

## **Library Director's Report July, 2022**

Our Summer Reading Challenge wrapped up July 31. The month brought some of our most popular special events, including magician Jeff Quinn, and Heavy Equipment Encounter. We're grateful to various City departments, including Parks and Recreation, Lincoln Transportation and Utilities, and Lincoln Fire and Rescue, for sharing their vehicles with over a thousand delighted children at libraries across the city. In addition, Youth Services Coordinator Vicki Wood reported, "Our final Saltdogs game for the Summer Reading Challenge participants on a very hot Saturday afternoon saw 1,395 people use their reward tickets." Total registrations exceeded the 2019 total. Our goal is to return to pre-COVID levels of library activity.

Overall library business increased 7% over July of 2021.

I will retire on August 31, 2022, so this is my final Library Director's Report. It has been my privilege and honor to serve as Library Director for nearly 14 years. In the years I have worked for Lincoln City Libraries, our focus has remained constant on learning, literacy, and literature. How the community engages with those three areas has changed mightily since I began library work in 1979. Technology allows us to do so much more and it has revolutionized how people read and learn. Even so, people still value books, community gathering places, and access for the whole community. Libraries still advocate for early literacy and school success. I am confident in our mission-driven library staff and Library Board to continue making a difference in this community through literacy, learning, and literature.

The following information illustrates the library's Strategic Plan in action.

### **Our Vision: 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**

**Seen in:**

**Interactions Between People**

**Community Engagement Campaigns**

## **Programming and Events**

Heritage Room Curator Diane Wilson reported, "The Nebraska Literary Heritage Association held their 40th anniversary celebration on July 7th, in the Jane Snyder Trails Center. NLHA members enjoyed two hours together, remembering past events and projects and discussing future projects. Twenty-six people attended this event hosted by the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.

Anderson and Bethany Manager Kim Shelley reported this regarding the Summer Reading Challenge, "Of the LCL 2022 Summer Reading Challenge, a mother at Anderson Branch Library commented 07/05/2022, "I've never gotten my kids to read as much as this summer -- your program is EPIC!" On the same day, a 7-year-old child upon receiving their completion prizes said, "CHECK IT OUT -- I just got a coupon to Amigos!!!!"

It would seem that many folks in the northeast part of Lincoln were excited about summer reading this year. According to Librarian Karrie Simpson's records, the 2022 Summer Reading Challenge had the highest number of registrations ever at NESU. This year's 2,378 registrations surpassed the previous high of 2,238 in 2019."

## **Technology**

As is often the case, people need both access to a computer AND help from staff. One such example was provided by Public Services Coordinator LeeAnn Sergeant, "Laura assisted a customer who planned to sell his house himself and wanted to make a flyer to distribute, "He had very little computer knowledge, so I showed him how to open word, email an attachment, and do some basic layout, and then print. He left with 25 copies of his flyer, and was very pleased. On the way out he said, 'You've been terrific, thank you so much!'"

Several library staff are engaged in the process of evaluating proposals for developing a new library website. This work will continue into the early fall.

## **Facilities**

### **Outreach**

### **Collaboration**

Gere Branch Manager Brenda Ealey provided several examples of collaborative project from July,

--The Lincoln Community Playhouse was at Gere for two performances this month. There were 80 attending the musical performance of Frozen 2 on the 8th, and 64 attending We Are Monsters on the 22nd. Maddie and Domonique hosted on the 8th and Maddie said everyone was singing along with the group. Monica and Domonique hosted on the 22nd.

--Corey estimates that Gere goes through around 100 of the Covid home test kits provided by the Health Department each day. It's been a very appreciated service.

--Pat Sloan helped host the Aging Partners Lunch Series at Gere on the 20th. The lunch featured Kate Heltzel from the Nebraska Unicameral Information Office with a presentation on the History of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. There were 36 attending."

