

BIENNIAL REPORT  
OF THE  
NEBRASKA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

December 1, 1936, to November 30, 1938

STATE OF NEBRASKA

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Nebraska

Public Library Commission

TO THE GOVERNOR

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Honorable R. L. Cochran,  
Governor of Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Complying with the requirement of the law, the Nebraska Public Library Commission herewith presents the following report for the biennium ending November 30, 1938.

Respectfully submitted

H. L. Webster,  
President

NEBRASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

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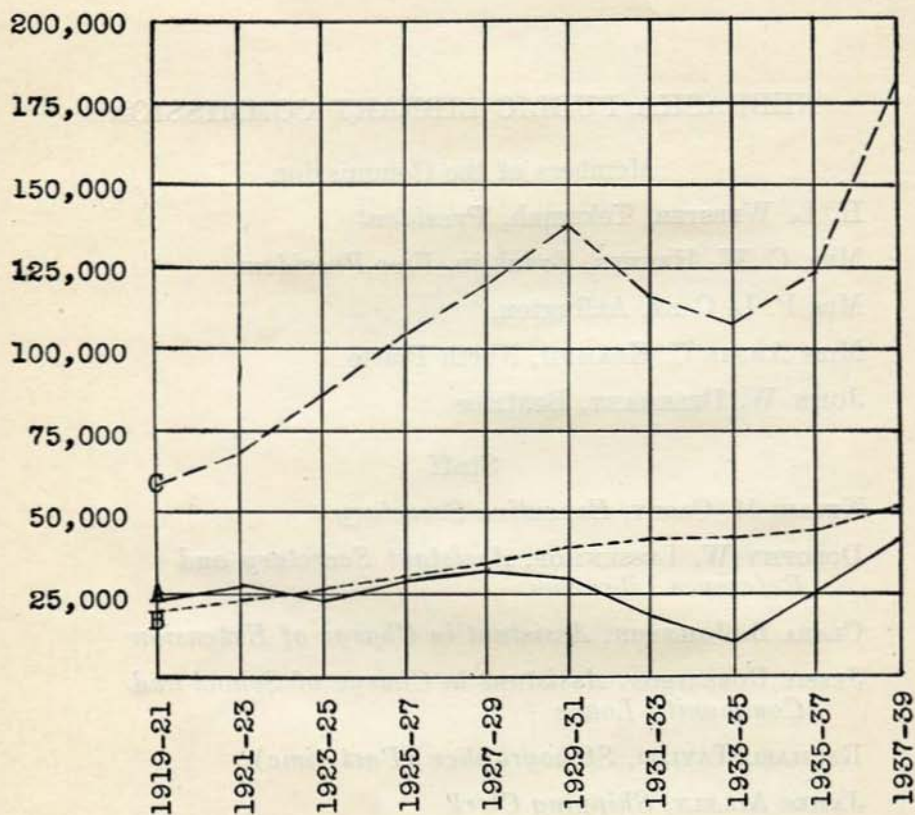
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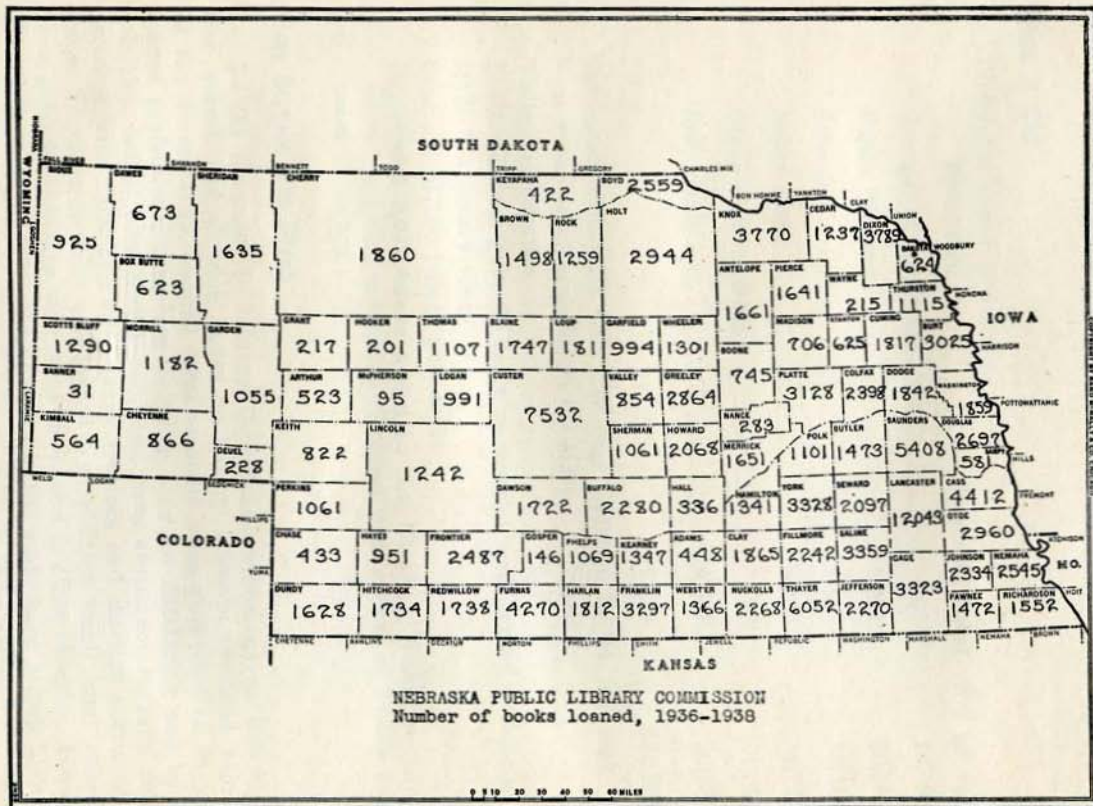
The Capitol

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This table shows comparative statistics for number of volumes circulated, number of volumes in book collection, and amount of appropriation received over a twenty year period.

