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# **Library Board**

## **Monday, March 15, 2021**

### **Regular Meeting**

## **Item C1**

### **Approval of Director's Report**

*The Director's Report typically consists of:*

- 1) a monthly report of programs and activities, public use of meeting spaces, library media, and Librarians' Reports*
- 2) a quarterly Report of Household Library Cards Issued to Hall County Residents Outside of Grand Island provided in January, April, July and October of each year*
- 3) a quarterly statistical usage report provided in February, May, August and November of each year*
- 4) upon execution of agreement, regularly scheduled report of use of Grand Island Public Library Foundation library support funds*
- 5) upon publication, a Library newsletter*
- 6) and additional administrative items of note, either in the agenda packet or discussed at the meeting.*

**Staff Contact:**

# Library Director

**Name:** Celine Swan

**Date:** March 2021

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## Since Last Report

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### February-Current

- Waiting to hear on Youth & Family Services Librarian I offer
- Summer Temp Jobs posted for four people end of May-early August. Elle on Maternity Leave
- RFP for HVAC for Architect for this Capital Project
- RFP for ILS-Integrated Library System Software
- Update on COVID procedures and library changes
- Bear Fair, Spring Break Week/Bookopoly
- Summer Reading Program: Virtual and Makerspace/In-person
- GITV/Virtual Programming update
- Newsletter
- Library Foundation Work-295, spending Peter Kiewit Grant money, Go Big Give, Visitors
- Strategic Plan-working with Shaun on updating policies
- Request for Reconsideration of Materials
- Cultural Sensitivity-Racism Training

