

# 4-H Summer/Afterschool Reading Connections

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# 2015 NCEA Creative Programing Award

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# 4-H Summer Reading Connections

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Engages youth in extended 4-H learning opportunities through the Collaborative Summer Library Program.



**4-H GROWS HERE**



# Goals

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- Provide 4-H youth development opportunities to youth.
- Offer educational resources to librarians.
- Spark an interest in 4-H programs.

*We reach out to youth where they live and interact to engage them in life skill development through the framework of 4-H and positive youth development.*

# Target Audience

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Our target audience is youth, grades kindergarten through sixth grade.



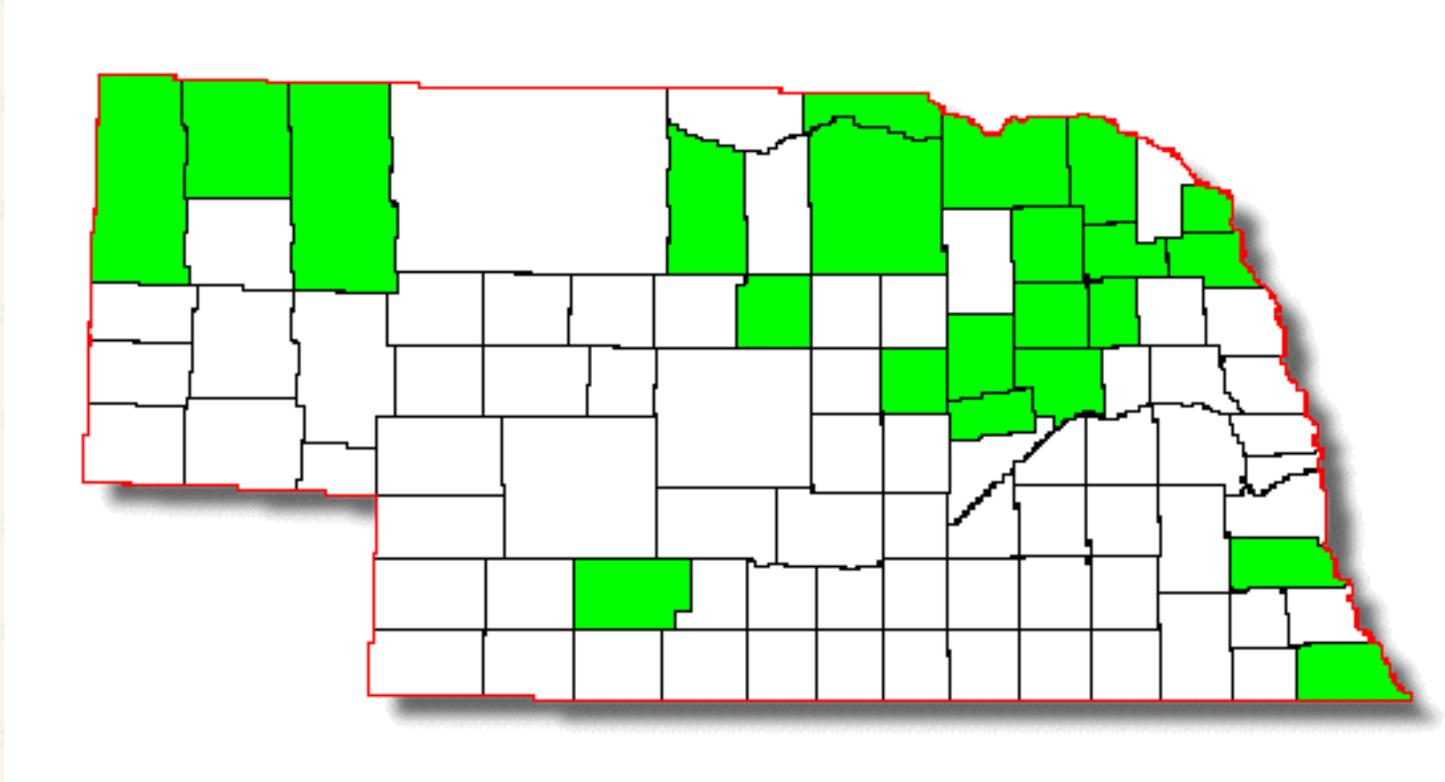
# How the Program Works

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- Match 4-H curriculum with the Collaborative Summer Library Program theme
- Series of 4 customizable lessons
- Available to libraries, after school programs, 4-H summer camps
  - Taught by Extension staff
  - Taught by volunteers
- Evaluations—Youth, Facilitator, Host Site

