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## STAFF REPORT

TRUSTEE MEETING DATE: January 21, 2026

**DATE:** September 29, 2025

**TO:** Library Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Review and possible approval of the proposed calendar year 2026 library schedule as reviewed, discussed, and created through the Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) budget setting exercise performed by the Library Board of Trustees in August, September, and October 2025. [For Possible Action]

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### **SUMMARY**

This item requests the review and approval of a schedule for operation of the individual library branches as determined through the FY27 budget setting exercise by the Board of Trustees. This schedule is being requested to start in Calendar Year 2026 vs. the original proposal to begin with the Fiscal Year 2027 budget start date of July 1, 2026.

Based on input through the process and further discussions with partner libraries a couple of revisions from the “ideal schedule with current allocations” from the October 15, 2025 meeting will be discussed with the board for implementation.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

At the October 15, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting, the Trustees voted to request a base budget for the Library system for fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) from the Board of County Commissioners that would be based on the current fiscal year 2026 budget adjusted as appropriate to account for contractual obligations and implement in FY 27 the Ideal Schedule with Current Allocations as the schedule for the library system. The Trustees also recommended that an above request be processed through the budget cycle separate from the request for the base budget to account for 10% of the final expenditures to be used for the current titles (collection budget).

At the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees on October 1, 2025, the Trustees provided direction to the Office of the County Manager to provide actual budget numbers to the proposed Option A Staff Option, and Hybrid library schedules to be presented to the Trustees at the regular meeting of October 15, 2025.

At the September 17, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting, the Trustees provided direction to the Office of the County Manager to begin creation of staffing models around a proposed schedule identified as Option A, with the direction to discuss impacts with Branch Managers and provide the staff model for further discussion at a special meeting to be held October 1, 2025.

At the August 20, 2025 Board of Trustee meeting, the Trustees provided direction to the Office of the County Manager to hold a special meeting on October, 1, 2025 as well as committed to provide information individually to the Assistant County Manager for compilation of options to the Trustees at the September 17, 2025 meeting.

Various budget discussions have occurred over the past 12 months regarding the library budget.

### **BACKGROUND**

In August, September, and October of 2025 the Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) and the Office of the County Manager, as well as the Chief Financial Officer of Washoe County reviewed the policies of the LBOT at the request of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to verify budgetary needs of the Library System as a whole. The result of the discussions included a recommendation to the BCC for a fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) from the Board of County Commissioners that would be based on the current fiscal year 2026 budget adjusted as appropriate to account for contractual obligations.

Additional to the request for budget the LOBT approved the below “ideal schedule with current allocations” schedule:

Ideal schedule with current allocations									
Branch	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Hours per week	vs. exist.
Downtown	Closed	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	Closed	40	-2
Duncan/Trainer	Closed	Closed	Closed	2:30-6	Closed	3-6	Closed	6.5	-6
Gerlach	Closed	Closed	Closed	5-7	Closed	Closed	Closed	2	0
Incline	Vending	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	Vending	41	-6
North Valleys	Vending	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	47	0
Northwest	9:30-4:30	11:30-4:30	9:30-6	9:30-7	9:30-6	11:30-4:30	9:30-4:30	53.5	0.5
Senior Center	closed	10-1	10-1	10-1	10-1	10-1	closed	15	-5
Sierra View	Closed	9-4	9-6	9-6	9-7	9-6	9-4	51	4
South Valleys	10-5	10-6	10-6	10-7	10-6	10-6	10-5	55	0
Spanish Springs	10 to 5	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	closed	48	0
Sparks	10-4	10-6	10-6	10-7	10-6	10-6	10-4	53	0
Verdi	Closed	Closed	3-6	Closed	3-6	Closed	Closed	6	-3.5
								<b>418.00</b>	

The schedule was the result of staff input based on the needs of the individual communities they serve, including the direction from the Trustees to:

- Providing programs that are most impactful and in the correct locations for the community.
- Offering more hours after traditional work hours (8am to 5pm Monday -Friday) to ensure those working traditional hours have access.
- Not every branch needs to offer the same level of service.