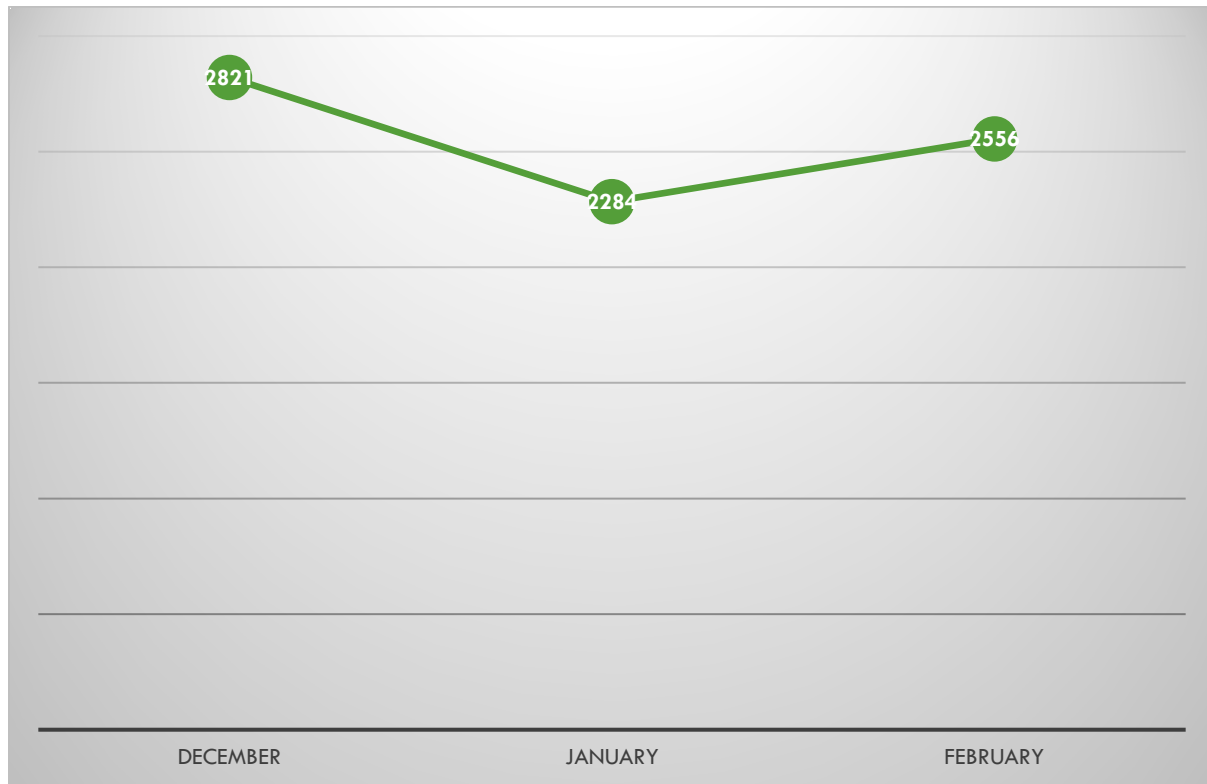
### Upcoming-Library work

- Will get seating from offsite and install
- Go to offside storage and see if anything needs to be removed
- Ray/Brian work on painting and cleaning projects (water leaks fixed in foyer and MR-B)
- Outside utility area needs trees cut or fence up
- Celine rearrange office for new librarian
- Spotlight on new library foundation director
- Partner with Hall County Historical Society on Bygone Hall County Book Club partnership promotion in September
- Summer planning-Outreach to Parks/Schools, Promotions out
- PrimeTime School Programs 4/10/21-5/15/21 (virtual)
- Preschool PrimeTime 5/22/21-6/26/21 (virtual)

# Grand Island Public Library

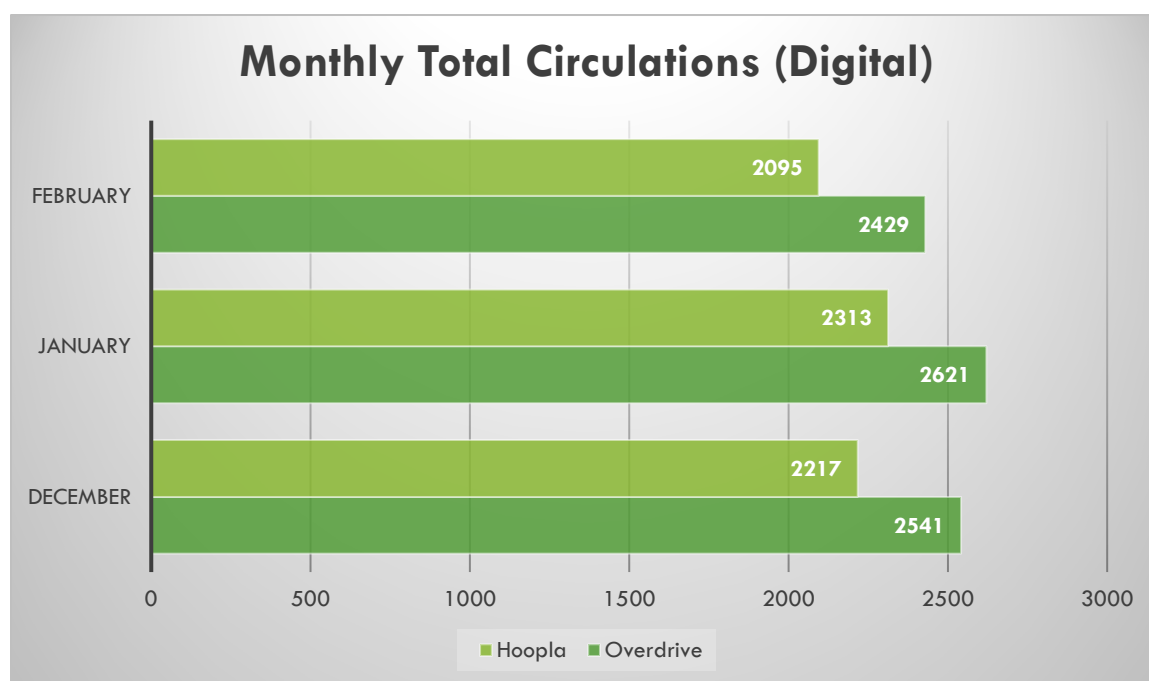
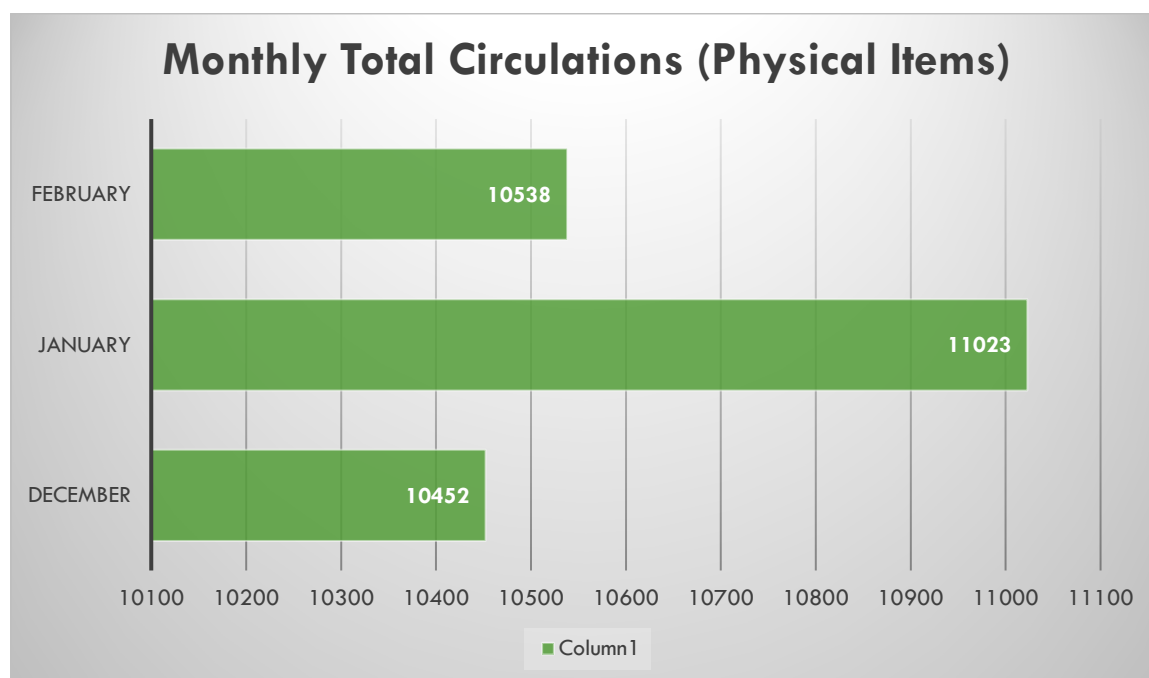
## February 2021 Stats Overview

