



# Raymond A. Whitwer Tilden Public Library

## 2014 - 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

## NEBRASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCREDITATION

The purpose of public library accreditation is to encourage excellent library service in Nebraska communities. Accreditation:

- establishes minimum standards for library service
- ensures that libraries adhere to certain standards
- offers libraries benchmarks
- offers libraries evidence that certain expenditures, services, and practices are needed and expected

Library Accreditation is valid for three years. In order to apply, the library must:

- have submitted the annual state statistical report
- meet twelve minimum qualifications
- have an up-to-date and approved strategic plan

Accreditation and levels of accreditation are based on a system of accrued points. For each guideline on the application, a library earns a number of points. The library must earn at least 175 points to be accredited at the lowest, Bronze level. Accreditation at the Silver level requires 200 points, and at the Gold level, 250 points.

**After completing the accreditation process in October 2015, The Raymond A. Whitwer Tilden Public Library achieved a “Gold” rating, the highest level of accreditation, valid until September 2018.**

## OUR VISION

*Libraries are evolving into more than a place for books and research, and are being transformed into a viable resource for technology and the digital age. As the needs of our community change and grow, it is the responsibility of the Tilden Public Library to determine, and even anticipate these needs in order to provide a beneficial and indispensable facility. It is our vision to not only be a fundamental entity in the community, but to be the heart of the community, providing valuable information and opportunities, constructive and enjoyable programming & events, and a place for learning and discovery. This goal can only be achieved through the continuation of knowledge, exploration and an attitude of moving forward on the part of the library and its personnel.*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*It is the central purpose and role of Raymond A. Whitwer Tilden Public Library to provide each individual with equal and adequate access to informational resources, providing valuable information and opportunities, constructive and enjoyable programming & events, and a place for learning and discovery.*

# Library Bill of Rights

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

- I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

Adopted June 18, 1948  
Amended February 2, 1961, and January 23, 1980,  
inclusion of "age" reaffirmed January 23, 1996  
by the ALA Council.

## THE LIBRARY BOARD

The Tilden Public Library Board, certified by the State of Nebraska Library Commission, is made up of five members of the community whom attend regular monthly meetings, governing the operation of the library and working for library objectives. They are engaged in a diversity of interests and occupations, with an understanding of the communities needs and resources.

Members of the Tilden Library Board:

Carol Rittcher - President  
Keith Leckron - Vice President  
Autumn Paden - Secretary  
Kylie Eckert  
Maggie Rutjens

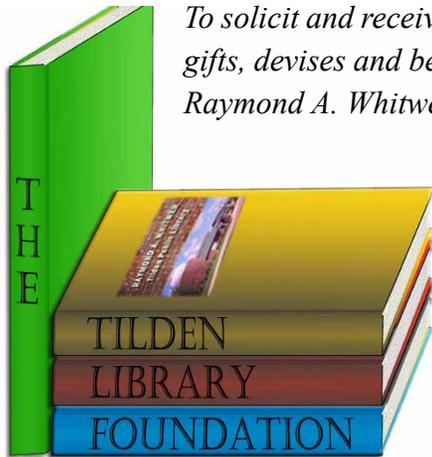


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## TILDEN LIBRARY FOUNDATION

### ***Mission Statement***

*To solicit and receive gifts from private individuals, associations and corporations; to accept gifts, devises and bequests and to hold and administer the same for the use and benefit of the Raymond A. Whitwer Tilden Public Library.*



The Tilden Library Foundation is made up of 7 community members whom attend regular scheduled quarterly meetings. As required by the Nebraska Library Commission, Foundation members must include 2 Library Board members. Aside from collecting and maintaining donations, gifts and endowments, the Foundation promotes, assists and funds programs, events and fund-raisers.

Current members of the Foundation:

Janelle Oelsgle - <i>President</i>	Arlene Hofmann - <i>Secretary</i>	Maggie Rutjens	
Keith Leckron - <i>Vice President</i>	Dave Rittscher - <i>Treasurer</i>	Sue Peterson	Alt member



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library is made up of a dedicated group of individuals from the community who volunteer whenever they are called upon to support the library, assisting with events, fundraisers and activities.

Anyone and everyone is invited to become a Friend of the Library

# LIBRARY STATISTICS



## LIBRARY PATRONS

The total number of registered Library patrons is **1,368** This number accounts for city and counties.

