

MEETING NOTICE

DATE: May 12, 2023
TO: Library Board, Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney
FROM: Ryan Wieber, Library Director
SUBJECT: Library Board Meeting

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING: Tuesday, May 16, 2023
Bennett Martin Public Library
136 S. 14th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

STARTING TIME OF MEETING: 8:00 a.m.
CHAIR OF MEETING: Dan Sloan, President
PURPOSE OF MEETING: Monthly Business Meeting

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Announcement of Open Meetings Law
2. Approval of Agenda*
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items
4. Approval of April 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes*
5. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Committee on Administration
 - i. Request for Reconsideration Appeal*
 - b. Committee on Buildings and Grounds
 - c. Committee on Finance
 - i. Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures for April, 2023*
6. Special Committee Reports
 - a. Foundation Executive Director Report
 - b. One Book One Lincoln update
7. New Business
 - a. Approval to Purchase Computers from Dell Technologies at an amount not to exceed \$104,850.00*
 - b. Summer Reading Program Report – Vicki Wood
8. President's Report
9. Assistant Library Director's Report
10. Director's Report
11. Public Comment - Anyone wishing to address the board on a matter not on this agenda may do so at this time.

*Action Item

Proposed agenda kept continually current and available for inspection at the Administrative Office of the Bennett Martin Public Library. The Board shall have the right to modify the agenda at said public meeting when convened.

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 6:00 p.m.

EISELEY BRANCH LIBRARY

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Sloan, Rhonda Seacrest, Lisa Hale, Christopher Stewart, Donna Marvin, Joe Shaw, Nichole Bogen, present. Jackie Ostrowicki absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Ryan Wieber, Library Director; Traci Glass, Library Assistant Director; Paul Jones, Accountant; Gail McNair, Executive Director, Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries; Lisa Olivigni, Eiseley Branch Manager; Jen Jackson, Librarian; Sarah Dale, Admin Aide.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

President Dan Sloan noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He announced the Open Meetings Act was posted and available for review.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Sloan noted that the Agenda and Meeting Notice were posted according to the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska. Sloan made note of two changes to the agenda. City Attorney, Jocelyn Golden is unable to attend, so item #4, Trustee Development, will not happen tonight. Additionally, he noted item 6.c.i. should read "Expenditures for March 2023" instead of "February 2023." Sloan asked for a motion to make the two noted amendments to the Agenda. Shaw so moved. Stewart seconded. There was no further discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Stewart, Hale, Marvin, Seacrest, Shaw, Sloan – AYE. Motion carried 6-0. Sloan then asked for a motion to approve the amended Agenda. Seacrest so moved. Shaw seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hale, Marvin, Seacrest, Shaw, Sloan, Stewart – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Sloan noted that public comment is welcome and reviewed the public comment process for those attending. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

President Sloan noted the Minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting had been submitted. Sloan asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. Hale moved approval. Seacrest seconded. Sloan asked for changes or corrections. Hale noted Coordinator Sergeant's name was duplicated under "Others Present." There was no further discussion, and Sloan asked for the vote. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hale, Marvin, Seacrest, Shaw, Sloan, Stewart – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Administration

Approval of Recommendation for Appointment to the Library Board

President Sloan noted that the review of applicants to replace Stewart on the Library Board went well, the process was thorough and there were several great candidates to interview. The committee ultimately chose Morgan Gerteisen to recommend for appointment to the board. Seacrest moved approval. Shaw seconded. Discussion: Brief discussion followed. Director Wieber noted that if the process moves through the City Council as scheduled, Ms. Gerteisen will be seated in time for the May 16, 2023 Board Meeting. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Seacrest, Shaw, Sloan, Stewart, Hale, Marvin – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee on Buildings and Grounds

No Report.

Committee on Finance

Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures for March 2023

Marvin reported total Operational Expenditures of \$823,892.86, total Expenditures from Other Funds as \$111,261.85 for Total Expenditures of \$935,154.71. There was no discussion. Marvin motioned approval. Shaw seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Seacrest, Shaw, Sloan, Stewart, Hale, Marvin – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Foundation Executive Director Report

Gail McNair shared that the *Wine and Dine* event is April 27 and thanked all who have contributed. She encouraged those who haven't yet to RSVP as soon as possible. She noted that *Give to Lincoln Day* is scheduled for May 24, and as per their usual practice, the Community Foundation will begin accepting donations on their website on May 1st or she can take checks. Donations not specifically directed elsewhere will go to support children's services. *Coffee on the Patio* will be held Memorial Day, May 29, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The top three One Book One Lincoln finalists will be announced. Thanks to Dan and Tamera and their staff at the Mill for hosting such an enjoyable event. McNair noted the Friends organization is excited to expand on the opportunities for book sales via Book Nooks and other upcoming opportunities at the branches. She reminded all that the Book Nooks have been quite successful, and serve multiple purposes; they provide funds, a community service, and homes for new books.

One Book One Lincoln Report

Librarian Jen Jackson reported that using the new application process, six new members were added to the committee and have given great input. Four new members will be chosen for next year. Other improvements to the program included changing the vetting process of titles the committee can consider to include Graphic Novels and Young Adult titles. One of each of those made their way into the semifinals this year. Hopefully these changes will increase readership and participation. She shared that

the traditional “sneak peek” of the semifinalists will be enhanced this year with short videos created by the committee members which will be shared on the LCL website and social media. The promotional videos will be rolled out, two per week each Friday, beginning April 28. Each video invites viewers to attend *Coffee on the Patio* on Memorial Day. Please share the posts as they come out. Director Wieber commended the large time commitment and thoughtful and heartfelt effort put in by all the committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Surplus Property Report.

President Sloan noted that all had received a copy of the report in their packet, and asked Accountant Paul Jones for a report. Jones shared the process for disposing of surplus City property – items with remaining use can be sold, worn out items are disposed of. Brief discussion followed. Marvin moved the Board formally declare the listed assets as Surplus Property. Hale seconded. There was no discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Marvin, Seacrest, Shaw, Sloan, Stewart, Hale – AYE. Motion carried, 6-0.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Sloan shared that he, among others present, attended the Volunteer Recognition event Sunday, and reminded all that it’s Volunteer Appreciation Week. The event was fun, and he encouraged Board members to attend such events.

He noted that this is Christopher Stewart’s last meeting. Director Sloan formally thanked Stewart for his service. “You were a terrific addition to the board, and I wish you well, but I wish you would stay.”

ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Assistant Director Glass shared updates on the parking lot resurfacing projects. Pavers will finish at Gere branch this week and Bethany will be closed for one day, tomorrow, while they complete that parking lot. There are several open positions for which the application process has recently closed or will close this week. Interviews are upcoming and they plan to have the vacancies filled quickly. She shared that a child-designed library card promotion will be held concurrently with Summer Reading, May 26-July 1. Kids 11 and younger can turn in their designs in person or electronically. A group of staff will narrow them down to three and present the final three to the public for their vote. Eco cards are being sourced. Once the winner is selected and cards printed, they will be offered as new or replacement cards at no cost. This dovetails with the upcoming change in policy from charging \$1 for any replacement library cards, to providing them at no cost. That policy change will come before the Board for approval in the upcoming months. Brief discussion followed.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Wieber shared that he and AD Glass attended an inter-agency meeting that included the Planning Dept., LPS, and others to envision anticipated facilities needs looking out 5, 10 and 20 years hence. It was a great opportunity to lay out our needs and seek partnerships. The Committee on Administration met to discuss Law Department’s suggested code changes. Copies of the language

changes will be distributed. Over the next month or two the changes should go to the City Council for approval. Two new security cameras have been installed in the interior of Bennett Martin. Cameras near stairwells are planned. The new gate for the lower level will be installed tomorrow. Plans for a 2023 Strategic Planning process are moving forward and should be complete by the end of the calendar year. Director Wieber shared the second Message Mapping meeting has been held. Branch Managers, Coordinators, and Board Members have been working together to determine how to consistently deliver the library's message. A final small group will refine the message and bring it to the initial group as well as the Board. This messaging will play into the website redesign as well as the upcoming Strategic Planning process.

Lisa Olivigni, Eiseley Branch Manager shared that Eiseley not only staffs their branch, but also Williams and the Bookmobile. At full staff, that includes 27 people, so the scheduling is complex, but it almost always works out. Olivigni reported that she and her staff are very excited about the upcoming opening of the new Williams library, which will allow us to provide more public access service. She shared, down the road we're also excited about the two new Bookmobiles. Thanks for coming out to Eiseley, those who are unfamiliar with the library branch were invited for a tour.

Seacrest noted that she and other board members attended the Library's intellectual freedom training and commended the information and the presenters. Brief discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Memo to the Library Board

May 2023

Please note: the BMPL Auditorium will be set up differently, with Board members seated in a half-moon-type table setup nearer the south wall, with no audience seating behind board members. You'll be facing the north, and will be able to conveniently see the presentation screen if needed. A podium will be placed near the traditional front of the room to clearly indicate placement for presenters or those making public comment.

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET: The actual percent of budget expended year to date is 63.38%, compared to the budgeted 66.67%. Annual adjusted expenditures to date is 66.36%.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Administration

* Request for Reconsideration Appeal for the book True You: A Gender Journey—Action Item

Chair Sloan and Committee members will lead the introduction and description of the Request, and the Committee's process, and their recommendation to the full board.

Committee on Finance

*Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures—Action Item

Reports are attached. Treasurer Donna Marvin will bring forward a motion to approve.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Foundation Executive Director Report: Gail McNair

One Book One Lincoln: Jackie Ostrowicki

NEW BUSINESS

- a. * Approval to Purchase Computers from Dell Technologies at an amount not to exceed \$104,850.00

This is for staff computer replacement of 150 units, which takes place approximately every six years. Virtual Services staff prepare and deploy these dept by dept at BMPL, and then building by building over a 3-4 month period, once received. Many of the used staff units then serve as replacement Public Access Catalogs (PACS). VS Manager Rod Cummings will be on hand to answer questions if needed. Below is an inventory for the system.

MEMO TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

April 2023

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COMPUTER (The term computer should be interpreted to mean any desktop, laptop, tablet)	Number of computers at All Locations									Total
	BMPL	Anderson	Bethany	Eiseley	Gere	South	Walt	Williams	Bkmobile	
Internet Computers- Filtered	45	10	4	14	12	5	15	8	2	115
Internet Computers - Unfiltered	2	8	2	12	6	2	10	0	0	42
Public Computers - no Internet	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	6
PACS - Library Catalog Access	13	3	1	12	14	3	14	1	0	61
iPads	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Computers dedicated to youth	15	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	23
TOTAL PUBLIC COMPUTERS	80	22	9	40	35	14	41	9	2	252
Staff Computers	57	8	3	22	21	5	19	1	2	138
Tablets	13	3	0	4	4	0	4	0	1	29
Laptops	10	1	0	1	1	6	1	0	2	22
TOTAL STAFF COMPUTERS	80	12	3	27	26	11	24	1	5	189
TOTAL COMPUTERS	160	34	12	67	61	25	65	10	7	441

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Traci Glass will present a powerpoint update on the new Williams Branch.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

As part of my report, I’ll speak to items on the written report, and I plan to provide a brief powerpoint presentation on LCL activity trends, eight months into the FY.

