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# **Library Board**

## **Monday, June 21, 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:** June 2021

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## Since Last Report

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### May-Current

- RFP for HVAC for Architect for this Capital Project-bids for construction are due July 14
- RFP for ILS-Integrated Library System Software-Shaun, and weekly meetings with TLC
- Update on Pioneer Consortium-Migration for GIPL to TLC beginning of July, August 9 all staff training.
- Virtual Report
- Media Report
- Library Newsletter
- Library Foundation Work: 295 funds, Peter Kiewit update, on signage (voting on June 24), 6 monitors-working on electronics with city IT and Jeremy, Edumarking and Outdoor Rec for centers for outdoor early literacy
- Go Big Give in Makerspace, Chocolate Bar, Sales of t-shirts, tours
- Presentation for Rotary Club, tour Young Professionals, Meeting with Children's Museum Board, H3C groups
- Summer planning-Outreach to Parks/Schools, Promotional flyers out, posters went out schools May 1, in-library flyers, put on calendar, made flyers for Early Learning Center, Headstarts. Social Media

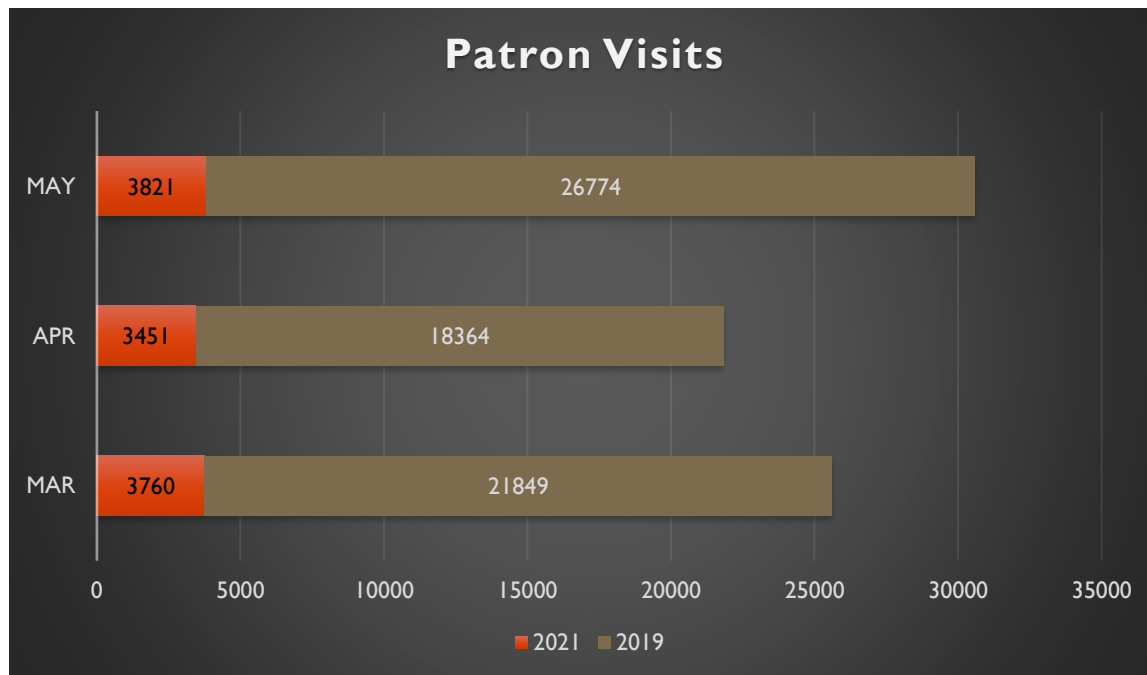
### Upcoming-Library work

- Peter Kiewit-future projects-outdoor area Edumarking installed the graphics in the early literacy area
- Working with Outdoor Rec/Foundation for the literacy stations