The personnel costs associated with this ideal schedule would be the same as current budget. While this schedule decreases the overall open hours of the entire system it allows for continued refinement of hours when services are used by our citizens.

Since the October meeting additional refinements are being proposed to the schedule based on input received from the community by adjusting time for our partnership libraries and correction to the proposed schedule for the Sierra View Branch. Staff would recommend the schedule to be implemented in Calendar Year 2026:

Recommended Calendar Year 2026 Washoe County Library Branch schedule									
Branch	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Hours per week	vs. exist.
Downtown Reno	Closed	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	Closed	40	-2
Duncan/Traner	Closed	Closed	Closed	2:30-6	Closed	3 to 6	Closed	6.5	-6
Gerlach	Closed	Closed	Closed	5 to 7	Closed	Closed	Closed	2	0
Incline	closed	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	closed	41	-6
North Valleys	closed	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	47	0
Northwest Reno	10 to 4	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	53	0
Senior Center	closed	9:30 to 1	9:30 to 1	9:30 to 1	9:30 to 1	9:30 to 1	closed	17.5	-2.5
Sierra View	Closed	Closed	9 to 6	9 to 6	9 to 7	9 to 6	9 to 4	44	-3
South Valleys	10 to 5	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 5	55	0
Spanish Springs	10 to 5	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	closed	48	0
Sparks	10 to 4	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	53	0
Verdi	Closed	Closed	3 to 6	2:30 to 6	Closed	Closed	Closed	6.5	-3

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts to the approval of the recommended schedule being implemented in calendar year 2026. Operational efficiencies gained with this schedule will allow the flexibility necessary to keep branches open with this schedule providing better service hours for our customers.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by staff that the Library Board of Trustees approve the proposed calendar year 2026 library schedule as reviewed, discussed, and created through the Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) budget setting exercise performed by the Library Board of Trustees in August, September, and October 2025 with the adjustments noted by staff.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Trustees agree with the staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approval of the proposed calendar year 2026 library schedule as reviewed, discussed, and created through the Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) budget setting exercise performed by the Library Board of Trustees in August, September, and October 2025 with the adjustments noted by staff as the calendar year 2026 Washoe County Library Branch schedule."



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

5:30 P.M.

DOWNTOWN RENO LIBRARY 301 S. Center St, Reno NV 89501

Library Trustees:

Ann Silver, Chair

Lea Moser, Vice Chair

Gianna Jacks, Trustee

Tami Ruf, Trustee

Marie Rodriguez, Trustee

0) Salute to the Flag led by Trustee Rodriguez.

1) Roll Call [Non-Action Item]

- Present: Chair Silver, Trustee Jacks, Trustee Ruf, Trustee Rodriguez.
- Absent: Vice Chair Moser.

2) Land Acknowledgement [Non-Action Item]

- Read by Chair Silver.

3) Public Comment –Three Minute Time Limit Per Person [Non-Action Item]

- Sandee Tibbett: Praised board's oversight of budget process and Solaro's support. Expressed support for an independent third-party audit of the library system for transparency. Hopes for a new director who is open to diverse perspectives and has integrity.
- Debi Stears: Noted compliance issues with minimum public library standards due to expiring strategic plan and lack of MLS-qualified director. Explained a waiver is needed showing how this issue will be remedied.
- Janet Butcher: Thanked trustees for their work on the budget. Questioned why the materials budget request wasn't included in the BCC recommendation. Pointed out the totals for library donations and urged community members to donate to the library.
- Cliff Nellis: Urged the board to hire a director who represents all community perspectives. Suggested reducing staff to meet budget needs. Criticized the land acknowledgement that was read aloud.
- Willie Puchart: Expressed concerns regarding the board and called for an evaluation of trustees for transparency.

4) Board Comment [Non-Action Item] – Limited to Announcements, Strategic Plan Activity, Updates or Issues Proposed for Future Agendas and/or Workshops

- Trustee Jacks pointed out that the updated bylaws were not available on the website. Questioned why the meeting location had changed and if proper notifications had been sent out.