Contracts Filed:

Tracking #	Contact Name	Business Name	Description	Date Received
Select 23050017	Dale	Edgerton Explorit Center - Mary Molliconi	To present the following science demonstrations: "Arctic Blast," "Sparks," and "Science of Spaceflight" as part of Lincoln City Libraries' Summer Reading Program at the dates, times, and locations listed in the agreement. at a cost not to exceed \$1,268.00	4/19/2023
Select 23050016	Dale	Lincoln Alpaca Picnics	To present alpacas for four "Alpaca Encounters" as part of Lincoln City Libraries' Summer Reading Program and provide information on South American camelids at the dates, times and locations listed in the agreement. at a cost not to exceed \$350.00. sed/5.4.23	4/19/2023
Select 23050011	Dale	Theater Arts Academy	To present four theater arts programs for kids as part of the Lincoln City Libraries Summer Reading Program at dates listed in the agreement. sed/5.3.23	4/18/2023
Select 23040106	Dale	Lincoln Saltdogs, c/o Charlie Meyer	For providing presentations including Saltdogs players and Homer the Haymarket Hound to take pictures, sign autographs, and read stories for the Summer Reading Program at the dates and times listed in the agreement at no cost.	4/19/2023
Select 23040103	Dale	Sasha Day, Certified POUND Instructor	for providing a Kid version of the music-driven, drumming-inspired workout as part of Lincoln City Libraries' Summer Reading Program on Thursday, June 15, 2023 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508 at a cost not to exceed \$120.00.	4/20/2023
Select 23040100	Dale	Westminster Presbyterian Church	For use of the Westminster Fellowship Hall for South Branch Library's Summer Reading Program events on the dates listed in the agreement at a cost of \$60.00 per event, not to exceed \$360.00.	4/19/2023
Select 23040097	Dale	Nebraska Extension	Present "4-H Fun with Animals" and "Love my Pets" programs as part of Lincoln City Libraries' Summer Reading Program, sharing information about caring for animals and showing at fairs, at various locations on dates listed in agreement. Small animals will be on hand. sed/4.20.23	4/18/2023
Select 23040095	Dale	Cooper YMCA - Ashley Choma	Present the program, "Workout with the Y" as part of Lincoln City Libraries' Summer Reading Program. Provide staff to direct fitness activities for kids on June 22, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Walt Branch Library, 6701 S. 14th St, Lincoln, NE 68512	4/18/2023
Select 23040094	Dale	The Lug Nuts c/o Bob Deschaine	To provide a performance by the Lug Nuts, and afterwards provide lessons to interested learners using the Lincoln City Libraries collection of ukuleles as part of Lincoln City Libraries' Summer Reading Program on Thursday, July 13th, 2023 at Anderson Branch Library, 3635 Touzalin Ave, Lincoln, NE 68507.	4/18/2023
Select 23040033	Dale	Asian Community and Cultural Center	Providing a display of photos, posters, and some mixed media artwork comprising a collection of "Untold Migrant Stories" to be shown from April 10 - April 28, 2023, at Bennett Martin Public Library at no cost.	4/6/2023
Select 23040016	Dale	Lincoln Symphony Orchestra	To perform Storytelling With Puppets with time for Q&A afterwards, with Dylan Shelton and Paul Strickland of the River City Puppets on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior St., Lincoln NE 68521.	4/4/2023



LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

136 S. 14th Street

Lincoln, NE 68508-1899

MEMORANDUM

TO: Library Board

FROM: Paul E. Jones, Business Office

RECAP OF EXPENDITURES - APRIL 2023

Library Operational Budget - FY 2022-23	\$ 753,795.80	
Library Enc/Reapp - FY 2021-22	-	
Heritage Room Fund - FY 2022-23	2,893.65	
Polley Music Library - FY 2022-23	8,736.33	
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Total Operational Expenditures		\$ 765,425.78
Grants	\$ 1,091.30	
Hompes Fund	48.99	
Keno	104,164.18	
Miscellaneous Library Donations Funds	18,284.56	
Capital Improvements	53,652.00	
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Total Expenditures - Other Funds		177,241.03
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 942,666.81
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Director's Report for April 2023

The Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on April 16 was a special event that recognized the efforts of our volunteers. Heartland Hall at Union College was a perfect location, and all tables were filled with volunteers and their families. I'm so impressed with all who were involved in making a nice memory. NESU Manager Kim Shelley coordinated this year's ceremony, Susan Steider served as emcee, Mayor Gaylor Baird and Board Chair Sloan spoke words of appreciation, and representative staff from all locations helped in many ways to make a great afternoon for LCL's treasured volunteers. Nearly 200 volunteers in 2022 gave 6,235 hours of service to LCL, and the library is a better place because of it.

A new "Onboarding Committee" (Jodene Glaesemann, Traci Glass, Brenda Ealey, LeeAnn Sergeant, and Heath Gewecke) are currently working on a standardized new employee onboarding process that welcomes new employees and sets expectations for general training on many things LCL (circulation, customer service, systems, building tours). Heath is also serving on the upcoming onboarding review process for City HR.

Online Card signup is now available, courtesy of a coordinated effort from Support Services staff, Virtual Services, and Public Services.

Facilities manager Dan Miller will be receiving a used city fleet truck for inter-branch travel and hauling.

Close to 200 people attended the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries' annual Wine and Dine fundraiser on April 27 had a fun time bidding on items and celebrating and supporting LCL. A ceremonial check for \$240,000 was presented to the library at the event, representing the full amount of funds provided to the library by the Foundation for the year.

Gifts to the Foundation via the annual Lincoln Community Foundation-coordinated **Give to Lincoln Day** (givetolincoln.com) help pay for books that are distributed by Youth Services staff in early literacy-based programs like Begin with Books, Read Aloud, and Books for Babies. The giving event runs through May 24.

Monthly Examples of the Strategic Plan in Action

Our Vision: The Library Experience—setting a distinctive tone in promoting and providing lifelong education for our entire community

Interactions

- Jackie S. at BMPL said, "A regular patron came in wanting to discuss some of the Interlibrary Loans they had coming in and possibly needing to cancel them. We then got to talking and they mentioned how hard it's been, and the mental and financial strain of being on a fixed income. They were pretty upset, so I got

them our community resource flyer and highlighted several of the organizations that I thought could be helpful. I visited with them a number of times over the next two hours, checking in on them and making sure there wasn't anything else they needed. The next day they called and asked for me by name. They wanted to let me know how much better they were feeling. It was a great example of how much many people rely on us for things other than just checking out books."

- Maddie O. at Eiseley noted this: While I was working the front desk, a patron was inquiring about a book that she needed for their book club. After a search, I let her know that we only had the item on our Hoopla app but we had it in audiobook format and an ebook format. She immediately took out her phone and I let her know about the wide variety of apps and digital resources that the library had to offer. She said she had no idea but that she was excited to be able to listen to the audiobook as she read along with the ebook.

Programming

- On April 22, Polley Music Library had Lincoln guitarist Dennis Taylor perform at the library, a fitting program for International Guitar Month. Dennis' 1983 album "Dayspring" has enjoyed a bit of a revival in the last five years, having been reissued by two record labels on CD and again on LP, and he's gotten some national and international attention for the record since then as a kind of bridge between the "modern primitive" and "new age" guitar styles of the 70s and 80s. Around 20 people attended.
- The "bee hotel" Crafternoon at Walt Branch was an educational craft project that helped twenty participants learn how to best support native bees and other pollinators in their own yards. Liz C. went over everything from the type of environment bees need to survive, to the inadvertent ways humans can do more harm than good when we have good intentions but haven't done our research. Everyone made a cute appropriate bee hotel but learned that it's much better to help nature by correcting our behavior rather than trying to make it conform to our wishes.

Outreach

- Karrie S. and Stephanie E. represented LCL and NESU at Pershing Elementary School on April 18. Karrie said, "Steph and I hosted a booth at Pershing Elementary School's "60 Minutes Around the World" event. We took along some examples of our multi-language books. But the big hit was our button maker. Each student was able to make a button celebrating diversity and unity. They decorated with colored pencils, and Steph made their art into a button. We saw almost 100 people in 60 minutes. They were so busy, they hardly had time to listen to me tell them about Summer Reading!"

Collaboration

- Department of Aging Partners reserved two of Gere's study rooms during April 17-28 for daytime appointments with their clients, while their offices are in the process of being moved to a new location.
- Award winners from the Nebraska Center for the Book's annual program "Letters About Literature" visited the Heritage Room on April 3rd for a tour and to sign their letters for inclusion in the Heritage Room files. There were 25 attendees.
- Vicki W. met with the group organizing the Field Trip Across Lincoln. The libraries are added sites this year and also points of distribution for the Field Trip passports.

- Assistant Director Traci Glass reports that she continues to work with LCL staff and the folks at Community Crops regarding the installation of a community garden at Gere. The deep well situation has been sorted out, and we are now working on putting a shed in place in time for proposed late spring unveiling.

Community Engagement

- Longtime volunteers JoAnne Thiele and Judy Smith were recognized along with other volunteers at the Nebraska Library Association's Advocacy Day at the Cornhusker Hotel. Vicki Clarke nominated them as Walt Library's "OG volunteers." While Walt Branch Library opened on 02-02-02, both JoAnne and Judy have volunteer hours dating back to 2001. Collectively they have given 5,493 volunteer hours to the library in the last 21 years – JoAnne, 2,890 hours and Judy 2,603 hours and counting.
- Cait Lombardo (BMPL) provided outreach to Lincoln High School in the form of the LHS Book Club. Small groups were formed to discuss a number of titles

Technology

- The Tech Time Staff at Gere-South (Cal H., Melanie N., Marcy G., Ronda H., and Hillary U.) helped 14 unique patrons during an equivalent of 23 half-hour appointments. Of those, 4 needed assistance with digital library services. Cal shared this interaction: "I had two instances this month where patrons who I helped during Tech Time explained that they had nearly become victims of financial crimes after interacting and trusting scammers on social media – Facebook, particularly. While I was sure not to provide any specific financial advice, I did offer them some basic digital security tips including a couple rules of thumb that should hopefully steer them clear of high-risk interactions. In one case, I helped the patron block the offending account."

Facilities

- Traci Glass reported that the Gere and Bethany parking lot resurfacing projects started and ended in April. "We are thrilled to these well-used branches have parking lots that are updated and leveled. Gere's was especially welcomed as previous work on the parking lot was not holding up well in the face of so much usage."

Areas of Excellence and Focus

Early Childhood

- Vicki Clarke hosted a Blessed Sacrament School Family Night at the library. 100 people attended and 20 new cards were registered! Thirty students in Preschool-6th grade completed a scavenger hunt which took them on a self-guided tour of the youth department. When they gathered all the clues, they learned the mystery phrase, "When in doubt go to the library," by J.K. Rowling. A young dad with a first-grade daughter said this was the first time he had brought her to the library, and it had been an extremely long time since he had been himself. They were both excited about the things they saw and said they would be back often.
- For the month of April, Read Aloud Advocate Ali Bousquet had 19 card sign ups and interacted with more than 600 individuals at ten outreach events. She reports she "made some really meaningful connections

with the LPS student-parent advocates. These are folks who teach, provide childcare, and do home visits with LPS students who have children. They were very excited to learn about the online resources we offer, along with the materials I provided about reading and book selection for their students.”

