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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Honorable Dwight Griswold
Governor of Nebraska
State Capitol
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to submit herewith on the behalf of the Nebraska Public Library Commission, the biennial report covering the activities of the Commission for the period ending November 30, 1942.

Yours truly,

Thomas E. Adams, Jr.

President

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REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

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In the period covered by this report libraries have been faced with the opportunity and responsibility of providing and promoting the reading of thought provoking books on all aspects of current problems and their historical background which would contribute to a better understanding of the war and its causes, our own country's relation to it, what living in a democracy means, the kind of a peace we want, and post-war problems.

Immediately after the United States entered the war the Library Commission set up a War Information Center to make readily accessible books, pamphlets and other material which have a bearing on the war. Each month the Commission receives from the United States Information Service, Office of Government Reports, packets of up-to-date information on such subjects as air raid precautions, salvage, nutrition, housing, first aid, etc., which supplement the regular collection in the Library Commission and this is all available for loan to anyone in the state. The material has been used by those setting up defense programs, by business men, club women, teachers and others.

In the purchase of new books emphasis has been placed on books on wartime and peacetime issues, with duplication of important titles as necessary to meet requests. Books especially in demand have been those which tell about various branches of the armed service, opportunities and training for war industries, books about the countries involved in the war and reports of eye witnesses of battles. The following are typical of the topics on which information has been requested: insignia of the United States; the Junior Red Cross; effect of the war on missions; the Alaska highway; songs of the armed forces; children in the post-war world; noted refugees in America; guerrilla warfare, and life in the army.

All libraries in Nebraska participated in a nation-wide Victory Book Campaign to raise 10,000,000 books for the armed forces. The executive secretary of the Library Commission served as a member of the executive committee which helped plan and organize the campaign in Nebraska, and also served as the liaison librarian for the Seventh Service Command. The Library Commission was the collection center for the Capitol building. In Nebraska over 100,000 books were collected, about half of which were suit-

able for the men in the war service. Books which would be of interest to women and children were sent to W.P.A. recreation centers in war industry areas.

The war has placed additional emphasis on the education of adults. The Library Commission works with many groups and organizations interested in some phase of adult education. The executive secretary of the Commission is serving a second term as secretary of the Nebraska Council of Adult Education, and represents the Nebraska Library Association on the State Advisory Council for the National Citizenship Education Program. She is also library adviser for the Committee on Home Economics Education Through Libraries. Close contact is maintained with the chairman of the library department of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs and of the Nebraska Congress of Parents and Teachers.

During the last few years the rural Project Clubs under the direction of the extension service of the Nebraska College of Agriculture have carried on a directed reading program. Reading lists have been prepared by the Library Commission and books on the lists loaned to those who are unable to secure them through local libraries. Reports from 4,624 women enrolled in 1941-42 in the reading project showed that they had read 36,175 books.

Dictionaries, encyclopedias, the World Almanac, and other reference books are in constant use by employees in other state departments. Books on social welfare problems are in demand by those working in the State Assistance Department and by those preparing for the merit examinations. Collections of books have been loaned on request to several of the state institutions.

Books from the Library Commission have been borrowed by schools, organizations, or individuals in each of the ninety-three counties in the state during the biennium. Only 50% of the population of Nebraska have local library service and many rural communities depend entirely on the Library Commission for books.

The Nebraska Library Association is a professional organization of librarians, trustees and others interested in libraries. The Library Commission and the Library Association work together for the extension and improvement of library service in the state. Eight district library meetings were held in the spring of 1941 with an attendance of 337. Due to the rubber shortage and war conditions no district meetings were held in 1942. Several members of the Library Commission and of the staff attended the state library meeting in Grand Island October 16-18, 1941 and in Omaha October 1-3, 1942. Staff members served on a number of committees, and also compiled and edited a directory of all the librarians in the state and a handbook of the Library Association.

Ninety visits to libraries were made during the biennium to confer with librarians and library trustees on special problems of organization, adminis-

tration and extension of service. Assistance was also given through correspondence and through the loan of books and pamphlets on cataloging, personnel, library laws, county libraries, organization of school libraries, etc.

The Library Commission maintains free placement service for librarians and has many calls from libraries in need of trained or experienced librarians. There is at present a shortage of qualified people available in the state for library positions.

Through the Union Catalogue which began functioning in 1940 it is possible for librarians to find the location of any of the 1,677,000 volumes in 28 of the largest university, college, public and special libraries in Nebraska. These books are available to any resident of the state for consultation in the library owning the books, or in many cases through loans to the local libraries. The Union Catalogue is in charge of the cataloger at the Library Commission.

A state-wide W.P.A. library project which was sponsored by the Library Commission was discontinued in February, 1942, except for two demonstrations of county library service. A demonstration began in Phelps County in November, 1940 with the Holdrege Carnegie Library and the Phelps County Commissioners as the local sponsors. At the general election on November 3, 1942 a majority of the voters authorized the establishment of a tax-supported county library. A similar demonstration began in Lancaster County in September, 1941 with the Lincoln City Library as the local sponsor. The proposal to establish a county library lost by a small vote.

Voters in two other counties, Grant and Arthur, also authorized the county commissioners to levy a tax for the support of a library. Members of the women's clubs in these counties backed the campaign.

Adams County, having voted in 1940 to establish a county library as the result of a demonstration, operated in 1941 with N.Y.A. and local assistance and in 1942 began receiving an appropriation from the county.

