



ANNUAL REPORT

2023-2024



LINCOLN
City Libraries

From the Director

This report takes a look back at the people and activities that contributed to positive impact for residents in FY 2023-2024. During the year, partnerships with other organizations were crucial for combining resources to provide programming and activities that were beneficial to residents—and you'll read about a few of them that developed this past year. LCL continued to see growth in patron visits, program attendance, meeting room usage, and circulation of digital materials, and we continued planning for future facility enhancements with architect-led community planning sessions. LCL's "Future Libraries" initiative involved hundreds of community members at 30 engagement sessions, resulting in recommendations for facility improvements in the north, central, and south sections of the city, and the need for long-term

solutions downtown and in southeast Lincoln. The full report and recommendations are available in the "Reports and Plans" section at www.lincolnlibraries.org

The Library also undertook a new strategic planning effort with involvement from community stakeholders, and arrived at four new priorities:

- 1 Maximizing Access
- 2 Communicating our Offerings
- 3 Growing our Support
- 4 Strengthening our Potential

This three-year plan helps set the course to reach more people with meaningful services and resources and continue to meet patron expectations and plan innovative ways to provide the latest in library offerings.

At its core, a public library today



is still centered around the written word and the intrinsic and economic value afforded by its collection of books, its focus on literacy, and the learning that takes place every day in a library space and via online resources. Yet, it is also vitally important for connecting people and neighborhoods and putting into action the value that residents place on access, knowledge, and opportunity. LCL continually strives to provide the best in service and quality, and to be recognized as an economical and valuable community resource.

-Ryan Wieber

Librarian Susan Steider Talking About Books

Librarian Susan Steider from Eiseley Branch Library has famously been visiting local schools to talk about books for over twenty years. If you attended LPS in the past two decades, odds are good that you've listened to a book talk or two given by Miss Susan. In addition to Summer Reading visits, she drops in at middle and high schools all over Lincoln each October during Teen Read Week. Susan was altogether pleased when the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) combined various fall teen programs into the month-long celebration of reading now called, TeenTober, as requests for her appearances are far too numerous to fit into one single week.

Susan shared, "I'm at the point now where some of the teachers that bring their students to my book talks were students themselves during previous visits." Susan always arrives prepared with at least fifteen books to share. She makes sure that two of them are Golden Sower selections, which are books nominated by local students as their favorites each year. For the remainder of her offerings, she tries to reflect the wide diversity of materials owned by the library.

If nothing she has brought with her intrigues them, Susan encourages students to visit the library themselves, because all reading counts. She leaves them with her trademark advice, "I don't care what you read, I just hope you read."



One Book One Lincoln

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY THROUGH LITERATURE

One Book One Lincoln, a long-standing community reading project sponsored by Lincoln City Libraries, brings adults across Lincoln and Lancaster County together to read and discuss the same book. This program fosters a shared reading experience, sparking meaningful dialogue and connection throughout the community.

The program is truly a community effort. Titles are nominated by readers throughout the year, and a selection committee of community members carefully vets the nominations to choose three finalists. The top three selections are announced each year on Memorial Day, kicking off a summer of voting as residents choose the winning title. The winner is revealed on Labor Day, marking the start of discussions, events, and programming inspired by the book.

For 2024, *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters captured the community's heart and was chosen as the winning title. This poignant debut novel explores resilience, identity, and the enduring ties of family, resonating deeply with readers.

The highlight of the program was an October 14 event featuring Amanda Peters at the Lincoln High School Auditorium. More than 175 attendees gathered to hear the author discuss her novel, engage in a lively Q&A session, and participate in a book signing. This event marked Peters' largest audience to date, underscoring Lincoln's enthusiasm for the program.

Now in its third decade, One Book One Lincoln continues to inspire a love of reading and foster community-wide discussions through literature.



Lincoln High School Auditorium – 175 people gathered to hear author Amanda Peters – her largest audience to date

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The *Berry Pickers* invites our community to reflect on the stories that connect us and the importance of shared experiences in fostering empathy and unity.

