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## Statewide Grant Program Matching Grant!

Dear Friends,

I know you've probably been asked many times to support different campaigns and foundation activities, including ours and others. That's why we are especially grateful to share some exciting news.

Many thanks to the John K. and Lynne D. Boyer Family Foundation who have recently awarded a matching grant of \$25,000 to support the Statewide Grant Program. **We must raise \$25,000 by March 31 to receive the match.** The Boyer Family has already given \$25,000 in November and \$50,000 was given toward Statewide Grants in late 2023 and early 2024.

The reach of this program, made possible through your generosity, has supported over 180 community museums, historical societies, and libraries, reflecting its wide and extensive impact across the state of Nebraska. **If everyone reading this newsletter contributed \$50.00, we would be able to meet our fundraising goal.**

Your gift, no matter the size, helps preserve Nebraska's rich history and ensures the continued success of these community organizations across the state. Together, we can meet this challenge and unlock the full potential of the Boyer Family Foundation's generous matching grant. Please join us in making a difference—your \$50 could be the key to reaching our goal.

Thank you for your support of our many programs and happy holidays,

Leslie Fattig  
Executive Director

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L to R – Dorlissa Beyer, Librarian, and Sue Quambusch, NSHSF

The **Keene Memorial Library** in Fremont received \$1,000 in Statewide Grant Funds from the NSHSF's fall grant cycle to support their digitization project. The new library features a dedicated research room, primarily for genealogical work, according to Librarian Dorlissa Beyer. They now have a new computer and software to make records more searchable for patrons. The grand two-story entryway of the newly remodeled library is impressive and inviting, with a beautiful crystal chandelier.

We were pleased to see the NSHSF logo prominently displayed on the computer's login home page.



L to R - Roger Quinn, Board Vice President, Patsy Schmidt, Board President, Sue Quambusch, NSHSF, and Sandy Brummond, Board Member

The **Elkhorn Historical Society** was awarded a \$400 grant in the NSHSF's Statewide Grants Fall Cycle. The grant will be used to buy archival boxes for their scrapbook collection. Grant writer Sandy Brummond expressed their excitement and hopes to acquire more in the future.

During the NSHSF visit, elementary school tours were in full swing, with three rooms filled with children learning about one-room schoolhouses and late 19th-century farming.



(L to R) Teresa Breazile, NSHSF, Julie Dinville, Library Director, Sue Quambusch, NSHSF, and Laura Mischke, Director of Adult Services

**The Bellevue Public Library** received a \$1,000 Statewide Grant from the NSHSF's fall cycle to purchase a locking cabinet for their fragile books. This cabinet, prominently placed in their new library, allows patrons to view the books and manuscripts without removing them from the premises.

Three months ago, the Bellevue Public Library moved into its spacious new location, featuring study rooms, meeting rooms,



(L-R) FF John Routt, Retired FAE Greg Stofer, FF Stan Shearer, Capt. Jim Bosanek, NSHSF Sue Quambusch, FAE Mike Davenport, BC John Stolinski, and Papillion Fire Chief Rob Gottsch

The NSHSF was happy to present a \$1,000 "Statewide Grant Big Check" to the **Omaha Firefighters Historical Society** on November 22. Stan Shearer, Board President along with other board members greeted us and provided a tour of the decommissioned fire house (Station 10) near 50th and Center Street in Omaha. The Omaha Firefighters Historical Society will

creative spaces, and an exceptional children's library area. The new library is light, airy, and filled with books.

The children's library space is a delight! Children are encouraged to self-checkout their own books and enjoy wonderful seating nooks perfect for curling up and reading.

apply the \$1,000 grant toward the purchase of a bronze plaque, as part of the James W. Fous Memorial Training Tower initiative.

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