

FALLS CITY LIBRARY & ARTS CENTER

2025 REPORT

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MISSION STATEMENT:

To assemble, preserve, and administer a comprehensive collection of books and related educational and recreational material in order to provide, through guidance and stimulation, the communication of ideas and enlightened citizenship and enriched personal lives.

Hours:

Monday – Wednesday :

9am – 6pm

Thursday :

9am – 6:30pm

Friday:

9am – 5:30pm

Saturday:

9am – Noon

2025

MEMORIALS/DONATIONS/GRANTS

DONATIONS:

\$9,419.82

GRANTS:

State of NE Youth Grant –
\$600 – For
toddler/preschool STEM

GRANTS:

Arts & Humanities
Council of Richardson
County – \$500 – Tiny
Art Show

ALA Peggy Barber – \$2,500
– Senior Socials
Focused on combating the
isolation of older adults

State of NE Library
State Aid – \$1,573

Dollar General – \$536 –
Reading Dragons

NE State Historical Society
Foundation – \$1,500 –
Digitizing newspapers

IEEE – \$2,000 – STEM kits

State of NE – \$4,292 –
Library Improvement



Total Donations/Memorials/Grants: \$24,304.44

COMPUTER/WIFI:

2,116/3,423

MEETINGS/ATTENDANCE:

568/2,191

ATTENDANCE/CIRCULATION:

24,200/44,488

BABY—PRESCHOOL

PROGRAMS/ATTENDANCE:

42/911

ELEMENTARY

PROGRAMS/ATTENDANCE:

73/1,125

ADULT

PROGRAMS/ATTENDANCE:

90/685

PASSIVE PROGRAMS:

512



LOCAL PARTNERS:

Chamber of Commerce

4-H Clubs

City of Falls City

Girl Scouts

Community Medical

Health & Human Services

Center

Heller Martial Arts

Elks Lodge

KTNC

F&M Bank

Lions Club

Falls City Green Team

MR Farm Fresh

Falls City Journal

Sacred Heart School

Falls City Ministerial

SENCA Headstart

Association

Sixpence

Falls City Police

Southeast Nebraska

Department

Communications

Falls City Public Schools

Staffing Service

Falter Museum

Sunny 101.3

Farm Service Agency

Tri-County Genealogy

First Interstate Bank

UNL Extension

Frontier Bank

STATE PARTNERS:

ALA Every Child Ready to

Read

Nebraska Game & Parks

First Five Nebraska

Nebraska Library

Ford Conservation Center

Commission

Humanities Nebraska

Nebraska State Historical

MSC News

Assoc.

Museum of Nebraska Art

Nebraska Strong Recovery

Nebraska Collation to End

Project

Sexual and Domestic

University of Nebraska

Violence

UNL Sheldon Museum

Nebraska Department of

Labor

REGIONAL PARTNERS:

Excel Corporation

Southeast Community College

Flatwater Folk Museum

Southeast Nebraska Library

Four County Juvenile Services

System

Nebraska Educational Television

United Tribes of Kansas &

Project Response

Nebraska

Southeast Nebraska Community

Action

1000 BOOKS CHALLENGE

Grownups help track the number of books read and turn in a tracking sheet after each 100 books finished. The Kids are rewarded with a small prize and get to put a sticker on our tracking posters.

- **71 participants registered**
- **12 completed challenge once**
- **8 completed challenge twice**
- **3 completed challenge 3 times**
- **30,700 books read**



READING DRAGONS & FRIENDS

This is a collaborative national reading program created by the Dover Public Library in Ohio that encourages kids (and adults!) GRADE 1 and up to read for fun. Participants can track their reading, collect dragon trading cards, and play card games - all while learning good reading habits and gaining a lifelong love of reading!

- **104 participants registered**
- **368 hours recorded**
- **2,400+ cards awarded**



LIBRARY STAFF:

- **Allie McCann**
- **Kathy Kirkendall**
- **Fay Ann Blaylock**
- **Jayme Coonce**
- **Jen Coonce**
- **Dick Gilkerson**



LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF RICHARDSON COUNTY MEMBERS—

- **Robert W. Aitken**
- **Richard Halbert**
- **Dana Rathje**
- **Rita Seid**
- **Christina Wertenberger**

Mission Statement:

The Library & Community Foundation of Richardson County is a private, nonprofit corporation committed to providing supplemental support to the City of Falls City Library & Arts Center. The Foundation reinforces the need for continued and increased public support for the City of Falls City Library & Arts Center and serves as a catalyst for attracting grants and private funding from individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations in order to enhance library services. The Foundation shall own, collect, maintain and exhibit art for the benefit of the community served by the City of Falls City Library & Arts Center.

LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS—

- **Tim Heckenlively – President**
- **Deb Harris – Secretary**
- **Gail Froeschl**
- **John McNeely**
- **Libby Dean**

ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCIL OF RICHARDSON COUNTY—

- **Rita Seid – President/Treasurer**
- **Christina Wertenberger – Curator**
- **Liz Huettner – Secretary & Membership**
- **Kathy Perkins – Humanities**
- **June Bowers – Performing Arts**
- **Amy Burgess – Marketing**

Mission Statement:

Promote, cultivate and sustain the arts and humanities for the citizens of Richardson County