- Partner with Hall County Historical Society on Bygone Hall County Book Club partnership promotion in September, Quarterly Open House with other groups such Stuhr, PPGS, DAR Chapter, Historical Society in the works
- PrimeTime School Preschool finishing June 26 have fall PrimeTimes booked in person, have Laura working with the groups
- Summer Reading Program virtual and makerspace, Big Events, Beanstack
- American Recovery Grants, ALA COVID Library Relief Fund, IMLS ARPA grants coming SOON through Nebraska Library Commission
- Racial Justice 101-YWCA training for Library Staff paid for by H3C since the library is a member it is free for staff (Board and some staff July 22 4-6 pm)
- Strategic Planning-utility insert August/committee work
- Crane Art Install-status
- Outdoor Early Literacy Center Open House-we would like to do in July with music, storybook walk, music-patrons bring chairs
- Covid update-library status, masks and social distancing
- Interlocal agreement with Hall County
- Discussion of the library being closed August 9<sup>th</sup> for all staff training

# GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

## MAY 2021 STATS OVERVIEW & COMPARISON

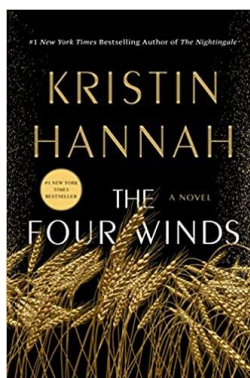
### PATRON VISITS – PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS



\*Methods for collecting visits was changed from security gate counter, which was believed to be inaccurate, to collecting counts based on security camera entry/exit data in 2020,

### MOST POPULAR ITEMS – JAN. 2021 TO PRESENT

BOOK (NEW RELEASE)

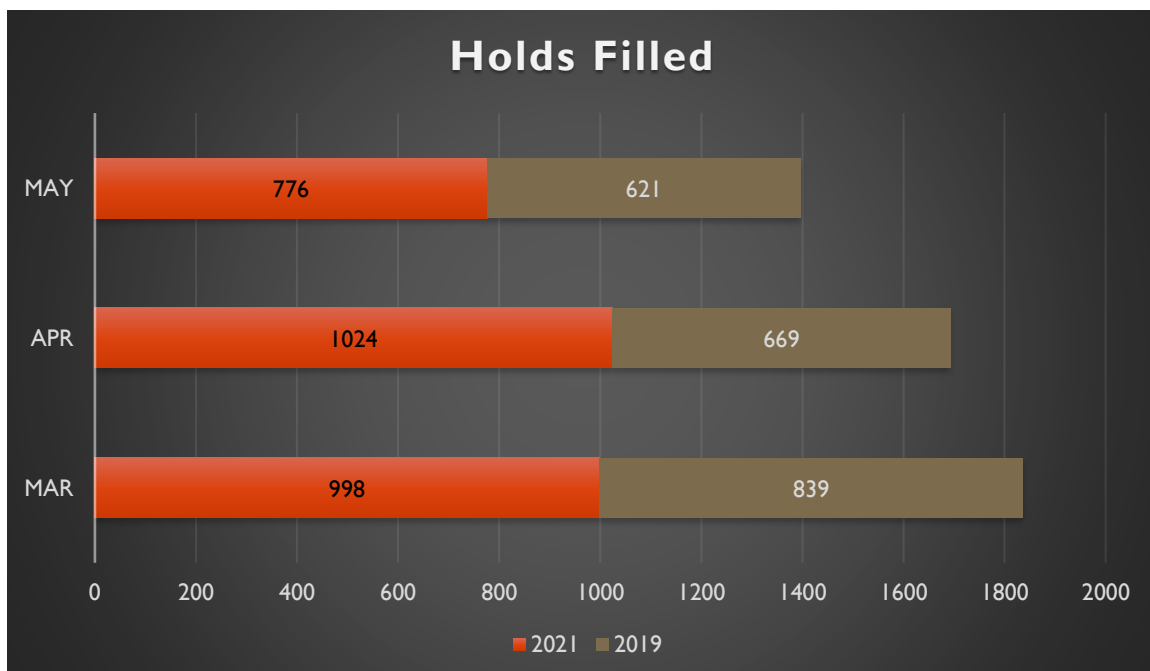
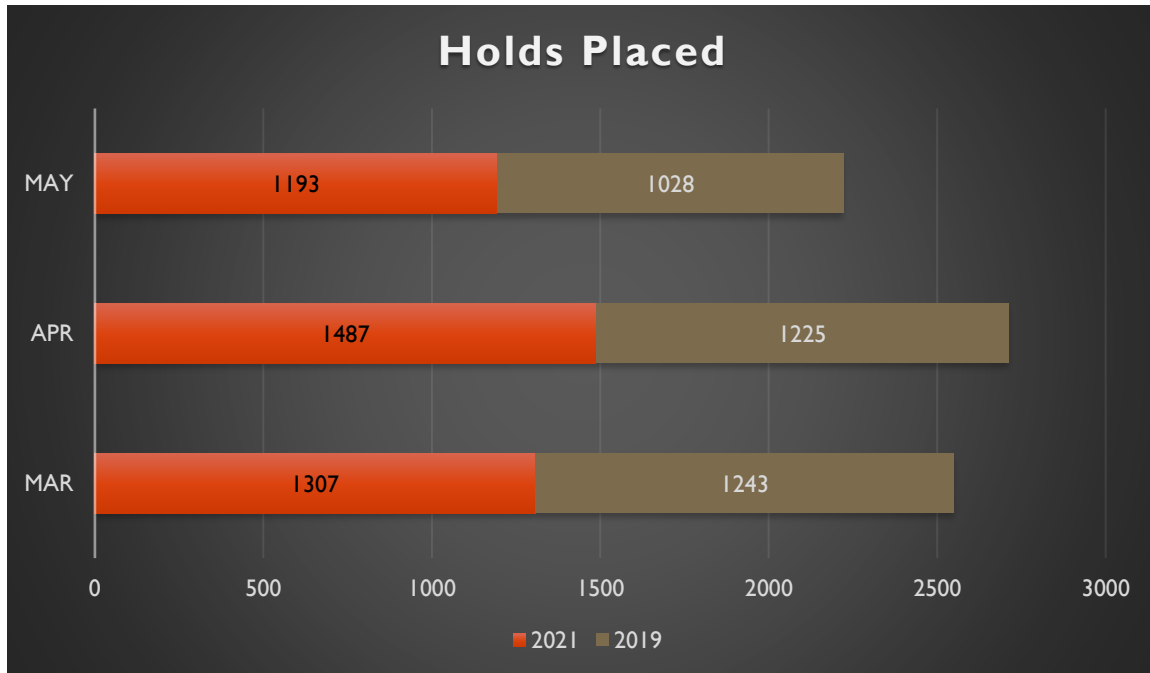