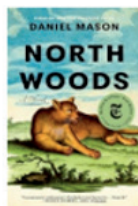
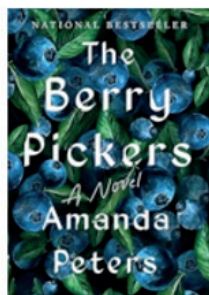
– Leirion Gaylor Baird
Mayor



Amanda Peters signing copies of *The Berry Pickers*



Librarian Jen Jackson interviewing Amanda Peters





FY 23-24 Statistics

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS

Bennett Martin Public Library

136 S. 14th Street

Circulation: 172,561
 Visits: 133,514
 Public Service Hrs/Week: 62

SOUTHWEST LINCOLN

Bess Dodson Walt Branch Library

6701 S. 14th Street

Circulation: 498,870
 Visits: 163,098
 Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

NORTHWEST LINCOLN

Loren Corey Eiseley Branch Library

1530 Superior Street

Circulation: 278,520
 Visits: 115,884
 Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

Dan A. Williams Branch Library

4900 Mike Scholl Street

Circulation: 11,869
 Visits: 17,533
 Public Service Hrs/Week: 39

NORTHEAST LINCOLN

Victor E. Anderson Branch Library

3635 Touzalin Avenue

Circulation: 144,648
 Visits: 67,841
 Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

Bethany Branch Library

1810 N. Cotner Boulevard

Circulation: 95,216
 Visits: 37,066
 Public Service Hrs/Week: 48

SOUTHEAST/CENTRAL LINCOLN

Charles H. Gere Branch Library

2400 S. 56th Street

Circulation: 718,342
 Visits: 237,787
 Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

South Branch Library

2675 South Street

Circulation: 112,626
 Visits: 45,639
 Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

MOBILE OUTREACH

Lied Bookmobile

Circulation: 17,746
 Visits: 3,747
 Public Service Hrs/Week: 20

ELECTRONIC MATERIALS

Ebooks, Audiobooks and Movies via Overdrive and Hoopla

Circulation: 939,176
 Website Visits: 1,459,991
 Public Service Hrs/Week: 24/7

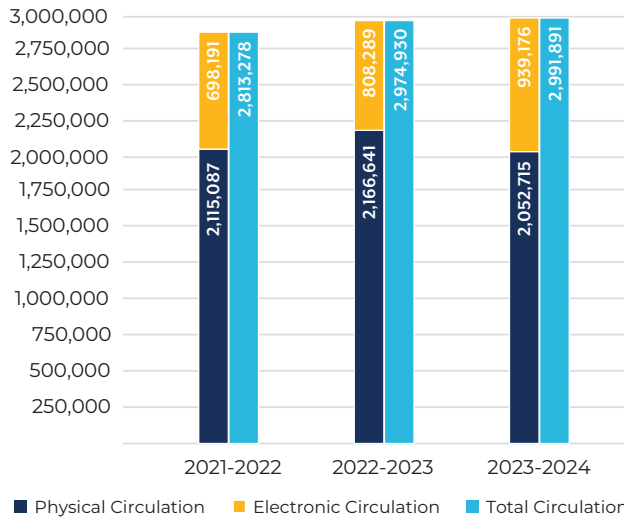
LIBRARY SERVICES

Annual library visits:	822,109
Number of registered borrowers:	168,375
Library OneCard accounts:	42,142
Circulation of adult materials:	814,339
Circulation of children's materials:	1,229,277
Other (equipment/electronic bike keys/instruments/)	6,782
Interlibrary Loan Circulation	2,317
Circulation of physical items total:	2,052,715
Total Electronic circulation:	939,176
Total physical + electronic circulation:	2,991,891
Number of public internet computers:	157
Number of Internet computer reservations:	88,844
Program attendance children & teens:	72,983
Attendance in meeting rooms (public & events):	65,320
Total employees (FTEs):	108
Total number of volunteers:	231
Total number of volunteer hours:	9,565

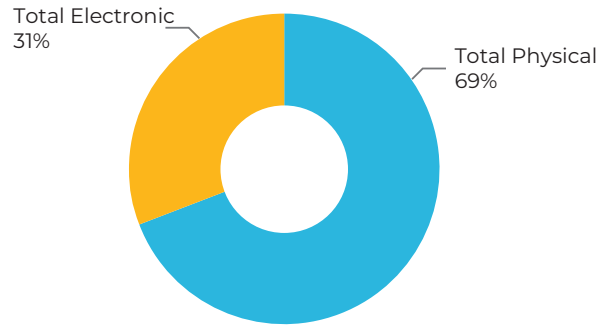
LIBRARY MATERIAL HOLDINGS

Adult Print	372,148
Adult NonPrint	79,786
Youth Print	329,191
Youth NonPrint	34,144
Other	1,064
Total owned	816,333

