

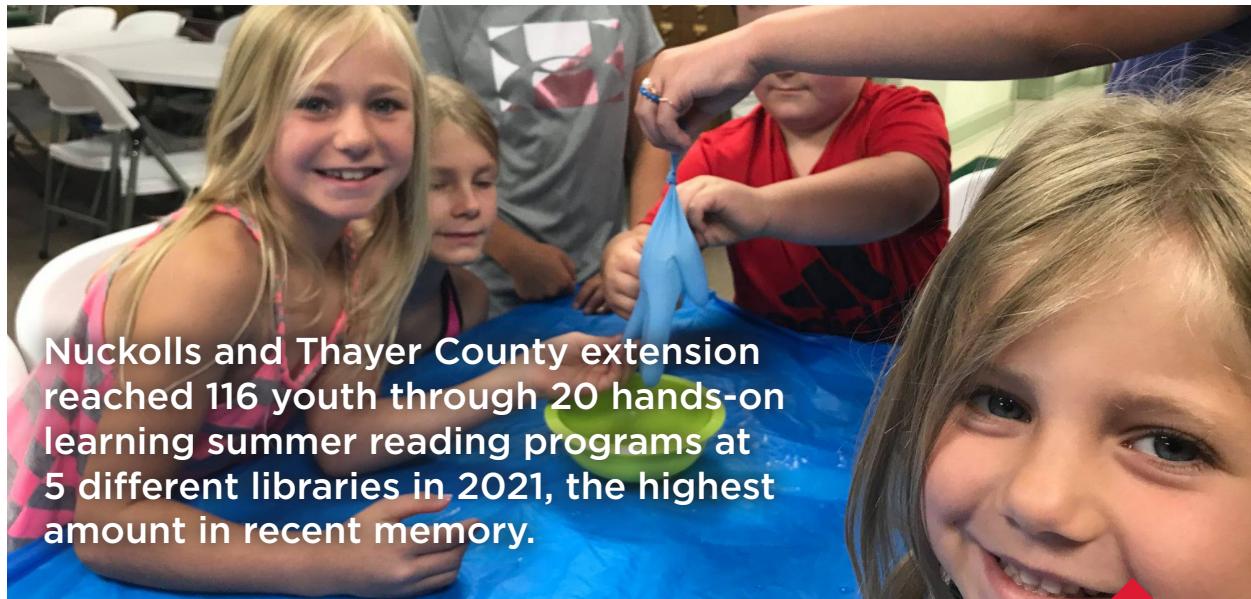
Nuckolls & Thayer Counties



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.