

MEETING NOTICE

DATE: December 12, 2025
TO: Library Board, Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney
FROM: Ryan Wieber, Library Director
SUBJECT: Library Board Meeting

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING:

Tuesday, December 16, 2025
Bennett Martin Public Library
136 S. 14th St. Lincoln, NE 68508

STARTING TIME OF MEETING: 8:00 a.m.

CHAIR OF MEETING: Jackie Ostrowicki, 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 November 18, 2025 Minutes*
5. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Committee on Administration
 - b. Committee on Buildings & Grounds
 - c. Committee on Technology
 - d. Committee on Finance
 - i. Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures for November 2025*
6. Special Committee Reports
 - a. Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries
 - b. One Book One Lincoln Final Report
7. New Business
 - a. Approve Foundation for LCL 2025 Agreements:
 - i. *FLCL and LCL Mutual Agreement
 - ii. *License Agreement for Office Space
 - iii. *FLCL Book Sale Agreement
 - b. FY 2024-2025 Security Incident Report
8. President's Report
9. Assistant Library Director's Report
10. Director's Report
 - a. Central Library
11. Board Observations
12. 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, NOVEMBER 18, 2025, 8:00 a.m.
BENNETT MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Present: Jackie Ostrowicki, Joe Shaw, Morgan Gerteisen, Patty Beutler, Marilyn Moore. Arrived late: Terri Dunlap. Absent: Lisa Hale, Nichole Bogen.

City of Lincoln Staff present: Ryan Wieber, Jodene Glaesemann, Sarah Dale, Jennifer Hatfield, LeeAnn Sergeant, Jocelyn Golden.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

President Ostrowicki called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and announced the Open Meetings Law and today's agenda were posted and available for review.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

Ostrowicki noted that the Agenda was posted according to the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska. Beutler moved approval of the corrected Agenda. Moore seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Gerteisen, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Shaw, Moore – AYE. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 21, 2025 MEETING MINUTES*

Gerteisen moved to approve the October 21, 2025 meeting minutes. Shaw seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ostrowicki, Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen – AYE. Beutler – Abstained. Motion passed 4-0 with one (1) abstention.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Administration

Met to discuss evaluation of Director, will discuss in closed session following Board Observations.

Committee on Buildings and Grounds

Did not meet.

Committee on Technology

Did not meet.

Committee on Finance

Meeting was cancelled.

Treasurer Dunlap arrived at this time.

Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures

Treasurer Dunlap shared that the Operational Expenditures for October 2025 were \$1,318,068.32. The Total of Expenditures of Other Funds was \$434,154.04 for Total Expenditures of \$1,752,222.36. Dunlap motioned approval. Gerteisen seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Beutler, Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries

Executive Director, Tiffani Hill was absent but sent reports to each member. Director Wieber noted lots of good news in the reports, lots of presentations have been made, and meetings generated. He shared that there are verbal commitments made from \$250,000 up to 1 million. He expects more detail on those in the coming months. He noted that fundraising is up to approximately 50% of the total needed. Wieber shared, there is one large ask out for \$5 million to a local foundation, which is hoped to be settled by year end. He said, the Foundation's aim is to have 80% of the total committed from majority local donors before seriously working with any potential donors in Omaha.

Wieber reported that the Foundation Board is now meeting monthly instead of quarterly. Board liaisons are Joe, Jackie and Terri. Dunlap reported that one of the Foundation Board ideas is a 'Penny a Page' donations program for local kids, where kids can solicit friends and family as sponsors for their reading.

One Book One Lincoln (OBOL)

Gerteisen shared that there were approximately 225 in attendance for the OBOL Winning Author, and having her here in person was the cherry on top. She's heard very good feedback from the community. Wieber shared kudos to Jen Jackson for her interview. The recording will be posted to the City's YouTube Channel and seen on Public Access as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Polley Music Library Annual Report

President Ostrowicki announced that Librarian Scott Scholz would be presenting the year's review from Polley Music Library. Wieber thanked Scott for his excellent work presenting live music, and his work with KZUM. His weekend shows are both amazing and eclectic. He reminded the Board that the approval of the Polley Annual Report each year is a requirement of the Polley Trust.

Scholz reported that it's been a great year. He's started working on the Polley design for the new Central Library, and has been using the City's new Music Box (MBX) facility across the street, has been a fun, productive year. Wieber asked Scholz to elaborate on how the MBX supposed to work and his role? Scholz explained that the plans are still in process, but have been hampered by a lack of funds for staff. It's part of the downtown music advisory group. The Downtown Lincoln Association got grant funding to build out the space, the use of which was donated to them by the City. It was initially aimed at being rehearsal space for teens and young adults, although older musicians are the majority of current users. The space has great equipment, small capacity, rehearsal and recording space. It has been great for hosting Polley events. There are huge screens behind the stage, making it great for presentations. The new Central Library space will be larger, with a podcast area, but not to the same level of refinement. Beutler asked, do you provide tech support? Yes, with only one part time staffer currently, folks are asking Scott for help too. Wieber encouraged members to view the facility, it's been a great collaboration that's benefited Polley. He also

noted that at the new central library, Polley will be more front and center. As there was no further discussion, President Ostrowicki asked for a motion to approve the Polley Annual Report. Shaw motioned approval. Dunlap seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen, Beutler – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Schedule of 2026 Board Meeting Dates and Locations.

Ostrowicki directed members to the handout and asked if there were any changes or concerns. Wieber asked that the April meeting occur at Williams Branch instead of Eiseley Branch. Gerteisen motioned approval. Beutler seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Dunlap, Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen, Beutler, Ostrowicki – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Ostrowicki noted that Thanksgiving was near and expressed her gratitude to members and staff for their dedication care. She read aloud a poem by Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Charles Simic titled “In the Library” and noted that the Board’s stewardship of the library allows for the community’s discoveries of the *great secret that lies on some shelf*, as written in the poem.

She noted that November is considered “National Family Literacy Month” and commended Lincoln City Libraries for their programming supporting families, like plentiful storytimes and the annual Summer Reading Challenge. She shared her experience hosting One Book One Lincoln (OBOL) winning author, Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai along with OBOL Committee Chair Alysia Diehl and selection committee member Mark Orr. They shared a meal and toured UNL campus. She noted that Mai’s presentation was so joyful and such a great experience for the audience. She also noted Mai’s active interaction with the community, with the Asian Community and Cultural Center, small booksellers and students at Lincoln High School. OBOL continues to be a strong program that brings us together as a community.

Library Board survey – will provide a summary next month. Several members of the Board took a field trip to the Columbus Library that opened in 2022. The Director gave positive feedback about light, lines of vision and ability to utilize flexible equipment and furnishings that can be moved around for different programs. Ostrowicki reviewed the first Advocacy Committee meeting, which met on October 27. This committee will support by engaging immediate past board members, influential and interested community members and other library champions. The committee will meet monthly during the building process of the new library.

Ostrowicki finished up by addressing the idea of ‘stewardship’ – that the Board’s job is to take this amazing thing that already exists and shepherd it forward, care for and support it. This resource belongs to everyone in the city, making it a real honor for all of us to be a part of the process. Finally, she thanked Administrative Aide Dale for her work supporting the Board.

ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Assistant Director Glaesemann gave a staffing update, announcing the start date for Office Specialist Human Resources Clerk, Zymmir Rose McNeeLee and sharing the progress of an opening in the Virtual Services department.

Glaesemann updated the board on the expected date of receipt for the two new Bookmobiles, which is now mid-December. The process of ordering new collections for the bookmobiles has begun, and an updated service plan to include set routes as well as pop-up events. While CDL’s are not required for the new

vehicles, they are larger than usual so training will be provided for those wishing to learn. Brief discussion followed.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Central Library Update:

The process is moving quickly with great people all around working on the project. Sampson Construction and the Mill are being brought in on the process with an introduction to the Architects and a walk-through of 1111 "O" St. with Project Control and Superintendent Dan Miller. Sampson's contract is in the final stages, and approval via the City Council is expected in December.

An early priority will be estimating costs. The work the Architects have had done on the Schematic Designs will be tied in with Sampson's updated estimates. It's important to keep costs under control from the beginning. With respect to costs, the first month of electric bills on 1111 "O" came in quite high, which Superintendent Miller is working hard with LES to reduce.

The Design Assist contract for the Mill Coffee is ready for signatures, and a 5-year lease is the next step to be finalized this winter. The environmental goal has been established – the project will aim to earn two Green Globes, comparable to League Silver status for the building.

Estimates for the partner spaces build-out have been received, and each partner will meet with the architects to discuss those costs. There are no contracts in place yet, so the planning of the build-out costs will be a process of making sure both KZUM and UNL are comfortable with the plans. Beutler asked about UNL's plans for the space, Wieber described their ideas for displaying special collections and archives. They would provide full time staff, but also share space with Bennett Martin's local history space. Southeast Community College (SCC) is also interested in partnering with services (like cooking classes) but they wouldn't have a permanent space in the building.

The anticipated Centerpointe funding for a full-time Social Worker to work out of Bennett Martin starting in January, and moving to the new building when it opens is close to being announced.

LCL is dedicating some existing Keno money along with some carryover, totaling around one million dollars, to dedicate to the Central Library fund, similar to what was provided for the construction of Williams Branch. Finance will also provide a report of how the interest from the Municipal Improvement Bonds (MIBs) will be applied to the project, the estimate for those funds is close to \$500,000. Approximately one million dollars in funds from Park and Go will be geared towards facility and alley improvements, and approximately \$500,000 from Project "O" Street will be used for landscaping projects, etc. Brief discussion followed.

BOARD OBSERVATIONS

Beutler enjoyed listening to the Columbus Library Director pointing out the things that have worked well and things she'd have done differently. Gerteisen took away the benefit of having a front-facing, welcoming front desk and the idea that anything you can put on wheels, put on wheels. Some items aren't being used to their fullest extent due to a lack of staffing. Dunlap loved the tv screen to advertise library events. She hopes awareness of library programming can be increased. Shaw talked about visiting the Key West library, where there was a beautiful courtyard next door where they were hosting a book fair on a Saturday with local authors selling books, and the Friends provided him with some information and event schedules to share. Shaw hopes the outdoor space at the new Central Library can be used in a similar fashion. Ostrowicki noted that bringing folks up to the third-floor outdoor space at the Central Library will be critical

to getting people in. Moore shared her experience meeting with the Advocacy group, and noted how honored the people sitting around the table were to be invited into a continuing relationship with the library project, and how much they care about the library, and how willing they are to spread the word. Everyone was highly engaged.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:50 a.m. President Ostrowicki asked for a motion to move into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting the Annual Library Director's Employment Evaluation. Gerteisen so moved. Beutler seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Dunlap – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

At 9:18 a.m. President Ostrowicki asked for a motion to move out of Closed Session. Shaw so moved.

Moore seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Moore, Gerteisen, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Shaw, – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

President Ostrowicki asked for a motion to Forward the Evaluation to Mayor's Chief of Staff, Rick Hoppe per Lincoln Municipal Code 2.25.040. Beutler so moved. Dunlap seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Gerteisen, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Shaw, Moore, – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.