Patron Visits (Previous three months)



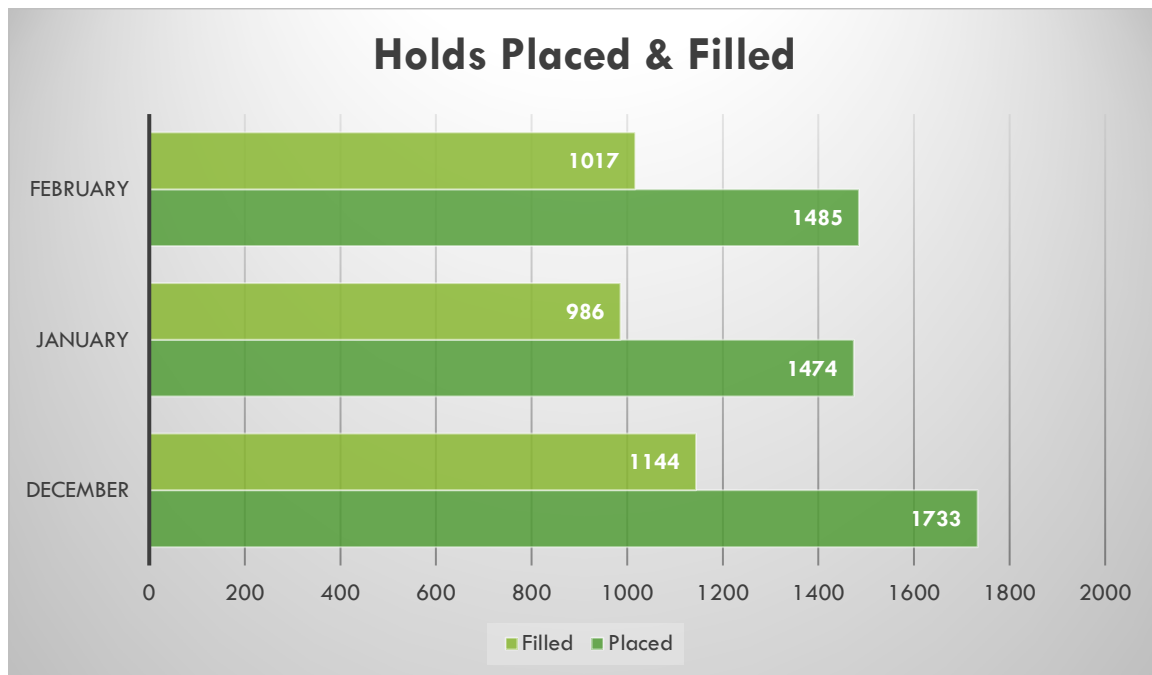
March 2021 has seen 1544 visits to the Library so far. This only includes visits up to March 11. If these numbers continue, March will have the highest number of visits since reopening in July 2020.

