

MEETING NOTICE

DATE: October 16, 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, October 20, 2026
Bennett Martin Public Library
136 S. 14 St., Lincoln, NE 68508

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

CHAIR OF MEETING: Lisa Hale, 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 September 15, 2026 Minutes*
5. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Committee on Finance
 - i. Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures for September 2026*
6. Other Reports
 - a. Foundation for LCL: Tiffani Hill
 - b. One Book One Lincoln: Morgan Gerteisen
 - c. Central Library Project
 - d. Summer Reading Challenge Report: Ali Bousquet
 - e. Centerpointe Statistics: LeeAnn Sergeant
 - f. Security Report: Sarah Dale
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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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 September 2026

- Youth Services and Outreach Coordinator, Ali Bousquet, is leading the way in implementing “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten,” a nationwide early literacy program for libraries that encourages family reading and developing early literacy skills before children reach kindergarten. Participants receive a logbook (or can utilize our online platform, Beanstack), and upon completion of milestones receive rewards from the library.
- LCL was well represented at the Nebraska Library Association/Mountain-Plain's conference this past week in La Vista. We had 12 staff participating, and a couple of presentations: 1) Jodene Glaesemann and Wyatt Packard presented on the Staff Innovation Grant program, and 2) Walt Branch's Shannon Koch presented on “Legos in the Library.”
- Check out the library's website and our front-page promotion of “**Nebraska Voices: 250 Authors,**” which directly links patrons to our Heritage Room's incredible online database of Nebraska author biographies. Kudos to Curator Deb Arenz for organizing it, and to Amy Huffman and Peter Jorgensen for the design and website development.
- LCL's new e-delivery method for library news utilizing our new Patron Point platform, allows for easy-to-automate newsletters and messaging. The monthly newsletter sent out in early October had an open-rate of 47%, which is really good, and allows us to diversify how we promote—in addition to news releases and social media.
- **NLHA-sponsored Lunch at the Library** author visits at Bennett Martin (4th Floor) this Fall:
November 4, 12pm: Don Davenport, *Yosemite: William's Corvette Summer*

December 2, 12pm: Ryan Pozzi, *The Mess that Made Them: How History's Artists Failed*
- We're offering **bilingual story times** at South Branch this fall and hope to expand to other locations using staff who have language skills, and help from outside partners, too.

- **Central Library Update:**

- The GMP Negotiating Committee met this week to review and discuss the final construction budget as presented by Sampson Construction, and we expect to have an executed agreement by the week of October 19. Also, BVH is delivering all construction docs and specifications on October 19. Establishing the GMP and also having complete documents allows Sampson to complete the pricing process and lock in contracts and prices with subcontractors. We expect that process to wrap up by late fall. From everyone's perspective it's nice to move beyond this stage of the planning. Our focus coming up internally is to start planning for the transition from BMPL to 1111 O Street, and take the time to diligently plan the finer details of services, activities, costs, and policies for the new space.
- Construction blockades will be placed on site during the next few weeks, eliminating one lane of traffic on both 11th and 12th streets. Project O Street still has its closure in front of the new library site, so for a while the new library project won't affect traffic on O Street.
- The targeted date for a groundbreaking is in the morning on Thursday, November 19.
- Fundraising for the new library continues to do remarkably well, as we've surpassed the \$24M mark, with much work to do, however. We're eager to ensure we reach the community with the vision, plans, and support needs.

Examples of the Strategic Plan in action:

- Jen J. (BMPL) shared this delightful interaction: "I had a lovely interaction with a couple (Steve & Maggie) who initially inquired about 'sale books'. I directed them to our Book Nook, but apologized for the sparsity of the selection and explained our lack of donations at the moment. The man said he was a retired academic librarian and they were travelling from Massachusetts. They also asked about the Heritage Room and if there was any way to see it even though it was a Sunday and closed. I made the decision to take them up and give them a tour. As we chatted and Steve took photos, I learned that he had worked at Harvard and their retirement goal was to visit all 50 states. They would be going to the capitol the next morning and then flying out from Omaha. They were very impressed with the Heritage Room and grateful to be able to see it."
- Carrie K. (BMPL) relayed this interaction: A woman was trying to use the first-floor express computer to print a Medicare insurance form. She thought she had sent it to print, but it didn't show up in the print queue. I went over and tried and had a similar result. It was the only document she needed to have printed, so I wrote down the form number and looked it up at Circ One and had no trouble printing it from there. She explained that "all the retirement paperwork is so stressful, but knowing the library is here to help means everything."
- Laura N. (BMPL) demonstrated that teamwork makes the dream work. "Two patrons came to the local history area looking for a photo of a nearby small-town school that they had attended, torn down in the 1980's. Penny L. and I worked together, she on the computer, me through the books in the local history section, trying to find a photo of this school. We found a few possibilities, and settled on one, in the meantime digging up additional information about the school and site. For further information in this search, we referred them to our reference service. By the time the conversation had finished, we had also discussed access to Ancestry.com and online and microfilm newspaper access. The women thanked us for all the help and information."