Two library laws were amended by the legislature in 1941. Legislative Bill No. 37 amended Sec. 51-401, C.S. Supp. 1939 to provide that only those people living outside the cities, villages, or townships already maintaining a public library by public tax shall vote on the question of establishing county or regional libraries.

Legislative Bill No. 427 amended Sec. 51-205, C.S. 1929 to permit the library board of any city, village, township, or county to sell any real estate owned by the library board or by the public library which is not used for library purposes.

The Library Commission receives noteworthy gifts of collections of new books from three sources. Books on family life are given by the Nebraska Home Economics Association as a memorial to Eva Morse. Twenty-seven books were added in 1941-42.

A number of publishers contribute recent books for children for a traveling library exhibit. During 1941-42, 267 books were received from this source.

Eighty-one adult and children's books on international relations were given to the Commission by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

There was one change in the membership of the Library Commission during the biennium. Mrs. David Northup of Omaha was appointed in June, 1942 to succeed Mrs. C. W. Hevner of Franklin, whose term expired. Mr. H. L. Webster of Tekamah, was reappointed in June, 1941 for another five year term.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Volumes in Library

Volumes in library December 1, 1940	57,718
Volumes added by purchase and gift	8,565
Volumes worn out and discarded	3,412
Volumes in library December 1, 1942	62,871

Record of Loans

Borrowers	Requests	
	Filled	Volumes
Groups of residents	444	32,463
Public Libraries Libraries	1,913	28,716
Schools	1,955	87,976
Other organizations	51	4,196
Study Clubs	2,640	6,466
Individuals	14,034	33,481
Total	21,037	193,298

Expenditures

	Expend. from Approp. 1939-41	Expend. from Approp. 1941-43
Salaries	\$ 4,686.12	\$12,715.92
Supplies	385.40	910.36
Expense	1,053.61	2,015.11
Materials and repairs	93.14	9.35
Equipment (Books, magazines, etc)	4,313.94	8,370.57
Total	\$10,532.21	\$24,021.31

STATE LIBRARIES

Department	Location	Volumes	Librarian or Director
Legislative Council Reference Library	Lincoln	30,000 ¹	Louise A. Nixon
Nebraska Public Library Commission	Lincoln	62,871	Nellie M. Carey
State Historical Society	Lincoln	60,000	Mrs. C. S. Paine
State Library	Lincoln	112,127	George H. Turner

¹Chiefly pamphlets and clippings

U. S. GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL LIBRARY

Veterans' Administration Hospital	Lincoln	3,000	Mrs. Grace Darby
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HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

(14) School	Location	Volumes	Librarian
Alliance High School	Alliance	3,000	Elda Fritz
Beatrice Schools			
Junior High School	Beatrice		Mary C. Heaton
Senior High School	Beatrice	4,000	Eula R. Merwin
Broken Bow High School	Broken Bow	1,975	Inez Dean
College of St. Mary	Omaha	6,500	Sister Mary Joan
Columbus High School	Columbus	2,908	Mary R. Rankin
Concordia Teachers College	Seward	9,005	Edna Stellhorn
Cozad High School	Cozad	1,800	Sarah Richmond
Creighton University	Omaha	126,070	Mary C. Hunt
Dana College	Blair	11,329	Sena Bertelsen
Doane College	Crete	27,651	Ruth Kraemer
Duchesne College	Omaha	15,500	(Mother) Katherine Kevin

HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES (Continued)

School	Location	Volumes	Librarian
Fairbury High School	Fairbury	5,000	J. W. Markin
Fremont High School	Fremont	2,800	Ruth Harris
Gering High School	Gering	3,867	Mrs. Amanda McHenry
Gothenburg High School	Gothenburg	2,400	Edna Olson
Grand Island Schools			
Barr Junior High School	Grand Island	3,808	Catharine Glade
Senior High School	Grand Island	5,570	Alice E. Paine
Walnut Junior High School	Grand Island	5,000	Florence C. Reese
Hastings College	Hastings	31,041	Dr. Wm. A. McCall
Hastings High School	Hastings	6,890	(Miss) Glen H. James
Holdrege High School	Holdrege	4,178	Amy Bullard
(15) Kearney Schools			
Junior High School	Kearney	2,656	Daisy Novotny
Senior High School	Kearney	4,183	Helen Moon
Lexington High School	Lexington	3,109	Norman Youngquist
Lincoln Schools			
College View High School	Lincoln	1,164	Mrs. Anna M. Bergman
Everett Junior High School	Lincoln	1,670	Freda Schmeling
Irving Junior High School	Lincoln	5,740	Aimee Johnston
Lincoln High School	Lincoln	7,228	Emma E. Snyder
Northeast High School	Lincoln	5,027	Lillian Griffiths
Whittier Junior High School	Lincoln	5,000	Elma Buchanan
Loup City High School	Loup City	2,278	Mina Schumann
Luther College	Wahoo	6,488	Emma W. Peterson
McCook Junior College	McCook	2,481	Helen Shurtleff

HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES (Continued)

