

## MEETING NOTICE

DATE: March 14, 2025  
TO: Library Board, Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney  
FROM: Ryan Wieber, Library Director  
SUBJECT: Library Board Meeting

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING: Tuesday, March 18, 2025  
Bennett Martin Public Library  
136 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
Lincoln, NE 68508

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

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### AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Announcement of Open Meetings Law
2. Approval of Agenda\*
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items
4. Approval of November 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes\*  
Approval of February 25, 2025 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 February 2025\*
6. Special Committee Reports
7. New Business
  - a. Approval of Contract Renewal with BMI for Janitorial Services\*
  - b. 2024 Volunteer Report – *Kim Shelley*
  - c. Approval of the Annual Volunteer Proclamation\*
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, FEBRUARY 25, 2025, 8:00 a.m.

BENNETT MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Shaw, Patty Beutler, Dan Sloan present. A quorum was not yet present.

## CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

President Shaw called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. and announced the Open Meetings Law and today's agenda were posted and available for review. President Shaw noted that Vice-President Ostrowicki would be late arriving, and thus those gathered would proceed with the portions of the meeting not requiring a vote until her arrival.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Committee on Administration

No Report

### Committee on Buildings and Grounds

No Report

### Committee on Technology

No Report

### Committee on Finance

Director Wieber noted that the Finance Committee met on Monday, February 24, with Hale, Bogen, Accountant Ali Larson and the Director Wieber attending. Discussion included the BVH contract status. Of the not-to-exceed amount of \$389,000, approximately \$200,000 remains unspent at this point. Work continues trying to identify the best solution for downtown. The Frye Frazey security contract was also discussed, details of which to be presented during the New Business portion of this meeting. Larson then presented an overview of Keno funds over the past ten years, which will be shared with the full Board at the March meeting.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### One Book One Lincoln

Library Coordinator, LeeAnn Sergeant reported that the Steering Committee met to review applications for open positions on the One Book One Lincoln (OBOL) Committee, and five new members were added: Theresa Arneal, Nola Derby-Bennett, PK Duncan, Sheri Pfeil and Vikki Power. Sergeant shared that 104 titles were submitted for OBOL, and the Support Services staff winnowed that list down to 64, based on the availability of materials. Audio versions continue to be a necessary option, accommodations have been made to keep the available number of titles high, including permitting titles with no Large Type edition, given that digital copies offer the readers options to enlarge the print on their devices. At the committee's first meeting on February 22, that number was reduced down to 46 titles. At the next meeting, scheduled for March 5, the committee will reduce the number further, down to 20-25 titles.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Shaw had no report.

## ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Director Glaesemann provided a staffing update. Librarian, Claire Saathoff, will begin at Bennett Martin on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Staff are in second round interviews for a Gere/South branch librarian. Heritage Room Curator, Deb Arenz started February 20<sup>th</sup>. An offer has been extended for the Read Aloud Librarian position. 40-hour and 20-hr vacancies Library Service Associates (LSAs) at Gere and a 20-hour LSA at Bookmobile are in preparation for posting. Office Specialist Gewecke is preparing six internship positions and four summer temporary positions for posting.

The newly formed Staff Innovation Grant is set to go live March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Staff can apply for these grants from a pool of \$10,000 of Foundation monies yearly, individually or in groups, in amounts between \$300-\$3,000 for projects that support the mission of the library. A staff committee made up of Administrators, Coordinators, Managers, LSAs and aides will decide on which projects to fund. Winners will report on their progress at mid-year, and give a final reporting of their project at Inservice in the fall. Brief discussion followed.

Vice President Ostrowicki arrived at this time. A quorum was present.

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Wieber noted that circulation was up 7% in January compared to 2024, with print item circulation up for the first time in months by 2%. Library visits were up 6%, youth program attendance up 18% compared to 2024; adult program attendance up 65%, and computer usage up 29%. The weather has been fair, which has likely been a contributing factor, but it also shows the effect of having positions filled, new books being ordered and prominently displayed, and more staff available to engage with customers and create programming.

Foundation for LCL Executive Director Transition Update: Foundation Board officers, President Childress and Vice President Bell, are stepping up to cover the duties vacated by McNair's retirement during the interim. Glaesemann is liaising with the Foundation volunteers. Former Board President, Dan Sloan gave an update on the interview process. No candidate has yet been chosen, the position is still open and active recruiting has begun.

Public Speaking Engagements: Director Wieber shared that he's recently spoken at both City Councilperson Duden's and Councilperson Bower's recent Town Hall meetings, and had great engagement in person and via video conference with citizens, and experienced great support from the Council members.

*At this time, President Shaw indicated that the meeting would return to scheduled items requiring a Board vote. He noted that since the November, 2024 meeting minutes require the approval of a quorum who all had attended the November meeting, that vote would again need to be postponed as only three of the currently present board members were in attendance in November.*

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shaw noted that the Agenda/Meeting Notice was posted according to the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska. Administrative Aide Dale noted that the Agenda contained an error to be corrected – under “5. Standing Committee Reports,” the Approval of expenditures should read “January, 2025” instead of “December, 2024.” Sloan moved for the approval of the Agenda as corrected. Beutler seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Beutler, Ostrowicki, Shaw, Sloan– AYE. Motion carried 4-0.

## APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Postponed until March Meeting

## APPROVAL OF JANUARY 28, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Ostrowicki motioned approval of the minutes. Sloan seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Beutler, Ostrowicki, Shaw, Sloan – AYE. Motion carried 4-0.

### Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures for January, 2025

Vice President Ostrowicki shared that the total Operational expenditures were \$803,915.24. Expenditures from other funds totaled \$110,675.23 for Total Expenditures of \$914,590.47. Beutler moved approval of the report. Sloan seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ostrowicki, Shaw, Sloan, Beutler – AYE. Motion carried 4-0.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Amendment of 2024-2025 Contract with Frye, Frazey for Security Services Not to Exceed \$135,000

Director Wieber explained that the original contract with Frye Frazey was signed in 2022 and includes the option for three renewals. The contract was renewed in 2023 and 2024, and the intent is to renew for 2025 today. Last year's upper limit of \$118,000 did not include the added costs for additional hours and a raise in hourly pay that were intended. This change will remedy that error. We have been very pleased with their work and the staff they provide. Ostrowicki moved approval of the amendment. Beutler seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Shaw, Sloan, Beutler, Ostrowicki – AYE. Motion carried 4-0.

