Summer continues to be the busiest season at Lincoln City Libraries. This year’s Summer Reading Program themes revolved around science. The youth program, “Fizz Boom Read!” had 11,007 participants, and its 153 special events drew total attendance of 16,992. The teen theme, “Spark a Reaction!” had 2,835 participants, with 16 events drawing attendance of 281. The adult theme was “Literary Elements” with 2,744 participants and five special events drawing 160 people.

The One Book - One Lincoln Community Reading Program for 2013 featured “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” which won out over the other two finalists, “The Round House” by Louise Erdrich and “The Sandcastle Girls” by Chris Bohjalian. Various copies of the three finalists checked out over 7,000 times. Events associated with One Book - One Lincoln drew 590 people.

The library’s annual Volunteer Recognition was held Saturday, April 12, at the Auld Pavilion. During calendar 2013, 1,066 volunteers contributed 19,925 hours to the Library at an estimated value of $340,726.05.

In April, Lincoln City Libraries participated in a national project of the American Library Association, promoting signatures on “The Declaration for the Right to Libraries.” In concert with Lincoln Public Schools and the Southeast Library System, over 13,000 signatures from Lincoln were submitted to the Association.

Circulation of materials totaled 3,176,440, a 3.41% decrease in comparison to fiscal year 2012-2013. Downloadable audiobooks and eBooks continue to show substantial increases; their circulation grows as we add titles and copies to the collections. Visits to libraries totaled 1,318,172, with 239,897 computer sessions systemwide.

The Library Board affirmed its interest in the Pershing Center block as the site for a new Central Library downtown. Discussions continue regarding potential neighbors or partners on the site.

In concert with the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries, a community engagement campaign with the taglines, “Libraries Are More than Books” and “IdeaPlaceLNK” got underway, to feature various members of the Lincoln community.

Collaboration with community partners continues to be a hallmark of library activity. Among our collaborative projects were volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) provided by Community Action Partners and AARP, the Malone Community Center for the African American Read-In, and Humanities Nebraska for Prime Time Family Reading Time sessions for Spanish-speaking and Native American audiences.

Pat Leach
Library Director
December 31, 2014
Lincoln City Libraries
136 So. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
www.lincolnlibraries.org
library@lincolnlibraries.org
402-441-8500

Population of Legal Service Area: 285,407
Public Service Hours Per Week: 470
Total Circulation: 3,176,440
Visits: 1,318,172
Number of Facilities: 8
Number of bookmobiles: 1

HEADQUARTERS:
Bennett Martin Public Library
136 So. 14th Street
Circulation: 545,452*
Visits: 243,903
Public Service Hours Per Week: 54
Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Bess Dodson Walt Branch
6701 So. 14th Street
Circulation: 634,970
Visits: 214,279
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: 132,779
Visits: 62,902
Public Service Hours Per Week: 48
Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday Closed

Charles H. Gere Branch
2400 So. 56th Street
Circulation: 971,574
Visits: 344,584
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.

Dan A Williams Branch
5000 Mike Scholl Street
Circulation: 29,641
Visits: 21,775
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.

Loren Corey Eiseley Branch
1530 Superior Street
Circulation: 447,218
Visits: 210,626
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: 141,097
Visits: 81,774
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: 243,305
Visits: 130,199
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: 28,330
Visits: 8,130
Public Service Hours Per Week: 20

*Includes InterLibrary Loan and electronic downloadable eBooks/audiobooks
LIBRARY MATERIAL HOLDINGS (volumes)
Adult Print: 405,342
Adult NonPrint: 95,153
Youth Print: 303,486
Youth NonPrint: 37,884
Total Owned: 841,865

LIBRARY SERVICES
Number of registered borrowers 229,385
Annual library visits 1,318,172
Annual reference transactions 322,931
Number of Public Internet computers 128
Annual Public Internet Computer Reservations 239,897
Children's program attendance 89,936
Adult program attendance 3,165
Circulation of adult materials 1,703,570
Circulation of children's materials 1,472,870
Circulation total 3,176,440
Total lost materials 10,443
Total library materials loaned to other libraries 1,753
Total library materials borrowed from other libraries 2,650
Number of online public access catalog computers 65
Total employees (FTEs) 105.79
Total number of volunteers 1,066
Number attending meetings/activities in meeting rooms 58,646
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: $7,248,449.35
Lancaster County: 708,771.00
Keno & Interest Earned: 553,367.10
Total Local Revenue: $8,510,587.45

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: $54,052.00
Other State Gov. Revenue: 36,665.00
Total State Government Revenue: $90,717.00

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: $0.00

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: $771,760.68
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE: $9,373,065.13

TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE: $0.00

EXPENDITURES:

Operating Expenditures are current and recurrent Costs necessary to support library services.

Salaries and Benefits: $6,143,903.42
Collection Materials: $1,279,407.12
Facility: $179,182.24
Utilities: $366,293.00
Office Supplies: $74,596.90
Postage: $18,305.54
Telephone: $17,716.95
Insurance: $54,066.00
Contracts for Services: $414,863.47
Computer Hardware & Software: $195,945.95
Electronic Access: $45,809.10
Continuing Education: $13,114.66
Miscellaneous: $149,804.73
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES: $8,953,009.09

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES: $0.00