NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION
Supports Nebraska Libraries

Our mission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services.

As the state library agency, the Commission is an advocate for the library and information service needs of all Nebraskans.

1 Libraries in Nebraska
- 1,171 k-12 schools
- 287 public libraries
- 50 college & university

2 Nebraska Libraries Provide Early Learning Opportunities

- 21,691 programs were targeted toward children, with 643,363 attendees.
- 11,035 early literacy (Pre-K) programs promoted school readiness in public libraries, with 241,501 attendees.
- 62% offered early literacy (Pre-K) programs.
- 84% of public libraries offered summer reading programs for children. Reading just 4-6 books over summer vacation can stop or even reverse summer slide.

For more information check out nlc.nebraska.gov
Sources: 2015-2016 Nebraska Public Library Survey (97% reporting)
3. Technology in Nebraska Libraries Supports the Underserved

Talking Book & Braille Service (TBBS) at the Library Commission:
- **25,527 downloads** by TBBS customers of audiobooks, audio magazines, Braille materials, and music instruction pieces.
- **121,541 talking books,** magazines, Braille materials, and videos with audio description were circulated to TBBS customers.
- **88% of public libraries** offered free Wi-Fi enabling access to online resources for all members of the community.
- **1.8 million** the number of times community members used the computers in their public libraries.
- **93% of public libraries** in Nebraska offer public computers & free internet to their communities.

4. Resource sharing through eBooks & Audiobooks

- **1,116,756 checkouts** of Electronic materials: eBooks, Audiobooks, music, and videos.
- **88% increase** of Electronic material checkouts in the last three years.

176 public libraries across Nebraska’s 49 legislative districts have access to downloadable eBooks & Audiobooks.