Memo to the Library Board

December 2025

Please note: this month's Board meeting on December 16 is at **Bennett Martin Library, at 8am.**

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET: The actual percent of budget expended year to date is 24.84%, compared to the budgeted 25%. Annual adjusted expenditures to date are 26.71%. Please note that the actual and adjusted expenditures do not reflect August purchasing card expenses.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2025 MINUTES

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Administration

The committee did not meet.

Committee on Buildings and Grounds

The committee did not meet.

Committee on Technology

The committee met on November 26 and discussed E-rate for funding year 2025-26, RFID, and LinkedIn Learning.

Committee on Finance

**Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures—Action Item*

Reports are attached. The Board will consider approval of October expenditures.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries update: Executive Director, Tiffani Hill, will provide a Central Library fundraising report and general news.

Jen Jackson and LeeAnn Sergeant will present the final report for 2025 One Book One Lincoln.

NEW BUSINESS

7. a *Approve Foundation for LCL 2025 Agreements **APPROVAL NEEDED ON EACH**

- i. *FLCL and LCL Mutual Agreement
- ii. *License Agreement for Office Space
- iii. *FLCL Book Sale Agreement

The Library Board and The Board for the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries annually renews the enclosed three contracts. The Mutual Agreement establishes the relationship and expectations for both organizations; the License Agreement for Office Space allows for the Foundation to lease a space to conduct business as necessary; and the book sale agreement establishes the agreed upon conditions for the Foundation to operate book sales and book nooks.

Although there are no planned “pop-up or annual sales,” the language within the current agreement is still appropriate and warrants no changes. The Library Board is being asked to consider these agreements first, and then the FLCL Board will bring to them to their quarterly meeting for consideration on January 30, 2025.

b. FY2024-2025 Security Incident Report

Sarah Dale will review the incident and banning report for FY 24-25.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Jodene Glaesemann will provide a staffing update and other operational news.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

I’ll cover items in the written report and go over Central Library Project news. Project Control will also be on hand for a monthly recap.

BOARD OBSERVATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONTRACTS FILED

Business Name	Description	Date Received
Tyler Corey, Musician	To give a presentation on being a “Tone Consultant” and present basics on creating musical tones using pedals and other instruments at the Polley Music Library inside Bennett Martin Public Library on December 14, 2025, at no cost.	11/25/2025
Wands and Whimsy	To provide a costumed character for a storytime at Bennett Martin Public Library on 2/17/26 at a cost not to exceed \$262.50	11/12/2025



LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES
136 S. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508-1899

MEMORANDUM

TO: Library Board
FROM: Jennifer Hatfield, LCL Business Office

RECAP OF EXPENDITURES - NOVEMBER 2025

Library Operational Budget - FY 2025-26	\$ 849,585.81	
Library Enc/Reapp - From FY 2024-25	-	
Heritage Room Fund - FY 2025-26	2,947.04	
Polley Music Library - FY 2025-26	9,039.03	
Total Operational Expenditures		\$ 861,571.88
Grants	\$ (1,511.27)	
Hompes Fund	-	
Keno	46,686.71	
Miscellaneous Library Donations Funds	9,839.81	
Capital Improvements	155,310.85	
Total Expenditures - Other Funds		210,326.10
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 1,071,897.98



LINCOLN

City Libraries

Director's Report for November 2025

Vision: *LCL: Literacy, Community, and Lifelong learning*

Mission: *Lincoln City Libraries provides access to information, ideas, books and lifelong learning opportunities that inform, enrich and empower every individual in our diverse community.*

Priorities:

1. *Maximizing Access*
2. *Communicating our Offerings*
3. *Strengthening our Potential*
4. *Growing our Support*

The One Book One Lincoln **author event** on November 3 capped off another nice OBOL season, with an audience of 225 at Lincoln High to hear Dr. Nguyen Phan Que Mai in a very engaging conversation. Librarian Jennifer Jackson was outstanding as facilitator, and we're extremely grateful for our partners at the Asian Cultural and Community Center who assisted with a welcome event on November 2. Members of the Selection Committee and Library Board members hosted Mai during her long weekend here with lunches and tours of Lincoln. The evening was memorable and we can look back on her visit as a good reminder on why a Community Read produced by the library is worth it in terms of connection, engagement, and conversations with neighbors and patrons over good books. Many thanks to all staff, volunteers, partners, and community members who all worked to make it a great OBOL 2025.

We're deploying **Patron Point** as tool for communications this month. We've long-awaited it's capabilities to assist in delivering automated emails and announcements that will help promote our services, activities, and collections. The first message that all patrons receive will be an announcement for the Winter Reading Challenge. Beginning in mid-January all new cardholders will receive a series of welcome messages that highlight all that is available at their library.

The **monthly Lineup**, which is our full listing and descriptions of all programs at all locations, will cease after January as we move to test-piloting a monthly calendar produced for each location. At a glance, patrons can quickly scan a calendar to see programming at a particular branch, and QR codes on each calendar will quickly lead one to the website's calendar where patrons can select other locations or filter specific types of activities. Our goal is to provide programming info in a timelier manner.

LCL was notified by CenterPointe that their grant application to the Woods Foundation to support a **social worker** at Bennett Martin was approved. We'll finalize an agreement with CenterPointe and finalize details over the next month to prep for a winter startup. Many public libraries across the country employ their own social workers or work with partners, to offer additional staff support for folks visiting the library who may

need help with referral services. Our staff does a great job assisting patrons, but the additional help from support services like CenterPointe is valuable and will make a difference for staff and patrons.

We received notice from the Dillon Foundation that a grant application for enhancing services in the **Polley Music Library**. The grant of \$10,000 will complement funding from the Polley Endowment to purchase digital creativity software and equipment. Part of the original plan was for a podcast booth, however, that may wait until we move into the new Central Library.

The **Carnegie Foundation** announced that LCL will receive a \$30,000 gift based on our strong connection to Carnegie-funded library buildings from past days. At one point, the system had five Carnegies in service: Havelock, University Place, 27th/Orchard, College View, and the original 1902 downtown building. We expect receipt of the gift this winter and will put together a potential plan for its use.

Examples of the Library's Strategic Plan in Action

- Jackie S. (BMPL) relayed that, "A couple came in who needed help editing and printing a document they had on their phone. They spoke Spanish and we were able to use their phones to translate the conversation between us. We weren't able to edit the document in the way they wanted because it was a PDF, but I spent an hour on and off helping them try to make it work for them and then ultimately get it printed. We were able to print the document in a format that was usable for them and they were very appreciative of the extra help."
- Walker D. (BMPL) assisted an elderly customer who was "not mechanically inclined" to use a 3-hole punch. Before leaving, the customer told him, "You know why I love it here? Because it's where I come to get my knowledge."
- Cindy K. (BMPL) shared this last minute save, "About five minutes before close, a middle-school student came up to the print station with her mother and needed to print something for school the next day. Unfortunately, it was a Google doc on her student account and she was having trouble attempting to upload it to Princh. As a quick work-around, I showed her how to take screen shots of her google doc and we were able to get it printed with a minute or two to spare! She was so grateful because she HAD to have it first thing the next day."
- Staff at Bennett Martin are learning new services to provide for the public. Laura N. said, "I was working on the weekend and was approached by a couple asking about the free court records search (Justice/SCCALES) that they had heard about at BMPL. I remembered an email and announcement about this new service but was fuzzy on the details. I did a quick email search and found the login and password for the website and got them set up on the research computer in the Nebraska History section."
- Maybe a week later, another person came to the desk requesting the same service, and I got him set up as well."
- Caralyn K. (BMPL) took over the technical support a gentleman's grandkids usually provided, "Another man had a bunch of pictures he said he needed to print. I started to take him over to the lab computers when he said they were on his tablet and he wanted to print them on his computer at home but he couldn't figure out how to get the size he needed. Instead of the lab computers we

sat down at the table and I helped him look over the programs and apps he had on the tablet and which ones he could use to control the size of prints. He was very thankful, said usually he'd ask his grandkids but they were out of town so he thought, where can I go for help? How about the library!"

- Pam C. and Kate S. (Eiseley-Williams) were recently invited to one of their young family storytime patron's birthday party. This young patron wants her favorite storytellers to share in her special day!
- Vivian S. (Eiseley-Williams) staffed a table at Arnold Elementary School's Family Night. She interacted with 205 people, promoting library resources.
- Celeste W. (Eiseley-Williams) provided storytime for 54 children at Project Future in the Highlands. At Williams, Pam Cuttlers. also provided Family Storytime and Stay and Play to 35 patrons. Williams staff checked out resources to 35 Park & Rec Students during their biweekly visits. At Eiseley, Tami Bonnema reached 179 children through pre-school storytime. Susan Steider reached 161 toddlers through toddler storytime.
- Melanie N. (Gere-South) shared this interaction: "I was able to help a customer locate some options for her ELL students. She wanted audiobooks on Libby that also had a print book to match, so that her ELL students could read and listen at the same time. I told her this was a wonderful idea and I was so glad she came to the library for this purpose, and I proceeded to show her how she could use the catalog to check if certain titles were available in both formats. I also let her know about Wonderbooks. I told her about the program we held recently that went right along with her idea, but was about learning Spanish from children's books!"
- Diane V. (Gere-South) shared this interaction: "A customer stopped at the Gere front desk to get a library card. After giving him the whole spiel, he said he came in to get a card because he saw he could access the Chilton's car repair information from our website. I gave him a quick walk through on how he could log in from home and he left pleased he could get the info he needed to finish the car he was working on."
- Toni Y. (Gere-South) shared: "There were two similar occurrences that happened this month that I feel particularly proud to share, not because they were unusual or required specialized knowledge, but because they felt representative of the role of LCL in our community. Both of them were small groups of people coming to Gere to get new library cards. Both were from different crisis shelters, one for survivors of domestic violence and one for youth. In each instance I was able to get everyone set up with a temporary card. I was able meet them with kindness and care. The libraries are able to serve as a soft-landing pad into social life and public space for young kids going to story times as much as they do for adults and teens that have recently been facing hard times."
- Yoel S.T. (Gere-South) shared this interaction: "A woman really wanted to check out a book for her book club, but her nonresident card had expired at the beginning of the year. I searched for any possible work around to get this book checked out to her (including looking online for a pdf version as it was an older title). She ended up reluctantly renewing her card for 3 months; but I think my efforts to find any other option helped her decide that the NONRES card was worth the money."

