



2025

Annual Report

Providing Essential Support for a Vibrant Library



Friends of the
Lincoln Public Library

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Our Mission

To support and promote the Lincoln Public Library

Established in 1986, the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library (FOLL) is an all-volunteer, member-supported, registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We raise funds for the library through memberships, donations, book sales and grants.



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Providing Essential Support for a Vibrant Library

“Lincoln will always have a library, but without FOLL, it would not be this library.” – Kathryn Hunt, Library Director.

Over the past decade, the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library (FOLL) has contributed more than \$564,000 towards library programs, resources, and services. In the last two years alone, FOLL provided over \$115,100 and \$72,500, which is particularly noteworthy given that the City of Lincoln's current annual budget for the Lincoln Public Library stands at just \$1,062,000.¹ With increasing demands on the City of Lincoln's General Fund resources and Sierra College's exit from the joint-use agreement, the Lincoln Public Library will encounter considerable challenges in securing sufficient future budgets.²

The comparison of the Lincoln Public Library to other library systems in California demonstrates how important FOLL and other potential fund sources are to the library. In the table below, Lincoln Public Library's usage and general fund expenditures are compared against the statewide median (which draws the line between the top and bottom half of the state) and the statewide average.³

FY 2022-2023	Lincoln Public Library	Statewide Median	Statewide Average
Library visits per capita	4.02	2.12	3.39
Expenditures per capita	\$18.65	\$41.11	\$65.18
Staff Expenditures per capita	\$10.03	\$30.54	\$44.28
Total Staff FTE per 1,000 population	0.12	.30	.44

The data clearly shows that the Lincoln Public Library is utilized more by our community while operating with considerably fewer resources.

¹ Source: City of Lincoln Fiscal Years 2025 - 2027 Biennium Budget

² The Lincoln Public Library opened in 2007 under a joint-use agreement where the City of Lincoln funded 60% of the library's budget, Sierra College, 25%, and the Western Placer Unified School District, 15%. Sierra College withdrew from the agreement effective June 30, 2025.

³ Source: 2025 Lincoln Library Funding and Community's Aspirations Report, prepared by Constructive Disruption. Full report is available on the library's website — libraryatlincoln.org.

Indeed, the achievements of our library staff in 2025 are nothing short of remarkable. In 2025, library staff served our community on their 278,259 visits to the library and offered 436 program sessions and events attracting 18,936 attendees. In addition, staff processed 7,313 new additions to the library's collection and performed other necessary library tasks. These achievements are particularly impressive given that the library functions with few staff, most of whom are part-time employees working no more than 20 hours each week.

Many of the Lincoln Public Library offerings would not be possible without financial help from FOLL, the hours of time donated by volunteers, and the dedicated efforts of the library staff.

Encouraging Kids' Interest in Reading and the Library

Placing books into the hands of teens and children is a major endeavor of FOLL and the library. At library events held throughout the year, kids are given a free book for their home libraries. In 2025, FOLL used \$12,707 to purchase 1,806 new books for the library to give to teens and children.



The library's most ambitious book giveaway is **Read Across Lincoln**, which has the goal of providing a new book to each first grader in the Lincoln area. During school visits, children were treated to a story time, encouraged to visit the Lincoln Public Library and given packets with library information, a craft, and a copy of the featured book, *Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away*, by Meg Medina. In 2025, library staff and volunteers visited 8 schools.

The library's **Summer Reading Program** encourages kids to read during the school break. Over the 8-week program, more than 1,000 readers engaged in 4,500 learning activities, logged 6,900 hours of reading, and earned 1,100 reward books. The 2025 theme was "Destination Reading." Participants received Booker Buddy plushies to accompany them on their adventures for a photo contest that coincided with the Summer Reading Program.

In addition to purchasing book rewards and plushies, FOLL paid \$1,750 for Beanstack, an online service that supports the Summer Reading Program and other reading challenges held during the year.



