Lincoln City Libraries celebrated several anniversaries in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Bennett Martin Public Library opened December 16, 1962. Its golden anniversary was celebrated on Sunday, December 16, 2012. The celebration included recognition of the Polley Music Library, which opened in the fall of 1982, and the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska authors which opened in its current location also in the fall of 1982.

The Library Board and the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries continue to work in concert with library staff to move toward a new Main Library facility for Lincoln. The proposal for re-use of the Pershing Auditorium site submitted in fall of 2012 was not accepted. Since no proposal was accepted for re-use, the Library Board continues to be interested in a successful library project on that site. Information from the 2012 Main Library Vision and Concept Study is available on the library’s website, lincolnlibraries.org.

Overall, system-wide circulation was even with 2011-2012 totaling 3,291,900, which was a 0.06% decrease. We continue to see growth in the use of downloadable e-books, made available through the library’s website.

Federal stimulus funds from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) allowed for extensive rearrangement of the public computing area of Bennett Martin Public Library. New furnishings, 25 new computers, and a new arrangement have resulted in greater use of these resources.

A grand total of 16,835 people registered for the Summer Reading Program, an 8% increase over 2012. The children’s program, “Dig Into Reading” had 10,739 participants, the teen program “Beneath the Surface,” had 2,631 participants, and the adult program “Groundbreaking Reads,” had 3,458 participants.

Several library branches have improved children’s spaces as part of the “Leading to Reading “project. Based on information about how children learn through play, these spaces provide developmentally appropriate toys and literacy-support computers. They are funded through the Lincoln Cares project of the Lincoln Electric System and the City of Lincoln, and several generous private donors through the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries. A very well-received online product “TumbleBooks,” an interactive children’s book site, was purchased as part of this project and is available on computers at all libraries and online through the library’s website.

The One Book - One Lincoln title for 2013 was announced, “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” by Rachel Joyce. The other finalists were “The Round House” by Louise Erdrich and “The Sandcastle Sisters” by Chris Bohjalian.

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Library Director
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Annual Report
Lincoln City Libraries
September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013

Lincoln City Libraries
136 So. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE  68508
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Population of Legal Service Area:  285,407
Public Service Hours Per Week:  470
Total Circulation: 3,292,906
Visits: 1,459,924
Number of Facilities:  8
Number of bookmobiles: 1

HEADQUARTERS:
Bennett Martin Public Library
136 So. 14th Street
Circulation: 539,853*
Visits: 271,254
Public Service Hours Per Week: 54
Monday – Saturday  10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Dan A Williams Branch
5000 Mike Scholl Street
Circulation: 32,988
Visits: 16,631
Public Service Hours Per Week: 28
Monday – Thursday 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:
Bess Dodson Walt Branch
6701 So. 14th Street
Circulation: 664,666
Visits: 250,450
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64
Monday – Thursday  10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Loren Corey Eiseley Branch
1530 Superior Street
Circulation: 471,662
Visits: 251,364
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64
Monday – Thursday  10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Bethany Branch
1810 No. Cotner Blvd.
Circulation: 130,305
Visits: 51,132
Public Service Hours Per Week: 48
Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday Closed

Charles H. Gere Branch
2400 So. 56th Street
Circulation: 1,022,364
Visits: 377,066
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday     10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Victor E. Anderson Branch
3635 Touzalin Avenue
Circulation: 250,399
Visits: 138,500
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

South Branch
2675 South Street
Circulation: 145,220
Visits: 95,500
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Bookmobile
Circulation: 34,449
Visits: 9,027
Public Service Hours Per Week: 20

*Includes InterLibrary Loan and downloadable ebooks/audiobooks
REVENUES:

Local Government Revenue: This includes all local government funds designated by the community and available for expenditure by the public library. Does not include the value of any contributed or in-kind services or the value of any gifts and donations, library fines, fees, or grants.

City of Lincoln: $ 6,919,059
Lancaster County: $ 684,148
Keno & Interest Earned: $ 507,910
Total Local Revenue: $ 8,111,117

State Revenue: These are funds distributed to public libraries by Nebraska state government for expenditure by the public libraries. This does not include federal money distributed by the state.

State Aid: $ 53,694
Continuing Ed/Training Grant: $ 4,980
Other State Gov. Revenue: $ 34,774
Total State Government Revenue $ 93,448

Federal Government Revenue: This includes all federal government funds including federal money distributed by the Nebraska Library Commission as Library Improvement grants.

Total Federal Government Revenue $ 0

Other Revenue: This is all operating revenue other than that reported under local, state, and federal operating revenue including monetary gifts and donations received, interest, library fines, fees for library services, and grants. Does not include the value of any contributed or in-kind services or the value of any non-monetary gifts and donations.

Other Revenue $ 788,585

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE $ 8,993,150

CAPITAL REVENUE: $ 85,000
(Bookmobile)

EXPENDITURES:
Operating Expenditures are current and recurrent costs necessary to support library services.

Salaries and Benefits: $ 5,919,935
Collection Materials: $ 1,428,218
Facility: $ 233,476
Utilities: $ 31,042
Office Supplies: $ 81,039
Postage: $ 22,197
Telephone: $ 20,297
Insurance: $ 51,306
Contracts for Services: $ 473,994
Computer Hardware & Software $ 256,717
Electronic Access $ 52,444
Continuing Education: $ 12,501
Miscellaneous: $ 1,633,618

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES: $ 8,981,771

Capital Expenditures

Gere HVAC $ 10,476
Bookmobile $ 10,000
Anderson HVAC $ 85,000

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES: $ 105,476
LIBRARY MATERIAL HOLDINGS (volumes)

Adult Print: 402,615
Adult NonPrint: 91,085
Youth Print: 298,462
Youth NonPrint: 37,009
Total Materials Owned: 829,171

LIBRARY SERVICES

Number of registered borrowers 217,516
Annual library visits 1,459,924
Annual reference transactions 317,296
Number of Public Internet computers 144
Annual Public Internet Computer Reservations 230,803
Children's program attendance 80,572
Adult program attendance 3,027
Circulation of adult materials 1,760,675
Circulation of children's materials 1,532,231
Circulation total 3,292,906
Total lost materials 10,295
Total library materials loaned to other libraries 1,951
Total library materials borrowed from other libraries 2,018
Number of online public access catalog computers 68
Total employees (FTEs) 106.59
Total number of volunteers 1072
Number attending meetings/activities in meeting rooms 57,438