School	Location	Volumes	Librarian
Midland College	Fremont	21,056	Dorothy H. Dysinger
Nebraska Central College	Central City		Milo H. Crosby
Nebraska Wesleyan University	Lincoln	31,401	Mrs. Ethol L. Bishop
Norfolk Senior High School	Norfolk	4,879	M. Dorothy Mathews
North Platte Schools			
Junior High School	North Platte	1,016	Magnolia Nelson
Senior High School	North Platte	3,766	Lora Hasenbank
Omaha Schools			
Benson High School	Omaha	6,717	Alice Horsfall
Central High School	Omaha	27,726	Mrs. Hazel C. Stewart
North High School	Omaha	8,003	Catherine L. Nichol
South High School	Omaha	12,408	Ivae Walker
Technical High School	Omaha	20,229	Iva Winterfield
Omaha Municipal University	Omaha	75,000	Robert F. Lane
Red Cloud High School	Red Cloud	1,298	Christine Lynch
Scottsbluff High School	Scottsbluff	3,380	Ethel Pflug
Sidney High School	Sidney	3,500	Verna Robinson
State Teachers College	Chadron	26,030	Irene Faulder
State Teachers College	Kearney	37,038	Floy Carroll
State Teachers College	Peru	49,119	Grace Mary Petersen
State Teachers College	Wayne	29,520	M. Lois Crouch
Union College	Lincoln	29,802	Floda Smith
University of Nebraska	Lincoln	378,361	Stephen A. McCarthy
York College	York	16,057	Zelda M. Wakelin
York High School	York	3,921	Jessie Stewart

TAX SUPPORTED LIBRARIES

Population (1940 Census)	Place	Librarian	Hours open per week	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	
Over 30,000 population														
81,846	Lincoln	Magnus K. Kristoffersen	79	162,956	26,398	432,364	5.2	\$60,943	\$3,510	\$64,453	\$12,364	\$37,261	\$62,108	\$.75
223,844	Omaha	Bertha Baumer	76	215,340	50,911	655,380	2.9	80,000	2,862	82,862	19,128	44,900	82,862	.37
10,001—30,000 population														
10,883	Beatrice	Madge Evans	66	25,932	7,049	94,341	8.6	7,000	566	7,966	2,267	3,038	7,546	.69
11,862	Fremont	Mildred J. Palmer	63	19,493	5,496	98,005	8.2	7,449	667	8,605	1,806	2,526	7,807	.65
19,130	Grand Island	Helen M. Gorder	69	23,410	6,954	82,592	4.3	10,800	.....	10,800	1,770	5,034	9,844	.51
15,145	Hastings	Mrs. Ellen D. Smith	66	25,912	8,690	101,273	6.7	9,500	791	10,291	2,391	5,150	10,282	.67
10,490	Norfolk	Mrs. G. D. Butterfield	44½	15,161	4,484	34,652	3.3	5,525	.....	5,542	1,154	2,685	5,541	.52
12,428	North Platte	Eleanor M. Wheeler	60	16,265	3,557	110,517	8.8	10,621	489	11,110	2,715	4,033	9,670	.77
12,057	Scottsbluff	Alma Wickman	44	20,816	6,024	76,244	6.3	5,552	887	7,694	1,718	2,725	6,353	.52
4,001—10,000 population														
6,253	Alliance	Juanita Lang	33	17,686	2,598	29,204	4.6	4,200	315	5,079	1,205	1,425	3,956	.53
4,262	Chadron	Mrs. Loie Skiles	27	12,311	2,050	43,169	10.1	2,700	143	2,932	430	1,209	2,473	.58
7,632	Columbus	Rose Riddell	42	14,457	5,525	58,336	7.6	3,500	.....	3,500	999	1,320	3,826	.50
6,304	Fairbury	Mrs. Naomi W. Ellsworth	51	14,777	2,569	96,656	15.3	4,491	501	6,128	1,675	2,049	6,128	.97
6,146	Falls City	Dorothy Olmstead	42	19,946	4,295	58,093	9.4	5,300	526	5,826	1,424	2,342	5,826	.94
9,643	Kearney	Margaret M. Caffall	48	12,151	.....	39,062	4.1	4,500	326	5,631	1,271	2,273	4,746	.49
6,212	McCook	Millicent M. Slaby	50	11,642	5,160	36,254	5.9	4,200	179	4,938	786	1,643	3,482	.56
7,339	Nebraska City	Anne Stevenson	72	21,261	2,006	28,298	3.8	3,264	369	5,214	507	1,800	4,036	.55
4,268	Plattsmouth	Verna Leonard	33	18,829	3,359	34,141	7.9	2,800	388	3,833	616	1,436	2,529	.59
4,556	So. Sioux City	Mrs. Marie W. Murphy	23½	7,457	2,845	28,156	6.1	1,417	.....	2,348	565	585	1,800	.39
5,383	York	Ada Haggard	72	18,139	2,000	21,224	3.9	3,511	10	4,392	740	1,779	3,437	.64
2,501—4,000 population														
3,628	Auburn	Laurine Anderson	38	10,994	845	24,938	6.9	2,000	233	2,544	601	1,128	2,264	.62
2,419	Aurora	Mary Catherine Asher	30	8,154	7,207	11,857	4.9	2,317	119	2,792	433	778	1,956	.80
3,289	Blair	May McQuarrie	30	7,572	2,656	13,674	4.1	1,600	149	1,789	441	747	1,819	.55
2,968	Broken Bow	Mrs. Zue C. Thompson	28	7,902	1,000	32,629	11.0	2,591	265	2,858	1,062	610	2,387	.84
3,038	Crete	Mrs. Sadie C. Baker	30	12,755	1,683	15,404	5.1	1,403	45	2,398	450	747	1,922	.63
3,104	Gering	Mrs. Lore Yaley	23	8,818	4,189	37,590	12.1	1,343	264	1,997	610	685	1,455	.47
3,360	Holdrege	Hettie Backman	28½	12,172	3,121	41,111	12.2	1,141	157	3,042	1,110	900	3,042	.91
3,688	Lexington	Mary I. Cooper	48	9,960	598	24,626	6.6	2,478	161	3,645	595	916	2,050	.55