City of Tilden (Antelope & Madison within City limits): **863** or **91%** of the City population

Counties:	Antelope Rural	<b>198</b>
	Madison Rural	<b>236</b>
	Boon County	<b>25</b>
	Pierce County	<b>17</b>
	Other	<b>21</b>

Between Oct 1, 2014 - Sept 30, 2015 there were **57** new registered Library Patrons

## LIBRARY VISITORS

The total number of Library visitors from Oct 1, 2014 - Sept 30, 2015 was **11,901**

Adult visitors: 8,688      Juvenile visitors : 3,213

## LIBRARY CIRCULATION

The total number per items circulated or used by patrons from Oct 1, 2014 - Sept 30, 2015:

<b>Adult books (Audio &amp; Print)</b>	<b>4,427</b>
<b>Juvenile Books</b>	<b>5,288</b>
<b>Magazines</b>	<b>615</b>
<b>Movies (DVD/ VHS)</b>	<b>2,910</b>
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>877</b>
<b>Other ( Puz, Misc, Ref, Res)</b>	<b>386</b>
<b>Internet Computer Usage</b>	<b>1,853</b>

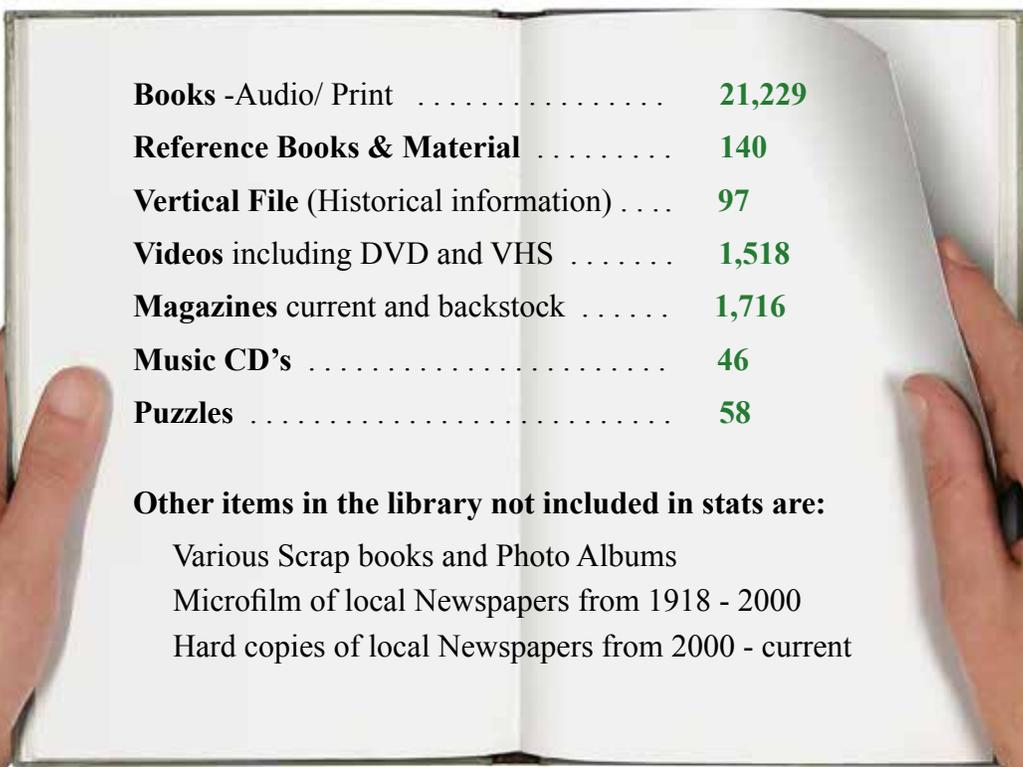


# COLLECTION STATISTICS

As per the Nebraska Library Commission's State Accreditation guidelines, 3% of the library's collection material shall be weeded (removed) from the collection each year. This is typically out-of-date, worn, or no longer in demand material.

