowing people to come up and try the instruments themselves.

In October, we had a performance and presentation by Lincoln’s own *dream journal*, the solo project of J. Bockoven. He performed some of his music, explained how he creates, manipulates, and builds loops in a live setting, and even had members of the audience come up to try it themselves. In his talking about playing at Polley, he reflected on the importance of this resource in his own upbringing: “When I was a kid, this library literally saved me. My dad always took me weekly, and I would grab any CD and any music books I could. I discovered a world of music I never knew existed. Early on, I found techno, house, folk, hip hop, indie rock, and so much more. They laid a foundation for the type of music I make now. 10 year old me would be so proud right now!” There were 16 attendees.

In November, we had a “How to get your band seen: Press kits, websites, and booking!” event with Lincoln musician and promoter Mike Semrad. This was held at Walt branch in the makerspace area. Semrad was able to speak to many issues facing bands and artists who are just getting started, trying to reach more fans and venues. We had five attendees.

December featured a performance by Kearney, NE multimedia artist Patrick Hargon, who discussed how he searches for “the sounds that sounds make” through various kinds of effects, synthesis, and controlled pitch sets, and he performed some of his music in a trio setting. We had 10 attendees.

We were visited by Andrew Borakove from Lincoln’s unique company Gongs Unlimited in February. He and his staff brought a wide variety of gongs from around the world to demonstrate the differences in sounds they can produce, as well as some singing bowls. They had the audience gather in an area in the middle of these instruments to experience a short “sound healing,” one of the common uses for collections of gongs and bowls today, and Borakove discussed additional uses for them, including musical, meditative, and ritualistic applications, from ancient traditions to modern-day innovations. We had 12 attendees.

In March, Lincoln musician Luke Norse performed and discussed the various elements of his long-running Multidimensional Cowboy project, ranging from work with a variety of percussion instruments to flutes to electronics manipulated with effects pedals, and simple singer/songwriter arrangements with banjo. We had 14 attendees.

We hosted a series of three “Secrets of the Song” events with Lincoln songwriter Nick Vaccaro in March, April and May. Each focused on the unique approach of a particular notable songwriter. March featured Dolly Parton, April was Bob Marley, and May was Lin-Manuel Miranda.

On May 12, I hosted a “Surrealist Games” event, which started with a PowerPoint presentation of the games that Dada and Surrealist art movements introduced to the world, followed by participants trying out visual, literary, and musical versions of the games themselves. We had 10 attendees who had a ton of fun, and this may become a regular event once or twice a year.

Also in May, we had pioneering American free improvising saxophonist Jack Wright visit the library, where he talked about his work, his book *The Free Musics* (which is available in Polley), and he performed as well, both solo and in a trio that I ended up playing in along with Lincoln instrument designer Jay Kreimer. There were 15 attendees.

Polley events in June and July (and one in August) featured a series of 5 Music Exploration programs by Music Studio LNK. These took place every other week, and were timed to start after the Stoller Stories events. We had the luck of great weather on all of these dates, and were able to host these in the BMPL courtyard. We had 16 and 19 attendees at the June dates, over 50 on July 10, 35 on July 24th, and 24 at the final August date. These were made possible through a partnership with the Lincoln Arts Council.

We had two more events in August, both of which were in partnership with the Crossroads Music Festival. We hosted their “Baby Concert” on August 4 in our auditorium, which drew 51 engaged visitors, and we held their “Storytelling Slam,” which also featured lots of musical elements, on 2nd floor on August 5th, with 24 attendees.

The Polley songwriting/composing club continues to meet monthly. This year, I added one Saturday meeting date each quarter due to patron requests. The number of attendees is still very slowly growing: a couple of months, we only had 1 (this is usually due to weather), though many months we were in the 7-9 attendee range.

Technology/Facilities

Technology and facilities for Polley remained the same this year, but there are discussions toward supplementing the area that could start to move forward in the next fiscal year. As mentioned earlier, I participated in the Local Music Advisory Group throughout the year. While the main focus this year was on the Music Box project, we are also continuing to evaluate plans that will create new music-related amenities near the library, likely along 14th street between O and P streets. There is an overlap between these plans and the Downtown Corridors project, which is continuing to be developed, and the Lincoln Arts Council has been exploring what it would to get some part of these plans designated as a state Creative District. As of the time of this writing, it appears that the Lincoln Arts Council will cease operations in mid-October, but hopefully someone else will pick up this work (as well as the many other fantastic programs they offer).

Plans for FY 2024-25

I plan to continue focusing on both performance and training-oriented Polley events over the next year. This is an area where we can have immediate impact on the music community in Lincoln, providing resources that can't be found elsewhere, while also driving traffic into the Polley area where patrons will find even more useful musical resources.

The Music Box project across the street could have some impact on Polley programming/events in the coming year as well. Once it's open, likely in mid-winter, I'll be able to assess the possibilities with more

precision. The potential for more in-depth music workshops, with relevant equipment available on-site, could make for some valuable experiences for patrons.

While that is being constructed, there is also the possibility of doing something music-related with the training room area located immediately north of the Polley area, in the east wing of BMPL's 2nd floor. This space is rarely used (the most recent use by staff was my Ableton Live software training program with Darren Keen last year), and the concept of converting the space into a recording/video production/makerspace area has been raised. It's not likely that we would be able to fundraise to the level necessary to soundproof the area against extremely loud sources like drum kits and amplifiers, but moderate soundproofing to account for acoustic instruments and electronic music production with headphones should be possible. Expanding hands-on experiences in the library, and providing resources and expertise that might otherwise be cost-prohibitive for many, are great ways to make the Polley Music Library even more meaningful for the community.

Expanding into the east wing of the 2nd floor also gives a poetic symmetry to Lillian Helms Polley's first donation to the library: "In 1966 she gave the Lincoln City Libraries \$12,000 to match a grant of Federal funds. The money was used to finance the building project which added the north and east wings to the two-story Bennett Martin Library and included a space that would become the Polley Music Library." <https://www.lincolnlibraries.org/visit/polley-music-library/lillian-helms-polley-and-the-music-of-lincoln/>