Low-income families

- Garren H. at BMPL relayed, “Another staff member directed an unhoused adult to me who had been asking about the Magic Desktop computers, which have games and videos for children. It turned out that what she wanted was a resource to help her with elementary level math and other types of study review. I showed her how to access HelpNow. She was thrilled! It had what she was looking for, plus resources for life-skills and other academic areas that she’s working on as part of a job program.”

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

Employment

- Cindy K. at BMPL described interacting with a customer on a regular basis: “I have had several interactions with a recent regular patron. He told me that he “was having the best day.” He had been coming to Bennett Martin daily to apply through immigration for the ability to work in the United States. Every day he can be seen in the computer lab working on the computer or in the Biography room reading a magazine or newspaper. He shook my hand and said now he will be able to get a job so he “can rise up.” A few days later he flagged me down and told me he wanted to show me something. He pulled out a plastic-wrapped package and unwrapped an Employment Authorization card and handed it to me. He said it is because he could use our computers and all the times we helped him on the computers, that he was able to get that card. Without BMPL, he said he would have never been able to accomplish this. He said he is very excited because many doors are now open to him and he plans to continue to use the computers here to apply for jobs in the area.”

Services to Our Aging Population

- A woman called on a Sunday because she hadn’t received her Meals on Wheels delivery. She’d called the number listed in the phone book, but no one answered because it was the weekend. Laura at BMPL let the woman know that Tabitha Health Care Services was the administrator for Meals on Wheels and got her a phone number that would be answered on the weekends in order to sort out her meal situation. The woman had said she didn’t know who else to call, so she called the library.

Building up the Culture of Lincoln

Arts and Music

- NESU Librarian Karrie Simpson reported, “After three years off due to COVID, we had our annual Teen Art Show with the Lincoln Northeast High School Art Department. Ninety-seven (97) people attended to view the art, take pictures with their students, and enjoy refreshments.” The reception took place at Anderson Branch Library April 6, 6:30-7:30 PM. Artwork included photography, drawing, painting, pottery, and digitally-created images., and it remained on display for a couple of weeks following the event.

**Lincoln City Libraries
April 2023 Use Report**

Location	Loans	Visits	Computer Reservations	Program & Outreach Attendance	April 2023 Total Use	April 2022 Total Use	CHANGE
Bennett Martin Public Library	12,330	10,648	2,236	1,043	26,257	26,740	-1.81%
Anderson Branch	12,447	5,827	764	427	19,465	17,086	13.92%
Bethany Branch	7,782	2,920	247	288	11,237	12,523	-10.27%
Eiseley Branch	22,885	9,302	1,316	1,880	35,383	33,651	5.15%
Gere Branch	62,172	18,643	1,180	1,209	83,204	79,030	5.28%
South Branch	9,282	3,495	483	376	13,636	14,034	-2.84%
Walt Branch	41,116	12,510	1,186	1,102	55,914	53,884	3.77%
Williams Branch	829	761	95	228	1,913	1,873	2.14%
Lied Bookmobile	1,462	647	0	770	2,879	3,640	-20.91%
InterLibrary Loan	202	0	0	0	202	261	-22.61%
SUBTOTAL	170,507	64,753	7,507	7,323	250,090	242,722	3.04%
DownloadStream Audio	37,018	0	0	0	37,018	31,043	19.25%
Download/Stream eBooks	28,390	0	0	0	28,390	24,771	14.61%
Stream Video	820	0	0	0	820	664	23.49%
Download SUBTOTAL	66,228	0	0	0	66,228	56,478	17.26%
TOTAL CIRCULATION	236,735	64,753	7,507	7,323	316,318	299,200	5.72%

WiFi Sessions	110,878	108,914	1.80%
WiFi Users	9,925	10,463	-5.14%
Website Users	61,392	62,226	-1.34%
Website Sessions	115,377	119,383	-3.36%
Database Use	11,567	8,846	30.76%

Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total	REGISTRATIONS	2023	2022	Change
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth		Purged			
Owned	362,063	300,899	76,407	32,584	771,953	Active			
Added	2,255	3,747	303	56	6,361	Resident	146,640	145,715	0.63%
Withdrawn	-2,099	-3,371	-150	-131	-5,751	ConnectED	42,698	44,262	-3.53%
Current	362,219	301,275	76,560	32,509	772,563	County	9,117	9,170	-0.58%
						NonResident	938	924	1.52%
						Reciprocal	485	475	2.11%
						Limited Use	8,488	8,649	-1.86%
						Total Active	208,366	209,195	-0.40%

**April 2023 Use Compared to April 2022
Lincoln City Libraries**

Location	Print Checkouts		Print Loan	Non-Print Checkouts		Non-Print	Total Checkouts		Total Loan
	2023	2022	Change	2023	2022	Loan Change	2023	2022	Change
BMPL	9,886	11,517	-14.16%	2,444	3,405	-28.22%	12,330	14,922	-17.37%
Anderson	10,147	8,994	12.82%	2,300	2,199	4.59%	12,447	11,193	11.20%
Bethany	6,790	7,558	-10.16%	992	1,244	-20.26%	7,782	8,802	-11.59%
Eiseley	19,542	19,724	-0.92%	3,343	3,009	11.10%	22,885	22,733	0.67%
Gere	54,747	52,080	5.12%	7,425	8,127	-8.64%	62,172	60,207	3.26%
South	8,056	8,471	-4.90%	1,226	1,450	-15.45%	9,282	9,921	-6.44%
Walt	36,231	36,399	-0.46%	4,885	4,831	1.12%	41,116	41,230	-0.28%
Williams	589	719	-18.08%	240	198	21.21%	829	917	-9.60%
Lied Bookmobile	1,297	2,209	-41.29%	165	154	7.14%	1,462	2,363	-38.13%
InterLibrary Loan	202	261	-22.61%	0	0	0.00%	202	261	-22.61%
Subtotal Checkouts	147,487	147,932	-0.30%	23,020	24,617	-6.49%	170,507	172,549	-1.18%
Download/Stream Audio	0	0	0.00%	37,018	31,043	19.25%	37,018	31,043	19.25%
Download/Stream eBook	0	0	0.00%	28,390	24,771	14.61%	28,390	24,771	14.61%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	820	664	23.49%	820	664	23.49%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	147,487	147,932	-0.30%	89,248	81,095	10.05%	236,735	229,027	3.37%

Location	Youth Checkouts		Youth Loan	Adult Checkouts		Adult Loan	Visits	Visits	Visits
	2023	2022	Change	2023	2022	Change	2023	2022	Change
BMPL	4,519	5,793	-21.99%	7,811	9,129	-14.44%	10,648	9,000	18.31%
Anderson	6,394	5,410	18.19%	6,053	5,783	4.67%	5,827	4,655	25.18%
Bethany	4,618	5,368	-13.97%	3,164	3,434	-7.86%	2,920	3,220	-9.32%
Eiseley	14,975	14,908	0.45%	7,910	7,825	1.09%	9,302	7,904	17.69%
Gere	35,996	33,742	6.68%	26,176	26,465	-1.09%	18,643	16,909	10.25%
South	5,248	5,459	-3.87%	4,034	4,462	-9.59%	3,495	3,418	2.25%
Walt	28,582	28,785	-0.71%	12,534	12,445	0.72%	12,510	10,994	13.79%
Williams	586	709	-17.35%	243	208	16.83%	761	751	1.33%
Lied Bookmobile	1,010	1,587	-36.36%	452	776	-41.75%	647	140	362.14%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	202	261	-22.61%	0	0	0.00%
Subtotal Checkouts	101,928	101,761	0.16%	68,579	70,788	-3.12%	64,753	56,991	13.62%
Download/Stream Audio	5,142	4,274	20.31%	31,876	26,769	19.08%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBook	4,295	3,735	14.99%	24,095	21,036	14.54%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	820	664	23.49%	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	111,365	109,770	1.45%	125,370	119,257	5.13%	64,753	56,991	13.62%

Location	Program & Outreach Attendance - Youth		P&O Att - Youth	Program & Outreach Attendance - Adult		P&O Att - Adult	Computer Use		Computer
	2023	2022	Change	2023	2022	Change	2023	2022	Change
BMPL	719	177	306.21%	324	480	-32.50%	2,236	2,161	3.47%
Anderson	427	489	-12.68%	0	0	0.00%	764	749	2.00%
Bethany	254	205	23.90%	34	50	-32.00%	247	246	0.41%
Eiseley	1,874	1,882	-0.43%	6	13	-53.85%	1,316	1,119	17.61%
Gere	1,200	555	116.22%	9	23	-60.87%	1,180	1,336	-11.68%
South	366	211	73.46%	10	11	-9.09%	483	473	2.11%
Walt	1,009	555	81.80%	93	56	66.07%	1,186	1,049	13.06%
Williams	228	131	74.05%	0	0	0.00%	95	74	28.38%
Lied Bookmobile	729	767	-4.95%	41	370	-88.92%	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	6,806	4,972	36.89%	517	1,003	-48.45%	7,507	7,207	4.16%

Lincoln City Libraries
April 2023 Fiscal Year To Date Use Report

Location	Loans			Visits			Computer Reservations			Program & Outreach Attendance			Total Use	Total Use	YTD CHANGE
	FY 22-23 YTD	FY 21-22 YTD	YTD Change	FY 22-23 YTD	FY 21-22 YTD	YTD Change	FY 22-23 YTD	FY 21-22 YTD	YTD Change	FY 22-23 YTD	FY 21-22 YTD	YTD Change	FY 22-23 YTD	FY 21-22 YTD	
Bennett Martin Public Library	103,486	110,433	-6.29%	84,748	68,392	23.92%	19,043	17,000	12.02%	6,270	3,952	58.65%	213,547	199,777	6.89%
Anderson Branch	91,568	84,772	8.02%	39,841	33,841	17.73%	5,525	6,336	-12.80%	5,475	1,414	287.20%	142,409	126,363	12.70%
Bethany Branch	65,981	63,657	3.65%	23,196	20,671	12.22%	1,857	1,801	3.11%	2,182	705	209.50%	93,216	86,834	7.35%
Eiseley Branch	187,969	169,935	10.61%	68,227	56,844	20.02%	9,169	8,157	12.41%	12,249	7,503	63.25%	277,614	242,439	14.51%
Gere Branch	494,683	479,554	3.15%	139,619	123,366	13.17%	9,915	9,911	0.04%	10,075	2,235	350.78%	654,292	615,066	6.38%
South Branch	74,593	73,414	1.61%	26,688	24,629	8.36%	3,579	3,853	-7.11%	2,056	1,288	59.63%	106,916	103,184	3.62%
Walt Branch	318,625	309,798	2.85%	93,134	77,674	19.90%	8,000	7,421	7.80%	8,140	2,456	231.43%	427,899	397,349	7.69%
Williams Branch	6,201	5,829	6.38%	5,269	4,127	27.67%	477	409	16.63%	823	197	317.77%	12,770	10,562	20.91%
Lied Bookmobile	13,318	17,856	-25.41%	3,503	1,180	196.86%	0	0	0.00%	2,580	9,882	-73.89%	19,401	28,918	-32.91%
InterLibrary Loan	1,618	2,011	-19.54%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1,618	2,011	-19.54%
SUBTOTAL	1,358,042	1,317,259	3.10%	484,225	410,724	17.90%	57,565	54,888	4.88%	49,850	29,632	68.23%	1,949,682	1,812,503	7.57%
DownloadStream Audio	285,122	241,432	18.10%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	285,122	241,432	18.10%
Download/Stream eBooks	225,467	198,418	13.63%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	225,467	198,418	13.63%
Stream Video	6,804	6,205	9.65%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	6,804	6,205	9.65%
	517,393	446,055	15.99%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	517,393	446,055	15.99%
TOTAL LOANS	1,875,435	1,763,314	6.36%	484,225	410,724	17.90%	57,565	54,888	4.88%	49,850	29,632	68.23%	2,467,075	2,258,558	9.23%