- Aubrey S. (Gere-South) shared this interaction: “An older gentleman came in, saying he had had a library card once, but that it at been at least 40 years since he’d set foot in a library. He seemed a bit ashamed or embarrassed by this, so I did my best to make him feel welcome and not judged – we all have our own journey with the library! After we got his card set up and he asked some questions about how the library works (he was happy to hear we no longer have late fees, although he also assured me he’d never be late returning anything) he told me that the reason he decided to get a library card again was that he desperately need an alternative to ‘doom scrolling’ and that he wanted to do something more purposeful with his time. We found books on a period of history he was particularly interested in, and he told me again how happy he was to be in the library saying I had given ‘hope to an old man.’”
- Family Fun Night at Gere was hosted by Cally O. and Ronda H. on the 18th. This month’s family fun night saw 120 kids and adults searching for Dinosaurs around the library, coloring dinosaur cut outs, making scratch art bookmarks, and playing in the meeting rooms. There was lots of dinosaur themed shirts, and one little boy came in a dinosaur costume. Ronda shared that digging for dinosaurs in the bean tub was a huge hit.
- The Vertical File inventory is now available through the Heritage Room webpage and allows the public to see what types of author materials we have that have not been included in the larger library catalog.
- NESU Librarian Karrie S. reported, “Pete the Cat visited our *Construction Crew* at Anderson Branch Library on Sunday, November 1! He was seen building with the kids, posing for photos and having some great dance parties in the meeting room – with bubbles! We had 148 people in to visit with Pete during the two hours. It was a great way to promote our future *Construction Crew* events.”
- Karrie S. (NESU) reported, “Lisa V. and Lucy B. visited Kahoa Elementary School on November 13 for their annual STEM night. They met with 205 people. They took along some of our building toys kids could play with and had a trivia contest complete with candy prizes.” Karrie also shared that a week later, “Kim S. and Tracy B. attended Pershing Elementary School’s Nature Night. One hundred and eight people stopped by their booth. They recreated Lisa’s trivia and building stations. Thanks to Lisa for putting that all together!”
- On November 18, an Anderson Branch customer stated, “Your library is so nice and tidy.” Manager Kim S. responded, “We work really hard at that. Thanks for noticing.”
- Lisa W. (Walt) planned a unique and fun Family Fun Night, “Book Babies Birthday Party,” with 44 in attendance. “Cupcakes were available for all and children could decorate a die-cut birthday cake to take home, play with stuffed animal friends, and sign a birthday card for the book babies. Children also got a Happy Birthday sticker and could put another sticker on the birthday month poster that was in the youth area. A storytime was held with children joining for a short story and a flannel board activity. We also sang ‘Happy Birthday’ to the Book Babies. This birthday party kicks off our Second Saturdays Family Storytime Birthday Month celebrations that will start in January.”

- Courtney S. and Laurie J. (Walt) attended the 2025 Nebraska Makerspace Conference at Nebraska Innovation Campus on 11/4 and 11/5. Courtney wrote, "It was a great experience. Seeing what other libraries are doing for their makerspaces was inspiring, and I and the other LCL staff in attendance came away with ideas for the future of our own makerspaces."
- Courtney S. (Walt) shared, "A woman returned the book, *The Brain Healthy Kitchen*, and thanked the library for having it on display. Her sister had recently been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and the patron found a lot of the information in the book to be helpful. It's encouraging to see that our materials and displays are helpful for our patrons."
- Members of the OverDrive Support Team assisted at least 59 patrons with OverDrive and Hoopla support requests in November.

Top Twenty Website Pages for November 2025:

Page title	Views
Home	42,092
My Account	8,637
Locations and Hours	4,601
Events Calendar	1,576
Get a Library Card	884
Databases and Research	814
Meeting Rooms and Study Rooms	753
Storytimes	689
Due and Renew	634
Borrow and Learn	612
eBooks and Audiobooks	612
Print, Scan and Copy	580
One Book One Lincoln	541
Central Library Project	505
Author Alerts	489
Programs and Events	449

Ryan Wieber,
Library Director
12.12.25

November 2025 Use Compared to November 2024
Lincoln City Libraries

Location	Print Checkouts		Print Loan	Non-Print Checkouts		Non-Print	Total Checkouts		Total Loan
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Loan Change	2025	2024	Change
BMPL	8,846	11,008	-19.64%	2,098	2,477	-15.30%	10,944	13,485	-18.84%
Anderson	9,262	9,554	-3.06%	1,765	2,213	-20.24%	11,027	11,767	-6.29%
Bethany	6,062	6,867	-11.72%	734	749	-2.00%	6,796	7,616	-10.77%
Eiseley	16,876	19,187	-12.04%	1,901	2,307	-17.60%	18,777	21,494	-12.64%
Gere	42,410	46,809	-9.40%	5,316	6,026	-11.78%	47,726	52,835	-9.67%
South	7,473	8,079	-7.50%	1,204	1,174	2.56%	8,677	9,253	-6.23%
Walt	31,877	31,993	-0.36%	3,885	3,842	1.12%	35,762	35,835	-0.20%
Williams	1,316	763	72.48%	116	107	8.41%	1,432	870	64.60%
Lied Bookmobile	1,029	1,300	-20.85%	94	103	-8.74%	1,123	1,403	-19.96%
InterLibrary Loan	155	138	12.32%	0	0	0.00%	155	138	12.32%
Subtotal Checkouts	125,306	135,698	-7.66%	17,113	18,998	-9.92%	142,419	154,696	-7.94%
Download/Stream Audio	0	0	0.00%	48,216	46,231	4.29%	48,216	46,231	4.29%
Download/Stream eBook	0	0	0.00%	33,441	33,165	0.83%	33,441	33,165	0.83%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,048	1,003	4.49%	1,048	1,003	4.49%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	125,306	135,698	-7.66%	99,818	99,397	0.42%	225,124	235,095	-4.24%

Location	Youth Checkouts		Youth Loan	Adult Checkouts		Adult Loan	Visits	Visits	Visits
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change
BMPL	3,903	5,110	-23.62%	7,041	8,375	-15.93%	8,605	9,800	-12.19%
Anderson	5,704	5,999	-4.92%	5,323	5,768	-7.71%	5,169	5,546	-6.80%
Bethany	4,184	4,763	-12.16%	2,612	2,853	-8.45%	2,252	2,592	-13.12%
Eiseley	12,103	14,526	-16.68%	6,674	6,968	-4.22%	7,877	9,850	-20.03%
Gere	28,600	30,493	-6.21%	19,126	22,342	-14.39%	14,132	18,319	-22.86%
South	4,819	5,572	-13.51%	3,858	3,681	4.81%	3,662	3,551	3.13%
Walt	24,565	24,730	-0.67%	11,197	11,105	0.83%	11,663	12,411	-6.03%
Williams	1,208	663	82.20%	224	207	8.21%	1,090	1,539	-29.17%
Lied Bookmobile	679	879	-22.75%	444	524	-15.27%	206	397	-48.11%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	155	138	12.32%	0	0	0.00%
Subtotal Checkouts	85,765	92,735	-7.52%	56,654	61,961	-8.57%	54,656	64,005	-14.61%
Download/Stream Audio	7,421	6,668	11.29%	40,795	39,563	3.11%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBook	7,974	8,397	-5.04%	25,467	24,768	2.82%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,048	1,003	4.49%	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	101,160	107,800	-6.16%	123,964	127,295	-2.62%	54,656	64,005	-14.61%

Location	Program & Outreach Attendance - Youth		P&O Att - Youth	Program & Outreach Attendance - Adult		P&O Att - Adult	Computer Use		Computer
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change
BMPL	451	292	54.45%	342	271	26.20%	2,199	2,042	7.69%
Anderson	794	375	111.73%	17	0	0.00%	588	725	-18.90%
Bethany	142	124	14.52%	49	43	13.95%	201	238	-15.55%
Eiseley	1,200	1,834	-34.57%	11	113	-90.27%	1,121	1,137	-1.41%
Gere	1,642	1,425	15.23%	244	133	83.46%	1,082	1,093	-1.01%
South	228	232	-1.72%	2	6	-66.67%	374	407	-8.11%
Walt	1,389	1,107	25.47%	230	172	33.72%	1,250	1,110	12.61%
Williams	386	163	136.81%	10	13	-23.08%	214	185	15.68%
Lied Bookmobile	30	0	0.00%	39	55	-29.09%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	45	140	-67.86%	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	6,262	5,552	12.79%	989	946	4.55%	7,029	6,937	1.33%

Location	Meeting Room Attendance		Meeting Room Att	Study Room Attendance		Study Room Att			
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	
BMPL	197	92	114.13%	56	63	-11.11%			0.00%
Anderson	104	164	-36.59%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Bethany	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Eiseley	338	281	20.28%	278	270	2.96%			0.00%
Gere	453	497	-8.85%	288	317	-9.15%			0.00%
South	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Walt	436	257	69.65%	331	354	-6.50%			0.00%
Williams	0	3	-100.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
TOTAL	1,528	1,294	18.08%	953	1,004	-5.08%	0	0	0.00%

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Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits			November 2025 Other Use					November 2024 Other Use					Change: Total Other Use		
	Nov 2025	Nov 2024	Change	Nov 2025	Nov 2024	Change	Program & Outreach		Meeting Room		Study Room	Total Other Use	Program & Outreach		Meeting Room			Study Room	Total Other Use
							Reservations	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance			Reservations	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance			
Bennett Martin Public Library	10,944	13,485	-18.84%	8,605	9,800	-12.19%	2,199	793	197	56	3,245	2,042	563	92	63	2,760	17.57%		
Anderson Branch Library	11,027	11,767	-6.29%	5,169	5,546	-6.80%	588	811	104	0	1,503	725	375	164	0	1,264	18.91%		
Bethany Branch Library	6,796	7,616	-10.77%	2,252	2,592	-13.12%	201	191	0	0	392	238	167	0	0	405	-3.21%		
Eiseley Branch Library	18,777	21,494	-12.64%	7,877	9,850	-20.03%	1,121	1,211	338	278	2,948	1,137	1,947	281	270	3,635	-18.90%		
Gere Branch Library	47,726	52,835	-9.67%	14,132	18,319	-22.86%	1,082	1,886	453	288	3,709	1,093	1,558	497	317	3,465	7.04%		
South Branch Library	8,677	9,253	-6.23%	3,662	3,551	3.13%	374	230	0	0	604	407	238	0	0	645	-6.36%		
Walt Branch Library	35,762	35,835	-0.20%	11,663	12,411	-6.03%	1,250	1,619	436	331	3,636	1,110	1,279	257	354	3,000	21.20%		
Williams Branch Library	1,432	870	64.60%	1,090	1,539	-29.17%	214	396	0	0	610	185	176	3	0	364	67.58%		
Lied Bookmobile	1,123	1,403	-19.96%	206	397	-48.11%	0	69	0	0	69	0	55	0	0	55	25.45%		
InterLibrary Loan	155	138	12.32%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%		
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	45	0	0	45	0	140	0	0	140	-67.86%		
SUBTOTAL	142,419	154,696	-7.94%	54,656	64,005	-14.61%	7,029	7,251	1,528	953	16,761	6,937	6,498	1,294	1,004	15,733	6.53%		
DownloadStream Audio	48,216	46,231	4.29%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%		
Download/Stream eBooks	33,441	33,165	0.83%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%		
Stream Video	1,048	1,003	4.49%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%		
Download SUBTOTAL	82,705	80,399	2.87%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%		
TOTAL	225,124	235,095	-4.24%	54,656	64,005	-14.61%	7,029	7,251	1,528	953	16,761	6,937	6,498	1,294	1,004	15,733	6.53%		

Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total	REGISTRATIONS	2025	2024	Change
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth		Purged	679	600	13.17%
Owned	341,800	305,827	73,551	32,506	753,684	Active			
Added	1,656	1,815	204	193	3,868	Resident	148,533	148,280	0.17%
Withdrawn	-1,711	-1,621	-637	-91	-4,060	Library OneCard	57,728	52,663	9.62%
Current	341,745	306,021	73,118	32,608	753,492	County	8,704	8,927	-2.50%
*Database Use High for Heritage Room - Lots of hits from China??						NonResident	994	952	4.41%
						Reciprocal	488	485	0.62%
						Limited Use	10,772	9,956	8.20%
						Total Active	227,219	221,263	2.69%

