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## Director's Report for August 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*

### Central Library update:

1. We officially closed on the sale of the Centrum building this past week. We had a walk through with our team to review locations of mechanical rooms and an introduction to building controls. There's quite a bit of tables and chairs left in the building, more than what we may need for any current replacement needs, so we'll most likely have to plan a city surplus advertisement at some point. Building Superintendent Dan Miller will regularly check in on the building and ensure things run smoothly. The site will be available for staff and board who are interested in walking through it on Tuesday, September 16, 8:30am-9:30am (after the board meeting), and on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-9:30am.
2. The RFP for the Construction Manager at Risk (**CMaR**) was published on Aug 26, and will close on Sept 25. We had a pre-bid site visit two weeks ago, and there are 9 firms potentially interested in the project. The **coffee shop RFP** is expected to be released by September 16, with a closing date 3 weeks later. Both the CMaR and Coffee RFPs are led by the City Purchasing Dept, with development from the library, architects, Law dept., and Project Control.
3. The MIBS **bond sale** will take place by Oct 15, with proceeds (\$23-\$25 mil) delivered to 2 weeks later.
4. The **Sustainability workshops** we held September 4 were well attended and well worth it. The first session was by invite only and included reps from LES/DEC, potential partners, and the architects and engineers. The 2<sup>nd</sup> session was open to the public and I estimate we had about 25 attendees. There was really good dialogue that took place, and our team did an excellent job presenting, interacting and then answering questions at the ending Q&A. Overall, it was a productive and positive experience. Thanks to Morgan Gerteisen and Lisa Hale for their help at the 1<sup>st</sup> session.

We're working on a potential online visit with Nguyen Phan Que Mai, author of OBOL winner, *Dust Child*. The cost of bringing her in person greatly exceeded our budget, however, we're hopeful another format will still prove successful. Voting was significantly higher than recent years.

Weekday radio spots at noon on KZUM began playing last month. Coordinated by public information specialist, Amy Huffman, the announcements highlight services and upcoming programs. Delayed but yet in the plans is a monthly podcast with helpful information, program awareness, and timely library and literature-related topics.

### **Examples of the Library's Vision, Mission and Priorities in our daily work:**

- Andrea C. (Walt) reported, "A mom and three children came up to the front desk to check out their holds. The two younger children were grinning and moving excitedly. The older child was reading her book quietly off to the side. The mom said, 'I think I made a mistake. I taught them how to place holds online.' I replied, 'Based on their smiles, I think you did good, mom.'"
- Jessica S. at Walt shared that "One mother approached me and thanked me for holding Baby storytimes at Walt as well as the Stay and Plays. She said her family (husband and one-year old baby), were returning to their home in Germany the following week. They had been in the U.S. for six months while her husband was working in Nebraska. She was grateful for the programs as it gave her the opportunity to socialize with other parents as she did not know anyone in the United States."
- Vicki C. (Walt) wrote, "One young person about ten years old told me he had a 3D print to pick up. His eyes were huge when I showed him the two-part rocket and he was excited to tell me that he designed it himself, which took six hours. He was proud that he added a component that came from a pair of glasses to the top of his 3D design, and told me he wished he would have added guard rails. I suggested he redesign it and have another print made. That experience was transformative for both of us and worth way more than the \$2.00 it cost to print."
- Liz C. at Walt wrote, "A patron came in to use the computers and needed some tech assistance. After we resolved her issue she told me that she would be living out of state. She'd been teaching at Wesleyan the last four years and said our branch had been pivotal during her time here in town. Walt was the first place she came when she moved to town and was getting settled, and she was utilizing our resources for the final time that day as she sent paperwork to her new employment. She has come in periodically and has always appreciated the help she's have received and wanted to let us know how important the library has been for her."
- Jessica S. (Walt) reported, "Walt held its 2nd Jigsaw Puzzle Swap on Saturday, August 16. Attendees were encouraged to bring their donated puzzles into Walt ahead of time between August 1 and 15 to receive a V.I.P. (Very Important Puzzler) ticket. A total of 368 puzzles were donated. 90 V.I.P.s of all ages entered at 10:15 a.m., most choosing their puzzles to take home quite quickly. We had door prize drawings with 13 lucky winners choosing a brand new, unopened puzzle or puzzle accessory. All prizes had been donated as well. At 10:50 a.m., the general public was allowed entry and they were able to take up to 3 puzzles per person without donating. We had 29 attendees without V.I.P. passes for a total of 119 attendees of all ages. We had two attendees ask that this be a quarterly event and express interest in volunteering. The next Puzzle Swap is scheduled for February 2026. Some attendees stayed for the entire event, choosing to socialize with other puzzle enthusiasts."

