

**Kathleen Lute Public Library
Ogallala, NE**

**FY 2021/22 Annual Report
October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022**

Library Hours: Mon - Thurs 9 am to 8 pm / Fri 9am to 5pm / Sat 10am to 1pm
55 hours per week

**** Kathleen Lute Public Library is accredited at the Silver Level of Accreditation through the Nebraska Library Commission and the Federal Government Classification System of Ratings held with the Institute of Library and Museum Standards and will be up for renewal December 31, 2027. The Kathleen Lute Public Library Board of Directors is certified as well, completing all of their hours of Continuing Education annually to keep the Board accredited.**

Patron and Circulation Statistics:

Patrons in Database:	6,340
Total Patron/Door Count:	19,815
Total Circulation:	47,838

Collection Statistics:

Total Print/Book Items in House:	50,465
Total Video/DVD Items in House:	6,631
Total Audio Books in House:	2,064
Total Overdrive/Libby Checkouts:	13,629
Total Periodical (magazine) Subscriptions:	115
Total Number of Newspaper Subscriptions:	8
Total of Electronic Database Subscriptions:	21
Total Titles of E Books Held	4,074
Total of items Held	59,160
Total Number of Titles Weeded:	2,743
Total Number of Titles added /catalogued:	3,197
Total Internet Desktop Users:	2382
Total of Wi-Fi Users (Start date 4/20/13):	2531

Interlibrary Loans:

Books Borrowed from other libraries :	25
Books Lent to other libraries:	215

Technology/ other library new additions:

- Upgraded Rosetta Stone Offering
- iPad system of assisting Conference Room Attendees with presentation help including library email setup to assist those needing to cast their presentations in the conference room space
- New Handicap Accessible Microfiche reader

- New printer/copier with ARPA funds and Foundation \$
- Upgraded Cricket use for library crafting sessions
- Libby - the complete one stop for downloadable books
- New young adult seating with new bean bag chairs and booth for teens
- Adult steel shelving in DVD's and audio books
- New shelving in the youth area
- New shelf signs and sign holders to highlight new collections
- Main lobby clock as donated by a wonderful library patron
- 4 new large metal filing cabinets in the Genealogy Room
- New KLPL library cards
- Wall Mural in the youth library

Friends of the Library:

** The Friends of the Library assist the library in being the pass-through account for our Region II Grant of \$3000 annually that the library staff write in for. This grant provides a lot of programming needs throughout the year for the youth of our community. The Friends group also assists the library with all snacks and any food items needed for programming as grant dollars cannot be used for any food or drink offerings at events.

Library Foundation:

- \$1,656.36 in iPad and technology needs
- \$3,000 towards the purchase of the new printer/copier
- \$1,590 for new Genealogy Room Filing Cabinets

Adult Services:

WEL Life: Books delivered to patrons weekly or as needed

Curbside Pickup - - this service is available should patrons want contactless services

Device Assistance: Adult Library Personnel are the Tech Champions in the community as the Kathleen Lute Public Library assists patrons at an average of 5 per week in getting setup to download materials to their respective devices. Tech 101 has become the new normal of the librarians' job.

Reference: This is a much-overlooked area of the library - the Kathleen Lute Public Library fields reference requests from all over the City, County and World. A request could be so simple as to help a patron get signed up for City Water by assisting them in where to go or it could be as in-depth as tracking down Obituary and Birth Announcements from the early 1800s.

Total for 2021/22= 39,279 requests fulfilled

** Adult Programming Classes and Presentations were offered in 2021/2022
Humanities / Craft classes offered throughout the year totaled 399
Crochet Class - held once a month = 113 attendees annually
Weekly Wednesday Morning Painting at the Library = 432
Summer Reading Program presentations in August - weekly craft programs (4 total classes) =48

Youth Services:

Story Time / Baby Talk (Tuesdays and Thursday evenings): 1182 Attendees

School Partnering: St. Paul's Lutheran preschool - 5th grade - - these classrooms bring their students to our location for "library" day weekly to have their student's checkout books

Summer Reading Program: 1299 children participating and reading weekly
1262 Attendees at the 8 major programs - speakers and presenters

**paid for with Region II grant funds and help from the FOL

Wildcat Hill Nature Center
Lego Guy Lego Presentation
Amazing Balloon Animals
Theatre West - theatre performance
Real Retails Presentation
Science Camp x 2 - UNL Extension Office provided 2 experiences
Obstacle Course Finale

** New library items purchased to highlight the SRP finale - - we purchased new inflatable water sprinklers and a fun obstacle course water feature as well thru grant funds and the Friends of the Library.

Other programming events:

Home School Robotics - partnered with UNL Extension Office to provide weekly sessions throughout March and April = 36 attendees
April Movie Night = 7 attendees
September Lego Guy Presentation and How to Build workshop = 47 attendees
Halloween Party = 177 total attendees

Volunteers / Total Library:

Total: 18 hours

Staff: 3 full time staff, 7 part time staff.

Library Director (FT): Kendra Caskey

Youth Services Librarian (FT): Michael Coolidge

Adult Library Librarian / Asst Director (FT): Kasia Helmuth

Adult & Youth Library Clerks: Barb Brandt

Library Assistant Clerks: Alyse McEvoy, Karen Bowlin, Ella Schlake, Mary Worthing, Shelley Bassett and Victoria Edwards

Training:

- Summer Reading Program - in person and virtual
- Annual Library Conference
- Strategic Planning - virtual trainings
- Various online cataloging trainings
- Kendra Caskey Completed 50 hours of Continuing Ed for accreditation for the Library Director MLS Level 5 certification

Future / Strategic Planning:

The new facility is a wonderful addition to the community of Ogallala. We have really promoted the Library Conference Room - that room is used on average 6 times each week with various community groups with over 4,457 total people using the space in the fiscal year 2021/2022. We have had a few off hour rentals but the bulk of the space has been used for groups holding their regular meetings in the space.

As we look to the next budget season, we will be working on an event to coincide with the large exterior art piece commitment that will be happening in Spring or early Fall 2023. This will be a wonderful time for donors and various art lovers to come out and appreciate the new Svoboda Family Commemorative Art Piece that Nebraska Artist Les Bruning will be installing. We are looking forward to this addition to the facility and grounds.

Biggest concern for the future is finding and retaining qualified staff. In the fiscal year 2021/2022 the library lost valued team members to moving out of the area for family and for new job opportunities. As we look to the future we will continue to have this constraint, finding and retaining dedicated, skilled and qualified staff members.

Director Stats:

- Member for Local Rotary Club of Ogallala
- Treasurer of Ogallala Post Prom Committee - Office Held since 2007
- Nebraska Library Commission Advocacy Committee Member - work with State Officials to advocate for all Nebraska Public Libraries
- Grant Writer - Kathleen Lute Public Library
- Masters in Library Science Degree (MLS) Awarded December 2011
- Member of Keith County Historical Society
- Grant Writer - Keith County Historical Society
- Friends of Kathleen Lute Public Library Member

- **School Board President of St. Paul's Lutheran School / Voting member of Church Council**
- **PTL President of St. Paul's Lutheran School**
- **Active Church Member of St. Paul's Lutheran School**
- **Grant Writer for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**
- **Active in various Youth Sports / Coaching Organizations throughout Ogallala**
- **President of Ogallala Softball Association**
- **Voting Member of 100 Women of Keith County Organization**