	2025	2024	Change
WiFi Sessions	113,527	115,778	-1.94%
WiFi Users	8,217	9,133	-10.03%
Website Users	71,693	80,393	-10.82%
Website Sessions	114,836	112,240	2.31%
Database Use	11,934	7,399	61.29%

Lincoln City Libraries
November 2025 Fiscal Year To Date Use Report

Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits				
	Loans/ Circulation FY 25-26 YTD	Loans/ Circulation FY 24-25 YTD	YTD Change	Visits FY 25-26 YTD	Visits FY 24-25 YTD	YTD Change		
Bennett Martin Public Library	35,997	38,939	-7.56%	29,695	35,144	-15.50%		
Anderson Branch	36,097	35,702	1.11%	17,841	17,464	2.16%		
Bethany Branch	22,432	22,999	-2.47%	7,873	8,509	-7.47%		
Eiseley Branch	59,550	64,873	-8.21%	26,194	29,399	-10.90%		
Gere Branch	149,939	160,671	-6.68%	45,249	56,989	-20.60%		
South Branch	27,846	26,862	3.66%	11,978	11,583	3.41%		
Walt Branch	117,223	111,845	4.81%	38,937	38,050	2.33%		
Williams Branch	3,367	2,843	18.43%	3,912	3,807	2.76%		
Lied Bookmobile	4,390	4,641	-5.41%	873	1,275	-31.53%		
InterLibrary Loan	488	525	-7.05%	0	0	0.00%		
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%		
SUBTOTAL	457,329	469,900	-2.68%	182,552	202,220	-9.73%		
DownloadStream Audio	147,258	136,025	8.26%	0	0	0.00%		
Download/Stream eBooks	101,649	96,791	5.02%	0	0	0.00%		
Stream Video	3,218	3,112	3.41%	0	0	0.00%		
Download SUBTOTAL	252,125	235,928	6.87%	0	0	0.00%		
Total	709,454	705,828	0.51%	182,552	202,220	-9.73%		

	FY 25-26 YTD	FY 24-25 YTD	YTD Change
Online Registration	317	245	29.39%
Overall Registration	3,238	3,011	7.54%

	FY 25-26 YTD	FY 24-25 YTD	YTD Change
WiFi Sessions	393,686	377,768	4.21%
WiFi Users	26,646	28,291	-5.81%
Website Users	222,387	255,652	-13.01%
Website Sessions	366,631	352,436	4.03%
Database Use	29,645	21,255	39.47%

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Year to Date	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total
Holdings Report	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	
Owned 9/1/2025	341,902	307,684	74,444	32,485	756,515
Added YTD	6,036	4,488	679	462	11,665
Withdrawn YTD	-6,196	-6,151	-2,005	-339	-14,691
Current - 11/30/2024	341,742	306,021	73,118	32,608	753,489

Location	Other Use FYTD														
	Computer Reservations FY 25-26 YTD	Computer Reservations FY 24-25 YTD	YTD Change	Program and Outreach Attendance FY 25-26 YTD	Progream & Outreach Attendance FY 24-25 YTD	YTD Change	Meeting Room Attendance FY 25-26 YTD	Meeting Room Attendance FY 24-25 YTD	YTD Change	Study Room Attendance FY 25-26 YTD	Study Room Attendance FY 24-25 YTD	YTD Change	Total Other Use FY 25-26 YTD	Total Other Use FY 24-25 YTD	YTD Change
Bennett Martin Public Library	7,634	7,263	5.11%	2,636	2,463	7.02%	724	590	22.71%	182	179	1.68%	11,176	10,495	6.49%
Anderson Branch	2,068	2,503	-17.38%	4,961	3,792	30.83%	403	632	-36.23%	0	0	0.00%	7,432	6,927	7.29%
Bethany Branch	701	659	6.37%	718	600	19.67%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1,419	1,259	12.71%
Eiseley Branch	3,704	4,229	-12.41%	5,184	5,845	-11.31%	1,021	925	10.38%	994	870	14.25%	10,903	11,869	-8.14%
Gere Branch	3,428	3,338	2.70%	7,618	5,163	47.55%	1,436	1,710	-16.02%	923	1,013	-8.88%	13,405	11,224	19.43%
South Branch	1,354	1,421	-4.71%	871	680	28.09%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	2,225	2,101	5.90%
Walt Branch	4,032	3,072	31.25%	6,149	4,344	41.55%	1,248	984	26.83%	1,151	1,121	2.68%	12,580	9,521	32.13%
Williams Branch	908	584	55.48%	955	943	1.27%	1	3	-66.67%	0	0	0.00%	1,864	1,530	21.83%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	240	165	45.45%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	240	165	45.45%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	1,448	585	147.52%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1,448	585	147.52%
Total	23,829	23,069	66.40%	30,780	24,580	25.22%	4,833	4,844	-0.23%	3,250	3,183	2.10%	62,692	55,676	12.60%

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

Monthly Categorical Report

November 30, 2025

	Budget Amount	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
Administration-Div. 1					
Personnel	\$ 1,039,673.00	\$ 259,918.25	\$ 249,720.08	\$ 789,952.92	\$ 66,792.91
Supplies	33,000.00	8,250.00	2,130.40	30,869.60	1,116.27
Services & Charges	176,549.00	44,137.25	137,815.14	38,733.86	1,961.86
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 1,249,222.00	\$ 312,305.50	\$ 389,665.62	\$ 859,556.38	\$ 69,871.04
Percent Expended		25.00%	31.19%		
Buildings & Grounds-Div. 2					
Personnel	\$ 141,745.00	\$ 35,436.25	\$ 37,135.77	\$ 104,609.23	\$ 11,026.70
Supplies	27,000.00	6,750.00	32,393.55	(5,393.55)	8,527.16
Services & Charges	1,211,499.00	302,874.75	323,977.41	887,521.59	79,648.90
Other	163,396.00	40,849.00	-	163,396.00	-
Total	\$ 1,543,640.00	\$ 385,910.00	\$ 393,506.73	\$ 1,150,133.27	\$ 99,202.76
Percent Expended		25.00%	25.49%		
Public Service-Div. 3					
Personnel	\$ 6,608,087.00	\$ 1,652,021.75	\$ 1,627,671.31	\$ 4,980,415.69	\$ 479,523.37
Supplies	90,250.00	22,562.50	5,050.47	85,199.53	1,042.61
Services & Charges	61,700.00	15,425.00	25,399.92	36,300.08	12,308.14
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 6,760,037.00	\$ 1,690,009.25	\$ 1,658,121.70	\$ 5,101,915.30	\$ 492,874.12
Percent Expended		25.00%	24.53%		
Support Services-Div. 4					
Personnel	\$ 1,365,832.00	\$ 341,458.00	\$ 312,626.92	\$ 1,053,205.08	\$ 92,321.92
Supplies	62,000.00	15,500.00	20,434.39	41,565.61	6,602.67
Services & Charges	452,923.00	113,230.75	109,965.97	342,957.03	39,621.03
Other	992,472.00	248,118.00	202,616.99	789,855.01	49,092.27
Total	\$ 2,873,227.00	\$ 718,306.75	\$ 645,644.27	\$ 2,227,582.73	\$ 187,637.89
Percent Expended		25.00%	22.47%		
Total Library Operational					
Personnel	\$ 9,155,337.00	\$ 2,288,834.25	\$ 2,227,154.08	\$ 6,928,182.92	\$ 649,664.90
Supplies	212,250.00	53,062.50	60,008.81	152,241.19	17,288.71
Services & Charges	1,902,671.00	475,667.75	597,158.44	1,305,512.56	133,539.93
Other	1,155,868.00	288,967.00	202,616.99	953,251.01	49,092.27
Total	\$ 12,426,126.00	\$ 3,106,531.50	\$ 3,086,938.32	\$ 9,339,187.68	\$ 849,585.81
Percent Expended		25.00%	24.84%		
Other Library Fund Appropriations	Amount Appropriated		Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
FY 2024-25 Reappropriated	\$ 301,992.00		\$ 57,961.41	\$ 244,030.59	\$ 25,799.81

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES
November 2025

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balance
<u>GRANT FUNDS</u>				
Net Lender Fund	\$ 2,122.11	\$ -	\$ 27.00	2,095.11
NLC Misc Grants	\$ 7,482.94	\$ -	\$ -	7,482.94
NLC Youth Grant 2024	1,323.29		-	1,323.29
NLC NE eReads Grant 2025	55,020.00	-	-	55,020.00
State Aid 2024	39,658.61	-	351.29	39,307.32
State Aid 2025	53,144.00	33.91	-	53,177.91

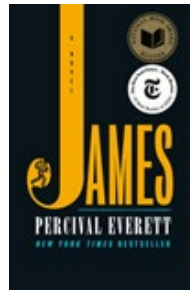
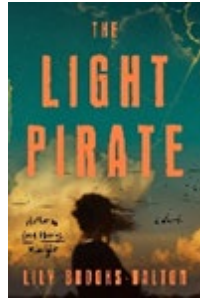
DONATED FUNDS

Heritage Room	\$ 183,904.96	\$ 587.48	\$ 2,947.04	181,545.40
Polley Music Library	238,937.85	783.43	9,039.03	230,682.25
Joseph J. Hompes	159,884.14	512.99	-	160,397.13
Misc. Library Donations	815,836.69	2,855.09	9,839.81	808,851.97
Alice Nielsen	89,601.29	280.07	-	89,881.36
Dorothy Holland	128,887.27	402.87	-	129,290.14
Glennis Leapley	7,345.97	27.14	-	7,373.11
Lincoln Cares	35,693.34	439.78	-	36,133.12

APPROPRIATED FUNDS

	Budget	Expended		Balance
		Nov 2025	Exp-to-Date	
Heritage Room FY 2025-26	\$ 36,153.00	\$ 2,947.04	\$ 10,425.04	25,727.96
Polley Music Library FY 2025-26	124,459.00	9,039.03	31,338.32	93,120.68
Keno FY 2024-25	924,000.00	46,686.71	177,541.20	746,458.80
Capital Improvement Projects				
FY 2021-22 Bookmobile	587,148.76	-	-	587,148.76
FY 2022-23 Bennett Martin Elevator 1-4	179,359.15	-	-	179,359.15
FY 2024-25 Bennett Martin Improvements	250,000.00	-	-	250,000.00
FY 2025-26 New Central Library	5,200,000.00	155,310.85	5,754,595.34	(554,595.34) *

*Waiting on bond proceeds to move into the project



2025 ONE BOOK ONE LINCOLN ADULT COMMUNITY READING PROGRAM FINAL REPORT

Submitted by Jennifer Jackson, One Book One Lincoln Facilitator
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Introduction:

The One Book One Lincoln (OBOL) season begins each year with a meeting of the Steering Committee to review the previous season, recommend changes and review applications for new Selection Committee members. Members met on January 17th at Bennett Martin Public Library and deliberated over the Selection Committee applications that had been submitted. As there was such a strong group of candidates, we decided to extend invitations to five applicants rather than just the three we needed to round out the Selection Committee. This resulted in having 19 members for the 2025 Season.