- Lisa W. (Walt) created a display with the Book Club in a Bag items at the front of the library. "Many customers had questions about the Book Clubs in a Bag such as how they check out, how many titles the library owns and how to find them in the catalog and if the canvas bags were available for purchase."
- Vicki C. shared, "I took a call from a person who asked if we would be able to help set up her new tablet so she could access Google. I told her we would be happy to help her if she brought her tablet in. Before I could recommend the upcoming Technology Basics classes to her, she asked if she could register for them. As I enrolled her in all the classes, I asked how she had learned about them. She said she was from Birmingham, Alabama, and they have year-round technology classes at their library so she checked the library right away when she came to Lincoln. She has not used a computer in two years and needed to feel comfortable using her tablet before starting a part-time job soon. I had feelings of gratitude and assurance that we offered a service that she needed, at the time she needed it, and that we were the first place she looked to for help."
- Caralyn K. (BMPL) had a heartwarming interaction with one of our Home Service patrons: "I hadn't heard from one of our Home Patrons that I know does not have family in town and has hearing difficulties for what seemed a long time to me. She told me a while back that she does not like to go to the activities in her Assisted Living facility because she has such a hard time hearing what is going on and she hates to trouble anyone. Since it had been weeks since I'd heard from her, either over the phone or receiving her blue bag, I gave her a call. It turned out she had been in the hospital after a fall and she was thrilled that I thought of her and worried about her. The number I had on file was a staff number and when I called, they were excited to connect us so I could speak to her. We had a nice conversation and she thanked me for the picture card I had sent with her last bag, said it brightened her world to know there's librarians looking out for her."
- Walker D. (BMPL) relayed this customer interaction, "An older patron came in requesting help in sending some signed documents to a car dealership. I joined him in the computer lab and he pulled up the documents in his email and we saw that they were not signed. So, I instructed him on how to print the documents, and then he signed them. He mentioned that his wife had passed away recently and that she had always helped him with technical things like this in the past. I then instructed him on the use of the scanner and showed him how to attach the scans to his email to the car dealership. He was effusively grateful for the help and even expressed his gratitude at the PS1 desk as he was leaving."
- Laura N. (BMPL) shared this interaction: I helped a person who was having difficulty at the self-check station. He said that he always goes to a library wherever he is, and no library is better than ours. "I've even been to San Francisco," he said, "and no place is better than Lincoln." He went on to say that the staff are what makes it "the best place." "You are friendly and seem happy to be here," he said.
- Kim J. (BMPL) said, "I helped a customer who was new to Lincoln and learning to get around the downtown area without the use of sight. He made it into the library and asked about our services and what we have available for customers who are blind. I gave him a detailed description of various services we offer and explained how he could use Overdrive and Hoopla to download audiobooks, music and more to his device. I also let him know about the services available through the Library Commission and explained how to walk there from our location. The customer was very thankful for our assistance and plans to come back to the library soon for more help!"
- Pam C. (Eiseley-Williams), who is usually responsible for family story time on Thursdays at Williams, received a very lovely thank you note from one of her story time families at the end of Summer

Reading. The parent thanked her for making story time a positive and encouraging environment for the kids and hoped that Pam had a restful August. It was very much appreciated and made Pam feel good that the families are enjoying story time at Williams.

