

Periodicals

Numerous popular magazines are available to check out from all libraries. The Periodicals room at the Bennett Martin Public Library downtown also contains a vast collection of magazines and journals, some dating back to the 1860s, covering a wide range of subject matter. The majority of these titles are non-circulating, so you can be assured that you'll find the titles you are looking for in stock. Our collection of periodical indexes dates from 1802 to the present, covering general periodicals, computer titles, alternative publications and the broad spectrum in between.

Our research databases online make full text and indexing of several thousand periodical titles available.

The library also receives many newsletters from local clubs and organizations.

City Directories

At the Bennett Martin Public Library, you will find an extensive collection of Lincoln City Directories dating back to 1873 and Omaha City Directories dating back to 1931, in both print and microfilm.

Telephone Books

In the Periodicals room downtown, you will find a collection of Lincoln Telephone Books dating back to 1928. The Reference Department downtown also contains a collection of current phone books to major cities and a collection of phone books for all Nebraska communities. Online access to telephone directories is also available for the entire country.

Business Research Tools

The library has numerous business-related research volumes, including investment and insurance guides, and directories to Nebraska, regional and national corporations and manufacturers.

Vertical Files/Clippings

The Reference Department has nearly 2,000 files of newspaper clippings dealing with the history of Lincoln, Lancaster County and Nebraska. In addition, our collection of maps, flyers and travel brochures from U.S. states and cities, as well as from many foreign travel destinations, may be a place for you to begin planning a trip.

www.lincolnlibraries.org/depts/ref/verticalfiles.htm

The Starkweather File

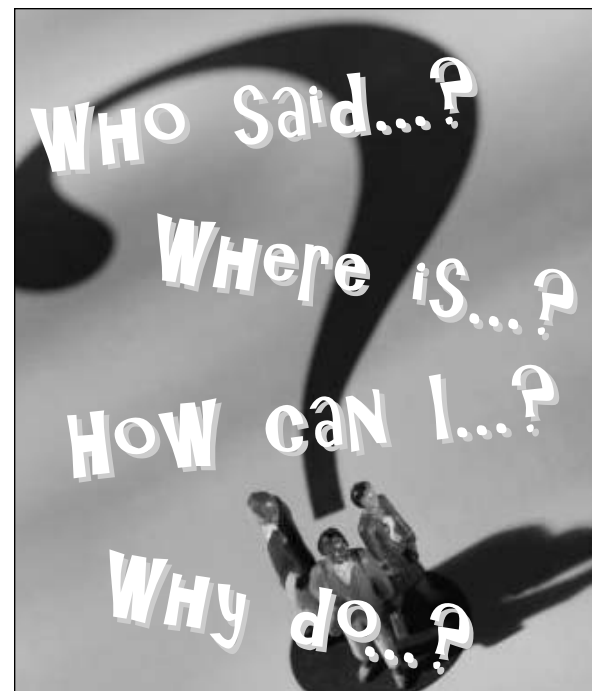
Our special collection of clippings associated with the famed Charles Starkweather murder spree from the late 1950s is available for researchers at the Bennett Martin Public Library.

Genealogy Resources

Lincoln City Libraries has many useful resources for starting off your genealogy and family-history research, including: city directories, various school yearbooks, source material produced by the Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Genealogical Society, and the *HeritageQuest* and *Ancestry* databases.

Other Miscellaneous Tools

Our Citizen's Information Center includes numerous city documents, including such items as Comprehensive Plans, budgets and city annual reports. Our Reference collection contains literally thousands of books on such diverse topics as: local history; Lincoln Municipal Codes; World Almanacs dating back to 1904; Nebraska Blue Books dating back to 1899; directories of Lincoln and Nebraska businesses from 1882 to present; U.S. census figures from 1870 on; many Nebraska state documents, including annual reports, directories, special reports, budgets, etc.; *Janes All the World's Aircraft* from the 1940s to present; *Janes Fighting Ships* from 1939 to present; Mitchell automotive repair manuals; Plat Maps, *Who's Who* guides, and many more...



Lincoln City Libraries REFERENCE SERVICES

Available at all branch libraries,
or from the

Reference Department
Bennett Martin Public Library
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Lincoln, NE 68508

441-8530

reference@lincolnlibraries.org

www.lincolnlibraries.org

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Research Assistance

Reference Staff at all Lincoln City Libraries locations is ready and willing to assist library users. For example, staff can show you how to:

- use the Public Access Catalogs
- use the online databases
- find fiction or non-fiction books, audiotapes, video tapes, DVDs or CD-ROMs to check out
- find journal or newspaper articles
- get started on a research project

Our “Ready Reference” collection of research books and specially selected online reference tools assist staff in answering your questions as walk-in customers, over the phone at our Reference line – **441-8530**, or by e-mail: reference@lincolnlibraries.org.

For more detailed assistance and the most in-depth collection of reference books, the main Reference Department and Periodicals Desk at the Bennett Martin Public Library are staffed during all hours that the library is open – Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sundays 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Reference by Mail
(or E-mail) Research**

Lincoln City Libraries Reference staff provide specialized research by mail or e-mail — free for local cus-

tomers and at a reasonable cost to customers outside of Lancaster County. Examples include: Looking up obituaries, wedding or birth announcements on microfilm in the local papers; tracking a stock price over the years; finding/mailling an obscure recipe.

www.lincolnlibraries.org/depts/ref/refquery.htm

Computer/Internet Training Classes

Reference staff downtown and at the branches teaches regular classes on a variety of computer skills. From the basics of how to use a “mouse,” to word processing, to getting started on the Internet and using e-mail accounts, to the ins-and-outs of using our varied research databases, you can attend one of our free classes to enrich yourself.

**Readers Assistance –
BookGuide Web Site**

The Reference Staff is skilled at helping locate material for your reading pleasure. Looking for a good novel about the Civil War? Want to find the 12th volume in a popular mystery series? Looking for a good science fiction novel for a young adult reader? Want to know what pseudonyms your favorite romance novelist has written under? We’ve got the skills and tools to help you find your next favorite novel.

The Reference Department, in association with staff at various branch libraries, produces regular new booklists — themed recommendations for both fiction and non-fiction reading pleasure. Our archive of past lists may help get you started if you’re looking for a good read. You can find all our reader-oriented services at: www.lincolnlibraries.org/depts/bookguide

Inter-Library Loan

If the Lincoln City Libraries does not own the title you want, our Inter-Library Loan Department can track down a copy of the material. This service is provided free-of-charge to those with Lincoln City Libraries cards.



The Library Web Site

<http://www.lincolnlibraries.org>

Information about our services and links to many additional resources may be found on the Lincoln City Libraries home page. From here, you may access most of our online resources from your home or office ... although a few are accessible only via terminals inside one of the libraries.

Research Databases

<http://www.lincolnlibraries.org/databases>

(See our Research Databases Handout)

Newspapers

The Lincoln City Libraries maintains a microfilm collection of Lincoln, Neb newspapers dating back to 1867. We have a collection of many current and recent newspapers from various smaller communities in Nebraska, as well as from larger cities throughout the United States. We have both the *New York Times* (starting in 1929) and the *Wall Street Journal* (starting in 1960) on microfilm, complete with detailed indexes.

Lincoln City Libraries Reference Department staff has access to various indexes to the *Lincoln Journal Star* newspaper, dating back to 1979.