

MEETING NOTICE

DATE: April 11, 2025
TO: Library Board, Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney
FROM: Ryan Wieber, Library Director
SUBJECT: Library Board Meeting

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING: Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Eiseley Branch Library
136 S. 14th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

STARTING TIME OF MEETING: 6:00 p.m.
CHAIR OF MEETING: Joe Shaw, 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 March 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes*
5. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Committee on Administration
 - b. Committee on Buildings and Grounds
 - c. Committee on Finance
 - i. Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures for March 2025*
 - ii. Keno Funds Report: Ali Larson
6. Special Committee Reports
 - a. OBOL Update
 - b. Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries Update
7. New Business
 - a. Approval of Custom Edges Lawn Care Contract Renewal Not to Exceed \$50,520*
8. President's Report
9. Assistant Library Director's Report
10. Library Director's Report
11. Public Comment – Anyone wishing to address the board on a matter not on this agenda may do so at this time.
12. Closed Session

*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, MARCH 18, 2025, 8:00 a.m.
BENNETT MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Present: Joe Shaw, Dan Sloan, Morgan Gerteisen, Patty Beutler. Lisa Hale and Jackie Ostrowicki arrived later.
Absent: Terri Dunlap, Nichole Bogen.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

President Shaw called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. and announced the Open Meetings Law and today's agenda were posted and available for review. Director Wieber noted that Vice-President Ostrowicki would be late arriving, and thus those gathered would proceed with the portions of the meeting not requiring her vote until her arrival.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shaw noted that the Agenda/Meeting Notice was posted according to the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska. Beutler moved for the approval of the Agenda. Gerteisen seconded. Hale arrived at this time. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Shaw, Sloan– AYE. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Administration

No Report

Committee on Buildings and Grounds

Director Wieber noted the committee is scheduled to meet next on March 26.

Committee on Technology

No Report

Committee on Finance

Director Wieber noted that the Finance Committee met on Monday, February 24, with Hale, Bogen, Accountant Ali Larson and the Director Wieber attending. Larson presented an overview of Keno funds over the past ten years, which will be shared with the full Board at the April meeting.

Treasurer Hale reported that the Total Operational Expenditures for February were \$934,498.88. The Total Expenditures from Other Funds were \$76,708.84 for a Total of \$1,011,207.72. Hale moved approval. Beutler seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Shaw, Sloan, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler – AYE. Motion carried 5-0.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

One Book One Lincoln

One Book One Lincoln Board Liaison, Morgan Gerteisen reported that the committee met on March 5th and narrowed 45 titles down to 24. They will meet again the 26th to further narrow the finalists to 12. She commented that both the committee and the books have been excellent.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Contract Renewal with BMI for Janitorial Services*

Director Wieber explained that the original contract with BMI was signed in 2023 and includes the option for three renewals. The contract was renewed in 2024, and the intent is to renew for 2025 today. There is a slight increase in the fee, up to \$130,000. Monthly cleaning costs run \$1,000-\$3,000 per branch. We have been very pleased with their work and would like to stay with them. Hale moved approval of the amendment. Beutler seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Shaw, Sloan, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler– AYE. Motion carried 5-0.

At this time, Vice President Ostrowicki arrived. President Shaw indicated that the meeting would return to scheduled items requiring her Board vote.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024 MEETING MINUTES*

President Shaw noted that the approval of the November minutes has waited until today for enough members of the Board who were present that day to vote. Sloan moved approval. Gerteisen seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Gerteisen, Hale, Ostrowicki, Sloan – AYE. Beutler and Shaw abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with two abstentions.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 25, 2025 MEETING MINUTES*

Beutler motioned approval of the February minutes. Sloan seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Sloan, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Shaw – AYE. Gerteisen and Hale abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with two abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS continued...

2024 Volunteer Report – Anderson/Bethany Library Manager, Kim Shelley

Shelley reported that Lincoln City Libraries had 188 volunteers in 2024. She noted that this is a smaller number than previous years, and the results include not only the existing volunteers are working more hours, but they're working on more substantial projects and creating better relationships with staff. Volunteer Martha Kingsbury has donated 20 years of service. She also worked 10 years at Gere as a Library Assistant II, and has also worked temp positions from time to time.

The Annual Volunteer Banquet will be held Saturday, April 13 at College View church. Refreshments will be served at 2:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 3:00 p.m. Mayor Gaylor Baird unfortunately has another commitment, so City Council member Tom Beckius will attend in her stead. Brief discussion followed.

Approval of the Volunteer Proclamation*

Manager Kim Shelley read the Proclamation aloud:

During National Volunteer Week, we acknowledge the many volunteers who generously give their time and talents to help improve the lives of others. Their acts of kindness help to build a better and brighter future for

Lincoln City Libraries and the citizens it serves. The Board of Trustees of Lincoln City Libraries hereby proclaims April 20-26, 2025 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK at Lincoln City Libraries, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Hale moved approval of the Proclamation. Ostrowicki seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Shaw, Sloan, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Shaw shared that this is an exciting time to be on the Library Board with large projects moving forward. He encouraged members to take note and be prepared for upcoming work.

ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Director Glaesemann shared that Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) staff periodically ask for refreshers on de-escalation training. Walt Manager, Wyatt Packard and Public Services Coordinator, LeeAnn Sergeant met with Centerpointe to discuss their classroom offerings. While LCL staff have attended trainings on the topic, often times teachers aren't familiar with the culture of libraries. Sergeant and Packard met with trainers at Centerpointe who were already planning classes, which is exciting as they are already intimately familiar with the challenges faced at the library. LCL will contract with Centerpointe for a mandatory staff training, scheduled in late April/early May. They will provide multiple 90-minute sessions for staff which should be very beneficial.

Staffing update:

Youth Librarian, Claire Saathoff started March 3rd at Bennett Martin. Kate Humphries will start March 27 as the Read Aloud Librarian. Postings of a 40-hour position at Gere and South closed Sunday. Summer outreach temps open until March 23. Summer intern positions are open thru March 30. Additionally, Glaesemann has been working with the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development's "First Job Lincoln" program – where high school juniors and seniors can experience job shadowing. Support Services, the Heritage Room and Walt public service will all host job shadowing students this summer.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Wieber shared that March 17th was the Nebraska Library Association's (NLA) annual Advocacy Day where library workers advocate to their State legislators on legislation impacting libraries. Only one bill (LB390) for school libraries, has some traction, which would cause all public schools to maintain a library catalog and notify parents of what students are checking out from their school libraries. A change in the language eliminating the requirement for an "online" catalog, will ease the potential burden for smaller school libraries who only maintain an offline catalog. Hale asked if a requirement for parental notification is imminent for public libraries? Wieber responded no, not currently but the process would be monitored. LCL remains neutral on this bill. Advocacy Day is a good chance to meet with others from the state. Bennett Martin hosted an afternoon program featuring speakers on book challenges and First Amendment Law presentations.

Wieber shared that President Trump signed an Executive Order last Friday which would eliminate funding for seven different programs including the Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS) which distributes funding to states to be distributed to libraries. This funding helps pay for databases and special grants. A recent \$4,600 library improvement grant through the Nebraska Library Commission is still on pause.

The Nebraska Literary Heritage Association (NLHA) annual program, held in partnership with Lincoln Public Schools, Writer's Write, is scheduled for Thursday, March 20th. This year 58 students and six authors will gather to practice skills, hear from professionals, and write. Once their work is completed is archived permanently in the Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors.

Director Wieber talked about the new Staff Innovation Grant. It will encourage staff to be creative, come up with new ideas, things that may not fit into the budget right now, but may be good pilots for future programs. This process gives staff experience with creativity and budgeting/project management. The Committee consists entirely of LCL staff, headed by Glaesemann and including Walt Manager Wyatt Packard; Gere/South Library Service Specialist Marcy Graybill; Bookmobile librarian Rebecca Hueske; Support Services Manager, Katy Murtha; Library Service Associate Lisa Voss; and Library aide Lauren Niedergeses which is different from previous experiments at other libraries that had Foundation oversight. The plan is for \$10,000 of Foundation or other donation money to be used annually. Before this, LCL didn't have a consistent plan for spending such funds. Grant applications can be made for anywhere from \$300-\$3,000, and the plan must tie into strategic plan goals.

Brief discussion followed. Board members gave kudos to the team, commented that it's a great plan that gives staff autonomy, and goes hand in hand with the individual budgets for staff. This makes the entire process more transparent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.



LINCOLN

City Libraries

Memo to the Library Board

April 2025

Please note: this month's Board meeting is at **Eiseley Branch Library, at 6pm.**

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET: The actual percent of budget expended year to date is 54.12%, compared to the budgeted 50%. Annual adjusted expenditures to date are 55.89%.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Administration

The Committee did not meet.

Committee on Buildings and Grounds

The Committee met on March 26 and reviewed current and upcoming facilities projects.

Committee on Technology

The committee did not meet.

Committee on Finance

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

The committee did not meet.

Reports are attached. Treasurer Lisa Hale will bring forward a motion to approve. Accountant Ali Larson will provide an overview of Keno funding, an important revenue source for the Library.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

OBOL update- M. Gerteisen will provide this.

Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries update: to be provided by J. Shaw or D. Sloan.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Contract renewal with Custom Edges for Lawn Care Services for 2025-2026 -Not to Exceed \$50,520*

The original contract with Cutting Edge was approved in April 2024. They provide this service for all locations and we've been very pleased the past year. The not to exceed amount reflects no increase.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I'll provide updates on library planning and strategic initiatives.