- The Air Park Community Center summer camp kids wrapped up their summer checkouts at Williams Branch Library. Seventy-nine students checked out resources over the course of the summer. The afterschool students began checking out on a biweekly basis again on August 22.
- Kate S. and Catherine S. represented Williams Branch Library at Air Park's annual National Night Out event. They talked to participants about what Williams has to offer and gave away books to students. They saw 114 people at the library table.
- Susan S. and Lisa Olivigni (Eiseley-Williams) participated in Belmont Rec Center's Literacy Event. Susan shared a book with some of the students, and they gave away a variety of library swag, including books. Manga was particularly popular with the older elementary kids. They met with 50 families about Eiseley's programs and resources.
- Diane V. (Gere-South) shared this interaction: "A customer came into South and asked for assistance with a job application. As English was not his first language he wanted to confirm that he understood what the directions were asking him to do in the assessment. It took a bit to complete and we worked through several questions he had but he left confident he had done well."
- Leanne D. (Gere-South) shared: "A customer ordered George Bernard Shaw's play, Pygmalion from Anderson library and it had not arrived yet, and so I looked in the catalog and we happened to have a copy at Gere, so she was thrilled; she had been wanting it that day, since that very evening, her book club was going to read it. Her book club only reads plays, and they read them aloud! I think that's a great idea, and had no idea such groups existed in Lincoln!"
- Domonique H. (Gere-South) shared this interaction: "An older patron came in wanting to practice taking the driver's license exam before she went to the DMV and was very worried she wouldn't be able to find what she needed. Luckily, I was able to help her get on the computer and navigate to the DMV's website. We got her set up to take a few practice tests and she was very appreciative that the library was here to help."
- At Gere: there were 31 Tech Time appointments this month with 22 unique customers – 24% increase from last month. Of the 22, 11 needed assistance with digital library services.
- Aubrey S. (Gere-South) shared this interaction: "One evening an elementary school-aged kid came up wanting to find books about skateboarding. Rather than have me just take him to the section, he wanted to know how he could tell how to find a book after looking it up in the catalog. After we covered all of his questions about how to decipher the online catalog, he wanted to know how the j non-fiction section was organized so that he could find the call numbers after he looked them up. THEN we found the book on skateboarding that he wanted. I loved that he wanted to learn how to use the library himself and it was fun to answer all his questions and go on that journey with him!"
- Yoel S-T (Gere-South) showed a customer at South Library how to access the Lincoln Journal Star on the LCL website – and let her know she could also access from home. This option is helpful – especially with subscriptions to the print version that have not been dependable. We still have a strong contingent of the community at both Gere and South who prefer to read the paper version.

- Toni Y. (Gere-South) helped a father and his two kids at Gere in looking for foreign language films, as a way of learning French and German. Toni helped him navigate the catalog to narrow by language and material type and was able to put together a list of titles available.
- Lincoln Fire & Rescue (LFR) set up in Gere's parking lot on the 20<sup>th</sup> to offer Knox Boxes to interested community seniors. LFR received a grant from FEMA through the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant that allowed them to upgrade to an all-electronic system with a portion of the grant that included free distribution of Knox Boxes to the elderly and shut-in community. Gere Library was identified as a location based on demographics with a concentration of elderly persons living in the area at a centralized location. LFR reported handing out 20 boxes.
- NESU Librarian Karrie S. reports, "The puppet stand at Anderson Branch Library has turned into a farmer's market for the months of August and September. The kids are always so excited to come in and see what's new." One mother commented earlier this summer, "The puppet stand is the reason we love to come here!"
- At Anderson Branch Library, Jodi R. noted, "After helping a patron locate both motivational and feng shui books, the patron told me, 'We always love coming here. It feels so welcoming, offers something for everybody, and all the employees at Anderson are always so nice.'"
- Although NESU took a break from programming this month, employees continued to represent LCL at various outreach events in the community. Karrie S. participated in Library Night at the Ball Park on 08/03/2025. She commented about this Summer Reading Challenge wrap-up event, "It's always one of my favorite outreach events, because so many people stop by that love their library and are excited to see us there!"
- 08/07/2025 was an especially busy day for NESU. During a 2-hour period, six employees visited a total of 4 area schools and spoke to nearly 800 people. Lucy K. and Nancy E. visited Riley Elementary; Marie' M. and Christina S. went to Brownell Elementary; Karrie S. visited Pershing Elementary; and Matt N. was the LCL representative at Norwood Park Elementary. While these individuals participated in Back-to-School events, Stephanie E. and Jodi R. staffed the Anderson Branch public service desk. It was definitely an "all hands-on deck" situation.
- Heritage Room news: The Nebraska Heritage Book Club met on August 22, 2025 to discuss *The Long March Home* by Tosca Lee and Marcus Brotherton. Four people attended. Deb Arenz presented programs about the Heritage Room and Nebraska authors at the Immanuel Grand Lodge and Yankee Hill locations. Approximately 30 people attended each event. A Nebraska Author Book Swap has been set up in the Heritage Room. This encourages patrons to bring in already read book by a Nebraska author and swap with one on the designated table in the HR. All the books currently on the book swap table were donated to the LCL.
- Polley Music Library news: "Lots of new instruments arrived at the library this month: we received 10 new guitars from Orangewood, a company whose instruments we tested during the initial plans for the guitar program and liked the best out of all of the available options, but we had initially chosen another brand because of hardshell cases. Having circulated the donated Zager guitars in their flimsy gig bags without issues, we went back to Orangewood, and we think people will really like these instruments—they play and sound well above their price range, and are the kind of instruments that will inspire new players. We got 5 large and 5 small guitars from them.