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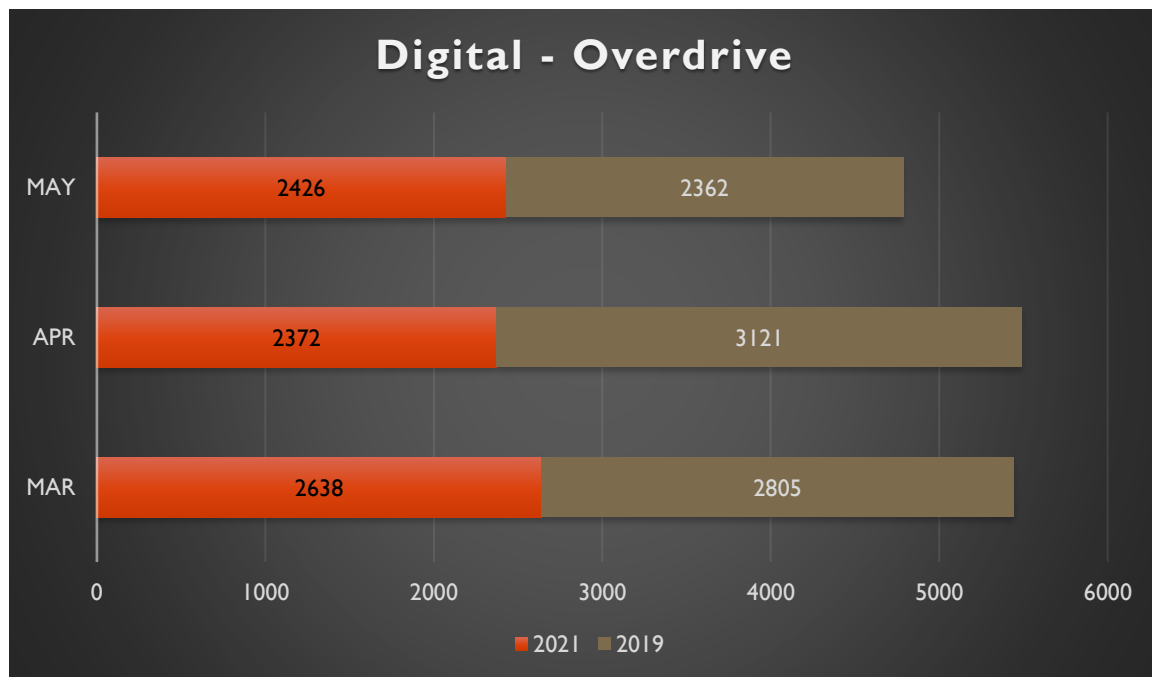
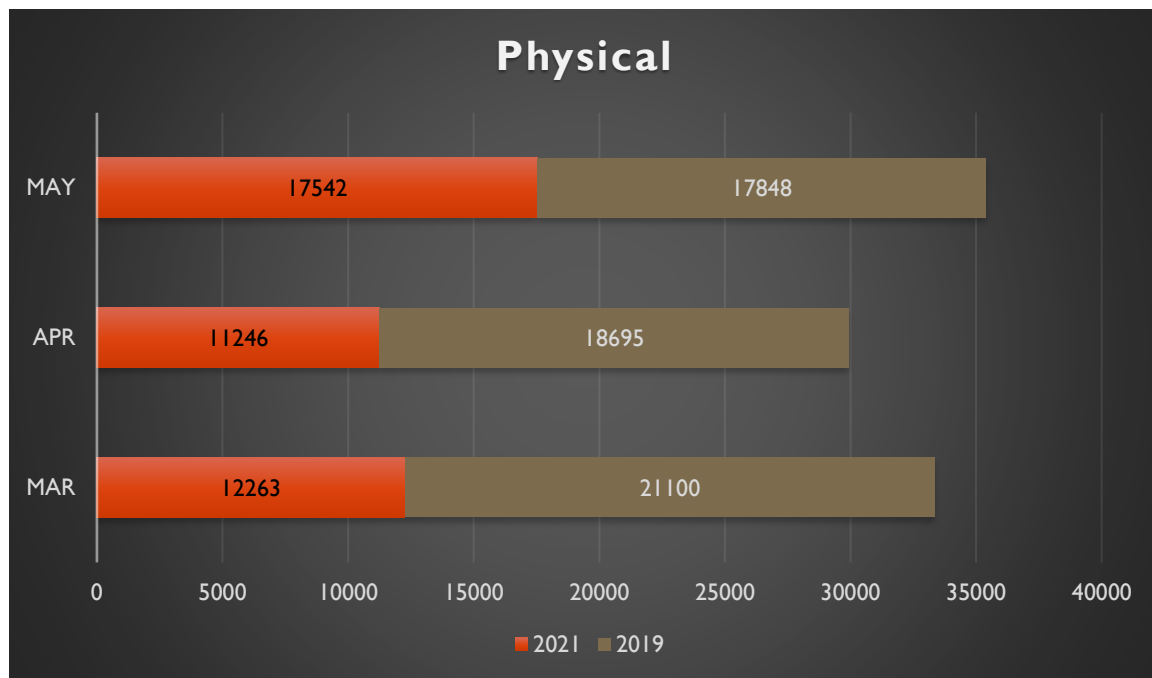