CLOSED SESSION

CONTRACTS FILED

Becky Martin, Historian	To present the program "Researching Lincoln House History" at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Bennett Martin Public Library at no cost.	3/26/2025
YMCA	Agreement between Lincoln City Libraries and YMCA of Lincoln regarding the Campbell Elementary Community Learning Center (CLC) for providing a book club Leader at Campbell Elementary School at no cost through May, 2025.	3/14/2025
Chloe Burgett	To give five (5) presentations to kids at various library branches on illustrating picture books, at the dates, times and locations noted in the agreement at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.	3/27/2025
Lincoln Saltdogs Baseball	To provide Homer the Haymarket Hound and players to visit library locations for storytimes and autographs, and to host "Library Appreciation Night at the Saltdogs Stadium" on the dates and times listed in the agreement.	3/27/2025
Jeff Sikora, dba "Jeff Quinn, Magician"	Performances as Jeff Quinn the Magician for Lincoln City Libraries' Summer Reading Program.	3/20/2025
Linda Kroon, Pianist	To play incidental piano music from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Library Volunteer Recognition event on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at the College View Church's fellowship hall.	3/3/2025
Bahr Vermeer & Haecker Architects, Ltd, a Nebraska corporation (BVH)	This amends the Agreement for Architectural Services, Bid No. 21-045, originally approved by Directorial Order No. 26151 dated July 1, 2021. The Agreement has been amended by Directorial Order No. 28204 dated June 29, 2022; Directorial Order No. 30483 dated July 26, 2023; Directorial Order No. 31409 dated December 29, 2023; and Directorial Order No. 32604 dated June 28, 2024. This Amendment shall provide for additional scope of work under the same terms and conditions, including total compensation, as provided in the Agreement.	3/5/2025
Debbie Aden	To facilitate the Bethany Book Talks session on 4/18/25 at Bethany Branch Library, 1810 N. Cotner Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68505 at no cost.	3/3/2025
Erin Tinsley	To assist in the execution of Computer Basics classes for Library Patrons on the dates and times in the agreement at no cost.	3/3/2025



LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

136 S. 14th Street

Lincoln, NE 68508-1899

MEMORANDUM

TO: Library Board

FROM: Ali Larson, LCL Business Office

RECAP OF EXPENDITURES - MAR 2025

Library Operational Budget - FY 2024-25	\$ 887,540.50	
Library Enc/Reapp - From FY 2023-24	-	
Heritage Room Fund - FY 2024-25	1,861.96	
Polley Music Library - FY 2024-25	8,734.41	
Total Operational Expenditures		\$ 898,136.87
Grants	\$ 12,501.68	
Hompes Fund	-	
Keno	54,720.54	
Miscellaneous Library Donations Funds	2,708.74	
Capital Improvements	-	
Total Expenditures - Other Funds		69,930.96
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 968,067.83



LINCOLN

City Libraries

Director's Report for March 2025

Youth Services and Outreach Coordinator, Ali Bousquet, reports that Prime Time Family Reading is starting back up at Bennett Martin Library this spring. This longtime early literacy initiative sponsored by Humanities Nebraska is for children ages 3-5 and brings in their families or caregivers for 90 minutes once a week for six weeks at dinner time for stories, a meal and complimentary books. It runs April 16 through May 21.

Also, the Children's team is placing story walks at Kruger, Woods, and Schroder parks during the week of May 5-12 for the enjoyment of all. In partnership with Parks and Rec, we may eventually have a permanent story walk.

Here's what we know about IMLS cuts that could affect activities operated by the Nebraska Library Consortium (NLC). We're depending on information and guidance from NLC on updates and any potential ramifications or impact to their service and will share when they know more.

- LCL receives **NO direct** federal funding.
- NLC receives approximately 30% of its operations budget from federally funded IMLS, specifically from the **"Grants to States"** allocation. For 2024-25, that allocation is about \$1.75 million. At this point in time, NLC is still able to draw upon that funding for the fiscal year that ends in September.
- The Grants to States funding for NLC helps pay for a variety of activities (mixed with state funding, too.):
 - **"eReads" annual subscription fee** to Overdrive of about \$20,000 for the statewide consortium. This has no impact on LCL's Overdrive collection or budget. Lincoln City Libraries received \$48,000 of eReads funding this year for our own econtent purchases, but it is fully "state-appropriated" and not federal money.
 - **Braille and Talking Book funding.** Roughly \$550,000 of the Grants to States money goes to this program. NLC reports that 345 residents who live in Lincoln use this service.
 - **Library Improvement Grants.** This funding is fully paid for by IMLS money, and here is a potential direct loss. We were awarded a \$4,600 grant from NLC to pay for charging lockers at BMPL that has yet to delivered.
 - **Interlibrary Loan compensation.** Most Nebraska libraries receive money to support ILL costs, however, it is rather small. LCL's amount is about \$1,000.
 - **Motion Picture Licensing Agreement.** This supplies all Nebraska Libraries.

- **Regional library systems** receive their funding from an equal combination of state aid and IMLS-sourced money to help support library activities across the state with training and professional support. This wouldn't directly affect LCL's operations, but could harm smaller libraries who depend on their support.

City Parks and Recreation in collaboration with the Loren Eiseley Center are **installed a historical marker** in honor of Loren at Irvingdale Park Friday, April 11. He grew up on 21st Street. To complement the occasion, Heritage Room Curator Deb Arenz created a temporary panel display that will be on exhibit at Eiseley Branch Library for a month.