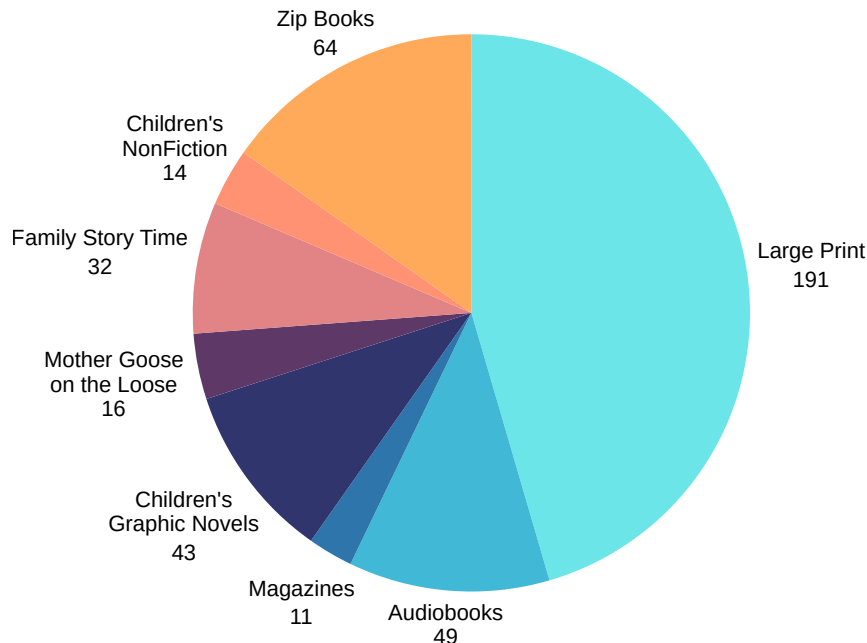
The library had several other events or activities during the year where books purchased by FOLL are given to families and kids. For families with infants and toddlers, books are included in "**Read to Me**" **Baby Literacy Kits** distributed by the Lighthouse Counseling Center. Teens are given books for **Teen Free Book Day** and **Battle of the Books**. For the young readers, the library gave books for **Fairy Tale Day**, **Dinovember** and **Yule Book Flood**. At the **Youth Literary Festival**, FOLL provided Summer Youth Writing Contest participants with copies of the library's published anthology containing their works.

Expanding Library Resources

FOLL helps the Lincoln Public Library expand its print and digital collections to better serve the needs and interests of our community.

Books and Magazines

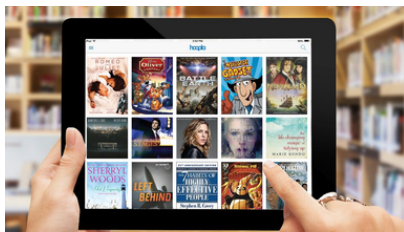
In 2025, FOLL spent \$12,110 on books and magazines for the collection. The graph below shows the purchases by category. In total, 420 books and magazine subscriptions were purchased.



FOLL purchased these books with its own funds and funds provided by the Lincoln Hills Foundation (large print and audio books on CD), Lincoln Rotary Club Foundation (children's nonfiction), and Orchard Creek Book Group (teen and children's magazine subscriptions).

Digital Collection

With the help of the Lincoln Hills Foundation, FOLL provided \$15,800 to supplement the library's budget for **Hoopla**, a digital library service. FOLL provided \$6,295 for **Kanopy**, an on-demand streaming video platform.



In 2025, library users accessed 8,400 audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV shows, magazines and music on the Hoopla app. Library users streamed 6,500 films, TV shows and documentaries with Kanopy.

Note: Hoopla was discontinued in January 2026. FOLL funding is now used for Libby, another library digital service.

Making the Library a Favorite Destination

Programs, Events and Activities

The Lincoln Public Library offers a wealth of opportunities for our community to participate in programs, events, and activities throughout the year. In 2025, FOLL generously provided over \$16,500 in financial support for these opportunities. This funding covered expenses for staff time, performers, artists, author stipends, food and beverages, as well as materials and supplies. Notably, attendance at library programs and events soared to 18,936 participants, marking an impressive 28 percent increase compared to the 2024 attendance figures.

Family Art Night

The third annual Family Art Night was a resounding success, drawing in more than 850 attendees for the three-hour event. The library displayed entries from the tiny art contest and offered a variety of engaging hands-on projects that catered to all age groups. In addition to the art supplies, FOLL provided face painters, caricaturists, balloon artists, and a complimentary pizza dinner.



Teen Library Advisory Activities

The mission of the Lincoln Public Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is to assist the library in creating events and developing resources that fulfill the needs and interest of teens. FOLL provided pizza and other refreshments for TAB meetings and supplies for the many TAB-sponsored events held throughout the year.