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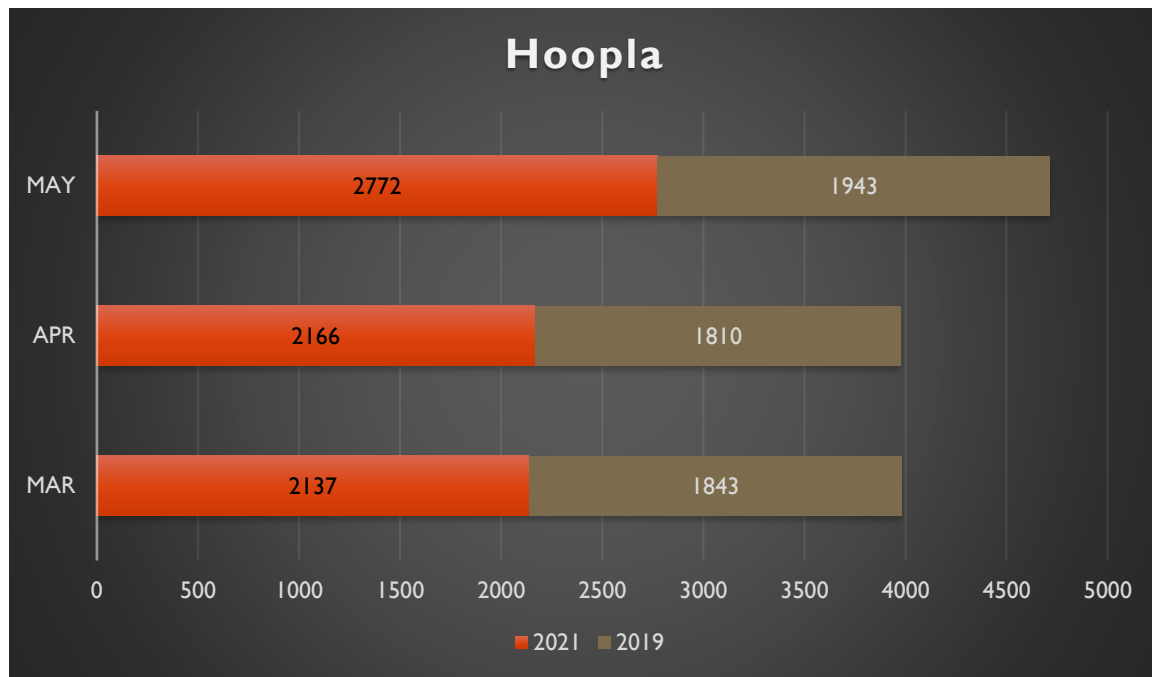
### HOLDS PLACED