## **Areas of Excellence and Focus**

### **Primary Area of Focus—Early Childhood**

### **Additional Areas of Focus—in these, the library usually collaborates with other organizations**

#### **All Students**

#### **Low-income families**

Eiseley/Williams/BKM Manager Lisa Olivigni reported, "Lincoln Fresh Food Truck parks in the Bookmobile driveway twice monthly to distribute fresh, free food. While we do not keep statistics regarding their visitors, the line often extends past our entrance and onto the sidewalk that runs parallel to Superior Street. Some of those visitors stop in Eiseley as well."

## **Employment**

### **Celebrating the diversity of our city**

### **Building up the Culture of Lincoln**

### **Maker**

### **Reading**

Support Services Coordinator Rebecca Aracena reported, "Support Services staff spent much of July finalizing orders to prepare for the end of fiscal year 2021-2022. I met with representatives for LCL's major vendors to discuss the process of closing out orders. Vendors will be shipping a large number of orders to assist with the completion of our fiscal year." This influx of books and other items will provide library customers with many new items to select from.

## **Innovation and Curiosity**

### **Refugee and Immigrant**

### **Arts and Music**

Polley Music Librarian Scott Scholz reported, "The Polley guitars have continued to be very popular this month—holds have continued to grow. Up to this month, each guitar has come back to BMPL for me to inspect between circulations so that we could get a sense of any potential damage issues that come up. Fortunately, I haven't had any serious issues, so we decided to let the instruments circulate normally between holds from now on. This should slightly speed up access to the instruments."

## **Local History and Genealogy**

### **Services to our Aging Population**

**Lincoln City Libraries  
July 2022 Use Report**

Location	Loans	Visits	Computer Reservations	Program & Outreach Attendance	July 2022 Total Use	July 2021 Total Use	Total Use	CHANGE
Bennett Martin Public Library	16,034	11,017	2,762	4,171	33,984	28,778	33,984	18.09%
Anderson Branch	14,342	5,677	759	667	21,445	20,263	21,445	5.83%
Bethany Branch	9,630	3,885	250	315	14,080	14,108	14,080	-0.20%
Eiseley Branch	28,312	10,522	1,171	1,353	41,358	38,738	41,358	6.76%
Gere Branch	75,638	22,692	1,395	2,273	101,998	98,440	101,998	3.61%
South Branch	10,929	4,368	536	584	16,417	15,759	16,417	4.18%
Walt Branch	52,999	15,510	1,001	2,367	71,877	67,244	71,877	6.89%
Williams Branch	910	824	33	314	2,081	1,231	2,081	69.05%
Lied Bookmobile	1,541	198	0	686	2,425	3,173	2,425	-23.57%
InterLibrary Loan	246	0	0	0	246	189	246	30.16%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>210,581</b>	<b>74,693</b>	<b>7,907</b>	<b>12,730</b>	<b>305,911</b>	<b>287,923</b>	<b>305,911</b>	<b>6.25%</b>
DownloadStream Audio	35,044	0	0	0	35,044	30,431	35,044	15.16%
Download/Stream eBooks	28,980	0	0	0	28,980	26,023	28,980	11.36%
Stream Video	910	0	0	0	910	723	910	25.86%
<b>Download SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>275,515</b>	<b>74,693</b>	<b>7,907</b>	<b>12,730</b>	<b>370,845</b>	<b>345,100</b>	<b>370,845</b>	<b>7.46%</b>
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	<b>486,096</b>	<b>149,386</b>	<b>15,814</b>	<b>25,460</b>	<b>676,756</b>	<b>633,023</b>	<b>676,756</b>	<b>6.91%</b>

Note: Wifi Sessions & Users - Airwave Server Broken 7/1 - 7/8

<b>WiFi Sessions</b>	89,203	111,387	-19.92%
<b>WiFi Users</b>	12,843	10,194	25.99%
<b>Website Users</b>	63,782	57,299	11.31%
<b>Website Sessions</b>	129,781	120,057	8.10%
<b>Database Use</b>	8,847	11,579	-23.59%

Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total	REGISTRATIONS	2022	2021	Change
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth		Purged			
<b>Owned</b>	371,322	300,907	76,958	33,247	782,434	Active	617	67	820.90%
<b>Added</b>	2,913	3,207	457	103	6,680	Resident	146,361	196,945	-25.68%
<b>Withdrawn</b>	-1,053	-982	96	-33	-1,972	ConnectED	46,891	39,201	19.62%
<b>Current</b>	373,182	303,132	77,511	33,317	787,142	County	9,186	12,902	-28.80%
						NonResident	938	1,045	-10.24%
						Reciprocal	478	761	-37.19%
						Limited Use	8,651	10,649	-18.76%
						<b>Total Active</b>	<b>212,505</b>	<b>261,503</b>	<b>-18.74%</b>

**July 2022 Use Compared to July 2021  
Lincoln City Libraries**

Location	Print Checkouts		Print Loan	Non-Print Checkouts		Non-Print	Total Checkouts		Total Loan
	2022	2021	Change	2022	2021	Loan Change	2022	2021	Change
BMPL	12,973	11,823	9.73%	3,061	3,177	-3.65%	16,034	15,000	6.89%
Anderson	11,730	11,559	1.48%	2,612	2,574	1.48%	14,342	14,133	1.48%
Bethany	8,421	9,106	-7.52%	1,209	1,380	-12.39%	9,630	10,486	-8.16%
Eiseley	24,739	24,636	0.42%	3,573	3,877	-7.84%	28,312	28,513	-0.70%
Gere	66,286	66,518	-0.35%	9,352	10,611	-11.87%	75,638	77,129	-1.93%
South	9,401	9,704	-3.12%	1,528	1,568	-2.55%	10,929	11,272	-3.04%
Walt	46,048	44,730	2.95%	6,951	7,061	-1.56%	52,999	51,791	2.33%
Williams	738	652	13.19%	172	93	84.95%	910	745	22.15%
Lied Bookmobile	1,387	1,836	-24.46%	154	208	-25.96%	1,541	2,044	-24.61%
InterLibrary Loan	246	189	30.16%	0	0	0.00%	246	189	30.16%
<b>Subtotal Checkouts</b>	<b>181,969</b>	<b>180,753</b>	<b>0.67%</b>	<b>28,612</b>	<b>30,549</b>	<b>-6.34%</b>	<b>210,581</b>	<b>211,302</b>	<b>-0.34%</b>
Download/Stream Audio	0	0	0.00%	35,044	30,431	15.16%	35,044	30,431	15.16%
Download/Stream eBook	0	0	0.00%	28,980	26,023	11.36%	28,980	26,023	11.36%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	910	723	25.86%	910	723	25.86%
<b>TOTAL CHECKOUTS</b>	<b>181,969</b>	<b>180,753</b>	<b>0.67%</b>	<b>93,546</b>	<b>87,726</b>	<b>6.63%</b>	<b>275,515</b>	<b>268,479</b>	<b>2.62%</b>

Location	Youth Checkouts		Youth Loan	Adult Checkouts		Adult Loan	Visits	Visits	Visits
	2022	2021	Change	2022	2021	Change	2022	2021	Change
BMPL	6,888	5,508	25.05%	9,146	9,492	-3.65%	11,017	8,837	24.67%
Anderson	8,272	7,503	10.25%	6,070	6,630	-8.45%	5,677	5,273	7.66%
Bethany	6,135	6,930	-11.47%	3,495	3,556	-1.72%	3,885	3,154	23.18%
Eiseley	19,627	19,381	1.27%	8,685	9,132	-4.89%	10,522	8,540	23.21%
Gere	45,744	46,911	-2.49%	29,894	30,218	-1.07%	22,692	19,479	16.49%
South	6,583	6,947	-5.24%	4,346	4,325	0.49%	4,368	3,748	16.54%
Walt	37,835	36,827	2.74%	15,164	14,964	1.34%	15,510	13,865	11.86%
Williams	739	588	25.68%	171	157	8.92%	824	454	81.50%
Lied Bookmobile	806	1,121	-28.10%	735	923	-20.37%	198	182	8.79%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	246	189	30.16%	0	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Checkouts</b>	<b>132,629</b>	<b>131,716</b>	<b>0.69%</b>	<b>77,952</b>	<b>79,586</b>	<b>-2.05%</b>	<b>74,693</b>	<b>63,532</b>	<b>17.57%</b>
Download/Stream Audio	4,915	4,392	11.91%	30,129	26,039	15.71%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBook	4,512	4,036	11.79%	24,468	21,987	11.28%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	910	723	25.86%	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL CHECKOUTS</b>	<b>142,056</b>	<b>140,144</b>	<b>1.36%</b>	<b>133,459</b>	<b>128,335</b>	<b>3.99%</b>	<b>74,693</b>	<b>63,532</b>	<b>17.57%</b>

