

**Lexington Public Library
Report to Lexington City Council
January 24, 2023**

Library Finance

The Library’s operating budget for FY 2022 increased from the previous year to \$527,991; Library State Aid was \$1535. The Library received a \$5,000 Federal Library Improvement Grant, \$606 in ARPA supplemental lender compensation, \$815 in Nebraska lender compensation and a \$200 Regional Library System Grant. Total operating expenditure for FY 2022 amounted to \$504,000.

Library Collection

Year	Books	Audio	Video	Periodicals	Downloadable	Other	Total
2021	37,390	3,484	2,019	53	52,789	663	95,682
2022	40,007	3,533	2,100	48	59,331	650	105,669
Difference	+2,617	+49	+81	-5	+6,542	-13	9,987

Library Services

Annual visits in FY 2022 were 26,407, up by 11,001 from the previous year. Total circulation of materials was 32,826, down slightly from the previous year. Use of electronic materials was 5,832. Programs offered at the library were in-person and increased greatly. A total of 334 programs were hosted by the library, up from just 107 the previous year. Total program attendance was 6,201. Programs range from story times to book club meetings, to family engagement programs like Family Fun Night. Specifically, the August Family Fun Night was a community pot luck and street dance. Bouncy houses, El Sazon Taquizas, and Eric Lopez contributed to the event held as a back-to-school celebration. This event brought over 200 people to the library. Additionally, three book clubs were added to the Library’s repertoire in 2022: a Spanish Book Club, a Young Women’s Book Club and a middle school Golden Sower Book Club. In mid-September the Library partnered with the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute to bring a Grassroots Leadership Program to Lexington. The 10-week program ended mid-November. The Library strives to be a community servant and prides itself on innovative programming and excellent customer service.

Looking Ahead

The Library recently received a youth services grant from the Nebraska Library Commission to expand our offerings for Family Fun Nights and other youth programming. Indoor/outdoor

games, such as ladder ball and corn hole, along with a popcorn machine were purchased. Several of the games, as well as an indoor snowball "fight" were the highlight of January's Family Fun Night held on January 16. The Library has partnered with several local organizations to develop a Work Center for early childhood educators. An open house is scheduled for February 13 at 6:30 pm. I am currently working on a grant from the American Library Association to expand this project. The Friends of the Library hope to begin their landscaping project this spring. Natural Escapes in Cozad has prepared plans for new plants, trees, shrubs, and container gardens.

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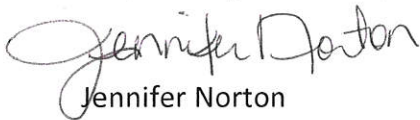
You have much to be proud of about YOUR library. Innovative programs, outreach to the community, knowledgeable staff, and a beautiful building are just a few of the highlights. Your continued support is very much appreciated. And by all means, come visit. See for yourselves YOUR Lexington Public Library.

"Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities."

--R. David Lankes

(Professor and Director of the School of Library & Information Science at the University of South Carolina)

Respectfully submitted,



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