**Welcome New Director Ryan Wieber to Lincoln City Libraries**

"I am excited to arrive in Lincoln and begin leading a superb library system with strong ties to its communities. It is especially evident the City recognizes the value of its libraries, and I am thrilled to begin meeting our staff, stakeholders, and residents, and continuing excellence in public library service."

Dan Sloan, President of the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees said, "Ryan has the skills, experience, and drive needed to grow, strengthen and innovate our already very strong library system. He is a dynamic leader with a proven record of strong management, collaboration, and innovation. We are thrilled to have someone of his caliber lead the library into what promises to be a very exciting future."

"Ryan emerged as the unanimous top candidate during our search for the next Director. His enthusiasm for learning, experience as a library leader for over two decades and strong desire to lead Lincoln City Libraries into the future were notable strengths," Mayor Gaylor Baird said.

Mayor Gaylor Baird expressed her sincere appreciation to Jocelyn Golden for serving as the Interim Director of Lincoln City Libraries during the search process. Wieber assumes his role on December 8, 2022.

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**Grandparent Appreciation Day at Lincoln City Libraries!**

January 21st is Grandparent Appreciation Day at Lincoln City Libraries!

Bring your grandkids to any Lincoln City Library location (except for Williams Branch) to celebrate the special role grandparents play in our lives.

Check out a book to share and enjoy a special snack.

Grandchildren can fill out a small heart telling everyone why they love their grandparent.

The hearts will be posted in the libraries until Valentine's Day!
FAMILIES

Noon Year’s Eve Party!
Ring in the New Year with us – crafts, games and a balloon drop at noon!
12/31 SAT 10:30-12:00 ANDR

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01/21 SAT 10:00-2:00 ANDR

Waffles with Dad
Kids ages 3-8 and their dad, granddad, uncle, or other important man in their lives: join us for a free breakfast made by the Waffleman. Then, stay to create a cool craft project together. We’ll have a display of the most popular kid’s books from the 2000s so dads can choose a book that they loved to read aloud over winter break.
12/03 SAT 10:30-12:00 ANDR

Teen Board Game Day
Cure your BOARDom—Spend the afternoon playing games with us!
12/28 WED 2:00-5:30 ANDR

KIDS

Teens

WINTER BREAK FIBER ARTS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Make a Woven Pouch
Make your own pouch by weaving yarn on a cardboard loom. Preteens and teens are welcome. All supplies will be provided.
12/27 TUE 2:00-4:00 BMPL

Learn to Knit for Teens and Tweens
If you’ve ever wanted to start knitting, join us for a cozy afternoon of hands-on basics. All supplies will be provided.
12/28 WED 2:00-4:00 BMPL

Finger Knitting for Fun
Elementary students are invited to learn how to turn yarn into a thicker cord using just their fingers. Yarn will be provided.
12/29 THU 2:00-4:00 BMPL

Friendship Bracelets
Elementary students are invited to learn how to turn yarn into colorful friendship bracelets using a simple tool. Yarn and tool will be provided (or bring your own yarn if you want specific colors).
12/30 FRI 2:00-4:00 BMPL

FAMILIES

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01/21 SAT 10:00-2:00 BMPL

ADULTS

Mocktails with Maddie
Whether you are observing Dry January or just looking for healthier beverage options for your next celebration, this is the program for you! Join our guest presenter Maddie O. for happy hour where she’ll demonstrate the making of fun and flavorful mocktails to sample.
01/15 SUN 3:00-4:00 BMPL

Star at BMPL were recently recognized by the Lincoln Homeless Coalition for their commitment to addressing issues of poverty, hunger and homelessness in Lincoln.
B.Y.O.B(ook) Club
This is not your traditional book club! Join us with a title from your own reading list that follows the monthly discussion prompt and add to your own To Be Read list with recommendations from the group. Also available at Walt Branch Library.
December’s prompt: Your favorite winter-themed book.
12/21 WED 6:30-7:30 BMPL
01/18 WED 6:30-7:30 BMPL
February’s prompt: A book that made you blush.
02/15 WED 6:30-7:30 BMPL