WiFi Sessions	915,218	925,373	-1.10%
WiFi Users	83,436	87,900	-5.08%
Website Users	486,150	487,044	-0.18%
Website Sessions	942,543	954,219	-1.22%
Database Use	94,988	99,794	-4.82%

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

Monthly Categorical Report

April 30, 2023

	Budget Amount	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
Administration-Div. 1					
Personnel	\$ 855,401.00	\$ 570,267.33	\$ 541,589.80	\$ 313,811.20	\$ 67,472.15
Supplies	30,500.00	20,333.33	18,129.92	12,370.08	2,668.04
Services & Charges	90,645.00	60,430.00	67,503.51	23,141.49	3,458.34
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 976,546.00	\$ 651,030.67	\$ 627,223.23	\$ 349,322.77	\$ 73,598.53
Percent Expended		66.67%	64.23%		
Buildings & Grounds-Div. 2					
Personnel	\$ 119,531.00	\$ 79,687.33	\$ 75,345.41	\$ 44,185.59	\$ 9,298.98
Supplies	24,000.00	16,000.00	12,980.59	11,019.41	1,206.72
Services & Charges	984,185.00	656,123.33	600,931.90	383,253.10	54,159.11
Other	90,900.00	60,600.00	45,415.82	45,484.18	-
Total	\$ 1,218,616.00	\$ 812,410.67	\$ 734,673.72	\$ 483,942.28	\$ 64,664.81
Percent Expended		66.67%	60.29%		
Public Service-Div. 3					
Personnel	\$ 5,622,546.00	\$ 3,748,364.00	\$ 3,405,190.17	\$ 2,217,355.83	\$ 419,030.77
Supplies	61,000.00	40,666.67	26,568.37	34,431.63	900.73
Services & Charges	49,750.00	33,166.67	27,005.12	22,744.88	6,002.37
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 5,733,296.00	\$ 3,822,197.33	\$ 3,458,763.66	\$ 2,274,532.34	\$ 425,933.87
Percent Expended		66.67%	60.33%		
Support Services-Div. 4					
Personnel	\$ 1,183,694.00	\$ 789,129.33	\$ 765,551.52	\$ 418,142.48	\$ 86,917.68
Supplies	63,500.00	42,333.33	25,884.38	37,615.62	5,338.47
Services & Charges	440,171.00	293,447.33	348,983.27	91,187.73	31,390.08
Other	900,000.00	600,000.00	703,794.28	196,205.72	65,952.36
Total	\$ 2,587,365.00	\$ 1,724,910.00	\$ 1,844,213.45	\$ 743,151.55	\$ 189,598.59
Percent Expended		66.67%	71.28%		
Total Library Operational					
Personnel	\$ 7,781,172.00	\$ 5,187,448.00	\$ 4,787,676.90	\$ 2,993,495.10	\$ 582,719.58
Supplies	179,000.00	119,333.33	83,563.26	95,436.74	10,113.96
Services & Charges	1,564,751.00	1,043,167.33	1,044,423.80	520,327.20	95,009.90
Other	990,900.00	660,600.00	749,210.10	241,689.90	65,952.36
Total	\$ 10,515,823.00	\$ 7,010,548.67	\$ 6,664,874.06	\$ 3,850,948.94	\$ 753,795.80
Percent Expended		66.67%	63.38%		
Other Library Fund Appropriations					
	Amount Appropriated		Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
FY 2021-22 Encumbrances	\$ 72,763.70		\$ 40,812.68	\$ 31,951.02	\$ -
FY 2021-22 Reappropriated	\$ 376,359.00		\$ 112,419.82	\$ 263,939.18	\$ -

**LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES
APRIL 2023**

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balance
<u>GRANT FUNDS</u>				
Net Lender Fund	\$ 774.25	\$ 323.70	\$ -	\$ 1,097.95
NLC Internship Grant 2023	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00
NLC Youth Grant 2023	951.75	-	162.40	789.35
State Aid 2021	10,952.46	-	314.13	10,638.33
State Aid 2022	51,393.00	-	614.77	50,778.23
State Aid 2023	-	52,321.00	-	52,321.00

DONATED FUNDS

Heritage Room	\$ 150,192.64	\$ 408.32	\$ 2,893.65	\$ 147,707.31
Polley Music Library	269,466.72	951.17	8,736.33	261,681.56
Joseph J. Hompes	106,076.94	8,427.43	48.99	114,455.38
Misc. Library Donations	723,764.18	2,127.52	18,284.56	707,607.14
Alice Nielsen	80,085.81	274.08	-	80,359.89
Dorothy Holland	115,199.67	394.25	-	115,593.92
Glennis Leapley	61,277.57	209.71	-	61,487.28
Lincoln Cares	21,502.08	460.61	-	21,962.69

APPROPRIATED FUNDS

	Budget	Expended		Balance
		Apr 2023	Exp-to-Date	
Heritage Room FY 2022-23	\$ 37,510.00	\$ 2,893.65	\$ 23,860.32	\$ 13,649.68
Polley Music Library FY 2022-23	115,220.00	8,736.33	71,212.02	44,007.98
Keno FY 2021-22	287,565.60	3,499.72	47,649.47	239,916.13
Keno FY 2022-23	981,475.00	100,664.46	407,164.65	574,310.35
Capital Improvement Projects				
FY 2020-21 Williams	913,362.00	-	-	913,362.00
FY 2021-22 Bookmobile	450,000.00	-	-	450,000.00
FY 2022-23 Bennett Martin Elevator 1-4	200,000.00	-	-	200,000.00
FY 2022-23 Gere/Bethany Parking Lot	360,000.00	53,652.00	53,652.00	306,348.00
FY 2022-23 Branch Improvements	200,000.00	-	-	200,000.00

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES | PROGRAM GUIDE



Lincoln City Libraries
 Summer Reading Challenge
 Friday, May 26–Monday, July 31, 2023

This is the 86th year of the Lincoln City Libraries Summer Reading Challenge! This year's theme is "ALL TOGETHER NOW!"

- Create and contribute to a collective community project in one of our "All Together Now" programs.
- Explore the 2-week themed, systemwide programs on Page 2 to quickly target some activities that fit the interests of your family.
- Connect with old friends and new at Lincoln City Libraries.

Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge for the chance to win fantastic prize packages!

MINI ART EXTRAVAGANZA

ALL TOGETHER NOW! | Adults

Come together to create a masterpiece! Stop into a Lincoln City Libraries location during any of the allotted times in July to create your own piece (or pieces) of art. We will provide the canvas and tools. Let your creativity soar! All mini art will be displayed during the month of August for everyone to enjoy. Visit participating locations to see what the community has created!

07/01	SAT	1:00–5:00	BMPL
07/06	THU	5:00–7:00	WALT
07/06	THU	6:30–7:30	ANDR
07/09	SUN	1:00–5:00	BMPL
07/09	SUN	2:00–3:00	GERE
07/09	SUN	2:00–3:00	ANDR
07/09	SUN	6:00–7:30	EISE
07/10	MON	6:00–7:30	EISE
07/11	TUE	1:00–3:00	WALT
07/12	WED	2:00–6:00	BMPL
07/12	WED	6:30–7:30	SOUTH
07/13	THU	6:30–7:30	GERE
07/14	FRI	10:00–12:00	WALT
07/16	SUN	6:00–7:30	EISE
07/16	SUN	2:00–3:00	SOUTH
07/16	SUN	12:00–4:00	WALT

SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTIES!

ALL TOGETHER NOW! | All Ages

Let's get the summer started right! Stop by your favorite branch for ALL TOGETHER NOW crafts, games and lots of fun. Join us at **Anderson Branch**, **Bennett Martin Public Library**, **Gere Branch**, **Eiseley Branch** or **Walt Branch**!

06/01 THU 2:00–4:00

FRIENDSHIP QUILT

ALL TOGETHER NOW! | Teens

Come together and create something truly unique. Decorate your very own quilt square expressing what you love about the library, books and reading. We will combine the work of all Lincoln teens to create our very first Library Friendship quilt.

07/17	MON	2:00–3:30	BMPL
07/18	TUE	2:00–3:30	EISE
07/20	THU	5:30–7:00	WALT
07/24	MON	2:00–3:30	ANDR
07/24	MON	5:30–7:00	GERE

Teen Book Swap!

We had so much fun last year, we're doing it again. Join us for the second teen book swap at the parking lot south of the Auld Pavilion. Trade in your gently used books, get some fun swag and sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge.

Auld Pavilion | 1650 Memorial Dr.

06/04 SUN 1:00–3:00



Roller skate your way to the Teen Book Swap! Or walk, or get a ride with a friend. We don't mind how you choose to arrive, as long as you join in on the fun!



Curtain Call June 5-June 16

Explore many kinds of music and dance.

Kokyo Taiko for All Ages

Wadaiko, Japanese style drumming, has been described as dynamic, thunderous and powerful. The sound can be felt in your soul. This Lincoln-based group brings this exciting art of choreographed drumming to LCL!

06/05	MON	1:30-2:15	WALT
06/05	MON	2:30-3:15	WALT
06/08	THU	10:30-11:15	BMPL
06/08	THU	2:30-3:15	BETH*

Theatre Arts for Kids

Theatre Arts for Kids will take you on a high energy musical adventure from page to stage featuring Orphans on Broadway. This interactive performance will feature songs and scenes from Annie, Newsies, Matilda, Anastasia, Oliver, Once On This Island and James and The Giant Peach!

06/06	TUE	10:30-11:15	SOUTH**
06/07	WED	1:30-2:15	ANDR
06/07	WED	2:30-3:15	ANDR
06/12	MON	1:30-2:15	WALT
06/12	MON	2:30-3:15	WALT

All Together Now! for Kids

Musician, educator, and author Aaron Fowler will have his audience singing, moving, playing instruments, and sharing stories.

06/13	TUE	10:30-11:15	SOUTH**
06/13	TUE	1:30-2:15	ANDR
06/13	TUE	2:30-3:15	ANDR
06/14	WED	1:30-2:15	GERE
06/14	WED	2:30-3:15	GERE
06/15	THU	1:30-2:15	EISE



Getting Physical June 19-June 30

There are hundreds of ways to get active, fit, and have fun.

Saltdogs at the Library for Kids

Meet Homer the Haymarket Hound and players from the Lincoln Saltdogs when they visit libraries to read books and sign autographs.

