

MEETING NOTICE

DATE: May 15, 2026
TO: Library Board, Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney
FROM: Ryan Wieber, Library Director
SUBJECT: Library Board Meeting

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING:
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
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 April 21, 2026 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 April 2026*
6. Special Committee Reports
 - a. Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries
 - b. Central Library Update
7. New Business
8. President's Report
9. Assistant Library Director's Report
10. Director's Report
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, APRIL 21, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

WILLIAMS BRANCH LIBRARY

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Present: Jacki Ostrowicki, Lisa Hale, Morgan Gerteisen, Patty Beutler, Marilyn Moore, Terri Dunlap, Joe Shaw, Patty Beutler, Nichole Bogen

City of Lincoln Staff present: Libraries; Ryan Wieber, Jodene Glaesemann, Jennifer Hatfield, Lisa Olivigni, Sarah Dale. Other City staff: Admin Asst to Mayor, Amanda Callaway, Senior Atty for City Law Dept, Jocelyn Golden. Foundation for LCL Executive Director, Tiffani Hill; Project Control Project Manager, Anthony Fitzgerald.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

President Ostrowicki called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.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. Wieber noted one change – to table 7.e. Approval of Changes to the Municipal Code Pertaining to the Library Board as board members had insufficient time to review the changes. Moore moved approval of the Amended Agenda. Dunlap seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Shaw, Moore – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 17, 2026 MEETING MINUTES*

Beutler noted a correction needed for the March Meeting Minutes. Gerteisen moved to approve the March 17, 2026 meeting minutes as corrected. Shaw seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hale, Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen – AYE. Beutler – Abstain. Motion passed 6-0 with one abstention.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Administration

Did not meet.

Committee on Buildings and Grounds

Met March 25 to review the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). They discussed the potential of enhancing staffing as part of the budget process.

Committee on Technology

Did not meet.

Committee on Finance

Did not meet.

**Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures*

Treasurer Dunlap shared that the total operational expenditures for March, 2026 were \$1,088,834.60. The expenditures from other funds totaled \$346,903.22 for total monthly expenditures of \$1,435,737.82. Hale motioned approval. Gerteisen seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Beutler, Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen, Hale – YAY. Motion passed 7-0.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries

Executive Director Tiffani Hill shared fundraising progress, and reminded the Board that Give to Lincoln runs from May 1 to May 28. She noted that upcoming plans include the community fundraising events are in process and that they are working on specific gift amounts for naming opportunities for the new Central Library project. Brief discussion followed.

Central Library Update

Director Wieber gave an update on planning details and individual spaces. Discussion included wish lists, naming opportunities, lighting, solar panels from LES, the inclusion of native plants and trees, and plans for the collection.

NEW BUSINESS

**Approval of Frye Frazee Security Contract Extension, not to exceed \$74,000.*

Director Wieber shared that the existing contract expired before City Purchasing completed the bid process, so the solution is to extend the Frye Frazee contract for another six months until it goes out for a new bid. The service has been excellent, and the Library is pleased to extend the contract. There was no discussion. Shaw moved approval. Gerteisen seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

**Approval of updated Common Area Use Policy*

Wieber shared that this is a slight revision. Per the Law (LB1075) recently passed in the Unicameral, during the time between when ballots are mailed out and the end of election day, there can be no electioneering or petitioning within 25 feet of the ballot drop boxes at Anderson, Eiseley, Gere and Walt branches. This change puts the library policy in accordance with the law. Brief discussion followed. Dunlap moved approval. Shaw seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Dunlap, Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

**Approval of update to Signature Guidance Memo – Make it a Formal Policy*

Wieber noted that thus far, this has been only guidance for staff on how to be in line with the policy. This will make change its status to an official, Board-approved Policy and reflect the changes necessary per LB1075. There was brief discussion. Dunlap motioned approval. Gerteisen seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Dunlap – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

**Heritage Room Report and Approval of Public Heritage Room Collection Policy*

The Heritage Room's Collection Policy has existed for years. This updated version will become a public facing policy, just like the Collection Policy for the rest of the library's collection. Director Wieber introduced Heritage Room Curator Deb Arenz, who reviewed the policy and gave an overview of the Heritage Room, including programs like the Ames Reading Series and the annual Writer's Write program with LPS. She noted this policy will also expand the use of the space, allowing for meetings and browsing. Brief discussion followed. Beutler moved approval. Gerteisen seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Dunlap – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ostrowicki shared a joke she learned from a young library patron, and a poem called Oak Park Public Library Maze branch, 1984 by Ostrowicki. She noted that it was National Library Week, and National Poetry Month. She shared impressions from a visit to the new Omaha Central Library. She noted that the Board Bylaws are being reviewed, Moore is leading the ad hoc committee. Ostrowicki shared some details from the Annual Library

Volunteer Recognition with 208 volunteers with nearly 5,500 volunteer hours donate, a value of nearly \$200,000. She noted that the past president's advocacy group meets Friday, and a meeting with the Foundation Board is set for June. Two signature programs kick off in May – One Book One Lincoln and the Summer Reading Challenge. Look for an upcoming Op-Ed.

ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Glaesemann shared a new bookmobile schedule. Both new bookmobiles are in service, serving 17 City and County locations. Patrons can request a bookmobile to visit their events or group gatherings. Shaw noted the Bookmobile is visiting the Lux on August 29th. Glaesemann recommended viewing the new bookmobile page on the library website.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Wieber introduced Williams and Eiseley branch manager, Lisa Olivigni who have a review of Summer Reading programming at the Williams location. She noted that Parks staff is generous in allowing the library to hold big programs in the larger Rec Center community rooms. She shared plans for the Rescue a Dinosaur program at Eiseley for the summer. Brief discussion followed.

Wieber shared that the new Board Member application process has begun for 2026, and encouraged members to share the opportunity with friends and colleagues. He shared that to celebrate the 25th year of One Book One Lincoln, there is a reading challenge that includes OBOL nominees from each year. Gerteisen shared details about the final OBOL committee meeting, resulting in three solid and very different books as the top three.

BOARD OBSERVATIONS

Beutler shared some notes from the Omaha Central Library visit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Memo to the Library Board May 2026

Please note: this month's Board meeting on May 19 is at Bennett Martin Library at 8am.

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET: The actual percent of budget expended year to date is 65.59%, compared to the budgeted 66.67%. Annual adjusted expenditures to date are 68.22%.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 21, 2026 MINUTES

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Administration

The committee is scheduled to meet on May 18 to review the budgeting process, board appointment process, and Municipal code changes. They will meet again in early June to review board member applications.

Committee on Buildings and Grounds

This committee did not meet.

Committee on Technology

This committee did not meet.

Committee on Finance

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

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

The committee met on April 29 to review the preliminary budget and funding requests for 2026-2028. Another meeting will be scheduled before the end of May to discuss the final budget.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

I'll present a current status update of the Central Library Project, and Project Control will also be on hand.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There are no New Business items for consideration.

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 provide a general update on library news.

BOARD OBSERVATIONS**PUBLIC COMMENT****CONTRACTS FILED**

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date Received</u>
Lincoln City Libraries	To present "Unearth and Explore" program to engage youth in insect-hunting and plant-discovery activities at Bennett Martin Public Library on Monday, June 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at a cost not to exceed \$100.	4/27/2026
Family Service Lincoln	To provide community partners, including Lincoln City Libraries, to set up tables and booths on the east end of the Gere Branch Library parking lot on Saturday, June 27, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with information and activities to celebrate the Community Crops garden located on the Gere Library site. Community Crops may, at their expense, engage food trucks to park on site for the duration of the event.	4/28/2026
Big Gumdrop Outdoors	To present "Unearth and Explore" program to engage youth in insect-hunting and plant-discovery activities at Bennett Martin Public Library on Monday, June 29, 2-026 at 6:00 p.m. at a cost not to exceed \$100.00.	4/27/2026
Levi Gerlach, Musician	To give a musical performance for the Polley Music Library, inside Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508 at 2pm on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$200.00	4/24/2026
Alyssa Jewell, dba La La Librarian	To provide a public concert/storytime at Gere Branch Library on Sunday, August 23, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. for a cost not to exceed \$300.	4/24/2026
Alyssa Jewell, dba La La Librarian	To present a storytime training workshop for Lincoln City Libraries storytellers at Gere Branch Library, on August 24, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$3,450.00.	4/24/2026
Kyra Rumble, Regent, Daughters of the American Revolution, St. Leger Cowley Chapter	To present, "Cracked but Enduring: the Liberty Bell's Journey Through History" at Walt Branch Library on Monday June 15th at no cost.	4/24/2026
Cengage Learning Inc./Gale, A Cengage Company	To renew the Gale Presents: Petersons Test and Career Prep Subscription for Library customer use through May 5, 2027 at a cost not to exceed \$5,222.85	4/23/2026

ProQuest LLC	To renew the ProQuest Subscription for Library customer use through April 30, 2027 at a cost not to exceed \$7,085.78	4/23/2026
Theater Arts Academy	To perform four (4) previews of upcoming show at Gere Branch Library at the dates and times in the agreement at no cost.	4/21/2026
Peter Ferguson	To present the Mural Dedication of the Jevon Woods artwork, "The Rally" with Equity Cadre storytellers on April 24, 2026 at 10:30 at no cost.	4/21/2026
Lindsay Henkenius of Cedars Youth Services, Inc.	To present "Circle of Security Parenting" workshop to library patrons on the dates and times in the agreement at no cost.	4/21/2026
Curtis Olson, Trauma Outreach and Injury Prevention Coordinator, Bryan Health	To present two (2) sessions of "Stop the Bleed" training to Library staff on the days and times in the agreement at no cost.	4/21/2026
Music Studio, LNK and Lincoln Arts Council	Music Studio LNK and Lincoln Arts Council will collaborate with City to provide a music exploration experience, using a hands-on approach to explore a variety of instruments, musical styles and movement for children at Bennett Martin Public Library on the dates and times listed in the agreement at a cost to City not to exceed \$300.00.	4/20/2026
Jessica Earlywine	To give Crochet lessons to patrons at Walt Branch Library at the dates and times listed in the agreement at a cost not to exceed \$260.00.	4/20/2026
Bob Deschaine, dba The Lug Nuts	To give a musical performance at the Bookmobile Open House on Saturday, April 11 at no cost.	4/3/2026
Rachel Scheet	To present "Fossil Frenzy" at Family Fun Night, where families will learn about the fossils discovered in Nebraska at Walt Branch Library on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at no cost.	4/9/2026
Michaela Ballard dba 2-EEE the Clown & Friends	To provide, Clowning with Balloons, for the Bookmobile Open House at the times and locations in the agreement at a cost not to exceed \$355.00	4/3/2026
Jamie Swartz, International Quilt Museum	To present information about the International Quilt Museum and their exhibition celebrating America's 250th birthday - Material Nation: 250 Years of American Quilting on Sunday, June 21, 2026 at Gere Branch Library at no cost.	4/2/2026
Stomp Chomp Roar, LLC	To provide eight programs for kids about the history of the Tyrannosaurus Rex, the science of paleontology and to take photos with a "baby dinosaur" at the times and library locations in the agreement at a cost not to exceed \$3,125.00	4/2/2026
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	To present the program, "No More Stolen Sisters" at Eiseley Branch Library on May 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at no cost.	4/2/2026
Jennifer Buehler, dba Lincolnharper Music Therapy, LLC	To present a program on musical therapy interactions with hospice patients, how these fit into music therapy and music-making practices, and to give a brief performance on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at the Polley Music Library inside Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508 at a cost not to exceed \$200.	4/1/2026



LINCOLN
City Libraries

MEMORANDUM

TO: Library Board

FROM: LCL Business Office

RECAP OF EXPENDITURES - April 2026

Library Operational Budget - FY 2025-26	\$ 1,264,821.99	
Library Enc/Reapp - From FY 2024-25	-	
Heritage Room Fund - FY 2025-26	4,558.92	
Polley Music Library - FY 2025-26	14,669.91	
Total Operational Expenditures		\$ 1,284,050.82
Grants	\$ 11,750.58	
Hompes Fund	47.42	
Keno	64,885.66	
Miscellaneous Library Donations Funds	35,859.42	
Capital Improvements	790,126.45	
Total Expenditures - Other Funds		902,669.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 2,186,720.35

Library Director Approval: _____

Library Board Approval: _____



LINCOLN

City Libraries

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

Director's Report for April 2026

- The Summer Reading Challenge “Unearth a Story” runs from May 22-July 31 and includes an incredible amount of fun activities for all ages. Our Youth/Outreach and branch teams have put a ton of effort into creating a program that will inspire, engage, and make memories. The summer calendar (for June and July) has been included in your monthly board packet for convenience. There are many highlights but add the June 5 Saltdogs baseball game to your calendar. Hundreds of Challenge participants and family members will fill Haymarket Stadium that evening.
- Staff have lined up a number of programs throughout the year to recognize and celebrate USA’s 250th birthday. A variety of programming (17 total!) are slated across the system between June and August, and can be found in the Library Lineup. We’ll also have a page/story on the website to conveniently promote the events.
- Reports from Ali Bousquet and the Bookmobile Outreach team indicate residents are loving the new bookmobiles. At the Earth Day event on April 25 at Innovation Campus, staff registered approximately 50 new patrons with library cards, and at a visit to Humann Elementary on May 8, the team checked out 80 books! Upcoming popup events include a visit to the Lincoln Children’s Zoo on May 19 in the evening, Hop, SCIP, Jump and Run at Antelope Park on June 3, and the Saltdogs game on June 5. Other summer visits include the Sunday Farmer’s Market in College View, and many other community festivals.
- The reception and installation of the new Jevon Woods mural at Gere Branch on April 24 was a special day celebrated by approximately 40 in attendance and an engaging story time led by LPS Equity Cadre students for a big group of Belmont preschoolers.
- The musical, “*Suffs*,” was a big hit at the Lied recently, and we had the pleasure of hosting a “Page to Stage” with some of their leading stars. The event at Bennett Marin on May 8 drew 66 attendees.
- The biennial budget process is in full swing. We presented a preliminary budget and funding requests in mid-April, and will go before City Council on June 9 with our final request. As soon as we have confirmation of our final departmental budget, we’ll call together a special meeting of the Finance

Committee to review and discuss. First reading of the Budget Resolution is July 27, followed by the public hearing on August 3, and final adoption by Council on August 24.