5) Approval of Minutes from the Library Board meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 [For Possible Action]

- Trustee Jacks noted the short time given to review the minutes. Noted that she didn't notice any glaring problems with the minutes but would have liked more time to compare with the meeting recording before approving.
- Chair Silver requested to receive the minutes earlier for review.
- On motion by Chair Silver, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez, which motion duly carried on a 3-1 vote with Trustee Jacks voting no, the meeting minutes from October 15, 2025 were approved.

6) General Business

a) Acknowledge 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Cash and Non-Cash Donations

received by Washoe County Library between July 1 and September 30, 2025, for a combined total of \$376,951.40. [For Possible Action]

- Development Officer Jamie Hemingway shared a staff report reflecting donation amounts for the first quarter of the fiscal year.
- On motion by Trustee Rodriguez, seconded by Trustee Ruf, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, the donations were acknowledged.

b) Acknowledge \$369,533.00 donation for the Downtown Reno Library by the Estate of Judith Bark. [For Possible Action]

- Hemingway publicly thanked the Judith Bark estate for the generous donation. Explained how gift funds are used. Clarified that the funds were designated for Downtown Reno and explained the internal codes used to show which branches received donations.

- On motion by Trustee Ruf, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote, the donation was acknowledged.
- c) Review and approve adjusted library schedule for Duncan/Traner and Verdi partnership libraries: Close when the Washoe County School District is not in session for school break. [For Possible Action]
- Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro shared that the Verdi and Duncan/Traner libraries will be closed during Washoe County School District breaks to better utilize staff. Clarified that these partnership branches are staffed by Sierra View and Northwest Reno branch staff who, when not working at the partnership, are working fulltime at their home branches. Chair Silver asked if these breaks will include summer. Solaro explained that the partnerships are open during the summer, and more discussion can be had later. Chair Silver questioned how the decision was made. Solaro shared that library staff utilized check-out data from past school breaks to make this decision and that the data was similar for Duncan/Traner and Verdi.
  - Trustee Rodriguez clarified that the breaks in question were for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break. She suggested families do not go to the libraries during these times because of family functions. Solaro agreed. Chair Silver asked if the October break was included. Solaro shared that the October break had already passed and this discussion was only for the upcoming season. A full discussion of the library hours will come to the board in the coming months. Noted that the closure dates given to the board were taken from the Washoe County School District website.
  - On motion by Trustee Ruf, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote, the partnership library closures during school breaks were approved.

d) Select an Option for meeting the Materials-Expenditure Standard Pursuant to the Minimum Public Library Standards as set forth by the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records. [For Possible Action]

- Collections Development Manager Debi Stears explained the Nevada State Library's requirements regarding minimum public library standards for the collections budget and listed three options to meet the standard. Explained that the library did not meet options 1 and options 3, and suggested option 2. Clarified that the 10% increase to the collections budget was approved by the board for FY 2027 but that the library budget is still under the minimum requirement for FY 2026. Trustee Jacks asked if the requirement is yearly and if an adjustment would be needed each year. Stears confirmed the requirement is yearly and may require continued adjustment depending on future library budgets. Trustee Jacks asked if this had been approved last year. Stears clarified that FY 2025's budget included \$1.4 million for the collection's budget so it wasn't an issue, but this year the budget fell to \$700,000.
- Chair Silver noted the budget sent to the BCC didn't include this adjustment. Stears clarified that this year's budget is unique and the \$1.3 million held in abeyance was taken from the collections budget. Stears suggested releasing the funds.
- Trustee Rodriguez asked for confirmation that this need was to meet and comply with state library standards. Stears confirmed.
- On motion by Chair Silver, seconded by Trustee Ruf, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote, the board selected Option II (30% of the Services & Supplies budget) as Washoe County Library System's Minimum Public Library Standards compliance method for FY 2025/2026.
- Silver called for a recess at 6:17pm. The meeting resumed at 6:22pm.