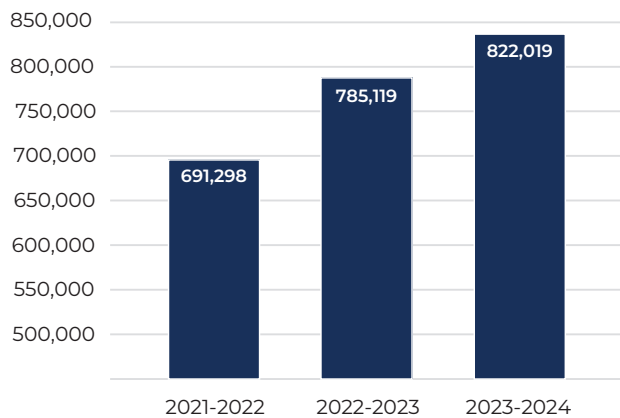
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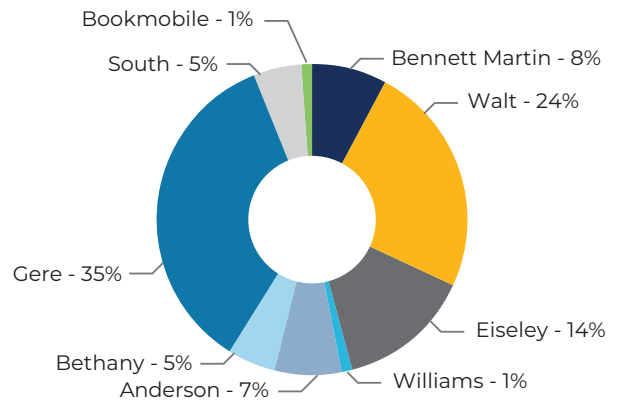
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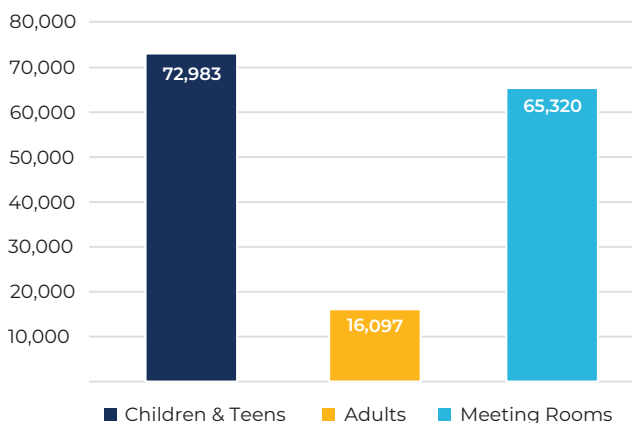
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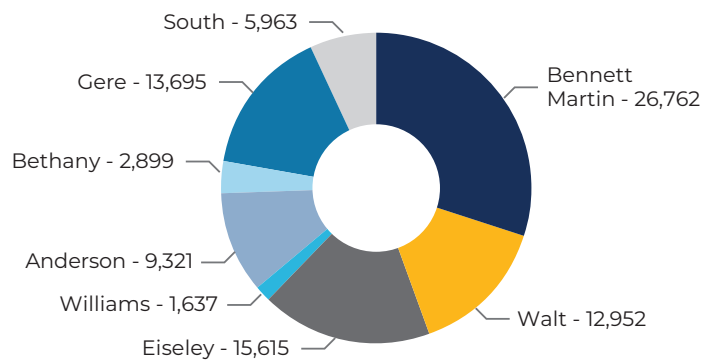
Circulation by Branch



Attendance at events and meetings FY 23-24



Internet Computer Reservations FY 23-24





Anderson Branch Teen Art Show

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN ANDERSON BRANCH LIBRARY AND LINCOLN NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL

Every spring the walls and surfaces of Anderson Branch Library are livened up with drawings, paintings, graphic art, and pottery submitted by students of Lincoln Northeast High school. The Teen Art Show has become a beloved yearly occurrence that patrons, teachers, and library staff look forward to, and 2024 marked the 17th year of this collaboration.