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2,808	Schuyler	Mrs. John Dworak	24	5,602	1,223	16,500	5.8	\$ 1,814	\$ 83	\$ 2,223	480	\$ 600	\$ 1,525	\$.54
2,826	Seward	Mrs. Emma Bredekamp	24	7,657	1,849	25,306	8.9	2,000	.....	2,000	682	600	1,708	.60
3,388	Sidney	Mrs. Mayme McIntosh	27	10,602	.....	15,153	4.4	2,200	.....	2,200	604	922	2,179	.64
2,650	Superior	Mrs. E. R. Towle	36	13,013	2,250	58,240	20.8	1,600	.....	1,600	204	984	1,504	.57
2,748	Wahoo	Mrs. Grace E. Oldham	22	11,536	.....	19,525	7.1	1,470	.....	1,470	454	780	1,299	.47
1,001—2,500 population														
1,833	Ainsworth	Mrs. F. R. Galbraith	13½	5,413	1,025	9,217	5.1	795	135	1,064	202	313	861	.47
2,268	Albion	Mrs. Edna F. Bull	16	7,286	6,829	14,874	6.5	2,019	191	3,174	293	681	1,994	.88
1,003*	Allen†	Mona Jean Bagley	10	1,690	.....	1,676	1.6	175	11	231	67	75	219	.22
1,569*	Alma†	Mrs. Jennie E. Egelston	21	6,098	.....	7,313	4.6	1,100	.....	1,113	169	620	1,104	.70
1,078*	Anselmo†	Mrs. J. A. Scott	6	1,750	.....	2,252	2.1	150	13	224	88	96	224	.21
1,220*	Ansley§†	Mrs. F. L. Dewey	12	4,649	438	.....	.....	300	.....	300	37	144	258	.21
1,002	Arapahoe	Mrs. L. Stevants	14	4,227	1,166	7,831	7.8	185	58	276	.....	180	219	.22
1,006*	Arcadia†	Mrs. C. F. Dieterichs	30	6,762	625	8,911	8.8	563	428	1,112	174	440	1,006	1.00
1,546*	Arnold§†	Mrs. Emily Wehrley	16	3,312	401	4,171	2.7	2,000	.....	2,000	227	360	1,063	.69
1,709	Ashland	Mrs. Margaret Parrish	15	4,790	1,232	12,769	7.5	1,229	226	1,584	599	360	1,393	.81
1,966*	Atkinson†	Mrs. Vivian Frohardt	27	3,000	.....	.....	.....	360	.....	390	61	150	385	.20
2,121	Bayard	Mrs. Jennie Latham	13	3,513	.....	18,522	8.7	795	89	933	262	300	838	.39
1,015	Beaver City	Mrs. Walter Horn	8½	2,963	168	3,297	3.2	125	53	204	58	63	160	.16
1,093*	Beemer†	Mrs. Ben Martin	3½	2,102	.....	.....	.....	400	8	408	62	73	154	.14
1,184	Bellevue	Mrs. Louise Rickard	26	2,474	442	3,857	3.2	376	5	498	137	38	202	.17
1,467	Bloomfield	Mrs. Mae Durbin	30	4,553	850	17,362	11.8	1,389	42	2,216	338	480	1,375	.94
1,520	Bridgeport§	Mrs. Viola B. Shepherd	12	4,824	1,025	10,316	6.8	1,088	42	1,548	257	520	1,335	.88
1,412	Burwell	Mrs. Jessie Igenfritz	20	3,366	1,050	14,232	10.1	810	87	910	317	360	908	.64
1,205	Butte	Mary Aiken	4	1,375	221	2,125	1.7	50	57	127	29	15	59	.05
1,277*	Callaway†	Mrs. Vera Stephenson	9	2,251	251	2,798	2.1	64	65	221	40	117	189	.15
2,460	Central City§	Rennie Ayres	30	9,650	1,500	17,742	7.3	.....	.....	1,741	208	.....	.....	.....
1,093	Chappell	Mrs. D. E. O'Connor	15	5,471	417	8,667	7.9	855	53	2,944	360	495	1,376	1.25
1,229*	Clarks§†	Mrs. Cleo Schank	23	5,642	565	7,328	5.9	800	.....	1,099	198	360	942	.76
2,156	Cozad	Mrs. Carrie E. Wareham	18	5,126	923	22,083	10.2	1,335	84	1,743	484	356	1,455	.67

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†Township Library

*Includes Township population

TAX-SUPPORTED LIBRARIES — (Continued)