- Stroller Stories was brought into Autumn this year. Jackie S. (BMPL) said this about stroller stories, "One really positive thing I've noticed is that parents are staying for longer periods of time after the storytime and chatting with one another. I had three groups stay for almost an hour and a half after my most recent Stroller Stories. They were caregivers who had met for the first time, so it's great to see people making those kinds of connections."
- Gina C. (Gere) said, "LATINO FESTIVAL 2026! Such a blast, had fun dancing while telling people what library is; had a few people that didn't know that they could go in and participate in programs without a library card. They also signed up after they found out how they can borrow books. Lots of engagement from teens writing their favorite books and creating a paper chain across our table. Kids made their own pinatas and parents loved hearing about our new Hora de cuentos program. I also shared to many families with toddlers about the storytime I host on Thursdays with some Spanish in it. Very fun!"
- Melanie N. (Gere) said, "I got out the NEW Polk Directory that we got in, to show Kayla. While we were exploring it together at the front desk, several customers who came up asked to look at it, explaining they hadn't seen a phone book in years, and were surprised it has a cell phone section! At least two customers were surprised to find they were in the directory. It can be a great resource if you are looking for someone's phone number/address or business here locally."
- Toni Y. (Gere) said, "On September 5th, we held the first Civic Lowdown with 12 folks in attendance. Our speaker Shay Flowerday was excellent, personable, and knowledgeable about all things Trash and Recycling for Lincoln and Lancaster County! The folks who showed up were already pretty well versed in the topic. They asked smart questions and were able to chat together about their own experiences and observations. All told, I believe it was a wonderful first program in the series. I was really proud of the meaningful conversations that folks were interested in having, with each other and with the speaker! Huge Thanks to Amy H for being such a good ally with promoting this series – she mentioned that the October 3 program will be mentioned on a radio spot on KZUM, and I am pleased as punch!"
- Kayla L. reports that Eiseley Branch has been celebrating all things bears in the lead up to Fat Bear week. Families have enjoyed the bear bulletin boards and the live camera display of the bears of Katmai National Park. It has been a great source of passive engagement for our patrons and has served as an opportunity to promote our Winnie the Pooh 100th Birthday program happening in October.
- Kara G. (Eiseley) was staffing the circulation desk when two young adults approached sheepishly to ask me a question. One said he had read online that some libraries have seeds available and wondered if we might have some. I told him that we had been trying but, unfortunately, we didn't have a formal seed library yet. But before he got discouraged, I mentioned that I run a seed swap here at Eiseley every year and I have a bunch of seeds in the back they were more than welcome to look through and take home. I rolled out my stock pile from the back and let them pick out the ones they wanted to take home. They had big smiles on their faces as they tossed ideas back and forth, "do you want parsnips?" to "Oh! Kale would be nice!" They thanked me and I told them to keep an eye out for the seed swap in the spring!
- Susan S. (Eiseley) was in HyVee on O street one weekend grocery shopping when someone from the meat department stopped me. He asked if I was still working at the library. I told him I was and he explained that he used to bring his son to my storytime when he was three and now his son is 31 years old.

- On September 9, Jill D. (Eiseley) joined Walt's Deanne J. to staff a table at the YMCA's Health Senior Day. They spoke with 48 patrons about library services.
- From Youth Services & Outreach: "I want to highlight an interaction with a patron at the Clinton stop—an elementary school kid who came aboard. He told me he wanted to check out books because he wasn't a strong reader and was hoping to improve his skills. With his connected LPS account, he checked out five items. He said his mom always said they should go to the library but didn't know whether it was free, so I explained how the whole operation worked. After checking out, he asked if he could hang out in the back of the vehicle (it had AC on a 97-degree day!) and read his books; he read out loud to himself and after 10 minutes declared how amazed he was by how many words he could read on his own. Another successful day of connecting library resources to the community through the bookmobile!
- Systemwide Outreach Events Coordinated:
 - Healthy Seniors Day (booth)
 - Latino fest (booth) (created craft and booklist for event)
 - Porch Jam Fest (BKM + Booth)
 - Lincoln Unites (BKM + Booth)
 - American Legion Touch-a-Truck event (BKM + Booth)
 - Harvest Moon Fest (BKM + Booth) (created craft and booklist for event)
 - Project Connect (booth)
- Ali Bousquet had the absolute pleasure of representing LCL at Project Future's (childcare center) community helper day, and reports: "I had 45 preschoolers and pre-k kiddos for storytime which was a blast and then they got to go out to the bookmobile and check out books. The kiddos were chanting "LIBRARY BUS! LIBRARY BUS!" on their way outside. It was such a delight and a great way to connect storytime with our collections! "
- Members of the OverDrive Support Team assisted at least 81 patrons with OverDrive and Hoopla support requests in September.
- There were a record number of eBook checkouts from OverDrive in August (the latest month for which stats were available).
- Scott S. in the Polley Music Library reports: "One of my more interesting reference requests this month regarded some questions about support for hearing-impaired artists working in large spaces as artists-in-residence. I have a bit of background both from musical and hearing-tech perspectives that came in handy toward making some suggestions to check into for this patron and their organization."
- Scott S. attended Lincoln's annual Porch Jam event and ran a table promoting Polley along with the Bookmobile. I talked to 125 interesting people, some of whom didn't know about Polley, and it was the perfect audience of music fans. I've already had a few visitors since then because of that event! One of the folks I met at Porch Jam is running a new Songwriting Circle in Lincoln, and I went to one of their meetings this month to introduce myself and let folks know about Polley's monthly songwriting club.
- Megan W. (Walt) wrote, "A woman approached me at the front desk while holding one of our LGBTQ+ pamphlets that has book suggestions on it. She said, 'I just wanted to say thank you."

Thank you for having this available. I love what libraries do and what you all do. Thank you so much.”

- Jessica S. (Walt) reported, “A small group of elementary and middle-school-aged students from Wild Learning, a nonprofit educational program categorized as an ‘Exempt School’ and serving homeschool students, visited Walt Branch Library. The group’s facilitators, who serve as instructional monitors, brought the students directly to the Collaborative Learning Lab. The instructor introduced the students to the LEGO kits available for assembly and demonstrated how to request educational resources. Several students checked out resources, including the crystals and gems kit, an interactive globe, and both free-play LEGO bins. It was inspiring to observe the instructor make his rounds throughout the lab, engaging with each student and providing guidance to ensure they had a positive and meaningful experience with their chosen resources. The visit highlighted the value of the Collaborative Learning Lab as a space that supports hands-on learning, exploration, and student engagement.”
- Vicki C. (Walt) provided a tour of Walt to a homeschool group on 9/9. “Nine people attended this program which gave a description of how libraries work and the Dewey Decimal system. They enjoyed a tour of the work room and the book drops and ended by selecting a free book to take home.”
- Jessica S. (Walt) reported, “The School Year VolunTEEN Program for students in grades 6–12 began on September 1. Training was provided to the new volunteers who were not returning from the previous school year during their first few shifts, and ongoing training and guidance will continue as needed.”
- Shannon K. (Walt) wrote, “I received great comments from customers that have been coming to Stitch Together. One said that this is not their library, but they came for the Stitch Together program and liked our library so much that they will now start coming here for books too, not just our programs. Also, I think our system of just having people show up and try crochet classes is working a lot better than signing up for a class. We have had two of three people just drop in and show up repeatedly for it.”
- Karrie S. (NESU) reported: “In a brainstorming session on ways to get our circulation up, Christina S. and Nancy E. came up with a fun idea -- A Community Lego Build. For every item a customer checked out during the month of September, they got to pick one Lego to add to our Lego Construction site.” Christina S. summed up the project by saying, “It’s hard to say whether it boosted circulation at all, but I witnessed a lot of kids (and adults!) who were excited about it and had fun looking at it and adding to it each time they were in.”



- Karrie S. at Anderson shared: "We hosted an Andy 500 (race car themed) Family Night on September 24. Fifty-two people attended. That seemed a bit low for all of the work that went into it. But those who were there had a great time. Kudos to Nancy E. for organizing the event."
- Read to a Dog started again this fall. Anderson Branch Library has hosted two sessions with Shannon and Yeti. Six kids have read to Yeti and brought along an additional 10 family members. The dog was a big hit when he was here during the Andy 500 event, and he got at least an additional 50 pets from excited kids and parents.

Top Twenty Website Pages for September 2026:

Page title	Views
Home	49,700
Locations and Hours	5,959
Events Calendar	2,991
Storytimes	2,079
One Book One Lincoln	1,769
Get a Library Card	1,689
Meeting Rooms and Study Rooms	1,064
Our Apps	982
Databases and Research	955
Due and Renew	946
Print, Scan and Copy	908
Kids	726
Borrow and Learn	680
Programs and Events	680
Book Groups	662
Author Alerts	608
New Books and DVDs	583
Contact Us	575
Holds	514
Interlibrary Loans	502

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10/16/2026

Lincoln City Libraries
September 2026 Use Report

Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits			September 2026 Other Use					September 2025 Other Use					Change: Total Other Use
	Sept 2026	Sept 2025	Change	Sept 2026	Sept 2025	Change	Computer Reservations	Program & Outreach Attendance	Meeting Room Attendance	Study Room	Total Other Use	Computer Reservations	Program & Outreach Attendance	Meeting Room Attendance	Study Room	Total Other Use	
										Attendance					Attendance		
Bennett Martin Public Library	11,223	12,147	-7.61%	8,543	10,250	-16.65%	2,140	529	181	50	2,900	2,805	749	284	68	3,906	-25.76%
Anderson Branch Library	11,642	12,525	-7.05%	5,811	6,186	-6.06%	697	419	272	0	1,388	715	629	96	0	1,440	-3.61%
Bethany Branch Library	8,371	7,574	10.52%	2,883	2,695	6.98%	239	270	0	0	509	268	244	0	0	512	-0.59%
Eiseley Branch Library	22,134	20,274	9.17%	8,887	8,997	-1.22%	1,562	1,043	236	358	3,199	1,303	946	279	386	2,914	9.78%
Gere Branch Library	52,008	51,832	0.34%	16,550	15,678	5.56%	818	2,632	547	404	4,401	1,190	2,204	469	294	4,157	5.87%
South Branch Library	8,860	9,299	-4.72%	3,626	4,019	-9.78%	336	323	0	0	659	470	284	0	0	754	-12.60%
Walt Branch Library	42,038	40,458	3.91%	13,450	13,117	2.54%	1,357	2,550	491	455	4,853	1,263	1,934	474	396	4,067	19.33%
Williams Branch Library	1,145	965	18.65%	1,035	1,519	-31.86%	160	316	0	0	476	391	179	0	0	570	-16.49%
Bookmobiles	2,279	1,424	60.04%	578	235	145.96%	0	123	0	0	123	0	93	0	0	93	32.26%
InterLibrary Loan	165	164	0.61%	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	1,064	0	0	1,064	0	887	0	0	887	19.95%
SUBTOTAL	159,865	156,662	2.04%	61,363	62,696	-2.13%	7,309	9,269	1,727	1,267	19,572	8,405	8,149	1,602	1,144	19,300	1.41%
DownloadStream Audio	55,654	49,181	13.16%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBooks	36,637	34,150	7.28%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	1,127	1,073	5.03%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Download SUBTOTAL	93,418	84,404	10.68%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	253,283	241,066	5.07%	61,363	62,696	-2.13%	7,309	9,269	1,727	1,267	19,572	8,405	8,149	1,602	1,144	19,300	1.41%

Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total	REGISTRATIONS	2026	2025	Change
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth		Purged	1,386	767	80.70%
Owned	343,585	306,192	70,201	30,362	750,340	Active			
Added	2,532	1,153	299	45	4,029	Resident	118,339	148,685	-20.41%
Withdrawn	-1,150	-2,073	-141	-86	-3,450	Library OneCard	42,526	57,454	-25.98%
Current	344,967	305,272	70,359	30,321	750,919	County	6,942	8,759	-20.74%
						NonResident	863	993	-13.09%
						Reciprocal	350	495	-29.29%
						Limited Use	9,477	10,701	-11.44%
						Total Active	178,497	227,087	-21.40%

	2026	2025	Change
WiFi Sessions	109,048	134,703	-19.05%
WiFi Users	8,445	8,937	-5.51%
Website Users	89,118	70,282	26.80%
Website Sessions	145,018	123,806	17.13%
Database Use	7,492	9,141	-18.04%

September 2026 Use Compared to September 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	9,087	9,729	-6.60%	2,136	2,418	-11.66%	11,223	12,147	-7.61%
Anderson	10,199	10,767	-5.28%	1,443	1,758	-17.92%	11,642	12,525	-7.05%
Bethany	7,355	6,776	8.54%	1,016	798	27.32%	8,371	7,574	10.52%
Eiseley	19,608	17,972	9.10%	2,526	2,302	9.73%	22,134	20,274	9.17%
Gere	46,653	45,773	1.92%	5,355	6,059	-11.62%	52,008	51,832	0.34%
South	7,725	8,146	-5.17%	1,135	1,153	-1.56%	8,860	9,299	-4.72%
Walt	38,146	36,232	5.28%	3,892	4,226	-7.90%	42,038	40,458	3.91%
Williams	1,030	840	22.62%	115	125	-8.00%	1,145	965	18.65%
Bookmobile 1	1,491	1,295	15.14%	92	129	-28.68%	1,583	1,424	11.17%
Bookmobile 2	669	0	0.00%	27	0	0.00%	696	0	0.00%
InterLibrary Loan	165	164	0.61%	0	0	0.00%	165	164	0.61%
Subtotal Checkouts	142,128	137,694	3.22%	17,737	18,968	-6.49%	159,865	156,662	2.04%
Download/Stream Audio	0	0	0.00%	55,654	49,181	13.16%	55,654	49,181	13.16%
Download/Stream eBook	0	0	0.00%	36,637	34,150	7.28%	36,637	34,150	7.28%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,127	1,073	5.03%	1,127	1,073	5.03%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	142,128	137,694	3.22%	111,155	103,372	7.53%	253,283	241,066	5.07%

Location	Youth Checkouts		Youth Loan	Adult Checkouts		Adult Loan	Visits	Visits	Visits
	2026	2025	Change	2026	2025	Change	2026	2025	Change
BMPL	4,242	4,277	-0.82%	6,981	7,870	-11.30%	8,543	10,250	-16.65%
Anderson	6,834	7,030	-2.79%	4,808	5,495	-12.50%	5,811	6,186	-6.06%
Bethany	5,304	4,832	9.77%	3,067	2,742	11.85%	2,883	2,695	6.98%
Eiseley	14,885	13,128	13.38%	7,249	7,146	1.44%	8,887	8,997	-1.22%
Gere	31,328	30,123	4.00%	20,680	21,709	-4.74%	16,550	15,678	5.56%
South	5,195	5,554	-6.46%	3,665	3,745	-2.14%	3,626	4,019	-9.78%
Walt	30,415	28,296	7.49%	11,623	12,162	-4.43%	13,450	13,117	2.54%
Williams	898	792	13.38%	247	173	42.77%	1,035	1,519	-31.86%
Bookmobile 1	1,085	974	11.40%	498	450	10.67%	417	235	77.45%
Bookmobile 2	557		0.00%	139		0.00%	161		0.00%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	165	164	0.61%	0	0	0.00%
Subtotal Checkouts	100,743	95,006	6.04%	59,122	61,656	-4.11%	61,363	62,696	-2.13%
Download/Stream Audio	7,594	7,520	0.98%	48,060	41,661	15.36%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBook	11,545	8,270	39.60%	25,092	25,880	-3.04%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,127	1,073	5.03%	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	119,882	110,796	8.20%	133,401	130,270	2.40%	61,363	62,696	-2.13%

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	413	582	-29.04%	116	167	-30.54%	2,140	2,805	-23.71%
Anderson	397	625	-36.48%	22	4	450.00%	697	715	-2.52%
Bethany	209	204	2.45%	61	40	52.50%	239	268	-10.82%
Eiseley	979	934	4.82%	64	12	433.33%	1,562	1,303	19.88%
Gere	2,293	1,937	18.38%	339	267	26.97%	818	1,190	-31.26%
South	315	279	12.90%	8	5	60.00%	336	470	-28.51%
Walt	2,325	1,580	47.15%	225	354	-36.44%	1,357	1,263	7.44%
Williams	308	170	81.18%	8	9	-11.11%	160	391	-59.08%
Bookmobile 1	87	45	93.33%	36	48	-25.00%	0	0	0.00%
Bookmobile 2	20	0	0.00%	672	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	102	-100.00%	1,064	785	35.54%	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	7,346	6,458	13.75%	2,615	1,691	54.64%	7,309	8,405	-13.04%

Location	Meeting Room Attendance		Meeting Room Att	Study Room Attendance		Study Room Att			
	2026	2025	Change	2026	2025	Change	2026	2025	
BMPL	181	284	-36.27%	50	68	-26.47%			0.00%
Anderson	272	96	183.33%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Bethany	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Eiseley	236	279	-15.41%	358	386	-7.25%			0.00%
Gere	547	469	16.63%	404	294	37.41%			0.00%
South	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Walt	491	474	3.59%	455	396	14.90%			0.00%
Williams	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%			0.00%
TOTAL	1,727	1,602	7.80%	1,267	1,144	10.75%	0	0	0.00%

Lincoln City Libraries
September 2026 FYTD

Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits			Computer Reservations			Program & Outreach Attendance			Meeting Room Attendance			Study Room Attendance			TOTAL Other Use		
	Loans/Circlo FYTD			Visits FYTD			26-27 FYTD Computer Reservations			26-27 FYTD Program & Outreach Attendance			26-27 FYTD Meeting Room Attendance			26-27 FYTD Study Room Attendance			25-26 FYTD Total Other Use		
	26-27 FYTD	25-26 FYTD	Change	26-27 FYTD	25-26 FYTD	Change	26-27 FYTD Computer Reservations	25-26 Computer Reservations	FYTD Change	26-27 FYTD Program & Outreach Attendance	25-26 FYTD Program & Outreach Attendance	FYTD Change	26-27 FYTD Meeting Room Attendance	25-26 FYTD Meeting Room Attendance	FYTD Change	26-27 FYTD Study Room Attendance	25-26 FYTD Study Room Attendance	FYTD Change	25-26 FYTD Total Other Use	24-25 FYTD Total Other Use	FYTD Change
Bennett Martin Public Library	11,223	12,147	-7.61%	8,543	10,250	-16.65%	2,140	2,805	-23.71%	529	749	-29.37%	181	284	-36.27%	50	68	-26.47%	2,900	3,906	-25.76%
Anderson Branch Library	11,642	12,525	-7.05%	5,811	6,186	-6.06%	697	715	-2.52%	419	629	-33.39%	272	96	183.33%	0	0	0.00%	1,388	1,440	-3.61%
Bethany Branch Library	8,371	7,574	10.52%	2,883	2,695	6.98%	239	268	-10.82%	270	244	10.66%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	509	512	-0.59%
Eiseley Branch Library	22,134	20,274	9.17%	8,887	8,997	-1.22%	1,562	1,303	19.88%	1,043	946	10.25%	236	279	-15.41%	358	386	-7.25%	3,199	2,914	9.78%
Gere Branch Library	52,008	51,832	0.34%	16,550	15,678	5.56%	818	1,190	-31.26%	2,632	2,204	19.42%	547	469	16.63%	404	294	37.41%	4,401	4,157	5.87%
South Branch Library	8,860	9,299	-4.72%	3,626	4,019	-9.78%	336	470	-28.51%	323	284	13.73%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	659	754	-12.60%
Walt Branch Library	42,038	40,458	3.91%	13,450	13,117	2.54%	1,357	1,263	7.44%	2,550	1,934	31.85%	491	474	3.59%	455	396	14.90%	4,853	4,067	19.33%
Williams Branch Library	1,145	965	18.65%	1,035	1,519	-31.86%	160	391	-59.08%	316	179	76.54%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	476	570	-16.49%
Bookmobiles	2,279	1,424	60.04%	578	235	145.96%	0	0	0.00%	123	93	32.26%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	123	93	32.26%
InterLibrary Loan	165	164	0.61%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1,064	887	19.95%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1,064	887	19.95%
SUBTOTAL	159,865	156,662	2.04%	61,363	62,696	-2.13%	7,309	8,405	-13.04%	9,269	8,149	13.74%	1,727	1,602	7.80%	1,267	1,144	10.75%	19,572	19,300	1.41%
DownloadStream Audio	55,654	49,181	13.16%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Download/Stream eBooks	36,637	34,150	7.28%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stream Video	1,127	1,073	5.03%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Download SUBTOTAL	93,418	84,404	10.68%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	253,283	241,066	5.07%	61,363	62,696	-2.13%	7,309	8,405	-13.04%	9,269	8,149	13.74%	1,727	1,602	7.80%	1,267	1,144	10.75%	19,572	19,300	1.41%

Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	
Owned	343,585	306,192	70,201	30,362	750,340
Added	2,532	1,153	299	45	4,029
Withdrawn	-1,150	-2,073	-141	-86	-3,450
Current	344,967	305,272	70,359	30,321	750,919

Notes:

	FY 26-27 YTD	FY 25-26 YTD	YTD Change
Online Registrations	210	139	51.08%
Overall Registrations	1,221	1,627	-24.95%

REGISTRATIONS	2027	2026	Change
Purged	1,386	767	80.70%
Active			
Resident	118,339	148,685	-20.41%
Library OneCard	42,526	57,454	-25.98%
County	6,942	8,759	-20.74%
NonResident	863	993	-13.09%
Reciprocal	350	495	-29.29%
Limited Use	9,477	10,701	-11.44%
Total Active	178,497	227,087	-21.40%

	26-27 FYTD	25-26 FYTD	Change
WiFi Sesiions	109,048	134,703	-19.05%
WiFi Users	8,445	8,937	-5.51%
*Website Users	89,118	70,282	26.80%
Website Sessions	145,018	123,806	17.13%
Database Use	7,492	9,141	-18.04%

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

Monthly Categorical Report

September 30, 2026

	Budget Amount	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
Administration-Div. 1					
Personnel	\$ 1,051,187.00	\$ 87,598.92	\$ 77,453.72	\$ 973,733.28	\$ 77,453.72
Supplies	30,000.00	2,500.00	346.70	29,653.30	346.70
Services & Charges	212,678.00	17,723.17	4,269.48	208,408.52	4,269.48
Other	2,206,212.50	183,851.04	947,237.49	1,258,975.01	947,237.49
Total	\$ 3,500,077.50	\$ 291,673.13	\$ 1,029,307.39	\$ 2,470,770.11	\$ 1,029,307.39
Percent Expended		8.33%	29.41%		
Buildings & Grounds-Div. 2					
Personnel	\$ 236,086.00	\$ 19,673.83	\$ 11,165.03	\$ 224,920.97	\$ 11,165.03
Supplies	120,100.00	10,008.33	11,819.38	108,280.62	11,819.38
Services & Charges	1,101,896.00	91,824.67	130,400.96	971,495.04	130,400.96
Other	97,034.00	8,086.17	-	97,034.00	-
Total	\$ 1,555,116.00	\$ 129,593.00	\$ 153,385.37	\$ 1,401,730.63	\$ 153,385.37
Percent Expended		8.33%	9.86%		
Public Service-Div. 3					
Personnel	\$ 6,988,664.00	\$ 582,388.67	\$ 522,760.40	\$ 6,465,903.60	\$ 522,760.40
Supplies	84,750.00	7,062.50	787.22	83,962.78	787.22
Services & Charges	67,650.00	5,637.50	5,518.34	62,131.66	5,518.34
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 7,141,064.00	\$ 595,088.67	\$ 529,065.96	\$ 6,611,998.04	\$ 529,065.96
Percent Expended		8.33%	7.41%		
Support Services-Div. 4					
Personnel	\$ 1,378,773.00	\$ 114,897.75	\$ 104,536.91	\$ 1,274,236.09	\$ 104,536.91
Supplies	94,500.00	7,875.00	4,688.51	89,811.49	4,688.51
Services & Charges	513,494.00	42,791.17	62,467.73	451,026.27	62,467.73
Other	960,000.00	80,000.00	68,765.90	891,234.10	68,765.90
Total	\$ 2,946,767.00	\$ 245,563.92	\$ 240,459.05	\$ 2,706,307.95	\$ 240,459.05
Percent Expended		8.33%	8.16%		
Total Library Operational					
Personnel	\$ 9,654,710.00	\$ 804,559.17	\$ 715,916.06	\$ 8,938,793.94	\$ 715,916.06
Supplies	329,350.00	27,445.83	17,641.81	311,708.19	17,641.81
Services & Charges	1,895,718.00	157,976.50	202,656.51	1,693,061.49	202,656.51
Other	3,263,246.50	271,937.21	1,016,003.39	2,247,243.11	1,016,003.39
Total	\$ 15,143,024.50	\$ 1,261,918.71	\$ 1,952,217.77	\$ 13,190,806.73	\$ 1,952,217.77
Percent Expended		8.33%	12.89%		
Other Library Fund Appropriations	Amount Appropriated		Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
FY 2025-26 Reappropriated	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES
September 2026