While the art remains at the library for at least one month, the highlight is the Opening Reception, which brings in 100-150 people every year. The crowd is a mix of students and their families, teachers, and community members. The space is filled with the sound of classical music, and the buzz of an excited crowd taking in the library full of art.

The Art Show Reception is a multigenerational program that gives teens the opportunity to

showcase their work and receive recognition from their peers, family members, and the public. For many attendees, the art show is their first reason to visit Anderson Branch Library, which gives the library the opportunity to promote other programs and services to a brand new audience.

This collaboration has created a

great relationship between the library and the Lincoln Northeast High school. It has opened the door for the library to work with other school departments, including the school library and counseling center, and to take part in some of their community events such as the annual Multicultural Fair.



Patrons enjoying the Teen Art Show at Anderson Branch Library

Community Crops Project at Gere

Lincoln City Libraries celebrated a second full year of collaborating with Community Crops by hosting a Garden Party in the fall of 2023 at Gere Branch Library. Festivities included a scavenger hunt and tour of the garden, Library booth, educational programs, cooking demos, and music indoors and out. Twenty-one households made use of the Community Garden during the 2024 season. As a program of Family Service Lincoln, Community Crops empowers people to grow food using education, experiences and resources

The garden at Gere has been thriving since the 2023 growing season. It sits on what had previously been native prairie grasses on the east side of the building, bordering the yards of multiple backyard neighbors across the fence. The beginnings of the project involved conversations with Community Crops Executive Director, Megan McGuffey, in June of 2021, and included informational gatherings with neighbors. After much collaborative thought and work, the final project was approved by the City Council in 2022.

Sampling to assess soil health and contamination was completed, and work on the space began late summer of 2022. The project also required installation of a well that was funded by a grant from NeighborWorks and was up and running by June 2023. In February 2024, Gere hosted a Seed Swap that provided education and seeds for over 200 attendees, and library staff shared a wealth of garden-related library resources for fun and learning.

Library gardeners come from many different backgrounds and together they've beautified this city space while growing food for themselves and their families. Lincoln City Libraries is privileged to be a partner in this effort and staff and patrons alike are delighted with the improved outdoor landscape and overall success of the Gere Community Garden.



Back row, left to right: Eedo Khalaf (FSL/CC staff), Shahab Bashar (FSL/CC Staff), Dennis Hoffman (FSL President/CEO), Wayne Mortensen (NeighborWorks Lincoln), Todd Stubbendieck (AARP), Brenda Ealey; Front row, left to right: Megan McGuffey (Director of Community Crops, FSL), Kim Morrow (Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Lincoln).

Library OneCard

The Library OneCard program is a partnership between Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) and Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) to improve access for students and families. All LPS students are opted in and automatically receive a public library account, where their student ID number also serves as their library card number. This convenience encourages use of public library resources while also making it easier for some students who may have difficulty visiting the library or securing a library card because of transportation concerns. A OneCard account provides full access to library materials and offers students the ability to use their student ID number for online access to databases and digital ebook and e-audio content from home.

Parents can choose to opt-out of the program each year, however, only a small percentage of the 42,000 students elect to do so. This partnership models other libraries and school districts across the country, and originally started in Lincoln as part of the federal ConnectEd initiative in 2016. Renamed as Library OneCard in September 2023, activity during the year increased 2% over 2022-2023.



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CHECKOUTS BY
LIBRARY ONECARD
USERS

Local History Resource Hub

A SPACE FOR RESEARCH AT BENNETT MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Local History Resource Hub at Bennett Martin Public Library officially opened on Saturday, August 17, with a program highlighting the importance of preserving and exploring local history. Ryan Wieber, Director of Lincoln City Libraries, welcomed a distinguished panel of speakers, including Sändra Washington, Chair of the Lincoln City Council; LeeAnn Sergeant, Public Services Coordinator at LCL; Ed Zimmer, Retired Historic Preservation Planner; Judi Cook from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society; and Jim McKee, local historian.

In her opening remarks, Sändra Washington reflected on the profound importance of local history, stating, “History connects us to something larger than ourselves. History connects us to the past and gives us lessons to learn from – whether they are positive and uplifting or sobering watchwords. Regardless of what history can teach us, the stories embedded in history help us to better understand the world around us..” She shared a personal memory of tracing her own family tree during a school assignment, marveling at classmates who could document their lineage for over six generations, calling it a “treasure chest” of family history.

