

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

FY 2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT

CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS

Bennett Martin Public Library

136 S. 14th Street

Circulation: 173,497

Visits: 109,491

Public Service Hrs/Week: 62

NEIGHBORHOOD BRANCH LOCATIONS

SOUTHWEST LINCOLN

Bess Dodson Walt Branch Library

6701 S. 14th Street

Circulation: 506,135

Visits: 135,107

Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

NORTHWEST LINCOLN

Loren Corey Eiseley Branch

1530 Superior Street

Circulation: 279,145

Visits: 97,603

Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

Dan A. Williams Branch

5000 Mike Scholl Street

Circulation: 9,278

Visits: 6,981

Public Service Hrs/Week: 28

NORTHEAST LINCOLN

Victor E. Anderson Branch

3635 Touzalin Avenue

Circulation: 138,286

Visits: 55,964

Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

Bethany Branch Library

1810 N. Cotner Boulevard

Circulation: 101,454

Visits: 35,254

Public Service Hrs/Week: 48

SOUTHEAST / CENTRAL LINCOLN

Charles H. Gere Branch Library

2400 S. 56th Street

Circulation: 765,714

Visits: 207,467

Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

South Branch

2675 South Street

Circulation: 116,903

Visits: 41,181

Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

MOBILE OUTREACH

Lied Bookmobile

Circulation: 24,648

Visits: 2,250

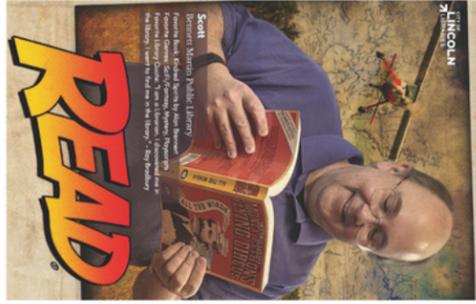
Public Service Hrs/Week: 20

ELECTRONIC MATERIALS

Circulation: 698,191

Visits: 1,469,267

Public Service Hrs/Week: 24/7



LITERACY, LEARNING AND LITERATURE SHARED IN COMMUNITY

The Library Experience—setting a distinctive tone in promoting and providing lifelong education for our entire community. Literacy, Learning and Literature, shared in community, and engagement in community celebrations, solutions, and innovations.

The fiscal/reporting year of 2021-2022 ended on an especially poignant note with the retirement of Library Director Pat Leach on August 31, 2022. She served as Director for 14 years with kindness, determination, and dedication to Lincoln City Libraries. She celebrated over forty years of employment with the City of Lincoln as of her retirement. Pat Leach has thankfully continued her weekly book review radio program, All About Books.

The month of August 2022, the end of the fiscal/reporting year, looked much different than the beginning of the fiscal year, as the COVID-19 pandemic evolved. The City's mask mandate, per the Health Department's Directed Health Measures, ended in February 2022. Decreasing COVID-19 diagnoses from February 2022 through August 2022 resulted in a resurgence of non-virtual programming and outreach. This programming culminated in the return of in-person Summer Reading Challenge activities that ended on July 31, 2022. A total of 16,433 people registered for the library's Summer Reading Challenge with the "Oceans of Possibilities" theme: 8,893 children, 2,349 teens, and 5,192 adults. We're happy to announce that we reached our goal of reaching our 2019 pre-COVID participation levels with the 2022 summer reading challenge. Overall, by the end of the fiscal year, Lincoln City Libraries circulation has increased to 2,813,251, although circulation has not returned to its height before COVID-19 in 2018-2019.

The 2021 One Book-One Lincoln program selected the non-fiction book *Hidden Valley Road* by Robert Kolker for our Lincoln community to read. A community-wide online book discussion was held on October 9, 2021, and a virtual author visit occurred later that month on October 26, 2021. This annual program began in 2002 to encourage a reading and discussion experience for the Lincoln community, and interest has continued to grow each year.

Lowell Berg, who provided extensive expertise on library design issues, ended his Library Board term at the end of the fiscal year in August 2022. Christopher Stewart was appointed to replace him on the Library Board.

Parking lot resurfacing and reroofing of Eiseley and Walt Libraries progressed and all projects were completed in 2021. The Polley Music Library launched its guitar program in April 2022, which resulted in all of the guitars being checked out in the first two days of availability; since then, the guitars have consistently been placed on hold and checked out, to no doubt produce some terrific tunes.

The City's Climate Action Plan initiatives will be met in the next fiscal year through the finalization of specifications for the replacement bookmobile(s) and bids for purchase through the City's Purchasing Division. The end of the 2022-2023 school year will also bring the completion of construction and the opening of the joint Air Park Community Center/Williams Branch Library facility. A future community garden, through a collaboration with Community Crops, should be cropping up next summer adjacent to Gere Library.

Library staff have continued to provide steadfast and welcoming service through our open library doors at each one of our 8 libraries, fostering our commitment to lifelong learning and literacy. We are so fortunate to have such amazing and dedicated library staff that help our customers with physical and audio and electronic books, virtual materials, CDs and DVDs, guitar checkouts, programming, storytimes, community outreach, technology assistance, maker space, and overall access to information. We look forward to providing fine-free service beginning in the next fiscal year, effective September 1, 2022, to eliminate barriers to library use and provide for equitable access to information and learning for all patrons.

LIBRARY SERVICES

- Number of public internet computers: 157
- Internet computer reservations: 85,047
- Number of public access catalog computers: 61
- Program attendance children & teens: 47,356
- Program attendance adults: 5,521
- Attendance in meeting rooms: 12,253
- Total employees (FTEs): 107.4
- Total number of volunteers: 180
- Total number of volunteer hours: 5,980
- Annual library visits: 691,238
- Number of registered borrowers: 165,643
- ConnectED accounts: 48,065
- Circulation of adult materials: 1,462,885
- Circulation of children's materials: 1,353,333
- Circulation total: 2,816,218
- Total Lost materials: 7,715
- Materials loaned to other libraries: 1,151
- Materials borrowed from other libraries: 2,553



LIBRARY MATERIAL HOLDINGS

Adult Print: 371,552	Youth Print: 302,717
Adult NonPrint: 77,291	Youth NonPrint: 33,554
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Total owned: 781,199	

REVENUES

City of Lincoln:	\$9,356,905
Keno & Interest Earned:	\$1,229,473
Lancaster County:	\$943,341
Other:	\$623,089
American Rescue Plan Act	179,324
State Aid & Grants	\$106,975
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Total Operating Revenue:	\$12,439,108

EXPENDITURES

Staff & Benefits:	\$7,408,168
Collection Materials:	\$1,939,276
Miscellaneous:	\$616,651
Contracts for Services:	\$814,705
Computer Hardware & Software:	\$299,234
Utilities:	\$298,598
Facilities:	\$301,523
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Total Operating Expenditures:	\$11,678,155
Total Capital Expenditures:	\$279,220

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY