

Comments From Our Customers

"Having new CD's on display at the front desk is like candy at the cash register."

"The Library is the best place in the world."

"You guys are so high tech, you're the best!"

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 2 The McNeeLees
4:00pm
- Feb. 3 The String Beans
10:30am
- Feb. 9 "Caldecott Winners"
Booktalk
10:30 am
- Feb. 13 "Patty's Favorites"
Booktalk 2:15 pm
Family Storytime
6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Feb. 20 Scott Middle School
Music groups
1:00pm
"Islamic
Fundamentalism"
Booktalk
2:15 pm
- Feb. 21 Southwest High
Music group
11:45 am
- Feb. 23 "Stitch Me A Story"
Booktalk
10:30am
- Feb. 27 "Donna's Favorite
Mystery Authors"
Booktalk
2:15pm

Celebrate with us and see how we've grown! Feb 2, 2007 is Walt Branch Library's fifth anniversary. It seems like just yesterday that we would drive down the two-lane street and turn into Densmore park and the library parking lot. Everything in the library was fresh and new. We've come a long way since then. We started out with 85,000 items on our shelves and as you can see, they are much fuller now. We have more Internet computers, more programs to offer, and more customers. Thank you for making us a vital part of your community.

Valentines Galore...

at Walt Branch Library's FAMILY NIGHT on Tuesday evening, February 13. Come join in the fun and make a heart puppet and a special sign language valentine. We will have stories, action rhymes, flannel board tales and songs about

hearts and libraries from 7:00 - 7:30. The crafts will be available from 6:00 - 8:00, along with board games.

Our regular preschool (ages 3-5 years) and toddler (ages 18 - 36 months) storytimes are on Tuesday and

Wednesday mornings at 10:30. No pre-registration is required, so drop in and join the fun!



Reflections from Kim Shelley by Patty Lippstreu

To Celebrate the fifth anniversary of Walt Branch library we recently asked Kimberley Shelley (Former Walt Branch Library Branch Manager) to reflect on what it was like to open the new Walt Branch library.

Q : What were some of the greatest challenges for you when you were setting up the Library?

Kim : "For me, the most difficult part of preparing the library to open was the myriad of things over which I had absolutely no control.

Books couldn't be put away until shelves were up...shelves couldn't be constructed until the carpet was installed...carpet couldn't be installed until all of the network connections were in place..."

Q: What was it like for you on opening day?

Kim : "February 2, 2002, was one big exciting blur. From the moment the ribbon was cut, customers swarmed into Walt Branch Library. I loved seeing their initial reactions to the beautiful building and the brand-new collection."

Q: Is there anything you would like to say to all of the people, both volunteers and staff, who helped with the set up of the library?

Kim : "Many hands truly do make light work. Walt Branch Library could never have opened on time if it weren't for the hard work and dedication of so many members of the community and the staff. Bess Dodson Walt would have been proud!"

Tip of the Month

To access your library account at home, you need your library card number and your 4-digit PIN. Go online to www.lincolnlibraries.org and choose 'My Account' from the menu on the right. When entering your card barcode number do not use any spaces between the numbers.

A View From the Checkout Desk by Becky Wurm Clark

Since taking the Loan Desk (Circulation) Supervisor position at Walt branch library over 5 years ago, I have witnessed and/or participated in the following statistics:

17,145 hours have been contributed to the library by 846 Adult and Youth Volunteers

1.3 million visitors have passed through Walt's doors.

2.7 million items have been checked out (and checked back in)!

I have made out about 1,700 daily staff schedules.

I have logged roughly 6,000 hours at Walt's public service desks -- Checkout, Adult Reference, Youth Services.

I have supervised over 30,000 hours of work among 40 different Library Aides (shelvers).

In the nearly 30 years that I have worked within Lincoln's public library system, I have experienced a lot of different statistics and, between the lines, they show that the people of Lincoln and Lancaster County, and a few places beyond, love Lincoln City Libraries and its staff.

Thanks for making the Bess Dodson Walt branch library an appreciated and successful part of the community!

Upcoming Holiday Closings

Lincoln City Libraries will be closed:

Monday, February 19
Presidents Day



Research Resource of the Month



Need a biography for a school report? Or want the birth date of your favorite actor?

Try the Biography Resource Center database. Search by name, biographical facts or even partial name to find articles and biographies.

Just go to <http://www.lcl.lib.ne.us/databases/tercauth.htm> and use our website from your home or office computer, or, ask a staff member at the library to help you get started.

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www.lincolnlibraries.org

Hours:

Mon-Thu 10:00am - 9:00pm
Fri-Sat 10:00am - 6:00pm
Sun 1:30pm - 5:30pm

Memories of Walt Branch by Julie Humphrey

We surveyed several of our original staff and volunteers about some of their first memories of Walt Branch, or why they chose to work at this location. Here are some of their thoughts:

****Becky:** "I liked the fact that they incorporated recycled material into the building. I chose to apply to work here

partly because I thought it would be nice to work in the only library branch named after a woman."

****Rebecca:** I chose to work at Walt because I admired a city that was willing to build two new libraries with new books at the same time. What a wonderful show of commitment from the people of Lincoln.

****Patty:** "I wanted to work here at Walt because there is lots of bright natural light, lots of color, and a new building.

****Vera and Gary:** "One of the things we remember are all of the boxes. There were rows and rows of empty shelves, and lots of boxes of books waiting to be put out there."