## CHECKOUTS



\*2019 numbers include Checkouts from RBdigital/Zinio; that service was acquired and absorbed into Overdrive in Fall 2020.



\*Hoopla provided *Bonus Borrows* for the month of May 2021—The Bonus Borrows program allows patrons to checkout titles in the Bonus Borrows collection above the maximum 10 titles per month, and also does not charge GIPL for the circs of Bonus Borrows titles.

# Youth & Family Services Librarian Monthly Report

Laura Fentress

June 2021

## Since Last Report

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### *Summer Reading (Beanstack) began May 21*

#### As of June 18, we have

- **361** kids signed up in Beanstack, with **336** active readers who have logged a total of **122,298** reading minutes, earned **1,363** badges, and redeemed **414** prizes including State Fair passes, free meal coupons, and free books
- **69** teens signed up in Beanstack, with **58** active readers who have logged **45,110** reading minutes, earned **239** badges, and redeemed **100** rewards, including free meal coupons, free books, and bowling passes

### *Regular Children's & Teens' Summer Programming began June 7*

#### Virtual programming

- Checkers Library TV on Monday
- Preschool Storytime with Brenda on Tuesdays
- Every Child Ready to Read Lapsits with Elle and Laura on Wednesdays
- **80** total views for **5** virtual programs broadcast in May

#### In-person programming

- Weekly teen craft programs on Wednesdays
  - Painting with Jill Canfield (June 9): **38** total attendees
  - Cricut iron-on t-shirt (June 16): **25** total attendees
- Big Kids Club with Lori on Thursdays
  - June 10: **6** total attendees
  - June 17: **4** total attendees
- Outdoor Family Storytime on Saturdays in the new Early Literacy area
  - June 12: **8** total attendees

#### Special events

- Virtual **Wildlife Encounters** kickoff June 1
- **Music & Magic Night** with Keith West at Hear GI June 11
- Crane River Theater's **Page to Stage: Cinderella** at Grace Abbott Park June 14 (**230** total attendees)

## Ongoing Programming

### Primetime Preschool

- May 29, June 5, 12

### Children's Area Changes

- Furniture has been moved to encourage parents to supervise their children
- Blocks and train table have been sanitized and put out for kids to play with