- A.....Appropriation
- B.....Volumes in library
- C.....Volumes circulated



**NEBRASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION**  
 Number of books loaned, 1936-1938

# REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION

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## What it Did

Circulated books as follows:

Borrowers	Requests filled	No. of vol.
Groups of residents.....	203	14,495
Public libraries .....	1,274	50,963
Schools .....	1,846	78,480
Study clubs .....	2,234	4,775
Other organizations .....	23	1,258
Individuals .....	14,047	30,350
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	19,627	180,321

Increased circulation over previous biennium by 44 per cent

Sent books to all counties in the state

Visited 91 counties

Staff members gave 90 talks on reading and library problems

Made 375 library visits

Sent out 41,166 letters and cards

Catalogued 9,037 books added to the library. Withdrew 1,745 worn out books and ended biennium with a total of 51,259 volumes in library.

## How Service was Given

To the libraries the Library Commission served as an information bureau and clearing house on library matters, provided copies of the library laws, secured legal opinions when requested to do so, loaned professional literature including aids for cataloging and book selection, helped plan library buildings, gave assistance through conferences with librarians and library trustees and through correspondence. Traveling libraries were loaned to supplement small local collections of books and loans were made on request to other libraries. Annual statistics collected from the libraries in the state have helped librarians to measure their service and growth in comparison with other

libraries. These reports have served as the basis for surveys conducted by the American Library Association and have provided information for library directories and for the Nebraska Blue Book.

People living where there is no local library service have depended largely on the Library Commission for books, and shipments have been made to every county in the state. Nebraska, which is an agricultural state with a large rural population and many towns too small to support local libraries, has not developed county or regional libraries, and consequently 50 per cent of the population are without local library service. Books were loaned from the Library Commission on request to local libraries, communities without libraries, schools, clubs and other organizations, and to individuals.

### **Increase in Circulation of Books**

At a time when many public libraries reported decreases in circulation the Library Commission had a 44 per cent increase over the preceding biennium in number of volumes circulated. Several factors have contributed to the growing number of people making use of the Library Commission. The service has become better known through the use of the Commission Bookmobile which has visited almost every county in the state contacting people through county fairs, state and district meetings of organizations, visits to libraries, schools, etc. The Bookmobile, which is Nebraska's first "library on wheels" was a gift to the Commission in the fall of 1936.

The present day curriculum of the schools requires a great deal of supplementary reading. Few schools are able to supply all of the books needed and many of the rural and small town schools do not have access to local libraries. During the past biennium 78,480 books were sent out in 1,846 loans to schools. Three hundred seventy-four of these schools were new borrowers.

There is a growing emphasis on adult education. The state assistance department has relied largely on the Library Commission for professional reading material for employees and for those who were preparing for merit examinations. The state recreation department has made extensive use of books to help in its program. A large amount of reference work was done for members of study clubs and the number of requests taken care of by the reference librarian increased 115 per cent over a two year period.

Nebraska was chosen in 1937 as one of nine demonstration states for closer cooperation between libraries and the American Home

Economics Association. A state wide reading project sponsored by the Library Commission and the local libraries in cooperation with the Home Demonstration Project Clubs under the direction of the extension department of the College of Agriculture has stimulated wider interest in reading and has brought many new patrons not only to local libraries, but also to the Library Commission. In 1937-38 approximately 15,000 Project Club members were enrolled in the reading project. Twenty-five thousand are participating this year, and as others in the families represented read the books, the number of people touched by the project is much larger than the membership of the clubs.

A slight increase in the amount appropriated for the book fund for the biennium made it possible to do some much needed replacing and duplicating of standard titles needed by the schools, as well as to add a larger number of the important current publications. The supply of books is still far from adequate, however, to take care of all requests.

### **Other Activities**

The addition to the staff in July, 1937 of a trained assistant to be in charge of extension work has made it possible for the first time in many years to visit all of the public libraries in the state at least once during the biennium. Altogether 375 visits were made to libraries by members of the staff. These visits had several objectives: to confer with librarians and trustees on library problems; to give librarians and trustees an opportunity of examining the new books carried on the Bookmobile for suggestions of books to be purchased by the local libraries or borrowed from the Library Commission; to gain first hand information about library conditions in the state as a basis for plans for improvement of library service; and to make the service of the Library Commission better known. Eighty-six of the ninety-three counties in the state have been visited by the Bookmobile.

Members of the staff have frequently been called on to speak on topics related to reading and library extension. During the biennium 90 talks were given before national, state and district library meetings, at eighth grade county commencement exercises, rural teachers' meetings, dedication of a library building, leader training meetings of the Home Demonstration Project Clubs, and before other groups. One address was given over a local radio station and scripts

were prepared for several radio talks to be given by people out in the state.

Three study lessons were prepared on request for state wide use by clubs. Exhibits were arranged for several meetings and material loaned for other displays. A monthly mimeographed news letter sent to librarians and trustees contained information about national, state and local library movements, book notes and other items of interest.

## **Participation in Professional Organizations**

The Library Commission cooperates each year with the Nebraska Library Association in holding a series of eight district library meetings, and works closely with all other activities of the state association. All professional members of the Library Commission staff are members of the American Library Association, the Nebraska Library Association and the Lincoln Chapter of the American Library Association. They have been represented on committees in each of these groups.