- The Lincoln Ukulele Group also donated another 10 ukuleles to fill needs at various branches. These are the same models they've provided before, but seem to be even a little better-made than they've been in the past. They also got hard cases for them, which are slightly different than the previous cases because that source is no longer available.
- The Polley Music Library Show on KZUM had four episodes in August, which featured a book by music journalist Ben Ratliff about his integration of running and listening disciplines that came together during the pandemic, a book about French spectralist composer Gerard Grisey, a book of text-scores dedicated to composer Pauline Oliveros and her Deep Listening practices (which includes a score by Omaha composer Dr. Stacey Barelos), and a show previewing Polley Music Library events for September, which will be held at the new Music Box (MBX) space across the street from Bennett Martin.

**Top Twenty Website Pages for August 2025:**

Page title	Views
Home	49,635
Locations and Hours	6,074
Events Calendar	1,933
Get a Library Card	1,272
Databases and Research	936
One Book One Lincoln	921
Meeting Rooms and Study Rooms	872
Due and Renew	824
New Books and DVDs	750
Borrow and Learn	674
Storytimes	667
eBooks and Audiobooks	665
Programs and Events	642
Author Alerts	625
Print, Scan and Copy	607
Kids	595
Central Library Project	461
Reading Challenges	446
Library Lineup	443
3D Printing Request	436

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**August 2025 Use Compared to August 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	11,579	11,783	-1.73%	2,610	3,043	-14.23%	14,189	14,826	-4.30%
Anderson	10,513	10,612	-0.93%	1,746	2,137	-18.30%	12,259	12,749	-3.84%
Bethany	6,882	7,195	-4.35%	905	948	-4.54%	7,787	8,143	-4.37%
Eiseley	19,899	20,832	-4.48%	2,518	2,522	-0.16%	22,417	23,354	-4.01%
Gere	49,791	52,117	-4.46%	6,431	7,292	-11.81%	56,222	59,409	-5.36%
South	8,060	8,424	-4.32%	1,225	1,115	9.87%	9,285	9,539	-2.66%
Walt	38,852	36,007	7.90%	4,939	4,927	0.24%	43,791	40,934	6.98%
Williams	817	694	17.72%	95	190	-50.00%	912	884	3.17%
Lied Bookmobile	1,049	1,015	3.35%	113	84	34.52%	1,162	1,099	5.73%
InterLibrary Loan	157	198	-20.71%	0	0	0.00%	157	198	-20.71%
<b>Subtotal Checkouts</b>	<b>147,599</b>	<b>148,877</b>	<b>-0.86%</b>	<b>20,582</b>	<b>22,258</b>	<b>-7.53%</b>	<b>168,181</b>	<b>171,135</b>	<b>-1.73%</b>
Download/Stream Audio	0	0	0.00%	51,366	46,599	10.23%	51,366	46,599	10.23%
Download/Stream eBook	0	0	0.00%	35,661	31,939	11.65%	35,661	31,939	11.65%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,207	1,063	13.55%	1,207	1,063	13.55%
<b>TOTAL CHECKOUTS</b>	<b>147,599</b>	<b>148,877</b>	<b>-0.86%</b>	<b>108,816</b>	<b>101,859</b>	<b>6.83%</b>	<b>256,415</b>	<b>250,736</b>	<b>2.26%</b>