## Circulation



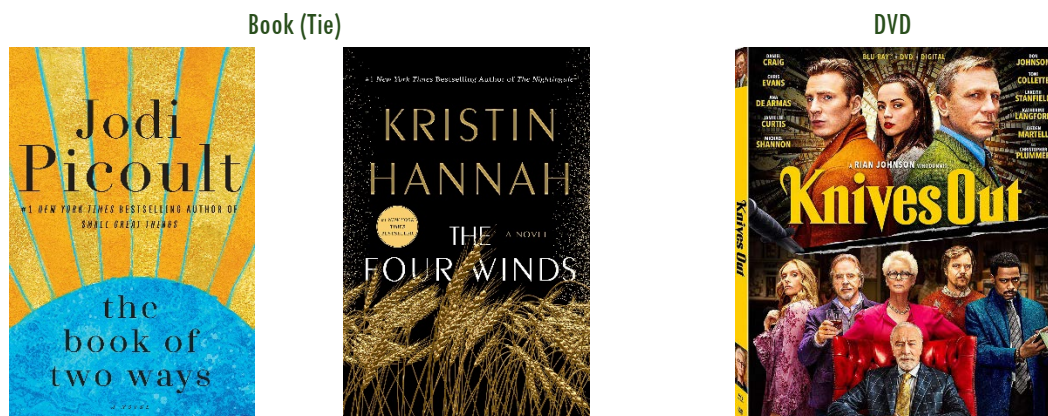
March 2021 has 4,677 physical circulations and 1,801 digital circulations to-date (through March 11). Circulations are also on track to be higher than previous months.

## Hold



March to-date: 555 holds placed and 426 filled (through March 11).

## Most Popular Items Checked Out (January 2021-present):



<a href="#">GITV-Grand Island Programming -ongoing</a>	2/1/2021	<a href="#">GITV</a>
<a href="#">Grand Island Public Library Adult Book Club</a>	2/1/2021	<a href="#">GI Independent</a>
<a href="#">Electronic community boards bridge language barrier for COVID information</a>	2/2/2021	<a href="#">News4</a>
<a href="#">Community Board-Brandon Summers</a>	2/3/2021	<a href="#">GI Independent</a>
<a href="#">Heartland United Way is Live at the Grand Island Public Library</a>	2/2/2021	<a href="#">Facebook</a>
<a href="#">Overdrive-New Magazines Available Now!</a>	2/6/2021	<a href="#">Facebook</a>
<a href="#">Library Alive: Zoom Ahead at Your Local Library</a>	2/7/2021	<a href="#">GI Independent</a>
<a href="#">GI Library Offers More Reading Materials Online</a>	2/12/2021	<a href="#">News4</a>
<a href="#">Library event teaches "bear" necessities even as it moves online</a>	2/15/2021	<a href="#">NTV</a>
<a href="#">KRGi Interview</a>	2/16/2021	<a href="#">KRGi Radio</a>
<a href="#">2021 Virtual Bear Fair Week</a>	2/16/2021	<a href="#">H3CEventCal</a>
<a href="#">City of Grand Island closures and cancellations</a>	2/16/2021	<a href="#">GI Independent</a>
<a href="#">Library Alive: The world is at your fingertips without ever stepping outside</a>	2/21/2021	<a href="#">GI Independent</a>
<a href="#">Grand Island mask mandate expires tonight</a>	2/24/2021	<a href="#">GI Independent</a>
<a href="#">A virtual reality: Grand Island Public Library forges digital studio amid pandemic</a>	2/28/2021	<a href="#">GI Independent</a>
<a href="#">I'm a Parent ... What Now?' Don't let cold winter weather get you down</a>	2/28/2021	<a href="#">GI Independent</a>
<a href="#">Hall County Historical Society-ByGone Book Club</a>	3/6/2021	<a href="#">Hall County</a>
<a href="#">Grand Island Public Library plans spring break programming</a>	3/7/2021	<a href="#">GI Independent</a>
<a href="#">Library Alive: Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!</a>	3/7/2021	<a href="#">GI Independent</a>
<a href="#">Pandemic Prompts Grand Island library to create studio</a>	3/7/2021	<a href="#">The Washington Times</a>
<a href="#">Pandemic Prompts Grand Island library to create studio</a>	3/7/2021	<a href="#">LMTOnline</a>
<a href="#">Hall County Historical Society-History Nebraska Grace Abbott GIPL Book club</a>	3/9/2021	<a href="#">Hall County Historical Facebook</a>