06/27	TUE	10:30-11:15	SOUTH**
06/27	TUE	1:00-1:45	ANDR
06/28	WED	1:00-1:45	GERE
06/29	THU	10:30-11:15	BMPL
06/29	THU	1:00-1:45	EISE
06/30	FRI	10:30-11:15	WALT

Blender Bike for Teens

What's better than a delicious fruit smoothie on a hot summer day? One you make with your very own leg power! Cycle your way to a delicious treat!

06/20	TUE	2:00-3:30	WALT
06/21	WED	2:00-3:30	BMPL
06/22	THU	2:00-3:30	EISE
06/22	THU	4:30-6:00	ANDR

Location Key:

ANDR:	Anderson Branch 3635 Touzalin Ave.
BMPL:	Bennett Martin Public Library 136 S. 14th St.
BETH:	Bethany Branch 1810 N. Cotner Blvd.
EISE:	Eiseley Branch 1530 Superior St.
GERE:	Gere Branch 2400 S. 56th St
SOUTH:	South Branch 2675 South St.
WALT:	Walt Branch 6701 S. 14th St.
WILL	Williams Branch 4900 Mike Scholl St.

Some of our programs for South Branch and Bethany Branch will take place off-site. If you see the asterisk, here is where to go:

BETH*: This event will be held at the Cotner Center, 1540 North Cotner Boulevard in the Community Room.

SOUTH** This event will be held at Westminster Church, 2110 Sheridan Boulevard in the Fellowship Room.



Fantastic Creatures July 3-July 14

Learn how wild and domestic animals enhance our lives.

Creeping and Crawling Creatures for Kids

Discover the fun creatures that live close to the earth, some you have to look close to see.

07/10	MON	1:30-2:15	WALT
07/10	MON	2:30-3:15	WALT
07/11	TUE	1:30-2:15	ANDR
07/11	TUE	2:30-3:15	ANDR

4-H Fun with Animals for Kids

4-H helps youth learn about animals, how to care for them and even how to show them at the fair. Some of our favorite small animals will be on hand during this fun interactive workshop.

07/05	WED	1:30-2:30	GERE
07/06	THU	10:30-11:30	BMPL
07/07	FRI	10:30-11:30	WALT

Beautiful Birds of Prey for Kids

Learn about and meet some of the Raptor Conservation Alliance's cool bird ambassadors. These fascinating raptors are an important part of the Nebraska ecosystem.

07/11	TUE	10:30-11:15	SOUTH**
07/13	THU	1:30-2:15	EISE

Alpaca Encounter for All Ages

The folks from Lincoln Alpaca Picnics will fill us in on what makes these South American camelids so special and CUTE! And, they love to eat carrots and green beans!

07/12	WED	10:30-11:15	WILL
07/12	WED	1:30-2:15	GERE
07/12	WED	2:30-3:15	GERE
07/13	THU	10:30-11:15	BMPL



Magic is Everywhere July 17-July 28

Explore all that is magical in our world.

Jeff Quinn, Magician for Kids

Jeff Quinn is back with an all-new magic show and he needs you to "COME TOGETHER" to make the magic happen! He will need lots of volunteers during this fun and interactive magic show.

07/17	MON	10:30-11:15	EISE
07/17	MON	1:30-2:15	WALT
07/17	MON	2:30-3:15	WALT
07/18	TUE	10:30-11:15	SOUTH**
07/18	TUE	1:30-2:15	ANDR
07/18	TUE	2:30-3:15	ANDR
07/19	WED	10:30-11:15	WILL
07/19	WED	2:00-2:45	GERE
07/19	WED	3:00-3:45	GERE
07/20	THU	10:30-11:15	BMPL
07/20	THU	2:30-3:15	BETH*

Edgerton Explorit Center

Arctic Blast for Kids

Have an Arctic Blast with Edgerton Explorit Center. While going through the states of matter of water, dry ice, and liquid nitrogen, this demonstration is full of "arctic blast"-ing fun-filled learning. See what happens to objects when they come in contact with super-cold substances.

07/24	MON	1:30-2:15	WALT
07/24	MON	2:30-3:15	WALT

Sparks for Kids

Sparks fly, and so does the fun when students meet the Van de Graaff generator during this exploration of static electricity. Participants will learn how energy moves in simple experiments, some of which are even a little "shocking" and "hair-raising!"

07/25	TUE	10:30-11:30	SOUTH**
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Science of Spaceflight for Kids

In this show, we investigate the science of spaceflight - how we get into space (and where it begins) and how living and working in space is different compared to back on Earth. We'll even perform an astronaut training exercise! Many materials and curriculum in this show are supplied by NASA's Spaceflight Explorer's program. Don't be fooled by the subject. You'll learn a lot about science on Earth as well as in space!

07/25	TUE	2:00-3:00	ANDR
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ALL AGES

Learn with the LUG-Nuts

Been wanting to learn how to play one of the library's ukuleles? Come for a few easy lessons. Stick around for a 6:30 pm performance from the Lincoln Ukulele Group.

07/13 THU 6:00-7:00 ANDR

KIDS

Dance It Out!

Ready to get up and get moving? Need to burn some summer energy? Join us for 30 minutes of dancing, yoga, workouts and lots of fun movement.

06/20 TUE 1:30-2:00 ANDR

06/20 TUE 2:30-3:00 ANDR

TEENS

Friendship Bracelets

Everybody loves a friendship bracelet. Stop by to learn a few different techniques. Make one to give to your bestie and one to keep for yourself!

06/12 MON 2:00-3:00 ANDR

ADULTS

Book Folding

Turn a book into a piece of art through book folding. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

06/08 THU 6:00-7:00 ANDR

Nebraska Book Festival

Kick off the Summer Reading Challenge with the whole family and join us at the Nebraska Book Festival, held June 10 at the Lincoln Foundation Garden and Bennett Martin Public Library!

The festival celebrates Nebraska's literary heritage and its contemporary authors.

Bringing together the writing talent of our state creates opportunities for all ages to cultivate an understanding and appreciation for Nebraska's literary history, culture, and community.

06/10 SAT 10:00-4:00 BMPL

KIDS

POUND Workout for Kids

POUND workout instructor Sasha Day will lead a kid version of this music-driven, drumming-inspired workout.

06/15 THU 10:30-11:30 BMPL

Bubble Party

Join us for bubble fun in the courtyard! Make your own bubble wands and learn about bubble science.

06/22 THU 10:30-11:30 BMPL

Magic Tricks Workshop for Kids

Kids are invited to come and learn how to do magic tricks to amaze and impress! Supplies will be provided.

07/27 THU 10:30-11:30 BMPL

TEENS

Cricut Stickers

Wanna cover your water bottle with unique stickers? Wondered how you could customize stickers and make them at home? Join us to learn!

06/05 MON 2:00-3:30 BMPL

Teen Trivia

Test out your trivia prowess. Each session features a different topic. Assemble your team and RSVP to clombarado@lincoln.ne.gov to reserve your spot.

Pop Culture

06/02 FRI 10:30-11:30 BMPL

Comics

06/16 FRI 10:30-11:30 BMPL

Stranger Things

06/30 FRI 10:30-11:30 BMPL

Fantasy/Science Fiction Novels

07/14 FRI 10:30-11:30 BMPL

Star Wars

07/28 FRI 10:30-11:30 BMPL

Tech Try Out

Join us in the CanTeen to test out our Maker kits. Each week will feature a different kit that highlights a maker or STEM project or skill. Coding, 3D printing, crafting and more!

Tuesday Sessions:

06/06 TUE 10:30-11:30 BMPL

06/20 TUE 10:30-11:30 BMPL

07/18 TUE 10:30-11:30 BMPL

Wednesday Sessions:

06/14 WED 2:00-3:00 BMPL

06/28 WED 2:00-3:00 BMPL

07/12 WED 2:00-3:00 BMPL

07/26 WED 2:00-3:00 BMPL

Troll for Initiative: Dungeons & Dragons Gameplay

We're going on an adventure! Where are we going? We don't know, but we'll have fun doing it. This group is meant for beginner and intermediate-level DnD players. We'll meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to complete our quest. Registration is required. If you have questions, please contact Caitlin at 402-441-8575.

06/12 MON 4:30-6:00 BMPL

06/26 NO SESSION THIS WEEK

07/10 MON 4:30-6:00 BMPL

07/24 MON 4:30-6:00 BMPL

08/14 MON 4:30-6:00 BMPL

08/28 MON 4:30-6:00 BMPL

Melted Perler Jewelry

Looking for an inexpensive way to make sweet jewelry? Join us in the Bennett Martin CanTeen to learn how to turn these inexpensive plastic beads into cool accessories.

06/13 TUE 3:00-4:00 BMPL

Love My Pets

Do you love animals and want to know how to take better care of them? 4-H can help build your skills and teach you how to show your household pets in competition. Come and see some cute critters while you're at it!

07/06 THU 2:00-3:00 BMPL

Cricut Cards

Get creative with the Cricut Maker! It can cut, emboss, draw and more. We'll use it to make the perfect thank you card. Participants are encouraged to fill out a card to send to their favorite Lincoln non-profit.

07/11 TUE 2:00-3:30 BMPL

Perler Crafting

Practice and perfect your technique at making charms and keychains with bright perler beads.

07/19 WED 2:00-3:00 BMPL

ADULTS

60th Anniversary of Bennett Martin Public Library

Celebrate 60 years of Bennett Martin Public Library serving the Lincoln community! Join us for this guided tour of the original parts of this historical building. Revisit the 1960s and learn about where it started and see the evolution and expansion of the facility.

06/04 SUN 2:00-3:30 BMPL

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.

June prompt: Your favorite book about friendship.

06/21 WED 6:30-7:30 BMPL

July prompt: A book 'starring' an animal.

07/19 WED 6:30-7:30 BMPL

August prompt: Your favorite graphic novel.

08/16 WED 6:30-7:30 BMPL

Crafternoon at the Library: Pizza Pan Door Decor

Transform a simple kitchen staple into a beautiful decoration! Use paint, paper, stencils or ribbons to make a custom hanging to enhance your home. All supplies provided, but space is limited. Registration is required.

06/25 SUN 2:00-4:00 BMPL

Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group

Looking for a thrilling read? This is the book discussion group for you. After the assigned reading portion of each meeting, there is a round-robin for attendees to share recommendations, with an emphasis on mysteries/suspense/thrillers.

June: The 2022 best-seller *Daisy Darker* by Alice Feeney.

06/29 THU 6:30-7:45 BMPL

July: The 2022 thriller *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Raybourn.

07/27 THU 6:30-7:45 BMPL

August: The first three books Richard Osman's *Thursday Murder Club* series.

08/31 THU 6:30-7:45 BMPL

ADULTS *Continued*

Crafternoon - Stamped Clay Bowls

Have you ever wanted to make your own ceramics, but felt like you didn't have the right tools? No need for kiln firing or baking! You will use stamps and other items to create texture and design before molding a small bowl, perfect for holding rings, keys or office supplies. All supplies provided, but space is limited. Registration is required.

07/23 SUN 2:00-4:00 BMPL

Lincoln Cinema History - A Look Back at Lincoln's Movie Theaters!

An interesting and in-depth look at a piece of Lincoln's entertainment history: Lincoln's theaters from their start as live-vaudeville venues, through the age of the drive-in and to today's high tech movie complexes.