The assistant secretary and one member of the Commission attended the annual meeting of the American Library Association held in New York City in June, 1937. The executive secretary attended the midwinter meetings of the American Library Association in Chicago in December in 1936 and 1937, and the assistant in charge of school and community loans also attended the 1936 meeting. Schedules were arranged to make it possible for all of the staff to attend part of the sessions of the annual conference in Kansas City, Missouri in June, 1938. Several members of the Commission as well as the staff members attended the annual meetings of the Nebraska Library Association in Omaha in October, 1937 and in Fremont in October, 1938.

## **Library Conditions in the State**

There were an unusually large number of changes in librarians in the state in both public and school libraries during the biennium. Of the thirty-three changes in the position of librarian of public libraries, two were caused by death, five by retirement, five by change of residence, and miscellaneous causes accounted for the remainder. Several people holding assistant positions in the larger libraries resigned to accept positions at higher salaries in other states. The University of Nebraska, Dana College, State Teachers College at

Wayne, and the Omaha Municipal University had new librarians during the biennium.

Emphasis is being placed on improving library service in the high schools in the state and an increasing number of high schools are making provision for the organization of libraries and are employing librarians or teacher-librarians who have had some training in library work. A course in "Library Education" given by Dr. Robert A. Miller at the University of Nebraska in the summer of 1938 was well attended by school superintendents and teachers.

The voluntary certification plan started in 1934 by the Nebraska Library Association continued in force, but an attempt to secure legal certification for librarians will probably be made during the 1939 session of the Legislature.

## **Buildings**

The Union College \$60,000 library building was opened in the fall of 1938. The library of the Omaha Municipal University is housed in the new University building which was dedicated in November, 1938.

A new community building at Valentine provides space on the second floor for the library. A residence at Culbertson, a filling station at Gretna, an old schoolhouse at Eustis and a bank building at Edgar have been remodeled for libraries.

The North Branch library in Omaha moved into a new \$25,000 building in January, 1938. A corner brick building formerly used for a bank was remodeled for the Bethany Branch of the Lincoln City library and opened in October, 1937.

## **Financial Report**

Several of the newer libraries received a tax levy for the first time during the biennium, but the amount received in most cases was so small that the burden of the support still rested on some sponsoring organization. A few libraries in small towns found it impossible to secure continued support and closed their doors, in some cases transferring their collection of books to the schools. Local clubs sponsored the organization of libraries in a few other small towns.

Since practically all towns in the state large enough to finance libraries now have them the Library Commission believes that effort

should be made to strengthen existing libraries rather than to organize new libraries unless they can become a part of a county or regional library with a larger tax-supporting basis. No county or regional libraries have been started since the permissive law was passed in 1935, probably due to the continued drouth condition in Nebraska.

### **State Wide Library Projects**

Through the use of WPA funds a project has been started which will help to make books in the larger university, college and public libraries more accessible through inter-library loans. A union catalog of the holdings of about twenty-six libraries is being compiled at the state capitol by WPA personnel under the direction of a trained cataloger. When completed the catalog will be in charge of the Library Commission.

Another WPA library project which will be sponsored by the Library Commission will be started early in 1939. This calls for the extension of library service over the state through the use of WPA personnel supervised by trained librarians. The project will be a demonstration of library service on a larger tax basis for support and will conform to the plans made by the Nebraska Library Planning Board and by the Library Commission.

### Financial Report of Library Commission

	Expend. from Approp. 1935-37	From Approp. for 1937-38
Salaries .....	\$3,908.98	\$11,288.30
Supplies .....	344.02	984.59
Expense .....	860.55	3,185.13
Materials and repairs .....	155.24	203.00
Equipment (Books, magazines, etc.)....	2,492.63	12,443.39
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	\$7,761.42	\$28,104.41