Located on the second floor, the new Local History section offers an extensive collection focused on Nebraska history, particularly Lincoln. Attendees explored resources such as

local newspapers, Lincoln city directories dating back to 1873, and digitized school yearbooks from Lincoln Public Schools. Online databases available to the public include the *Lincoln Journal Star* Collection, *Omaha World-Herald* Collection, Ancestry Library Edition, MyHeritage, and detailed property records from 1883 to 1962.

One patron shared his success story in utilizing these resources to create a 950-page family history book for his children and grandchildren. “The staff is outstanding and very knowledgeable with the Ancestry program. With their help, I’ve gathered enough data to print books for my family,” he said.

History connects us to our shared stories and roots, fostering a deeper appreciation for the place we call home. Through the Local History Resource Hub, Lincoln City Libraries invites everyone to uncover their personal and community histories and celebrate the lessons and legacies they reveal.

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World history and national history are important, but it is local history that provides context to our community and helps to root us in place.

– Sändra Washington
Chair of the Lincoln City Council



L-R: Sändra Washington, Lincoln City Council Chair; Ed Zimmer, Retired Historic Preservation Planner; Judi Cook of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society; Jim McKee, local historian; LeeAnn Sergeant, Public Services Coordinator at LCL and Ryan Wieber, Director of Lincoln City Libraries.

Featured Staff



Gere Librarian, Pat Sloan



Virtual Services Manager
Peter Jorgensen

Lincoln City Libraries has been graced by hundreds of amazing librarians since its inception in 1875. There have been those gifted in curating collections, creating magical storytimes, finding the trickiest buried information and sharing the joy of putting the right book in the right hands on a daily basis. The Library is proud to share with you a couple of absolute gems, one who retired in 2024 after over twenty years of service, and one who just celebrated his 45th year with Lincoln City Libraries.



Pat Sloan at her retirement party

If you're a Gere Branch Library regular, you've likely run into Librarian **PAT SLOAN** and been

greeted by her big smile. When she started out in library work, she was behind the scenes – first at the Nebraska Library Commission as the Federal Documents Librarian, then at the Research Division of the Nebraska Legislature, and then at the *Lincoln Journal Star* as librarian and archivist. When she first arrived at Bennett Martin in March of 2002 as the Circulation Librarian, her office was in the “old movie room,” shared with the Virtual Services team, which initially struck her as odd, but she got used to it quickly and spent the next two decades creating a friendly environment at LCL.

One team member Pat shared office space with at Bennett Martin is our home-grown Virtual Services Manager, **PETER JORGENSEN**. Peter started out as an Aide at Bethany and Bennett Martin. While he intended the job to be part-time, LCL lured him in and he ended up getting his Masters in Library Science (MLS) and sticking around.

Peter matriculated through Emporia State University's first Nebraska distance program – where Pat Sloan and Eiseley

Branch Manager Lisa Olivigni were classmates. He then moved into a public-facing position as a Reference Librarian which has gradually morphed into the more technical work he's doing now with the website and online databases. One project Peter recently took on involved completing the redesign work for the new LCL website. His decades of experience in multiple facets of Lincoln City Libraries helped give him the global perspective needed to skillfully share LCL's offerings online. This career has taught Peter, *I can be more versatile than I think I am*.

A self-proclaimed introvert, Peter responded to a unique call some years back to contribute his musical skills to a staff inservice training where he, along with several other musically talented library staff, performed as “Sergeant Peter's Lonely Hearts' Club Band” – a name he swears was not his idea. He and wife Kimberly have turned working at Bennett Martin a family affair – between the two of them plus their daughters Rose (Volunteer) and Elanor (Aide), they've given LCL well over 65 years of truly excellent service.



Families enjoying Librarian Ali Bousquet's Around Town storytime at Prairie Pines

Around Town & Splish Splash Storytimes

All year-round, Lincoln City Libraries offers fun, engaging and early literacy-based storytimes for our youngest patrons, but in the summer, librarians take some of that fun on the road and outside the library. **Around Town Storytimes** have been a staple of our summer storytime schedule since 2022. These storytimes take place at unique venues like Prairie Pines, Sheldon Art Museum, the

Lincoln Children's Museum, the Larsen Tractor Museum and more. As with all Lincoln City Libraries storytimes, the focus of these events is on the five early literacy practices of reading, writing, singing, talking, and playing.