The 2025 One Book One Lincoln Adult Community Reading Program officially began when the Selection Committee received titles nominated by the public between February 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025. Support Services compiled 141 nominations for 104 unique titles and then reduced the list to 74 titles using vetting criteria such as title and format availability.

During the winter and early spring, the Selection Committee met four times, narrowing the initial list down to ten featured titles and finally, the top three finalists. Those titles were presented to the public at the Memorial Day event and the community was invited to read, attend programs and vote for their favorite title through August 31. The winning title, *Dust Child*, was announced on Labor Day. Programming inspired by the top three titles was offered throughout the summer and into the fall, culminating in a live, in-person event with the winning author, Nguyen Phan Que Mai, on November 3rd.

Overview:

Members of the Selection Committee, headed by Chair Allysa Diehl, met for the first of four meetings on February 15th. Due to the expanded size of the Selection Committee, it was a challenge to make sure all voices were heard while staying on track regarding time. The final meeting took place on April 17th at The Mill-Innovation Campus where the Selection Committee members voted for the 2025 Top Three from the final ten titles. Some members participated remotely due to out of town commitments. Selection Committee members enthusiastically volunteered to record book blurbs, filmed by Public Information Specialist, Amy Huffman. These were posted to the library website and social media to promote, and generate excitement for, the Top Ten Titles. These well-received videos were released each week leading up to the Memorial Day announcement. The popular "Sneak Peek" of the top titles was on May 23rd, presented at the Bethany BookTalks meeting, by Program Facilitator, Jen Jackson.

The Top Three Finalists were presented to the public by Selection Committee Chair, Allysa Diehl at The Mill-Telegraph on Memorial Day, May 26, 2025. The titles were; *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton, *James* by Percival Everett, and *Dust Child* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai.

The OBOL Programming Committee, comprised of library staff members, met via zoom for the first time on April 10 to review expectations and begin general brainstorming for programs to support the Top Three Finalists. Programming Committee members were chosen by their Branch Managers to represent the library locations. Because of staff shortages, only four staff members were appointed to the Committee and two of whom unexpectedly had to take extended leave and were unable to fully contribute to the program planning.

While early voting saw *James* take the lead, each of the other two titles continued to reflect support in the community and eventually, *Dust Child* surpassed Everett's novel and continued this trend until voting ended on August 31st. *The Light Pirate* maintained approximately 20% of the votes and received positive testimonial feedback from community members.

Circulation: 6,954 (includes print & digital of Top 3 + circ of 7 'Top 10' titles)

Circulation statistics were gathered for all the top ten titles as feedback has shown that readers enjoy supplementing their personal lists with those titles while they wait for holds of the Top Three. As none of the Top Three were available through hoopla, no data was collected. However, more of the titles were available in CD and Large Type than in previous years and overall circulation was slightly above last year.

2025-Top Three Traditional Formats * Format not available for purchase

TITLE	BOOKS	CD	LRG TYPE	BK CLUB	TOTAL
"The Light Pirate"	688	21	*	80	789
"James"	762	*	*	70	832
"Dust Child"	765	31	*	60	856
TOTAL	2,215	52	0	210	2,477

2025-Top Three Digital Formats

TITLE	eBook	eAudio	TOTAL
"The Light Pirate"	235	293	528
"James"	415	469	884
"Dust Child"	304	316	620
TOTAL	954	1,078	2,032

2025-Top Ten * Format not available for purchase

TITLE	Print	CD	LRG TYPE	eBook	eAudio	TOTAL
"Beautyland"	37	*	*	40	80	157
"God of the Woods"	217	*	48	309	324	898
"Lady Tan's Circle of Women"	76	3	33	35	40	187
"Playground"	62	*	*	53	63	178
"The Lion Women of Tehran"	53	*	*	100	109	262
"The Mighty Red"	66	6	29	82	63	246
"Shark Heart"	10	*	*	25	55	90
TOTAL	521	9	110	644	734	2,018

2024-Top Three * Format not available for purchase

TITLE	BOOKS	CD	LRG TYPE	eBook	eAudio	BK CLUB	TOTAL
"A Little Devil in America"	448	*	49	145	209	30	881
"North Woods"	682	*	92	346	335	50	1,505
"The Berry Pickers"	860	*	112	474	889	80	2,415
TOTAL	1,990	0	253	965	1,433	160	4,801

Events: Attendance –475 vs 631 in 2024

- 1. Pre-Announcement BookTalks at Bethany Program:** The sneak peek of the top ten titles chosen by the Selection Committee was held on May 23th with **25 attendees**. There were enthusiastic questions about individual titles.
- 2. Announcement: One Book One Lincoln Top Three at The Mill-Telegraph:** The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries sponsored the event and it was hosted by The Mill-Telegraph, where approximately **175 people** gathered on the patio. Selection Committee Chair, Allysa Diehl, announced the 2025 top three finalists and the instructions for voting. The weather was a bit overcast, but the rain held off and the mood of the crowd was upbeat.
- 3. Program: OBOL Top Three Booktalk (at WALT):** Program Facilitator, Jennifer Jackson, presented a 'spoiler free' teaser for the final three titles as well as insights on the authors, the selection process and how each title made it to the Top Three. **5 people** attended this program.
- 4. Program: OBOL Design Your Own Book Cover (BMPL):** Inspired by the covers and colors of this year's Top Ten Finalists, customers were invited to design their own book covers that were then laminated. **6 people** attended this program.
- 5. Program: OBOL Story-Inspired Creations (at GERE):** In an effort to draw a more robust crowd while eliminating any barriers to those who may hesitate attending if they have not read all three titles, we offered a family-friendly crafting program where participants of all ages could make crafts inspired by the three finalists. **4 people** attended this program.
- 6. Program: OBOL Movie Day (at WALT):** *James* by Percival Everett retold the classic novel, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, and many people were inspired to revisit the original story. Customers were invited to a family-friendly screening of the 1993 film adaptation by Disney. **10 people** (recruited by Walt staff) attended this program.
- 7. Program: An Evening with Nguyen Phan Que Mai, author of *Dust Child* (LHS Auditorium):** Native Vietnamese author and winner of the 2025 One Book One Lincoln Community Reading program, Nguyen Phan Que Mai was brought to Lincoln from her current home in Kyrgyzstan. The public event was a live, in-person event featuring an interview by OBOL Facilitator, Jennifer Jackson, an audience question & answer session and a book signing. Copies for purchase and signing were made available by Francie & Finch Bookstore. The audience of **250 people** were very engaged and excited to meet Que Mai.

Private Book Group Discussions: Participants – 142+ in 2025, 186 in 2024

Providing a discussion facilitator for private book groups is a vital and popular aspect of the OBOL programming. Requests were made for **16 separate group discussions** with **142** participants in attendance.

At the time of this report, there is at least one more discussion pending. The majority of the discussions were for the *Dust Child* and *The Light Pirate*. Many of the groups had already read and discussed *James* so were not inclined to devote additional discussion time. *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* and *The Lion Women of Tehran* were also requested.

Promotion:

The program overall was promoted in a variety of ways by Staff, Selection Committee and Programming Committee members. The mass media promotion was orchestrated and managed by Amy Huffman, Public Information Specialist, through television, social and print media.

- **BookTalks:**
 - **Sneak Peak**
 - Bethany Branch, Friday May 23, 2025 10:30-11:30 AM
- **Television Appearances:**
 - **LNKTV**
 - November 26, 2025-One Book One Lincoln Interview with author Nguyen Phan Que Mai on YouTube
 - 58 views (as of 12/11/2025)
 - **KOLN 1011 NOW**
 - **First @Four feature:**
 - October 27, 2025-Ryan W. & Lisa Guill (ACCC)
- **Radio:**
 - **Nebraska Public Radio**
 - November 14, 2025-Interview of author Que Mai by Friday Live Extra host, Genevieve Randall aired
 - **KLIN**
 - May 23, 2025-story on OBOL announcement event
 - May 27, 2025- story on the 2025 OBOL Top Three titles
- **Website:**
 - **The web page for One Book One Lincoln included information on:**
 - Supporting resources for the winning title, links to information about the Amerasian Homecoming Act, the lives of 'bar girls', articles on reunification of Amerasian children and veterans as well as a newspaper article written by Nguyen Phan Que Mai. There was also a list of read-alike titles for readers who were interested in additional reading.
 - Videos featuring previews of the Top Ten Finalists and catalog links to each.
 - Link to title nomination form.
 - Link to application for Selection Committee.
 - Printable list and catalog links for previous winner's archive.
- **Outreach Events**
 - Top Three Announcement on Memorial Day
- **Social Media:**

Postings were made to the Lincoln City Libraries Facebook and social media accounts to promote the OBOL process and finalists.

 - **Facebook posts**

▪ January 4, 2025-Selection Committee application invitation	9,707 Interactions
▪ January 8, 2025-Title Nomination reminder	28,100 Interactions
▪ May 20, 2025-Memorial Day Announcement @ The Mill	39, 552 Interactions

▪ August 8, 2025-Reminder to Vote	12,189 Interactions
▪ August 25, 2025-Reminder to Vote	7,484 Interactions
▪ September 1, 2025-Labor Day Winner Announcement	44,421 Interactions
▪ September 10, 2025-Congrats to Winning author	23,184 Interactions
▪ October 10, 2025-Announcement of Author Event	36,041 Interactions
▪ November 3, 2025-Invitation to Author Event	8,331 Interactions
▪ November 3, 2025-Dr. Nguyen's presentation to LHS students	8,424 Interactions
▪ November 4, 2025-recap of Dr. Nguyen's visit to Lincoln	5,555 Interactions
▪ November 14, 2025-Interview of author Que Mai by Friday Live Extra host, Genevieve Randall aired	1,287 Interactions

Interactions are defined as overall engagement with the post which was substantially contributed to by activity on Nguyen Phan Que Mai's Instagram account.

- Pre-recorded book blurbs to announce the Top Ten week by week
 - April 25th
 - 254 views on YouTube
 - 6,331 Reach
 - May 2nd
 - 197 views on YouTube
 - 5,450 Reach
 - May 9th
 - 250 views on YouTube
 - 3,256 Reach
 - May 16th
 - 246 views on YouTube
 - 3,159 Reach
 - May 23rd
 - 247 views on YouTube
 - 4,318 Reach
- Press Releases
 - May 23, 2025-"Top Three at The Mill" announcement
 - May 26, 2025-Top Three Finalists announcement
 - October 9, 2025-Author's Visit announcement
 - October 31, 2025-Author's Visit announcement (#2)

Expenses: \$29,569.05 in 2025, \$24,354 in 2024

Materials	\$12,861.49
Programming	\$16,707.56
	\$29,569.05
FLCL Contribution	(-\$4,707.56)
Total:	\$24,861.49

Orders were placed for print copies and physical audio to ensure 120 available copies for circulation. None of the Top Three were available in Large Type. The cost for the digital formats was notably higher overall than

the physical formats. Due to pricing standards in the publishing world for digital materials, this trend is expected to continue.