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1,845	Crawford	Mrs. Maude A. Smeak	12	4,528	793	13,384	7.2	\$ 1,017	\$ 85	\$ 1,309	\$ 421	\$ 348	\$ 836	\$ 4.45
1,272	Creighton	Mrs. C. T. Britt	10	2,751	1,047	10,727	8.4	828	401	1,536	290	240	1,229	.96
1,158*	Crofton†	Mrs. Jessie Hamann	6	1,630	275	1,700	1.4	240	20	260	50	120	189	.16
2,272	David City	Mrs. Laura V. Paul	33	11,089	2,354	20,290	8.9	2,100	113	2,213	711	900	2,125	.93
1,604*	Decatur†	Mrs. Myrtle Goddard	10	1,440	.....	3,886	2.4	313	11	487	59	80	161	.10
1,037	Deshler	Ellen Peggee	6	1,842	231	.....	.....	422	48	516	346	69	444	.43
1,272	Franklin	Mrs. Mamie Humphreys	30	9,349	398	10,872	8.5	874	64	1,193	202	605	904	.71
1,169	Friend	Rotha Doner	30	3,900	1,055	8,581	7.3	790	122	1,128	273	300	1,128	.96
1,707	Fullerton	Mrs. P. M. Jorgensen	15	6,399	1,059	18,185	10.6	824	.....	1,292	226	460	852	.50
2,448*	Geneva†	Mrs. Isabel Bixby	38	7,449	1,350	15,238	6.2	1,917	333	2,806	287	900	1,774	.72
1,231	Genoa	Ella Munson	9	2,923	332	5,464	4.4	459	.....	471	161	156	348	.28
1,365*	Gibbon†	Mrs. Florence H. Smith	17	4,382	.....	6,052	4.4	1,150	64	1,352	152	360	1,083	.79
1,967	Gordon	Mrs. Grace Hummel	21	5,115	1,365	8,205	4.1	1,140	95	1,233	288	300	1,317	.67
2,330	Gothenburg	Mrs. Chester Hugo	30	4,077	.....	5,831	2.5	1,307	37	1,704	126	840	1,771	.76
1,688	Hartington	Ita Bryant	14	11,425	650	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,909	Hebron	Mrs. Anna L. Peery	30	11,018	2,519	10,123	5.3	1,108	35	1,143	152	420	1,143	.60
1,386	Humboldt	Mrs. Ruby Reid	30	5,654	620	12,257	8.8	669	240	1,447	179	520	871	.63
1,195	Imperial	Mrs. Norma Heebner	10½	3,893	198	7,514	6.2	683	166	1,202	233	287	721	.60
1,725	Kimball	Elsie L. Mairs	30	5,824	.....	7,991	4.6	1,100	73	1,297	279	615	1,243	.72
2,235*	Loup City†	Harriet Galloway	36	10,283	2,107	35,639	15.9	1,580	.....	1,916	347	720	1,791	.80
1,033	Lyons	Mrs. Carlton Shumway	8	1,694	137	2,506	2.4	300	184	1,413	661	74	1,101	1.05
1,812	Madison	Mrs. Anna D. Johnson	36	9,490	1,254	26,194	14.4	2,779	146	4,263	821	1,129	2,462	1.35
1,146*	Mason City†	Mrs. Will VanZandt	7½	1,658	192	4,036	3.5	238	36	326	106	73	215	.19
1,122*	Merna†	Mrs. Ethel Peters	16½	4,652	272	6,474	5.7	1,200	31	1,649	244	313	1,095	.98
1,125	Minatare	Mrs. Bina Blain	14	3,491	415	5,123	4.5	.....	66	.....	70	150	390	.35
1,848	Minden	Florence Curtis	24	5,846	1,435	14,838	8.0	883	83	968	427	420	965	.52
2,181	Mitchell	Mrs. Isabel Lane	20	7,382	1,722	14,651	6.3	761	123	1,040	301	435	760	.35
1,253°	Mullen†	Mrs. Mary Baker	.....	3,759	150	1,552	1.2	938	19	957	97	54	.....	.....
1,796	Neligh	Mrs. Bess Galloway	15	6,865	1,500	14,744	8.2	1,427	197	1,624	328	513	1,531	.85
1,036	Newman Grove	Mrs. Margaret Dillman	19	4,114	686	10,911	10.5	1,000	97	1,356	334	315	829	.80

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1,003	North Bend†	Laura Roump	30½	3,613	568	7,647	7.6	\$ 888	\$ 88	\$ 1,288	\$ 159	\$ 572	\$ 1,053	\$1.05
1,380	Oakland	Lydia Hill	13	8,465	838	17,073	12.3	1,276	123	1,618	703	272	1,054	.76
3,159	Ogallala	Mrs. E. H. Fahrlander	10	3,604	1,733	10,048	3.1	900	127	1,625	303	311	840	.26
3,271*	O'Neill†	Mary McLaughlin	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2,662*	Ord†	Mamie L. Smith	32	4,661	1,552	20,011	7.5	1,600	415	2,186	677	580	1,918	.72
1,117*	Orleans†	Dorothy M. Mahn	34	7,215	523	7,741	6.9	200	2,099	2,676	273	486	2,368	2.11
1,039	Osceola	Lulu Hendrickson	12	3,583	233	6,532	6.2	267	28	307	111	91	307	.29
1,141	Oxford	Mrs. Oren Brown	9	1,289	184	1,110	.9	275	21	336	40	78	170	.15
1,647	Pawnee City	Mary E. French	39	6,902	1,200	23,200	14.1	1,200	182	1,382	459	630	1,342	.81
1,135	Pender§	Mrs. J. J. Lynch	3½	4,027	.....	3,002	2.6	100	13	169	.....	.....	117	.10
1,249	Pierce	Mrs. Halma Mastalir	9	4,252	700	6,044	4.8	1,042	1	1,195	152	300	677	.54
1,411	Plainview	Mrs. L. C. Barbour	22	5,724	653	14,421	10.2	1,300	112	1,561	509	480	1,441	1.00
1,003	Ponca	Mrs. M. Lipe	8	6,336	570	3,090	3.0	465	.....	465	81	120	342	.34
1,094	Randolph	Mrs. C. A. Kerr	17	4,874	850	8,121	7.4	966	75	1,099	265	300	807	.74
1,429	Ravenna	Rhea Rentfrow	19	4,582	550	5,774	4.0	1,315	.....	1,401	201	600	950	.66
1,610	Red Cloud	Y. Ola Swartz	33	7,303	1,185	13,865	8.6	1,500	.....	1,500	150	720	1,500	.93
1,125	Rushville	Mary W. Mohr	15	3,806	633	8,571	7.6	635	740	1,612	305	300	1,057	.94
1,571	St. Paul	Mrs. Ina M. Luick	11½	4,438	300	8,548	5.4	950	36	1,183	509	239	960	.61
1,444*	Sargent†	Mrs. Flora A. Cropper	33	5,100	1,200	10,233	7.0	900	32	932	185	300	515	.36
1,479*	Shelton†	Mrs. Jessie M. Burkard	.....	6,086	.....	7,294	7.9	995	3	1,505	136	360	783	.53
1,142*	Spencer†	Mrs. Hildor M. Ogren	10½	3,644	562	9,509	8.3	563	46	1,057	146	300	715	.63
1,526	Stanton	Mrs. Jean D. Hollstien	28	7,354	1,208	14,113	9.2	1,505	.....	1,952	290	630	1,519	.99
1,742 ^o	Stapleton§‡	Mrs. Visa Stalnaker	11	2,011	300	5,785	3.3	369	29	409	191	60	317	.18
1,127	Stromsburg	Mrs. Herbert Olson	24	3,745	1,559	8,753	7.7	700	143	843	143	335	675	.60
1,403	Sutton	Sibyl B. Jarrett	33	4,861	1,491	7,198	5.1	1,100	.....	1,173	115	540	915	.65
2,104	Tecumseh	Mrs. R. W. Campbell	30	5,342	1,025	11,000	5.2	1,000	15	1,104	172	490	1,094	.52
1,925	Tekamah	Mrs. Lucile Gates	18	6,956	1,250	14,200	7.3	1,300	134	2,321	378	435	1,351	.70
2,188	Valentine	Mrs. Emma A. Sheldon	18	4,582	2,708	9,475	4.3	800	71	900	255	298	617	.28