## TAX-SUPPORTED LIBRARIES

Population	Place	Librarian	Volumes in Library	Number of borrowers	Circulation	Per capita circulation	Receipts			Expenditures			Per capita expenditures
							Public Funds	Other funds	Total including balance	Books, periodicals, binding	Salaries exclusive of janitor	Total	
<b>Over 30,000 population</b>													
75,933	Lincoln	Lulu Horne	142,258	27,602	571,560	7.5	\$54,100	\$6,938	\$81,710	\$ 8,238	\$31,737	\$57,583	\$.76
214,006	Omaha	Bertha Baumer	201,507	47,146	587,138	2.7	80,000	2,573	82,573	12,636	42,080	82,573	.39
<b>10,001--30,000 population</b>													
10,327	Beatrice	Madge Evans	24,359	4,117	111,160	10.8	7,000	....	7,000	2,446	2,929	7,079	.68
11,407	Fremont	Mildred Palmer	17,001	5,000	74,632	6.5	5,504	586	6,090	1,596	1,981	6,779	.59
18,041	Grand Island	Daisy Houck	21,629	6,882	85,492	4.7	9,500	....	9,500	2,278	4,045	8,620	.48
<b>15,490</b>	<b>Hastings</b>	Mrs. Ellen D. Smith	22,418	7,967	102,700	6.6	8,500	807	10,047	1,834	4,870	9,025	.58
10,717	Norfolk	Laura Durland	13,570	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
12,061	North Platte	Eleanor M. Wheeler	12,550	3,036	100,714	8.3	8,612	....	10,806	3,590	3,538	8,612	.71
<b>4,001--10,000 population</b>													
6,669	Alliance	Mrs. Blanche Prettyman	14,691	5,612	70,071	10.5	5,320	....	5,320	1,217	1,217	5,283	.79
4,606	Chadron	Mrs. Loie Skiles	12,509	3,000	41,014	8.9	2,877	237	3,114	929	1,200	2,924	.63
6,898	Columbus	Rose Riddell	13,873	5,472	56,668	8.2	....	....	3,507	1,190	1,553	4,291	.62
6,192	Fairbury	Mrs. Naomi Ellsworth	13,447	2,624	76,151	12.3	5,332	515	5,847	2,142	1,674	5,405	.87
5,787	Falls City	Eloise Ebert	19,531	....	67,538	11.7	3,800	378	4,178	1,110	1,863	4,178	.72
8,575	Kearney	Mrs. Mary Early O'Brian	13,958	3,063	43,075	5.	4,500	200	4,944	547	2,495	3,716	.43
6,688	McCook	Millicent Slaby	10,068	5,217	32,830	4.9	4,086	176	5,163	710	1,500	4,020	.60
7,230	Nebraska City	Anne Stevenson	18,500	1,674	30,190	4.2	3,285	412*	6,443	1,166	1,776	4,206	.58
<b>8,465</b>	<b>Scottsbluff</b>	Mrs. Nellie Wilson	20,201	5,000	34,188	4.	4,929	....	4,929	1,127	2,693	4,814	.57
5,712	York	Ada Haggard	16,852	2,000	22,227	3.9	2,140	35	3,991	870	1,397	3,554	.62
<b>2,501--4,000 population</b>													
3,068	Auburn	Lorene Anderson	9,606	3,683	31,785	10.4	2,375	155	3,181	618	905	2,543	.83
2,715	Aurora	Lillian Moore	6,815	1,809	13,890	5.1	1,452	126	2,519	413	756	1,954	.72
2,791	Blair	May McQuarrie	6,921	2,500	21,134	7.6	1,300	....	1,300	400	735	1,703	.61
4,710	Broken Bow	Mrs. Zuie Thompson	6,516	....	23,959	8.8	1,570	313	2,356	885	643	2,270	.84
2,865	Crete	Mrs. C. F. Baker	10,990	800	16,787	5.9	2,193	175	2,742	399	739	1,704	.59
2,531	Gering	Mrs. Nellie M. Perrine	7,812	3,177	45,778	18.1	1,465	290	2,104	742	660	1,453	.57
3,263	Holdrege	Hettie Backman	10,102	2,698	47,123	14.4	2,385	264	4,106	861	840	2,445	.75
2,962	Lexington	Mary I. Cooper	8,603	503	23,816	8.	2,339	....	2,675	691	807	2,386	.81
3,973	Plattsmouth	C. Olive Jones	27,254	2,193	38,708	9.7	2,850	....	2,850	204	1,552	2,536	.64
2,588	Schuyler	Mrs. Alice G. Carl	12,041	2,107	9,427	3.6	1,807	79	2,046	285	540	1,126	.43

\* Includes endowment and trust funds

Population	Place	Librarian	Volumes in Library	Number of borrowers	Circulation	Per capita circulation	Receipts			Expenditures			Per capita expenditures
							Public Funds	Other funds	Total including balance	Books, periodicals binding	Salaries exclusive of janitor	Total	
2,737	Seward	Mrs. Emma Bredekamp	7,003	1,805	24,553	8.7	\$....	\$...	\$....	\$604	\$ 600	\$1,617	\$.58
4,306	Sidney	Mrs. Constance Corbett	4,776	852	11,972	3.6	2,100	68	2,168	466	660	1,961	.59
3,927	So. Sioux City	Mrs. Marie Murphy	5,823	2,149	18,230	4.6	1,365	61	1,625	160	360	912	.23
3,044	Superior	Mrs. E. R. Towle	12,913	1,803	52,362	17.2	2,240	139	2,409	224	1,044	1,651	.54
2,689	Wahoo	Mrs. Grace Oldham	10,447	218	16,054	5.9	1,800	2	....	432	780	1,261	.47
2,680	Wymore	Gladys Pirie	8,175	1,041	36,551	13.6	2,569	196	3,103	408	1,141	1,865	.70
1,001 2,500 population													
1,378	Ainsworth	Mrs. F. R. Galbraith	5,080	920	10,002	7.3	690	147	956	259	350	755	.55
2,172	Albion	Mrs. Jennie Gradon	6,499	....	12,299	5.6	2,202	....	2,202	364	630	1,352	.62
1,235*	Alma†	Mrs. Jennie E. Egelston	5,038	....	9,872	8.0	1,100	73	1,249	187	600	1,033	.88
1,238*	Anselmot	Mrs. Mildred English	1,505	201	2,095	1.7	150	....	....	78	96	210	.17
1,323*	Ansley†	Mrs. F. L. Dewey	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
1,017	Arapahoe	Mrs. L. Stevens	4,438	1,150	9,793	9.6	200	43	279	120	180	325	.32
1,137*	Arcadiat	Mrs. C. F. Dieterichs	6,410	1,580	8,902	7.8	738	156	1,638	296	480	1,346	1.18
1,676*	Arnold†	Mrs. Emily Wehrley	4,681	800	6,394	3.8	1,000	....	....	139	360	750	.45
1,786	Ashland	Mrs. Margaret Parrish	4,232	1,313	15,050	8.4	1,177	....	1,342	410	360	1,156	.65
1,559	Bayard	Mrs. Jennie Latham	4,276	342	13,252	8.5	845	89	1,052	255	320	845	.54
1,024	Beaver City	Mrs. Cleo M. Brown	2,363	250	4,314	4.2	140	172	334	90	58	246	.24
1,103*	Beemer†	Mrs. Ben Martin	1,546	150	4,470	4.1	100	11	230	69	79	187	.17
1,017	Bellevue	Frances E. Smith	1,508	450	3,244	3.2	175	14	211	96	50	146	.14
1,435	Bloomfield	Mrs. E. L. Durbin	4,110	732	18,075	12.6	1,102	23	1,283	106	506	988	.69
1,421	Bridgeport	Louise Estill	4,583	1,481	8,131	5.7	1,691	48	2,025	353	468	1,212	.85
1,156	Burwell	Mrs. Jessie Ilgenfritz	2,892	....	14,990	12.9	734	98	888	260	392	863	.76
1,433*	Callaway†	Mrs. Vera Stephenson	2,086	222	2,624	1.8	....	74	259	58	105	202	.14
2,474	Central City	Rennie Ayres	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
1,061	Chappell	Twila Stegeman	3,969	516	9,790	9.2	1,094	65	1,825	382	465	925	.87
1,484*	Clark†	Mrs. Cleo Schank	5,627	742	6,723	4.5	800	3	1,048	65	360	781	.53
1,813	Cozad	Mrs. S. D. Wareham	5,102	1,800	14,300	7.9	1,500	....	....	300	....	1,149	.64
1,703	Crawford	Mrs. Maude Smeak	4,283	832	12,248	7.2	581	76	866	323	275	683	.40
1,388	Creighton	Mrs. C. T. Britt	2,400	393	5,903	4.3	546	....	759	323	240	759	.55