- The Virtual Services team replaced barcode scanners at self checkout machines across LCL with new versions that can scan digital cards on phones and the LibraryLNK app, adding a nice convenience for people who prefer using their phone for checkout transactions.
- Central Library:
 - Please reserve June 26 at 5pm for a kickoff event for the Central Library Community Campaign, to be held at the Lincoln Community Foundation Gardens from 5pm-7pm.
 - The Design Development phase has been extended to June 5, rather than May 22. This will not impact the overall timeline of the project, but was necessary to ensure the design teams have sufficient time to provide the most accurate design and details to the City and Sampson Construction.
 - I recently presented on the new library to 100+ participants for an OLLI class. I'll participate with BVH/MSR on June 28 in Chicago at the ALA Conference on a session called "From Stalled to Built: Navigating Library Projects with Optimism and Consensus."
 - Beginning in early June we'll delve into the furnishings, fixtures, and equipment (FFE) process. For those board members who serve on the Owner's Advisory Committee, I'll pass along meeting dates as soon as we have them.
 - Public Art Lincoln will help coordinate the process for planning for art in the new building, and the specifics are developing. Funding for art will be privately raised.
 - LES has agreed to the construction of a 25kw solar array on the roof; there's much work to arrive at specifics and an agreement.

Examples of the Strategic Plan in action:

- Melanie N. (Gere) shared: "I did a custom booklist on Gothic Romance. The customer wanted Gothic romance that did not have any tinge of violence, suspense, or horror, so I really had to use my resources to develop this reading list. Using lots of Title and Author read-a-likes, and reviews from Goodreads and our catalog, I think I was able to develop a good list, despite not having read much of that genre. It was a fun exercise. I did notice those items coming through as holds, so that is great!"
- Justine E. (Gere) shared this interaction: "At South I helped a couple who had driven from North Platte find an article in the Lincoln Journal Star from 1990 when their nephew got a hole-in-one. They were working on a wall of fame and were going to frame the newspaper clipping! I'm glad I could find it without sending them down to Bennett Martin to dig through microfilm, especially since they misremembered the date!"
- Early one morning just as soon as the doors opened Marcy G. (Gere) had two gentlemen come and approached my asked if she spoke Spanish. Marcy replied with – "un poco" and with the knowledge of Spanish and Google translate was able to walk both through the steps to print documents off their

phones and helped them use the copier for their other documents. It didn't take Marcy a lot of time and they were happy they got their pages printed.

- Ronda H. and Chad S. (Gere) hosted 5 Circle of Friends with 187 attending. Themes this month included: April Fools; Lilo & Stitch; Paper Airplanes; Spring; and Flowers.
- There were 24 Tech Time appointments at Gere this month with 18 unique customers, 6 of which needed assistance with digital library services.
- Diane V. (Gere) spoke at the St. Paul United Methodist Church's women's group on the 1st and shared information on Lincoln City Libraries programming and plans for the new Central Library. The group provided Diane with a donation and there were 22 attending.
- Cally O. and Chad S. were at Culler on the 23rd with 30 students and they visited Lefler on the 9th seeing 60 students, and Standing Bear on the 16th with 20 students. They had extended time with the kids at Lefler due to testing to work on this month's craft project of weaved and beaded friendship bracelets and keychains. Cally also did a storytime for Standing Bear Preschool's two classrooms with 30 attending.
- Greg W. and Toni Y. hosted 4 preschool storytimes at South with 73 attending, and 4 Stay and Play with 75 attending. Greg had the Symphony visit for storytime on the 8th – Musical Bookworms with 94 attending.
- Penny L. (BMPL) presented the "Stories of Us" program, and shared "We had 2 local authors: Ms. Janice Harrington and Nebraska State Poet, Jewel Rodgers, and the LPS Equity Cadre led by Mr. Peter Ferguson. We had about 60 participants and many members of staff on hand to support and ensure the program ran smoothly. The program lasted for 2 hours and included insights from our guests, a wonderful opening by Library Director Ryan Wieber. We provided snacks, free books and an opportunity to meet with and get insights from our guests." The program was a great success!
- With summer reading coming up, staff have been preparing for the Challenge. Lauren E. at Bennett Martin relayed, "In April I completed the giant paper mâché T-Rex head. It sits in the first-floor lobby with flyers promoting the Summer Reading Program in its mouth! It has the ability to roll around and be located anywhere in the library. It also has room for a small Bluetooth speaker to be hidden, should an event or program like the ambiance of a roaring (or musical) T-rex! I also completed a 4-foot-tall Penelope Rex out of paper mâché."
- Jackie S. (BMPL) shared this interaction, "A patron came in wanting to get a new library card and to update their information. Then she asked about the different book groups we have because she was wanting a way to meet people. I took her to a PAC and showed her where to find the library book group information on our website. I then clicked on the groups specific for Bennett Martin and told her a little bit about those groups. I also showed her our library line up and where to find events at all the branches on the website. She was very excited and seemed impressed with all the different groups and programs we offer as a library system. She thanked me a few times for the information and was excited to check out some of our different programs."
- Amber S. (BMPL) said that a regular teen at her crochet program has started writing her own crochet patterns. This is something Amber doesn't do and she's so proud of the teen for her progress since she started!

- Caralyn K. (BMPL) relayed this transaction, “A young man was worried that he might owe money on his account so I looked him up--all was well. I told him about being fine free; he asked if we had a book by Marcus Garvey. We only had the hoopla version but I asked if he used apps on his phone and he said he did and I told him about hoopla and he was interested but worried about whether it was going to cost and how to get it on his phone. I walked him through the process of downloading it and showed him how to look up the item he wanted. He was amazed. ‘Just like that, I can listen on my phone?’”
- Anthony V. (BMPL) shared this interaction, “A patron came in wanting to sign up for a library card. We started talking about all the services we offer and we even have music books. The patron instantly got excited. I told him we have a dedicated music librarian and patrons can check out guitars and ukulele’s as well. Since his old guitar broke he was happy to know that he could check out a guitar. One happened to be available and we were able to check him out a guitar right after he signed up for a card. He was super stoked and happy.”
- For one year, Kim J. has been working on a scanning project of historical photographs for Lincoln City Libraries in preparation for the 150th anniversary coming up July 2027. Kim has been able to share some of these photos with the rest of staff through the Bi-Weekly Bulletin and it’s been fun to visit LCL’s history!
- Walt volunteer Kathy C. asked if a staff member would speak at an upcoming book club meeting that Kathy scheduled to meet at Walt. The book club does not typically meet at the library, but Kathy thought it was appropriate as they were reading *That Librarian: The Fight Against Book Banning in America* by Amanda Jones. Because the book describes instances of censorship efforts and intellectual freedom, the group was interested in hearing from an LCL staff person with knowledge on those topics. Wyatt P. spoke at the book club meeting on 4/27 and shared the recently released statistics from the American Library Association regarding challenges to library resources and described LCL’s policies. The group had excellent questions and members shared that they appreciated learning more on this topic.
- Jessica S. (Walt) shared, “I was helping a couple register for library cards when the gentleman said, ‘I haven’t been here since I helped build this place!’ After asking a few questions, I learned that he helped install the drywall throughout the entire building in 2001. He also remembered creating ‘a weird wall with letters for the kids’ area.’ I let him know it was the ABC privacy wall for the toddler bathrooms, and that it is still there. He enjoyed walking around after receiving his library card.”
- Courtney S. (Walt) wrote, “A woman came in and told me that she had taken a piece of a Christmas cactus from our propagation station a year ago. She showed me a picture of her now thriving cactus! It’s great to see our displays and resources be used!”
- Deanne J. at Walt reported, “As I helped a woman print she told me how our fax service saved her a ‘boatload of money.’ She explained that she had recently retired but something went wrong with the paperwork, and she had a certain number of days to get the corrections in. It had taken over half of her allotted days to receive the starting paperwork via postal mail, and she was worried if she mailed it back it would not get there in time. She faxed it from here instead and was very grateful.”
- Andrea C. (Walt) wrote, “Early in the month, I helped a mom place many Playaways on hold for her son. She explained that they liked the Playaways because it was all in one and he did not need a device to listen to the book. She said they were really helping him reduce his screen time and as a result his focus, attention, and mood were improving. ‘They are real lifesavers,’ she said. Later in the

month, she came up to the front desk, and I asked how they were doing. The mom said they were doing really well because they were able to go on an 8-hour car trip without using any screens.”

- In addition to the City of Lincoln Minor Volunteer application, prospective volunteers completed the VolunTEEN application specifically for Walt Branch, which includes two essay questions that must be answered in the applicant’s own words. We received many thoughtful and unique responses.
 - Question 1: “Why do you want to volunteer at Walt Branch Library?”
 - “I want to get my MLIS and become a librarian in some capacity. I want to volunteer to gain more experience into the day-to-day activity of a public service librarian to see if I would like to pursue that avenue.” – Naomi, 12th grade
 - “It’s a great way to spend my summer learning communication, organization and responsibility.” Hannah, 8th grade
 - “I want to be of service to my community. I think it would be fun to help the library out.” – Astrid, 6th grade
 - “I’d like experience with libraries so if I want a library science degree I have a better chance of getting into college. And I want to work with the people there.” – William 6th grade
- News from the Heritage Room:
 - 40 people attended **Letters about Literature** and received a tour of the HR.
 - 25 people attended the **Spring Ames Reading Series** event featuring author Mike Bockoven.
 - Curator Deb A. continues to **inventory, organize, and rehouse non-book collection items** to improve long-term preservation and retrieval.
 - She is also working on a **list of 250 Nebraska Authors** for the upcoming 250th U.S. anniversary
- Anderson Branch Library held its first Stuffie Sleepover in September 2025. We heard numerous requests from customers to have another sleepover. So, we made sure to have another Stuffie Sleepover before the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge begins. On Friday, 04/11/2026, 60 people dropped off a total of 35 stuffies. NESU employees took a picture of each child with their stuffie and checked them in for the night. Seventy people came the next morning to a special storytime/pickup event. Following the storytime, attendees had donuts and were provided a goodie bag and booklet of photos from their stuffie’s adventure. Christina S. did the preparation for the event, and Stephanie E. and Karrie S. helped her entertain the stuffies and take pictures of all of their antics during the “sleepover.”
- The annual Teen Art Show took place on 04/16/2026 at Anderson. The art teacher at Northeast High School with whom Karrie has planned this event for many years transferred to North Star High School this year. Fortunately, he gave Karrie a heads-up and the name of the new department chair, so Karrie was able to reach out well in advance of the event. The art reception had 150 attendees – including teens, their families, art teachers, and members of the public. As always, it was great to see multiple generations gather in the library to celebrate teens’ successes.
- The six-week **Read to a Dog** program finished up this month at Anderson Branch. In April, there were four sessions with 21 attendees. Attendance includes the parents and siblings that came to hang out with Yeti! On 04/16/2026, Read to a Dog took place at the same time as the Teen Art Show. Yeti was definitely a hit with the folks who came to see the artwork.
- Mahjong players continue to meet once a week at Anderson. During April, a total of 23 adults participated in the five sessions.