The amount of material which was removed for fiscal year 2014 - 2015 was **750**

Figures below represent the number of materials as of Sept 30, 2015 in the Library's collection:



<b>Books -Audio/ Print</b> . . . . .	<b>21,229</b>
<b>Reference Books &amp; Material</b> . . . . .	<b>140</b>
<b>Vertical File</b> (Historical information) . . . . .	<b>97</b>
<b>Videos</b> including DVD and VHS . . . . .	<b>1,518</b>
<b>Magazines</b> current and backstock . . . . .	<b>1,716</b>
<b>Music CD's</b> . . . . .	<b>46</b>
<b>Puzzles</b> . . . . .	<b>58</b>

**Other items in the library not included in stats are:**

- Various Scrap books and Photo Albums
- Microfilm of local Newspapers from 1918 - 2000
- Hard copies of local Newspapers from 2000 - current

**Monetary value of our entire collection as of Sept 30, 2015:**  
**\$417,703.71**

## e-book STATISTICS



Our library subscribes to a consortium through the Nebraska Library Commission known as Nebraska Overdrive, which is made up of participating Nebraska public libraries, allowing us to bring library books to our patrons through their e-reading devices.

**From Oct 1, 2014 - Sept 30, 2015:**

**Number of e-books checked out: 1,201**

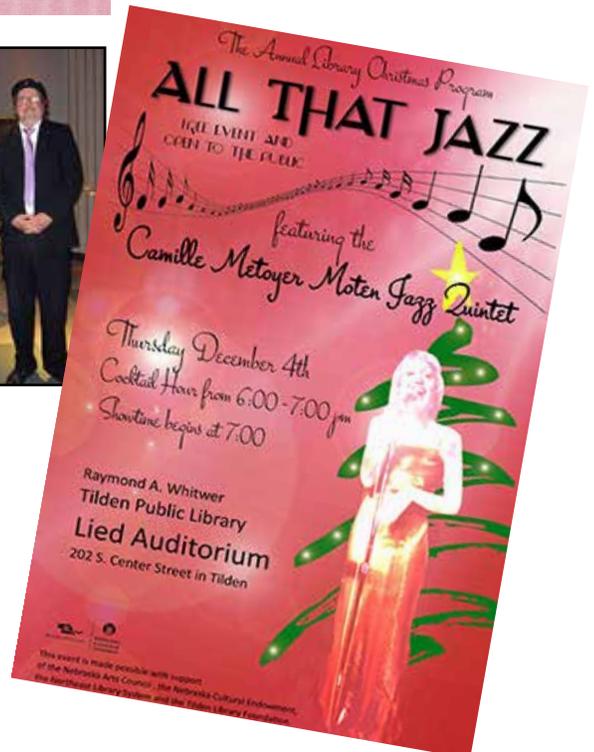
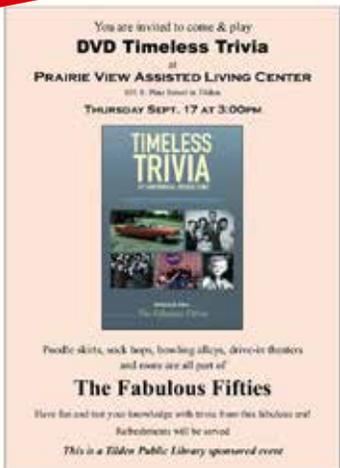
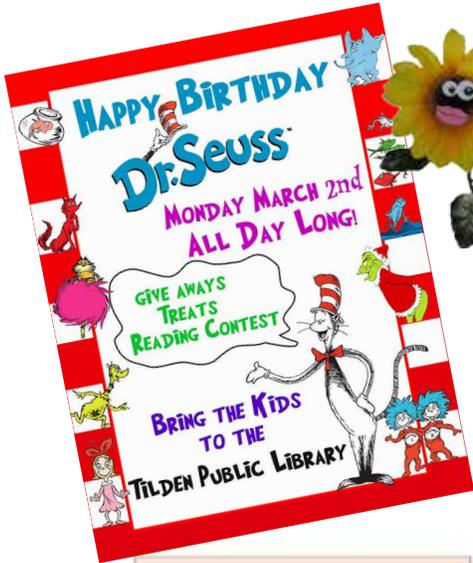
**Number of new registered e-book patrons: 9**

**Overall number of registered e-book patrons: 115**

# ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS & EVENTS

It is the responsibility and pleasure of the library to bring to the community a variety of activities, programs and events on a regular basis. Although the Lied Auditorium allows for the majority of programming, many other activities take place inside the library. Off site and outreach programs, such as those given at Prairie View Assisted Living Center, help to accommodate those who are at times unable to attend library functions.