### Early Literacy Area

- Edumarking laid down colorful tiles for games and fun
- Development will continue

## Upcoming

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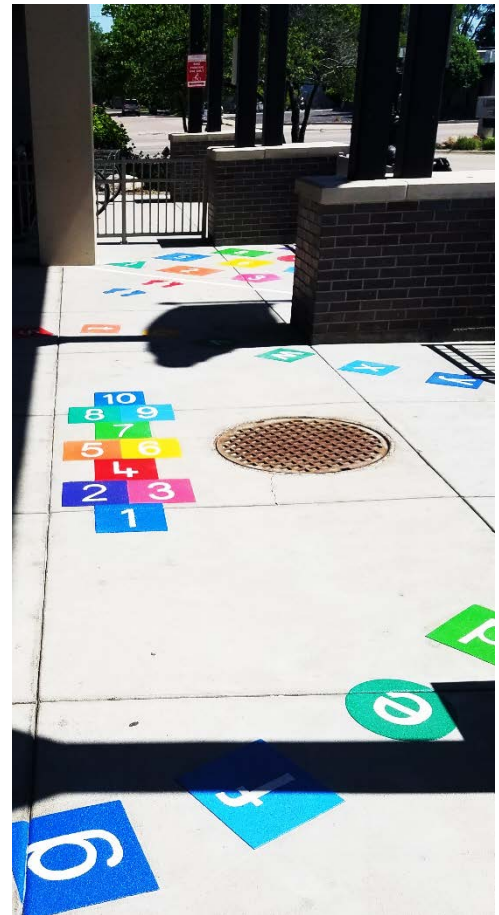
### Programming

#### Summer Reading

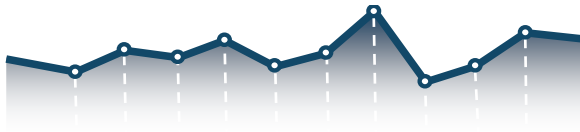
- Teen Art Contest begins June 28; art show July 1-31

#### Primetime

- Preschool continues June 19, 26
- Fall dates set
  - Preschool September 11, 18 25, October 2, 9, 16
  - Elementary September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25







## Virtual Programs

May	#of sessions	Craft bags	YouTube	Total Views	# of programs = 5 Total views = 80
Baby & Toddler					
	0	0	0	0	
				0	
Wednesday Storytime					
				18*2	
				36	
Teen/Tweens					
	0	0	0	0	
				0	
Homeschoolers					
	1	0	22	22*2	
				44	

## Library Media Report

## June 21, 2021 Report

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# TAILS AND TALES

Summer Reading is here! You can start tracking your minutes on Beanstack and earn prizes and badges! There will be programs for adults, teens, and children throughout June and July. Programs will be a mix of in-person and virtual. Registration is required for some events; sign up online or call the library.

## Welcome Laura!



**Laura Fentress, Youth & Family Services Librarian**

I grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, but went to St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota and then was an English teacher in Japan for a few years after that. Most recently, I ran the library program at a public elementary school in the Bay Area for six years.

One thing I love about my new job so far is: the staff! Everyone has been helpful and great to talk to.

*What I love about working in libraries:* Every day is something a little new and different. It stays interesting year after year.

*What was the first book you remember reading/being read?* The first book I was able to read by myself was “*In a People House*” by Dr. Seuss.

*What is your favorite book, author, or series?* I grew up loving C. S. Lewis’s “*Chronicles of Narnia*”, but discovered a tie in Lloyd Alexander’s “*Chronicles of Prydain*” as an adult. (I have no idea how I overlooked those books as a kid.)

*What book do you plan to read next?* “*Samurai William: The Englishman Who Opened Japan*” by Giles Milton. It’s the true story of William Adams, the first English mariner to set foot on Japanese shores in the 1600s, and by all accounts, a colorful and rollicking tale.

## Library Board Spotlight



**Maria Lopez,  
Vice President**



**Sara White,  
Board Member**

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## GIPL’s Strategic Plan

The Grand Island Library is planning its next five years and is asking for community-wide participation. You may participate through written surveys or community conversations. You will be asked to evaluate the services offered, the Library’s role in the community, and what service areas the Library should expand. The written surveys will be available in June and the community conversations will take place in the late summer.