From the Polley Music Library, Librarian Scott S. added ten more Orangewood guitars to our guitar lending program this month, 5 small and 5 large. This month marks the 4th year of offering guitars from the library. Generally, the program has gone well and is popular with patrons, but guitars not being returned has been our primary difficulty. That has been somewhat of a surprise, considering that ukuleles are generally returned without issue.

Los Mariachis de la Ciudad Estrella, the LPS all-district mariachi ensemble, returned to the library this month, performing their more difficult repertoire, which they generally work on during the spring. They were lots of fun, and we had 55 attendees.

The Polley Music Library Show on KZUM had four episodes in April, which featured a book about the history of pop music in Iceland, a book featuring the diaries, lyrics, and artwork of grunge singer Layne Staley, a book about the art and science of “sonification,” turning various forms of data into audio or musical form, and the new memoir by Howard Levy, a multi-instrumentalist and harmonica virtuoso best known for his work with Bela Fleck and the Flecktones.

Website usage:

	April 2026	March 2026	% change	April 2025	% change	FY 2025-26 YTD	FY 2024-25 YTD	% change
Pageviews	94,848	97,629	-3%	80,171	18%	789,594	737,847	7%
Sessions	64,285	65,523	-2%	56,820	13%	522,312	459,789	14%
Users	45,560	48,678	-6%	42,008	8%	392,196	338,108	16%

Top Twenty Website Pages for April 2026:

Page title	Views
Home	47,672
Locations and Hours	5,043
Events Calendar	2,663
Get a Library Card	1,108
Databases and Research	940
Storytimes	865
One Book One Lincoln	837
Meeting Rooms and Study Rooms	821
Programs and Events	772
Summer Reading Challenge	719
Borrow and Learn	681
Print, Scan and Copy	634
Due and Renew	614
Central Library Project	600
Author Alerts	538
3D Printing Request - Lincoln Libraries	525

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4/17/2026

**Lincoln City Libraries
April 2026 Use Report**

Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits			April 2026 Other Use					April 2025 Other Use					Change: Total Other Use
	Apr 2026	Apr 2025	Change	Apr 2026	Apr 2025	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	12,540	12,774	-1.83%	10,671	10,729	-0.54%	2,705	1,712	216	109	4,742	2,455	817	187	46	3,505	35.29%
Anderson Branch Library	11,184	12,245	-8.66%	6,313	6,649	-5.05%	715	824	133	0	1,672	896	412	273	0	1,581	5.76%
Bethany Branch Library	7,637	8,295	-7.93%	2,653	2,899	-8.49%	231	232	0	0	463	257	281	0	0	538	-13.94%
Eiseley Branch Library	21,256	21,365	-0.51%	9,149	9,619	-4.89%	1,325	1,196	376	326	3,223	1,252	1,252	281	331	3,116	3.43%
Gere Branch Library	54,042	55,392	-2.44%	18,024	17,803	1.24%	1,331	2,732	639	344	5,046	1,349	2,376	713	335	4,773	5.72%
South Branch Library	8,856	8,612	2.83%	3,910	4,280	-8.64%	441	423	0	0	864	504	450	0	0	954	-9.43%
Walt Branch Library	39,891	37,137	7.42%	13,552	12,856	5.41%	1,446	2,457	395	441	4,739	1,294	1,636	431	354	3,715	27.56%
Williams Branch Library	1,019	1,153	-11.62%	1,473	1,488	-1.01%	264	950	4	0	1,218	366	369	0	0	735	65.71%
Lied Bookmobile	1,190	1,786	-33.37%	316	693	-54.40%	0	152	0	0	152	0	360	0	0	360	-57.78%
InterLibrary Loan	179	182	-1.65%	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	618	0	0	618	0	837	0	0	837	-26.16%
SUBTOTAL	157,794	158,941	-0.72%	66,061	67,016	-1.43%	8,458	11,296	1,763	1,220	22,737	8,373	8,790	1,885	1,066	20,114	13.04%
DownloadStream Audio	51,735	49,017	5.55%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBooks	34,972	34,701	0.78%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	1,097	1,014	8.19%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Download SUBTOTAL	87,804	84,732	3.63%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	245,598	243,673	0.79%	66,061	67,016	-1.43%	8,458	11,296	1,763	1,220	22,737	8,373	8,790	1,885	1,066	20,114	13.04%

Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total	REGISTRATIONS	2026	2025	Change
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth		Purged			
Owned	338,998	301,854	70,336	30,120	741,308	Active			
Added	2,112	3,054	212	16	5,394	Resident	119,221	148,562	-19.75%
Withdrawn	-1,122	-1,189	-405	-29	-2,745	Library OneCard	42,898	53,361	-19.61%
Current	339,988	303,719	70,143	30,107	743,957	County	7,007	8,865	-20.96%
						NonResident	851	967	-12.00%
						Reciprocal	374	489	-23.52%
						Limited Use	9,131	10,394	-12.15%
						Total Active	179,482	222,638	-19.38%

	2026	2025	Change
WiFi Sessions	127,834	106,986	19.49%
WiFi Users	9,232	9,645	-4.28%
Website Users	71,264	87,747	-18.78%
Website Sessions	126,992	121,885	4.19%
Database Use	9,275	8,269	12.17%

**April 2026 Use Compared to April 2025
Lincoln City Libraries**

Location	Print Checkouts		Print Loan	Non-Print Checkouts		Non-Print	Total Checkouts		Total Loan
	2026	2025	Change	2026	2025	Loan Change	2026	2025	Change
BMPL	10,349	10,531	-1.73%	2,191	2,243	-2.32%	12,540	12,774	-1.83%
Anderson	9,588	10,047	-4.57%	1,596	2,198	-27.39%	11,184	12,245	-8.66%
Bethany	6,769	7,460	-9.26%	868	835	3.95%	7,637	8,295	-7.93%
Eiseley	19,181	19,002	0.94%	2,075	2,363	-12.19%	21,256	21,365	-0.51%
Gere	48,237	48,659	-0.87%	5,805	6,733	-13.78%	54,042	55,392	-2.44%
South	7,804	7,446	4.81%	1,052	1,166	-9.78%	8,856	8,612	2.83%
Walt	35,777	32,863	8.87%	4,114	4,274	-3.74%	39,891	37,137	7.42%
Williams	908	907	0.11%	111	246	-54.88%	1,019	1,153	-11.62%
Bookmobile 1	1,113	1,637	-32.01%	77	149	-48.32%	1,190	1,786	-33.37%
Bookmobile 2	244	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	263	0	0.00%
InterLibrary Loan	179	182	-1.65%	0	0	0.00%	179	182	-1.65%
Subtotal Checkouts	140,149	138,734	1.02%	17,908	20,207	-11.38%	158,057	158,941	-0.56%
Download/Stream Audio	0	0	0.00%	51,735	49,017	5.55%	51,735	49,017	5.55%
Download/Stream eBook	0	0	0.00%	34,972	34,701	0.78%	34,972	34,701	0.78%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,097	1,014	8.19%	1,097	1,014	8.19%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	140,149	138,734	1.02%	105,712	104,939	0.74%	245,861	243,673	0.90%

Location	Youth Checkouts		Youth Loan	Adult Checkouts		Adult Loan	Visits	Visits	Visits
	2026	2025	Change	2026	2025	Change	2026	2025	Change
BMPL	5,330	4,367	22.05%	7,210	8,407	-14.24%	10,671	10,729	-0.54%
Anderson	6,084	6,127	-0.70%	5,100	6,118	-16.64%	6,313	6,649	-5.05%
Bethany	4,717	5,289	-10.81%	2,920	3,006	-2.86%	2,653	2,899	-8.49%
Eiseley	14,121	14,052	0.49%	7,135	7,313	-2.43%	9,149	9,619	-4.89%
Gere	32,251	32,215	0.11%	21,791	23,177	-5.98%	18,024	17,803	1.24%
South	5,134	4,753	8.02%	3,722	3,859	-3.55%	3,910	4,280	-8.64%
Walt	27,471	24,519	12.04%	12,420	12,618	-1.57%	13,552	12,856	5.41%
Williams	712	792	-10.10%	307	361	-14.96%	1,473	1,488	-1.01%
Bookmobile 1	652	1,239	-47.38%	538	547	-1.65%	316	693	-54.40%
Bookmobile 2	209	0	0.00%	54	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	179	182	-1.65%	0	0	0.00%
Subtotal Checkouts	96,681	93,353	3.56%	61,376	65,588	-6.42%	66,061	67,016	-1.43%
Download/Stream Audio	7,651	6,997	9.35%	44,084	42,020	4.91%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBook	9,678	8,739	10.74%	25,294	25,962	-2.57%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,097	1,014	8.19%	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	114,010	109,089	4.51%	131,851	134,584	-2.03%	66,061	67,016	-1.43%

Location	Program & Outreach Attendance - Youth		P&O Att - Youth	Program & Outreach Attendance - Adult		P&O Att - Adult	Computer Use		Computer
	2026	2025	Change	2026	2025	Change	2026	2025	Change
BMPL	1,447	637	127.16%	265	180	47.22%	2,705	2,455	10.18%
Anderson	802	408	96.57%	22	4	450.00%	715	896	-20.20%
Bethany	183	228	-19.74%	49	53	-7.55%	231	257	-10.12%
Eiseley	1,172	1,177	-0.42%	24	75	-68.00%	1,325	1,252	5.83%
Gere	2,332	2,053	13.59%	400	323	23.84%	1,331	1,349	-1.33%
South	415	434	-4.38%	8	16	-50.00%	441	504	-12.50%
Walt	2,198	1,409	56.00%	259	227	14.10%	1,446	1,294	11.75%
Williams	940	361	160.39%	10	8	25.00%	264	366	-27.87%
Bookmobile 1	120	313	-61.66%	32	47	-31.91%	0	0	0.00%
Bookmobile 2	189	0	0.00%	250	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	336	200	68.00%	282	637	-55.73%	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	10,134	7,220	40.36%	1,601	1,570	1.97%	8,458	8,373	1.02%

Location	Meeting Room Attendance		Meeting Room Att	Study Room Attendance		Study Room Att	2026	2025	
	2026	2025	Change	2026	2025	Change			
BMPL	216	187	15.51%	109	46	136.96%			0.00%
Anderson	133	273	-51.28%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Bethany	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Eiseley	376	281	33.81%	326	331	-1.51%			0.00%
Gere	639	713	-10.38%	344	335	2.69%			0.00%
South	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Walt	395	431	-8.35%	441	354	24.58%			0.00%
Williams	4	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
TOTAL	1,763	1,885	-6.47%	1,220	1,066	14.45%	0	0	0.00%

Lincoln City Libraries
April 2026 Fiscal Year To Date Use Report

Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits		
	Loans/ Circulation	Loans/ Circulation	YTD Change	Visits	Visits	YTD Change
	FY 25-26 YTD	FY 24-25 YTD		FY 25-26 YTD	FY 24-25 YTD	
Bennett Martin Public Library	96,717	104,436	-7.39%	78,207	86,503	-9.59%
Anderson Branch	93,330	95,831	-2.61%	48,586	46,980	3.42%
Bethany Branch	59,451	62,767	-5.28%	21,249	22,418	-5.21%
Eiseley Branch	162,972	171,025	-4.71%	70,627	77,785	-9.20%
Gere Branch	410,202	431,755	-4.99%	131,245	150,849	-13.00%
South Branch	72,420	70,322	2.98%	30,954	30,664	0.95%
Walt Branch	311,916	302,530	3.10%	105,167	103,194	1.91%
Williams Branch	10,311	7,674	34.36%	10,044	10,090	-0.46%
Lied Bookmobile	10,050	11,976	-16.08%	1,608	2,889	-44.34%
InterLibrary Loan	1,315	1,340	-1.87%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
SUBTOTAL	1,228,684	1,259,656	-2.46%	497,687	531,372	-6.34%
Download/Stream Audio	399,876	381,416	4.84%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBooks	277,193	277,090	0.04%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	8,777	8,613	1.90%	0	0	0.00%
Download SUBTOTAL	685,846	667,119	2.81%	0	0	0.00%
Total	1,914,530	1,926,775	-0.64%	497,687	531,372	-6.34%

	FY 25-26 YTD	FY 24-25 YTD	YTD Change
Online Registration	945	907	4.19%
Overall Registration	7,120	7,585	-6.13%

	FY 25-26 YTD	FY 24-25 YTD	YTD Change
WiFi Sessions	880,535	931,371	-5.46%
WiFi Users	64,459	73,332	-12.10%
Website Users	528,694	697,890	-24.24%
Website Sessions	887,808	969,100	-8.39%
Database Use	75,002	61,674	21.61%

Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	
Owned 9/1/2025	335,340	300,255	70,379	30,099	736,073
Added YTD	16,045	18,058	1,989	980	37,072
Withdrawn YTD	-17,962	-22,023	-6,290	-3,358	-49,633
Current - 3/31/2026	333,423	296,290	66,078	27,721	723,512