07/26 WED 6:30-7:30 BMPL

Bennett Martin Library's Hidden Treasures: Art and More

Join us on this guided tour to discover the hidden treasures displayed throughout the Bennett Martin Public Library. Local artists will be featured. There will be a special focus on the "Treasure Room," also known as the Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors.

08/06 SUN 2:00-3:30 BMPL

Crafternoon - Clip Photo Boards

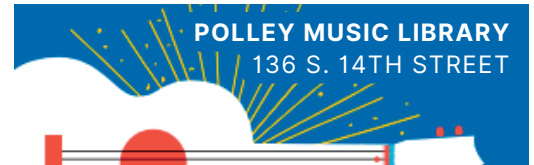
Upcycle old picture frames into cute and useful clip boards for special photos, notes or other memorabilia. You will embellish a frame, create a decorative backboard and finish with bulldog clips to display items. All supplies provided, but space is limited. Registration is required.

08/27 SUN 2:00-4:00 BMPL

Revisiting the Starkweather Murder Spree - After 65 Years

Look back at the events of the infamous Starkweather murder spree and the collection of Starkweather resources held by LCL, including a curated collection of historical papers and magazines from 1957-1959. Following a recap of the timeline and a look at the resources available to researchers, share your memories from that time and your views on recent books and documentaries about the case.

08/30 WED 6:00-7:30 BMPL



A special collection of music books, scores, instruments, CDs, digital collections, reference materials and music magazines.

Songwriting/Composing Club

Are you a songwriter or composer interested in sharing your work? Need help with writer's block or a particular part that doesn't feel quite right? Join the Songwriting/Composing Club at the Polley Music Library and meet other musicians in the area! Bring an instrument, laptop, sheet music, lyrics, or just come to talk about what you're working on!

06/08 THU 6:00-7:00 BMPL

07/06 THU 6:00-7:00 BMPL

08/10 THU 6:00-7:00 BMPL

Chords in Songwriting: The Big Four w/ Nick Vaccaro

Explore the expressive power of four chords! Drawing on musical examples, we'll examine the chords - individually, and as part of common progressions. Explore how songwriters use chords effectively by integrating them with other elements like melody, structure and lyrics. Deepen your understanding of classic tunes and gain insight into how they use the big four chords to their fullest potential.

06/10 SAT 2:00-3:00 BMPL

Sean Gaskell Performs on the West African Kora

Sean Gaskell will perform on the kora, a 300-year-old, 21-stringed harp. It makes a beautiful sound unlike anything else. Learn about the oral tradition of Griots, who have performed on the instrument for centuries while telling stories about the history of West Africa.

07/09 SUN 2:00-3:00 BMPL

Bollywood in the 90s

Nebraska's only live Bollywood performance ensemble returns! Omkara will focus on the 1990s, considered the "golden era" of Bollywood film and music.

08/12 SAT 2:00-3:00 BMPL

HERITAGE ROOM OF NEBRASKA AUTHORS
136 S. 14th Street



Regular hours:
Monday-Thursday: 12-3 p.m.
Sunday: 2-5 p.m.

The Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors offers a multifaceted reflection of the rich literary culture of our state. We will be glad to assist you with any questions you may have about Nebraska authors.

NebraskaAuthors.org is a collaborative project of the UNL Center for Digital Research in the Humanities and the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors. The website includes information on more than 4,000 Nebraska writers, past and present.

ADULTS

Bethany BookTalks Weekly Group

Each weekly BookTalks session features a different library staff member sharing their reading, listening and viewing recommendations. Registration is not required, and drop-in attendance is encouraged.

FRIDAYS 10:30-11:30 BETH

Find even more Bethany Branch programs in our systemwide programs and check online to find their Storytimes schedule!



Our Lied Bookmobile brings individualized library service to areas throughout Lincoln and Lancaster County.

The team brings books, movies, audiobooks, video games and more to a location near you! Computers with Internet access are also available for on-board use.

The Bookmobile goes to:

- County towns and cities
- Areas in Lincoln not close to existing libraries.

The Bookmobile serves:

- Youth, with emphasis on children at risk
- Seniors
- Everyone!

KIDS

Meet the Instruments

Musical instruments will be available to see and touch with introductions done by members of Lincoln Symphony Orchestra.

06/08 THU 2:00-3:00 EISE

Can't Touch This!

Come and learn about the theremin, a musical instrument that you play without touch. We will watch a demonstration and then we will accompany our performer with our own instruments and voices.

06/14 WED 10:30-11:00 EISE

06/15 THU 10:30-11:00 EISE

Around the World in a Day

We will be playing a variety of games from around the world!

06/21 WED 1:30-3:00 EISE

Play Day at Eiseley

Beat the heat! Come for a play date with Magna-Tiles, Keva Planks and more!

07/06 THU 1:30-3:00 EISE

Fuzzy Friends

Whether you make a pom-eranian or the a-pom-inable snowman, learn how to make pom-poms and create some fun new friends.

07/12 WED 2:30-3:30 EISE

Fantastic Creatures

Calling all cryptid hunters! We will be learning about fantastical creatures of legend and myth!

07/26 WED 1:30-3:00 EISE

Sprinkler Day

Grab your friends, a towel, and sunscreen for sprinkler day! We'll have bubbles, chalk and fun in the sun!

07/31 MON 1:30-3:00 EISE

TEENS

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group

Which was better, the book or the movie? We'll be reading and watching some classics to decide. To register, stop in at Eiseley Branch Library or call 402-441-4250.

Week 1: Meet & greet and pass out books.

06/06 TUE 11:00-2:00 EISE

Week 2: *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diane Wynne Jones

06/13 TUE 11:00-2:00 EISE

Week 3: *Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Ray Bradbury

06/20 TUE 11:00-2:00 EISE

Week 4: *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

07/11 TUE 11:00-2:00 EISE

Week 5: *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner and vote for next year's books.

07/18 TUE 11:00-2:00 EISE

Journaling with Tarot

Using tarot cards as prompts, we will delve into journaling toward self knowledge.

06/12 MON 6:00-7:30 EISE

Tin Can Craft

Light up your world with tin cans. Using empty cans, we will make luminaries and wind chimes.

07/20 THU 6:00-7:30 EISE

ADULTS

Once Upon a Crime Book Group

Do you love True Crime and local mysteries? Join us for all things criminal the second Tuesday of every month at Eiseley Branch where we will discuss our current crime obsessions. Bring your favorite stories to share and get sentenced to FUN!

Poisonings

06/13 TUE 6:30-7:45 EISE

1960s Crimes

07/11 TUE 6:30-7:45 EISE

Falsely Accused

08/08 TUE 6:30-7:45 EISE

Recycled Book Art

Books inspire! Using recycled books, glue, and other craft materials, we will create art.

07/27 THU 6:00-7:30 EISE

Hey teens! We need YOU! Advise library staff about materials, programs and services that you would like to see in the library. This is your chance to make a difference!

**TEEN
ADVISORY
BOARD**



Look Who's Hatching @ Gere Branch!



As part of the Nebraska Extension's Look Who's Hatching program, Gere Branch Library will have incubating eggs on display June 20 through July 13. Stop in to choose names for the eggs, make predictions about what is inside, and observe the eggs as they incubate and hatch. Hatching should start by July 11. The animals will remain on display until July 13.

Special Family Fun Night: Eggstravaganza!

Come see our newly hatched chicks and then enjoy a variety of crafts, games and activities that are fun for the whole family.

07/11 TUE 5:30-7:00 GERE

Look Who's Hatching Family Storytime

Hayley Jackson, an Early Childhood Extension Educator, will be joining our Family Storytime to share books about egg-laying animals and lead an activity related to our incubating eggs.

07/06 THU 10:45-11:30 GERE

ALL AGES

Family Fun Night: Ice Cream Party

Celebrate the start of summer with ice cream and popsicles and then enjoy a variety of crafts, games and activities that are fun for the whole family.

06/06 TUE 5:30-7:00 GERE

Family Fun Night: Salamander Night

Meet a Western Tiger Salamander from the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District and enjoy a variety of crafts, games and activities that are fun for the whole family.

08/01 TUE 5:30-7:00 GERE

KIDS

Hamlet for Kids

The Flatwater Shakespeare Company presents a two-actor adaptation of Hamlet for elementary and middle school youth.

06/07 WED 1:30-2:30 GERE

Camp Build-It

Drop in and see what you can create with the library's collection of LEGO and DUPLO bricks, KEVA planks, magnetic blocks and more.

06/08 THU 1:00-3:00 GERE

06/22 THU 1:00-3:00 GERE

07/06 THU 1:00-3:00 GERE

07/20 THU 1:00-3:00 GERE

Camp Read-A-Lot

Storytellers share picture books, camp songs, STEAM activities and crafts with school age youth. Stories and activities will be relevant for early elementary students (K-2). Daycare groups, please call 402-441-8560 to register in advance.

06/15 THU 1:30-2:30 GERE

06/29 THU 1:30-2:30 GERE

07/13 THU 1:30-2:30 GERE

07/27 THU 1:30-2:30 GERE

KIDS Continued...

Theatre Arts Academy Preview

Join us for a preview of the Theatre Arts Academy's upcoming musical. The short programs feature performances by youth enrolled in the Theatre Arts Academy at the Lincoln Community Playhouse.

Musical Skills Camp

06/16 FRI 11:30-12:00 GERE

Annie KIDS

06/30 FRI 11:30-12:00 GERE

The Claw

07/21 FRI 11:30-12:00 GERE

Pirates Past Noon KIDS

08/04 FRI 11:30-12:00 GERE

Gere Summer Fun Day

Come participate in a variety of fun physical games and activities inside and outside the library.

06/21 WED 2:00-3:30 GERE

Ashfall Fossil Beds Virtual Tour

Get a close-up view of the amazing fossils found at Ashfall Fossil Beds! "Step" into the fossil bed to get a first-hand look at some of the rhino, horse, and camel skeletons. Learn about the volcano that blanketed the north central area of Nebraska with volcanic ash 12-million years ago, how this catastrophic event resulted in the death of lots of wildlife, and how their fossil remains were discovered.

07/26 WED 1:30-2:30 GERE

TEENS

Random Fandom: Percy Jackson Editions

At Camp Half-Blood, discuss and celebrate all things Percy Jackson! Brush up on your Greek mythology, battle monsters and titans, make beads for your camp necklace, and talk with other fans about the books, movies, and upcoming TV series. Open to those who are already fans and newcomers alike.

06/12 MON 5:30-7:30 GERE

07/10 MON 5:30-7:30 GERE

T3RPG

For teens entering grades 6-12. An introduction to tabletop role-playing games like Dungeons & Dragons. You will have the opportunity to play in our ongoing campaign. There will be snacks! Open to all experience levels.

08/28 MON 5:30-7:30 GERE

ADULTS

Board Game Night for Adults

Join us the first Thursday of the month for playing strategy board games such as Azul, Splendor and Lords of Waterdeep. If you don't know how to play, we will teach you! Drinks and snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

06/01 THU 5:30-7:30 GERE

07/06 THU 5:30-7:30 GERE

08/03 THU 5:30-7:30 GERE

ADULTS Continued

Trivia Game Night

Trivia questions for adults will be based on prominent events and people of the past 40 years.