† Township library

\* Includes township population

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1,365*	Crofton†	Mrs. Frank Holder					\$ 220	\$ 25	\$ 248	\$ 53	\$ 120	\$ 195	\$ .14
2,333	David City	Mrs. Laura V. Paul	11,958	1,929	26,003	11.1	2,100	106	2,703	933	875	2,383	1.02
1,177	Deshler	Ellen Peggee	1,150				200		200	190	47		
1,103	Franklin	Mrs. Della M. Carter	8,802	361	11,847	10.7	670	68	1,049	190	610	853	.77
1,214	Friend	Rotha Doner	3,344	1,149	8,951	7.4	1,000	30	1,030	266	300	985	.81
1,680	Fullerton	Mrs. P. M. Jorgensen	5,880	1,024	23,737	14.1	1,000		1,373	114	420	1,373	.81
1,662	Geneva	Mrs. Isabel Bixby	6,999	1,515	14,347	8.6	1,500	250	1,976	190	900	1,758	1.06
1,089	Genoa	Ella Munson	2,494	352	7,515	6.9	319	50		309	156	525	.48
1,363*	Gibson†	Mrs. Lou H. McLaren	4,153	589	5,136	3.8	1,000	54		202	360	991	.73
1,958	Gordon	Mrs. Grace Hummel	4,517	1,200	9,327	4.8	1,298		1,298	431	300		
2,322	Gothenburg	S. Frances Botkin	4,638	3,061	9,144	3.9	2,000				1,080		
1,568	Hartington	Mrs. Kate Bryant											
1,804	Hebron	Mrs. May McBeth	6,036	1,719			1,423	42	1,521	201	462	1,246	.69
1,025	Hemingford	Mrs. Grace Olds	3,066	112	1,793	1.7	139	43	435		82	229	.22
1,435	Humboldt	Mrs. Ruby Reid	5,273	563	12,240	8.5	723	85	1,192	158	385	1,008	.70
1,711	Kimball	Mrs. Alice G. Irwin	5,393		10,008	5.8	1,000	45	1,045	343	614	977	.57
2,054*	Loup City†	Harriet Galloway	9,550	1,827	38,370	18.7	1,682	720	1,682	256	720	1,594	.78
1,842	Madison	Mrs. Anna D. Johnson	8,492	1,320	26,362	14.3	2,217	96	3,302	522	1,039	2,306	1.26
1,415*	Mason City†	Mrs. Will VanZandt	927	132	1,960	1.4	219	20	242	69	87	191	.13
1,322*	Mernat	Mrs. J. L. Ridenour	9,219	211	4,534	3.4	1,130	2	1,143	64	360	994	.75
1,079	Minatare	Mrs. G. R. Meyers	3,067		6,911	5.6		183		44	120	330	.31
1,716	Minden	Florence Curtis	5,012	1,768	18,312	10.7	865	80	946	469	429	981	.57
2,058	Mitchell	Mrs. Isabel Lane	6,595	1,350	18,250	8.9	862	94	1,208	342	420	967	.47
1,180**	Mullen†	Mrs. Mary A. R. Neal	3,210		3,400	2.9	433						
1,649	Neligh	Mrs. Bess Galloway	6,890		20,755	12.6	1,250	184	1,495	361	527	1,475	.89
1,147	Newman Grove	Mrs. Margaret Dillman	3,508	698	9,209	8.	797	33	1,011	168	293		
1,108	North Bend	Laura Roump	3,402	500	9,869	8.9	1,000	100	1,150	120	573	1,114	1.00
1,143	North Loup	Birdine Ingerson	2,984							55		94	.08
1,433	Oakland	Lydia Hill	7,073	946	19,554	13.6	1,169	99	1,821	563	320	1,268	.88
1,112*	Oconto†	Mrs. Ruth Thompson	1,154				100				35		
1,631	Ogallala	Mrs. O. Parker	2,449	815	13,541	8.3	777	89	1,056	187	241	787	.48