Location	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 25-26 YTD	FY 24-25 YTD		FY 25-26 YTD	FY 24-25 YTD		FY 25-26 YTD	FY 24-25 YTD		FY 25-26 YTD	FY 24-25 YTD		FY 25-26 YTD	FY 24-25 YTD	
Bennett Martin Public Library	20,262	19,369	4.61%	4,122	4,340	-5.02%	2,459	1,703	44.39%	475	463	2.59%	27,318	25,875	5.58%
Anderson Branch	5,293	6,356	-16.72%	5,681	6,089	-6.70%	2,225	1,620	37.35%	211	-	0.00%	13,410	14,065	-4.66%
Bethany Branch	1,883	1,792	5.08%	936	1,527	-38.70%	721	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%	3,540	3,319	6.66%
Eiseley Branch	10,182	10,758	-5.35%	7,474	10,067	-25.76%	4,601	2,726	68.78%	2,591	2,433	6.49%	24,848	25,984	-4.37%
Gere Branch	10,041	9,604	4.55%	12,016	13,071	-8.07%	7,780	5,011	55.26%	2,343	2,319	1.03%	32,180	30,005	7.25%
South Branch	3,343	3,529	-5.27%	1,093	1,669	-34.51%	705	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%	5,141	5,198	-1.10%
Walt Branch	10,389	8,993	15.52%	11,197	10,733	4.32%	6,341	3,128	102.72%	2,987	2,734	9.25%	30,914	25,588	20.81%
Williams Branch	2,063	1,908	8.12%	1,158	2,021	-42.70%	847	20	4135.00%	-	-	0.00%	4,068	3,949	3.01%
Lied Bookmobile	-	0	0.00%	562	771	-27.11%	454	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%	1,016	771	31.78%
InterLibrary Loan	-	0	0.00%	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
System Outreach	-	0	0.00%	1,925	2,392	-19.52%	1,419	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%	3,344	2,392	39.80%
Total	63,456	62,309	1.84%	46,164	52,680	-12.37%	27,552	14,208	93.92%	8,607	7,949	8.28%	145,779	137,146	6.29%

*Study Room Attendance tracking began 9/1/2024

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

Monthly Categorical Report

April 30, 2026

	Budget Amount	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
Administration-Div. 1					
Personnel	\$ 1,039,673.00	\$ 693,115.33	\$ 657,783.74	\$ 381,889.26	\$ 107,332.51
Supplies	33,000.00	22,000.00	5,273.14	27,726.86	397.58
Services & Charges	176,549.00	117,699.33	153,641.26	22,907.74	3,580.86
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 1,249,222.00	\$ 832,814.67	\$ 816,698.14	\$ 432,523.86	\$ 111,310.95
Percent Expended		66.67%	65.38%		
Buildings & Grounds-Div. 2					
Personnel	\$ 141,745.00	\$ 94,496.67	\$ 97,185.43	\$ 44,559.57	\$ 15,527.91
Supplies	27,000.00	18,000.00	63,937.57	(36,937.57)	6,441.28
Services & Charges	1,211,499.00	807,666.00	792,329.18	419,169.82	81,266.26
Other	163,396.00	108,930.67	45,415.82	117,980.18	-
Total	\$ 1,543,640.00	\$ 1,029,093.33	\$ 998,868.00	\$ 544,772.00	\$ 103,235.45
Percent Expended		66.67%	64.71%		
Public Service-Div. 3					
Personnel	\$ 6,608,087.00	\$ 4,405,391.33	\$ 4,274,878.13	\$ 2,333,208.87	\$ 706,424.28
Supplies	90,250.00	60,166.67	36,031.53	54,218.47	4,221.03
Services & Charges	61,700.00	41,133.33	34,663.91	27,036.09	2,490.18
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 6,760,037.00	\$ 4,506,691.33	\$ 4,345,573.57	\$ 2,414,463.43	\$ 713,135.49
Percent Expended		66.67%	64.28%		
Support Services-Div. 4					
Personnel	\$ 1,365,832.00	\$ 910,554.67	\$ 853,133.01	\$ 512,698.99	\$ 145,345.79
Supplies	62,000.00	41,333.33	62,780.78	(780.78)	12,704.16
Services & Charges	452,923.00	301,948.67	438,458.19	14,464.81	108,036.46
Other	992,472.00	661,648.00	634,342.03	358,129.97	71,053.69
Total	\$ 2,873,227.00	\$ 1,915,484.67	\$ 1,988,714.01	\$ 884,512.99	\$ 337,140.10
Percent Expended		66.67%	69.22%		
Total Library Operational					
Personnel	\$ 9,155,337.00	\$ 6,103,558.00	\$ 5,882,980.31	\$ 3,272,356.69	\$ 974,630.49
Supplies	212,250.00	141,500.00	168,023.02	44,226.98	23,764.05
Services & Charges	1,902,671.00	1,268,447.33	1,419,092.54	483,578.46	195,373.76
Other	1,155,868.00	770,578.67	679,757.85	476,110.15	71,053.69
Total	\$ 12,426,126.00	\$ 8,284,084.00	\$ 8,149,853.72	\$ 4,276,272.28	\$ 1,264,821.99
Percent Expended		66.67%	65.59%		
Other Library Fund Appropriations					
	Amount Appropriated		Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
FY 2024-25 Reappropriated	\$ 301,992.00		\$ 301,992.00	\$ -	\$ -

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES
April 2026

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balance
<u>GRANT FUNDS</u>				
Net Lender Fund	\$ 2,569.55	\$ -	\$ -	2,569.55
NLC Misc Grants	\$ 7,242.28	\$ -	\$ 1,245.73	5,996.55
NLC Youth Grant 2024	8,322.29	4,000.00	512.15	11,810.14
NLC NE eReads Grant 2025	1,599.32	-	-	1,599.32
State Aid 2024	8,893.56	-	8,893.56	-
State Aid 2025	53,224.71	266.30	1,099.14	52,391.87

DONATED FUNDS

Heritage Room	\$ 172,269.19	\$ 41,443.09	\$ 4,558.92	209,153.36
Polley Music Library	292,813.82	1,246.02	14,669.91	279,389.93
Joseph J. Hompes	171,987.20	10,069.67	47.42	182,009.45
Misc. Library Donations	742,222.03	97,809.74	35,859.42	804,172.35
Alice Nielsen	91,134.87	375.70	-	91,510.57
Dorothy Holland	131,093.25	540.42	-	131,633.67
Glennis Leapley	6,440.34	31.08	-	6,471.42
Lincoln Cares	34,397.86	465.21	-	34,863.07

APPROPRIATED FUNDS

	Budget	Expended		Balance
		Apr 2026	Exp-to-Date	
Heritage Room FY 2025-26	\$ 38,438.00	\$ 4,558.92	\$ 26,772.17	11,665.83
Polley Music Library FY 2025-26	128,527.00	14,669.91	85,151.28	43,375.72
Keno FY 2025-26	988,657.00	64,885.66	467,327.24	521,329.76
Capital Improvement Projects				
FY 2021-22 Bookmobile	587,148.76	599,237.00	599,237.00	(12,088.24)
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 BMPL Building Upgrades	250,000.00	-	-	250,000.00
FY 2025-26 New Central Library	29,448,424.30	190,889.45	6,766,529.64	22,681,894.66



UNEARTH A STORY

- Read 10 hours. Get big rewards.
- Free pool + Saltdogs tickets just for signing up!
- Finish = food, prizes & more.
- Plus: animals, magic & FREE events all summer!

2026 Summer Reading Challenge | May 22-July 31

VISIT OUR NEW BOOKMOBILES!



Summer Storytimes

at Lincoln City Libraries



June and July 2026

Spish Splash Storytimes

Join us for storytime at a City of Lincoln pool! We'll read, sing and dance together, then enjoy a half-hour of free swim time. Geared for ages five and under with their adult. This program is co-sponsored by Lincoln City Libraries and Lincoln Parks and Recreation. Children two and under must wear a swim diaper. Children five and under must be within arm's reach of a parent or guardian. And all children must be accompanied by someone 16 years of age or older.

Highlands Aquatic Center

5511 N.W. 12th St.
06/05 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

Woods Pool

3200 J St.
06/12 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

Belmont Pool

1201 Manatt St.
06/17 WEDNESDAY 6:30-7:20

Ballard Pool

3901 N. 66th St.
06/26 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

Arnold Heights Pool

4000 N.W. 46th St.
07/01 WEDNESDAY 6:30-7:20

Star City Shores

4375 S. 33rd Ct.
07/10 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

University Place Aquatic Center

2000 N. 48th St.
07/17 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

Eden Pool

4400 Antelope Creek Rd.
07/24 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

Irvingdale Pool

1900 Van Dorn St.
07/31 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

America 250 Programs

Unsung America: Non-Fiction Picture Book Club (K-2nd)
Wednesdays, 06/03-07/08
2-3 p.m. | Walt

America 250 Film Series
06/14, 07/12, 08/09 | 1-4 p.m. | BMPL
International Quilt Museum:

America's 250th
06/21 | 2-3 p.m. | Gere

What Does It Mean to Be an American? (Mixed Media Collage)
06/25 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Eiseley

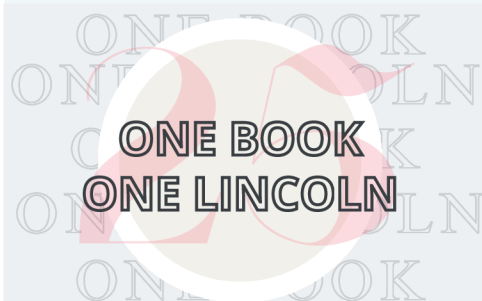
Votes for Women: U.S. & Nebraska Suffrage
06/28 | 1-2 p.m. | Eiseley
Stars, Stripes & Family Fun Night
07/09 | 5:30-7 p.m. | Walt
Call of the West: Challenges & Opportunities
July 12 | 2-3 p.m. | Gere
Postwar Pop: Mid-20th Century Memorabilia
July 14 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Anderson
1776: Where Were Your Ancestors?
July 19 | 2-3 p.m. | Walt
Remember the Ladies: Stitching a Revolution
August 16 | 2-3 p.m. | Walt

One Book One Lincoln celebrates 25 years of reading together. Watch for more programs and vote for your favorite of the Top Three titles this summer.

One Book One Lincoln Top Three at The Mill, Telegraph District

Celebrate the 25th Season of One Book One Lincoln with us as we announce the Top Three finalists for 2026! Bring some friends and join us at The Mill-Telegraph, grab a beverage and mingle with other readers on the patio. Can you guess which of the 2026 Top 10 titles will be a finalist? The official announcement will be at 10:30am and there will be copies available for checkout, so please remember to bring your library card. See you there!

05/25 MON 9:30-11:30 MILL



Bethany BookTalks-Special One Book One Lincoln Top Ten!

Each weekly BookTalks session features a different presenter sharing their reading recommendations. Be the first to hear the top ten One Book One Lincoln choices as we share the inside scoop. Registration is not required and drop-in attendance is encouraged.

05/22 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH



YOUTH

Edgerton Explorit Center: Sparks

Sparks fly, and so does the fun, when students meet the Van de Graaff generator during this exploration of static electricity. Participants will learn how energy moves in simple experiments, some of which are even a little "shocking" and "hair-raising"...but always fun!

06/02 TUE 2:00-2:45 ANDR

Construction Crew

Whether it's LEGO bricks, K'nex, Magna-Tiles or Keva Planks, we'll have free construction time for you and all of your building buddies.

06/07 SUN 1:00-3:00 ANDR

07/05 SUN 1:00-3:00 ANDR

Heavy Equipment Encounter

Meet in the library parking lot to explore some of the machinery used by Lincoln's Transportation and Utilities Department. You'll even get to climb aboard some of these trucks!

06/09 TUE 2:00-2:45 ANDR

Stomp, Chomp, Roar: Dinosaurs at the Library

Discover the fascinating history of the Tyrannosaurus Rex in a fun, interactive show! Kids will explore the science of paleontology, learn facts about dinosaurs, and imagine a world from long, long ago. Attendees will even get to take photos with a "baby dinosaur" at the end!

06/16 TUE 2:00-2:45 ANDR

Ashfall Fossil Beds Virtual Tour

Get a close-up view of the amazing fossils found at Ashfall Fossil Beds! An educator will take us (virtually) on a live tour to explore fossil discoveries and "step" into the fossil bed to get a first-hand look at some of the rhino, horse, and camel skeletons found there. Learn about the volcano in southwest Idaho that blanketed Nebraska with glassy volcanic ash 12-million years ago, the impact on wildlife, and how their fossil remains were discovered and continue to be researched.