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*

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

- Laura N. (BMPL) shared, "A woman stopped by the desk today after coming from upstairs and said that she loves all our book displays, and that we do a great job. She said she likes that there's always something to see - she said walking through the library is like window shopping. As a person who works on displays, I love to hear this!"
- Jen J. (BMPL) facilitated two One Book One Lincoln Selection Committee meetings to narrow down the list of books to 10 finalists and two alternate titles (as well as distribution of the books to committee members). Jen said, "The conversation to narrow to the Top 10 was VERY lively and passionate!"
- Lauren E. (BMPL) has been working to bring ideas and information from their position on the City's Green Team to the public through the libraries. They've been communicating with other departments through the Green Team "to build a bridge of collaboration to expand public education on the City's Sustainability efforts and initiatives," learning and coming up with ideas for future events and programs.
- At BMPL, Claire S. had a busy first month. Along with all of the general training needed for new employees, she worked to clean up the youth area (weeding jfic, picture books, organized displays), introduced herself to and connected with a number of local organizations, presented at a Prime Time outreach event for Spanish-speaking families, created passive programming for the

youth area (including a scavenger hunt for prizes), and hosted her first LCL storytime with Elephant and Piggie (which included a party on 4th floor following the storytime)!

- Walker D. (BMPL) shared this interaction with a patron, continuing demonstration of the caring service staff provide regularly, "A patron approached me for help with their phone. They were attempting to open the map feature on the MyLink app so that they could find community food resources, but the app kept saying that they needed to connect to the internet to use that feature. They showed me that they were in fact connected to the public wifi. When we still could not get the map feature to work, I located a community food resources handout that we had in the binder at the 2nd floor desk and gave it to the patron, who expressed his gratitude for the help."
- Maddie O. (Eiseley) shared this about her March Once Upon a Crime book group: "I had two new members attend my Once Upon a Crime book group in March. They enjoyed the program so much that when it was over they immediately signed up for library cards and then the next day they placed a few true crime books on hold to check out. They told me that they were excited to come to the next meeting!"
- During programming in March at Eiseley/Williams, Pam C. reached 31 children through two storytimes at Project Future in Air Park and also provided Family Storytime and Stay and Play to 58 Williams' patrons. Catherine S. provided programming for 31 Arnold Elementary students with our After School Special program. Williams staff checked out resources to 83 Park & Rec Students during their biweekly visits. Tami B. reached 186 children through pre-school storytime. Susan S. reached 159 toddlers through toddler storytime, and also provided storytime programming to 33 children at Belmont Preschool. In February, 210 children participated in Stay and Play at Eiseley. Maddie O. provided interactive storytimes to 67 children during Wee Workout Sessions. Kate K. has been filling in for absent staff and provided Baby Storytime to 27 babies and their Moms and Dads. Kara G. worked with 9 students as part of Campbell Elementary's CLC library program.
- Manager Lisa Olivigni provided a tour for a group of Ukrainian students from Lincoln Literacy. Ten students and one instructor (who translated) participated. They were all very interested in library resources and Lisa shared sent information about Transparent Languages Online with the instructor who planned to explore it and share it with her students.
- Paden H. (Gere) shared this interaction: "I had a patron at Gere who wanted to replace their library card. I updated their contact info and was about to issue the card when I noticed that they had pre-existing fees on their account. The bill added up to almost \$100. When I told the patron, she was immediately upset and began to walk away from the desk to leave the library. I managed explain to her quickly that there was potentially a way for us to waive the fines and that I could still issue the replacement library card. It turned out that her card had been stolen/used by a family member and this was the reason why there were so many fines on the account. I went through the Fresh Start Waiver process with her, and the interaction ended up being very positive. She was excited to be able to check out five items and thanked us for helping her so that she could use the library again. I saw her the following week at a library program, as well."
- Leanne D. and Yoel S. worked with Wyatt Packard (Walt) and Selena S.(Eiseley) for the Technology Basics workshops that began in March. Topics were Windows 11 with 10 attending; Internet Basics with 13 attending; Email Basics with 10 attending; and Cybersecurity with 9. Yoel reported having the collaboration of 4 staff really made this work with one person being able to

lead the class while the others could help individuals that needed some extra guidance. Yoel said: "One attendee said she was learning a lot about computers from the class, but she also decided to attend to help her English as it is not her first language."

- Ronda H. (Gere) shared this interaction: "One day while working at South, I helped a mother and her kids get on a multi-language computer. The mother spoke very little English, so her son translated for her. After they were finished, they perused around the library. They came up to the front counter with their selected books. The mother tried to hand me money. I explained to the family that we did not sell the books, but would loan them out. I signed them up for a library card. The young boy was so excited that he would be able to check out more items, he ran back to the youth area and grabbed a few more books to check out. A few weeks later, while working at South, they came back to return the books and check more out."
- Araya W. shared this interaction: "On 3/25 I helped a patron who had some lost item fees on his account from audiobooks checked out in August 2024. He explained it was really difficult for him to get to the library due to his disability and also said that he wished he could listen to our audiobooks on his phone instead of CDs. I told him about how he has free access to Libby and Hoopla through the library and also gave him a Home Outreach application. He was happy to learn that he can have much easier access to the library through those services and told me 'The nicest people work at the library'. Also, this patron's service dog gave me a kiss so that was adorable."
- Domonique H. (Gere) shared: "A patron brought one of our wooden puzzles up to the front desk and said, 'I bring my friend with Alzheimer's here and these puzzles are just perfect, we appreciate it.'"
- NESU Librarian Karrie S. reported, "We held our Annual Teen Art show on Thursday, March 6. We had more art than ever in the building this year! Seventy-two people attended this amazing program. Drawings, pottery, masks, graphic art and paintings lined the walls and shelves for the whole month." All artwork was created by students at Northeast High School.
- Nathan H. at NESU reports "a patron came to Bethany looking to scan some physical photographs and email them to himself. The photographs were senior pictures he had taken of his daughter. I helped him scan the photographs and crop out any instances of his finger or thumb being in the frame. He thanked me for showing him how to use the desktop scanner, then said he may return soon with more photographs to scan."
- Marie M. (NESU) noted that a customer told her, "Tryin' a build a chicken coop today." While making this comment, the customer piled a stack of books about chicken coops onto the circulation desk. Marie' said, "You never know all the awesome ways the library can be utilized."
- A customer at Bethany Branch Library commented about the BookTalks program, "I really like this. I think this is one of the best services in the city." According to library staff, the customer went on to say that the program "is open to everyone, and it doesn't matter where you come from or your point of view."
- Scott S. reported that the "Polley Music Library Show on KZUM had five episodes in March, and I missed reporting one in February, so here's the most recent six: we covered "David Lynch's American Dreamscape," a new book that approaches Lynch's work from musical and literary