Location	Youth Checkouts		Youth Loan	Adult Checkouts		Adult Loan	Visits	Visits	Visits
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change
BMPL	5,448	5,414	0.63%	8,741	9,412	-7.13%	11,400	12,782	-10.81%
Anderson	6,592	6,318	4.34%	5,667	6,431	-11.88%	6,275	5,955	5.37%
Bethany	4,661	4,776	-2.41%	3,126	3,367	-7.16%	2,970	3,179	-6.57%
Eiseley	14,632	15,559	-5.96%	7,785	7,795	-0.13%	9,348	10,352	-9.70%
Gere	33,502	34,148	-1.89%	22,720	25,261	-10.06%	16,207	21,114	-23.24%
South	5,478	5,479	-0.02%	3,807	4,060	-6.23%	4,160	4,529	-8.15%
Walt	30,240	27,697	9.18%	13,551	13,237	2.37%	14,485	14,322	1.14%
Williams	711	613	15.99%	201	271	-25.83%	998	1,054	-5.31%
Lied Bookmobile	645	503	28.23%	517	596	-13.26%	194	59	228.81%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	157	198	-20.71%	0	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Checkouts</b>	<b>101,909</b>	<b>100,507</b>	<b>1.39%</b>	<b>66,272</b>	<b>70,628</b>	<b>-6.17%</b>	<b>66,037</b>	<b>73,346</b>	<b>-9.97%</b>
Download/Stream Audio	7,713	6,742	14.40%	43,653	39,857	9.52%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBook	8,259	6,055	36.40%	27,402	25,884	5.86%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,207	1,063	13.55%	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL CHECKOUTS</b>	<b>117,881</b>	<b>113,304</b>	<b>4.04%</b>	<b>138,534</b>	<b>137,432</b>	<b>0.80%</b>	<b>66,037</b>	<b>73,346</b>	<b>-9.97%</b>

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	648	525	23.43%	154	1,049	-85.32%	2,967	1,280	131.80%
Anderson	795	893	-10.97%	0	0	0.00%	717	954	-24.84%
Bethany	0	0	0.00%	30	27	11.11%	274	216	26.85%
Eiseley	83	97	-14.43%	7	9	-22.22%	1,396	1,572	-11.20%
Gere	71	169	-57.99%	240	17	1311.76%	1,164	1,253	-7.10%
South	0	10	-100.00%	0	4	-100.00%	502	622	-19.29%
Walt	1,840	152	1110.53%	367	148	147.97%	1,659	1,246	33.15%
Williams	34	0	0.00%	124	122	1.64%	172	202	-14.85%
Lied Bookmobile	40	0	0.00%	75	46	63.04%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	425		0.00%	500		0.00%	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,936</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>113.22%</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>5.27%</b>	<b>8,851</b>	<b>7,345</b>	<b>20.50%</b>

Location	Meeting Room Attendance		Meeting Room Att	Study Room Attendance		Study Room Att			
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	
BMPL	232	152	52.63%	53		0.00%			0.00%
Anderson	174	168	3.57%	0		0.00%			0.00%
Bethany	0	0	0.00%	0		0.00%			0.00%
Eiseley	267	153	74.51%	259		0.00%			0.00%
Gere	444	527	-15.75%	268		0.00%			0.00%
South	0	0	0.00%	0		0.00%			0.00%
Walt	270	333	-18.92%	355		0.00%			0.00%
Williams	0	0	0.00%	0		0.00%			0.00%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	0		0.00%			0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>4.05%</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