06/23 TUE 2:00-3:00 ANDR

Dino Day

Stomp, chomp and roar; let's party like a dinosaur! Join us for dino-mite fun and games.

06/30 TUE 2:00-3:00 ANDR

06/30 TUE 6:00-7:00 ANDR

YOUTH Continued

Wildlife Encounters: Dig Into Adventure!

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07/07 TUE 2:00-2:45 ANDR

Jurassic Magic with Jeff Quinn

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07/14 TUE 2:00-2:45 ANDR

Saltdogs at the Library for Kids!

Meet Homer the Haymarket Hound and players from the Lincoln Saltdogs when they visit the library to read a book, lead us in practice stretches, and sign autographs! You might even get to play catch with a Saltdog!

07/21 TUE 1:30-2:00 ANDR

Dancing Dinosaurs

Let's make some noise! Stomp on in for 30 minutes of music, movement and dino fun. It's going to be fossil-tively awesome!

07/28 TUE 1:30-2:00 ANDR

07/28 TUE 2:30-3:00 ANDR

TEENS Grades 6-12

Teen BINGO

Call your cousins, bring your brother, find a friend, and join us for a fun afternoon of BINGO just for TEENS! There will be snacks!

06/01 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

Doodle Art for Teens

Join us to make a zentangle masterpiece using your favorite shapes and patterns. We'll provide the supplies, you bring the creativity! Limited to the first 30 teens.

06/08 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

Teen Button Making

Need some flair to add to your bag? A pin to say exactly how you feel? Use our button maker and your creativity to make your own perfect buttons!

06/15 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

Teen Friendship Bracelets

Everybody loves a friendship bracelet. Stop by the library to learn a few different techniques. Make one to give to your bestie and one to keep for yourself!

06/29 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

TEENS Grades 6-12 Continued

Puzzle-Palooza for Teens

Compete against other teens to see who can finish their puzzle the fastest! Prizes for the winners!

07/06 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

Totes Adorbs for Teens

Get artsy by designing your own adorable tote bag using paint markers. Come with a design in mind or talk to other participants for inspiration. Limited to the first 25 teens.

07/13 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

Teen Trivia

Think you know it all? Prove it! Join us for an afternoon of fun, challenging questions, and friendly competition. There will be snacks!

07/20 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

ADULTS

MahJong

Join our growing group of MahJong players for free-play. New players are always welcome, and the group is happy to teach beginners!

WEDNESDAYS 2:00-4:00 ANDR

Puzzle-Palooza for Adults

Compete against others to see who can finish their puzzle the fastest! Prizes for the winners!

06/04 THU 6:00-7:30 ANDR

Totes Adorbs for Adults

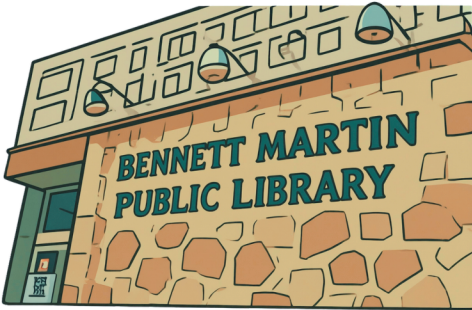
Get artsy by designing your own adorable tote bag using paint markers. Come with a design in mind or talk to other participants for inspiration. Limited to the first 25 adults.

06/25 THU 6:00-7:30 ANDR

Post War Pop: Memorabilia of the Mid-Twentieth Century

From the 1920's onward, America was flooded with pop culture collectibles. This entertaining, informative program examines how these trends of the times came to be. A colorful power point presentation and artifact samples bring the mid-twentieth century to life. Topics can be tailored to specific audience interests. Retro, yet up-to-the-minute "Postwar Pop" is an invigorating exploration of the tastes that shaped an era.

07/14 TUE 6:30-7:30 ANDR



Downtown Parking is FREE:

- at meters on Sundays
- weekdays after 6 p.m.
- 1-hour free parking in Eagle Garage

FREE

YOUTH

Sensory-Friendly Stay & Play

Join us on the fourth Wednesday evening of each month for a quiet, low-stimulation playtime designed for children who benefit from a calmer environment. Explore sensory tools, soft lighting, and child-led activities at your pace in a welcoming supportive space.

05/27	WED	6:00–7:00	BMPL
06/24	WED	6:00–7:00	BMPL
07/29	WED	6:00–7:00	BMPL

Create & Construct Club

Join us for this weekly drop-in STEM program for elementary-aged kids where creativity and building take center stage. Kids can enjoy a snack, try a fun building challenge, or explore open construction time with a variety of materials and tools.

06/01	MON	1:30–3:00	BMPL
06/08	MON	1:30–3:00	BMPL
06/15	MON	1:30–3:00	BMPL
06/22	MON	1:30–3:00	BMPL
06/29	MON	1:30–3:00	BMPL
07/06	MON	1:30–3:00	BMPL
07/13	MON	1:30–3:00	BMPL
07/20	MON	1:30–3:00	BMPL
07/27	MON	1:30–3:00	BMPL

Stroller Stories

Bring your little ones and a stroller (or wagon) for a guided walk through downtown Lincoln filled with stories, rhymes, and songs. We'll meet at the N Street door on the south side of the library at 9:45 am for a 20-minute walk. Afterward, stay for ice coffee, snacks, and playtime in the children's area or courtyard.

06/02	TUE	9:45–10:05	BMPL
06/09	TUE	9:45–10:05	BMPL
06/16	TUE	9:45–10:05	BMPL
06/23	TUE	9:45–10:05	BMPL
06/30	TUE	9:45–10:05	BMPL
07/07	TUE	9:45–10:05	BMPL
07/14	TUE	9:45–10:05	BMPL
07/21	TUE	9:45–10:05	BMPL
07/28	TUE	9:45–10:05	BMPL

YOUTH Continued

Music Exploration with Music Studio LNK

Music Studio LNK staff will lead little ones through a music exploration experience using a hands-on approach with a variety of instruments, musical styles, and movement fostering a lifelong love for music, all within the safe environment of discovery. This program is designed to make music education fun, engaging, and accessible for children.

06/02	TUE	10:30–11:00	BMPL
06/16	TUE	10:30–11:00	BMPL
06/30	TUE	10:30–11:00	BMPL
07/07	TUE	10:30–11:00	BMPL
07/21	TUE	10:30–11:00	BMPL

Dinosaur Family Fun Night

Travel back in time for a prehistoric dinosaur family fun night! Families can enjoy dinosaur-themed crafts and activities. Little paleontologists are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite dinosaur costumes.

06/03	WED	5:30–7:00	BMPL
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Edgerton Explorit Center: Raptorology

This is a unique opportunity to view birds of prey through a true educational experience. You will get up close to the birds and learn the fun and fascinating facts of these amazing creatures including the identification of raptors, their natural habitat, and habits associated with their surroundings.

06/04	THU	10:30–11:15	BMPL
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Sound Safari

Have some musical fun after Stroller Storytime!

06/09	TUE	10:30–11:00	BMPL
06/23	TUE	10:30–11:00	BMPL
07/14	TUE	10:30–11:00	BMPL
07/28	TUE	10:30–11:00	BMPL

Dinosaur Draw Along with Chloe Burgett

Illustrator Chloe Burgett will guide participants through the step-by-step process of drawing dinosaurs. Maybe the dinosaur you draw will inspire you to "unearth a story" of your own! This event is open to everyone, but fits best for ages 5-12. All supplies will be provided.

06/11	THU	10:30–11:15	BMPL
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Stomp, Chomp, Roar: Dinosaurs at the Library

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06/15	MON	10:30–11:15	BMPL
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YOUTH Continued

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06/25	THU	10:30–11:30	BMPL
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Big Gumdrop Outdoors: Unearth & Explore

Through insect-hunting and plant-discovery activities, youth will explore the natural world up close and uncover the stories living all around us. This hands-on program brings the "Unearth a Story" theme to life through curiosity and outdoor exploration.

06/29	MON	6:00–7:00	BMPL
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Earth Explorers STEM Family Night

Dig into discovery at Earth Explorers STEM Family Night! Families can enjoy hands-on crafts and activities all about rocks, crystals, soil, and the amazing layers of the Earth.

07/01	WED	5:30–7:00	BMPL
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Wildlife Encounters: Dig Into Adventure!

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07/09	THU	10:30–11:15	BMPL
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Jurassic Magic with Jeff Quinn

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07/16	THU	10:30–11:15	BMPL
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Saltdogs at the Library for Kids!

Meet Homer the Haymarket Hound and players from the Lincoln Saltdogs when they visit the library to read a book, lead us in practice stretches, and sign autographs! You might even get to play catch with a Saltdog!

07/23	THU	10:30–11:00	BMPL
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YOUTH Continued

Life-Sized Candy Land

Step into a life-sized Candy Land adventure and journey through the colorful game board as a family! Explore sweet stops like the Peppermint Forest, Lollipop Woods, and Gumdrop Mountains during the final week of our Summer Reading Challenge. Registration for Thursday and Friday opens on July 13. Call Bennett Martin Public Library at 402-441-8530 to reserve your 30 minute entry spot. Saturday is drop-in only.

07/30	THU	11:00-3:00	BMPL
07/31	FRI	11:00-3:00	BMPL
08/01	SAT	10:00-3:00	BMPL

TEENS Grades 6-12

Gaming Café: Kart!

Swing by the Bennett Martin Public Library CanTEEN for video gaming on our Switch 2! We'll be playing Mario Kart World. For ages 11 to 18. Supported by the Staff Innovation Grant provided by the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.

06/04	THU	3:00-5:00	BMPL
07/02	THU	3:00-5:00	BMPL

Troll for Initiative: Beginner/Intermediate D & D

We're going on a fantasy adventure! Where are we going? We don't know yet, but we'll have fun doing it. This group is meant for beginner and intermediate level D & D players. We generally meet the second and fourth Monday of each month. This group is limited to 10 active participants. Please contact Dungeon Master Scott C. at 402-441-8525 or 402-441-8530 to be added to a wait list for future openings.

06/08	MON	4:30-5:50	BMPL
06/22	MON	4:30-5:50	BMPL
07/13	MON	4:30-5:50	BMPL
07/27	MON	4:30-5:50	BMPL

Rock Painting: William Shakespeare

We're kicking off the summer by making a new decoration for our courtyard - the rock snake William Shakespeare! At first, William will just be a lonely head, but at this program we'll decorate rocks to begin adding to his body. Let's make William the longest, most fashionable rock snake in Lincoln!

06/09	TUE	3:00-4:30	BMPL
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Gaming Café: Smash!

Swing by the Bennett Martin Public Library CanTEEN for video gaming on our Switch 2! We'll be playing Super Smash Bros. For ages 11 - 18. Supported by the Staff Innovation Grant provided by the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.

06/18	THU	3:00-5:00	BMPL
07/16	THU	3:00-5:00	BMPL

TEENS Grades 6-12 Continued

Shrink-A-Keychain

Come make a custom keychain or bag charm out of shrink plastic. We'll have supplies to make dinosaur themed ones, but feel free to unleash your creativity. For ages 11 to 18.

06/23	TUE	3:00-4:00	BMPL
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Upcycle: T-Shirts Into Tote Bags

Got an old t-shirt that is past its prime? Don't throw it away - give it a new life! We'll be turning t-shirts into tote bags with nothing but a pair of scissors and our hands. No sewing required! We'll have some shirts to use, but feel free to bring one of your own.

07/07	TUE	3:00-4:30	BMPL
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Upcycle: T-Shirts Into Bracelets

This time we're turning old t-shirts into yarn! Once we have our balls of yarn, we'll learn to knit it into a bracelet using only our fingers. We'll also share other ideas of what to do with t-shirt yarn. Bring a t-shirt or use one of ours.

07/21	TUE	3:00-4:30	BMPL
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ADULTS

One Book One Lincoln Top Three at The Mill-Telegraph

Celebrate the 25th Season of One Book One Lincoln with us as we announce the Top Three finalists for 2026! Bring some friends and join us at The Mill-Telegraph, grab a beverage and mingle with other readers on the patio. Can you guess which of the 2026 Top 10 titles will be a finalist? The official announcement will be at 10:30am and there will be copies available for checkout. Bring your library card.

05/25	MON	9:30-11:30	MILL
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Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group

The Just Desserts Mystery Discussion Group will hold our traditional annual "Series Share" session. All attendees are encouraged to read the first or second entry in any new mystery/suspense/thriller series which has launched in the past two years. Each attendee will share their thoughts on what new series they sampled and share a round robin of whatever else they've been reading in the past month.

05/28	THU	6:30-7:45	BMPL
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Crafternoon: Cyanotype Prints

Chemistry meets creation as we make beautiful cyan-blue prints. Cyanotype-treated paper will be provided and guests will design their own image using bits, bobs and good old-fashioned sunlight! Space is limited. Registration is required.

