2023 Nebraska History Lunch Series

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Gere Branch Library, 2400 S. 56th St
$4 fee for sack lunch
Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Seating is limited. For reservations, call 402-441-7158, beginning March 6.

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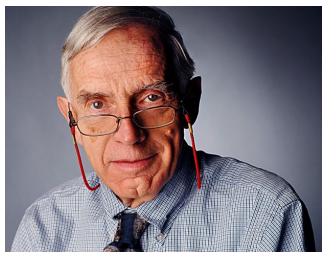
- **A Look at the Village of Lancaster—Jim McKee**
  Wednesday, April 19

  Learn how Lincoln became the capital city, why it was named Lincoln over Lancaster, why Yankee Hill isn't the capital and the first days of Lincoln as a new city and Nebraska's state capital.



Jim McKee

Ed Zimmer

- **Built for Learning: A history of Lincoln Public Schools—Ed Zimmer**
  Wednesday, May 17

  From the original Lincoln High School of 1871 to the newest high schools opening in 2022 (Northwest) and in 2023 (Standing Bear), Lincoln Public Schools have a rich history of growing with the community. Ed Zimmer traces history through images and stories spanning 150 years.

- **What's in a Name? A Short History of Lincoln City Libraries and Its Namesakes—Kimberly Shelley**
  Wednesday, June 21

  Do you know who Charles H. Gere was? Bess Dodson Walt? Victor E. Anderson? Learn about the individuals for whom Lincoln City Libraries were named, as well as how Lincoln City Libraries has evolved and grown during the past 150 years.

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- **Lincoln's First Hospital: A Journey Through Time—Donna Hammack and Michael Bingeman**
  Wednesday, July 19

  Michael and Donna's presentation will span the establishment of St. Elizabeth in 1889 at the Buckstaff Residence to the present-day St. Elizabeth, a regional medical center located on south 70th Street. They will explain the origin of the name and the multitude of changes that have occurred over time.

Donna Hammack

Michael Bingeman

- **History of Lincoln Police Department—Joy Citta and Jason Hellmuth**
  Wednesday, Aug. 16

  Joy and Jason will give a history of the Lincoln Police Department from the 1870s, when there were only three police officers, to the present when primary police services in Lincoln are delivered by over 200 officers.

Joy Citta

Jason Hellmuth

Mary Sauers

- **Lincoln's Changing Demographics—Mary Sauers**
  Wednesday, Sept. 20

  From pioneer times to the present, Lincoln's demographics have changed significantly, particularly with influxes of immigrants throughout our history. Mary will explain those changes according to Lincoln's census information.