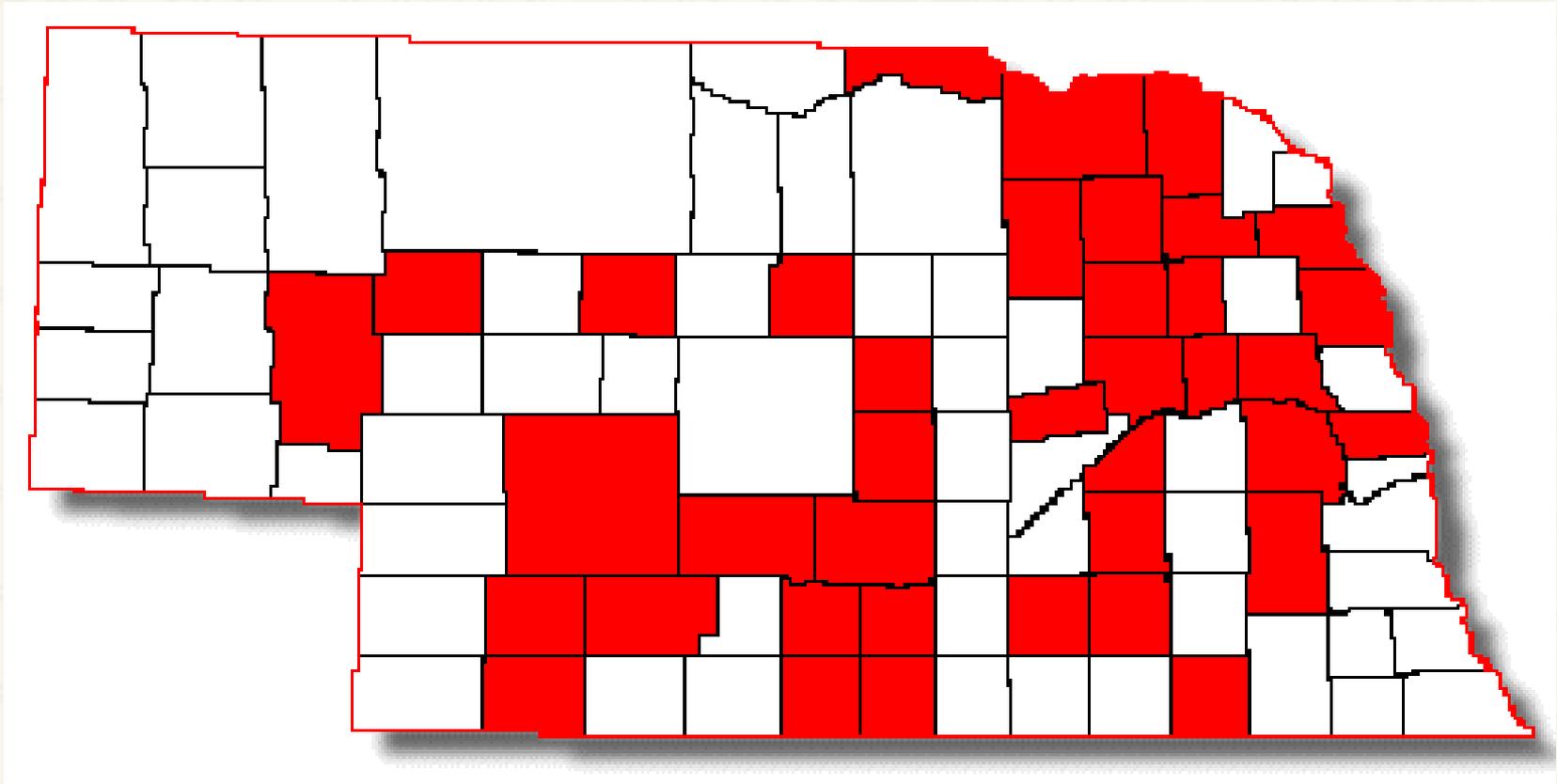
# Counties that participated in 2014-2015

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# Participating Counties in 2016

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# Impact

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- Reaching a new audience was one of our team's main goals. Over **4,900** youth from **30 counties** across the state participated in the program over the past three years.
- 62 libraries across the state of Nebraska
- 46% had never partnered with Nebraska Extension for youth development programming in the past and 100% of the sites plan on participating in future

# Impact

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- Staff members stated how the program was a great recruitment tool for libraries and families to become more familiar with 4-H which in turn directly increased 4-H enrollment.
- Nebraska 4-H Summer Reading Connections allowed counties to extend the visibility of Nebraska 4-H Youth Development programming.

# Fizz, Boom, Read! - 2014

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Aerospace

Electricity

Food Science

Robotics

# Every Story has a Hero - 2015

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Strengths & Super Powers  
Servant Leadership  
Heritage/Genealogy  
Military/Local Hero

# On Your Mark, Get Set...Read! - 2016

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Ready, Set – Fill Your Plate

Ready, Set - Read a Recipe

Ready, Set - Think My Drink

Ready, Set - Use Your Senses



# 2017 Plans Coming Soon

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## Build a Better World

- Building/Construction
- Architecture
- Community Building
- Volunteering
- Random Acts of Kindness



# How Can You Get These Lessons?

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Contact Your Local Nebraska Extension Office  
or go to

<http://go.unl.edu/whtb>



# Evaluation

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- Evaluation tools available in Box account
- Demographic information will also be requested

# ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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