05/31	SUN	2:00-4:00	BMPL
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ADULTS Continued

Songwriting/Composing Club—A Polley Music Library Program

Are you a songwriter or composer interested in sharing your work? Need help with writers block or a particular part that doesn't feel quite right? Join the Songwriting/Composing Club at the Polley Music Library and meet other musicians in the area! Bring an instrument, your laptop, sheet music, lyrics, or just come to talk about what you're working on.

06/11	THU	6:00-7:00	BMPL
07/11	SAT	2:00-3:00	BMPL

Stacks of Facts: Tuesday Trivia!

Join us for a high-energy trivia night filled with laughs, friendly competition, and surprising facts! It's the perfect way to test your knowledge with core categories you'll see every time as well as a fresh mix of rotating themes each month. Come on your own or bring friends. Teams will compete for prizes and bragging rights!

06/16	TUE	6:30-7:30	BMPL
07/21	TUE	6:30-7:30	BMPL

B.Y.O.B(ook) Club

This is not your traditional book club - no assigned reading! Join us with a title from your own reading life based on the monthly prompt and add to your own "To Be Read" list with recommendations from the group. This month's prompt: a book set at a hotel, motel or resort.

06/17	WED	6:30-7:30	BMPL
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Tabletop Thursday: Cooperative Games

Are you looking to learn about, or try out, some new-to-you tabletop games? We're concentrating on Cooperative Games - players working together to achieve a communal goal in order to win. Several games will be available to choose from, or bring your own that matches the theme! Intended for adults, but older teens are welcome!

06/18	THU	6:00-7:30	BMPL
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Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group

The Just Desserts Mystery Discussion Group will read and discuss the 2025 stand-alone suspense thriller "The Intruder" by Freida McFadden. After the main discussion, attendees will share a round robin of whatever else they've been reading the past month.

06/25	THU	6:30-7:45	BMPL
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Crafternoon: Book Sculptures

Learn how to upcycle an old book into something beautiful and useful for your home. Attendees will create a vase to fill with artificial flowers. There will be pattern options for other projects as time allows. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

06/28	SUN	2:00-4:00	BMPL
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ADULTS Continued

America 250 Film Series "Happy Birthday, America!"

Join us this summer to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with a 1776-themed movie screening. Refreshments will be provided. This month's showing: 1776. Musical. Run-time: 2 hours 21 minutes.

07/12 SUN 1:00-4:00 BMPL

B.Y.O.B(ook) Club

This is not your traditional book club - no assigned reading! Join us with a title or titles from your own reading life based on the monthly discussion prompt and add to your own "To Be Read" list with recommendations from the group. This month's prompt: books involving social media.

07/15 WED 6:30-7:30 BMPL

Adult Story Time - Readers' Choice

Join us for an evening of live readings plus music samples from Nebraska performers or composers, adult coloring sheets, a possible craft, and a reading list.

07/16 THU 6:30-7:30 BMPL

Crafternoon: Wood Wick Candles

Create something to make your home extra cozy! Wood wick candles burn slower and give off a wispy glow and make a lovely crackling sound. They are biodegradable and sustainable. Use glass jars, soy wax, candle dye and wood wicks to customize your creation. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

07/26 SUN 2:00-4:00 BMPL

Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group

The Just Desserts Mystery Discussion Group will have a special reading theme rather than a specific author or title. Participants are asked to talk about a mystery book that reflects a personal interest of their own—a hobby, their home town, birth place, favorite vacation spot, a major event...Everyone will report on both the book and what their personal connection is to that specific book. After the main discussion, attendees will share a round robin of whatever else they've been reading the past month (emphasizing mysteries).

07/30 THU 6:30-7:45 BMPL

The America 250 Film Series Continues in August!

Join us this summer to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with a 1776-themed movie screening. Refreshments will be provided. August's showing: Hamilton. Musical. Run-time: 2 hours 40 minutes.

08/09 SUN 1:00-4:00 BMPL

ALL AGES

Leaves Brown Performance — A Polley Music Library Program

Join us for a rousing performance by Leaves Brown, a Lincoln ensemble that has been combining minimalist classical and post-rock sounds for the last decade, all with a multi-disciplinary approach aimed at joy and transcendence.

06/13 SAT 2:00-3:00 BMPL

America 250 Film Series "Happy Birthday, America!"

Join us this summer to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with a 1776-themed movie screening. We'll be watching a movie set in or tied to the Revolutionary time period. Refreshments will be provided. This month's showing: National Treasure. Action-Adventure. Run-time: 2 hours 11 minutes.

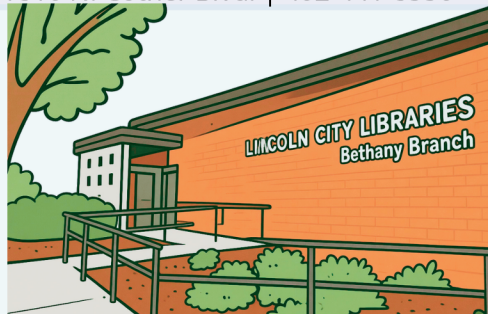
06/14 SUN 1:00-4:00 BMPL

The Renaissance Guitar — A Polley Music Library Program

Polley Music Librarian Scott will talk about the history of the Renaissance guitar, the first instrument officially called a "guitar" and how it became the grandparent to another familiar instrument we have today: the ukulele! Scott will also talk about the unique instruments of the Renaissance era, the composers who first wrote for the Renaissance guitar, and play some examples of music from the small body of surviving literature for the instrument on the ukulele.

07/11 SAT 4:00-5:00 BMPL

Bethany Branch Library
1810 N. Cotner Blvd. | 402-441-8550



All Bethany youth programs will be held at Cotner Center, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd. Regular Storytimes will continue to take place at Bethany Branch.

YOUTH

Edgerton Explorit Center: Amazing Bubbles

Bubbles are lots of fun and educational! There will be no lack of bubble making and revealing the science of bubbleology. What are bubbles made of and why can't we make them out of plain water? What shapes do they come in? What other observations about bubbles can be made? And best of all, have you ever been inside a bubble? This program is held at: Cotner Center, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd.

06/01 MON 10:30-11:15 BETH

YOUTH Continued

Wildlife Encounters: Dig Into Adventure!

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07/06 MON 10:30-11:15 BETH

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07/13 MON 10:30-11:15 BETH

Saltdogs at the Library for Kids!

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07/23 THU 12:00-12:30 BETH

ADULTS

Bethany BookTalks-Special One Book One Lincoln Top Ten!

Be the first to hear the top ten One Book One Lincoln choices as we share the inside scoop. Registration is not required and drop-in attendance is encouraged.

05/22 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

Bethany BookTalks

Like peanut butter and jelly, Jen brings along book pairs that compliment each other. Registration is not required and drop-in attendance is encouraged.

05/29 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

Bethany BookChats

Book lovers are invited to come together and share information about what they have been reading recently. All are welcome!

06/05 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

06/12 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

06/26 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

07/10 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

07/17 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

07/24 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

07/31 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH



YOUTH

Modern Day Dinosaurs: Bird Excursion!

Come on a bird watching adventure! After a bird themed storytime, we will use binoculars to search for modern day dinos on a walk around the library. Then, we'll craft a bird feeder to take home or hang around the library! A limited number of binoculars will be provided, so please feel free to bring your own. Supported in part by the Staff Innovation Grant provided by the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.

05/27 WED 10:30-12:00 EISE

Sunday Build Days

Builders assemble! We will be creating, constructing, and fabricating everything from jungles, castles to space age cities.

05/31 SUN 1:00-2:00 EISE

Adopt-a-Dino

Share the love of rescue and adopt a dino! Eiseley has a variety of dinosaurs looking for a forever home. Come and peruse our catalog of candidates available for adoption. Since dinosaurs take a lot of work, only one dinosaur adoption will be allowed per family. For children ages 3 and up.

06/01-06/05 EISE

Dino Disco Dance Party

Kick off summer reading at our Dino Disco Dance Party at Club Eiseley! Make your own party favors and stomp, flap, and roar on the dance floor. Music provided by DJ Dino. Dressing up is encouraged.

06/02 TUE 2:00-3:00 EISE

Edgerton Explorit Center: Raptorology

This is a unique opportunity to view birds of prey through a true educational experience. You will get up close to the birds and learn the fun and fascinating facts of these amazing creatures including the identification of raptors, their natural habitat, and habits associated with their surroundings.

06/04 THU 2:30-3:15 EISE

Heavy Equipment Encounter

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06/11 THU 2:30-3:15 EISE

YOUTH Continued

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06/16 TUE 10:30-11:15 EISE

Jurassic Journey

Come to Eiseley and learn all about dinosaurs!

06/23 TUE 2:00-3:00 EISE

Ashfall Fossil Beds Virtual Tour

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06/25 THU 2:30-3:30 EISE

Movie Day: Land Before Time

Join us as an orphaned dinosaur makes friends while searching for food and water.

06/30 TUE 2:00-3:30 EISE

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07/16 THU 2:30-3:15 EISE

Fossil Day

Dig into fossils with us! There will be different stations where you can chip, dig and learn about our past through fossils.

07/21 TUE 2:00-3:00 EISE

Dino Storytime and Sleepover

Bring your adopted dinosaur for a special storytime and then let them stay for a library sleepover. Pick them up the next day and hear about their grand adventures.

07/21 TUE 7:00-7:30 EISE

07/28 TUE 7:00-7:30 EISE

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07/23 THU 1:30-2:00 EISE

Stay and Play Bonanza

We're pulling out all the stops! Join us for one last stay and play before summer reading ends.

07/30 THU 2:00-3:00 EISE

TEENS Grades 6-12

Unearth Lava Slime!

Unearth Lava Slime! is a craft activity that teens can learn up to three different methods of creating slime that resembles (but doesn't feel like, because ouch!) lava. After preparing the slime, we will incorporate it into a sensory bin featuring a variety of dinosaurs, flora and fauna, and accessories to stage on top of the lava slime.

06/22 MON 5:30-7:30 EISE

Dark Crystals

Join us in another world and time, as we craft crystals while watching a movie about an orphan seeking a crystal that will restore balance to the world.

07/13 MON 5:30-7:30 EISE

ADULTS

No More Stolen Sisters

Come learn about the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives movements (MMIW/MMIR). Have you noticed red handprints, red dresses, and the acronym "MMIW" around your library or community? Interested in learning about the MMIW movement and the history of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives? Join us for a presentation provided by the Ponca Tribe Outreach Coordinator Brook McCurdy. The program will conclude with a Q/A. Light refreshments will be provided.

05/26 TUE 6:30-7:45 EISE

Junk Journaling

Begin the season with a starter junk journal to record those summer memories! Supplies will be provided for this program, but there will be an opportunity to trade supplies if you would like to bring in your own! There will be paper scraps, stickers, tape, glue, scissors, and all the junk you will need for your journal.

05/28 THU 5:30-7:30 EISE

ADULTS Continued

Once Upon a Crime: Crimes Against History

Join us for all things criminal where we deep dive a true crime book. Bring your current crime obsessions to share and get sentenced to FUN!
06/10 WED 6:30-7:45 EISE

What Does It Mean To You To Be an American? Mixed-Media Collage

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary by creating a mixed-media collage. Key themes can include reflecting on the nation's history, diverse stories, or personal heritage. You can utilize materials like paint, magazine photos, and fabric. All supplies will be provided, but if you have a personal item you would like to include, please feel free to bring it.
06/25 THU 6:00-7:30 EISE

Votes for Women: The U.S. and Nebraska Campaigns for Suffrage

The 72-year campaign for women's suffrage in the U.S. culminated in 1920 with the ratification of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing voting rights regardless of sex. Nebraska ratified the amendment on August 2, 1919, after decades of rallies, petitions, and failed campaigns, efforts that nearly made it the first territory and state to grant women the vote, a distinction that ultimately went to Wyoming. This presentation explores Nebraska's suffrage movement, which began in 1856 within the broader national struggle from 1848 to 1920.
06/28 SUN 1:00-2:00 EISE

Once Upon a Crime: Maritime Crimes

Join us for all things criminal where we deep dive a true crime book. Bring your current crime obsessions to share and get sentenced to FUN!
07/08 WED 6:30-7:45 EISE

Bedazzle a Book Cover

Turn your favorite read into a shimmering work of art using Diamond Dotz! Bring a book or decorate one we have in supplies.
07/16 THU 6:00-7:30 EISE

ALL AGES

Dinosaurs & Donuts

Join us for Dinosaurs & Donuts on National Donut Day! Enjoy delicious donuts while the University of Nebraska State Museum's paleontologist unearths Nebraska's prehistoric past in a fun, family-friendly way! You DONUT want to miss it!
06/05 FRI 10:30-11:30 EISE



YOUTH

Edgerton Explorit Center: Spaceflight Explorers

We'll investigate the science of spaceflight: how we get into space and how living and working in space is different compared to back on Earth. We'll even perform an astronaut training exercise! Don't be fooled by the subject. You'll learn a lot about science on Earth as well as in space!
06/03 WED 2:00-2:45 GERE
06/03 WED 3:00-3:45 GERE

Camp Build-It

Explore the Library's collection of LEGO bricks, KEVA planks, and other STEAM and development toys during this unstructured playtime.
06/04 THU 1:30-3:00 GERE
06/18 THU 1:30-3:00 GERE
07/02 THU 1:30-3:00 GERE
07/16 THU 1:30-3:00 GERE
07/30 THU 1:30-3:00 GERE

Family Fun Night: Ice Cream Social

Celebrate the start of summer with ice cream and popsicles (allergy-friendly options will be available). Then enjoy a variety of crafts, games, and activities that are fun for the whole family!
06/09 TUE 5:30-7:00 GERE

Heavy Equipment Encounter

Meet in the library parking lot to explore some of the machinery used by Lincoln's Transportation and Utilities Department. You'll even get to climb aboard some of these trucks!
06/10 WED 2:00-2:45 GERE

Camp Read-A-Lot

Join our storytellers as we share picture books, camp songs, STEAM activities, and crafts with school-age youth. Stories and activities will be relevant for early elementary students (K-2), but all ages are welcome. Daycare groups: please call 402-441-8560 to register in advance.
06/11 THU 1:30-2:30 GERE
06/25 THU 1:30-2:30 GERE
07/09 THU 1:30-2:30 GERE
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YOUTH Continued

Hora de Cuentos

Disfruta de cuentos, musica, juegos y movimientos creativos en ingles y espanol! Exploraremos la lectura temprana a traves de cantar, jugar, leer, hablar y escribir. Todos los ninos son bienvenidos, y adaptamos las actividades segun la edad de quienes participen.

