

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

FY 2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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



CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS

Bennett Martin Public Library

136 S. 14th Street

Circulation: 173,917

Visits: 89,396

Public Service Hrs/Week: 62

NEIGHBORHOOD BRANCH LOCATIONS

SOUTHWEST LINCOLN

Bess Dodson Walt Branch Library

6701 S. 14th Street

Circulation: 499,680

Visits: 118,867

Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

NORTHWEST LINCOLN

Loren Corey Eiseley Branch

1530 Superior Street

Circulation: 281,130

Visits: 79,321

Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

Dan A. Williams Branch

5000 Mike Scholl Street

Circulation: 9,071

Visits: 5,543

Public Service Hrs/Week: 28

NORTHEAST LINCOLN

Victor E. Anderson Branch

3635 Touzalin Avenue

Circulation: 141,369

Visits: 48,743

Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

Bethany Branch Library

1810 N. Cotner Boulevard

Circulation: 182,687

Visits: 83,367

Public Service Hrs/Week: 48

SOUTHEAST / CENTRAL LINCOLN

Charles H. Gere Branch Library

2400 S. 56th Street

Circulation: 772,599

Visits: 182,687

Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

South Branch

2675 South Street

Circulation: 116,087

Visits: 36,238

Public Service Hrs/Week: 64

MOBILE OUTREACH

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Circulation: 26,124

Visits: 1,850

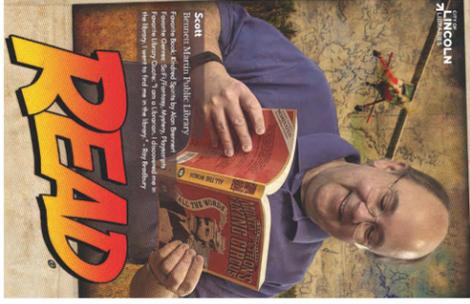
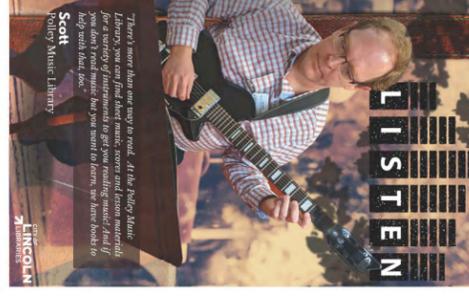
Public Service Hrs/Week: 20

ELECTRONIC MATERIALS

Circulation: 656,496

Visits: 1,372,797

Public Service Hrs/Week: 24/7



Literacy, Learning and Literature, shared in community, and engagement in community celebrations, solutions, and innovations.



The 2020-2021 fiscal/reporting year shows many impacts from the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Libraries have been open their regular hours throughout the year. Depending on the Directed Health Measures in place, during much of that time a mask mandate has been in effect. In-person programming and events resumed to a limited extent during the year. With the availability of vaccination for adults and teens, some gatherings resumed with masking and distancing in place. Children’s programming was presented virtually early in the year, later with in-person events for children held outdoors.

Overall library business is slowly rebounding from COVID impacts. We anticipate further progress when children’s programming can be more fully presented.

A total of 12,558 people registered for the library’s Summer Reading Challenge with the “Tails and Tales” theme, 7579 children, 1049 teens, and 3930 adults. This is a significant increase over summer of 2020. An abbreviated number of outdoor events, including magician Jeff Quinn, pool parties and Saltdogs baseball games, drew many people. We have set a goal of reaching our 2019 pre-COVID participation levels with the 2022 summer reading challenge.

We enjoyed a special guest visit reader when Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird visited Eiseley Branch Library on June 15.

Our 2020 One Book - One Lincoln Community Reading Program featured title was “Dear Edward” by Anne Napolitano. An online presentation and discussion by the author drew a large attendance.

Lisa Hale was reappointed to the Library Board when her partial term expired in August of 2021.

Facilities work included roof replacements at Eiseley and Walt Branch Libraries, with parking lot surfacing scheduled later in calendar year 2021.

Work continued on the Central Library project as part of the White Lotus Group redevelopment of the Pershing Center site. Schematic design got underway when the Lincoln firm of BVH Architecture working in concert with MSR in Minneapolis was awarded the contract following an RFP process.

Planning is underway for the purchase of a new bookmobile. We are working with consultant Michael Swendrowski to select a vehicle that can support the library service and further the goals of the City’s Climate Action Plan. The joint Air Park Recreation Center and Williams Branch Library facility is in the design development phase. The library will move out of the Arnold Elementary School when the new facility is completed in early 2023.