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2,746*	O'Neill	Mary McLaughlin	5,572	2,000	.....	...	\$1,200	\$...	\$1,200	\$250	\$600	\$1,200	\$ .59
2,664*	Ord	Elsie Wiberg	.....	1,500	11,428	5.1	1,988	.....	.....	.....	420	.....	.....
1,439*	Orleans	Dorothy M. Mahn	6,740	402	7,182	5.	500	828	2,203	377	920	1,788	1.24
1,654	Osceola	Lulu Hendrickson	3,255	429	6,595	4.	257	...	406	137	91	235	.15
1,573	Pawnee City	Mary French	5,666	1,200	27,299	17.3	1,200	367	1,567	736	600	1,567	1.00
1,006	Pender	Aleda F. Bentz	5,981	.....	4,323	4.3	100	12	.....	107	25	133	.13
1,271	Pierce	Mrs. Halma Mastallir	4,477	839	2,780	2.2	451	36	.....	314	300	614	.48
1,216	Plainview	Lillian Lerum	5,445	627	17,682	14.5	1,707	161	1,977	363	480	1,212	1.00
1,145	Randolph	Mrs. C. A. Kerr	4,265	650	8,361	7.3	930	.....	1,620	174	300	837	.77
1,559	Ravenna	Nellie V. Clark	6,414	1,179	20,989	13.5	1,089	85**	.....	228	600	1,060	.63
1,519	Red Cloud	Yola Swartz	6,705	1,359	16,411	10.8	1,300	.....	1,300	150	720	1,300	.86
1,006	Rushville	Mary W. Mohr	2,407	1,048	3,154	3.1	570	833	1,492	...	180	1,526	1.52
1,030	St. Edward	Gertie A. Anderson	3,225	902	10,633	10.3	400	57	457	75	300	375	.36
1,621	St. Paul	Mrs. Ina M. Luick	2,855	.....	5,886	3.6	257	11	337	97	138	236	.15
1,644*	Sargent	Mrs. Flora A. Cropper	3,863	1,071	3,763	2.3	950	.....	.....	154	300	695	.42
1,066	Scribner	Evelyn Lahmann	2,540	.....	4,392	4.1	567	58	680	66	300	642	.60
1,424*	Shelton	Mrs. Jessie M. Burkard	5,824	.....	10,356	7.2	900	.....	.....	101	373	806	.56
1,254*	Spencer	Mrs. Hildor M. Ogren	3,555	860	12,110	9.7	935	37	1,366	128	285	697	.55
1,479	Stanton	Mrs. Jean D. Hollstien	5,095	816	7,725	5.2	1,750	.....	2,389	230	480	1,191	.81
1,320	Stromsburg	Ruth E. Banta	2,145	800	5,155	3.9	683	54	738	130	300	699	.53
1,540	Sutton	Sibyl B. Jarrett	4,053	350	5,450	3.5	950	.....	.....	99	480	988	.64
1,829	Tecumseh	Mrs. R. W. Campbell	3,690	500	9,500	5.2	1,200	5	1,356	307	480	1,202	.66
1,804	Tekamah	Mrs. Lucile Gates	6,186	1,500	16,169	9.	994	94	1,854	433	390	1,292	.72
1,106	Tilden	Anna Stanton	2,423	1,488	13,688	12.4	700	25	.....	.....	360	.....	.....
1,005*	Ulysses	Mrs. Martha F. Withers	4,019	.....	8,372	8.3	300	84	481	99	180	453	.45
1,672	Valentine	Mrs. Emma A. Sheldon	4,898	.....	7,664	4.6	282	24	404	70	157	244	.15
1,039	Valley	Mrs. Anna Howard	3,817	800	10,219	9.8	.....	.....	.....	286	540	.....	.....
1,112	Wakefield	E. Ruth Collins	6,491	561	5,637	5.1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,162	Walthill	Mrs. Harry L. Keefe	2,759	.....	3,325	2.9	233	10	349	96	.....	246	.21
1,209*	Wausaf	Rose Banks	3,823	794	10,012	8.3	800	78**	937	212	325	868	.72