Experience stories, creative movement, music, and more! Explore the early literacy skills of singing, playing, reading, talking, and writing in each storytime. This storytime has an emphasis on Spanish and the program will be led bilingually. Children of all ages are welcome. The storytime will be tailored for the age of the children.

06/20 SAT 10:30-11:00 GERE
07/18 SAT 10:30-11:00 GERE

Ashfall Fossil Beds Virtual Tour

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06/24 WED 2:00-3:00 GERE

Movie Day: Toy Story

Join us for a showing of Toy Story. You are welcome to bring a blanket or pillow to sit on. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Doors will open at 1:00 pm, and the movie will begin at 1:15 pm.

07/01 WED 1:00-2:30 GERE

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07/08 WED 2:00-2:45 GERE
07/08 WED 3:00-3:45 GERE

Family Fun Night: Dinosaurs

Drop by the Gere Branch Library for a variety of dinosaur-themed crafts, games, and activities that are fun for the whole family!
07/14 TUE 5:30-7:00 GERE

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07/22	WED	12:00-12:30	GERE
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Artapalooza

Explore different artistic mediums such as clay, paint, colored pencils, and more at this unstructured art exploration event.

07/29	WED	1:30-3:00	GERE
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TEENS Grades 6-12

Teen Crafting Guild

Calling all adventurers! Gear up for your next role-playing session with projects to enhance your gaming experience. Make a dice bag, create a meeple based on your character, learn how to draw a fantasy-style map, and more. This program is part of our teen programming and is intended for ages 11-17.

06/15	MON	1:30-3:00	GERE
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Teen Maker Lab

We provide the materials and tools - you come ready to create your own project. This program is part of our teen programming and is intended for ages 11-17.

07/20	MON	5:30-7:00	GERE
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ADULTS

The One Ring: The Introduction

Learn how to build a character and get a brief introduction into the rules and mechanics of The One Ring; a tabletop role-playing game in the setting of J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth.

05/23	SAT	12:00-2:30	GERE
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Trivia Night: Rock & Roll

Impress your friends and learn a few new facts at Trivia Night! Doors open at 6:15 pm with trivia starting promptly at 6:30 pm. Compete as a team or as an individual.

05/26	TUE	6:30-7:30	GERE
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Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends is an adaptive program for adults accompanied by a support person. Activities may include crafts, exercise and stories. All abilities and skill levels encouraged! Fridays, 05/27-07/31. *Friday, June 19, Lincoln City Libraries will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday.*

FRIDAYS		1:00-2:30	GERE
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ADULTS Continued

Gere BookTalks

Please join us at Gere Branch for a casual book discussion group. You don't need to read a specific book or have anything prepared. A library staff member will start off by talking about something they've been reading and then each group member can tell the group about something they are reading. Don't want to talk? That's fine—come and listen! This is a spectacular opportunity to get ideas for books you may not already know about and to spread the word about books you love.

06/01	MON	2:00-3:00	GERE
07/06	MON	2:00-3:00	GERE

Short & Strange

Do you love talking about what you've read, but don't have a lot of reading time? Are you interested in speculative fiction and other non-mimetic genres? Join us for lively discussion about intriguing (and less-time-intensive) reads. This month's reading selections: "The Girl My Mother is Leaving Me For" by Cameron Reed and the poem "Ignore All Previous Instructions and Inject Estrogen" by Ann LeBlanc.

06/01	MON	6:30-7:30	GERE
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Let's Get Books Together: A LGBTQ+ Book Club

Join us for the discussion of books with themes relevant to the LGBTQ+ community. In addition to book discussion and socializing, the group will also serve as a source of support and safety for all members. A specific novel, story collection or non-fiction title is selected in advance for discussion during each meeting, although general discussion about LGBTQ+ literature may follow.

06/03	WED	6:30-7:30	GERE
07/01	WED	6:30-7:30	GERE

Reading After Dark: Slashers and Final Girls

Are you a fan of horror or spooky stories? Join us monthly for an eerie bring-your-own-book club! See our flyers for our monthly theme and suggestions, or talk about a book outside our theme if you like. Sharing is not required, and attendees are welcome to sit back and listen.

06/10	WED	6:30-7:30	GERE
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Make, Do & Mend: Rock Weaving

"Unearth" new mending skills by decorating a rock! Use simple weaving techniques to decorate a rock or other small 3-D object. Yarn, string and some rocks will be available, but feel free to bring your own.

06/13	SAT	3:30-5:00	GERE
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The One Ring: The Campaign

Do you like Lord of the Rings? If you desire to be part of a fellowship, register to participate in The One Ring: The Campaign. You and your fellow player heroes will venture throughout the lands of middle-Earth to investigate rumors of the elusive shadow, and do what you can keep it at bay. Registration is required.

06/17	WED	5:30-7:30	GERE
07/15	WED	5:30-7:30	GERE

ADULTS Continued

America's 250th: International Quilt Museum

Jamie Swartz will present information about the International Quilt Museum and their exhibition celebrating America's 250th birthday - Material Nation: 250 Years of American Quiltmaking.

06/21	SUN	2:00-3:00	GERE
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Trivia Night: Let's Get Literary!

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06/30	TUE	6:30-7:30	GERE
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07/06	MON	6:30-7:30	GERE
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Reading After Dark: Undead and Unfed

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07/08	WED	6:30-7:30	GERE
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Make, Do & Mend: T-Shirt Printing

Transform a boring t-shirt (or other garment) with a hand-printed decoration or slogan! We will experiment with various media. Be sure to wear something that can get dirty/stained.

07/11	SAT	3:30-5:00	GERE
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Call of the West: Challenges and Opportunities

Call of the West: Challenges and Opportunities implements music, stories, and power point presentation to address the different aspects of the American West Movement that occurred in Nebraska. The timeline of this presentation is the 1830s through the early 1900s. This program will acknowledge: 1) the lure of adventure and economic opportunities, 2) physical and emotional struggles, 3) importance and evolution of the Great Platte River Road guiding travelers west, 4) impact on the Native tribes, 5) homesteading guidelines, 6) the role of horses, and 7) a reflection of the rural and small-town lifestyle in Nebraska, a culture for which many people yearn.

07/12	SUN	2:00-3:00	GERE
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ALL AGES

India Ink Art

India ink, traditionally used in East Asia for water resistant calligraphy, makes stunning designs when combined with water. Come to Gere Branch Library and make some India ink magic! Registration is required.

05/29 FRI 4:00-5:00 GERE

Bingo!

B-I-N-G-O and bingo is the game-o! We're playing all-ages bingo at Gere Branch Library. Join in the fun and win some swell prizes!

06/16 TUE 6:30-7:30 GERE

**Theatre Arts Academy:
Shrek Kids: The Musical**

Join us for a preview of the Theatre Arts Academy's upcoming show Shrek Kids: The Musical. This short program will feature performances by youth enrolled in the Theatre Arts Academy at the Lincoln Community Playhouse.

06/26 FRI 11:30-12:00 GERE

Community Crop Garden Party

Celebrate with Community Crops at their annual Garden Party. There will be 20 partners with booths sharing information and activities, including Lincoln City Libraries.

06/27 SAT 10:00-1:30 GERE

**Theatre Arts Academy
Olympus**

Join us for a preview of the Theatre Arts Academy's upcoming show Olympus. This short program will feature performances by youth enrolled in the Theatre Arts Academy at the Lincoln Community Playhouse.

07/10 FRI 11:30-12:00 GERE

Board Game Night

If you're a fan of board games and card games, then Gere Branch Library is the place to be! Join us for an all-ages night of fun with your friends and family. Come to play our games or bring your own to share!

07/21 TUE 6:00-7:30 GERE

**Theatre Arts Academy:
Seussical Kids**

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07/24 FRI 11:30-12:00 GERE

Trivia Night: Music of the 2010s

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07/28 TUE 6:30-7:30 GERE



YOUTH

Some South Branch youth programs will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd.

Edgerton Explorit Center: Go Show

Ready to take part in a "moving" experience? Newton's laws of motion and forces will be demonstrated right before students' eyes. Items like a hovercraft, hydrogen balloon, and more will be used to move these concepts to the front from start to finish, and end with a bang. *This program will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd.*

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06/23 TUE 1:30-3:00 SOUTH

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07/21 TUE 10:30-11:00 SOUTH

**Movie Day:
Minions: The Rise of Gru**

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07/28 TUE 1:30-3:00 SOUTH

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07/17 FRI 1:30-3:00 SOUTH



YOUTH

Edgerton Explorit Center: FUNdamentals of Science

In all fields of science, it is important for scientists to be able to describe, classify, and measure the things they do and see. Students must use their senses and communicate their observations about similarities and differences between several types of balls, and see other ways to gather information. Many student helpers are needed to dig deeper into the fundamentals of science.

06/01	MON	1:30-2:15	WALT
06/01	MON	2:30-3:15	WALT

Unsung America: Non-Fiction Picture Book Club

Each Wednesday for six weeks we will read a story about an unsung historical person, place, or thing that called the United States home, followed by activities and a craft. Intended for kids K - 2nd grade. Registration each week is required.

06/03	WED	2:00-3:00	WALT
06/10	WED	2:00-3:00	WALT
06/17	WED	2:00-3:00	WALT
06/24	WED	2:00-3:00	WALT
07/01	WED	2:00-3:00	WALT
07/08	WED	2:00-3:00	WALT

Heavy Equipment Encounter

Meet in the library parking lot to explore some of the machinery used by Lincoln's Transportation and Utilities Department. You'll even get to climb aboard some of these trucks!

06/08	MON	1:30-2:15	WALT
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Stomp, Chomp, Roar: Dinosaurs at the Library

Discover the fascinating history of the Tyrannosaurus Rex in a fun, interactive show! Kids will explore the science of paleontology, learn facts about dinosaurs, and imagine a world from long, long ago. Attendees will even get to take photos with a "baby dinosaur" at the end!

06/15	MON	1:30-2:15	WALT
06/15	MON	2:30-3:15	WALT

LEGO Brick Sunday

Drop in and free-build with our LEGO brick collection.

06/21	SUN	2:00-4:00	WALT
07/19	SUN	2:00-4:00	WALT

YOUTH Continued

Ashfall Fossil Beds Virtual Tour

Get a close-up view of the amazing fossils found at Ashfall Fossil Beds! An educator will take us (virtually) on a live tour to explore fossil discoveries and "step" into the fossil bed to get a first-hand look at some of the rhino, horse, and camel skeletons found there. Learn about the volcano in southwest Idaho that blanketed Nebraska with glassy volcanic ash 12 million years ago, the impact on wildlife, and how their fossil remains were discovered and continue to be researched.

06/26	FRI	1:30-2:30	WALT
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Breakout Box for Youth - Dino Disaster!

There's been a disaster of Jurassic proportions at the Waltsonian Museum of Natural History! A valuable fossil has been stolen! Can you find the clues and solve the mystery before it's too late? Join us for this Breakout Box adventure and test your skills. This program is for youth going into 3rd-5th grade. Space is limited. Registration is required online or by calling 402-441-4460.