Taking the fun even further off-site and off dry land, the Library added **Splish Splash Storytimes** this summer. Partnering with

Parks and Recreation's aquatic department, Lincoln City Libraries led nine storytimes at pools all across the city. After storytime, attendees were able to stay and splish-splash around the pool – for free! The summer's off-site storytimes, which had more than 1,200 attendees, demonstrate that reading and early literacy skill-building can happen any time, anywhere.



Kids enjoying Librarian Ali Bousquet's Around Town storytime at the Quilt Museum



Hanging out at Splish Splash Storytime



Families playing after Splish Splash Storytime

Engaging Young Creators

TEENS DESIGN LIBRARY CARDS

In 2024 Lincoln City Libraries celebrated the creativity of local teens with its Library Card Design Contest, offering young artists an opportunity to make their mark on the community. Open to Lincoln and Lancaster County residents aged 12 to 18, the contest drew more than 100 impressive submissions, showcasing the artistic talents of our area's youth.

The winning design, "Everyone Can Read Together," created by 14-year-old Ellie Little, featured charming pairs of animals, plants, and insects reading together. Ellie described her inspiration as a reflection of the library's welcoming atmosphere and her love of sharing books with others. Her artwork now graces the library cards of LCL users, leaving a lasting impression on the community.

After the top three designs were chosen by a panel of LCL Youth and Teen Services librarians, the final winner was determined through an online public vote. This marks the second time LCL has featured community-created artwork on its library cards, with a design contest for adults planned for summer 2025.

LCL remains dedicated to fostering creativity and connection, inviting everyone to find inspiration and belonging at their local library.



"Everyone Can Read Together," Library Card Design created by 14-year-old Ellie Little,

Williams Branch Library Surges in Popularity

A STORY OF GROWTH

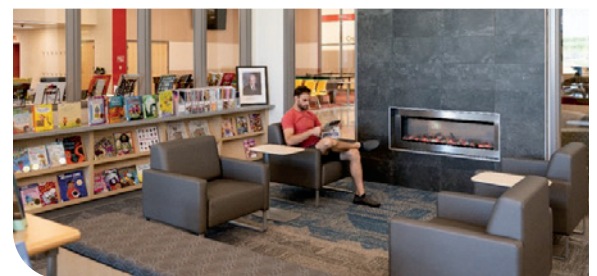
Since the grand opening of the new Williams Library in northwest Lincoln on July 25, 2023, usage has skyrocketed, reflecting a remarkable 73% average increase across various metrics compared to the previous year. The numbers speak volumes about the community's response to the new facility:

- 📈 Visits: Up by **129%**
- 📈 Computer Reservations: Increased by **120%**
- 📈 Program and Outreach Attendance: A rise of **167%**
- 📈 Loans: Up by **26%**

These figures indicate not just a spike in foot traffic, but a revitalized engagement with library services. With the expanded hours from 30 to 42 hours per week during the school year, access to the library has significantly contributed to this increase.

Demand remained high, showcasing the library's pivotal role in the community during this season. The library team was exceptionally busy, catering to the increased interest and participation in programs and resources.

The incredible rise in usage at Williams Library is not just a statistic; it is a testament to the community's commitment to learning and engagement. The new facility has become a hub of activity, drawing in patrons of all ages and interests.



Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries

The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries (FLCL) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1954 to enrich Lincoln's library system by soliciting and receiving gifts to support the library by enhancing services, programs, collections, and facilities. Annual fundraising events include the "Wine and Dine" and the "One Book One Lincoln Top 3 at the Mill" celebration.

Additionally, the Foundation organizes and supports the activities of the Friends of Lincoln City Libraries and the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association (NLHA). The Friends and their corps of dedicated volunteers manage the offering of used books for sale at Book Nooks and at special sales, with proceeds benefitting the Library. NLHA honors the literary contributions of Nebraska-affiliated authors, and special events complement the activities of the Library's Heritage

Room of Nebraska Authors. NLHA also sponsors the Annual Spelling Bee, which honors a Nebraska-based author and raises funds for the Heritage Room.

Through annual giving, grants and book sales, the Foundation contributed \$255,241 to the Library in 2023-2024, which went directly toward supporting purchases of children's books, conferencing technology for meeting spaces at each library, library programs, and staff development opportunities. The NLHA held monthly "Lunch at the Library" events with talks by Nebraska authors, and also continued the longstanding and successful "Writers Write" event at Bennett Martin Library, where eighth grade writers from Lincoln Public Schools met with notable Nebraska authors in March to develop their own skills and then each student submitted an essay for permanent deposit in the Heritage Room.