### Consideration of a 2025-2026 Contract with Frye, Frazey for Security Services Not to Exceed \$145,000

Director Wieber then shared that the not-to-exceed number for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is correctly stated at \$145,000. The library will send the contract out to bid again for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Beutler moved approval of the contract. Ostrowicki seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Shaw, Sloan, Beutler Ostrowicki – AYE. Motion carried 4-0.

### Presentation of 2023-2024 Annual Report

Director Wieber shared that the intent of publishing the Annual Report is to create a historical document that demonstrates the significant work the library does to the public, to the City government and to potential funders. It is relatively inexpensive to design and print, and serves as an important tool, directly related to the library's strategic priority of "Growing our Support." Brief discussion followed.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.



# Library Board Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

BENNETT MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jackie Ostrowicki, Lisa Hale, Dan Sloan, Terri Dunlap, Morgan Gerteisen, present. A quorum was present. Patty Beutler and Joe Shaw were absent. Nichole Bogen arrived late.

## CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Vice President Ostrowicki called the meeting to order in President Shaw's absence at 8:00 a.m. and announced the Open Meetings Law was posted and available for review.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ostrowicki noted that the Agenda/Meeting Notice was posted according to the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska. Ostrowicki asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as posted. Hale so moved. Sloan seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Gerteisen, Hale, Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Sloan – AYE. Motion carried 5-0.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment.

## APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 15, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Two needed corrections were noted, the date on the Minutes should be corrected to October 15, 2024 instead of today's date, and to note that Gerteisen was present. Ostrowicki asked for a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Gerteisen so moved. Dunlap seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hale, Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Sloan, Gerteisen – AYE. Motion carried 5-0.

## 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 \$1,405,388.51. Expenditures from other funds totaled \$47,398.58 for Total Expenditures of \$1,452,787.09. Hale moved approval of the report. Sloan seconded. Bogen arrived at this time. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Sloan, Gerteisen, Hale – AYE. Motion carried 5-0.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Foundation Executive Director Report

Gail McNair thanked all who attended and participated in the Spelling Bee – special thanks to Joe Shaw for being a speller, and Ryan Wieber for acting as judge. The Foundation has observed that while the Spelling Bee and the Wine and Dine are popular events, the funds from those events are less than past years due to increased costs of holding the events. Discussions are being held on how to keep those costs low.

New membership materials are being completed at the printer and will be sent out to all Board Members to be shared with handwritten notes. The goal is for everyone to share with five people. Lunch at the Library is December 4 from 12:10–1:00 p.m. Alan J. Bartels is the featured local author this month, sharing his book “100 Things to Do in the Nebraska Sandhills Before You Die.” Holiday sales at the Book Nooks will last from November 25 to December 31. They’re great opportunities for gift giving.

The Foundation has secured a \$3,000 grant from the Viking Foundation to support the Begin with Books program. An estate gift was received from long-time library supporter Mark Tallman, and a brochure on how to contact the Foundation for LCL to set up an estate gift has been handed out. Another gift has been received from the estate of April Lau, which will be made into an endowment and will pay out annual to benefit Gere Branch, where April was a regular patron.

Gail announced her retirement at the end of the Foundation’s fiscal year, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. A search committee has been established to identify a new Director. Brief discussion followed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Bennett Martin Elevator Replacement Agreement

Director Wieber shared that the next needed improvement at Bennet Martin, partly accounted for in the last CIP is the replacement of the elevator up to 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The cost exceeds the \$200,000 was initially reserved, so the amount being requested for approval today is for the project not to exceed \$317,000.00. Once the agreements are in place, the work will be scheduled for late winter, and plans are laid for working around the lack of meeting room space for programming and events during the repairs which will keep the elevator out of service for around a month. Discussion on the CIP process and the increased costs followed. Hale moved approval. Sloan seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Sloan, Gerteisen, Hale – AYE. Motion carried 5-0.

### Polley Music Library Annual Report

Vice President Ostrowicki introduced Polley Librarian Scott Scholz, who indicated that Board members had all received a copy of the report. He noted that the Polley Music Library’s goal, like last year, was to increase programming, keep the collection culturally relevant and bring folks in to inspire collaboration and creativity. This year’s programming included Polley’s first foray into children’s programming, along with programs aimed at teaching skills instead of simply performances. Sloan asked about the existing program to check out ukuleles and guitars, and Scholz noted they’re both still very popular and circulation is well balanced to the existing collection of instruments. He gave an update on opening “The Music Box” mixed use (rehearsal/performance) space across the street from Bennett Martin. Anticipated opening is within the next few months. The Downtown Lincoln Association is working with the City to make it happen. Sloan moved approval of the report. Hale seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Dunlap, Sloan, Gerteisen, Hale, Ostrowicki – AYE. Motion carried 5-0.

## Schedule of 2025 Board Meeting Dates and Locations

Vice President Ostrowicki shared the new schedule and reminded the Board of the summer evening meetings that will be scheduled at branches. Dunlap moved approval. Gerteisen seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Sloan, Gerteisen, Hale, Ostrowicki, Dunlap – AYE. Motion carried 5-0.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Ostrowicki commended regarding LCL's role in providing out-of-school learning experiences. Recent Masters coursework has provided her the opportunity to discuss the library's role in accessing information, technology, ideas, makerspaces and programming.

## ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Director Glaesemann was absent.

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Wieber shared that the new annual report should be completed and distributed in December. Staffing vacancies continue to be filled. Bennett Martin is mostly full, kudos to LeeAnn Sergeant and her team for going through the hiring process and conducting the interviews. The Heritage Room Curator position is currently open, as well as a couple of aide positions coming open soon. Bennett Martin's new Library Service Supervisor is Chrystal Dunworth, and new librarian Jonathan Lucero is here from Nashville, TN. Gere's Adult Services Librarian Pat Sloan retired last month, and her position will be opening soon. The Library Service Supervisor position at Gere has been filled by Dustin Mosko.

Wyatt Packard, the new Walt Library Manager will be reinstating the training calendar for staff which was altered during lockdown. To meet the Strategic Plan Priority of Strengthening our Potential by improving our communication with staff, new staff Town Halls are scheduled quarterly and the first was held two weeks ago. Staff scheduled on the day attend the Zoom meeting live, others view the recording later. The Staff innovation grant process we're starting is to encourage new ideas from staff about programming, collections and technology. \$7,500-10,000/year from the Foundation will be earmarked for these grants. First meetings of the grant committee will be held shortly.

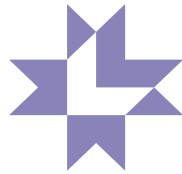
The City has implemented a new Green Team. Megan Peda, Matt Norsworthy and Lauren Eastman will be the library's liaisons. The group will explore ways we can be more sustainable in our actions and purchases.

The Finance Committee met on October 30<sup>th</sup>, and discussed some projects including the new carpet on fourth floor, and the landscaping project at Eiseley is moving forward and fall plantings will go in this or next week, as well as the elevator bids. The Holiday breakfast is upcoming Friday, December 6, 8:00 a.m. at Gere, and Board members are welcome. Invitations will be forthcoming.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Matthew McCann (no address) spoke in support of library programs and funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



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City Libraries

## **Memo to the Library Board**

**March 2025**

**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 46.92%, compared to the budgeted 50%. Annual adjusted expenditures to date are 47.87%.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Committee on Administration**

The Committee did not meet.

#### **Committee on Buildings and Grounds**

The Committee did not meet.

#### **Committee on Technology**

There was no meeting in February.

#### **Committee on Finance**

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

This committee met on February 24 to discuss the Frye Frazey contract amendment and new 2025-2026 contract, and received a report from Ali Larson on Keno revenue.

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

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No FLCL or OBOL reports this month

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of Contract renewal with BMI for Janitorial Services for 2025-2026 - Not to Exceed \$130,000\*

The original contract with BMI for janitorial services was approved in March 2023 and then renewed in March 2024. BMI provides this service for all locations and we've been happy with their service. The not to exceed amount reflects a \$500.00 increase over last year.

- b. 2024 Volunteer Report

Volunteer Coordinator Kim Shelley will present the 2024 Report, which is also available in your packet. This action is completed ahead of the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, scheduled for Sunday, April 13 at College View Church's Harvest Hall. All Board members are encouraged to attend this event.

- c. Approval of the Annual Volunteer Proclamation\*

This annual proclamation honors the many library volunteers and recognizes the tremendous contributions they give to aid in the daily operations of a great library system.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **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**

Paul Durbin	To present a talk titled, "From Cosmos to the Common - Math is the Center of it All" at Walt Branch Library, at the date and time in the agreement at no cost.	2/24/2025
Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, Inc.	To provide dog/trainer or cat/trainer pairs to Libraries on a schedule to be mutually agreed upon at no cost.	2/25/2025
Community Crops c/o Family Service Lincoln	Provide presenters to share gardening-related activities for kids and adults at Gere Branch Library at the date and time in the agreement at no cost.	2/25/2025
Joy Castro, Author	To lead the workshop: "Writing About Place" at the date and time in the agreement at no cost.	2/18/2025
Center for People	Agreement for Library to regularly provide staff to host a booth at the Center for People on the dates listed in the agreement to sign participants up for library cards and to participate in classroom activities if requested at no cost.	2/17/2025
Lincoln Electric System	LES will provide donations for books, and giveaways to and cooperate with Lincoln City Libraries for 2025 youth services programming at no cost.	2/7/2025
Marc Myers as "Abcess Grenk"	Marc Myers as "Abcess Grenk" will present a musical performance featuring music from their album, "Erguss von Licht" at the Polley Music Library inside Bennett Martin Public Library on the date and time in the Agreement at a cost not to exceed \$200.00.	2/3/2025
Deborah Dugan, Owner, Via Medical Massage	Present a program to teach and guide caregivers through massage techniques for babies at Walt Branch Library on the date/time in the agreement for a cost not to exceed \$75.	2/3/2025
Foundry Community Foundation	For providing an intern who will obtain professional and practical experience in her concentration under the supervision and guidance of Lincoln City Libraries staff pursuant to the Internship Program description attached to the agreement at a cost not to exceed \$3,300.00	2/3/2025



**LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES**  
136 S. 14th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508-1899

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Library Board

**FROM:** Ali Larson, LCL Business Office

**RECAP OF EXPENDITURES - FEB 2025**

Library Operational Budget - FY 2024-25	\$	925,415.47	
Library Enc/Reapp - From FY 2023-24		-	
Heritage Room Fund - FY 2024-25		-	
Polley Music Library - FY 2024-25		9,083.41	
<b>Total Operational Expenditures</b>		-	<b>\$ 934,498.88</b>
Grants	\$	326.63	
Hompes Fund		-	
Keno		75,335.92	
Miscellaneous Library Donations Funds		1,046.29	
Capital Improvements		-	
<b>Total Expenditures - Other Funds</b>			<b>76,708.84</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>			<b>\$ 1,011,207.72</b>



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## Director's Report for February 2025

The Virtual Services department has been busy with upgrades across the system, including adding new Traftsys door counters at all locations. Manager Rod Cummings indicates these units will provide more accurate data, and are now wired (power over ethernet) into each location, eliminating the need for battery replacement. Our wireless access point devices are also being switched out at all locations. The current units are 8-10 years old and at the point for replacement. They also replaced 35 Envisionware PCs across the system, and its server, too. Those machines/software manage public computer usage (print management, and time/reservation management). The VS team (Rod, Peter J., Randy R., and Andrew I.) do a masterful job tackling the daily tickets, necessary upgrades and maintenance, keep the website fresh and up to date, and ensure the library's systems are safe and functioning!

We're happy to have two new team members fill vacant positions at Bennett Martin. The Library recently welcomed Deb Arenz as the new Heritage Room Curator. She has great experience as a museum administrator and was formerly an Associate Collections Manager at the Nebraska State Historical Society. Claire Saathoff is our new Librarian assisting with children's activities at Bennett Martin, and has excellent experience from her time at Omaha Public Library.

Youth Services and Outreach Coordinator, Ali Bousquet, and her youth programming partners across the system have a great jumpstart on Summer Reading Challenge planning. The difference between last year—when we were without a coordinator—and now is noticeably significant and should make for a smoother and more impactful 2025 SRC. This year's theme is "Color our World."

Bethany Branch's adjacent lot to the south will soon be improved for additional parking. The plan is for the northern portion of that lot to provide another 8-10 stalls, and Urban Development Dept will seek economic development opportunities for the remainder of the lot.