Sunday Crafternoon @ the Library
Fun craft sessions for adults.
Supplies are provided; register online at LincolnLibraries.org or stop in to any location for help.
Art Journaling: Art journaling is a form of self-care that is all about the process and not the outcome. Using a variety of materials and techniques, you’ll be able to express your thoughts and feelings on the page with color, words and images. All supplies will be provided.
01/22 SUN 2:00-4:00 BMPL
Diamond Dot Painting: Experience the latest trend in crafting and practice a little self-care with diamond painting! A combination of cross-stitch and paint-by-numbers, this craft is relaxing and meditative. You’ll use special tools and small rhinestones to create your design on adhesive canvas. All supplies are provided, but space is limited.
Registration is required.
02/26 SUN 2:00-4:00 BMPL

Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group
Just Desserts discusses titles from the Mystery Fiction genre and shares desserts, too! Sessions end with a round-robin of other mysteries group members have been reading.
January: Three mystery series by author Rhys Bowen: The Constable Evans series, the Molly Murphy series and the Her Royal Spyness series.
01/26 THU 6:30-7:45 BMPL
February: Three different award-winning mystery novels by S.A. Cosby, My Darkest Prayer, Blacktop Wasteland and Razorblade Tears.
02/23 THU 6:30-7:45 BMPL

The Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors
The Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors is located on the 3rd floor of Bennett Martin Public Library.
With the support of the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association, the Heritage Room documents and promotes the work of Nebraska authors, past and present.
The Heritage Room contains more than just books. There are unpublished letters and manuscripts, and information files that trace author careers in clippings from newspapers, magazines, and literary journals.
The Heritage Room also preserves and digitizes photographs, audio and video archives, original artwork by authors and illustrators, and other memorabilia.
NebraskaAuthors.org is a collaborative project with the UNL Center for Digital Research in the Humanities. The website includes information on more than 4,000 Nebraska Writers, past and present.

Bollywood Music Through the Years with Omkara
Learn more about the traditions and trends in Bollywood film music, and see it performed by Omaha’s unique ensemble, Omkara! Their cover versions include slow rock, unplugged, fusion, mashups, semi-Indian classical, and medleys of songs from classic 70s to the latest hits.
12/10 SAT 2:00-3:00 BMPL

Darren Keen: Composing and Producing with Ableton
Composer and songwriter Darren Keen will give attendees a look at his composition and production habits revolving around the use of Ableton Live software. This presentation will be interesting for anyone into contemporary production techniques or writing music for TV, video games, and electronic music. There will be a Q & A at the end of the presentation.
01/15 SUN 1:00-3:00 BMPL
In 1937, the Bethany Women’s Club and the Bethany Women’s Missionary Society donated their collections to establish a Bethany Branch in an old bank building on North Cotner. The present Bethany Branch Library was constructed in 1958.

To commemorate its 50th anniversary in 2008, the interior was fully remodeled.

During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, Bethany Branch welcomed 55,254 visitors and circulated 101,454 items.

**FAMILIES**

**Grandparent Appreciation Day At Lincoln City Libraries**

Please see the program description on the front page.

**ADULTS**

**Bethany BookTalks (Meets Weekly)**

Attend BookTalks to get and receive reading recommendations. Some sessions are led by library staff members and others are attendee-led book chat days. No preparation is needed and registration is not required. Just drop in and talk about books!

**Meets 12/02/2022-02/24/2023 (holidays excluded)**

**FAMILIES**

**Learn About Libby!**

Come learn about Libby, the library reading app. Staff will show you how to tag, borrow and navigate the Libby App.

**ADULTS**

**Ugly Sweater Party**

It’s an ugly sweater party! Makeover your sweaters from past years. We will have buttons, bows and other decorative items to help. This program is 18+ because we will be using a hot glue gun.

**TEENS**

**Escape the Holidays**

Escape your family and join us for an afternoon of crafts, conversation and cinema.

**ADULTS**

**Quirky Canvas**

We can’t serve wine, but we will have warm beverages available as we uncork our inner artist! Join us for good conversation and questionable artistic abilities. This program is intended for 18+.

To commemorate its 50th anniversary in 2008, the interior was fully remodeled.

During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, Eiseley welcomed 97,603 visitors and circulated 279,145 items.