More information on how you can participate will be released soon!





From The Foundation



Dr. William “Bill” and Mary Grange

The children of Dr. William “Bill” and Mary Grange honored their parents’ legacy with a Memorial Challenge Grant to the Grand Island Public Library Foundation during Go Big Give. The \$5,000 Challenge Grant was earned because the community rallied around the Library to surpass the fundraising goal! The goal, including the Challenge Grant, was \$10,000. The Foundation raised \$12,689, which will be put towards funding library programs and activities.

Leigh Lillibridge, Foundation Executive Director shares, “Bill and Mary were tutors and mentors to many in Grand Island. They spent many hours helping others learn at the Library. They not only changed the lives and literacy of their students, but they also left a lasting impression on how to live abundantly by giving time to help others. Their selfless devotion of time and talent is something we are delighted to help our community remember and honor.”

Bill and Mary were Grand Island residents for more than 60 years and both passed away in 2020. Bill was a cherished optometrist, known for his ability to make every

patient feel special and remembered by name even years later. Mary, who was an avid reader and weekly library patron, is remembered for her great wisdom and sage advice.

The Grange children were happy to make the Memorial Challenge Grant possible for the betterment of the Library and for our community. The Memorial Challenge inspired many within our community to give a donation.

Thank you to everyone who helped us surpass our goal to meet the Dr. Bill & Mary Grange Memorial Challenge Grant! Their legacy lives on in our community, of this we are certain!

Thank you to the Grange Family for their extreme generosity and vision! Thank you to all our donors, volunteers, patrons, staff, board members, The Chocolate Bar, Heartland United Way, and Greater Grand Island Community Foundation.

Although giving specifically to Go Big Give has passed, you can still make a general donation at [www.giplf.org](http://www.giplf.org)

Donations can be also be mailed to:  
GIPL Foundation  
P.O. Box 1364  
Grand Island, NE 68802

To learn more about Dr. Bill & Mary Grange and their amazing legacy, please visit these articles:

[https://theindependent.com/news/local/humor-is-literacy-tutors-secret-weapon/article\\_3a0358c0-bb21-11e4-b83f-77e703a260dd.html](https://theindependent.com/news/local/humor-is-literacy-tutors-secret-weapon/article_3a0358c0-bb21-11e4-b83f-77e703a260dd.html)

<http://eachmanslife.blogspot.com/2015/08/dr-bill-grange.html>



Foundation Board Spotlight

Joe Cook

Serving on the Grand Island Public Library Foundation Board has allowed me to give back to my community which has given so much to my family and me. I have served as President of both the Foundation and Library Board.

The Library continuously updates its services to benefit the Grand Island community, and I have been involved on the board for its remodel.

Seeing a computer lab filled with individuals, books being read silently, and the sounds of young voices in the youth section gives me great pleasure.

Serving on the Library Foundation follows my career. I am a retired school administrator. I served as a prin-

cipal in Grand Island Public Schools, Adams Central School District, Red Cloud Public Schools, as well as a Social Studies teacher in Green River, WY. and Grotton, SD. Along with school administration, I served in the United States Army, both active and reserves, for 28 years. I retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

I enjoy seeing the young children in the youth section, enjoying the books, and participating in hands-on centers. I am also very happy to see the activity in the new Makerspace. This is a wonderful learning experience for both adults and youth.

If you asked me where I enjoy reading, just give me a quiet corner of the library and I am in my own little world!

Library Staff Spotlight

August will be 17 years here at the library.

I am married to Brian, and we will be celebrating 30 years on June 1st.



Nancy Broich,  
Library Secretary

did not live in town, so I did not utilize the library, and once I started working here, I saw what I was missing out on. We did have the bookmobile come out to our neighborhood every other month and that was always so exciting. The whole neighborhood would be waiting in line to get on and get a few books checked out!

We have three children, Niki is a Speech Pathologist, Kylie is entering Dental Hygiene School, and Tanner is studying criminal justice and will apply to the police academy as soon as he turns 21.

