Shelton Public Library

FISCAL YEAR REPORT for Village Board of Trustees

October 2025 to September 2026

October 2025

PATRONS	CIRCULATION	INTERNET	COLLECTION
237	41	24	Added: 20 Weeded: 479
10/15 Shaft for lift complete; 10/22 Handicap parking spaces complete			

November 2025

PATRONS	CIRCULATION	INTERNET	COLLECTION
73	32	19	Added: 12 Weeded: 248
11/11 Submitted Completion Report for 2025 Library Improvement Grant; 11/12 Applied for 2026 Youth Services for Excellence Grant; 11/13 Applied for 2026 Library Internship Grant; 11/14 Applied for Building for Tomorrow Grant; 11/18 Library Board Meeting - Director Evaluation; NLC status of Public Library Survey - Baker & Taylor shutting down by January 2026.			

December 2025

PATRONS	CIRCULATION	INTERNET	COLLECTION
99	61	19	Added: 75 Weeded: 221
12/10 Installation of lift completed; Estimates on window blinds (Drapery Den); Public Library Survey Deadline February 13, 2026.			

January 2026

PATRONS	CIRCULATION	INTERNET	COLLECTION
139	71	28	Added: 35 Weeded: 4
1/9 ADA Project completed; 1/19 Library Board Meeting - Revised Library Director Pay & Benefits; 1/20 Filed E-rate Form 470			

February 2026

PATRONS	CIRCULATION	INTERNET	COLLECTION
122	35	42	Added: 17 Weeded: 32
1/29 Awarded 2026 Library Internship Grant; 2/4 DNS Filtering installed; 2/5 Purchased Faronics DeepFreeze (reboot to restore) software; 2/10 Awarded 2026 Youth Services for Excellence Grant for project "Give Me Space!"; 2/11 Registration for 2026 WanderNebraska; 2/17 Wi-Fi adapters connected; 2/25 Received $10.000 from Carnegie Corporation of New York; 2/25 Filed E-rate Form 471; 2/25 NCompass: Public Library Survey: Nebraska's New Data Collection Tool; 2/26 Received E-mail from NLC regarding State Aid & Maintenance of Effort Requirements.			

March 2026

PATRONS	CIRCULATION	INTERNET	COLLECTION
160	67	49	Added: 36 Weeded: 33

3/2 Basic Skills: Library Governance; 3/5 Window blinds installed; Wireless keyboards & mouse installed on patron computers; 3/13 UNL Needs Assessment Survey; 3/17 Library Board Meeting - Dissolution of Laptops for Lending Initiative; 3/18 NCompass: Modernizing a Small Library on a Small Budget; Upgrading to higher internet speed on July 1, 2026 to meet Federal Standard for CAI's (Community Anchor Institutions; 3/23 Basic Skills: Library Technology; 3/23 Public Library Survey Finalized; 3/25 NCompass: Getting Started with WordPress; 3/25 Submitted Supplemental Survey.

April 2026

PATRONS	CIRCULATION	INTERNET	COLLECTION
155	62	53	Added: 46 Weeded: 95

4/1 Basic Skills: Introduction to Cataloging; 4/1 NCompass: Big Library Technology on a Small Library Budget; 4/1 Received check for $1,675.00 ($1,000 - Internship Grant & $675.00 - Youth Services Grant); 4/8 NCompass: Programming with Purpose: Adult Programs & Community Partnerships; 4/13 New EcoTank ET-16650; 4/13 Basic Skills: Library Finance; 4/15 NCompass: One Book for Nebraska Kids & Teens 2026; 4/16 Received $40.00 for UNL Survey; 4/22 NCompass: Emergency Management in Libraries.

May 2026

PATRONS	CIRCULATION	INTERNET	COLLECTION
178	77	35	Added: 36 Weeded: 8

5/1 WanderNebraska begins; 5/4 Desktop & Monitor purchased to meet Library's Technology Plan; 5/6 NCompass: 2026 Library Accreditation Process; 5/13 NCompass: Play, Explore, Learn: Building Early Literacy Through Station-Based Programs; 5/20 Library Board Meeting - NCompass: Engaging New Voices in Advocacy: Youth, Trustees, and Everyday; 5/27 NCompass: Preparing Tech Ready Librarians: A Statewide Initiative.

June 2026

PATRONS	CIRCULATION	INTERNET	COLLECTION
295	111	58	Added: 32 Weeded: 5

6/3 First day for Library Intern 1; 6/5 Outdoor bulletin board installed; 6/8 First day for Youth Services Project "Give Me Space!"; 6/10 NCompass: Law for Librarians; 6/15 Guest Presenter for Youth Program; 6/15 Atrium Version Update; 6/16 Public Library Accreditation Workshop; 6/17 NCompass: Unlocking Nebraska's Stories: Introducing the Nebraska Literacy & History Escape Room Kits; 6/22 Tree in front of library was removed; 6/23 Received $220.00 donation to purchase children's books; 6/25 Last day for Library Intern 1; 6/29 Submitted E-rate Form 500; 6/29 Submitted Statewide Grant 2025 Completion Report to NSHSF.