† Township library

\* Includes township population

‡ Support divided between town and school

‡ Includes endowment and trust funds

\*\* Includes contracts with townships

Population	Place	Librarian	Volumes in Library	Number of borrowers	Circulation	Per capita circulation	Receipts			Expenditures			expenditures Per capita
							Public Funds	Other funds	Total Including balance	Books, periodicals, binding	Salaries exclusive of janitor	Total	
2,381	Wayne	Mrs. E. S. Blair	7,293	1,493	18,661	7.8	\$2,361	\$146	\$2,507	\$296	\$1,560	\$2,380	\$1.00
1,029	Weeping Water	Mildred Hart	7,442	...	14,600	14.2	813	27	840	152	300	840	.82
2,225	West Point	Minnie L. Frahm	4,945	1,381	10,969	4.9	1,100	...	...	295	480	970	.44
1,352	Wilber	Carrie Savage	2,417	218	4,155	3.1	100	...	...	50	130	...	...
1,327	Wisner	Clara Nickerson	3,195	300	7,719	5.8	400	55	455	148	180	...	...
Less than 1,000 population													
535	Adams	Carrie B. Barmore	1,952	590	4,836	9.	200	20	224	62	144	212	.40
421	Alexandria	Faye Burch	1,902	135	...	...	150	20	170	27	93	160	.38
622	Arlington	Mrs. Blanche W. Keller	2,872	181	5,579	9.	290	12	302	113	141	271	.44
891*	Axtell†	Mrs. C. B. Dossett	1,451	375	3,081	3.5	200	...	419	56	150	219	.25
669	Blue Hill	Mrs. Carl Hoffman	1,749	203	4,008	6.	176	42	218	80	118	252	.3
727*	Brunswick†	Bertha Barrett	1,495	145	2,005	2.8	300	2	302	124	53	192	.26
401	Carroll	Mrs. C. E. Jones	2,004	309	3,685	9.2	225	...	225	...	75	...	...
743	Cedar Rapids	Mrs. E. L. Melvin	4,267	455	9,863	13.2	400	...	427	144	210	361	.49
933	Clay Center	Bertha F. Jessup	3,935	250	3,724	4.	749	...	963	...	480	...	...
730*	Comstock†	Marion Stevens	2,240	400	5,693	7.8	346	13	362	35	186	308	.42
820	Culbertson	Mrs. Elmer McBee	2,516	297	6,382	7.8	500	74	578	108	134	478	.58
417	Dakota City	Mrs. Elizabeth Neiswanger	2,399	330	3,863	9.3	298	12	311	145	51	233	.56
534	DeWitt	Mrs. Hazel A. Bent	3,398	125	...	...	279	36	315	60	94	282	.53
693	Dodge	Mrs. Roy Ludden	1,243	423	3,866	5.6	109	37	146	49	65	115	.17
917	Elgin	Mrs. R. D. Wilcox	2,707	...	11,216	12.2	300	73	373	150	120	373	.41
515	Elmwood	Mrs. Earl E. Horton	979	...	...	...	485	...	...	...	52	177	.35
509	Elwood	Mrs. Luella B. Dow	3,612	622	7,204	14.1	95	...	121	109	...	114	.22
891	Emerson	Mrs. F. L. Gibson	1,345	510	4,138	4.6	409	...	409	158	120	409	.46
497	Eustis	Mrs. A. L. Hathaway	1,832	223	6,679	13.4	106	230	336	158	...	553	1.11
825*	Ewing†	Florence Ponton	1,334	425	1,311	1.6	250	6	256	...	180	264	.32
757	Fairfield	Mrs. Alma Ewing	3,784	250	4,026	5.3	506	41	547	46	420	598	.79
740	Fairmont	Zola R. Shoemaker	3,860	600	6,825	9.2	250	52	302	45	96	246	.33
690	Guide Rock	Katherine Guy	3,703	415	6,744	9.8	347	112	459	67	277	550	.64
865	Harvard	Mrs. Paul R. Whisenand	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

† Township libraries

\* Includes township population

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							Funds	Other funds	Total including balance	Books, periodicals, binding	Salaries exclusive of janitor	Total	
853	Hay Springs	Mrs. Mary C. Goff	4,946	222	3,145	3.7	\$...	\$ 93	\$ 224	\$...	\$180	\$...	\$...
229	Hayes Center	Mrs. Evalyn Barker	805	208	...	...	144	5	149	...	60	138	...
452	Homer	Mrs. F. M. Church	2,448	300	3,811	8.4	120	...	...	...	...	...	...
985	Hooper	Mrs. H. F. Waterman	2,641	583	5,140	5.2	298	27	336	73	180	282	...
946	Imperial	Mrs. Norma Heebner	3,263	199	6,391	6.8	497	238	1,074	168	260	630	...
864	Laurel	R. L. Lathrop	1,688	454	...	...	243	15	582	86	240	326	...
692	Leigh	Mrs. J. J. Tesar	1,362	...	5,025	7.3	325	...	325	136	120	317	...
187	Lewiston	Willia Gifford	1,536	311	3,139	16.8	100	85	185	113	52	179	...
404	Litchfield	...	1,231	...	...	...	100	...	...	155	...	...	...
436	Lodgepole	Mrs. Frank Englert	1,254	...	1,825	4.2	...	104	166	61	39	166	...
937	Long Pine	Mrs. M. J. Potter	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
969	Louisville	Bedella Stander	3,366	...	6,201	6.4	250	14	378	59	88	211	...
985	Lyons	Frankie L. Smith	4,000	...	5,146	5.2	550	40	673	100	176	608	...
362	Merriman	Mrs. Esther F. Leach	1,210	...	1,640	4.5	...	32	245	51	96	187	...
832	Milford	Mrs. L. S. Chamberlain	2,254	187	7,031	8.4	575	38	647	121	105	330	...
576*	Monroe†	Beatrice Fleming	988	65	1,954	3.4	122	15	210	46	72	120	...
756	Morrill	Alma Wickman	3,224	590	7,946	10.5	285	80	1,211	216	245	601	...
903	Nelson	Alice E. Ruddell	2,600	693	...	...	197	110	364	115	121	...	...
761	Nobrarara	Elva Randa	1,198	400	6,730	8.8	148	37	220	...	...	201	...
663	Oakdale	Gertrude B. Cove	1,442	...	...	...	140	17	157	26	103	152	...
344	Palmyra	Mrs. S. Merwin	3,000	...	...	...	120	123	223	...	...	...	...
718	Papillion	Mrs. G. E. King	2,144	805	2,780	3.9	120	...	...	28	120	155	...
532	Polk	Mrs. J. E. McDaniel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
980	Ponca	Mrs. M. Lipe	5,513	350	2,828	2.9	336	...	336	...	120	...	...
515	Potter	Mrs. W. T. Sloan	1,700	...	...	...	171	37	244	25	39	211	...
474	Scotia	Elizabeth Hiatt	2,943	...	...	...	184	41	274	50	60	153	...
389	Shickley	Mathilda Lichtl	1,442	...	3,334	8.6	200	11	272	132	51	196	...
908*	Silver Creek†	Lucille Abel	3,844	728	7,894	8.7	1,000	...	1,580	...	360	1,083	1.19
458	Snyder	Mrs. Elmer Schinkle	501	...	1,064	2.3	100	20	120	18	30	90	...
839	Spalding	Mrs. Frank Dunning	2,772	1,098	9,423	11.2	182	105	326	...	180	295	...
419	Springfield	Mrs. Verla Bolen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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## HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES (Continued)