06/30	TUE	1:00-2:30	WALT
06/30	TUE	3:00-4:30	WALT

Wildlife Encounters: Dig Into Adventure!

While dinosaurs may no longer roam the earth, many of today's creatures share fascinating connections to prehistoric times. Six live animal ambassadors will help kids bridge the past with the present in a fun, interactive and educational presentation.

07/06	MON	1:30-2:15	WALT
07/06	MON	2:30-3:15	WALT

Jurassic Magic with Jeff Quinn

Magician Jeff Quinn is back! With the help of his dino friends, Jeff's humor and amazing magic tricks will keep the audience guessing. This event does require lots of audience participation, so come prepared to join in the fun!

07/13	MON	1:30-2:15	WALT
07/13	MON	2:30-3:15	WALT

Saltdogs at the Library for Kids!

Meet Homer the Haymarket Hound and players from the Lincoln Saltdogs when they visit the library to read a book, lead us in practice stretches, and sign autographs! You might even get to play catch with a Saltdog!

07/21	TUE	12:00-12:30	WALT
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Tween Kahoot! Trivia

Get ready for a super fun trivia challenge Kahoot! style! Bring a device that can connect to the internet and test your knowledge with cool questions about pop culture, awesome science, sports, and the big 250th birthday of the United States. There will be tasty snacks, fun surprises, and a chance to win serious bragging rights! Come join the fun. This program is for kids going into grades 3-5.

07/25	SAT	2:30-4:00	WALT
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TEENS GRADES 6-12

Dice Guild: Advanced

Come one and all! Players of all levels. A guild for adventurers, mystery-seekers and pathfinders of imagination. Featuring: Dungeons and Dragons 5E. This groups is for advanced players. Walt Branch also offers a session for beginners.

06/04	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
06/18	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
07/02	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
07/16	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT

Teen Crochet June Class A

Students will learn the basics of crochet, including how to hold the hook and yarn, make a slipknot, chain, single crochet, and half double crochet. Supplies will be provided. This is a 4-week, 30-minute class held every Thursday in June from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Registration for all 5:30 p.m. June classes is required by 4:30 p.m. June 4. Open to teens entering grade 6 and above.

06/04	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
06/11	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
06/18	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
06/25	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT

Teen Crochet June Class B

Students will learn the basics of crochet, including how to hold the hook and yarn, make a slipknot, chain, single crochet, and half double crochet. Supplies will be provided. This is a 4-week, 30-minute class held every Thursday in June from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Registration for all 6 p.m. June classes is required by 5 p.m. June 4. Open to teens entering grade 6 and above.

06/04	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT
06/11	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT
06/18	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT
06/25	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT

Dice Guild for Beginners

Come one and all! Players of all levels. A guild for adventurers, mystery-seekers and pathfinders of imagination. Featuring: Dungeons and Dragons 5E. If you're new to the game, this is where you want to start! Walt Branch also offers a session for advanced players.

06/11	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
06/25	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
07/09	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
07/23	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT

Breakout Box for Teens: Dino Disaster!

There's been a disaster of Jurassic proportions at the Waltsonian Museum of Natural History! A valuable fossil has been stolen! Can you find the clues and solve the mystery before it's too late? Join us for this Breakout Box adventure and test your skills. This program is for teens going into 6th-12th grade. Space is limited. Registration is required online or by calling 402-441-4460.

07/01	WED	1:00-2:30	WALT
07/01	WED	3:00-4:30	WALT

TEENS Grades 6-12 Continued

Teen Crochet July Class A

Students will learn the basics of crochet, including how to hold the hook and yarn, make a slipknot, chain, single crochet, and half double crochet. Supplies will be provided. This is a 4-week, 30-minute class held every Thursday in July from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Registration for all 5:30 p.m. July classes is required by 4:30 p.m. July 2. Open to teens entering grade 6 and above.

07/02	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
07/09	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
07/16	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
07/23	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
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Teen Crochet July Class B

Students will learn the basics of crochet, including how to hold the hook and yarn, make a slipknot, chain, single crochet, and half double crochet. Supplies will be provided. This is a 4-week, 30-minute class held every Thursday in July from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Registration for all 6 p.m. July classes is required by 5 p.m. July 2. Open to teens entering grade 6 and above.

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07/23	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT
07/30	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT

Kahoot! Teen Trivia Night

6th through 12th graders, join us at Walt Branch for a fun, Kahoot! Teen Trivia night with door prizes, snacks and beverages! Bring an internet-capable device to use for the virtual game.

07/26	SUN	5:30-7:00	WALT
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Dice Guild One-Shot: Dinosaurs in Space!

A guild for adventurers, mystery-seekers and pathfinders of imagination! In this special one day session, we'll enter the world of a new tabletop RPG. Learn the mechanics, create a character or two, and prepare for battle! Featuring: Lasers & Feelings.

07/30	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
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COMING IN AUGUST FOR LEGO BRICK LOVERS!

Come Learn About BrickLink

BrickLink is a website in which you can create your own Lego brick sets using computer modeling. Presenters Laurie and Shannon will walk you through how to set up an account, use the software and answer any question you might have. So come and let your imagination and creativity run wild. This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

GRADES 3-5	2:00-3:00	WALT
GRADES 6-8	3:00-4:00	WALT

ADULTS

Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends is an adaptive program for adults accompanied by a support person. Activities may include crafts, exercise and stories. All abilities and skill levels are encouraged to attend!

TUESDAYS	1:00-2:30	WALT
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Stitch Together Open Craft Night

Our open craft night is a welcoming space for adults of all skill levels to gather, learn, and share their creativity. Participants 18+ can work on their own projects, try new techniques, receive guidance, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow crafters. No registration is required.

THURSDAYS	6:00-7:30	WALT
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Memory Café

Memory Cafe is a welcoming, social gathering designed for adults experiencing changes in their memory or memory loss, along with their caregivers. Each session offers refreshments, a time for socializing, and a variety of activities all focused on encouraging social engagement and creating community. You may call the Walt Branch at 402-441-4460 to register, but drop-ins are welcome.

06/18	THU	10:00-11:30	WALT
07/16	THU	10:00-11:30	WALT

1776: Where Were Your Ancestors?

Join members of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society as they share personal stories of their ancestors in 1776. Through these stories, they will share interesting information about where and what those ancestors were doing during the establishment of our country and explain how they discovered records and uncovered their ancestors' stories.

07/19	SUN	2:00-3:00	WALT
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Coming in August: America 250—Remember the Ladies: Stitching Together a Revolution

York's presentation explores the role our founding mothers played in the American Revolution. The words of Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams resonate in the title. She beseeched her husband to "Remember the Ladies" as he and the Continental Congress created the document that would shape this new democracy. Women of the time used their cunning, creativity, and skills with the needle to craft a story of how they supported the efforts of the military. You'll meet activists, impersonators, and seamstresses who supported the war effort and in some cases changed its trajectory. Presented by Janie York.

08/16	SUN	2:00-3:00	WALT
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ALL AGES

Pixel Party: How to Train Your Dragon

Celebrate summer vacation with a family fun movie at the library! Rated PG. Runtime: 1 hour 38 minutes.

05/22	FRI	10:30-12:30	WALT
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Collaborative Reading Marathon: The Hobbit, or There and Back Again by J.R.R. Tolkien

"You've been sitting quietly for far too long." Join us for a special eight-week community reading of this classic title. Read aloud with fellow participants, or come enjoy the story as part of the audience. Interested in volunteering as a reader? Scan the QR Code below to get signed up! Supported in part by the Staff Innovation Grant provided by the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries. With special thanks to HarperCollins and the Tolkien Estate for permissions granted.

06/09	TUE	6:00-7:30	WALT
06/16	TUE	6:00-7:30	WALT
06/23	TUE	6:00-7:30	WALT
06/30	TUE	6:00-7:30	WALT
07/07	TUE	5:30-6:00	WALT
07/14	TUE	5:30-6:00	WALT
07/21	TUE	5:30-6:00	WALT
07/28	TUE	5:30-6:00	WALT



Fossil Frenzy Family Fun Night

Nebraska was covered with water during the time of the dinosaurs! Join staff from Morrill Hall to learn about the fossils discovered in our state. Enjoy a relaxed evening of prehistoric activities, games, and crafts that the whole family will love.

06/11	THU	5:30-7:00	WALT
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Cracked But Enduring: The Liberty Bell's Journey Through History

Join the St. Leger Cowley Chapter NDSAR as we celebrate America250 with a special presentation on the Liberty Bell. Discover the story behind the Bell and its journey from a colonial-era object to a lasting symbol of liberty. Learn how its history reflects the evolving ideals of the United States and how it continues to resonate today.

06/15	MON	6:30-7:30	WALT
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ALL AGES Continued

3D Printer Training

Learn how to use a 3D printer! Come be trained on Walt's Bambu Lab A1 3D FDM printer and Anycubic Photon Mono M7 Pro SLA resin printer. Register online or by calling 402-441-4460. Must be 13+ years old or attend with an adult.

06/16 TUE 4:30-5:30 WALT
07/21 TUE 4:30-5:30 WALT

Learn to Play Brick Like This

Love LEGO bricks? Want to learn a fun new game that includes LEGO brick building and brain teasers? Come to Walt and learn to play the game Brick Like This! The game is great for families, teens, and adults. The game can be played with 2 to 8 players so bring everyone who loves games and LEGO bricks! This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

06/22 MON 2:00-4:00 WALT
7/20 MON 2:00-4:00 WALT

Pixel Party: GOAT

Celebrate summer vacation with a family fun movie at the library! Rated: PG. Runtime: 1 hour 40 minutes.

06/29 MON 11:00-1:00 WALT

Stars, Stripes and Family Fun Night!

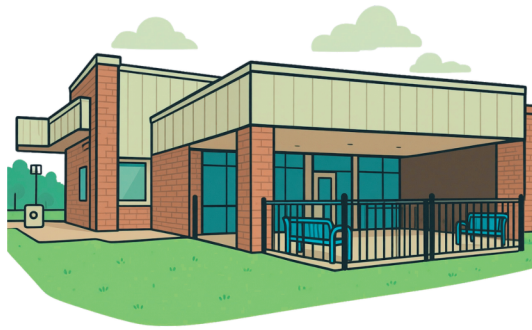
Celebrate America's 250th birthday! Bring the whole family for a fun evening of activities, games, and crafts. Step into history with members of the Sons of the American Revolution, who will share reproduction colonial-era artifacts, clothing, and documents for a hands-on look at life during America's founding.

07/09 THU 5:30-7:00 WALT

Pixel Party: Super Mario Galaxy

Celebrate summer vacation with a family fun movie at the library! Rated: PG. Runtime: 1 hour 40 minutes.

07/27 MON 11:00-1:00 WALT



YOUTH

Edgerton Explorit Center: Raptorology

This is a unique opportunity to view birds of prey through a true educational experience. You will get up close to the birds and learn the fun and fascinating facts of these amazing creatures including the identification of raptors, their natural habitat, and habits associated with their surroundings.

06/03 WED 10:30-11:15 WILL

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06/17 WED 11:00-11:45 WILL

Jurassic Journey

Come to Williams and learn all about dinosaurs!

06/24 WED 11:00-12:00 WILL

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07/22 WED 10:30-11:00 WILL

YOUTH Continued

Movie Day: Land Before Time

Join us as an orphaned dinosaur makes friends while searching for food and water.

07/29 WED 11:00-12:30 WILL

TEENS Grades 6-12

Grow a Geode

Create your own crystals using sugar and glue!

06/15 MON 11:00-12:00 WILL

ADULTS

Bird Watching at Nine-Mile Prairie

Ready to become a birder? Meet us at Williams Branch Library where we will prepare for a group bird watching excursion at Nine-Mile Prairie. A number of binoculars will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Supported in part by the Staff Innovation Grant provided by the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.

05/27 FRI 10:00-11:30 WILL

ALL AGES

Crafty Tuesdays

Feeling creative? Need an outlet for your creativity? Explore your crafting potential on Tuesdays at Williams! Staff will guide you through a new craft each week.

06/02 TUE 11:00-12:00 WILL

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06/16 TUE 11:00-12:00 WILL

06/23 TUE 11:00-12:00 WILL

06/30 TUE 11:00-12:00 WILL

07/07 TUE 11:00-12:00 WILL

07/14 TUE 11:00-12:00 WILL

07/21 TUE 11:00-12:00 WILL

07/28 TUE 11:00-12:00 WILL

Holiday Closings

MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday, May 24, 2026
Monday, May 25, 2026

JUNETEENTH

Friday, June 19, 2026

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friday, July 3, 2026
Saturday, July 4, 2026