Location	Program & Outreach Attendance - Youth		P&O Att - Youth	Program & Outreach Attendance - Adult		P&O Att - Adult	Computer Use		Computer
	2022	2021	Change	2022	2021	Change	2022	2021	Change
BMPL	3,404	2,385	42.73%	767	178	330.90%	2,762	2,378	16.15%
Anderson	662	42	1476.19%	5	0	0.00%	759	815	-6.87%
Bethany	283	145	95.17%	32	41	-21.95%	250	282	-11.35%
Eiseley	1,333	598	122.91%	20	0	0.00%	1,171	1,087	7.73%
Gere	2,037	302	574.50%	236	23	926.09%	1,395	1,507	-7.43%
South	584	178	228.09%	0	0	0.00%	536	561	-4.46%
Walt	2,294	437	424.94%	73	0	0.00%	1,001	1,151	-13.03%
Williams	314	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	33	32	3.13%
Lied Bookmobile	217	414	-47.58%	469	533	-12.01%	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,128</b>	<b>4,501</b>	<b>147.23%</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>106.71%</b>	<b>7,907</b>	<b>7,813</b>	<b>1.20%</b>

# LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

## Monthly Categorical Report

July 31, 2022

	Budget Amount	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
<b>Administration-Div. 1</b>					
Personnel	\$ 841,326.00	\$ 771,215.50	\$ 804,333.27	\$ 36,992.73	\$ 60,976.22
Supplies	29,000.00	26,583.33	28,372.75	627.25	4,237.83
Services & Charges	77,638.00	71,168.17	66,402.67	11,235.33	2,393.75
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 947,964.00</b>	<b>\$ 868,967.00</b>	<b>\$ 899,108.69</b>	<b>\$ 48,855.31</b>	<b>\$ 67,607.80</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>91.67%</b>	<b>94.85%</b>		
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds-Div. 2</b>					
Personnel	\$ 114,043.00	\$ 104,539.42	\$ 103,708.84	\$ 10,334.16	\$ 9,343.58
Supplies	22,000.00	20,166.67	20,023.22	1,976.78	2,038.46
Services & Charges	974,069.00	892,896.58	793,527.85	180,541.15	95,196.82
Other	90,900.00	83,325.00	90,831.64	68.36	45,415.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,201,012.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,100,927.67</b>	<b>\$ 1,008,091.55</b>	<b>\$ 192,920.45</b>	<b>\$ 151,994.68</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>91.67%</b>	<b>83.94%</b>		
<b>Public Service-Div. 3</b>					
Personnel	\$ 5,556,040.00	\$ 5,093,036.67	\$ 4,768,026.06	\$ 788,013.94	\$ 437,701.24
Supplies	48,000.00	44,000.00	42,993.74	5,006.26	6,878.37
Services & Charges	63,400.00	58,116.67	41,891.35	21,508.65	17,403.68
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,667,440.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,195,153.33</b>	<b>\$ 4,852,911.15</b>	<b>\$ 814,528.85</b>	<b>\$ 461,983.29</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>91.67%</b>	<b>85.63%</b>		
<b>Support Services-Div. 4</b>					
Personnel	\$ 1,193,177.00	\$ 1,093,745.58	\$ 1,045,718.64	\$ 147,458.36	\$ 88,588.61
Supplies	62,000.00	56,833.33	42,668.65	19,331.35	5,038.60
Services & Charges	311,667.00	285,694.75	325,208.14	(13,541.14)	16,698.59
Other	885,650.00	811,845.83	770,255.59	115,394.41	37,290.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,452,494.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,248,119.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,183,851.02</b>	<b>\$ 268,642.98</b>	<b>\$ 147,616.39</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>91.67%</b>	<b>89.05%</b>		
<b>Total Library Operational</b>					
Personnel	\$ 7,704,586.00	\$ 7,062,537.17	\$ 6,721,786.81	\$ 982,799.19	\$ 596,609.65
Supplies	161,000.00	147,583.33	134,058.36	26,941.64	18,193.26
Services & Charges	1,426,774.00	1,307,876.17	1,227,030.01	199,743.99	131,692.84
Other	976,550.00	895,170.83	861,087.23	115,462.77	82,706.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,268,910.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,413,167.50</b>	<b>\$ 8,943,962.41</b>	<b>\$ 1,324,947.59</b>	<b>\$ 829,202.16</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>91.67%</b>	<b>87.10%</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 2020-21 Encumbrances	\$ 631,886.81		\$ 515,200.69	\$ 116,686.12	\$ -
FY 2020-21 Reappropriated	\$ 93,673.00		\$ 26,657.44	\$ 67,015.56	\$ 9,848.21

**LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES  
JULY 2022**

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b><u>GRANT FUNDS</u></b>				
Net Lender Fund	\$ 469.10	\$ 430.70	\$ -	\$ 899.80
NLC Internship Grant 2021	3,787.50	-	2,658.42	1,129.08
NLC Continuing Education Grant 2021	(1,294.00)	-	-	(1,294.00)
State Aid 2019	2,374.59	-	2,230.80	143.79
State Aid 2021	21,702.53	-	-	21,702.53
State Aid 2022	51,393.00	-	-	51,393.00
NLC ARPA 2021 Media	33,003.94	-	33,003.94	-
NHC ARPA 2021 Kees	5,250.00	-	-	5,250.00

**DONATED FUNDS**

Heritage Room	\$ 125,644.20	\$ 115.01	\$ 2,914.82	\$ 122,844.39
Polley Music Library	214,184.09	199.42	7,379.48	207,004.03
Joseph J. Hompes	84,087.96	7,443.87	26.78	91,505.05
Misc. Library Donations	615,584.63	549.39	5,323.89	610,810.13
Alice Nielsen	79,665.89	69.95	-	79,735.84
Dorothy Holland	114,595.68	100.61	-	114,696.29
Glennis Leapley	60,956.29	53.52	-	61,009.81
Lincoln Cares	13,583.81	3,269.77	-	16,853.58

**APPROPRIATED FUNDS**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expended</b>		<b>Balance</b>
		<b>July 2022</b>	<b>Exp-to-Date</b>	
Heritage Room FY 2021-22	\$ 34,927.00	\$ 2,914.82	\$ 31,940.61	\$ 2,986.39
Polley Music Library FY 2021-22	113,417.00	7,379.48	82,859.10	30,557.90
Keno FY 2020-21	233,174.00	-	37,811.00	195,363.00
Keno FY 2021-22	952,884.00	179,138.12	630,654.11	322,229.89
<b>Capital Improvement Projects</b>				
FY 2018-19 Anderson Parking Lot	307,100.00	-	303,847.00	3,253.00
FY 2020-21 Eiseley/Walt Parking	332,300.00	-	259,111.70	73,188.30
FY 2020-21 Eiseley/Walt Roofs	238,000.00	-	201,078.57	36,921.43
FY 2020-21 Williams	800,000.00	-	-	800,000.00
FY 2021-22 Bookmobile	250,000.00	-	-	250,000.00