

LIBRARY

Project Title	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Total
Downtown Central Library	\$0	\$70,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000,000
Library Branch Improvements	\$0	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000
Near-Term Library Improvements	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
New Bookmobile	\$125,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000
Total:	\$375,000	\$85,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$85,625,000

Funding Source	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Total
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$75,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000,000
General Revenues	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
Keno Funds	\$125,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000
Other Financing	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
Total:	\$375,000	\$85,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$85,625,000

Downtown Central Library

Overview

Request Owner	Library CIP, Library
Department	14-Library
Type	Capital Improvement

Description

Based on a January 2024 Facilities Master Plan for the City's library system, the estimated 2026 construction cost for a replacement facility is \$70 million. It is anticipated that funding for the project will include privately raised support, general obligation bonds; and grants and other funding.

The current facility, Bennett Martin Public Library, dates from 1962 with later sections added in 1967 and 1977. The 60,000 square foot library serves the most diverse population in Lincoln and is seeing a continued population growth within a two-mile radius of service. As a centralized library facility, it also receives usage from residents throughout the city for its expanded collections, services, and activities.

A modern central library, created with flexible spaces that allow for collaborative library activities and services, is vital for delivering needed resources and quality of life enhancements for the whole Lincoln community. The current building cannot meet the needs as determined in the 2024 Facilities Master Plan, and the current site, restricted in footprint size, also provides challenges to incorporating programmatic requirements of a modern, urban library.

If this project does not move forward, considerable deferred maintenance project costs at Bennett Martin Public Library will be incurred.

Details

Status	Ongoing
Budget Outcome	Vibrant City Economy and Quality of Life
Recommendation	In Conformance with the Plan

Location



Funding Sources Breakdown							
Funding Sources	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Total
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$60,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000,000
Other Financing	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
Total	\$0	\$70,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000,000

Library Branch Improvements

Overview

Request Owner	Library CIP, Library
Department	14-Library
Type	Capital Improvement

Description

Today's neighborhood libraries are centers of community activity and hubs of lifelong learning. In 2023, the Lincoln City Libraries embarked upon a 10–15-year Facilities' Master Plan process that points to needed improvements at library locations throughout the city. These improvements include interior and exterior refreshes, expansions of space for additional programming and meeting/study needs and creating library facilities that have adapted to modern uses and expectations. The Master Plan analyzed how the system functions in respect to flow of materials between facilities, usage trends of residents, and needs of modern libraries for accessibility, collection spaces, and meeting spaces. As the City continues to grow, neighborhood libraries are vibrant, active places for learning, connecting, and community-building, and continued investment in maintaining these facilities is a reflection of commitment to quality of life standards for residents.

Details

Status	Ongoing
Budget Outcome	Vibrant City Economy and Quality of Life
Recommendation	Generally Conforms to the Plan

Location



Funding Sources Breakdown

Funding Sources	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Total
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000
Total	\$0	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000

Near-Term Library Improvements

Overview

Request Owner	Library CIP, Library
Est. Start Date	08/31/2026
Department	14-Library
Type	Capital Improvement

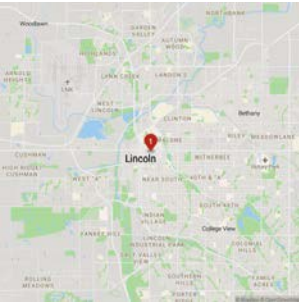
Description

Several near-term capital improvements are needed throughout the library system to ensure continued operations and building safety. Projects such as roof system replacements, heating and cooling systems, building safety upgrades, and elevator replacements are included in this funding. These improvements help the library system maintain facility viability and help provide vibrant, active places for learning, connecting, and community-building, and continued investment in maintaining these facilities is a reflection of commitment to quality of life standards for residents.

Details

Status	Ongoing
Budget Outcome	Safe and Healthy City
Recommendation	Generally Conforms to the Plan

Location



Funding Sources Breakdown							
Funding Sources	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Total
General Revenues	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
Total	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

New Bookmobile

Overview

Request Owner	Library CIP, Library
Department	14-Library
Type	Capital Improvement

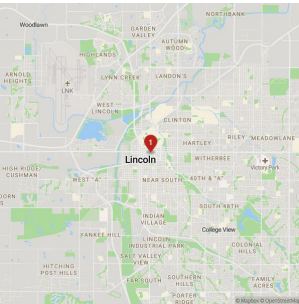
Description

The Library Bookmobile provides individualized library services to a diverse population throughout Lincoln and Lancaster County. Focus areas include County towns and cities; youth with emphasis on children at risk (including preschools and day cares); seniors; and areas in Lincoln not close to existing libraries. The current vehicle, fueled with compressed natural gas, was purchased in 2012 and is nearing end of life with frequent interruptions to service due to mechanical issues. Two 24-ft Sprinter Vans will be purchased to allow for additional drivers (no CDL required) and easier access to popup events at parks, schools, churches, and community centers.

Details

Status	Ongoing
Budget Outcome	Equitable and Inclusive City
Recommendation	Generally Conforms to the Plan

Location



Funding Sources Breakdown							
Funding Sources	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Total
Keno Funds	\$125,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000
Total	\$125,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000