

LIBRARY STAFF—

Hope Schawang

Allie McCann

Kathy Kirkendall

Jayme Counce

Jensen Counce

Fay Ann Blaylock

Judy Gilkerson



Hope Schawang retired in May after more than 30 years in the library world! Allie McCann is now the Library Director. Jayme Counce was hired in August as the Children’s Librarian.

Falls City Library & Arts Center Annual Report 2023

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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.

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 •Kim Oliver—Vice President •Shirley Allgood •Deb Harris—Secretary. John McNeely

Arts & Humanities Council of Richardson County—

Della Meyer Ph.D., President • Christina Wertenberger, Curator •Rita Seid, Treasurer •Liz Huettner, Secretary & Membership •Lori Gottula, Marketing •Marie Parsons, Receptions •Kathy Perkins, Humanities •June Bowers, Performing Arts

Mission Statement—Promote, cultivate and sustain the arts and humanities for the citizens of Richardson County.



Adult Craft Classes have started back up once a month, thanks to Children’s Librarian Jayme Counce.



Summer Reading was a huge success this year. There was almost 50 kids at every program!



After school teens finish a puzzle.



Decorating sugar cookies with Susan Wade



Children’s Author Judy Jensen Shaffer program



Making Piggybanks with the ladies from First Interstate Bank



2023 Donations & Memorials

Donations—

Dwight Elliott—\$30
 Denny & Judy Crawford—\$50
 Patricia Scheitel—\$50
 Pat & Audra Cave—\$750
 Sorosis—\$50
 Dale L. Gatz—\$30,045.64
 St. Thomas Episcopal Church
 and the Treasure Seekers group
 both donated hundreds of dollars
 worth of snacks

Memorials—

Russell Chapman Memorial— \$720
 Rose Galaska Memorial—\$30
 Mary Lee Weinert Memorial—\$2,000
 Dale Gatz Memorial—\$50
 Nancy Wittwer Memorial— \$200
 Geraldine Sperry Memorial—\$5,000
 Marie Parsons Memorial—\$4,935.50
Total Donations & Memorials— \$43,911.14



Cowboy Poetry with Andy Dunn was a huge hit with the crowd of 50 people!



Computer/WiFi

2,179/5,592

Facebook/Website

43,488/9,858

Meetings/Attendance

172/734

Baby & Toddler Programs/ Attendance

80/692

Elementary Programs/ Attendance —

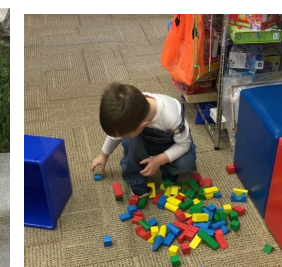
62/1,124

Adult Programs/ Attendance—

36/332



"Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future." — Ray Bradbury



Local Partners

AirLanco
 Chamber of Commerce
 City of Falls City
 Community Medical Center
 F&M Bank
 Falls City Green Team
 Falls City Journal
 Falls City Ministerial Association
 Falls City Police Department
 Falls City Public Schools
 Falter Museum
 Farm Service Agency
 Frontier Bank
 4-H Clubs
 Girl Scouts
 Great Western Bank
 Health & Human Services
 KTNC
 Lions Club
 Richardson Count Commissioners
 Sacred Heart School
 SENCA Headstart
 Sixpence
 Southeast Nebraska Communications
 Staffing Service
 Sunny 101.3
 Tri-County Genealogy
 UNL Extension

State Partners

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

Regional Partners

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