Stickerpalooza



Leprechaun Traps



Make a Snowman Ornament



Pencil Pouch Party



Ice Cream Social



Cookie Decorating Party

Other Special Events

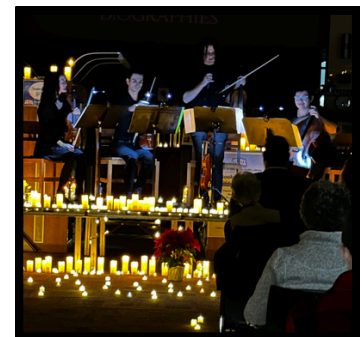
The Lincoln Public Library holds other special events that are supported by FOLL. In addition to those shown below, the library offers Author Visits, Puzzle Off Contests and other opportunities for the community to engage with the library..



Fairy Tale Day



Lincoln Book Festival



Candlelight Concert

Monthly Programs

The Library offers many monthly programs, including Book Clubs, Read-to-a-Dog, Conversation Club for English Learners, and Grammar Club. FOLL provides support for the below monthly programs and Homework Center.



Mother Goose on the Loose Program



Family Story Time



Family Movie Night

Keeping Our Community Informed

FOLL continued bringing library information to our community through its outreach efforts. Some of the community events attended by FOLL volunteers were the Back to School Bash, Children's Free Health Fair and the SCLH Lifestyles Expo. We also offered library tours and presentations for interested groups.



FOLL kept the community informed about the library and FOLL activities with our monthly eNewsletter and social media posts. At present, FOLL has 1,528 eNewsletter subscribers, 677 Facebook followers and 588 Instagram followers and the numbers continue to grow.



Friends of the Lincoln Public Library

March 7, 2026

Message from the FOLL President

Dear Friends,

The year 2025 was another outstanding year for the Lincoln Public Library and FOLL is proud to have helped the library accomplish so much. The number of library visitors, card holders and program/event attendees continues to grow. The hold lockers became operational, cardboard recycling bins were relocated to provide more parking spaces, new programs were started, and more in-person/virtual author visits were held.

FOLL is looking forward to helping the library with its plans for 2026 and has committed \$101,175 for library programs and services in its 2026 budget. Since Hoopla was discontinued in January, FOLL will be providing \$16,000 for Libby, the library's online resource for books, audiobooks and magazines. With this additional funding, you should see shorter wait times for new bestseller ebooks. FOLL is also providing \$8,000 for Zip Books and \$2,000 for Spanish language books due to their increasing popularity.

We are always exploring ways to support and promote the library and to improve our organization. To this end, the FOLL Board approved its new 2026-2028 Strategic Plan. I am very proud of the work our Board and volunteers have accomplished and look forward to working with them this coming year.

Thank you, FOLL members, donors and local organizations for supporting FOLL. Your continued support is key to our success.

Gloria Pilotti Trey

P.S. Please visit our website to view our strategic plan and budget and learn more about what FOLL is doing in 2026. I also encourage you to attend our FOLL board meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 10 AM.

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March 3, 2026

Dear Members of the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library,

Happy 2026, and thank you for all of your support throughout 2025. The support of the Friends is always invaluable, especially this past year as we navigated the uncertainty caused by Sierra College's withdrawal from the joint-use agreement that has supported the Twelve Bridges Library since 2007. With your support, we were able to bring popular and significant events like Read Across Lincoln, our Youth Literary Festival, and Family Art Night back for another year. Your support also enhanced programs and services offered by our LSTA-funded teen interns, who worked with us through the first six months of 2025. As always, the Friends provide support to enhance our extremely popular library collection of books, movies, digital resources, and more. Your donations of time, gently used books, and money help make these and all the achievements highlighted in this report possible.

In 2025, I also asked the Friends to donate their time, energy, and perspective as the Library worked with consultants to develop our Library Funding and Community Aspirations report. I appreciate all of the time that both the FOLL board and members spent taking part in the surveys and focus groups that made up that process, and sharing those opportunities throughout our community. Thank you for all of your insight!

The Friends of the Lincoln Public Library have been the most passionate advocates for library services in Lincoln for **four decades** now! Working with your board is one of the highlights of my job. I hope that as you read this report, you are filled with pride for all your amazing organization has accomplished. Without you, Lincoln would not have the vibrant Library that it does – so thank you for continuing to invest in our community and its future.

