

**Annual Report
Lincoln City Libraries
September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017**

Learning, Literacy and Literature remain the values at the core of Lincoln City Libraries.

The 2016-2017 reporting year saw continued progress in ongoing community campaigns that build up lifelong education and community success.

The library continues to take seriously its responsibility to prepare children for school. "Read Aloud 15 Minutes a Day" is a program to encourage parents of young children to read aloud to them 15 minutes a day, birth through age 8. Activities in support of "15 Minutes a Day" included seasonal promotions, collaborations with Head Start funded through Rotary 14, partnerships with medical homes funded through the Lincoln Community Foundation, and the first Prime Time Family Reading Time series for families with preschoolers, a project with Humanities Nebraska.

The library capitalizes on opportunities to work with partners. The Institute for Library and Museum Studies awarded the Lincoln Community Foundation a \$150,000 Community Catalyst grant. The library is among the participating agencies in this "Lincoln Reads Aloud" project for the next two years, bringing together the forces of the Community Foundation, libraries, and museums.

The library partners with schools to support students' academic success. The ConnectED program expanded to all locations of Lincoln Public Schools with the 2017-2018 school year. ConnectED accounts have been created for nearly all LPS students. The accounts allow checkout of up to five items with no overdue charges, access to most of the library's electronic resources, and encouragement to use the library's stellar wireless Internet access.

The library continues to build its technology that serves customers. Capitalizing on the library's connection to the City's fiber network in 2016, the wireless network at Lincoln City Libraries was rebuilt and strengthened throughout the system.

The library is one of the few places that offer free Internet and computer access. A new collaboration with Prosper Lincoln places trained volunteers in libraries to assist customers using library computers and Internet access to apply for jobs.

The library invests in maintaining its strong reputation and serving the core of Lincoln well. Work continued on the Central Library project when Godfrey's Associates, Inc. of Dallas was hired to create a Central Library Building Program. This document, still in draft form, describes the spaces, equipment, and furnishings required for a Central Library to provide 21st Century services to the City. The process included public input meetings, focus groups, interviews, and library staff consultation. Announcement of a Central Library site is expected in fall of 2017.

Libraries are seen as neighborhood assets. Several major projects addressed the ongoing needs of branch libraries. The parking lot of South Branch Library was rebuilt to address serious drainage issues. Anderson and Gere Branch Libraries were both re-roofed and re-carpeted during this year.

The library participates in distinctive community events. Through a grant from the American Library Association and support from the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries, the library distributed over 2,000 pairs of eclipse viewing glasses in preparation for the total solar eclipse on August 21, 2016. Over a thousand people participated in eclipse-related events held at all libraries.

Lincoln's libraries reflect trends seen throughout the country. Libraries are creating spaces that emphasize how people use libraries in many different ways. Less space is allocated for shelves of materials, and more space to tables, chairs, and collaborative spaces. Events from preschool storytimes to summer reading programs to the One Book - One Lincoln community reading program, draw people in to the library for experiences that emphasize learning in community.

The library's strategic plan reflects the community's interest in building on its success, ensuring that its children succeed in school and life, and addressing the needs of people struggling to make ends meet. Through Learning, Literacy, and Literature the libraries contribute to our community in all of these areas.

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136 So. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
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library@lincolnlibraries.org
402-441-8500

Population of Legal Service Area: 309,637
Public Service Hours Per Week: 470
Total Circulation: 3,100,438
Visits: 1,217,053
Number of Facilities: 8
Number of bookmobiles: 1

HEADQUARTERS:

Bennett Martin Public Library
136 So. 14th Street
Circulation: 646,505*
Visits: 214,251
Public Service Hours Per Week: 54
Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Dan A Williams Branch
5000 Mike Scholl Street
Circulation: 20,102
Visits: 17,347
Public Service Hours Per Week: 28
Monday – Thursday 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:

Bess Dodson Walt Branch
6701 So. 14th Street
Circulation: 639,567
Visits: 222,982
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Loren Corey Eiseley Branch
1530 Superior Street
Circulation: 395,673
Visits: 198,912
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Bethany Branch
1810 No. Cotner Blvd.
Circulation: 128,411
Visits: 61,715
Public Service Hours Per Week: 48
Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday Closed

South Branch
2675 South Street
Circulation: 140,569
Visits: 71,734
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday - Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Charles H. Gere Branch
2400 So. 56th Street
Circulation: 880,184
Visits: 303,202
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Victor E. Anderson Branch
3635 Touzalin Avenue
Circulation: 215,757
Visits: 118,703
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Bookmobile
Circulation: 27,670
Visits: 8,207
Public Service Hours Per Week: 20



*Includes InterLibrary Loan and electronic downloadable eBooks/audiobooks/video

LIBRARY MATERIAL HOLDINGS

(volumes)

Adult Print:	373,510
Adult NonPrint:	81,908
Youth Print:	302,708
Youth NonPrint:	34,093
Total Owned:	792,219



27,409 LPS students had ConnectED accounts with more being added every day.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Number of registered borrowers	278,394
Annual library visits	1,217,053
Annual reference transactions	267,111
Number of Public Internet computers	150
Internet Computer Reservations	212,468
Children's program attendance	119,458
Adult program attendance	3,545
Circulation of adult materials	1,636,818
Circulation of children's materials	1,463,620
Circulation total	3,100,438
Total lost materials	7,988
Materials loaned to other libraries	1784
Materials borrowed from other libraries	2282
Number of public access catalog computers	62
Total employees (FTEs)	105.54
Total number of volunteers	826
Number attending meetings/activities in meeting rooms	63,682



Read Aloud
15 MINUTES

Every child. Every parent. Every day.



McPhee Elementary School Night

REVENUES:

Local Government Revenue: *This includes all local government funds designated by the community and available for expenditure by the public library. Does not include the value of any contributed or in-kind services or the value of any gifts and donations, library fines, fees, or grants.*

City of Lincoln:	\$8,236,093.56
Lancaster County:	776,770.00
Keno & Interest Earned:	<u>678,399.90</u>
Total Local Revenue:	\$9,691,263.46

State Revenue: *These are funds distributed to public libraries by Nebraska state government for expenditure by the public libraries. This does not include federal money distributed by the state.*

State Aid:	\$ 53,892.00
Other State Gov. Revenue:	<u>45,592.00</u>
Total State Government Revenue	\$ 99,484.00

Federal Government Revenue: *This includes all federal government funds including federal money distributed by the Nebraska Library Commission as Library Improvement grants.*

Total Federal Government Revenue	\$ 6,721.00
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Other Revenue: *This is all operating revenue other than that reported under local, state, and federal operating revenue including monetary gifts and donations received, interest, library fines, fees for library services, and grants. Does not include the value of any contributed or in-kind services or the value of any non-monetary gifts and donations.*

Other Revenue	<u>\$ 743,197.85</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$10,640,666.31

TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE:	\$ 192,200.00
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EXPENDITURES:

Operating Expenditures are current and recurrent Costs necessary to support library services.

Salaries and Benefits:	\$ 6,883,627.14
Collection Materials:	\$ 1,653,953.10
Facility:	\$ 232,477.91
Utilities:	\$ 316,505.42
Office Supplies:	\$ 102,566.65
Postage:	\$ 19,846.77
Telephone:	\$ 61,013.91
Insurance:	\$ 58,474.20
Contracts for Services:	\$ 536,670.16
Computer Hardware & Software:	\$ 279,284.25
Electronic Access:	\$ 8,835.18
Continuing Education:	\$ 26,891.20
Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 191,939.85</u>

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES: \$10,372,085.74

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES: \$ 211,064.13

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