2024-2025 budget news: Accountant Ali Larson has created useful budgets for Youth and Adult programming purposes per location or service unit to allow better planning and awareness throughout the year. Allocations are from both operational and donation dollars and are spent toward supplies and speaker fees. Additionally, a budget for furniture replacement for public and staff purposes has been designated, again utilizing



part operation revenue, and part donation revenue. Admin received notice of prioritized needs from each library location, and then decisions on spending priority have been determined through planning with managers and the admin team.

The annual Teen Art Show at Anderson Branch once again displayed a beautiful array of art from talented students at Northeast High School. Big kudos to the crew at NESU for this partnership and a great way to bring students and their families into the branch for a special evening.

Recent community work includes a presentation at Councilman Duden's February 19 Town Hall, appointments with LPS Libraries, Cause Collective, and a strategic planning session with the YMCA.

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, Mission and Priorities in our daily work:

- The annual "Writers Write" workshop, sponsored and coordinated by the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association (NLHA) is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Bennett Martin. Approximately 60 8<sup>th</sup> graders from LPS will be in attendance. Librarian Amber S. and Heritage Room Curator Deb A. will assist at the event.
- Pam C. (Eiseley-Williams) shared this remark from a Williams patron: A storytime mom commented today on how happy she was that we had a library here in Air Park. She said, "Every morning we check to see which library we will go to and today was great because Storytime was in our neighborhood!"
- At Eiseley Branch, Susan S. hosted a Family Night for Clinton Elementary. Families had a pizza supper and then toured the library, with 165 participants learning about library resources

- In advance of the Audubon's Bird EnCOUNTER, Eiseley's Tami R. hosted a program for patrons of all ages to paint bird houses and construct a pine cone bird feeder. There were 15 participants.
- From Eiseley-Williams Manager Lisa O.: "The Capitol Humane Society contacted me to host a pop-up in the parking lot to give away pet food. They said that many of their recent adopters were from this area of Lincoln and they were hoping to reach them. We got them to use a meeting room, instead, and their staff told me they had 69 people in attendance. Tami R. put up a display on pet care to coincide with this program. They plan to return in the future since they had such a good turnout.
- Virtual Services' Andrew I. reports working on several projects for our younger patrons. He updated all of the Magic Desktop computers; he also investigated several new games and educational apps for children's iPads for NESU, and installed those that worked properly with our security and usability policies for those devices. He also tested a new Bethany Branch children's iPad and got it ready to install in the kiosk stand when it arrives.
- At Gere Branch, Virtual Services put in larger screens for public internet stations where the monitor sits below the desk to aid in better viewing on the 11<sup>th</sup>. They also installed a new fax machine at South Library.
- Araya W. shared: "On 2/4 a patron whose husband recently died made use of our floppy disk reader at Gere. When she returned it to the desk, she told me it worked perfectly and made taking care of things after her spouse's death much easier."
- Leanne D. hosted a "Telephone Tech Time" program at Gere on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Leanne shared: "My Telephone Tech Time program was a success! There were only four registered and in attendance, but that was the perfect number of people, because they each had so many questions. They had an assortment of phone brands (both android and iPhones), and they were all at different ability levels."
- Yoel S. relayed information to a customer about how she can go about getting her mother a library card. She is moving in with her from Florida and has a vision impairment, so she wanted to get her mother set up with some audiobooks. We walked through a good plan to start with an eCard and then stop in to update to a full use card after she gets settled in. That way she could immediately access Libby and Hoopla with the eCard number.
- Leanne D. and Yoel S. had thirty 3D printing requests this month. The projects resulted in 52 hours of print time. Yoel shared: "We reprinted 3 designs for Madonna Rehab. A few pieces either broke or had rough spots so clients couldn't use them. We adjusted some settings and hopefully this will fix the issues with durability. These are practical devices so they need to be stronger. We are learning more every day with every print,

and are discovering what these machines are really capable of once you understand the software and the finer details of the medium as a whole.” Yoel shared that one of the 3D customers brought in their Lightning McQueen car that had printed for him to show how he painted it by following an online tutorial. Projects this month also included an adjustable hairbrush handle, glow-in-the-dark star, articulated chameleon and a pink dragon.

- Music and Movement at Gere was hosted by Paden H., Ronda H., and Diane V. with the themes of Moose; Hugs & Kisses; Penguins; and Sledding. There were 19 sessions with 481 attending.

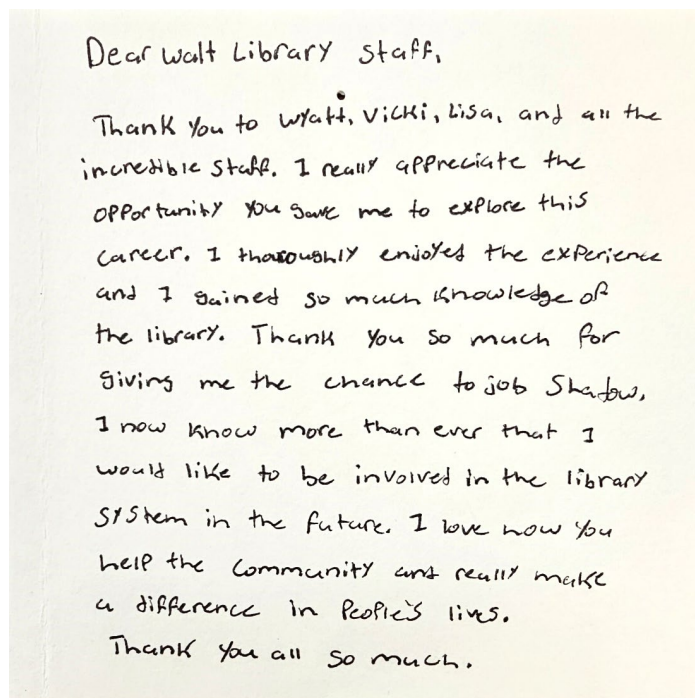


- Gere's Ronda H. shared: "A patron asked me for help putting an obituary together for her father. She had everything written up in an email. I showed her how to copy and paste it onto a Word document. We then added a picture. When we were all done, she teared up as she thanked me for the help. She said she would have never been able to do it on her own."
- The puppet theater at Anderson Branch Library has temporarily been transformed into a "pizza parlor." An attendee at preschool storytime commented to a staff member, "That pizza place you have is my favorite thing in the whole world!" Staff members have witnessed numerous kids taking orders and serving up pizza to their parents and siblings. It has been fun for staff members to witness. However, it has caused some inexplicable pizza hunger pangs.
- On Sunday, 02/02/2025, Anderson Branch Library hosted another Construction Crew session. According to Karrie S., "Our third *Construction Crew* event drew a great crowd of twenty-six. I hope this is something we can keep building on. We're going to need more building toys though!"