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1,204	Walthill	Mrs. Harry Keefe
1,146*	Wausaf	Rose Banks	10	4,282	633	8,251	7.2	960	1,124	161	360	842	.73	
2,719	Wayne	Mrs. E. S. Blair	27	7,885	1,309	21,174	7.7	2,266	110	3,193	623	1,286	2,393	.88	
1,139	Weeping Water	Mildred Hart	12	7,859	458	14,390	12.6	583	92	1,503	168	375	689	.60	
2,510	West Point	Minnie L. Frahm	21	2,650	416	10,132	4.0	1,092	313	1,404	416	500	1,220	.49	
1,355	Wilber	Carrie Savage	9	2,748	243	5,987	4.4	300	63	737	150	205	365	.27	
1,256	Wisner	Clara Nickelson	7	3,829	300	7,097	5.6	400	49	449	136	180	393	.31	
2,457	Wymore	Gladys Pirie	30	9,008	1,166	37,143	15.1	1,993	199	2,987	669	1,074	2,503	1.02	
Less than 1,000 population															
516	Adams	Carrie B. Barmore	12	2,112	315	3,003	5.8	200	71	320	104	144	286	.55	
369	Alexandria	Faye Burch	6	3,794	95	2,216	6.0	100	.....	100	8	40	47	.13
569	Arlington	Mrs. Blanche W. Keller	8	3,176	.....	4,849	8.5	300	9	372	51	142	230	.41
775*	Axtell†	Mrs. C. B. Dossett	10	1,576	766	2,264	2.9	250	4	259	87	150	250	.32	
702	Battle Creek	Mrs. Mary C. Duncan	10	1,732	105	5,015	6.5	300	23	798	132	28	298	.42	
569	Big Spring	Mrs. Fred A. Johnson	6	1,383	127	2,200	3.8	278	171	449	87	72	300	.54	
361	Bloomington	.....	7	3,275	150	5,500	15.2	120	10	130	27	54	95	.26
565	Blue Hill	Mrs. Carl Hoffman	5½	1,893	137	2,170	3.8	257	32	461	90	108	280	.50	
232	Bruning	Mrs. F. E. Flessner	4	599	79	4,247	18.3	50	33	84	50	31	81	.35	
691*	Brunswick†	Mrs. Juanita Hildreth	4½	1,759	85	1,849	2.6	.....	.....	.....	125	52	177	.26
350	Carleton	Mrs. D. C. Swanson	6	670	42	1,508	4.3	75	16	110	48	35	83	.24	
351	Carroll	Winifred M. Stephens	5	3,226	236	2,487	7.1	275	18	504	73	75	384	1.10	
695	Cedar Rapids	Mrs. George W. Orshek	8	6,119	757	11,082	15.9	419	23	544	204	221	452	.65	
634	Chester	Mrs. Nellie Donnell	4	1,061	302	850	1.3	100	21	170	80	57	138	.22	
833	Clarkson§	Mrs. Josephine Noh	3	1,997	150	4,500	5.4	72	25	105	25	52	77	.09	
715	Clay Center	Bertha F. Jessup	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
375	Cody	Mrs. Nellie Brown	9	2,305	.....	1,512	4.0	100	28	229	40	72	126	.34
645*	Comstock†	Marion Stevens	8	2,528	505	3,037	4.7	294	3	297	71	186	296	.46	
305	Cook	Mrs. Clara Leach	8	1,013	180	1,516	4.9	38	151	66	53	140	.46	
218	Crab Orchard	Mrs. W. F. Vernon	6½	1,104	111	1,168	5.3	55	29	84	22	39	65	.30	