Traci Glass joined Lincoln City Libraries and began her assignment as assistant library director on September 24.

The pandemic continues to reveal the important role that reading plays in our community. Library staff has risen to the challenges presented by the pandemic, providing excellent service to thousands of individuals and maintaining a safe library environment in response to Directed Health Measures. Throughout this reporting year, library employees created welcoming community centers based on learning, literacy, and literature.

Pat Leach, Library Director

LIBRARY SERVICES

Number of public internet computers: 157
 Internet computer reservations: 72,830
 Number of public access catalog computers: 61

Program attendance children & teens: 17,538
 Program attendance adults: 6,732
 Attendance in meeting rooms: 1,343

Total employees (FTEs): 107.54
 Total number of volunteers: 1561

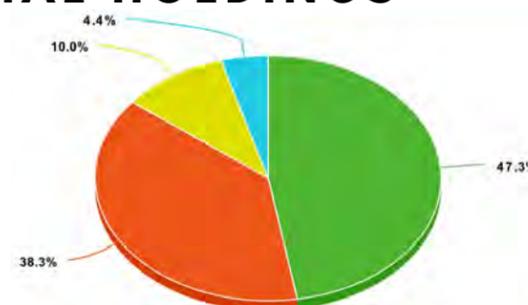
Annual library visits: 596,117
 Number of registered borrowers: 263,474
 ConnectED accounts: 40,639
 Circulation of adult materials: 1,443,915
 Circulation of children's materials: 1,335,775
 Circulation total: 2,784,690
 Total Lost materials: 6,794
 Materials loaned to other libraries: 963
 Materials borrowed from other libraries: 1,406



LIBRARY MATERIAL HOLDINGS

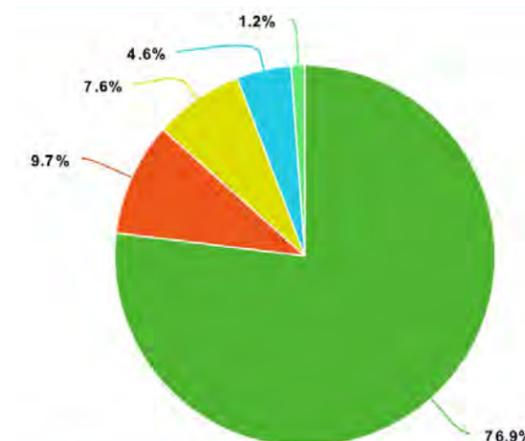
TOTAL OWNED: 781,199

Adult Print: 369,581
Adult NonPrint: 77,791
Youth Print: 299,280
Youth NonPrint: 34,547



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

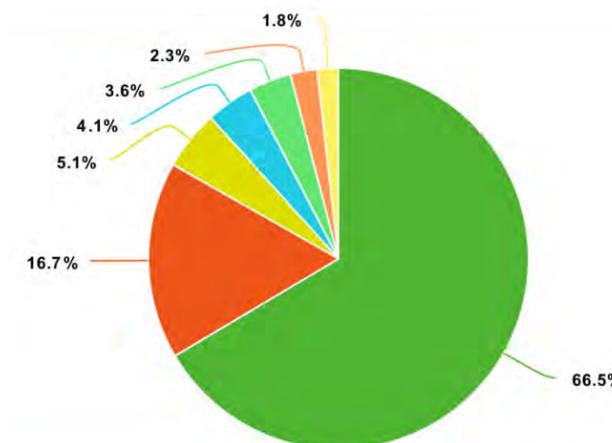
REVENUES



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| City of Lincoln: | \$9,022,919+ |
| Keno & Interest Earned: | \$1,131,969 |
| Lancaster County: | \$895,417 |
| Other: | \$542,904 |
| State Aid | \$135,033 |

Total Operating Revenue: \$11,728,242

EXPENDITURES



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| Staff & Benefits: | \$7,011,925 |
| Collection Materials: | \$1,763,655 |
| Miscellaneous: | \$533,422 |
| Contracts for Services: | \$427,583 |
| Computer Hardware & Software: | \$380,686 |
| Utilities: | \$240,201 |
| Facilities: | \$188,388 |

Total Operating Expenditures: \$10,545,860

Total Capital Expenditures: \$221,912