**KIDS**

**Passive Play for Kids**

Take a break from the holiday hustle and discover our developmental toys. Warm beverages will be available. Every Wednesday and Thursday in December.

**WED & THU 10:30-11:30 EIS**

**Little Kids: Big Feelings**

Does your little one get overwhelmed by their big emotions? You and your child are invited to learn techniques for calming and centering oneself using easy yoga poses, breathing and simple mindfulness techniques. Yoga instructor Deb Buck, a licensed instructor of Yoga for the Special Child, will lead this session. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. Designed for children ages 2-6 with accompanying adult.

**01/08 SUN 1:00-1:45 EIS**

**Bingo!**

No saved seats! We’re playing bingo again. Bring your grandma and your lucky rabbit’s foot. Join us for a boisterous, fun evening!

**02/26 SUN 6:30-7:30 EIS**

Harris is part of our dedicated Lied Bookmobile crew. Not everyone has easy access to a library. Our team travels to spots throughout Lincoln and Lancaster County to provide a broad range of library services and materials. When not on the road, the Bookmobile lives at Eiseley Branch Library.
Explore and Play
Come for a playdate with your storytime friends. We will have toys that encourage children to use their imaginations, explore early learning skills, develop physical coordination and play with others.
12/06 TUE 10:00-11:00 GERE
12/20 TUE 10:00-11:00 GERE

Donuts with Dad
Come for the free donuts and stay to create a cool craft project with your dad. We'll have a display of the most popular kids books from the 2000s so dads can choose a book to read aloud over winter break. This event is intended for dads and their children ages 3-8. Grandfathers, uncles and other important men in a child's life are welcome to attend.
12/17 SAT 10:30-12:00 GERE

Dance and Groove
Dance, sing, move and groove at the library. There will be bubbles, disco lights, scarves, rhythm instruments and more as we revisit our favorite activities from Music and Movement. Come dance to a few songs or stay for the whole hour.
12/15 TUE 10:00-11:00 GERE
12/27 TUE 10:00-11:00 GERE

Anime Extravaganza
Teens and young adults, celebrate all things anime! Discover new shows and series, learn some beginning Japanese and sample Japanese snacks. Sing and dance like an idol during karaoke and even try your hand at a beginner-level cosplay craft!
12/30 FRI 1:00-3:00 GERE

Comics & Graphic Novels Book Bash!
Join us for a party focused on all things comics! You'll learn all about how comics and graphic novels are made from industry insider Nathanial Hamel (DC, Marvel and more) including the basics of character design, sequential storytelling and tips and tricks on getting your comic from idea to the page! Share your favorites and enjoy snacks!
01/25 MON 5:30-7:30 GERE

Once Upon a Crime Book Group
Do you love true crime and local mysteries? Join us for all things criminal to discuss our current crime obsessions. Bring your favorite stories to share and get sentenced to FUN.
December: Jazz Age Crimes
12/13 TUE 6:30-8:00 GERE
January: Cultural Crimes
01/10 TUE 6:30-8:00 GERE
February: Crimes of Passion
02/14 TUE 6:30-8:00 GERE

Let's Get Books Together - LGBTQ Book Club
Join us for the discussion of books with themes relevant to the LGBTQ+ community in Nebraska. In addition to book discussion and socializing, the group will also serve as a source of support and safety for all members. General discussion about LGBTQ+ literature may follow the discussion of the monthly selected title.
December: Legends and Lutes by Travis Baldree, followed by a special winter themed D&D session
12/28 WED 6:00-7:45 GERE
January: Lavender House by Lev A.C. Rosen
01/18 WED 6:00-7:45 GERE
February: Speak by Nicola Griffith
02/15 WED 6:00-7:45 GERE

Yoga at the Library
Join us every other Wednesday for yoga! After a brief meditation, we will move through a variety of gentle seated, kneeling and standing yoga poses focusing on breathing and mindfulness. Modifications will be provided for those with physical limitations. Bring your own mat and water. Hot tea will be provided.
01/11 WED 6:15-6:45 GERE
01/25 WED 6:15-6:45 GERE
02/08 WED 6:15-6:45 GERE
02/22 WED 6:15-6:45 GERE

Antiques Show & Tell
Bring one or two items for an opportunity to tell the story behind them, such as who they originally belonged to, how you obtained them and what they mean to you.
01/18 WED 2:30-4:00 GERE
02/15 WED 2:30-4:00 GERE
South Branch Library was built at 27th & South Streets in 1955. This library may have a small footprint on the ground, but it is a real gem for central Lincoln residents.