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815	Culbertson	Mrs. Elmer McBee	10	2,532	430	7,409	9.9	\$ 500	\$ 118	\$ 743	\$ 162	\$ 142	\$ 676	\$ 83	
952	Curtis	Anna Marie Hansen	5	1,324	105	2,583	2.7	79	68	196	18	79	103	11	
477	Dakota City	Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger	4	3,263	378	3,162	6.6	129	114	526	148	62	304	64	
358	Dalton	Wilma Brennan	2½	1,146	167	4,362	12.1	50	6	80	47	26	73	20	
450	Davenport	Mrs. Arthur Jensby	8	2,673	314	5,448	12.1	330	39	404	116	119	343	76	
165	Daykin	Mrs. Sidney Schmitt	3	644	53	1,758	10.6	78	2	188	40	24	83	50	
490	DeWitt	Mrs. Hazel A. Bent	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
378	Diller	Alice Specht	30	2,502	296	7,722	20.4	75	71	147	105	.....	137	36
656	Dodge	Barbara Ludden	7½	1,506	460	3,666	5.6	100	.....	175	72	60	134	20
853	Elgin	Mrs. R. D. Wilcox	10	3,218	241	9,534	11.2	350	53	456	117	120	385	45	
429	Elkhorn§	Mrs. Walter Bull	30	1,804	472	3,006	7.0	125	65	580	57	71	428	99	
730	Elm Creek	.....	3	2,463	428	3,000	4.1	69	41	113	97	.....	111	15
633	Elwood	Mrs. Luella B. Dow	10½	3,807	460	4,414	6.9	100	4	107	94	.....	94	15
879	Emerson	Mrs. Wm. Hansen	9	1,803	462	6,655	7.5	400	47	447	120	120	397	45	
459	Eustis	Mrs. A. L. Hathaway	7	3,265	1,125	4,160	9.1	75	190	390	138	13	239	52	
858*	Ewing†	Florence C. Ponton	16	1,082	180	1,281	1.5	300	20	320	.....	180	320	37
841	Exeter	Mrs. Lillian Perry	30	1,481	310	11,455	13.6	452	57	.....	142	.....	.....	.....
640	Fairfield	Muriel Green	10	3,356	195	2,004	3.1	484	53	572	29	360	450	70	
810	Fairmont	Zola R. Shoemaker	10	4,754	611	4,854	5.9	234	41	309	56	100	280	35	
346	Farnam	Mrs. Minnie Anderson	6	961	141	1,727	4.9	72	7	79	.....	52	55	16
596	Guide Rock	E. Katherine Guy	15	3,976	340	4,647	7.8	742	90	1,173	75	300	768	129	
704	Harvard	Mrs. Paul R. Whisenand	15	3,705	576	7,392	10.5	368	390	808	181	247	687	97	
819	Hay Springs	Mrs. Mary C. Goff	8	5,552	315	3,998	4.8	150	.....	.....	80	180	272	33
314	Hayes Center	Evelyn Barker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
792	Hemingford	Mrs. Grace Olds	5	2,544	107	2,963	3.7	300	24	503	45	100	358	45	
427	Herman	Mrs. A. L. Sullivan	.....	894	.....	1,381	3.2	60	5	70	2	60	64	15
441	Holbrook	Edythe B. Christianson	6	797	430	1,547	3.5	25	29	54	7	24	37	08	
477	Homer	Mrs. F. M. Church	6	1,981	138	2,446	5.1	75	44	151	12	52	78	16	
802	Hooper	Mrs. H. F. Waterman	9	3,074	703	4,245	5.3	270	38	312	101	180	304	38	
841	Humphrey	Mrs. E. J. Fuchs	5	1,218	141	3,219	3.8	208	17	225	155	35	204	24	

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800	Indianola§	Mrs. G. A. Rawson	12	1,591	170	4,320	5.4
861	Laurel	R. L. Lathrop
575	Leigh	Dorothy Hahn	7½	1,786	171	4,818	8.3	119	25	155	125	348	.61	
158	Lewiston	Mrs. W. W. Joekel	3½	2,134	143	1,716	10.8	60	71	131	74	20	114	.72	
412	Litchfield
484	Lodgepole§	Mary Helen Groshart	4	1,336	62	1,708	2.5	100	28	135	79	8	87	.18	
824	Long Pine	Mrs. M. J. Potter	10	982	450	3,222	3.9	100	23	131	13	96	113	.14	
977	Louisville	Mrs. Bedella Stander	8	3,871	388	4,604	4.7	325	129	454	129	118	378	.39	
480	Maxwell	Mrs. Rose C. Dolan	5	1,224	120	784	1.6	209	4	213	24	36	213	.44	
321	Merriman	Mrs. George Mattison	6	1,313	53	1,606	5.0	.....	.....	.....	21	77	102	.32
759	Milford	Mrs. W. C. Cherrington	10	2,635	126	4,797	6.3	150	26	366	121	206	339	.45	
636	Monroe	Vera Sutton	11	1,109	68	3,191	5.0	50	21	93	53	.....	67	.09
877	Morrill	Mrs. Goldie Wilson	11	3,552	933	7,698	8.7	1,120	77	1,197	209	312	546	.62	
963	Nelson	Alice E. Ruddell	24	2,500	495	4,232	4.4	201	49	374	85	132	286	.30	
629	Niobrara	Elva Randa	.....	2,345	541	1,969	3.1	108	41	213	27	50	167	.27
990*	North Loup†	.....	8	3,346	.....	2,955	2.9	50	81	148	41	.....	148	.15
561	Oakdale	Gertrude B. Gove	5	1,854	49	440	.7	70	50	130	9	49	117	.21	
991*	Oconto†	Mrs. Ruth Thompson	6½	1,579	238	1,340	1.3	200	7	207	51	70	216	.22	
493	Orchard	Mrs. E. Bruce	4	3,705	.....	2,400	4.8	72	33	133	26	50	80	.16
910	Oshkosh§	Mrs. Mattie Aufdengarten	30	3,655	519	8,321	9.1	106	80	323	115	25	190	.21	
796	Osmond	Pearl E. Record	13½	1,229	99	3,359	4.2	350	37	387	91	144	332	.42	
799	Palisade	Mrs. Belle Coker	6	1,375	.....	1,976	2.4	95	4	121	21	72	108	.14
401	Palmyra	Mrs. Sarah I. Merwin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
763	Papillion	Mrs. Esther Ruff	7	1,894	.....	2,602	3.4	120	169	294	114	53	207	.27
493	Polk	Mrs. J. E. MacDaniel	10	1900	.....	1,350	2.7	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
378	Potter§	Mrs. W. T. Sloan	3	1,782	230	460	1.2	171	37	243	31	41	219	.58	
834	Ralston§	Mrs. Bert Meadows	7	2,165	150	1,835	2.2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
893	St. Edward	Gertie A. Anderson	12	3,635	1,010	7,815	8.7	400	40	440	65	300	372	.42	
380	Salem	Mrs. Henry Parker	10	75	4	79	52	74	.19	
453	Scotia	Mrs. W. H. Waters	4½	3,455	105	2,507	5.5	184	16	455	67	59	174	.38	