Eighth-graders from Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) participate in Writers Write at Bennett Martin Library



Lunch at the Library with Author Matt Steinhausen



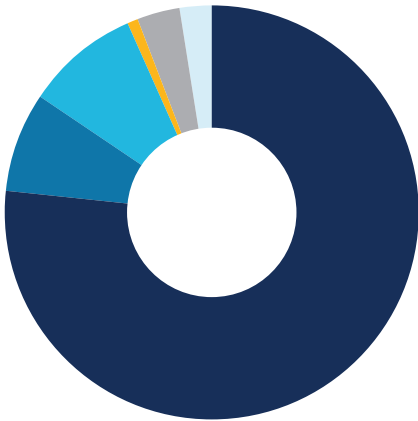
Friends of the Library Book Sale at Walt Branch



Emcee John Baylor at the NLHA Spelling Bee

Financials

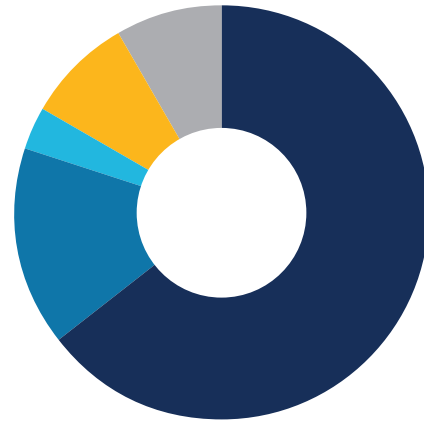
2023-24



Revenues

■ City of Lincoln-Property Taxes	.....\$10,061,111.04
■ Lancaster County	.....998,418.00
■ Keno	.....1,180,014.77
■ State Aid and Grants	.....109,674.48
■ Donations	.....446,721.11
■ Other	.....292,046.33

Total Operating Revenue.....\$13,087,985.73



Expenditures

■ Salaries and Benefits	.....\$7,922,194.09
■ Collections	.....1,910,349.14
■ Technology	.....423,617.26
■ Facilities	.....991,915.08
■ Other	.....1,019,876.82

Total Operating Expenditures...\$12,267,952.39

Per Capita (2020 Census pop. 322,608) \$37.05

Per Household (2020 Census 132,670) \$90.09

LIBRARY BOARD INFORMATION

Joe Shaw | President

Executive Director, LUX Center for the Arts
TERM: 2019-2026

Jackie Ostrowicki | Vice President

Assistant Vice President for External Relations, University of Nebraska
TERM: 2020-2027

Lisa Hale | Treasurer

Vice-President, Customer Services, Lincoln Electric System
TERM: 2021-2028

Dan Sloan

Co-Owner, The Mill Gourmet Coffee and Tea
TERM: 2018-2025

Morgan Gerteisen

Director, Talent Operations, LI-COR Biosciences
TERM: 2023-2029

Patty Beutler

Freelance Writer and Editor
TERM: 2023-2030

Terri Dunlap

Dietician, retired
TERM: 2024-2031

Nichole Bogen | County Liaison

Assistant Attorney General, State of Nebraska
TERM: 2020-2027



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

Celebrating Our Volunteers

Last year, 231 volunteers donated a total of 9,565 hours, with 108 new volunteers joining the team. Their time was valued at \$304,167, based on the Independent Sector's valuation of \$31.80/hour. Volunteers ranged in age from 10 to 88, with the largest group (121) comprising youth aged 10–18. Adults contributed across various branches and departments, with Walt Branch Library and Gere Branch Library leading in hours donated (2,150 and 2,783 hours, respectively).

Volunteers have been the backbone of numerous programs and services at Lincoln City Libraries. From shelving books to maintaining collections and assisting with special events, their efforts ensure the library remains a welcoming space for all. Among the standout contributors were **Francine Bash** and **Melvia Herr**, each donating an impressive 264 hours of service, and Sonia Colberg, who received special recognition for her ongoing work with the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors.