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# REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS

## EDITH ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Group Represented (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Resource on which you object \_\_\_\_\_

Author/Producer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

What is your objection? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did you examine the work in its entirety? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you read reviews of the material? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any positive aspects of the material? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please make any further comments which you see as relevant. (Use reverse side if necessary)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received by Director \_\_\_\_\_

Date sent to Board \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of Board Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Decision \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### From the Foundation

Grand Island Public Library Foundation is pleased to be a featured charity during Go Big Give 2021. We are so thankful for the opportunity and for the hard work and dedication of the Heartland United Way and the Greater Grand Island Community Foundation. Their dedication in the planning and execution of this community day of online giving is extraordinary!

This year, GIPL Foundation will be using funds raised during Go Big Give to support Summer Reading activities, Online Library Outreach and Educational events

**giplf.org**

[www.facebook.com/giplfoundation/](https://www.facebook.com/giplfoundation/)

and last but not least, the purchase of books!

We are so thankful for the ongoing support of our patrons and donors and invite you to support our programs and services with your donation during Go Big Give on May 6, 2021. Please visit our page <https://www.gobiggive.org/grandislandpubliclibraryfoundation>



## Library Board Spotlight



**Tanya Hansen,  
President**



**Ben Boeselager,  
Secretary**

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## Events You Don't Want to Miss!

**03/01 -03/06**

#### Read Across America

Read Across America Day is March 2nd, and the birthday of Dr. Seuss! We celebrate by encouraging parents and caregivers to read with their children. The best way to do that is by having books at home and visiting the library!

**03/08-03/12**

#### Spring Break

This year during the spring break, the library will hold virtual programming with a camping theme. Programming will consist of Storytimes, camping recipe how to's, a NE Game and Parks presentation, floral tips and tricks, and a fun DIY.



**04/04-04/09**

#### National Library Week

An annual celebration that highlights libraries, librarians, and library workers and the valuable role

they play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

This year's theme "Welcome to Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building – and that everyone is welcome to use their services.

**04/10-04/16**

#### Week of the Young Child

This is an interactive week focused on celebrating and advocating for families and early childhood (ages birth to eight years old). The National Association for the Education of Young Children has identified the topics of Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday. The library will hold a special program Thursday April 15th on our YouTube page.

**05/21-07/31**

#### Summer Reading on Beanstack

Our Summer Reading Program is back! Patrons can begin logging minutes starting May 21st. Prizes will be earned for every badge completed. All ages are welcome to participate. Patrons can register for an account at [www.gilibrary.beanstack.org](https://www.gilibrary.beanstack.org) or use their account from previous years.

**05/06**

#### Go Big Give

Come make a craft and get a guided tour through our Makerspace Design Space during Go Big Give on Thursday, May 6th!

Choose between two sessions that day, 11:00AM to 1:00PM or 4:00PM to 6:00PM. Activities will be staff led and socially distanced as needed. Come get creative with us! Don't forget to make your donation during Go Big Give at: <https://www.gobiggive.org/grandislandpubliclibraryfoundation>

#### Regular Virtual Program Schedule

##### School at Home

Every third Monday of the month at 2 P.M.

##### Baby and Toddler Lapsit

Every Tuesday at 10:30 A.M.

##### Storytime

Every Wednesday at 1 P.M.

##### Teen Programing

Every first and third Saturday of the month at 2 P.M.



**Beanstack**



# Grand Island Public Library



Open | Mon - Fri 9:30 - 6 & Sat 9:30- 1

MARCH  
2021

## Makerspace

Our Makerspace is now open! Stop in to check it out or call the library to set up an appointment to use our equipment.

We also offer programs in our Makerspace for kids, teens, and adults; call the library for more information or check out our online calendar for upcoming events!

Equipment available:

### Laser Cutter

Cuts and engraves wood, metal, glass, and plastic!

### Bernina Sewing/Embroidery Machine & Serger

All the features of a typical sewing machine, with automatic embroidery features.

Use the serger to cleanly finish edges of sewing projects.

### Cricut Explore Air 2 & Cricut Access Subscription

Cut paper and vinyl for scrapbook pages, iron-on t-shirts and bags, adhesive decals and more!

### Button Makers

Create your own pin-back buttons using photos or patterned paper.

### 3D Printer

Uses plastic filament to print 3-dimensional objects.

AND SO MUCH MORE!