- Karrie S. (NESU) shared the following about the Bethany BookTalks series: We had a good mix of presenters for the month of February: Kate K. from Eiseley talked about Indigenous People. NESU's manager Kim S. talked about things she loves, including showing a bunch of quilts she has made. Accountant Ali L. gave her debut booktalk. And Lisa V. ended the month with Biographies. While Ali was telling the group how excited she was to be asked to give a booktalk, because she isn't a "Librarian," one of the attendees commented: "It's good to see that everybody is engaged with the library -- not just librarians -- you're all part of the same mission!"
- Walt Manager Wyatt Packard shared that "While working at the front desk, a teen asked if he could renew a stack of books. The books were about astrophysics and advanced mathematics. Knowing that our physical collection on those topics is limited due to the scope of a public library's collection, I asked if he had heard of Hoopla. He had not, so I shared that I have found a broad range of science nonfiction there. He was visibly and genuinely excited to know that he could access materials that way and continue his learning."
- Vicki C. (Walt) shared that "A college student was checking out materials to help with her statistics class. I told her about our online resource - HelpNow for Homework by Brainfuse. She was very excited about it and said she would tell all her friends."
- Vicki C. also shared this customer interaction: "As I was shelving holds a young woman approached me hesitantly and said she wanted to ask me a question, but it was hard to ask. She had a screenshot of a 'message from the CDC,' then quickly showed me the stack of books in her hand and asked, 'What are you doing about removing these books?' I could see her anxiousness and thanked her for having the courage to ask her questions. I explained that our weeding practices follow a particular set of parameters including use and condition of the material. She was also concerned about access to materials and wondered about our ordering practices. I explained that there is a necessary balance that must be maintained within our collection, but reviews of and requests for materials are taken into consideration while building our collections. We talked about the fact that the library has information for all viewpoints and materials that are used and requested maintain their position in the library. At the end of our conversation she was visibly more confident. She said she and her husband have been

very concerned about access to these books at our library and said she would encourage her friends to come in check them out.”

- Deanne J. (Walt) shared that, “A little boy asked for books on aliens. I showed him the j001s and went back to the youth services desk. A little bit later he came up to the desk with his arms full of books about UFOs and aliens. I got him a basket and he asked me, ‘What does that word say?’ meaning UFO. I explained what the letters stood for, which somehow segued into, ‘How does the library buy all these books?’ which then led to how many libraries there are in Lincoln, which THEN led to me showing him a picture of the bookmobile. We both agreed it looked like a giant caterpillar.”



- This month, the Polley Music Library had a performance by Abcess Grenk, a long-running multimedia project of Lincolnite Marc Myers who recently had an album released on a label from North Carolina. He talked a bit about his work, and performed with a combination of synthesizers, guitars, and effects. We had 9 attendees.
- From Librarian Scott S.: “The Downtown Music Advisory Group had a meeting this month about the Music Box project across the street from Bennett Martin—this time, we discussed locations and concepts for visual art to be done in a few strategic spots, mostly outside of the space. Construction is moving quickly now, and it appears possible that we could see a soft opening in the next month. The Music Box has a lot of potential for collaborations with Polley—there will likely be events that we’ll want to do there, and situations where people using the space will find Polley resources useful as well.”

Ryan Wieber,  
Library Director  
3.14.25

**February 2025 Use Compared to February 2024**  
Lincoln City Libraries

Location	Print Checkouts		Print Loan	Non-Print Checkouts		Non-Print	Total Checkouts		Total Loan
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Loan Change	2025	2024	Change
B MPL	9,881	11,092	-10.92%	1,976	2,662	-25.77%	11,857	13,754	-13.79%
Anderson	9,469	8,484	11.61%	2,103	1,920	9.53%	11,572	10,404	11.23%
Bethany	6,931	6,312	9.81%	813	777	4.63%	7,744	7,089	9.24%
Eiseley	17,912	19,185	-6.64%	2,200	2,814	-21.82%	20,112	21,999	-8.58%
Gere	44,266	48,864	-9.41%	6,151	7,056	-12.83%	50,417	55,920	-9.84%
South	7,077	7,499	-5.63%	1,070	1,040	2.88%	8,147	8,539	-4.59%
Walt	32,395	34,760	-6.80%	4,455	4,918	-9.41%	36,850	39,678	-7.13%
Williams	689	781	-11.78%	202	173	16.76%	891	954	-6.60%
Lied Bookmobile	1,125	1,326	-15.16%	49	136	-63.97%	1,174	1,462	-19.70%
InterLibrary Loan	162	202	-19.80%	0	0	0.00%	162	202	-19.80%
<b>Subtotal Checkouts</b>	<b>129,907</b>	<b>138,505</b>	<b>-6.21%</b>	<b>19,019</b>	<b>21,496</b>	<b>-11.52%</b>	<b>148,926</b>	<b>160,001</b>	<b>-6.92%</b>
Download/Stream Audio	0	0	0.00%	45,942	41,894	9.66%	45,942	41,894	9.66%
Download/Stream eBook	0	0	0.00%	34,010	30,486	11.56%	34,010	30,486	11.56%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,127	889	26.77%	1,127	889	26.77%
<b>TOTAL CHECKOUTS</b>	<b>129,907</b>	<b>138,505</b>	<b>-6.21%</b>	<b>100,098</b>	<b>94,765</b>	<b>5.63%</b>	<b>230,005</b>	<b>233,270</b>	<b>-1.40%</b>