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Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits			August 2025 Other Use					August 2024 Other Use					Change: Total Other Use
	Aug 2025	Aug 2024	Change	Aug 2025	Aug 2024	Change	Computer Reservations	Program & Outreach Attendance	Meeting Room Attendance	Study Room Attendance	Total Other Use	Computer Reservations	Program & Outreach Attendance	Meeting Room Attendance	Study Room Attendance	Total Other Use	
Bennett Martin Public Library	14,189	14,826	-4.30%	11,400	12,782	-10.81%	2,967	802	232	53	4,054	1,280	1,574	152	0	3,006	34.86%
Anderson Branch Library	12,259	12,749	-3.84%	6,275	5,955	5.37%	717	795	174	0	1,686	954	893	168	0	2,015	-16.33%
Bethany Branch Library	7,787	8,143	-4.37%	2,970	3,179	-6.57%	274	30	0	0	304	216	27	0	0	243	25.10%
Eiseley Branch Library	22,417	23,354	-4.01%	9,348	10,352	-9.70%	1,396	90	267	259	2,012	1,572	106	153	0	1,831	9.89%
Gere Branch Library	56,222	59,409	-5.36%	16,207	21,114	-23.24%	1,164	311	444	268	2,187	1,253	186	527	0	1,966	11.24%
South Branch Library	9,285	9,539	-2.66%	4,160	4,529	-8.15%	502	0	0	0	502	622	14	0	0	636	-21.07%
Walt Branch Library	43,791	40,934	6.98%	14,485	14,322	1.14%	1,659	2,207	270	355	4,491	1,246	300	333	0	1,879	139.01%
Williams Branch Library	912	884	3.17%	998	1,054	-5.31%	172	158	0	0	330	202	122	0	0	324	1.85%
Lied Bookmobile	1,162	1,099	5.73%	194	59	228.81%	0	115	0	0	115	0	46	0	0	46	150.00%
InterLibrary Loan	157	198	-20.71%	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	925	0	0	925	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
SUBTOTAL	168,181	171,135	-1.73%	66,037	73,346	-9.97%	8,851	5,433	1,387	935	16,606	7,345	3,268	1,333	0	11,946	39.01%
DownloadStream Audio	51,366	46,599	10.23%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBooks	35,661	31,939	11.65%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	1,207	1,063	13.55%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Download SUBTOTAL	88,234	79,601	10.85%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	256,415	250,736	2.26%	66,037	73,346	-9.97%	8,851	5,433	1,387	935	16,606	7,345	3,268	1,333	0	11,946	39.01%

Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total	REGISTRATIONS	2025	2024	Change
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth		Purged	723	656	10.21%
Owned	342,867	309,224	74,381	32,145	758,617	Active			
Added	1,620	2,417	231	415	4,683	Resident	148,665	148,182	0.33%
Withdrawn	-2,585	-3,957	-168	-75	-6,785	Library OneCard	56,659	51,856	9.26%
Current	341,902	307,684	74,444	32,485	756,515	County	8,785	8,960	-1.95%
**Note -Construction near Gere						NonResident	989	957	3.34%
						Reciprocal	494	493	0.20%
						Limited Use	10,612	9,783	8.47%
						Total Active	226,204	220,231	2.71%

\*\*Note -Construction near Gere

	2025	2024	Change
WiFi Sessions	134,370	143,803	-6.56%
WiFi Users	9,137	9,855	-7.29%
Website Users	71,764	80,230	-10.55%
Website Sessions	128,182	130,785	-1.99%
Database Use	7,867	5,937	32.51%



Lincoln City Libraries  
August 2025 Fiscal Year To Date Use Report

Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits		
	Loans/ Circulation	Loans/ Circulation	YTD Change	Visits	Visits	YTD Change
	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD		FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	
Bennett Martin Public Library	164,011	172,561	-4.95%	134,271	133,514	0.57%
Anderson Branch	154,047	144,648	6.50%	74,981	67,841	10.52%
Bethany Branch	99,537	95,216	4.54%	35,982	37,066	-2.92%
Eiseley Branch	270,988	278,520	-2.70%	119,045	115,884	2.73%
Gere Branch	682,264	718,342	-5.02%	227,288	237,787	-4.42%
South Branch	111,440	112,626	-1.05%	48,811	45,639	6.95%
Walt Branch	496,751	498,870	-0.42%	169,287	163,098	3.79%
Williams Branch	12,848	11,869	8.25%	15,147	17,533	-13.61%
Lied Bookmobile	17,349	17,746	-2.24%	3,737	4,004	-6.67%
InterLibrary Loan	1,925	2,327	-17.28%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
SUBTOTAL	2,011,160	2,052,725	-2.02%	828,549	822,366	0.75%
DownloadStream Audio	583,705	519,590	12.34%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBooks	417,534	388,551	7.46%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	13,389	11,750	13.95%	0	0	0.00%
Download SUBTOTAL	1,014,628	919,891	10.30%	0	0	0.00%
Total	3,025,788	2,972,616	1.79%	828,549	822,366	0.75%