If you have time and talent to give or need service hours for school, the Library needs your help! Complete the volunteer interest form at:  
<https://www.gilibrary.org/how-do-i/volunteer-at-the-library/volunteer-interest>

## Community Features

### AARP Tax Aide

Due to COVID there will be no in person tax-aide at the library this year. AARP will be offering over the phone help. Call the Library at 308.385.5333 to get their contact information.

### Education Quest

Looking for an easy way to talk to college reps – and have a chance to win a \$500 scholarship? Attend the EducationQuest Virtual College Fair on March 2-3! College reps will be available for live video chats during these times:

Tuesday, March 2 from 9 A.M. to Noon CT

Wednesday, March 3 from 5-8 P.M. CT

Don't miss these live presentations:

Senior Check In – March 2 from 9:30-10 A.M. CT

Junior Check In – March 2 from 10:30-11 A.M. CT

FAFSA FAQs – March 3 from 6-6:30 P.M. CT

### Nebraska Strong

Saint Patrick's Day Painting Party

Zoom Event Thursday, March 11th at 6:30 P.M. & Saturday, March 13th at 1 P.M.

Please contact [kstrong@region4bhs.org](mailto:kstrong@region4bhs.org) to register.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



### Alessandra Valencia

#### Library Assistant

My name is Alessandra Valencia. I am originally from Mexico, but have lived in Grand Island since

2001. I have been a library assistant for the past eight years!

What I love most about working at the library is being able to decorate for special occasions and events. I have been able to experience the library not only as an employee but as a mother as well. I have been bringing my daughter to the kid's library events since she was six months old. She absolutely loves it!

I love helping people. Being bilingual (Spanish and English) allows me to assist more people that come through the library. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to work here and hope to continue this fun journey.



### Kaitlyn Berggren

#### Library Page

I've worked at the library for 1.5 years. When not at work I enjoy playing video games, spending time with friends and family,

making art, and watching TV shows or anime. I have 3 cats, a turtle, a rabbit, and a few fish. I live with my parents and I have a brother.

I currently attend Central Community College. I plan to transfer to UNK in the fall to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Biology - Emphasis in Wildlife.

What I love about the Grand Island Public Library is being able to be surrounded by infinite knowledge and alternate worlds created by people in the form of a book, as well as be around patrons and coworkers who want/like to read.

I would say my favorite author is currently John Green, but also my favorite series are either The Hunger Games, Divergent or Warrior Cats. Hard to choose, they're all really good! There are two books that have left a lasting impression on me: "A Monster Calls, and The Night Gardener: A scary story."

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Foundation Spotlight

Alan Lepler  
Foundation Board President

My introduction to the benefits of any library began in my hometown of Watertown, S.D. with my father’s encouragement as a grade-schooler. I have always enjoyed the solitude and peacefulness of having an actual book in my hands and inserting myself in the story. It didn’t seem to matter what type of book it was, be it fiction or nonfiction.

I was never a great student but loved to read and escape to an imaginary time or place. I even took some “speed reading” classes.

My tastes in subject matter have changed many times over the years so it is difficult to pick a favorite, although a Bible-toting Jack Reacher would work along Louis L’Amour or Zane Grey.

As a young person I’m sure reading kept me from” poor choice” situations. I still try to read 3 books per month... even at this advanced point in life’s journey.

At home the best spot to read is out of view of the TV with some mellow jazz for the ears and attitude.

The best spot at the library for reading is just out of view in a corner.

I look forward to working with a great team on the Foundation as we progress forward seeking business partners in the community. Together we will continue to enhance the greatest bargain and hidden jewel in the area for all ages to learn and create in a positive atmosphere.

So exercise your mind - READ at your library!

Alan Lepler  
Foundation Board President

Library Board Spotlight

Ben Boeselager

On the Board since 2018.

I grew in Nebraska, am an Eagle Scout, and a proud alumnus of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. I met my wife Holly, our freshman year living in Abel Hall. We have been married since 2011 and have a 5 year old (Lorelei) and 7 month old twins (Logan, and Layton). You will often see me with the kids on Saturday mornings as part of the reading program for families. I work for the Federal Government.

My kids love the 1,000 book challenge before Kindergarten. Lorelei actively participated, and the boys have begun their journey.

You’ll find me reading anything Dave Ramsey, Dr. Henry Cloud, or John Maxwell. I plan on reading the most recent Hunger Games book.

Tanya Hansen

On the Library board since 2016.