2025-Top Three Traditional formats

TITLE	BOOKS	CD	LRG TYPE	TOTAL
"The Light Pirate"	\$866.40	\$349.93	*	\$1,216.33
"James"	\$1,495.54	*	*	\$1,495.54
"Dust Child"	\$1,136.86	\$328.93	*	\$1,465.79
TOTAL	\$3,498.80	\$678.86	\$0	\$4,177.66

2025-Top Three Digital formats

TITLE	eBook	eAudio	TOTAL
"The Light Pirate"	\$1,365.00	\$1,539.78	\$2,904.78
"James"	\$522.50	\$570.00	\$1,092.50
"Dust Child"	\$1,690.00	\$239.97	\$1,929.97
TOTAL	\$3,577.50	\$2,349.75	\$5,927.25

2025- Top Ten

TITLE	Print	eBook	eAudio	TOTAL
"Beautyland"	\$51.20	\$120.00	\$135.98	\$307.18
"The God of the Woods"	\$38.40	\$165.00	\$380.00	\$583.40
"Lady Tan's Circle of Women"	\$0.00	\$62.99	\$159.98	\$222.97
"Playground"	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
"The Lion Women of Tehran"	\$87.60	\$179.97	\$254.97	\$522.54
"The Mighty Red"	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
"Shark Heart"	\$43.48	\$0.00	\$119.98	\$163.46
TOTAL	\$220.68	\$527.96	\$1,050.91	\$1,799.55

2024-Top Three

TITLE	BOOKS	CD	LRG TYPE	eBOOK	eAUDIO	TOTAL
"A Little Devil in America"	\$1,856.22	*	\$353.47	\$1,150.00	\$836.00	\$4,195.69
"North Woods"	\$1,802.64	*	\$194.18	\$880.00	\$1,235.00	\$4,111.82
"The Berry Pickers"	\$1,738.26	*	\$481.69	\$930.00	\$2,075.40	\$5,225.35
TOTAL	\$5,397.12	\$0.00	\$1,029.34	\$2,960.00	\$4,146.40	\$13,532.86

Voting:

Voting for the 2025 finalists was again gathered through the One Book One Lincoln web page. The public was invited and encouraged to vote through social media posts, word of mouth, flyers and bookmarks. In addition to gathering the votes, customers had the option to contribute their age range and leave comments about the individual titles. This year **417** votes were cast for the following titles: *The Light Pirate* (81 votes, 19.42%), *James* (138 votes, 33.09%), and *Dust Child* (200 votes, 47.96%). 275 of those voters also left comments (66%), which is helpful in measuring the overall success of the program. 322 of the voters elected to answer the age demographic question, showing us that the majority of participants are in the 56+ range (37.50%). The breakdown of the other ranges were as such, 41-55 (20%), 26-40 (19%) and 15-25 (.5%) Tracking this information will allow us to determine areas of the population we are reaching and where we can improve.

Participation: 8,148 in 2025 vs. 6,993 in 2024

	2025	2024
Submitted nominations	141	133
Served on the Selection Committee	19	15
Attendance - Book Club discussions	142+	152
Attendance – Programs	475	631
Checked out titles (Top 3 physical & digital)	4,509	4,801
Checked out titles (Top 10 physical & digital)	2,445	*
Facebook Likes	5,018	1,057
Votes	417	204
Total	13,166	6,993

Yearly Comparison: Top Three Finalists

Year	2025	2024	2023
Title	"Dust Child"- WINNER	"The Berry Pickers"- WINNER	"Remarkably Bright Creatures"-WINNER
Checkouts	4,509	4,801	5,384
Participation	8,148	6,993	7,450

Collaboration:

This season we were able to collaborate with the Asian Community and Cultural Center for a welcome reception for the winning author, Nguyen Phan Que Mai on Sunday, November 2nd. ACCC was kind enough to host a gathering at their building where OBOL and community stakeholders, as well as members of the Vietnamese community enjoyed authentic food, drink and dancing by "The Pink Ladies".

Impact:

The goal of the program is to encourage reading and dialogue by creating a community-wide reading and discussion experience. The three finalists consisted of a 'Cli-Fi' (climate fiction) novel set in the near-future, a re-telling of a literary classic and a reflective historical fiction novel concerning the impacts of the most devastating war in living memory. The voting and commentary revealed that the finalists appealed to a variety of readers of all ages and interests. Feedback on all three titles was collected anecdotally by staff as well as through direct comments from the voting form. Overall that feedback was positive and supportive of the title selections and programming. However, there was frustration expressed by a few Selection Committee and community members who were aware of a replacement in the Top 10 due to our ordering limitations.

- "This book was healing to me and to many Americans who served in the Vietnam War. It allows you to get a glimpse of the war from another perspective but more importantly it gives humanity to the ghosts of any war!" -voter comment on *Dust Child*
- "A real emotional rollercoaster. I was really gripped throughout the whole story and following the characters stories was fascinating. Not only a beautifully written novel but a uniquely original work which has great cultural significance for Vietnam and mixed-race people." -voter comment on *Dust Child*
- "Great book! Grabbed me from the beginning and it's an important part of the story of the Vietnam war." -voter comment on *Dust Child*
- "This is a fantastic book! While it's set in Vietnam, and focuses on characters of a specific time and situation, it reveals the shared humanity in all of us. In lush language, the book's plot hooks one in

and rushes them forward. With a message of enduring hope and complex optimism, it's a strong reminder to fight for the elements in our world that keep us human." -voter comment on *Dust Child*

- "I fell in love with Vietnam while reading this book. The story is very beautiful and moving, we become attached to each character, whose personal stories are eclectic testimonies of the difficult times that this country experienced during the war." -voter comment on *Dust Child*
- "Incredibly moving and needed perspective." -voter comment on *Dust Child*
- "Fast read and very interesting to set foot into another perspective." -voter comment on *James*
- "Excellent book! Read and discussed by my book club last year." -voter comment on *James*
- "#1-My favorite! I loved hearing James' perspective! 'Tell the story with your ears. Listen'." -voter comment on *James*
- "This book is brilliant. Immediately after finishing this book I reread 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn'. Looking at this story from Jim's perspective was an impressive way to refresh this classic tale." -voter comment on *James*
- "This was a close second for me, as the author's writing was lyrical and magical to a point that I never wanted to come out of the world she created. This is not a typical genre I would have chosen, but I am thrilled at having read it. A phenomenal choice by the selection committee!" -voter comment on *The Light Pirate*
- "I was engrossed in this novel and highly invested in her survival." -voter comment on *The Light Pirate*
- "Very creative and thought provoking. When I hear about a hurricane activity I now think of this book." -voter comment on *The Light Pirate*

It was gratifying to see all three titles enthusiastically supported by members of the community this year. While *Dust Child* was the clear winner, there was no 'dud' title among the finalists.

Recommendations:

Although all three finalists circulated well, overall checkouts were down slightly from last year. Circulation of the Top 10 titles were down as well, most likely due to the more limited appeal of certain selections. Programming was scaled back this season as a result of declining attendance in previous years as well as staffing shortages. An attempt was made to focus on 'quality over quantity' and to broaden the appeal to customers by including family-friendly elements. The majority of the people who did attend the mid-season programs were specifically the result of staff referring customers who were already in the library to the program. These programs did not receive any promotion via social media or signage within the branches. It also seems that, as we establish a pattern of hosting the winning author for an in-person event, customers are more likely to engage with OBOL through that event. It is crucial, however, that One Book One Lincoln receives consistent and expansive promotion across our marketing platforms. New avenues of promotion such as, podcasts, radio spots and sponsorships should also be explored and pursued.

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City of Lincoln
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Security Incidents & Banning Report 24-25



Library Behavior Policy

Levels of Offenses – per Library Behavior Policy

Level 1

e.g. Sleeping/Noise/No shoes or shirt

Given two warnings, upon the third warning, customer is required to leave for the day

Level 2

e.g. Skateboarding/bathing/using someone else's card

Given one warning, upon the second warning, customer is required to leave for the day

Level 3

e.g. Intoxication/Harassment

No warnings needed. Customer required to leave the premises immediately for the remainder of the day

Level 4

e.g. Smoking/drinking/weapons, illegal activity, also insect infestations

Harassment on the basis of a protected class

Customer required to leave immediately and given a 3-day suspension. Incident forwarded to Administration to investigate proceeding with a banning.

Updates to Library Behavior Policy



The Security Task force is at work on:

- Updating the policy to focus on *expected* behavior more than what NOT to do
- Including a matrix of behaviors and expected results
- To balance the library's mission to welcome and serve all patrons with maintaining a safe, comfortable and friendly atmosphere

Incident Reports

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Number of Incidents
Reported
System-Wide
24-25

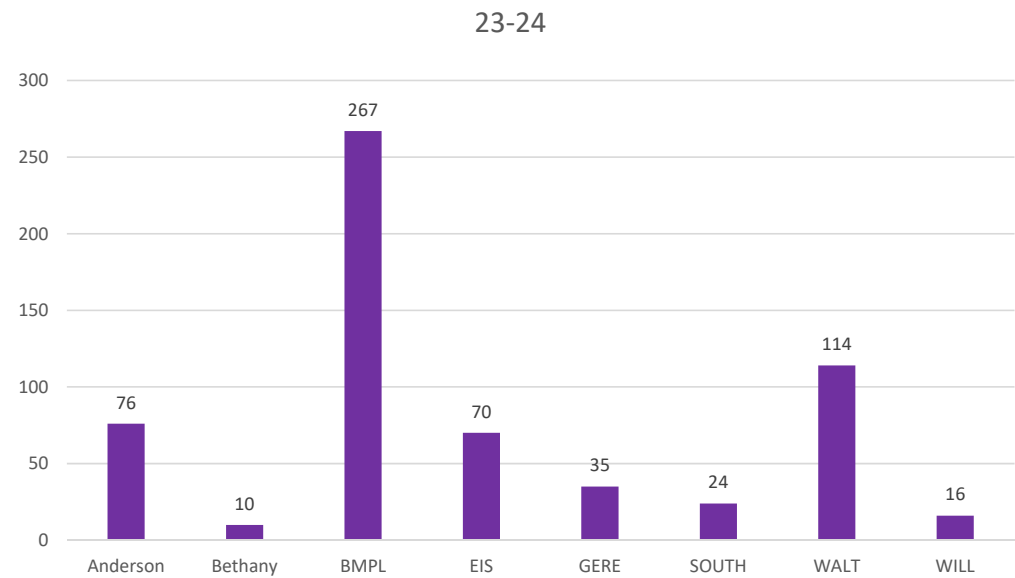
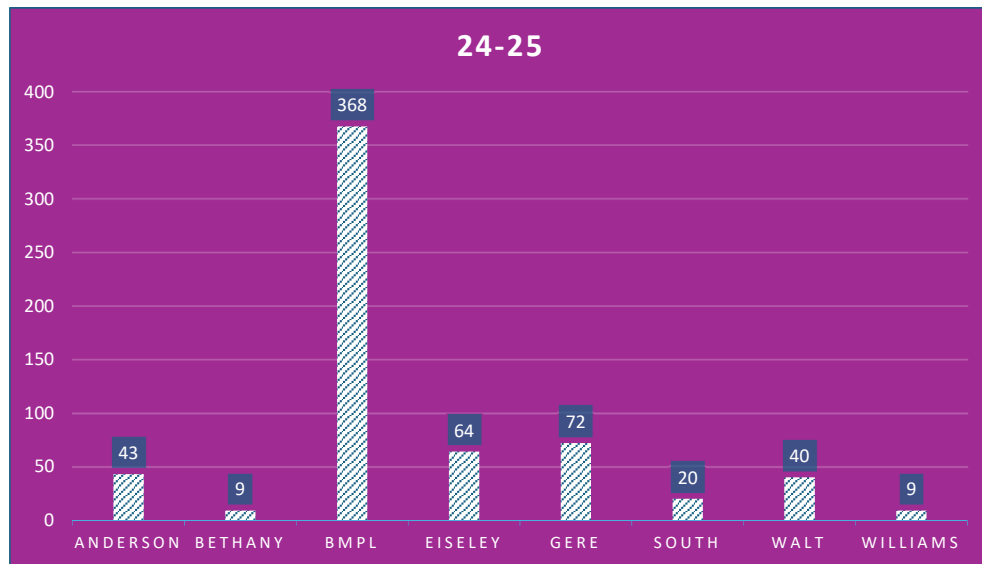
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Wide
23-24