Funding for programming is provided by the Tilden Library Foundation, Nebraska Arts Council and Humanities Nebraska along with other grant opportunities, and various private donors.



# Preventing Falls And Improving Balance

Presented by  
**Doris O'Brien**

Physical Therapist at Faith Regional  
Tilden Outpatient Center

**November 14 - 2:00pm**

Raymond A Whitwer Tilden Public Library

**Lied Auditorium**

Following the presentation there will be a question and answer session with **Justin Young, OTD, OTRI**, Director of Faith Regional Rehabilitation Therapies. A representative from **FRPS Tilden Family Medicine Clinic** will also be available to answer questions.

Plan to attend this important program on November 14th - 2:00pm

Refreshments will be served after the presentation



You're invited to  
**The Elkhorn Valley  
Speech Team**

Under the direction of  
Mrs. Myhre and Mrs. Hansen

**Thursday, February 26  
2:00pm**

Raymond A. Whitwer Tilden Public Library  
**Lied Auditorium**

Refreshments will be served after the performances



## COFFEE AND GARDENING WITH GINNY

**May 28 at 10:00am**

Raymond A Whitwer Tilden Public Library

**Lied Auditorium**

Ginny Werkmeister will show you how to grow

**Herbs in pots to enjoy all year around**

She will also talk about perennials.



*Enjoy a cup of coffee and a muffin  
and ask Ginny your gardening  
questions.*



Join us for coffee and rolls  
**Thursday August 13, at 10:00 am**

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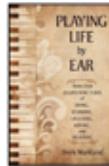
**Lied Auditorium**

for

Norfolk, NE Author

**Doris Markland**

As she gives a presentation and book signing of  
her recently published book



**Playing Life by Ear**

Notes from 89 years of living, learning,  
laughing, loving and believing

*Have your morning coffee with us and enjoy a fun filled hour with this  
interesting author. You will not be disappointed*



**Tilden Native Ann Hecht Meis**  
presents

A virtual tour of her travels to  
United Arab Emirates, Nepal and India  
**September 23rd at 7:00pm**

Raymond A Whitwer Tilden Public Library  
**Lied Auditorium**



Ann will show photos of Nepal before the earthquake, Abu Dhabi, "The World's Richest City"



Taj Mahal & The Palm, the world's largest man-made island and more



*Ann traveled on this international Travel Seminar with LEAD 33. LEAD is a Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Program designed to "prepare and motivate men and women in agriculture for more effective leadership".*

<https://lead.unl.edu/>  
Refreshments will be served



**Author Marie Krohn**

presents

a slide presentation of  
**History of Antelope County**

**Wednesday, April 15 at 2:00p**

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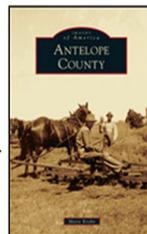
**Lied Auditorium**

Marie will also hold a book signing of her book

**Images of America:  
Antelope County**

Copies of her book will be available.

Refreshments will be served  
after the program.



The program is sponsored by the Tilden Library Foundation



**Meet  
Author  
Mary Avidano**

**March 18 - 2:00pm**

**Tilden Public Library**  
at the fireplace

Presentation and Book Signing for

***In the House of I am, a memoir***

*A nonfiction narrative about family history. Mary includes her early life and searching for her mother's family, unknown for the last ninety years. Her mother was an Orphan Train child.*

Refreshments will be served



# SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Honoring the Heroes of Our Community  
June 15 - 19, 2015



develop the habit of reading. Research conducted by the National Center for Educational Statistics found that in 1994, 95% of public libraries offered summer reading programs for children.

Themes for summer reading programs held at many public libraries nationwide may be set by the individual library or by the state library. Many state libraries, including the Nebraska Library Commission, use the themes set by the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), a grassroots consortium of states working together to provide summer reading program materials for children.

There are many benefits to children in a summer reading program including encouragement that reading become a lifelong habit, reluctant readers can be drawn in by the activities, reading over the summer helps children keep their skills up, and the program can generate interest in the library and books. And it being summer, the program can just be good fun and provide an opportunity for family time.