Tanya Hansen is currently a partner at Smith, Johnson, Allen, Connick, & Hansen. The focus of her practice is civil litigation and employment law. She is also involved in Federal Practice Committee, Food & Beverage Tax Committee, Grand Island Public Library Foundation Board, Nebraska Defense Counsel Association, Nebraska Bar Commission, and the Rural Practice Initiative Committee. She is a dedicated advocate, volunteer, avid reader, and Grand Island resident eager to help the Grand Island Public Library continue its amazing mission.

I am more likely to grab a book that I know nothing about because I won’t waste \$20 on a book that I hate. I love reading magazines and the GIPL gives me access to all the magazines I love and some I would have never known about. I have a cookbook obsession and the Library book sale is a wonderful way for me to buy cheap cookbooks and support the Library.

The book that has left the most lasting impression on me is “Things Fall Apart” by Chinua Achebe.

Which character in a book do you think is most like you? I am a lot like Hermione Granger from the Harry Potter series.

Database You Need to Try!



Get the detailed information you need to tackle vehicle maintenance and repairs. Some of Chilton Library’s more popular features include:

- Maintenance and specification tables that provide the unique data you need for each specific vehicle.
- Step-by-step service and repair procedures, and labor estimating tool to help

you confidently determine your next move.

- Vacuum diagrams to simplify troubleshooting.
- Wiring diagrams to help explain system operation.
- Close-up photographs and illustrations for visual support.
- ASE test prep quizzes for the most popular certification exams
- A print button which allows you to easily print out what is needed

And the best part is that it is free to use with your library card!



Find information on topics related to business, education, the environment, health, jobs and careers, STEM and more including newspapers, videos and web-only content featuring the Grand Island Independent, Lincoln Journal Star, Omaha World-Herald, USA Today, international sources and more.

COVID UPDATES

Although the city mask mandate has expired, the library recommends that all patrons wear a mask while in the building. Items will no longer be quarantined upon return but will be cleaned. If you are experiencing COVID or COVID-like symptoms, we ask that you notify us so we can extend due dates for your items. Study tables and study rooms are available. We ask that all patrons limit their time in the library to one visit of up to two hours per day.





2021

# SPRING BREAK PROGRAMMING

**March  
8-12**

## Children's Programming at 10:30 A.M.

<sup>03/08</sup> Nebraska Game and Parks

<sup>03/09</sup> Baby & Toddler Storytime

<sup>03/10</sup> Wednesday Storytime



## Teen Programming at 2 P.M.

<sup>03/09</sup> UNL Extension Office: Camping  
Recipe with Ashton

<sup>03/11</sup> UNL Extension Office: Camping  
Recipe with Ashton

<sup>03/12</sup> Animal Crossing DIYs

\*Registration required\*



## Adult Programming at 5 P.M.

<sup>03/12</sup> Flower Arranging  
with Hy-Vee Floral



All Programming will be virtual and available to  
watch on our YouTube channel  
(GrandIslandLibrary) and Facebook page  
(facebook\gilibrary)

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**EXTENSION**

**HyVee**

**NEBRASKA**  
- GAME  PARKS -

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**Monday, June 1st at 10:30 A.M.**  
**All ages virtual kick-off with**  
**Wildlife Encounters!**  
**Comienzo Virtual con Wildlife**  
**Encounters!**

# The Grand Island Public Library's 2021 Summer Reading Program



**Programa de Lectura durante el Verano**

**May 24th**

**Sneak peek at Checkers Library TV/  
 Vistazo a Checkers Library TV**



## ***Children's and Teen Programming***

### **•Monday/ Lunes**

Checkers Library TV at 10:30 A.M.

Checkers TV is an educational entertainment program featuring Checkers the Inventor, his robot sidekick, Snoozer, and a variety of special visitors including medical professionals, community leaders, police officers and firefighters, and other special guests. Each episode is 30 minutes long and will also include segments featuring storytelling, author interviews, art projects, science experiments, interactive games, contests, comedy, magic, and exciting short films that will have children on the edge of their seats!

*Un programa de entretenimiento educativo con Checkers el Inventor, su compañero*

*robot, Snoozer, y una variedad de visitantes especiales. Cada episodio dura 30 minutos e incluirán cuentos, entrevistas a autores, proyectos de arte, ciencia, experimentos, juegos interactivos, concursos, comedia, y magia!*

### **•Tuesday/ Martes**

Preschool- 2nd grade at 10:30 A.M.

Join Ms. Brenda and Ms. Deb for a story and a craft. Kids can pick up a craft bag each week and follow along at home. Bags will be available while supplies last.