With gratitude,

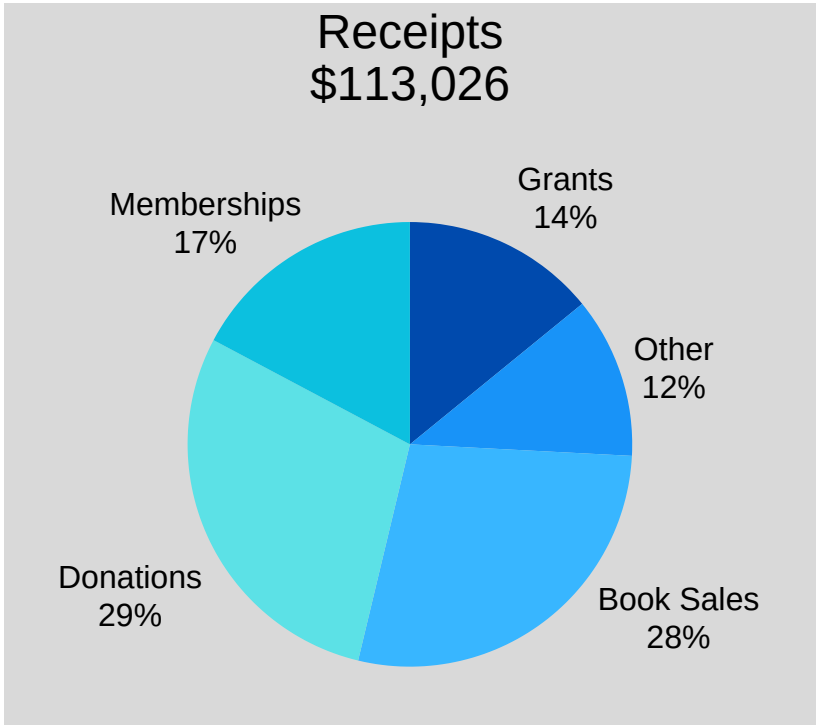
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2025 Receipts and Disbursements



Available Fund Balance -	
December 31, 2024	\$172,710
Plus: Prior Year Adjustment	84

Receipts:	
Book Sales	31,553
Memberships	19,478
Donations	32,805
Grants	15,950
Other	13,240

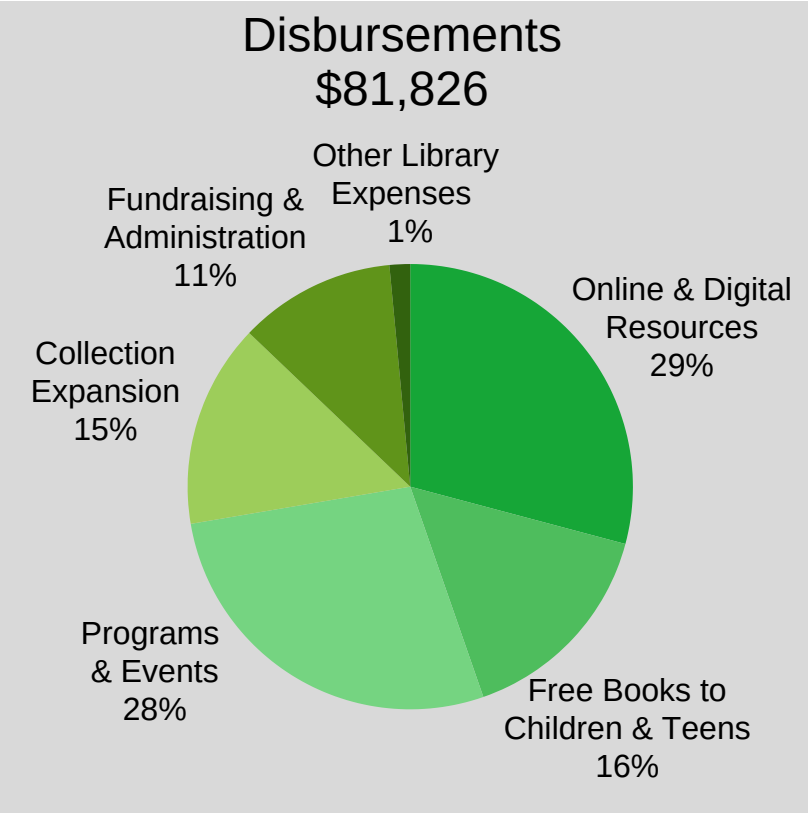
Disbursements:	
Online & Digital Resources	23,847
Collection Expansion	12,110
Free Books to Children & Teens	12,707
Programs & Events	22,629
Other Library Expenses	1,225
Fundraising & Administration	9,308

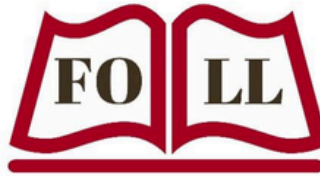
Additional Receipts from City of Lincoln Restricted Award	\$200,000
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Future Obligations under Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreement with City of Lincoln	\$200,000
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Available Fund Balance -	
December 31, 2025	\$203,994

On November 12, 2024, the City of Lincoln awarded \$200,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds to FOLL for library facility projects and library outreach. The related MOU specifies the management and use of the funds.