231
VOLUNTEERS



9,565
HOURS

Honoring Kailee Moorhead

During Nebraska Library Association Advocacy Day on March 20, 2024, **Kailee Moorhead** was honored with the Outstanding Volunteer Award for her decade of service to Walt Branch Library. Alongside her mother, Kendra, Kailee has contributed over 300 hours since 2014, assisting with shelving books and maintaining collections. Her positivity, teamwork, and dedication exemplify the transformative power of volunteerism. Kailee's story is a testament to the diverse abilities and unwavering commitment of our volunteers.

Lincoln City Libraries extends heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers for their unwavering support. Your dedication strengthens our mission and enriches the community



The Kastl Family poses with Susan and Karrie. Elliot was a youngster at Miss Susan's storytimes, and now he's a volunteer. Elyse is a member of the Teen Advisory Board.



Outstanding Volunteer, Kailee Moorhead with Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird

Volunteers

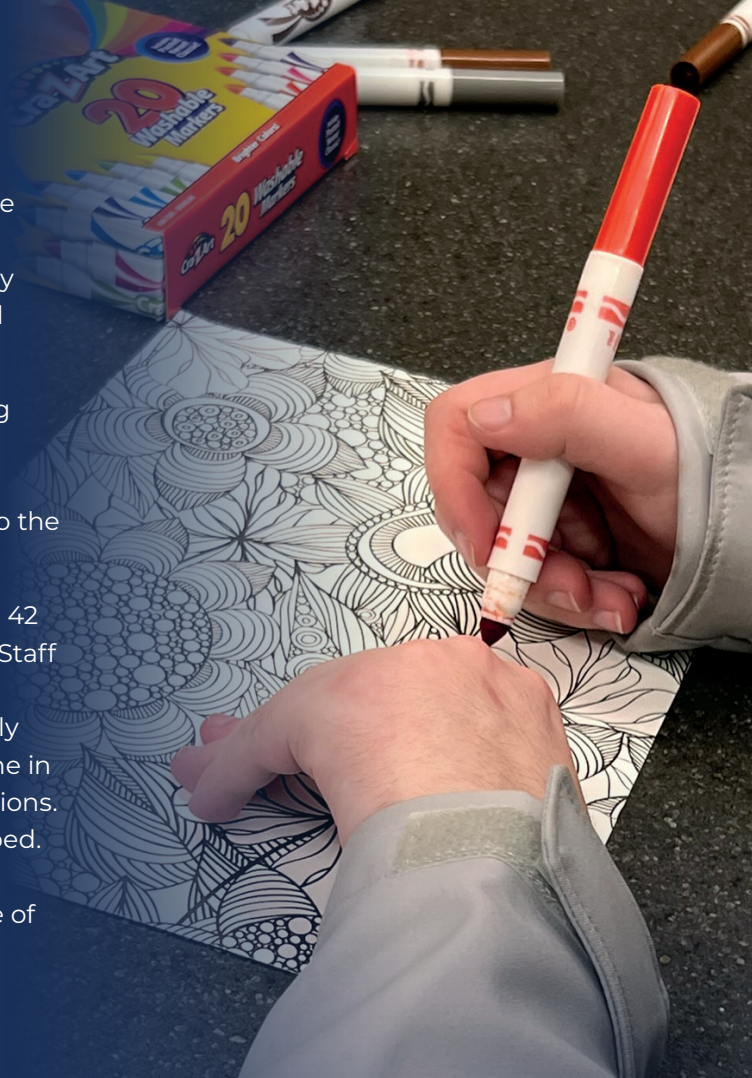
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Circle of Friends

Adults with disabilities can often struggle to find a place where they feel they belong. After seeing many groups of adults in day programs visiting the library but not participating in library services, Walt Library staff recognized the need for specialized programming and Circle of Friends was born.

Circle of Friends meets weekly offering adaptive programming for a variety of skill levels to participants accompanied by their support person. Programs have included music bingo, LEGO® elements, puzzles, joke “night,” making cat toys for donation to the Humane Society, and so much more.

This low-cost program averages 33 attendees per session. The 42 sessions held last year had a total attendance of 1,396 people. Staff utilize existing library materials and inexpensive supplies each week, and the benefit is immeasurable. Patrons who previously sat silently during library visits now recognize they are welcome in the library. They approach staff, use computers, and ask questions. Staff have learned their names and relationships have developed. Even better, people who have not seen each other since high school have found each other again at the library during Circle of Friends. Lincoln City Libraries – it’s for everyone!



We'll see you at the library!

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