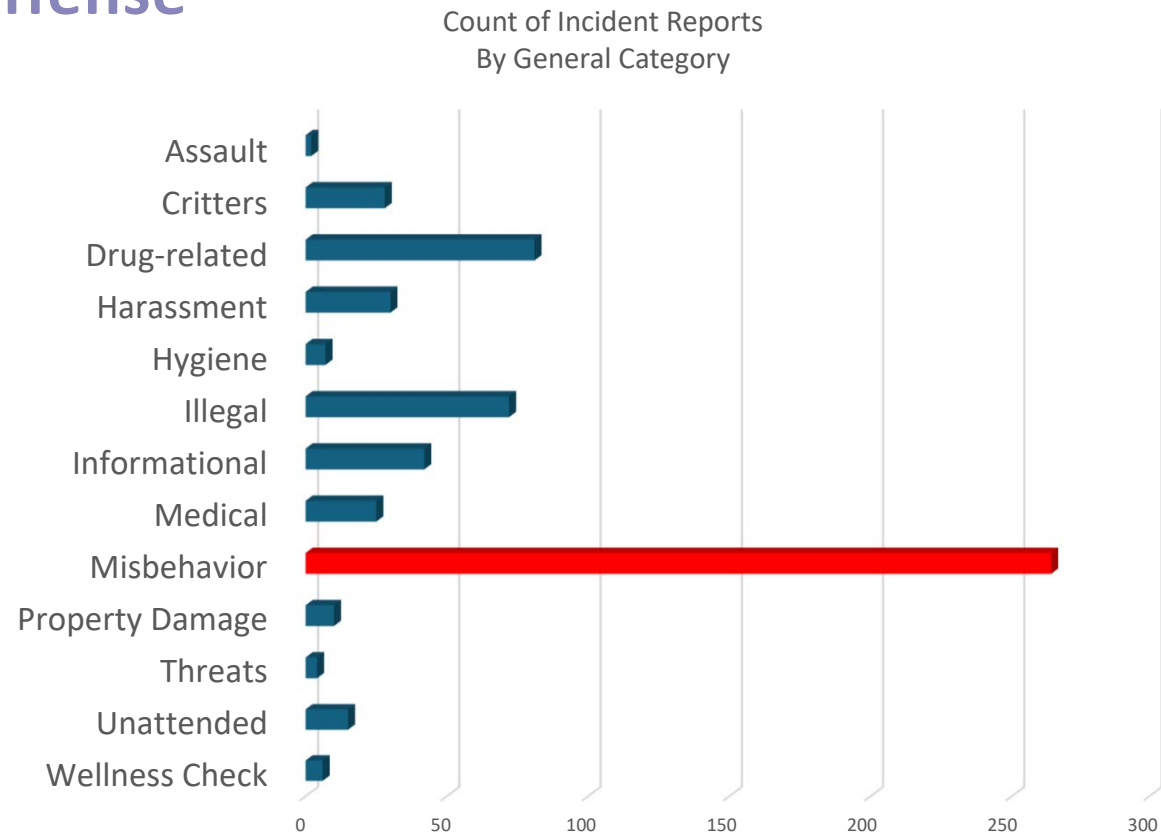
Incident Reports Comparison



Breakdown of Incidents

LIBRARIES

Incidents by offense



Misbehavior breakdown

Disruptions: 175

Eating/Drinking restricted area: 15

Entering restricted area: 1

Loitering: 3

Misuse of computer: 4

No shoes: 2

Restroom misuse: 1

Sleeping: 58

Solicitation: 4

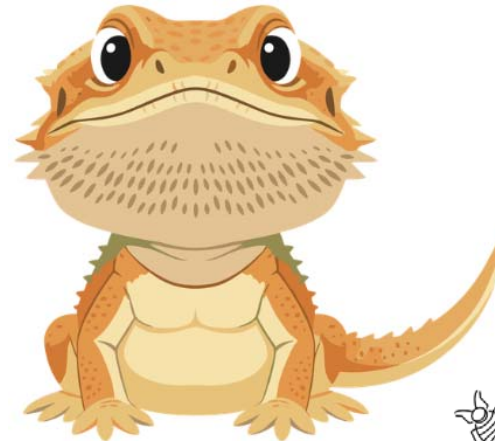
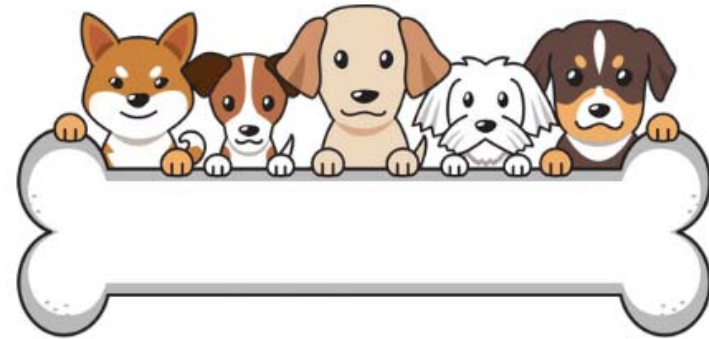
Using another's library card: 1

Breakdown of Incidents 2024-2025

Assault: Four incidents resulting in bans of 1-2 years each.



Critters: Ten bats, five dogs, one cat, one squirrel, one bearded dragon, ten incidents with bed bugs and the tale of a woeful bird named Humphrey



Breakdown of Incidents 2024-2025

Drug-Related: These incidents can reflect possession, drinking/smoking, intoxication, and found paraphernalia.

Harassment: Updates to the Behavior Policy naming harassment as a level 3 offense, and harassment on the basis of a Federally protected class as a level 4 offense have led to increased reporting about this behavior. These incidents can be in person or by phone, and indicate that staff/guards/other patrons are being subjected to harassment (not threats).

Hygiene: In cases where poor hygiene is egregious enough to warrant exclusion, staff will provide patrons with hygiene kits and recommendations for services.



Breakdown of Incidents 2024-2025

Illegal: This includes any illegal activity, the most common being trespassing on library property during a suspension or ban, or outside of library hours.

Informational: This is a broad category that covers calls to parents/caregivers, unusual behavior and conversations, documenting the serving of banning letters, non-emergency medical incidents, events that occur just off library property

Medical: Any injuries or accidents on library property, any acute health situations, any time staff calls for emergency assistance.



Breakdown of Incidents 2024-2025

Misbehavior: This is the broadest category, and includes things like loud conversations, singing and shouting, eating and drinking in restricted areas, creatively reshelving books and bringing vehicles inside.

Property Damage: Everything from **graffiti** to smashed computers and a mangled paper towel dispenser.

Threats: Goodness, who knew librarians were so dreadful!

Unattended: Property, minors and special needs adults.

Wellness Check: Sometimes a wellness check can prevent an incident, sometimes it can save a life.

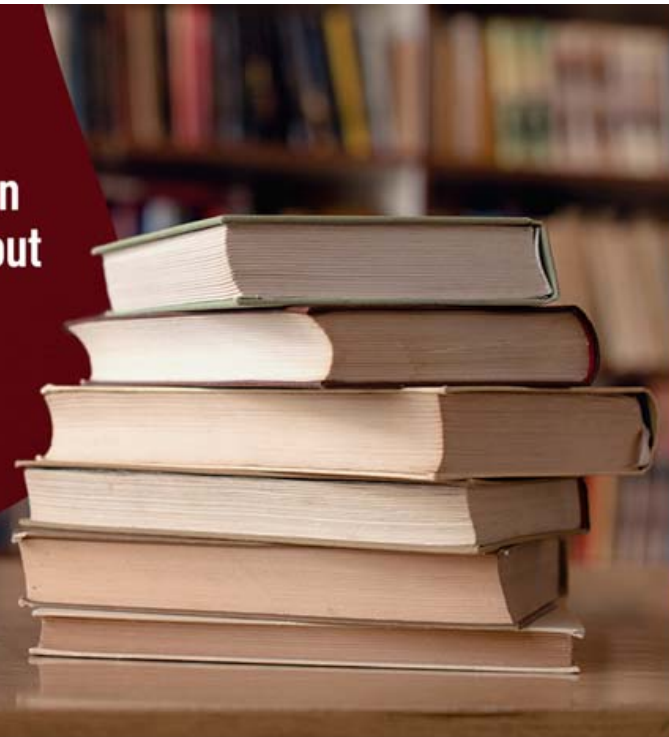


Censorship – 57 reported Incidents

American Library Association Statement

On June 25th, 1953 we said that
**we trust the people of this nation
to make their own decisions about
what they read and believe.**

*70 Years later, we still trust
them to make their own
decisions.*



“The Queens’ English: the LGBTQIA+ dictionary of lingo and colloquial phrases”

“Who is Kamala Harris?”

