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

The 2017-2018 reporting year saw continued progress in ongoing community campaigns that build up lifelong education and community success, as well as new initiatives to benefit our community.

The library continues to take seriously its responsibility to prepare children for school. “15 Minutes a Day” is our program to encourage people to read aloud to preschool children. Activities in support of “15 Minutes a Day” included partnerships with medical homes funded through the Lincoln Community Foundation and Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department.

The library builds its technology to serve our community. The Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors partnered with UNL’s Center for Digital Research in the Humanities to create NebraskaAuthors.org, an online information resource about Nebraska authors. This unique resource builds on the resources of the Heritage Room to make this information available worldwide.

Libraries collaborate with a wide variety of partners. A sampling of this year’s partners includes the YWCA, Prosper Lincoln, the Lincoln Children’s Museum, Humanities Nebraska, History Nebraska, the Lincoln Saltdogs, the Lincoln Ukulele Group, UNL, Nebraska Urban Indian Health Center, the Asian Community and Cultural Center, El Centro de las Americas, the Malone Center, CenterPointe, and the Center for People in Need.

The library participates in distinctive community events, some of them online. Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) participated in the Winter Reading Challenge, a national promotion by Beanstack, a library special event software. Mark Cuban, billionaire star of the television program Shark Tank, pledged significant donations to libraries and literacy programs if certain goals were met nationwide. The Lincoln total exceeded 1.5 million minutes, far exceeding our original goal of 100,000 minutes. Lincoln earned $1500 for its top five finish.

Among our community’s favorite summer events is our collaboration with other City departments to invite children to get up close and personal with heavy machinery. Walt Branch Manager Jodene Glaesemann reported, “LCL collaborated with Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Lincoln Fire and Rescue to provide a heavy equipment morning on the Walt Branch parking lot. Officer Chassidy Jackson-Goodwin, known to many in Lincoln from her Crime Stoppers reports, was present as well. Five hundred attended this event with families parking at the YMCA and Densmore Park, walking to the library, and then waiting as long as an hour to sit in the fire truck. We were fortunate it was a cool, good weather day!” This event was presented at several branch libraries as part of the Summer Reading Program.

The Library Board continued planning for a new downtown Central Library and branch library improvements. President Herb Friedman completed his seven-year term. The City Council appointed Dan Sloan to fill his seat.

Lincoln’s libraries reflect trends seen nationwide. Libraries are creating spaces that support all kinds of uses. Less space is allocated for shelves of materials, and more space to tables, chairs, and collaborative spaces. Events from toddler storytimes to music-and-movement activities to Makerspace activities to the One Book - One Lincoln Community Reading program, draw people into the library to learn 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.

Pat Leach, Library Director
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Annual Report
Lincoln City Libraries
September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018

Lincoln City Libraries
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Population of Legal Service Area: 314,358
Public Service Hours Per Week: 470
Total Circulation: 3,071,772
Visits: 1,140,901
Number of Facilities: 8
Number of bookmobiles: 1

HEADQUARTERS:
Bennett Martin Public Library
136 So. 14th Street
Circulation: 661,061*
Visits: 192,351
Public Service Hours Per Week: 54
Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:
Bess Dodson Walt Branch
6701 So. 14th Street
Circulation: 620,795
Visits: 204,980
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: 119,058
Visits: 55,048
Public Service Hours Per Week: 48
Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday Closed

Charles H. Gere Branch
2400 So. 56th Street
Circulation: 922,097
Visits: 302,265
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: 373,875
Visits: 186,540
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.

South Branch
2675 South Street
Circulation: 133,209
Visits: 66,125
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: 201,596
Visits: 108,609
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: 24,164
Visits: 10,225
Public Service Hours Per Week: 20

*Includes Interlibrary Loan and electronic downloadable eBooks/audiobooks/video
LIBRARY MATERIAL HOLDINGS
(volumes)
Adult Print: 368,458
Adult NonPrint: 70,644
Youth Print: 303,108
Youth NonPrint: 34,997
Total Owned: 777,207

LIBRARY SERVICES
Number of registered borrowers 207,698
ConnectED accounts 37,705
Annual library visits 1,140,901
Annual reference transactions 40,300
Number of Public Internet computers 156
Internet Computer Reservations 191,075
Children’s program attendance 106,062
Adult program attendance 2,468
Circulation of adult materials 1,571,758
Circulation of children’s materials 1,500,014
Circulation total 3,071,777
Total lost materials 7390
Materials loaned to other libraries 1,624
Materials borrowed from other libraries 2,136
Number of public access catalog computers 61
Total employees (FTEs) 105.54
Total number of volunteers 756
Attendance meetings/activities in meeting rooms 58,550

Cat in the Hat Storytime

3-D Printer

Lincoln Symphony Orchestra
Family Storytime
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: $8,585,012
Lancaster County: $798,471
Keno & Interest Earned: $703,986
Total Local Revenue: $10,087,469

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: $54,176
NLC Youth Grant $2,638
Other State Gov. Revenue: $40,691
Total State Government Revenue $97,505

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 $0

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 $711,022

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE $10,895,996
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE: $372,094

EXPENDITURES:
Operating Expenditures are current and recurrent Costs necessary to support library services.
Salaries and Benefits: $6,800,036
Collection Materials: $1,625,905
Facility: $340,860
Utilities: $321,958
Office Supplies: $83,393
Postage: $20,565
Telephone: $36,659
Insurance: $62,929
Contracts for Services: $496,834
Computer Hardware & Software: $341,662
Electronic Access: $8,796
Continuing Education: $21,327
Miscellaneous: $166,200

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES: $10,327,124

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES: $5,336

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