

FALLS CITY LIBRARY & ARTS CENTER

2025 REPORT

1400 Stone St. Falls City, NE 68355 402-245-2913 402-245-3031 (FAX)
info@fallscitylibrary.org

Hours:

Monday – Wednesday :

9am – 6pm

Thursday :

9am – 6:30pm

Friday:

9am – 5:30pm

Saturday:

9am – Noon



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.

2025

MEMORIALS/DONATIONS/GRANTS

DONATIONS:

\$9,419.82



GRANTS:

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

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



GRANTS:

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

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

Friends of the Library
– \$1,383.62 – 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 Center	Health & Human Services
Elks Lodge	Heller Martial Arts
F&M Bank	KTNC
Falls City Green Team	Lions Club
Falls City Journal	MR Farm Fresh
Falls City Ministerial Association	Sacred Heart School
Falls City Police Department	SENCA Headstart
Falter Museum	Sixpence
Farm Service Agency	Southeast Nebraska Communications
First Interstate Bank	Staffing Service
Frontier Bank	Sunny 101.3
	Tri-County Genealogy
	UNL Extension

STATE PARTNERS:

ALA Every Child Ready to Read	Nebraska Game & Parks
First Five Nebraska	Nebraska Library Commission
Ford Conservation Center	Nebraska State Historical Assoc.
Humanities Nebraska	Nebraska Strong Recovery Project
MSC News	University of Nebraska
Museum of Nebraska Art	UNL Sheldon Museum
Nebraska Collation to End Sexual and Domestic Violence	
Nebraska Department of Labor	

REGIONAL PARTNERS:

Excel Corporation	Southeast Community College
Flatwater Folk Museum	Southeast Nebraska Library System
Four County Juvenile Services	United Tribes of Kansas & Nebraska
Nebraska Educational Television	
Project Response	
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

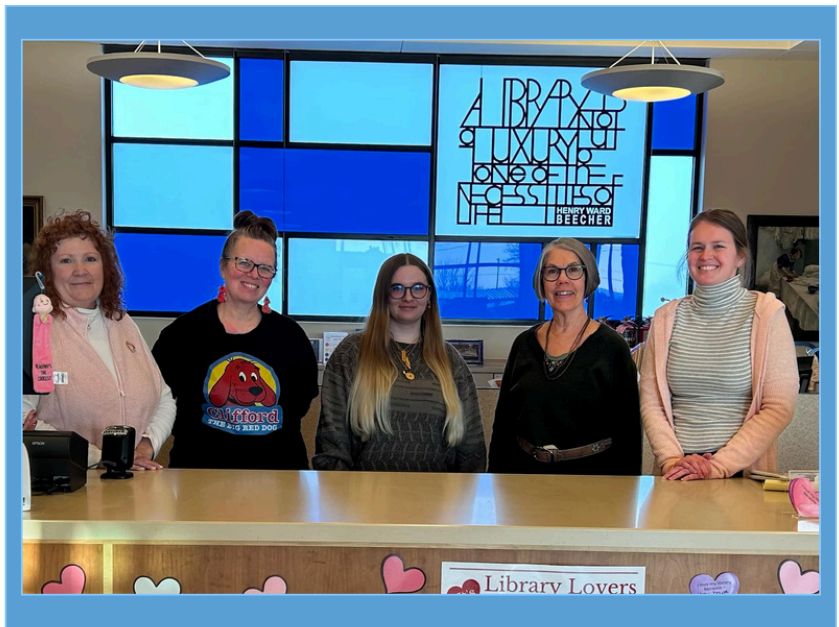
This is a collaborative national reading program created by the Dover Public Library in Ohio that encourages kids (and adults!) GRADE 1 and up to read for fun. Participants can track their reading, collect dragon trading cards, and play card games - all while learning good reading habits and gaining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