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balance
<u>GRANT FUNDS</u>				
Net Lender Fund	\$ 2,934.83		\$ -	2,934.83
NLC Misc Grants	\$ 4,998.92	\$ -	\$ -	4,998.92
NLC Youth Grant 2025	3,526.44	-	3,450.00	76.44
NLC NE eReads Grant 2026	-	52,157.00		52,157.00
State Aid 2025	38,474.19	-	211.30	38,262.89
State Aid 2026	53,837.00	-	-	53,837.00

DONATED FUNDS

Heritage Room	\$ 212,663.00	\$ 337.68	\$ 3,096.43	209,904.25
Polley Music Library	243,679.75	397.05	9,638.34	234,438.46
Joseph J. Hompes	171,172.66	263.46	-	171,436.12
Misc. Library Donations	826,850.54	1,492.22	24,912.73	803,430.03
Alice Nielsen	92,536.21	144.91	-	92,681.12
Dorothy Holland	133,109.00	208.44	-	133,317.44
Glennis Leapley	6,546.82	10.25	-	6,557.07
Lincoln Cares	36,540.25	373.82	-	36,914.07

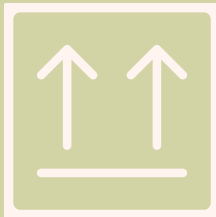
APPROPRIATED FUNDS

	Budget	Expended Sept 2026	Exp-to-Date	Balance
Heritage Room FY 2026-27	\$ 41,440.00	\$ 3,096.43	\$ 3,096.43	38,343.57
Polley Music Library FY 2026-27	133,353.00	9,638.34	9,638.34	123,714.66
Keno FY 2026-27	981,750.00	88,051.52	88,051.52	893,698.48
Capital Improvement Projects				
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	29,248,424.30	434,886.56	8,180,563.84	21,067,860.46
FY 2026-27 Library Repairs & Renovations	255,000.00	-	-	255,000.00

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CHALLENGE REGISTRATION



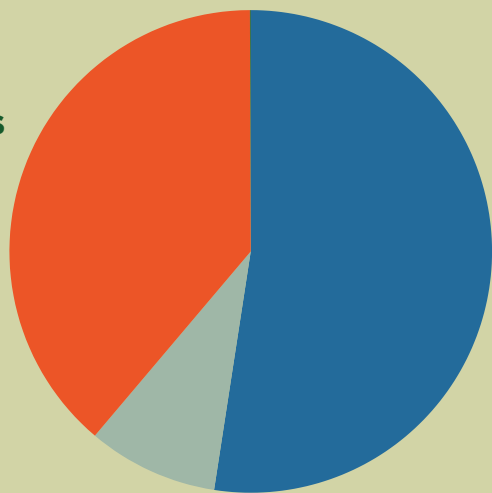
Number of people who
started SRC:

21,605

Up from 19,618 in 2025

PARTICIPANTS BY AGE

Adults
38.8%



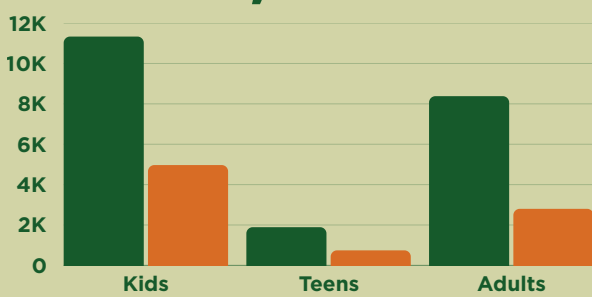
Kids
52.4%

Teens
8.7%

Reflects Registration Number:
11,333 Kids, 1891 Teens, and 8381 Adults
6% increase in kids registration
26% increase in teen registration
12% increase in adult registration

CHALLENGE COMPLETION:

8,511



PROGRAM ATTENDANCE OVERALL

Storytimes

333 session with 10,209 attendees

Youth

290 events with 10,537 attendees

Teens

65 events with 618 attendees

Adults

104 events with 1,511 attendees

BEST ATTENDED



IN OUR COMMUNITY



SUMMER OUTREACH

27 sites per
week visited.
Read with 600
kids per week.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

11 events
attended with
1,440
interactions

BOOKMOBILE

19 pop-up
stops

LINCOLN READ



**11,110,756
minutes**



**185,179
hours**



7,715 days