perspectives, "Mood Machine," a deep dive into the history of Spotify that helps to explain the (mostly negative) impacts music streaming services have had on artists and listeners alike, "Bone Music," a book that looks at the history of bootleg records lathe-cut on x-rays in Soviet territory during the Cold War, "Uncanny Muse," a book that explores the ever-evolving relationship between machines and music/visual art forms leading up to the latest issues around AI, a biography of European free jazz saxophonist Peter Brotzmann, and a book on Detroit's legendary proto-punk band The MC5."

Top Twenty LCL Website Page Hits for March 2025:

Page title	Views
Home	52,715
Locations and Hours	5,862
Events Calendar	1,609
Get a Library Card	1,316
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	1,005
Databases and Research	940
Storytimes	793
New Books and DVDs	769
Due and Renew	751
eBooks and Audiobooks	738
Meeting Rooms and Study Rooms	735
Print, Scan and Copy	583
Author Alerts	495
Kids	458
3D Printing Request - Lincoln Libraries	400
Holds	366
Forms	330
Library Lineup	284
Interlibrary Loans	282
Our Apps	265

Ryan Wieber,
Library Director
4.11.25

Lincoln City Libraries
March 2025 Use Report

Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits			March 2025 Other Use					March 2024 Other Use					Change: Total Other Use
	Mar 2025	Mar 2024	Change	Mar 2025	Mar 2024	Change	Program & Meeting				Total Other Use	Program & Meeting				Total Other Use	
							Computer Reservations	Outreach Attendance	Room Attendance	Study Room Attendance		Computer Reservations	Outreach Attendance	Room Attendance	Study Room Attendance		
Bennett Martin Public Library	13,201	14,359	-8.06%	10,860	12,561	-13.54%	2,513	389	370	42	3,314	2,442	1,012	252	0	3,706	-10.58%
Anderson Branch Library	12,712	11,300	12.50%	6,337	5,860	8.14%	790	634	213	0	1,637	721	543	344	0	1,608	1.80%
Bethany Branch Library	8,411	8,156	3.13%	2,749	3,103	-11.41%	221	253	0	0	474	280	215	0	0	495	-4.24%
Eiseley Branch Library	22,874	22,407	2.08%	10,313	10,141	1.70%	1,427	761	295	337	2,820	1,910	1,181	394	0	3,485	-19.08%
Gere Branch Library	60,042	60,526	-0.80%	20,343	20,225	0.58%	1,291	1,770	1,005	281	4,347	1,315	1,844	921	0	4,080	6.54%
South Branch Library	9,362	8,979	4.27%	4,314	3,642	18.45%	493	91	0	0	584	458	204	0	0	662	-11.78%
Walt Branch Library	41,294	41,897	-1.44%	14,263	14,000	1.88%	1,306	1,449	552	379	3,686	1,200	1,830	631	0	3,661	0.68%
Williams Branch Library	1,101	1,019	8.05%	1,410	1,109	27.14%	324	217	0	0	541	247	302	0	0	549	-1.46%
Lied Bookmobile	1,470	1,437	2.30%	339	295	14.92%	0	35	0	0	35	0	41	0	0	41	-14.63%
InterLibrary Loan	155	189	-17.99%	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	232	0	0	232	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
SUBTOTAL	170,622	170,269	0.21%	70,928	70,936	-0.01%	8,365	5,831	2,435	1,039	17,670	8,573	7,172	2,542	0	18,287	-3.37%
DownloadStream Audio	50,789	43,865	15.78%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBooks	37,431	32,712	14.43%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	1,259	928	35.67%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Download SUBTOTAL	89,479	77,505	15.45%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	260,101	247,774	4.98%	70,928	70,936	-0.01%	8,365	5,831	2,435	1,039	17,670	8,573	7,172	2,542	0	18,287	-3.37%

Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total	REGISTRATIONS	2025	2024	Change
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth		Purged	656	692	-5.20%
Owned	346,342	305,022	73,757	32,369	757,490	Active			
Added	2,397	1,914	195	132	4,638	Resident	148,563	147,675	0.60%
Withdrawn	-3,171	-2,218	-535	-48	-5,972	Library OneCard	53,244	48,016	10.89%
Current	345,568	304,718	73,417	32,453	756,156	County	8,887	9,034	-1.63%
Notes for Month						NonResident	969	934	3.75%
						Reciprocal	486	484	0.41%
						Limited Use	10,326	9,659	6.91%
						Total Active	222,475	215,802	3.09%

	2025	2024	Change
WiFi Sessions	117,821	127,297	-7.44%
WiFi Users	9,535	9,599	-0.67%
Website Users	93,207	103,267	-9.74%
Website Sessions	130,379	137,933	-5.48%
Database Use	8,653	7,855	10.16%

March 2025 Use Compared to March 2024
Lincoln City Libraries

Location	Print Checkouts		Print Loan	Non-Print Checkouts		Non-Print	Total Checkouts		Total Loan
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Loan Change	2025	2024	Change
BMPL	10,975	11,662	-5.89%	2,226	2,697	-17.46%	13,201	14,359	-8.06%
Anderson	10,551	9,378	12.51%	2,161	1,922	12.43%	12,712	11,300	12.50%
Bethany	7,494	7,248	3.39%	917	908	0.99%	8,411	8,156	3.13%
Eiseley	20,465	19,544	4.71%	2,409	2,863	-15.86%	22,874	22,407	2.08%
Gere	52,734	53,054	-0.60%	7,308	7,472	-2.19%	60,042	60,526	-0.80%
South	8,133	7,993	1.75%	1,229	986	24.65%	9,362	8,979	4.27%
Walt	36,250	36,628	-1.03%	5,044	5,269	-4.27%	41,294	41,897	-1.44%
Williams	869	865	0.46%	232	154	50.65%	1,101	1,019	8.05%
Lied Bookmobile	1,354	1,294	4.64%	116	143	-18.88%	1,470	1,437	2.30%
InterLibrary Loan	155	189	-17.99%	0	0	0.00%	155	189	-17.99%
Subtotal Checkouts	148,980	147,855	0.76%	21,642	22,414	-3.44%	170,622	170,269	0.21%
Download/Stream Audio	0	0	0.00%	50,789	43,865	15.78%	50,789	43,865	15.78%
Download/Stream eBook	0	0	0.00%	37,431	32,712	14.43%	37,431	32,712	14.43%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,259	928	35.67%	1,259	928	35.67%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	148,980	147,855	0.76%	111,121	99,919	11.21%	260,101	247,774	4.98%

Location	Youth Checkouts		Youth Loan	Adult Checkouts		Adult Loan	Visits	Visits	Visits
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change
BMPL	4,863	5,375	-9.53%	8,338	8,984	-7.19%	10,860	12,561	-13.54%
Anderson	6,478	5,728	13.09%	6,234	5,572	11.88%	6,337	5,860	8.14%
Bethany	5,286	4,836	9.31%	3,125	3,320	-5.87%	2,749	3,103	-11.41%
Eiseley	15,320	14,553	5.27%	7,554	7,854	-3.82%	10,313	10,141	1.70%
Gere	34,644	35,710	-2.99%	25,398	24,816	2.35%	20,343	20,225	0.58%
South	5,459	5,036	8.40%	3,903	3,943	-1.01%	4,314	3,642	18.45%
Walt	27,763	28,505	-2.60%	13,531	13,392	1.04%	14,263	14,000	1.88%
Williams	766	765	0.13%	335	254	31.89%	1,410	1,109	27.14%
Lied Bookmobile	909	876	3.77%	561	561	0.00%	339	295	14.92%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	155	189	-17.99%	0	0	0.00%
Subtotal Checkouts	101,488	101,384	0.10%	69,134	68,885	0.36%	70,928	70,936	-0.01%
Download/Stream Audio	7,168	6,242	14.83%	43,621	37,623	15.94%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBook	9,043	5,799	55.94%	28,388	26,913	5.48%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	0	0	0.00%	1,259	928	35.67%	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL CHECKOUTS	117,699	113,425	3.77%	142,402	134,349	5.99%	70,928	70,936	-0.01%

Location	Program & Outreach Attendance - Youth		P&O Att - Youth	Program & Outreach Attendance - Adult		P&O Att - Adult	Computer Use		Computer
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change
BMPL	251	860	-70.81%	138	152	-9.21%	2,513	2,442	2.91%
Anderson	633	520	21.73%	1	23	-95.65%	790	721	9.57%
Bethany	215	170	26.47%	38	45	-15.56%	221	280	-21.07%
Eiseley	753	1,103	-31.73%	8	78	-89.74%	1,427	1,910	-25.29%
Gere	1,618	1,780	-9.10%	152	64	137.50%	1,291	1,315	-1.83%
South	90	198	-54.55%	1	6	-83.33%	493	458	7.64%
Walt	1,316	1,513	-13.02%	133	317	-58.04%	1,306	1,200	8.83%
Williams	203	297	-31.65%	14	5	180.00%	324	247	31.17%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	35	41	-14.63%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	232	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	5,079	6,441	-21.15%	752	731	2.87%	8,365	8,573	-2.43%