Location	Youth Checkouts		Youth Loan	Adult Checkouts		Adult Loan	Visits	Visits	Visits
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change
B MPL	4,236	5,105	-17.02%	7,621	8,649	-11.89%	9,433	10,524	-10.37%
Anderson	5,681	5,070	12.05%	5,891	5,334	10.44%	6,174	5,373	14.91%
Bethany	4,766	4,173	14.21%	2,978	2,916	2.13%	2,505	3,084	-18.77%
Eiseley	13,365	14,381	-7.06%	6,747	7,618	-11.43%	10,515	10,275	2.34%
Gere	28,579	32,067	-10.88%	21,838	23,853	-8.45%	19,976	19,987	-0.06%
South	4,562	4,861	-6.15%	3,585	3,678	-2.53%	3,357	3,475	-3.40%
Walt	24,681	27,377	-9.85%	12,169	12,301	-1.07%	13,717	13,328	2.92%
Williams	560	723	-22.54%	331	231	43.29%	1,143	1,013	12.83%
Lied Bookmobile	809	924	-12.45%	365	538	-32.16%	154	357	-56.86%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	162	202	-19.80%	0	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Checkouts</b>	<b>87,239</b>	<b>94,681</b>	<b>-7.86%</b>	<b>61,687</b>	<b>65,320</b>	<b>-5.56%</b>	<b>66,974</b>	<b>67,416</b>	<b>-0.66%</b>
Download/Stream Audio	6,456	5,809	11.14%	39,486	36,085	9.42%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBook	8,243	5,098	61.69%	25,767	25,388	1.49%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,127	889	26.77%	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL CHECKOUTS</b>	<b>101,938</b>	<b>105,588</b>	<b>-3.46%</b>	<b>128,067</b>	<b>127,682</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>66,974</b>	<b>67,416</b>	<b>-0.66%</b>

Location	Program & Outreach Attendance - Youth		P&O Att - Youth	Program & Outreach Attendance - Adult		P&O Att - Adult	Computer Use		Computer
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change
B MPL	32	981	-96.74%	166	139	19.42%	2,206	1,900	16.11%
Anderson	466	526	-11.41%	0	0	0.00%	685	766	-10.57%
Bethany	127	201	-36.82%	60	43	39.53%	194	307	-36.81%
Eiseley	914	1,020	-10.39%	148	10	1380.00%	1,146	1,479	-22.52%
Gere	1,338	2,212	-39.51%	178	216	-17.59%	1,167	1,271	-8.18%
South	161	181	-11.05%	3	1	200.00%	374	494	-24.29%
Walt	1,136	1,271	-10.62%	134	171	-21.64%	1,141	1,217	-6.24%
Williams	248	296	-16.22%	0	9	-100.00%	229	166	37.95%
Lied Bookmobile	20	0	0.00%	39	44	-11.36%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	350		0.00%	0		0.00%	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,792</b>	<b>6,688</b>	<b>-28.35%</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>15.01%</b>	<b>7,142</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>-6.03%</b>

Location	Meeting Room Attendance		Meeting Room Att	Study Room Attendance		Study Room Att	2025	2024	Change
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change			
B MPL	307	230	33.48%	64		0.00%			0.00%
Anderson	196	173	13.29%	0		0.00%			0.00%
Bethany	0	0	0.00%	0		0.00%			0.00%
Eiseley	547	397	37.78%	297		0.00%			0.00%
Gere	740	812	-8.87%	217		0.00%			0.00%
South	0	0	0.00%	0		0.00%			0.00%
Walt	405	808	-49.88%	318		0.00%			0.00%
Williams	0	0	0.00%	0		0.00%			0.00%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	0		0.00%			0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>-9.30%</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

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Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits			February 2025 Other Use					February 2024 Other Use					Change: Total Other Use
	Feb 2025	Feb 2024	Change	Feb 2025	Feb 2024	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	11,857	13,754	-13.79%	9,433	10,524	-10.37%	2,206	198	307	64	2,775	1,900	1,120	230	0	
Anderson Branch Library	11,572	10,404	11.23%	6,174	5,373	14.91%	685	466	196	0	1,347	766	526	173	0	1,465	-8.05%
Bethany Branch Library	7,744	7,089	9.24%	2,505	3,084	-18.77%	194	187	0	0	381	307	244	0	0	551	-30.85%
Eiseley Branch Library	20,112	21,999	-8.58%	10,515	10,275	2.34%	1,146	1,062	547	297	3,052	1,479	1,030	397	0	2,906	5.02%
Gere Branch Library	50,417	55,920	-9.84%	19,976	19,987	-0.06%	1,167	1,516	740	217	3,640	1,271	2,428	812	0	4,511	-19.31%
South Branch Library	8,147	8,539	-4.59%	3,357	3,475	-3.40%	374	164	0	0	538	494	182	0	0	676	-20.41%
Walt Branch Library	36,850	39,678	-7.13%	13,717	13,328	2.92%	1,141	1,270	405	318	3,134	1,217	1,442	808	0	3,467	-9.60%
Williams Branch Library	891	954	-6.60%	1,143	1,013	12.83%	229	248	0	0	477	166	305	0	0	471	1.27%
Lied Bookmobile	1,174	1,462	-19.70%	154	357	-56.86%	0	59	0	0	59	0	44	0	0	44	34.09%
InterLibrary Loan	162	202	-19.80%	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	350	0	0	350	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>148,926</b>	<b>160,001</b>	<b>-6.92%</b>	<b>66,974</b>	<b>67,416</b>	<b>-0.66%</b>	<b>7,142</b>	<b>5,520</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>15,753</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>7,321</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,341</b>	<b>-9.16%</b>
DownloadStream Audio	45,942	41,894	9.66%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBooks	34,010	30,486	11.56%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	1,127	889	26.77%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>Download SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>81,079</b>	<b>73,269</b>	<b>10.66%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>230,005</b>	<b>233,270</b>	<b>-1.40%</b>	<b>66,974</b>	<b>67,416</b>	<b>-0.66%</b>	<b>7,142</b>	<b>5,520</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>15,753</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>7,321</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,341</b>	<b>-9.16%</b>

Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total	REGISTRATIONS	2025	2024	Change
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth					
<b>Owned</b>	347,552	303,926	74,474	32,534	758,486	Purged	659	688	-4.22%
<b>Added</b>	1,651	2,390	181	132	4,354	<b>Active</b>			
<b>Withdrawn</b>	-2,861	-1,294	-898	-297	-5,350	Resident	148,490	147,558	0.63%
<b>Current</b>	346,342	305,022	73,757	32,369	757,490	Library OneCard	53,123	47,862	10.99%
						County	8,895	9,044	-1.65%
						NonResident	960	934	2.78%
						Reciprocal	491	483	1.66%
						Limited Use	10,241	9,551	7.22%
						<b>Total Active</b>	<b>222,200</b>	<b>215,432</b>	<b>3.14%</b>

Note: Nebraska authors database system down for several days - accounts for database use # being low for February 2025