School	Location	Volumes	Librarian
Walnut Junior High School.....	Grand Island .....	5,000	Florence C. Reese
Hastings College.....	Hastings .....	25,149	Marguerite Nesbit
Hastings High Schools.....	Hastings .....	6,045	Glen H. James
Hebron Junior College.....	Hebron .....	3,770	Frieda Damrow
Holdrege High School.....	Holdrege .....	3,733	Mrs. Belva L. Melvin
Hooper High School.....	Hooper .....	1,025	Mrs. S. L. Whitecomb
Kearney Schools			
Junior High School.....	Kearney .....	2,000	Katharine Major
Senior High School.....	Kearney .....	2,911	Lucile Hrubesky
Lincoln Schools			
Bethany High School.....	Lincoln .....	2,105	Mrs. Gladys Van Camp
College View High School.....	Lincoln .....	1,800	Elma Buchanan
Everett Junior High School.....	Lincoln .....	2,000	Freda Schmeling
Haveioek High School.....	Lincoln .....	3,500	Lillian Griffiths
Irving Junior High School.....	Lincoln .....	2,900	Aimee Johnston
Jackson High School.....	Lincoln .....	.....	Ann Munson
Lincoln High School.....	Lincoln .....	6,709	Emma E. Snyder
Whittier Junior High School.....	Lincoln .....	3,945	Anna H. Bethune
Lexington High School.....	Lexington .....	2,500	Jesse B. Thorpe
Loup City High School.....	Loup City .....	1,706	Louise Hilsabeck
Luther College.....	Wahoo .....	6,000	Emma W. Peterson
McCook Junior College.....	McCook .....	.....	Mrs. Noreen Anderson
Midland College.....	Fremont .....	15,840	Dorothy H. Dysinger
Nebraska Central College.....	Central City .....	4,325	Milo H. Crosby
Nebraska Wesleyan University.....	Lincoln .....	29,331	Mrs. Ethol Langdon Bishop
Norfolk Senior High School.....	Norfolk .....	5,165	Mrs. Lora Heald

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School	Location	Volumes	Librarian
North Platte Schools			
Junior High School.....	North Platte .....		Carol Wilder
Senior High School.....	North Platte .....	3,376	Velma Disbrow
Omaha Schools			
Benson High School.....	Omaha .....	5,293	Elsa Smith
Central High School.....	Omaha .....	25,000	Mrs. Hazel C. Stewart
North High School.....	Omaha .....	7,310	Catherine Nichol
South High School.....	Omaha .....	13,200	Ivae Walker
Technical High School.....	Omaha .....	19,207	May Ingles
Omaha Municipal University.....	Omaha .....	52,000	Robert F. Lane
Oxford High School.....	Oxford .....	1,596	Vera Quig
Scottsbluff High School.....	Scottsbluff .....	3,000	Ethel Pflug
Sidney High School.....	Sidney .....	2,800	Verna Robinson
State Teachers College.....	Chadron .....	23,700	Harriet P. Wirick
State Teachers College.....	Kearney .....	32,748	Anna V. Jennings
State Teachers College.....	Peru .....	45,893	Grace M. Petersen
State Teachers College.....	Wayne .....	26,285	M. Lois Crouch
Superior High School.....	Superior .....	1,600	Irene Underwood
Union College.....	Lincoln .....	24,000	D. Glen Hilts
University of Nebraska.....	Lincoln .....	327,500	Robert A. Miller
York High School.....	York .....		Jessie Stewart
York College.....	York .....	13,925	Edith M. Cone

## LIBRARIES NOT TAX-SUPPORTED

There are in Nebraska a large number of libraries not included in the list of tax-supported libraries. These libraries are usually sponsored and maintained by some club or organization. Some of these libraries receive a small amount from the town and in other cases rooms, heat and light are furnished. Changes in librarians are frequent due to the fact that many of them serve without pay.

Boelus	Davenport	Murray
Broadwater	Daykin	Nehawka
Brock	Decatur	Nemaha
Brownville	Dorchester	Nora
Bruning	Douglas	Oak
Amherst	Dunning	Orchard
Avoca	Edgar	Osmond
Bancroft	Edison	Palisade
Bartlett	Elm Creek	Palmer
Bassett	Ericson	Paxton
Battle Creek	Exeter	Pilger
Beaver Crossing	Giltner	Platte Center
Belvidere	Grant	Primrose
Benkelman	Gresham	Ralston
Bertrand	Gretna	Republican City
Berwyn	Haigler	Rising City
Big Springs	Halsey	Rosalie
Bingham	Hardy	Royal
Bloomington	Henderson	Ruskin
Butte	Herman	Salem
Campbell	Hildreth	Shubert
Carleton	Holbrook	Snyder
Chambers	Howells	Stapleton
Chester	Hubbell	Swanton
Clarkson	Humphrey	Theford
Cody	Hyannis	Tobias
Concord	Indianola	Uehling
Cook	Ithaca	Verdigre
Crab Orchard	Keystone	Waco
Craig	Lindsay	Wauneta
Creston	Madrid	Western
Crookston	Malmo	Whitney
Dalton	Maxwell	Wilsonville
Dannebrog	Mead	Wolbach
	Melbeta	