I was born and raised in Grand Island and graduated from Northwest High School. I love being close to my family and extended family here in GI. We have get-togethers often in our family.

I love working at the library. When I was growing up, we

My favorite thing about the library is all the different programs the library offers for all ages. I also love the collection of materials that are available....there is definitely something for EVERYONE here.

My favorite author is James Patterson, and my favorite series is the Women’s Murder Club

My favorite place to read is in my recliner with my dog Kia on my lap.

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The Grand Island Public Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library!

Joining this free partnership adds FamilySearch to our other popular genealogy services; Ancestry Library Edition, and MyHeritage provided to all Nebraska residents by the Nebraska Library Commission.

FamilySearch has amassed billions of birth, marriage, death, census, land, and court records from more than 130 countries to help you discover and make family connections. FamilySearch is accessible only within the library building.

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## Teen Library Council (TLC)

Teens in 6th-12th grades can help their library and community by joining the Teen Library Council (TLC).

TLC is a volunteer and advisory group made up of teens who love the library! Members will have opportunities to help library staff with tasks such as preparing for programs, decorating the library for holidays, and much more!

TLC is also asked for input on what teens want and need in the library. Teens can voice their opinions on teen programs, as well as what books, movies, and games they want

to have available for check-out. TLC meeting hours count toward volunteer hour requirements for high school, and being involved looks great on a college application or resume. It's also a fun opportunity to socialize with other teens who share your interests, learn about our Makerspace technology, and read Advance Readers Copies of upcoming middle-grade and young-adult books before they are published!

TLC has been taking a break due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but it will start up again in early September. Stay tuned for details, or get in touch with Elle at the library. Call (308) 385-5333 or e-mail at [elles@gilibrary.org](mailto:elles@gilibrary.org)

## Events Happening Soon!

### Keith West Magic Show

June 11th @ 6 P.M.  
HEAR Grand Island presents a Music and Magic Night!  
Happy Brush will provide a painting program for kids after the show, followed by the HEAR GI concert.



### Page to Stage:

June 14th @ 10:30 A.M.  
GRACE ABBOTT PARK  
Crane River Theater  
presents "Page to Stage: Cinderella."  
Don't forget your lawn chairs and blankets!

## Continued from page 1 - Library Board Spotlight

### Maria Lopez, Vice President

Board member since 2018

I was born in Zacatecas, Mexico and I have lived in Grand Island since 1992. My husband, Roberto, and I have three children: Fabian, Javier, and Yesenia.

I work as an admissions diversity recruiter at Central Community College. I enjoy working with students of diverse backgrounds and helping them succeed in school. I also volunteer for the library's Prime Time Family Reading Time, a six-week program that encourages bilingual parents to read books to their children.

I read a little bit of everything, including the Bible. I often "read" by Audible to keep from straining my eyes. I especially

enjoy books by Isabel Allende. The last book I read was "A Long Petal of the Sea", a novel about the Spanish Civil War and the people who fled to Chile as a result of that war.

My favorite book is "Stellaluna", a children's book about a young fruit bat who gets separated from her mother and ends up adopted by a Mama Bird who is raising her three babies in a nest. I love this book because it shows how people from different backgrounds can still be friends.

I love the library because it serves everyone in the community, including people of all ages and backgrounds. Most of all, I love the programs for children. The library stirs their imaginations and shows them the sky is the limit.

### Sara White, Board Member

Board member since 2019

Hello! I'm Sara White and I joined the library board in December 2019.

I am a stay-at-home mom of three kids and work part-time as a substitute teacher and also for the Hall County Election commissioner.

Our library is a hub of the community. I love books and the children's area and how the library promotes literacy and

lifelong learning.

One of my favorite childhood books is the "Phantom Toll-booth" and these days I enjoy reading historical fiction, cozy mysteries, whodunnits, fantasy, regency romance, and more!

My nightstand is always filled with books and I love Hoopla and Overdrive on my Kindle. Plus, my husband and I read together with our kids, and it feels like we've read about every picture book in the kids area!



### New Catalog System

The Library will be migrating over to a new catalog system this summer!

We are excited to work with The Library Corporation (TLC) to provide these much-needed improvements.