*Hora de Cuentos con Ms. Brenda y Ms. Deb a las 10:30 A.M. Niños pueden recoger una manualidad para hacer en casa cada semana!*



### •Wednesday/ Miercoles

Baby and Toddler Lapsit at 10:30 A.M.  
Join us for songs, rhymes, and storytime!  
*Hora de Cuentos para Bebés.*  
*Canciones, cuentos, y rimas para bebés.*

Tween\Teen Makerspace  
5th- 12th grade 10 A.M. & 2 P.M.  
Teens are invited to join us for some Makerspace fun. This will be an in person program. Please pre-register online or by calling the library. Space is limited!

*Makerspace para Jovenes*  
*Se invita a los jovenes a un programa de Makerspace y crear un proyecto espectacular! (Se requiere registro)*

### •Thursday/ Jueves

Big Kids Club  
3rd-5th grade at 10 A.M. & 3 P.M.  
Kids in 3rd-5th grade will challenge their imaginations with fun activities! This will be an in person program.  
Please pre-register online or by calling the library.

*Se invita a los niños de 3 ° a 5 ° grado a usar su imaginaciones con actividades divertidas!*  
*Este será un programa en persona.*  
*Por favor de registrarse en línea o llamar a la biblioteca.*



### Adult programming

Adult programming on Fridays and Saturdays; there will be a mix of virtual and in-person programming. Registration will be required for some events. For more information on programs, please call the library or visit our website.

*Teen Art Contest*  
TEENS CAN SUBMIT THEIR ARTWORK  
STARTING JUNE 28TH! ALL PIECES MUST  
BE DISPLAY-READY. ALL MEDIA WELCOMED.  
WORKS WILL DISPLAY FROM  
JULY 1ST -31ST



Patrons can begin logging minutes starting May 21st and earn prizes for every badge completed! The last day to log minutes will be July 31st at midnight! Prizes will include snacks, a free meal ticket, State Fair Packet, and books.

### Wacky Wednesday

Join us every Wednesday in August, starting August 4th, for an exciting and educational program. Program is open to all ages! For more information visit our website or call the library.



10:30 A.M. on June 14th at Grace Abbott Park with Crane River theater



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Virtual programs will take place on our Youtube channel.  
Grand Island Library.

For more information on programming and dates visit our website or give us a call!

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**Pick up your free  
Bear Fair bag beginning  
Monday, February 8th!**  
(No registration required; bags are  
first-come, first-served)

**GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**2021 VIRTUAL**  
**BEAR FAIR WEEK**

Annual health and safety fair  
for preschoolers and their families.

**BEAR FAIR PROGRAMS**

(ACCESS THROUGH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR YOUTUBE CHANNEL):

**Monday, February 15th - 10:30 AM**

Bearobics with Library Staff

**Tuesday, February 16th - 10:30 AM**

Baby/Toddler Lapsit with Steve White - NTV News

**Wednesday, February 17th - 5:00 PM**

Preschool Storytime with Officer Wood- GIPD

**Dental health presentations from Pediatric Dental Specialists and  
Central Community College Dental Hygiene Program**

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**(308) 385-5333**





**Comenzando el Lunes, 8 de  
Febrero recoge tu bolsa de  
la feria del oso!**

**(No es necesario registrarse.)**

**BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA DE GRAND ISLAND**  
**SEMANA VIRTUAL**  
**DE LA FERIA DEL**  
**OSO 2021**

Feria anual de salud y seguridad para  
preescolares y sus familias.

**PROGRAMAS DE LA FERIA DEL OSO**

(ACCESO POR NUESTRA PAGINA DE FACEBOOK O CANAL DE YOUTUBE)

**Lunes, Febrero 15 - 10:30 AM**

Osoaerobicos con personal de la biblioteca

**Martes, Febrero 16 - 10:30 AM**

Cuentos para bebes y niños con Steve White - NTV News

**Miercoles, Febrero 17 - 5:00 PM**

Cuentos para niños de preescolar con Oficial Wood- GIPD

**Presentaciones de salud dental con Pediatric Dental  
Specialists y Central Community Programa de Higiene Dental**

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# Bookopoly



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## Beanstack

Reviews

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Sign In

Bookopoly. The challenge starts February 1, 2021

February 1 - April 1, 2021

### Bookopoly

Reading Challenge

Register an Individual or Family

Already registered on this site?

Sign In

*Sign up on  
Beanstack*