During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, South Branch welcomed 41,181 visitors and circulated 166,903 items.

**FAMILIES**

**New Year's Party**

Come join us for a fun New Year's party! We will have crafts, a countdown, bubble wrap stomp and a family movie.

12/30   FRI  2:00-4:00   SOUTH

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01/21  SAT  10:00-2:00   SOUTH

**TEENS**

**KAHoot! Teen Trivia Night**

Join other teens for a cozy KAHoot! trivia night at Walt Branch Library with snacks, beverages and door prizes. Please bring an internet-capable device to use for the game.

12/28   WED  10:15-12:15   WALT

**Dance in the New Year**

Join us to create crafts to help celebrate the new year. Then stay for a dance party with a countdown to 12 o'clock (noon)!

01/08   SUN  2:00-3:30   SOUTH

**Stay and Play in January & February**

Storytimes will be back in January after a short break in December. Come for Saturday All Ages Storytime (10:30-11:00) and then "Stay and Play" with the library's collection of toys and games sure to stimulate creative play, physical development and social interaction.

SATURDAYS  11:00-11:45   WALT

**KIDS**

**Hour of Code - Code Monkey Jr.**

Children ages 4-6, join a monkey on a mission to collect bananas and unlock treasure chests. Explore and learn the basics of code using Blocks software. Children are encouraged to bring an adult helper with them. Online registration is required. Visit LincolnLibraries.org or stop in and ask for help to register.

12/10   SAT  10:15-11:15   WALT

**Hour of Code - Dance Party**

Using Blocks software, children in grades 2-5 will Code a Dance Party to share with their friends, featuring music from Katy Perry, Shawn Mendes, Lil Nas X, Panic! At The Disco, Jonas Brothers and many more! Online registration is required. Visit LincolnLibraries.org or stop in and ask for help to register.

12/10   SAT  11:30-12:30   WALT

**Sunday Crafternoon @ the Library**

Fun craft sessions for adults. Supplies are provided; register online.

**Cup Cozy:** Craft a cup cozy out of a sock or a small sweater sleeve. If you have a single sock or a worn out sweater you’d like to use, bring it. Otherwise, come prepared to craft.

12/11   SUN  2:00-3:30   SOUTH

**Snowman Painting:** Spend some time painting a snowman with acrylics. Wear old clothes and come prepared to create!

01/08   SUN  2:00-3:30   SOUTH

**Tile Coasters:** We all need coasters so come and create a tile coaster with paper images and Mod Podge.

02/05   SUN  2:00-3:30   SOUTH

Walt Branch Library opened in southwest Lincoln in 2002. It is a mirror image of Eiseley Branch.

During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, Walt Branch circulated 506,135 items and welcomed 118,867 visitors.

**FAMILIES**

**Grandparent Appreciation Day At Lincoln City Libraries**

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01/21   SAT  10:00-2:00   WALT

**Make Piece with Board Games**

See the mini 3D printer in action creating board game tokens. While you are here, stay and try your hand at a game or two from Walt Branch Library’s collection of board games.

02/26   SUN  4:00-6:00   WALT
**6TH GRADE - ADULT**

**Sunday Crafternoon @ the Library**
Fun craft sessions for ages 6th Grade through adults. Supplies are provided; register online at LincolnLibraries.org.

**DIY Holiday Wrapping Supplies:** Our recipe for holiday cheer mixes simple origami techniques with recycled paper to make gift bags, boxes, ornaments and more! Class space is limited so online registration is recommended.

- **12/11 SUN 2:00-4:00** WALT

**Mixed Media Marvels:** Join us to create a mixed media marvel of your own using library craft materials and let your imagination run wild!

- **01/08 SUN 2:00-4:00** WALT

**Visible Mending:** Have the elbows of your softest cardigan given up the ghost? Bring in your well-loved items and give them a badge of honor with VISIBLE MENDING. We will provide materials and assistance to fix small/medium sized holes in knitted items that you bring from home. Class space is limited—online registration required.