The Summer Reading Program at the Tilden Public Library was held each morning for one week for ages 2 - 10. The theme for 2015 of *Every Hero Has a Story* enabled us to offer a story and presentation each day relating to our own community heroes.



**Firefighter Day** - Fire Chief Chris Hansen & volunteer fireman Brandon Black demonstrate the protective gear and equipment to the kids, after which fireman Dean Thies helps the kids tour the big fire truck.



**DAY 1**  
Firefighter Day



**DAY 2**  
Law Enforcement

**Law Enforcement Day** - Police Chief Bob Peterson talks to the kids about police work as the Bandito Bandit lurks in the background.



After nabbing the Bandit (played by Jacob Wiese) Officer Bob puts him through the arrest process.



**Honoring the Military** - After the kids were greeted by Uncle Sam (played by Tony Dahl), Justin Clausen shares stories and artifacts that he acquired while overseas.



The kids learned military drills like saluting and standing at attention, then they made cards which were sent to the troops who are serving abroad.



**Emt / Ambulance Day**



EMT Desi Rutjens poses as a young girl who finds Teddy (a stuffed bear) hurt after falling from the tree. Teaching the kids to call 911, the ambulance arrives (Daryl Simeon & LPN Shauna Reikofski) to assist and take Teddy. Afterwards the kids get to tour the ambulance and check in on Teddy. There was a lot of concern for the little bear!



After reading a story, "Super Librarian" Cindy Simeon talks with the kids about all the other Super Heroes in our community.



Another successful Summer Reading program ends as the kids enjoy hot fudge sundaes with a variety of toppings, whipped cream and a cherry, along with door prizes for everyone. An average of 80 kids a day attended this SRP.

Thanks to our Super Helpers P.J. Miguelino (pictured left), Tammy Kallhoff, Chloe Bauer, Leah Knievel, Kylie Eckert, and library staff Hella, Gloria, Jeanne, and Jean Marie.



CIRCULATION STATS: OCT 1, 2014- SEPT 30, 2015

2014-2015	REF and NON-FICTION		TEM and FICTION		Magazine	Video	Inter-library Loan	Audio	Computer Use	Equipment	Research	New Patrons	Misc	TOTAL CIRCULATION	PATRONS	
	AYA	Juvenile	AYA	Juvenile											Adult	Juvenile
October	33	25	416	429	67	239	4	9	152	57	9	4	22	1466	765	199
November	31	19	285	304	58	207	3	0	152	68	4	4	27	1162	639	141
December	42	17	340	338	62	245	2	1	140	75	3	6	41	1312	750	313
January	59	6	338	367	76	220	4	5	164	78	8	3	38	1366	791	173
February	76	11	268	373	50	240	4	10	151	46	7	5	22	1263	670	230
March	89	36	308	556	43	212	4	7	161	74	7	3	33	1533	867	287
April	65	14	292	383	37	216	2	2	154	59	4	0	16	1244	700	207
May	54	15	291	401	39	277	1	6	144	78	20	7	6	1339	665	186
June	58	91	270	619	38	379	3	6	164	89	4	6	8	1735	662	749
July	67	81	314	461	50	294	0	6	187	80	7	5	14	1566	724	340
August	74	11	275	309	31	195	3	5	145	92	3	9	20	1172	753	217
September	68	25	264	397	64	186	0	3	139	81	12	5	23	1267	702	171
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>3661</b>	<b>4937</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>2910</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1853</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>16425</b>	<b>8688</b>	<b>3213</b>

NOTE: Misc Category includes Vertical File, inhouse reading, and other items not categorized

**Other funding sources which help support the library's needs:**

• Madison County	• Fund Raisers / Programs
• Antelope County	• Used Book Sales
• Private Donors	• Fines, copies/faxes, services
• State Aid	• Retail items
• Tilden Library Foundation	• Grants

## LIBRARY STAFF

Cindy Simeon - Library Director

Gloria Hatterman

Hella Bauer

Jeannie Dahl

Jean Marie Shermer

Michelle Lockwood - Janitorial Services

Visit our website at: [www.tildenlibrary.org](http://www.tildenlibrary.org)

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has an Accreditation Designation of *Gold* until 2018.