Location	Meeting Room Attendance		Meeting Room Att	Study Room Attendance		Study Room Att			
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	
BMPL	370	252	46.83%	42		0.00%			0.00%
Anderson	213	344	-38.08%	0		0.00%			0.00%
Bethany	0	0	0.00%	0		0.00%			0.00%
Eiseley	295	394	-25.13%	337		0.00%			0.00%
Gere	1,005	921	9.12%	281		0.00%			0.00%
South	0	0	0.00%	0		0.00%			0.00%
Walt	552	631	-12.52%	379		0.00%			0.00%
Williams	0	0	0.00%	0		0.00%			0.00%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	0		0.00%			0.00%
TOTAL	2,435	2,542	-4.21%	1,039	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%

Lincoln City Libraries
March 2025 Fiscal Year To Date Use Report

Location	Loans/Circulation			Visits		
	Loans/ Circulation	Loans/ Circulation	YTD Change	Visits	Visits	YTD Change
	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD		FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	
Bennett Martin Public Library	91,662	96,414	-4.93%	75,774	74,900	1.17%
Anderson Branch	83,586	78,413	6.60%	40,331	36,791	9.62%
Bethany Branch	54,472	51,659	5.45%	19,519	20,090	-2.84%
Eiseley Branch	149,660	155,583	-3.81%	68,166	62,985	8.23%
Gere Branch	376,363	400,337	-5.99%	133,046	127,396	4.43%
South Branch	61,710	63,370	-2.62%	26,384	24,006	9.91%
Walt Branch	265,393	273,635	-3.01%	90,338	85,408	5.77%
Williams Branch	6,521	6,813	-4.29%	8,602	12,451	-30.91%
Lied Bookmobile	10,190	9,869	3.25%	2,196	2,210	-0.63%
InterLibrary Loan	1,158	1,396	-17.05%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
SUBTOTAL	1,100,715	1,137,489	-3.23%	464,356	446,237	4.06%
DownloadStream Audio	332,399	295,105	12.64%	0	0	0.00%
Download/Stream eBooks	242,389	231,117	4.88%	0	0	0.00%
Stream Video	7,599	6,179	22.98%	0	0	0.00%
Download SUBTOTAL	582,387	532,401	9.39%	0	0	0.00%
Total	1,683,102	1,669,890	0.79%	464,356	446,237	4.06%

	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change
Online Registrations	811	1,254	-35.33%
Overall Registrations	6,750	7,460	-9.52%

	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	YTD Change
WiFi Sessions	824,385	838,971	-1.74%
WiFi Users	63,687	65,958	-3.44%
Website Users	610,143	679,083	-10.15%
Website Sessions	847,215	907,572	-6.65%
Database Use	53,405	57,650	-7.36%

Year-to-Date Holdings Report	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	
Owned 9/1/2024	372,148	329,191	80,850	34,144	816,333
Added YTD	14,810	12,675	1,847	1,244	30,576
Withdrawn YTD	-41,390	-37,148	-9,280	-2,935	-90,753
Current - 3/31/2025	345,568	304,718	73,417	32,453	756,156

Location							Other Use								
	Computer Reservations	Computer Reservations	YTD Change	Program & Outreach Attendance	Program & Outreach Attendance	YTD Change	Meeting Room Attendance	Meeting Room Attendance	YTD Change	Study Room Attendance	*Study Room Attendance	YTD Change	Total Other Use	Total Other Use	YTD CHANGE
	FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD		FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD		FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD		FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD		FY 24-25 YTD	FY 23-24 YTD	
Bennett Martin Public Library	16,914	15,091	12.08%	3,523	6,185	-43.04%	1,516	1,119	35.48%	417	0	0.00%	22,370	22,395	-0.11%
Anderson Branch	5,460	5,016	8.85%	5,677	4,247	33.67%	1,347	1,351	-0.30%	0	0	0.00%	12,484	10,614	17.62%
Bethany Branch	1,535	1,686	-8.96%	1,246	1,286	-3.11%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	2,781	2,972	-6.43%
Eiseley Branch	9,506	9,430	0.81%	8,815	6,763	30.34%	2,445	2,352	3.95%	2,102	0	0.00%	22,868	18,545	23.31%
Gere Branch	8,255	8,579	-3.78%	10,695	10,939	-2.23%	4,298	4,368	-1.60%	1,984	0	0.00%	25,232	23,886	5.64%
South Branch	3,025	3,128	-3.29%	1,219	1,442	-15.46%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	4,244	4,570	-7.13%
Walt Branch	7,699	7,123	8.09%	9,097	10,455	-12.99%	2,697	3,293	-18.10%	2,380	0	0.00%	21,873	20,871	4.80%
Williams Branch	1,542	1,319	16.91%	1,652	1,193	38.47%	20	24	-16.67%	0	0	0.00%	3,214	2,536	26.74%
Lied Bookmobile	0	0	0.00%	411	403	1.99%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	411	403	1.99%
InterLibrary Loan	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
System Outreach	0	0	0.00%	1,555	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1,555	0	0.00%
Total	53,936	51,372	4.99%	43,890	42,913	2.28%	12,323	12,507	-1.47%	6,883	0	0.00%	117,032	106,792	9.59%