- **02/12 SUN 2:00-4:00** WALT

**B.Y.O.B(ook) Club**
This is not your traditional book club! Join us with a title from your own reading life that follows the monthly discussion prompt and add to your own To Be Read list with recommendations from the group. Also available at Bennett Martin Public Library.

**December’s prompt:** Your favorite winter-themed book.

- **12/15 THU 11:30-12:30** WALT

**January’s prompt:** Your favorite book-to-movie adaptation.

- **01/19 THU 11:30-12:30** WALT

**February’s prompt:** A book that made you blush.

- **02/16 THU 11:30-12:30** WALT

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE CRICUT MACHINE**
Curious about the Cricut? Join us for an introduction to these crafty cutting machines. Space is limited. Register online or by calling 402-441-4460.

- **01/29 SUN 2:00-3:00** WALT

**TRIVIA NIGHT!**
You never know what you might know! Impress your friends and learn a few new facts at this family friendly trivia night. Sign in starts at 5:30 pm with trivia starting promptly at 6:00 pm. Register a team of up to six people by calling 402-441-4460. Walk-in teams welcome, but space is limited.

- **01/15 SUN 6:00-7:30** WALT

**TEACHER TOOLKIT**
Libraries are more than books! Unlock the power of your library card as you learn about resources and services available at Lincoln City Libraries that support your work as an educator. All home educators, school teachers and lifelong learners are welcome.

- **02/05 SUN 2:00-3:00** WALT

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**MOBILE OUTREACH**
Lied Bookmobile

- **Circulation:** 24,648
- **Visits:** 2,250

**Electronic Materials**

- **Circulation:** 698,191
- **Visits:** 1,469,267

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**Guide to Beginner’s Cosplay**
New to cosplay and want to make your own but don’t know where to start? No worries! Don’t have a sewing machine? No worries! Don’t know how to use a pattern? No worries! Join avid cosplayer Miranda and receive tips and advice on how to start your first cosplay project!

- **12/27 TUE 4:00-5:00** WALT

**Advanced Guide to Cosplay Making**
Want to add some shine onto your cosplay? Perhaps learn a new cosplay making skill? Come receive some tips and tricks on some advanced techniques from a fellow cosplayer Miranda in our advanced guide to cosplay making.

- **12/28 WED 4:00-5:00** WALT

**Guide to Making Cosplay Armor**
Intimidated to begin an armor cosplay because you don’t know where to start? Come listen to avid cosplayer, Miranda, give tips and guide you as you make that dream armor cosplay.

- **12/29 THU 4:00-5:00** WALT

**Walt Cosplay Contest!**
You or your team will piece together a cosplay in 60 minutes with the materials given to you and then showcase it on the cosplay catwalk in a walk off! Show us your best stuff! Don’t want to participate? No worries! Wear your own cosplay, and join in the walk off for fun.

- **12/30 FRI 3:00-5:00** WALT

Registration is requested for all Cosplay events. Head to LincolnLibraries.org or ask your friendly neighborhood librarian to help you register!
Beam Signing Event Held at Future Air Park Community Center and Williams Branch Library

On Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022, our community gathered for a beam signing event held for the new combined Air Park Community Center and Williams Branch Library, located at 4900 Mike Scholl Street.

The event featured remarks by:
- Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird
- Maggie Stuckey Ness, Parks and Recreation Director
- Traci Glass, Lincoln City Libraries Assistant Director
- Jamie Kelley, Air Park Community Center Director
- Jodi Frager, Arnold Elementary Principal

Kids from Arnold Elementary School, City Council members, and former City of Lincoln department directors, including Pat Leach of Lincoln City Libraries and Lynn Johnson of Parks and Recreation, were on hand to celebrate and to sign the beam!

Lisa Olivigni, Manager of the Williams and Eiseley Branch Libraries, said that the new location will allow Williams Branch Library to extend its hours and reach even more of our friends in the northwest part of town.

The new facility is scheduled to open in 2023 and we can’t wait!

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

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TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Make a difference in our community by advising library staff about the materials, programs and services you would like to see at Lincoln City Libraries.