“Other Boys”

“Pride is Love” IIII

“You know, Sex”

“Growing up TRANS: in our own words”

“Heartstopper”

“Felix's New Skirt”

“Pride Colors”

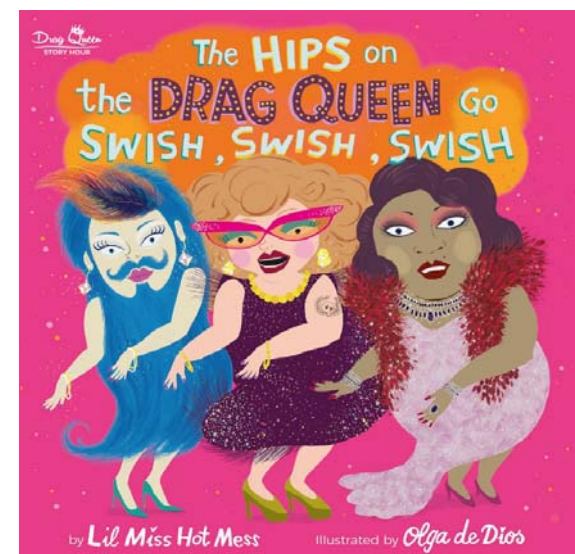
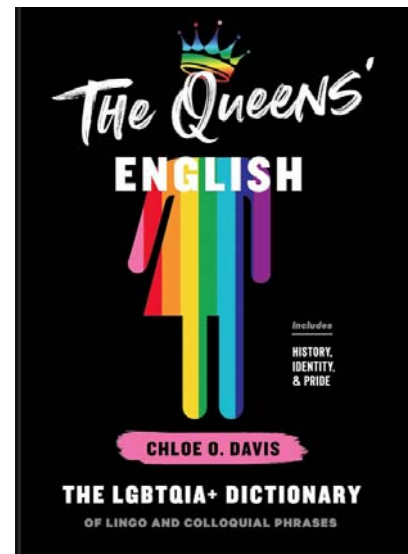
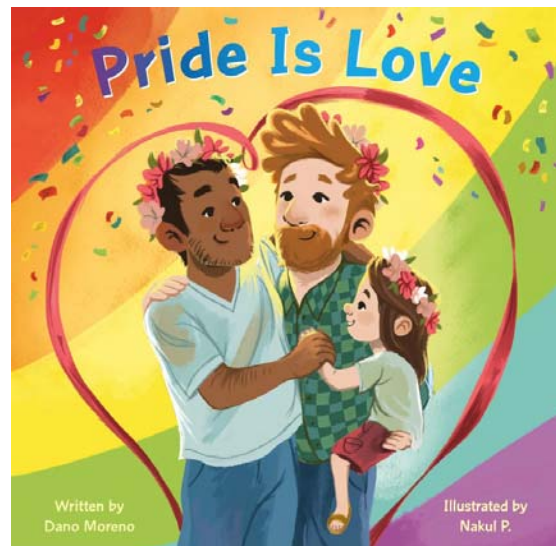
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“Johnny the Walrus”

“Gender: Your Guide – Gender-Friendly Primer on What to Know, What to Say, and What to Do in the New Gender Culture”

“The Hips on the Drag Queen go Swish, Swish, Swish”

“The Pronoun Book” II



“We Are Little Feminists”

“Being You”

“The Rainbow Parade”

“Stella Brings the Family”

“My Two Dads”

“Papa, Daddy & Riley”

A sign advertising a Pride Display was turned to face from view. *Patron* called it, “an abomination”

“Jay’s Gay Agenda”

“We Are Little Feminists: How We Eat”

“We Are Little Feminists: Becoming Siblings”

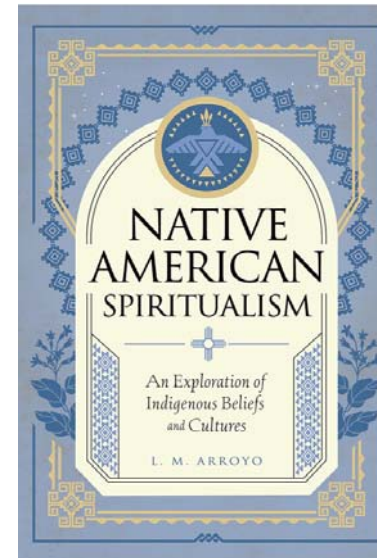
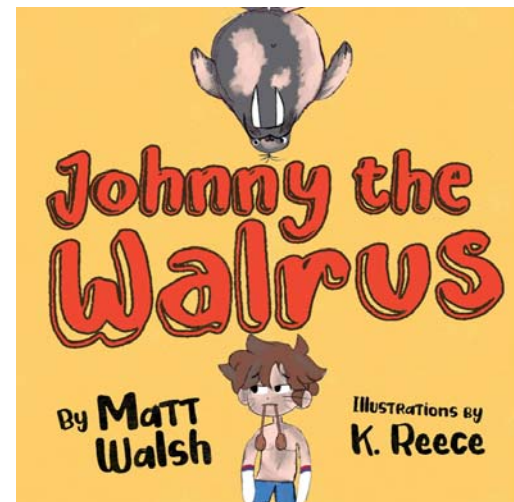
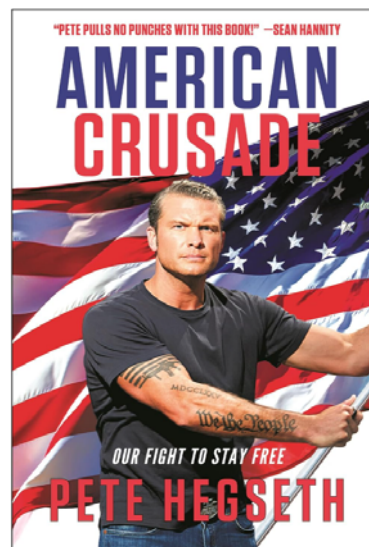
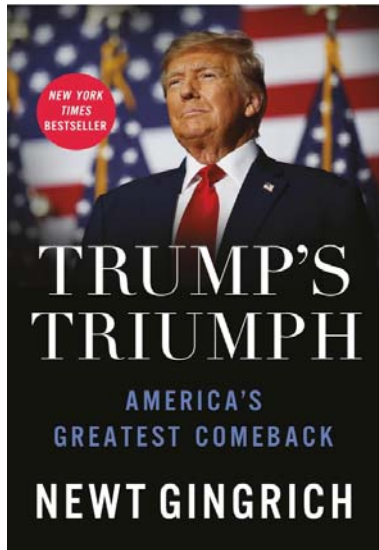
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“Eli and the Uncles”

Not he or she, I’m me.”

“Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out”

“Trump’s Triumph”



Trump Biographies

“True You, a Gender Journey”

“Strong”

“Lie with Me” II

“Melissa” II

“Just Shy of Ordinary”

“People of Pride: 25 Great LGBTQ Americans”

“Kind Like Marsha: Learning from LGBTQ+ Leaders”

“Parallel”

“Gaytheist: coming out of my Orthodox childhood”

“American Crusade” Pete Hegseth

“Native American Spiritualism”

“Twas the Night Before Pride” IIII

“Parenting with Pride: Unlearn bias and Embrace, Empower, and Love your LGBTQ+ Teen”

“Grandad’s Pride”

“I’m Not a Girl: A Transgender Story”

“The Year my Life Went Down the Toilet”

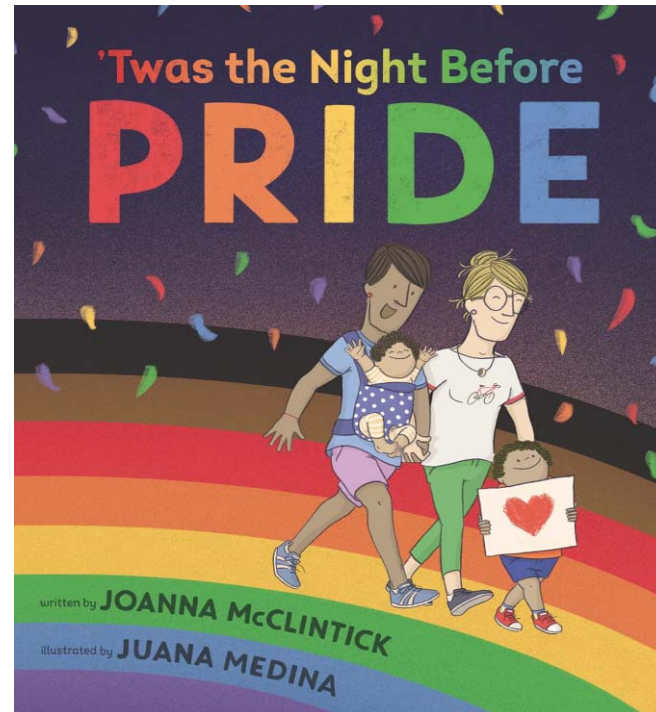
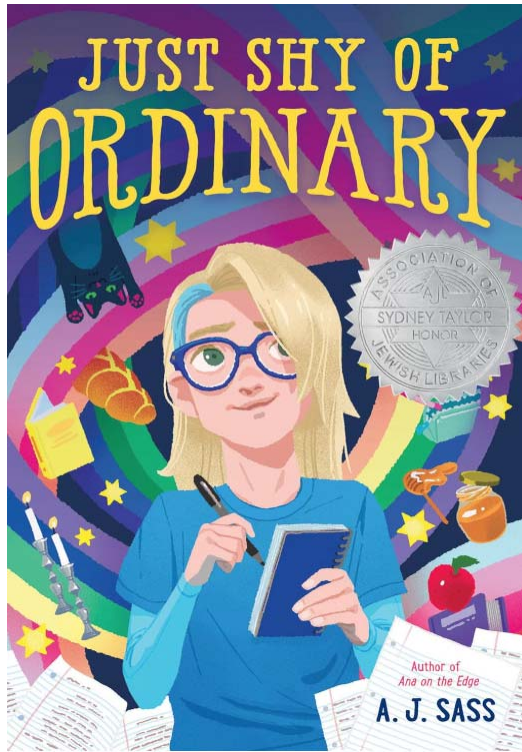
“Rick” II

“How to be Ace”

“Queer: The Ultimate LGBTQ Guide for Teens

"Sparkle Boy"

"Mommy, Mama, and Me"



25 Great LGBTQ Americans



Bans

LIBRARIES

Bannings

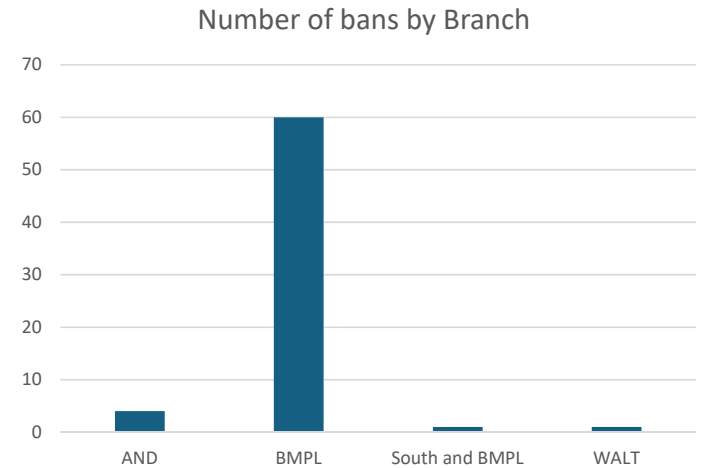
**Total Bannings
for 24-25: 66**

Primary Offense	24-25	23-24	Difference
Abandoned property	1	0	1
Assault	4	4	0
Bed Bugs	1	2	(1)
Defecation/Urination	3	1	2
Disruption	11	15	(4)
Downloading Porn	0	1	(1)
Drugs on Dock	1	0	1
In Restricted areas	1	0	1
Harassment	7	5	2
Hateful Language	1	0	1
Intoxication	10	10	0
Masurbation	1	1	0
Possession of a weapon	5	0	5
Possession of alcohol	10	1	9
Possession of marijuana	1	0	1
Sex	0	2	(2)
Sleeping	1	4	(3)
Smoking	2	1	1
Theft	2	1	1
Threats	2	0	2
Vaping	2	0	2
	66	48	18

The number of bans served has increased from previous years.

The biggest increases we've seen are in possession of weapons and possession of alcohol, which is likely more reflective of an increase in reporting than an increase in the activity itself. That has also led to re-examining exactly what “possession” entails and how it should be addressed, topics which are now part of the Task Force’s mission to examine.

We also dealt with fewer incidents of sex in the library, fewer bedbugs and less porn. YAY!





Considering safety issues at the new location is already on our radar. We plan to have our processes updated and well rehearsed before opening day.

When it comes to your behavior in the library,

“IT’S NOT WHO YOU
ARE UNDERNEATH,
IT’S WHAT YOU DO
THAT DEFINES YOU.”

—BATMAN BEGINS

