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Working across the street from the downtown library has given me a fresh awareness of the many concerns and issues facing the library system (not to mention the security guards). Even though Bennett Martin library is my main source for books and music, I have visited most of the branches in recent years and appreciate the differences throughout the city.

Growing up across the street from Nebraska Wesleyan, I spent many hours at the old Carnegie library in University Place. Then when Gere was built, I used its resources for high school study. Taking the bus downtown for piano lesson always included a stop at Bennett Martin for my week's reading material. My children and I utilized the great children's library at the many branches and the summer reading program.

I believe that the library will be having critical times ahead with budget constraints, staffing, and the downtown facility concerns. After considering applying to the library board for a long time, now I'm ready to cross the street to the library again, not to check out a book or a CD, but to take a leadership role to make sure that all of Lincoln will have a library worth crossing the street for.

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Employed at Eagle Printing, 1340 N Street. Printing sales.
Former owner of Northeast Printers, located in University Place.
Former partner in A to Z Printing.

Personal: married to Dale Finkelson, network manager at UNL.
Son: Anders, 15; Daughter: Anna, 23

Current Community Involvement:

Open Harvest Natural Foods Cooperative: chair of task force to change incorporation status.

Lincoln Civic Orchestra: President of board and member of orchestra (flute). Amateur orchestra based at NWU.

Friends of the Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery: President-elect and newsletter editor. Support group for gallery on East Campus.

Downtown Rotary Club 14: Chair of Awards luncheon as well as member of other committees.

Nebraska Bead Society: coordinator of Lincoln and Omaha Bead Shows, each held annually with 20 vendors and 600 attendees.

Artist with beadwork for sale at Sheldon Museum Store, University Place Art Center, and Farmer's Market.

Past Community Involvement:

Open Harvest Natural Foods Cooperative: board president for six years, included moving the store and staff issues.

University Place Art Center: on board for six years, president for two.

University Place Business Association: president for two years.

University Place Development Corporation: president of group coordinating development and improvement.

Nebraska Bead Society: president for two years, newsletter editor for four years.

Woods Park Neighborhood Association: president (in the early 80's).

Clinton Neighborhood Organization: secretary (in the late 70's).