	2025	2024	Change
<b>WiFi Sessions</b>	105,137	121,838	-13.71%
<b>WiFi Users</b>	8,546	9,401	-9.09%
<b>Website Users</b>	83,931	104,545	-19.72%
<b>Website Sessions</b>	117,910	143,041	-17.57%
<b>Database Use</b>	7,410	8,858	-16.35%

**Lincoln City Libraries**  
February 2025 Fiscal Year To Date Use Report

Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits		
	Loans/ Circulation FY 24-25 YTD	Loans/ Circulation FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change	Visits FY 24-25 YTD	Visits FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change
Bennett Martin Public Library	78,461	82,055	-4.38%	64,914	62,339	4.13%
Anderson Branch	70,874	67,113	5.60%	33,994	30,931	9.90%
Bethany Branch	46,061	43,503	5.88%	16,770	16,987	-1.28%
Eiseley Branch	126,786	133,176	-4.80%	57,853	52,844	9.48%
Gere Branch	316,321	339,811	-6.91%	112,703	107,171	5.16%
South Branch	52,348	54,391	-3.76%	22,070	20,364	8.38%
Walt Branch	224,099	231,738	-3.30%	76,075	71,408	6.54%
Williams Branch	5,420	5,794	-6.45%	7,192	11,342	-36.59%
Lied Bookmobile	8,720	8,432	3.42%	1,857	1,915	-3.03%
InterLibrary Loan	1,003	1,207	-16.90%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>930,093</b>	<b>967,220</b>	<b>-3.84%</b>	<b>393,428</b>	<b>375,301</b>	<b>4.83%</b>
DownloadStream Audio	281,610	251,240	12.09%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBooks	204,958	198,405	3.30%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	6,340	5,251	20.74%	0	0	0.00%
<b>Download SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>492,908</b>	<b>454,896</b>	<b>8.36%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,423,001</b>	<b>1,422,116</b>	<b>0.06%</b>	<b>393,428</b>	<b>375,301</b>	<b>4.83%</b>

	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change
<b>Online Registrations</b>	679	1,072	-36.66%
<b>Overall Registrations</b>		6,382	-100.00%

	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change
<b>WiFi Sessions</b>	706,564	711,674	-0.72%
<b>WiFi Users</b>	54,152	56,359	-3.92%
<b>Website Users</b>	516,936	575,816	-10.23%
<b>Website Sessions</b>	716,836	769,639	-6.86%
<b>Database Use</b>	44,752	49,795	-10.13%

Year-to-Date Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	
<b>Owned 9/1/2024</b>	372,148	329,191	80,850	34,144	816,333
<b>Added YTD</b>	12,413	10,761	1,652	1,112	25,938
<b>Withdrawn YTD</b>	-38,219	-34,930	-8,745	-2,887	-84,781
<b>Current - 2/28/2025</b>	346,342	305,022	73,757	32,369	757,490

Location	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	14,401	12,649	13.85%	3,134	5,173	-39.42%	1,146	867	32.18%	375	0	0.00%	19,056	18,689	1.96%
Anderson Branch	4,670	4,295	8.73%	5,043	3,704	36.15%	1,134	1,007	12.61%	0	0	0.00%	10,847	9,006	20.44%
Bethany Branch	1,314	1,406	-6.54%	993	1,071	-7.28%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	2,307	2,477	-6.86%
Eiseley Branch	8,079	7,520	7.43%	8,054	5,582	44.29%	2,150	1,958	9.81%	1,765	0	0.00%	20,048	15,060	33.12%
Gere Branch	6,964	7,264	-4.13%	8,925	9,095	-1.87%	3,293	3,447	-4.47%	1,703	0	0.00%	20,885	19,806	5.45%
South Branch	2,532	2,670	-5.17%	1,128	1,238	-8.89%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	3,660	3,908	-6.35%
Walt Branch	6,393	5,923	7.94%	7,648	8,625	-11.33%	2,145	2,662	-19.42%	2,001	0	0.00%	18,187	17,210	5.68%
Williams Branch	1,218	1,072	13.62%	1,435	891	61.05%	20	24	-16.67%	0	0	0.00%	2,673	1,987	34.52%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	376	362	3.87%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	376	362	3.87%
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%	1,323	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1,323	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,571</b>	<b>42,799</b>	<b>6.48%</b>	<b>38,059</b>	<b>35,741</b>	<b>6.49%</b>	<b>9,888</b>	<b>9,965</b>	<b>-0.77%</b>	<b>5,844</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>99,362</b>	<b>88,505</b>	<b>12.27%</b>

\*Study Room Attendance tracking began 9/1/2024



# LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

## Monthly Categorical Report

February 28, 2025

	Budget Amount	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
<b>Administration-Div. 1</b>					
Personnel	\$ 992,911.00	\$ 496,455.50	\$ 467,007.77	\$ 525,903.23	\$ 72,250.71
Supplies	33,000.00	16,500.00	17,383.61	15,616.39	3,821.45
Services & Charges	170,885.00	85,442.50	143,537.18	27,347.82	2,711.60
Other	7,000.00	3,500.00	-	7,000.00	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,203,796.00</b>	<b>\$ 601,898.00</b>	<b>\$ 627,928.56</b>	<b>\$ 575,867.44</b>	<b>\$ 78,783.76</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>50.00%</b>	<b>52.16%</b>		
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds-Div. 2</b>					
Personnel	\$ 133,429.00	\$ 66,714.50	\$ 64,693.83	\$ 68,735.17	\$ 10,277.45
Supplies	26,000.00	13,000.00	42,074.38	(16,074.38)	2,633.01
Services & Charges	1,459,636.00	729,818.00	553,413.99	906,222.01	115,967.38
Other	258,900.00	129,450.00	130,388.04	128,511.96	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,877,965.00</b>	<b>\$ 938,982.50</b>	<b>\$ 790,570.24</b>	<b>\$ 1,087,394.76</b>	<b>\$ 128,877.84</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>50.00%</b>	<b>42.10%</b>		
<b>Public Service-Div. 3</b>					
Personnel	\$ 6,287,345.00	\$ 3,143,672.50	\$ 2,728,590.43	\$ 3,558,754.57	\$ 433,773.33
Supplies	81,900.00	40,950.00	32,262.39	49,637.61	8,296.51
Services & Charges	62,900.00	31,450.00	32,701.78	30,198.22	5,853.14
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,432,145.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,216,072.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,793,554.60</b>	<b>\$ 3,638,590.40</b>	<b>\$ 447,922.98</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>50.00%</b>	<b>43.43%</b>		
<b>Support Services-Div. 4</b>					
Personnel	\$ 1,300,778.00	\$ 650,389.00	\$ 618,633.50	\$ 682,144.50	\$ 97,140.88
Supplies	62,000.00	31,000.00	56,456.98	5,543.02	15,238.31
Services & Charges	434,203.00	217,101.50	366,225.20	67,977.80	53,410.91
Other	1,005,000.00	502,500.00	524,813.79	480,186.21	104,045.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,801,981.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,400,990.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,566,129.47</b>	<b>\$ 1,235,851.53</b>	<b>\$ 269,836.02</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>50.00%</b>	<b>55.89%</b>		
<b>Total Library Operational</b>					
Personnel	\$ 8,714,463.00	\$ 4,357,231.50	\$ 3,878,925.53	\$ 4,835,537.47	\$ 613,442.37
Supplies	202,900.00	101,450.00	148,177.36	54,722.64	29,989.28
Services & Charges	2,127,624.00	1,063,812.00	1,095,878.15	1,031,745.85	177,943.03
Other	1,270,900.00	635,450.00	655,201.83	615,698.17	104,045.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,315,887.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,157,943.50</b>	<b>\$ 5,778,182.87</b>	<b>\$ 6,537,704.13</b>	<b>\$ 925,420.60</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>50.00%</b>	<b>46.92%</b>		
<b>Other Library Fund Appropriations</b>					
	<b>Amount Appropriated</b>		<b>Expended Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Current Month Expended</b>
FY 2023-24 Reappropriated	\$ 706,661.00		\$ 179,626.04	\$ 527,034.96	\$ 104,105.92

**LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES**  
**Feb 2025**

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b><u>GRANT FUNDS</u></b>				
Net Lender Fund	\$ 1,492.15	\$ 237.50	\$ -	1,729.65
NLC Misc Grants	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,247.63	(247.63)
NLC Youth Grant 2024	823.76	-	-	823.76
NLC NE eReads Grant 2024	47,955.00	-	-	47,955.00
State Aid 2023	6,687.94	-	(9,921.00)	16,608.94
State Aid 2024	52,993.00	-	-	52,993.00

**DONATED FUNDS**

Heritage Room	\$ 150,322.14	\$ 51,851.99	\$ -	202,174.13
Polley Music Library	322,645.39	1,091.79	9,083.41	314,653.77
Joseph J. Hompes	140,173.69	498.08	-	140,671.77
Misc. Library Donations	731,576.17	151,830.05	1,046.29	882,359.93
Alice Nielsen	86,696.40	320.59	-	87,016.99
Dorothy Holland	124,708.69	461.16	-	125,169.85
Glennis Leapley	66,335.66	245.30	-	66,580.96
Lincoln Cares	31,710.38	462.48	-	32,172.86

**APPROPRIATED FUNDS**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expended</b>		<b>Balance</b>
		<b>Feb 2025</b>	<b>Exp-to-Date</b>	
Heritage Room FY 2024-25	\$ 36,153.00	\$ -	\$ 9,122.19	27,030.81
Polley Music Library FY 2024-25	124,459.00	9,083.41	57,112.30	67,346.70
Keno FY 2023-24	135,060.52	-	135,060.52	-
Keno FY 2024-25	1,039,500.00	75,330.79	345,342.72	694,157.28
<b>Capital Improvement Projects</b>				
FY 2021-22 Bookmobile	587,148.76	-	-	587,148.76
FY 2022-23 Bennett Martin Elevator 1-4	200,000.00	-	20,640.85	179,359.15
FY 2024-25 Bennett Martin Improvements	250,000.00	-	-	250,000.00



# PROCLAMATION

During National Volunteer Week, we acknowledge the many volunteers who generously give their time and talents to help improve the lives of others.

Their acts of kindness help to build a better and brighter future for Lincoln City Libraries and the citizens it serves.

The Board of Trustees of Lincoln City Libraries hereby proclaims  
April 20-26, 2025

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

at Lincoln City Libraries, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 2025.

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Joe Shaw, President  
Library Board of Trustees



## Library Board of Trustees

From L-R: Morgan Gerteisen, Patty Beutler, Nichole Bogen, Terri Dunlap, Dan Sloan, Treasurer Lisa Hale, President Joe Shaw, Vice President Jackie Ostrowicki



## Lincoln City Libraries Volunteer Team

Vicki Clarke, Liz Claymon, Pam Cuttlers, Marcy Graybill, Deanne Johnson, Kim Jorgensen, Madeline O'Malley, Wyatt Packard, Tami Rust, Kimberly Shelley (Chair), Karrie Simpson, Jessica Smith, Susan Steider, Amber Stephenson, Diane Vanek, Lisa Voss, Greg Welch, Lisa Westlund, Celeste Wright

# Volunteer Report

## 2024



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Foundation for LCL Volunteers at "Book Blast" popup book sale



## 2024 Statistics

Volunteers:	188
Youth (ages 11-18):	99
Adults (age 19+):	89
Hours donated:	9,112
Value of donated hours:	\$305,161

The estimated national value of each volunteer hour is \$33.49, according to the Independent Sector with the Do Good Institute at the University of Maryland, 4/23/2024

Locations	Volunteers	Hours
Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries	19	3,083
Gere Branch Library	52	2,690
Walt Branch Library	65	2,089
Anderson Branch Library	18	507
Bennett Martin Public Library	7	345
Eiseley Branch Library	14	146
One Book One Lincoln	14	*140
Bethany Branch Library	1	103

\*Does not include hours spent reading nominated titles

# Milestone Awards

## 5 Years of Service

Glenda Boesiger (Gere)  
 Khloe Cuttlers (Eiseley)  
 Donna Gustafson (Gere & Foundation for LCL)  
 Madison McHargue (Walt)  
 Gideon Terwilleger (Gere)  
 Claire Mae Timperley (Walt)  
 Mrudhulaa Vallieppan (Walt)  
 Joyce Vannier (Foundation for LCL)

## 10 Years of Service

Beth Beard (Bethany)  
 Kailee Moorhead (Walt)  
 Carryna Northup (Bennett Martin Public Library)

## 20 Years of Volunteer Service

Martha Kingsbury (Gere)

- Martha donated the most hours (281) in 2024