06/13 TUE 6:00-7:30 GERE

07/18 TUE 6:00-7:30 GERE

08/08 TUE 6:00-7:30 GERE

Let's Get Books Together

Discuss books with themes relevant to the LGBTQ+ community. In addition to book discussion and socializing, the group will also serve as a source of support and safety for all members. A specific novel, story collection or non-fiction title is selected in advance for discussion during each meeting, although general discussion about LGBTQ+ literature may follow.

Stonewall Book Awards Book Talk

06/28 WED 6:00-8:00 GERE

Rainbow Legends - LGBTQ Superheroes, Mythical Heroes, and Iconic Legends

07/26 WED 6:00-8:00 GERE

Be Gay, Do Comics - A Discussion of LGBTQ Graphic Novels and Comic Books

08/30 WED 6:00-8:00 GERE

Swap Meet

Trade, exchange or take items at no charge! This is a great way to get rid of some items you no longer need. Tables will be set up so available items can be displayed. At the end of the day, all leftover items must be removed.

08/12 SAT 2:30-3:30 GERE

South Branch Library
2675 South St. | 402-441-8570

KIDS

South Summer Fun Day

Come participate in a variety of fun physical games and activities inside and outside the library.

06/20 TUE 10:30-12:00 SOUTH

Independence Day Celebration

Celebrate Independence Day a little early with crafts and a family friendly movie.

07/03 MON 1:30-3:30 SOUTH

ADULTS

Crafternoon - Mug Painting

Get creative at the library! Create your own personalized mug using paint pens. All supplies will be provided.

06/18 SUN 2:00-3:30 SOUTH

Crafternoon - Handmade Cards

Make three cards using provided supplies and let your creative juices flow. Registration is required.

08/20 SUN 2:00-3:30 SOUTH

ALL AGES

Family Fun Night

Swing by Walt Branch Library and enjoy a variety of crafts, games and activities that are free and fun for the whole family.

06/08 THU 5:30-7:00 WALT
07/06 THU 5:30-7:00 WALT

KIDS

Mindful Movements Storytime

This preschool storytime uses mindfulness techniques and motion to help children develop and hone their social and emotional skills. A limited number of mats are available, but personal mats and blankets are welcome.

06/08 THU 2:00-2:30 WALT
06/22 THU 2:00-2:30 WALT
07/06 THU 2:00-2:30 WALT
07/13 THU 2:00-2:30 WALT

Full STEAM Ahead Storytime

This activity-based storytime for preschoolers is designed to challenge critical thinking and problem solving. Read, sing about and experience Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) concepts.

06/15 THU 2:00-2:30 WALT
06/29 THU 2:00-2:30 WALT
07/20 THU 2:00-2:30 WALT
07/27 THU 2:00-2:30 WALT

Workout with the Y

All Together Now, let's get fit at the library. Build your brain and brawn with staff from the Walt Branch Library and the Cooper YMCA.

06/22 THU 10:30-11:30 WALT

Breakout Box: Art Heist

There has been a theft from the famous Kane County Art Museum! Investigators are baffled and they need your help. Worse, time is running out. The law requires that we let any suspect go unless we have evidence to arrest one of them within 45 minutes from now. Registration is required. For children going into grades 4 - 6.

07/13 THU 10:30-11:30 WALT
07/19 WED 1:30-2:30 WALT
07/19 WED 3:00-4:00 WALT

Cardboard Engineering with Makedo

Flex your artistic and engineering skills with your very own cardboard creations! With the help of our Makedo Cardboard Construction Kit, we will upcycle cardboard into amazing works of your own design. All materials will be provided. For grades 3-8.

07/21 FRI 10:30-12:00 WALT

TEENS

Aromatherapy for Teens

Discover the many ways essential oils can benefit teens, from stress reduction to increased alertness and concentration. Make your own aromatherapy samples to take home. Class size is limited. Registration is required online or by calling 402-441-4460.

06/10 SAT 3:00-4:00 WALT

Manga/Anime Club

A brand new book club for teens! Meeting bi-weekly on Monday evenings starting on June 5, we'll read and discuss Japanese manga. On alternating weeks is Anime Club where we will gather to watch and discuss anime. Weeks will be genre/theme based. No assigned reading, but beware of spoilers!

06/05-08/28 MONDAYS 6:00-7:30

Get to Know Your Guitar for Teens

Rock the summer with Polley Music Librarian, Scott Scholz. Bring your own guitar or just come to hang out. The library has guitars for checkout, but availability for this program is not guaranteed. Registration is required online or by calling 402-441-4460.

07/15 SAT 2:00-3:00 WALT

ADULTS

Crafternoon - Essential Oils Educational Workshop

Learn the basics about essential oils, how to use them and how to create your own natural household products. Supplies are provided but space is limited. Registration is required.

06/11 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends is an adaptive program for adults and their caregivers. Activities may include crafts, exercise and stories. All abilities and skill levels encouraged.

06/13 TUE 1:00-2:30 WALT
06/27 TUE 1:00-2:30 WALT
07/11 TUE 1:00-2:30 WALT
07/25 TUE 1:00-2:30 WALT
08/08 TUE 1:00-2:30 WALT
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08/17 THU 11:30-12:30 WALT

ADULTS

Memory Café

Memory Café is a monthly gathering for those experiencing mild memory loss along with their caregiver or family member. Activities will vary, but will include a time to socialize, enjoy music, games, programs or crafts and refreshments. Have fun, reminisce, share experiences and stay socially connected. Registration is appreciated online or by calling 402-441-4460, but walk-ins are welcome.

06/20 TUE 1:30-3:30 WALT
07/18 TUE 1:30-3:30 WALT
08/15 TUE 1:30-3:30 WALT

Fusion 360 AutoCAD Introduction

Join us for a tour of Walt's two AutoCAD computers, plotter printer and Fusion 360 in our Makerspace! A brief tutorial of Fusion 360, a cloud-based 3D modeling, CAD, CAM, CAE and PCB software, will follow. Teens are welcome. Registration is required.

06/23 FRI 10:30-12:00 WALT
06/28 WED 6:00-7:30 WALT
07/08 SAT 2:00-3:30 WALT

Crafternoon - Garden Embroidery

Create your very own garden in the palm of your hand! Materials will be provided. Registration is required.

07/09 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

Adult 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 p.m. with trivia starting promptly at 6 p.m. Register a team of up to six people online or by calling 402-441-4460. Walk-in teams welcome, but space is limited.

07/16 SUN 6:00-7:30 WALT

Learn about 3D Printing

Learn how to use a 3D printer. Come in and be trained on Walt's Lulzbot mini 3D printer and learn about the 3D printing services provided by Lincoln City Libraries. Space is limited. Registration is required.

08/05 SAT 10:30-11:30 WALT

Introduction to the Cricut Machine

Curious about the Cricut? Join us for an introduction to these crafty cutting machines and become licensed to use the library machine. Space is limited. Registration is required online or by calling 402-441-4460. Must be 19+ or attend with a guardian.

08/09 WED 5:30-7:00 WALT

Crafternoon - Beginner's Calligraphy Workshop

This is an opportunity to experiment with different calligraphy styles and tools. All supplies are provided. Just bring your creativity! Registration is required. Grades 6 to adult.

08/13 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

LOCATIONS AND HOURS

BENNETT MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

136 S. 14th Street
(402) 441-8530
Hours:
Monday–Thursday: 10 AM–8 PM
Friday–Saturday: 10 AM–6 PM
Sunday: 12–6 PM

ANDERSON BRANCH LIBRARY

3635 Touzalin Avenue
(402) 441-8540
Hours:
Monday–Thursday: 10 AM–8 PM
Friday–Saturday: 10 AM–6 PM
Sunday: 12–8 PM

BETHANY BRANCH LIBRARY

1810 N. Cotner Boulevard
(402) 441-8550
Hours:
Monday–Saturday: 10 AM–6 PM
Sunday: Closed

EISELEY BRANCH LIBRARY

1530 Superior Street
(402) 441-4250
Hours:
Monday–Thursday: 10 AM–8 PM
Friday–Saturday: 10 AM–6 PM
Sunday: 12–8 PM

GERE BRANCH LIBRARY

2400 S. 56th Street
(402) 441-8560
Hours:
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Friday–Saturday: 10 AM–6 PM
Sunday: 12–8 PM

SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

2675 South Street
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Hours:
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WALT BRANCH LIBRARY

6701 S. 14th Street
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Sunday: 12–8 PM

WILLIAMS BRANCH LIBRARY

4900 Mike Scholl Street
(402) 441-8580

Beginning June 15, 2023, Williams Branch Library will begin its transition to its new home at 4900 Mike Scholl Dr. Please call ahead for updates.



Join Read Aloud Lincoln at these parks and places in the Lincoln area for storytimes — featuring stories, movement, music and more. All sessions are 30 minutes. Storytimes are geared toward children ages 5 and under, but all ages are welcome. Look for the LNKLibraries feather flag!

"Reading and literacy can happen anywhere! You don't have to have a perfect or quiet environment for reading—you can read at the mall, the park, the farmers market, an apple orchard — wherever!"

— Aii B.

Read Aloud Lincoln Advocate

Around Town Storytime: Larsen Tractor Museum

Join us at the Larsen Tractor Museum on UNL's East Campus for a tractor and farm-themed storytime with movement, music and more. Admission is free for storytime attendees.

06/02 FRI 10:30–11:00

Around Town Storytime: Memorial Stadium

Join us for a 15 minute storytime about teamwork, exercise and more. After our abbreviated storytime, children will be able to spend 15 minutes on the Tom Osborne Field. Storytimes will be held outside Memorial Stadium's Gate 11 entrance at 10:30 a.m. and another at 10:45 a.m.

06/09 FRI 10:30

06/09 FRI 10:45

Around Town Storytime: Southern Heights Food Forest

Join us OUTSIDE at the Southern Heights Food Forest for a storytime with movement, music and more. You are welcome to bring blankets or towels for more comfortable seating. After storytime, we'll have the chance to explore the Food Forest. When in doubt, look for the Lincoln City Libraries feather flag for our exact location.

06/16 FRI 10:30–11:00

Around Town Storytime: Nebraska State Capitol

Join us in the Rotunda at the Nebraska State Capitol for a civic-minded storytime. After storytime, attendees are invited to explore the beautiful and historical Nebraska State Capitol.

06/23 FRI 10:30–11:00

Around Town Storytime: Sheldon Museum of Art

Join us OUTSIDE for an art-inspired storytime with one of Sheldon's outdoor sculptures. This sculpture, Arietta II, is located just north of the Sheldon building next to their visitor parking lot. Storytime will take place in the grassy area surrounding Arietta II. You are welcome to bring blankets or towels for more comfortable seating.

06/30 FRI 10:30–11:00

Around Town Storytime: National Museum of Roller Skating

Join us inside the National Museum of Roller Skating for a wheelee cool storytime with music, movement and more. After storytime, feel free to explore the museum's sparkly exhibits and wheel wall. Admission to the museum is free.

07/07 FRI 10:30–11:00

Around Town Storytime: Speedway Motors Museum of American Speed

Join us at the Museum of American Speed for a car-themed storytime with movement, music and more. After storytime, attendees are welcome to explore the museum. Admission is free for storytime attendees.

07/14 FRI 10:30–11:00

Around Town Storytime: International Quilt Museum

Join us at the International Quilt Museum for a storytime that explores the variety of colors, shapes and textures in quilts. After storytime, attendees are welcome to explore the museum. Admission is free for storytime attendees.