July 2026

PATRONS	CIRCULATION	INTERNET	COLLECTION
214	137	47	Added: 38 Weeded: 18

7/1 NCompass: Nebraska Open Meetings Act: 2026 Overview and Updates; 7/6 First day of Summer Reading Program "Unearth a Story"; 7/7 First day for Library Intern 2; 7/7 Basic Skills: Reference; 7/8 NCompass: Library Compliance with the ADA Title II Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) Rule; 7/15 NCompass: Community Literacy Treasure Hunt: The Fun Way to Increase Literacy!; 7/22 NCompass: National Book Festival Near You!; Library Board Meeting - Chairwoman Linda VanOrsdall resignation, Budget Worksheet, Google Form Survey; 7/27 Last day of Summer Reading Program; 7/27 Basic Skills: Library Policy Class; 7/29 Last day for Library Intern 2; 7/29 NCompass: Libraries Building AI Literacy.

August 2026

PATRONS	CIRCULATION	INTERNET	COLLECTION
150	74	60	Added: 94 Weeded: 93

8/6 Tillotson Roofing - new roof on library; 8/12 NCompass: United for Libraries - Trustees, Advocates, Friends & Foundations: The Voice for America's Libraries; 8/12 Emerge Construction installed new gutters; 8/17 Basic Skills: Collection Management; 8/26 NCompass: Introducing the New WordPress Multisite

September 2026

PATRONS	CIRCULATION	INTERNET	COLLECTION
157	57	48	Added: 19 Weeded: 125

9/14 Basic Skills: Programming & Outreach; 9/15 Submitted 2026 Intern Surveys to NLC; 9/17 Submitted Completion Report for 2026 Youth Services Grant; 9/23 NCompass: E-rate 101: Just the Basics for 2027; 9/23 Library Board Meeting - New Boardmember Jenette Meyer, Community Survey discussion, Service Animal Policy and Complaint Policy added to SPL Policy Handbook; 9/30 NCompass: Using AI to Share Community Stories; 9/30 Application and Community Needs Response Plan submitted.

673 circulation total for fiscal year Oct. 2025 to Sept. 2026; 327 ILL Bookmobile; 1361 weeded and 460 added; Library Accreditation expires December 2026; Director Certification expires August 2027; Library Board Certification expires September 2027; Due to state budget cuts there will be no NLC grants for 2027; Public Library Survey opens November 16, 2026

Results from Anonymous Community Needs Survey 2025-2026

(Some answers were left blank out of approximately 2.42% of respondents)

1) How satisfied are you with living in Shelton, Nebraska?

2 - Very Satisfied; 2 - Satisfied; 2 - Very Dissatisfied; 9 - Dissatisfied; 3 - No Opinion

2) What do you like most about living in Shelton, Nebraska?

5 - Location; 6 - Community Pride; 2 - Quiet; 6- Small Town Atmosphere

3) What do you like least about living in Shelton, Nebraska?

5- Lack of Business; 5 - Quality of Water; 3 - Streets; 4 - Youth Activities; 2 - Yards, Dilapidated Houses; 2 - Daycare; 2 - Cost of Living

4) How would you catagorize the quality of life in Shelton, Nebraska?

1 - Very Satisfied; 2 - Satisfied; 8 - Very Dissatisfied; 10 - Dissatisfied; 4 - No Opinion

5) Over the last 5 years, do you believe Shelton, Nebraska's quality of life has improved?

10 - Yes; 1 - No

6) Would you recommend Shelton, Nebraska to your family or friends as a good place to live?

If "Yes," what would be the one major reason?

5 - Location; 3 - Community Support/Pride; 3 - Small Town; 2 - Quiet; 1 - Business; 1 - Safe

If "No," what would be the one major reason?

3 - Lack of Youth Programs; 2 - Lack of eating establishments; 2 - Cost of Living; 1 - Water cost/quality; 1 - Lack of Housing; 1 - Non-progressive Village Board

7) What would you say is the most critical issue facing Shelton, Nebraska today?

6 - Lack of Business Growth; 3 - Lack of Housing; 2 - Non-progressive Village Board; 7 - Daycare, Population Growth, Things to Do, Eating Establishments, Utilities, Taxes, Parking, Not Sure

Accreditation Application

Has a Library Foundation (4 pts) - **No**

Local income equal to, or greater than, the average or median figures for your peer group (10 pts)
Your local income: $61,850; Peer Average: $86,903; Peer Median: $85,300

Open hours equal to, or greater than, the average or median figures for your peer group (3 pts)
Your local hours: 1,560; Peer average: 1,710; Peer Median: 1,586

Expenditures on staff equal to, or greater than, the average or median for your peer group (3 pts)
Your local expenditures: $43,250; Peer Average: $56,817; Peer Median: $54,689

Number of additional library staff that must be certified, based on the library's LSA population (3 pts)
LSA Population 500 to 2,499 Director plus 1 additional staff

Number of library personnel FTE equal to, or greater than, the average or median for your peer group (5 pts)
Your FTE: .75; Peer Average: 1.39; Peer Median: 1.45

Annual expenditures on materials as a percentage of operating expenditures equal to or greater than the average or median figure for your peer group (7 pts)
Your local expenditures: 5.5%; Peer Average: 12.02%; Peer Median: 8.88%

The application for accreditation is on a point scale system as follows:
250 points = Gold Level
200 points = Silver Level
175 points = Bronze Level

Above are areas where we did not make points.

If the Application for Accreditation is approved, Shelton Public Library will remain at the Bronze Level.