*Study Room Attendance tracking began 9/1/2024

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

Monthly Categorical Report

March 31, 2025

	Budget Amount	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
Administration-Div. 1					
Personnel	\$ 992,911.00	\$ 579,198.08	\$ 539,279.75	\$ 453,631.25	\$ 72,271.98
Supplies	33,000.00	19,250.00	19,766.74	13,233.26	2,383.13
Services & Charges	170,885.00	99,682.92	148,987.24	21,897.76	5,450.06
Other	7,000.00	4,083.33	-	7,000.00	-
Total	\$ 1,203,796.00	\$ 702,214.33	\$ 708,033.73	\$ 495,762.27	\$ 80,105.17
Percent Expended		58.33%	58.82%		
Buildings & Grounds-Div. 2					
Personnel	\$ 133,429.00	\$ 77,833.58	\$ 74,971.28	\$ 58,457.72	\$ 10,277.45
Supplies	26,000.00	15,166.67	50,894.89	(24,894.89)	8,820.51
Services & Charges	1,459,636.00	851,454.33	651,787.31	807,848.69	98,373.32
Other	258,900.00	151,025.00	130,388.04	128,511.96	-
Total	\$ 1,877,965.00	\$ 1,095,479.58	\$ 908,041.52	\$ 969,923.48	\$ 117,471.28
Percent Expended		58.33%	48.35%		
Public Service-Div. 3					
Personnel	\$ 6,287,345.00	\$ 3,667,617.92	\$ 3,167,344.21	\$ 3,120,000.79	\$ 438,753.78
Supplies	81,900.00	47,775.00	33,024.05	48,875.95	761.66
Services & Charges	62,900.00	36,691.67	35,364.76	27,535.24	2,662.98
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 6,432,145.00	\$ 3,752,084.58	\$ 3,235,733.02	\$ 3,196,411.98	\$ 442,178.42
Percent Expended		58.33%	50.31%		
Support Services-Div. 4					
Personnel	\$ 1,300,778.00	\$ 758,787.17	\$ 715,909.77	\$ 584,868.23	\$ 97,276.27
Supplies	62,000.00	36,166.67	60,387.22	1,612.78	3,930.24
Services & Charges	434,203.00	253,285.08	380,013.52	54,189.48	13,788.32
Other	1,005,000.00	586,250.00	657,604.59	347,395.41	132,790.80
Total	\$ 2,801,981.00	\$ 1,634,488.92	\$ 1,813,915.10	\$ 988,065.90	\$ 247,785.63
Percent Expended		58.33%	64.74%		
Total Library Operational					
Personnel	\$ 8,714,463.00	\$ 5,083,436.75	\$ 4,497,505.01	\$ 4,216,957.99	\$ 618,579.48
Supplies	202,900.00	118,358.33	164,072.90	38,827.10	15,895.54
Services & Charges	2,127,624.00	1,241,114.00	1,216,152.83	911,471.17	120,274.68
Other	1,270,900.00	741,358.33	787,992.63	482,907.37	132,790.80
Total	\$ 12,315,887.00	\$ 7,184,267.42	\$ 6,665,723.37	\$ 5,650,163.63	\$ 887,540.50
Percent Expended		58.33%	54.12%		
Other Library Fund Appropriations	Amount Appropriated		Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
FY 2023-24 Reappropriated	\$ 706,661.00		\$ 312,416.84	\$ 394,244.16	\$ 132,790.80

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES

Mar 2025

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balance
<u>GRANT FUNDS</u>				
Net Lender Fund	\$ 1,729.65	\$ -	\$ -	1,729.65
NLC Misc Grants	\$ (247.63)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	5,752.37
NLC Youth Grant 2024	(37.04)	1,000.00	639.67	323.29
NLC NE eReads Grant 2024	48,815.80	-	-	48,815.80
State Aid 2023	16,608.94	-	6,162.61	10,446.33
State Aid 2024	52,993.00	-	5,699.60	47,293.40

DONATED FUNDS

Heritage Room	\$ 202,174.13	\$ 581.08	\$ 1,861.96	200,893.25
Polley Music Library	314,653.77	1,119.61	8,734.41	307,038.97
Joseph J. Hompes	140,671.77	476.97	-	141,148.74
Misc. Library Donations	882,359.93	2,717.26	2,708.74	882,368.45
Alice Nielsen	87,016.99	300.89	-	87,317.88
Dorothy Holland	125,169.85	432.82	-	125,602.67
Glennis Leapley	66,580.96	230.23	-	66,811.19
Lincoln Cares	32,172.86	454.46	-	32,627.32

APPROPRIATED FUNDS

	Budget	Expended Mar 2025	Exp-to-Date	Balance
Heritage Room FY 2024-25	\$ 36,153.00	\$ 1,861.96	\$ 10,984.15	25,168.85
Polley Music Library FY 2024-25	124,459.00	8,734.41	65,846.71	58,612.29
Keno FY 2023-24	135,060.52	-	135,060.52	-
Keno FY 2024-25	1,039,500.00	54,720.54	400,063.26	639,436.74
Capital Improvement Projects				
FY 2021-22 Bookmobile	587,148.76	-	-	587,148.76
FY 2022-23 Bennett Martin Elevator 1-4	200,000.00	-	20,640.85	179,359.15
FY 2024-25 Bennett Martin Improvements	250,000.00	-	-	250,000.00