

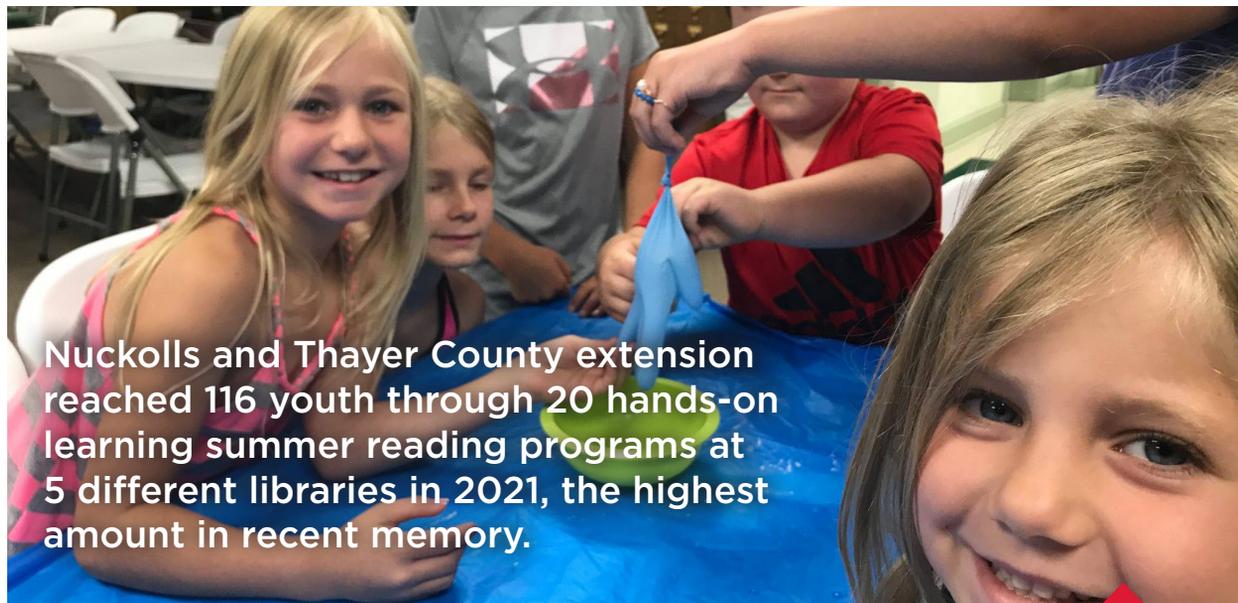
# Nuckolls & Thayer Counties



## 2021 Impact At-A-Glance

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Nuckolls and Thayer County extension reached 116 youth through 20 hands-on learning summer reading programs at 5 different libraries in 2021, the highest amount in recent memory.

Read a book to a child, and they read for ten minutes. Teach a kid to make blubber mittens out of cooking shortening, build owl nests out of sticks found on a nature hike, and do yoga like a sea creature, then they read for a lifetime. “I love how the extension classes tie into our summer reading theme each year,” says Lisa Monk, children’s librarian at the Jennifer Reinke Public Library in Deshler. “The hands-on activities are great for kids, and it gives them educational opportunities during the summertime.” Bruning, Davenport, Hebron, Deshler, and Superior libraries all hosted programs.

### Programs At-A-Glance

- Our partnership with the local producers who support Lawrence/Nelson Public School’s Beef in the Schools program continued, with a 100% reach at L/N for lessons about food safety.
- The Husker Mobile Beef Lab taught 154 TC youth and 100 NC youth about ruminant nutrition, plant science, and the fun fact that a steer can make 40 gallons of saliva a day.

**52** cucumber farmers were created at Bruning/Davenport Schools in April 2021 by using the plant life cycle program.

**50** area youth learned how leadership and play are connected during Extension workshops at the 2021 district FCCLA conference.

**34** youth from across the state of Nebraska judged eight classes at the first Nuckolls-Thayer livestock judging contest since 2018.