07/21 FRI 10:30–11:00

Around Town Storytime: Prairie Pines

Join us OUTSIDE at Prairie Pines Nature Preserve (3100 N. 112th St.) for a storytime featuring music, movement and more. You are welcome to bring blankets or towels for more comfortable seating. Attendees are invited to explore the trails and Nature Ninja course. Admission to Prairie Pines is free.

07/28 FRI 10:30–11:00



Explore all of our Storytimes!



HOLIDAYS CLOSINGS

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Sunday, May 28, 2023

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29, 2023

JUNETEENTH

Monday, June 19, 2023

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

All Together Now

2023 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Friday, May 26–Monday, July 31

Reader Name: _____

Beanstack User Name: _____

I registered for the Summer Reading Challenge

I completed eight activities

I read for 10 hours

I visited the library four times

I completed my booklet by July 31

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YOU CAN DO IT!

Read for 10 Hours

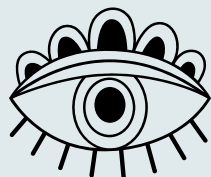
Keep track of your reading time.
Mark a circle for every 15 minutes you read.
Color the picture when you have read for an hour!



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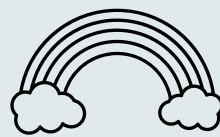
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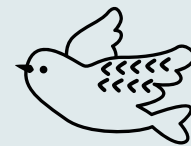
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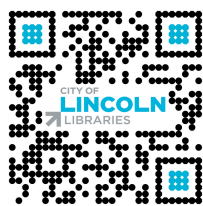
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Participate in the Summer Reading Challenge three ways:

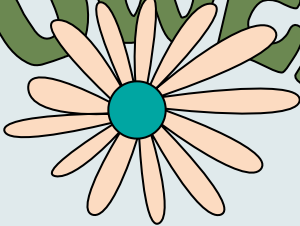
- Online, using our Beanstack site at LincolnLibraries.Beanstack.org.
- Using the paper booklet. You must still register in Beanstack, so let us know if you need help.
- Using the Beanstack Tracker mobile app—download from the App Store or Google Play.

All ages registering for the Summer Reading Challenge will receive:

- A ticket to a Saltdogs baseball game on Friday, June 9
- Adults will get a book bag
- Kids and Teens can choose from registration prizes.

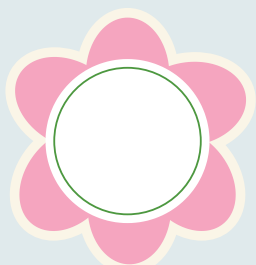
Check out LincolnLibraries.org for more information on our Storytimes and other free events!

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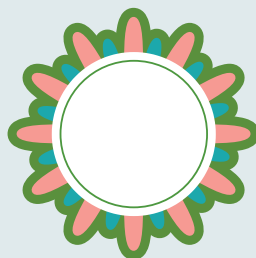


Complete Eight of These Activities

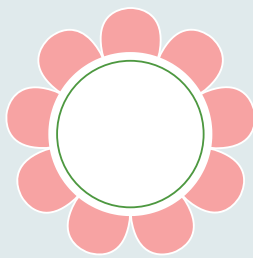
Color in, cross out or add a sticker as you complete the activities.



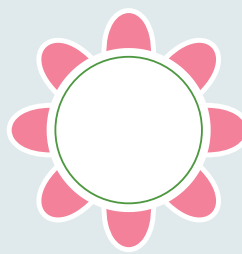
Download the Beanstack Tracker app



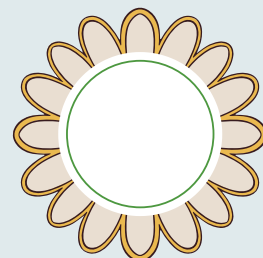
Have a screen-free day



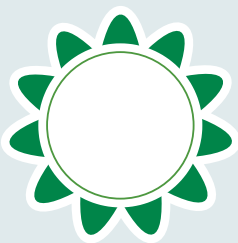
Listen to an audiobook



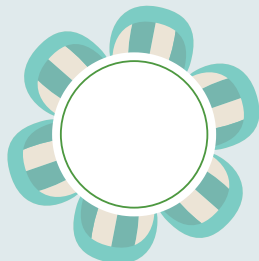
Participate in the Field Trip Across Lincoln challenge



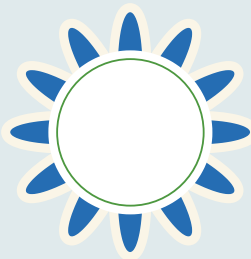
Read an award-winning book



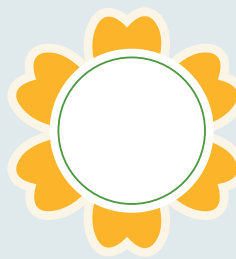
Express yourself through art



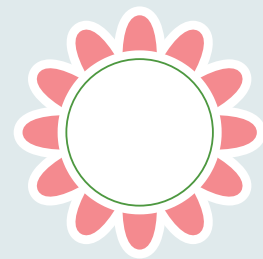
Find out about Hoopla for streaming books, movies and music



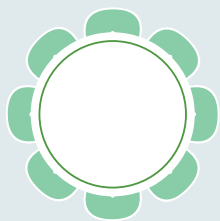
Read a Golden Sower Award Nominee



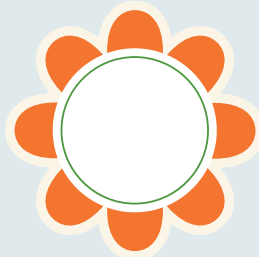
Explore Novelist for good book ideas



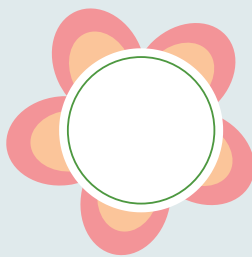
Learn about a person who changed the world in a positive way



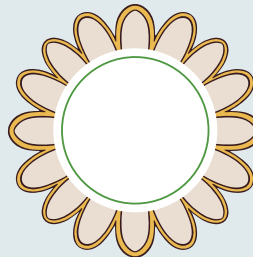
Read a book in a graphic format



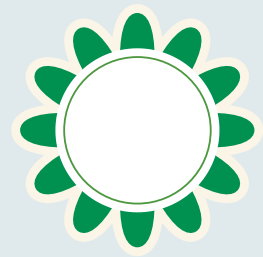
Discover a new author



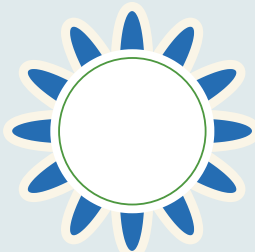
Do a good deed



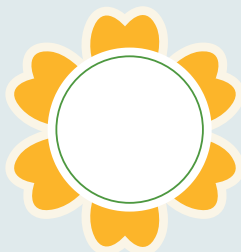
Take a walk on a park trail



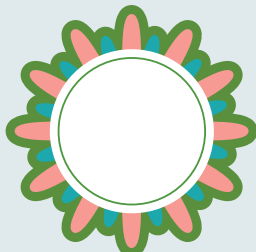
Read aloud to a person, pet or plant



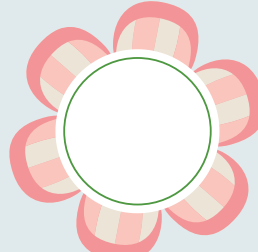
Tell someone about a book you liked



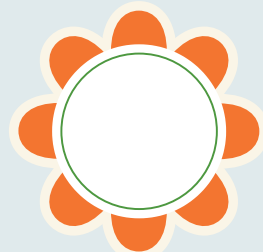
Tell a librarian a joke



Write a note of appreciation to a friend



Sing a song



Dress up as your favorite make-believe character

All ages completing the Summer Reading Challenge will receive the following coupons:

- A ticket to the July 31 *Summer Reading Challenge Recognition Night* Saltdogs game
- A free ice cream cone from Runza Restaurants
- One free skate rental with purchase of admission from Breslow Ice Hockey Center
- \$5 off of a \$20 or more purchase from HobbyTown
- 20 minutes of free bowling and one free shoe rental at Parkway Lanes or Hollywood Bowl when open lanes are available
- 20% off the purchase of any book from Francie & Finch Bookshop
- Free admission at any Lincoln Public Pool, August 1 through August 13, 2023
 - Children's Coupon: Good for one child and one adult entry
 - Teen Coupon: Good for one teen and one adult entry
 - Adult coupon: Good for one adult entry

Adults will receive these additional coupons:

- 20% off all used books at A Novel Idea Bookstore
- 40% off any book at University of Nebraska Press
- Buy 2 get 1 free (good up to \$5) from Licorice International
- Free special snack item or \$0.50 off bottle/can drink from Kazoo's U-Stop Café at Lincoln Children's Museum
- One free yoga class from Lincoln Yoga Center

Children will receive these additional coupons:

- A free special snack item or \$0.50 off Dippin' Dots from Kazoo's U-Stop Café at Lincoln Children's Museum
- A free Cheesy Burrito from Amigos
- A free kid's meal from Slim Chickens
- A free ride on the Z O & O Railroad at the Lincoln Children's Zoo
- A \$1 off coupon for any Yogurtini treat
- A State Fair "Read and Win Prize Packet"
- \$3 off any purchase of \$10 or more at Fazoli's
- One free hour of painting (up to a \$6 value) at Paint Yourself Silly
- Buy one book, get one 20% off at Elleinad Books

Teens will receive these additional coupons:

- A free Cheesy Burrito from Amigos
- A \$1 off coupon for any Yogurtini treat
- \$3 off any purchase of \$10.00 or more at Fazoli's
- 20% off coupon for A Novel Idea Bookstore
- One free hour of painting (up to a \$6 value) at Paint Yourself Silly
- One free day pass at Mana Games
- \$1 off any beverage at any Mill location
- \$1 off any purchase over \$3 at Scoops Ice Cream Shop
- Buy one book, get one 20% off at Elleinad Books

Thank you to all of our generous supporters!

This summer you can earn tickets for logging your reading and activities. Put all of your tickets in one prize package or spread them out over several prizes. These packages are \$50 per business, \$100 total per prize!

Haymarket Happy Time - Mana Games and Muchachos

South of South Street - Lila Mae's Southern Kitchen and Lounge and Leon's Gourmet Grocery

Scrapbooking and Sweets - Picnic Hill Create and Butterfly Bakery

Comics and Coffee - Trade a Tape and The Coffee House

Boba and Bop - First Day Vinyl and Banhwich

Mini Golf and Big Burgers - Prehistoric Putt and Honest Abe's

Cycles and Crepes - Cycle Works and Cultiva

A Film and a Frozen Treat - Marcus Theatres and 402 Creamery

Create and Dine - Paint Yourself Silly and Culver's

Poseys After Breakfast - SR Pumpkin and Flower Farm and Engine House Café

Be sure to enter all of your tickets in Beanstack by the end of Monday, July 31, 2023!

Everyone who completes the challenge will be entered in the grand prize drawings:

Three prizes of \$250.00 each for performances of your choice at the Lied Center for Performing Arts for the 2023-2024 Season.

LiedCenter.org