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904	Scribner	Elsa Meyer	22	2,952	801	3,889	4.3	\$ 600	\$ 45	\$ 844	\$ 84	\$ 300	\$ 588	\$.65
342	Shickley	Mathilda Licht	12½	1,788	163	6,537	19.1	200	46	420	159	33	228	.67
827*	Silver Creek†	Lucille Abel												
395	Snyder	Mrs. Marvin Derr	6	781	46	2,212	5.6	70	13	108	11	49	105	.27
830	Spaulding§	Mrs. Frank Dunning	30	2,846	921	9,379	11.3	197	5	410	163		267	.32
370	Springfield	Mrs. Verlia Bolen												
640	Sterling	Mrs. Mary E. Hollenbach	15	3,000	205	5,589	8.7	451		772	22	240	262	.41
630	Stratton§	Mrs. Carrie A. Bailey	30	2,980	369	7,196	11.4	173	17	190	180		183	.29
760	Stuart	Marguerite L. Smith	10	2,300	200	5,509	7.2					75		
862	Sutherland	Mrs. Roy Wilson												
982	Syracuse	Mrs. Ervin H. Gellermann	15	3,849	790	6,216	6.3	1,059	21	1,440	275	253	834	.85
562	Table Rock	Mrs. Allie Wood	10	2,027	310	2,301	4.1	293	5	499	103	78	225	.40
423	Talmage	Sophia Moller	12	1,820	327	2,007	4.7	188	13	295	63	180	270	.64
984	Tilden	Gwen French	21	2,735	1,669	7,152	7.2	800	10	810	46	322	663	.67
316	Tobias	Anna L. Sakryt	6	1,276	100	1,870	5.9	50	11	136	28	52	86	.27
876*	Ulysses†	Mrs. Martha F. Withers	7	4,526	293	6,072	6.9	450	659	1,218	253	180	1,136	1.32
985	Valley	Mrs. Anna Howard	53	4,956	650	12,132	12.3	856	44	800	360	540	800	.81
670*	Waco†	Mrs. Nelson Hughes	3	1,200	70	1,200	1.8	50	2	68	3	46	53	.07
961	Wakefield	E. Ruth Collins	12	6,780	926	5,006	5.2	1,252		1,497	261	360	810	.85
381	Waterloo	Mrs. Wm H. Jacobson	4	1,735	187	1,810	4.8	107	8	115	18	52	82	.22
632*	Wilcox†	Leah Lippstrew	13	1,341	178			200		200	49	42	133	.21
451	Winside	Mrs. Etta Perrin	8	2,500	440	3,345	7.4	300	30	330	48	180	277	.62
829	Wood River	Sabra J. Abbott	12	4,669	401	9,293	11.2	475	28	512	214	165	503	.61

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Total borrowers reported	278,821
Total circulation reported	3,712,206
Total receipts including balance reported	\$ 430,285
Total expenditures reported	\$ 374,859

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.

Amherst	Dunning	Nemaha
Arthur	Edgar	Nora
Avoca	Elmwood	Oak
Bancroft	Ericson	Ong
Bartlett	Giltner	Palmer
Bartley	Grant	Paxton
Basnett	Gresham	Pilger
Beaver Crossing	Gretna	Republican City
Belvidere	Haigler	Rising City
Benkelman	Halsey	Rosalie
Berwyn	Hampton	Royal
Bingham	Hardy	Ruskin
Boelus	Henderson	Shubert
Broadwater	Hildreth	Stella
Brock	Howells	Swanton
Brownville	Hubbell	Thayer
Campbell	Hyannis	Theedford
Chambers	Kilgore	Trenton
Concord	Lewellen	Verdigre
Craig	Lindsay	Verdon
Creston	Lushton	Wauneta
Crookston	Mead	Western
Dannebrog	Melbeta	Wilsonville
Dorchester	Murray	Woodlake
Douglas	Nehawka	