Friends of the Lincoln Public Library

February 22, 2026

To: FOLL Board Members

From: Financial Review Committee

Subject: 2025 FOLL Financial Review Report

The Financial Review Committee met on February 20, 2026 at the Lincoln Public Library to review the financial year-end report for December 31, 2025.. The review committee was comprised of the following FOLL members: Mary Nader, Sharon Gorley, and Bill Szabo. The Committee reviewed bank statements and supporting documentation for the period January 1 through December 31, 2025.

FOLL's financial assets are currently maintained in four bank accounts: one checking account, one money-market account, and three certificates of deposit. FOLL uses the cash basis for reporting. The Treasurer uses the software program Quicken to maintain financial records. Revenue is recorded when deposits are made to the bank. Expenses are recorded when checks are written or electronic fund transfers or other withdrawals are made from the bank. The Treasurer submits a monthly report to the FOLL board on fund balances, revenue, and expenses.

Our review was limited to the following tasks:

- Compared and determined that the beginning and ending balances shown in the Quicken file matched the balances in the monthly statements provided by the financial institutions holding FOLL assets. This task was completed by physically examining and comparing four month's revenues and expenses (one sample month from each fiscal quarter) shown on the Quicken transactions register to the check stub and check number fastened to the actual invoice or receipt or deposit.
- Confirmed that the ending balances shown in the Quicken file reconciled to the beginning balance shown on the January 2025 statement and the ending balance on the December 2025 statement provided by the financial institutions.
- Confirmed that appropriate supporting documentation was on file for deposits made, checks written, electronic fund transfers made, and other withdrawals made between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

We conclude that the December 31, 2025 year-end Treasurer's reports accurately represent the financial status of the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library. We found no irregularities in the records presented.

The Financial Review Committee wishes to express sincere gratitude to FOLL Treasurer Gloria Pilotti-Irey for the well-organized and most thoroughly prepared FOLL financial records for 2025.

Mary Nader

FOLL Member & Past President

Sharon Gorley

FOLL Director

Bill Szabo

FOLL Member-at-large

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Publisher Level - \$500 or More

Anonymous	Kathryn Kort	Miles Rodgers
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Gold Level - \$500 or More

Gladding McBean	Lincoln Hills Foundation
Lincoln Community Foundation	Lincoln Rotary Club Foundation
Lincoln Hills Book Club	Old Town Pizza

Silver Level - \$200 to \$499

Consolidated Communications Foundation
Jensen Smith, CPAs
Rod & Relics Car Club of Lincoln Hills
Salesforce

Bronze Level - \$100 to \$199

Lincoln Gun Exchange

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2025 Board and Committees

2025 Board of Directors



*Seated Teresa Lai Stanislaw, Cassandra H Davis, Neil Cochran, Wanda Melilli, Dawna Hawksworth
 Standing: Linda Derosier, Linda Morley, Sharon Gorley, Karen Lindh, Gloria Pilotti Irey
 Not Pictured: Lynne Rossi*

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 Newsletter Karen Lindh
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 Linda Morley

2025 Committees

Financial Review Committee

Neil Cochran, Sharon Gorley, Mary Nader

Big Day of Giving Committee

*Gloria Pilotti Irey (Chair)
 Karen Lindh
 Lynne Rossi*

Strategic Planning Committee

*Dawna Hawksworth (Chair)
 Neil Cochran
 Karen Lindh
 Chris Guyon*

Annual Meeting Committee

*Teresa Lai Stanislaw (Chair)
 Cassandra H Davis
 Sharon Gorley*

2025 Volunteers

In 2025, volunteers contributed a remarkable 11,485 hours to support library and FOLL activities. Volunteers checked in returned library items, re-shelved books and media, repaired books, took care of plants, processed donated books, restocked book sale area, staffed community outreach booths, and helped with library events, fundraising and more.



Volunteers Performing FOLL Activities

In addition to our dedicated all-volunteer board, the following individuals contributed their time and effort to support FOLL's fundraising and various activities. Thank you, Volunteers! Together, we can achieve great things.



Virginia Ayala
Adrienne Barnard
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Cyndi Colloton
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Our Mascots



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