	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change
Online Registrations	1,529	1,681	-9.04%
Overall Registrations	14,955	16,223	-7.82%

	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change
WiFi Sessions	1,472,619	1,512,882	-2.66%
WiFi Users	110,288	114,200	-3.43%
Website Users	996,065	1,156,256	-13.85%
Website Sessions	1,506,520	1,585,177	-4.96%
Database Use	94,519	93,587	1.00%

Year-to-Date Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	
Owned 9/1/2024	372,148	329,191	80,850	34,144	816,333
Added YTD	24,134	24,827	3,295	2,086	54,342
Withdrawn YTD	-54,380	-46,334	-9,701	-3,745	-114,160
Current - 8/31/2025	341,902	307,684	74,444	32,485	756,515

Location				Other Use											
	Computer Reservations	Computer Reservations	YTD Change	**Program & Outreach Attendance	Program & Outreach Attendance	YTD Change	Meeting Room Attendance	Meeting Room Attendance	YTD Change	Study Room Attendance	*Study Room Attendance	YTD Change	Total Other Use	Total Other Use	YTD CHANGE
	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD		FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD		FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD		FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD		FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	
Bennett Martin Public Library	27,068	26,335	2.78%	9,538	14,341	-33.49%	2,498	2,132	17.17%	638	0	0.00%	39,742	42,808	-7.16%
Anderson Branch	8,458	9,284	-8.90%	9,412	7,944	18.48%	2,083	2,289	-9.00%	0	0	0.00%	19,953	19,517	2.23%
Bethany Branch	2,463	2,864	-14.00%	3,153	2,525	24.87%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	5,616	5,389	4.21%
Eiseley Branch	16,633	16,743	-0.66%	15,661	12,869	21.70%	3,489	3,595	-2.95%	3,457	0	0.00%	39,240	33,207	18.17%
Gere Branch	14,380	14,914	-3.58%	21,935	21,125	3.83%	6,518	7,038	-7.39%	3,438	0	0.00%	46,271	43,077	7.41%
South Branch	5,396	6,018	-10.34%	3,187	3,341	-4.61%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	8,583	9,359	-8.29%
Walt Branch	14,461	13,045	10.85%	20,023	24,290	-17.57%	4,136	5,006	-17.38%	4,149	0	0.00%	42,769	42,341	1.01%
Williams Branch	2,703	2,037	32.70%	3,410	2,364	44.25%	20	24	-16.67%	0	0	0.00%	6,133	4,425	38.60%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	1,262	640	97.19%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1,262	640	97.19%
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%	6,078	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	6,078	0	0.00%
Total	91,562	91,240	0.35%	93,659	89,439	4.72%	18,744	20,084	-6.67%	11,682	0	0.00%	215,647	200,763	7.41%

\*\*System Outreach was split out from Bennett Martin in FY 24-25

\*Study Room Attendance tracking began 9/1/2024

## LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

### Purge History

Date	Number of Accounts with an Outstanding Balance	Number of Accounts with no Outstanding Balance	Total Amount Purged	Total Accounts Purged
FY 2017-18	50,891	-	\$ 1,295,475.45	50,891
FY 2018-19	3,694	-	\$ 785,783.08	3,694
FY 2019-20	119	-	\$ 1,381.51	119
FY 2020-21	335	-	\$ 14,676.63	335
FY 2021-22	889	63,956	\$ 29,739.41	64,845
FY 2022-23	523	15,028	\$ 16,406.49	15,551
FY 2023-24	229	8,443	\$ 4,321.92	8,672
10/01/24	27	665	\$ 364.32	692
11/01/24	29	575	\$ 506.49	604
12/01/24	15	585	\$ 478.93	600
01/01/25	19	568	\$ 778.16	587
02/01/25	15	522	\$ 173.45	537
03/01/25	19	640	\$ 212.38	659
04/01/25	25	631	\$ 391.81	656
05/01/25	26	764	\$ 511.05	790
06/01/25	23	887	\$ 554.99	910
07/01/25	24	974	\$ 294.36	998
08/01/25	34	980	\$ 468.61	1,014
09/01/25	29	694	\$ 311.84	723