7) Public Comment – Three Minute Time Limit Per Person [Non-Action Item]



- Shari Sanders: Shared a personal story illustrating the library's impact. Shared information about a free First Amendment Rights workshop. Thanked the library board, staff, and Solaro. Playfully requested more books about dragons.
- Janet Butcher: Corrected her earlier comment regarding donation figures and clarified a misunderstanding about materials expenditure timing.
- Tara de Queiroz: Highlighted how low the collections budget is compared with years previous and urged the board to release the 1.3 million dollars currently held in abeyance.

#### 8) Staff Announcements [Non-Action Item]

- Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro confirmed the updated bylaws would be posted online. He apologized for the delay and clarified that staff were waiting on him to obtain the Chair's signature.
- Solaro clarified that the meeting locations are set by the board in advance, but Chair Silver had requested the meeting be held at Downtown Reno.
- Shared that the meeting minutes were completed in advance but due to current processes for compiling the packet, they hadn't been shared earlier. Expressed appreciation for the board's feedback about this process.
- Reported that the BCC acknowledged the FY 2027 budget recommendation by the board and that final approval would be expected in June 2026. Clarified that the additional 10% for the book budget will go before the BCC in Spring 2026. Thanked staff for their valuable insights and shared the BCC's kudos to the Library Board for their hard work on the budget. Cautioned that the library system won't be held at a different standard to other departments during the BCC's decision process.

- Chair Silver asked for a timeline for approval. Solaro responded that the BCC will share a tentative budget to the state in April 2026. The final approval will happen in June 2026.
- Solaro shared that recruitment for open positions is ongoing, and temporary closures would be required at select branches in December and January, as well as Saturdays at Incline Village.
- Chair questioned if Saturdays are the busiest at Incline. Solaro responded that he worked with staff to determine what would have the least amount of impact on the Incline community. Mentioned there is a book vending machine at the Incline branch for families to use and noted that wintertime changes the dynamics of library visits. Chair Silver asked for clarification regarding the closure on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Solaro explained it was due to staffing levels. Shared plans to discuss library hours and staffing adjustments at the January meeting.

#### 9) Adjournment

- Chair Silver adjourned the meeting at 6:37pm.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DOCUMENTS

From November 19<sup>th</sup>  
2025 Meeting

Submitted for  
inclusion in the record

Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records  
Public Library Standards  
Calendar Year 2025

Library name: Washoe County Library System

If you meet the criteria, check the box to the left and select option if required. If you do not meet the criteria, leave blank.

MINIMUM PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS FOR NEVADA	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. The library must be legally established and operated in compliance with <a href="#">NRS 379</a> , <a href="#">NAC 379</a> , <a href="#">NRS 380.153</a> and <a href="#">NAC 380.010</a> including having written by-laws and policies for the management of the library board of trustees and the library.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. The library board of trustees shall have a written master plan designed to extend five years into the future and which must be made current at least every two years. The plan and its updates are filed with the Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records by January 31 of the year following their adoption by the library board (NRS 379.003).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. The library collects, provides, and coordinates access to library materials that are organized according to a nationally accepted classification system; the library ensures access to legal materials (NRS 380.153, NAC 380.010) through collections, online resources, or collaborative agreements with other agencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. The library must have a completed annual statistical report for the preceding fiscal year accepted by, and on file with, the Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records by December 31 to be made available in a timely manner for national reporting.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. The library has regular and published hours of operation with a "system" wide average of twenty hours per identified branch/outlet per week including some night and/or weekend hours.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. The library consists of a specific space designated for providing library services with the facilities, equipment, and staff necessary to enable public access to information.
<input type="checkbox"/> Option: <input type="text"/>	7. The Library Board of Trustees shall select from one of three options as a means by which to validate and document the library's efforts to maintain a collection appropriate to community needs. Local funding must meet or exceed: a. 90% - Local collection expenditures (PLS 11.23) divided by an average of the past five years' local collection expenditures. b. 30% - Current local collection expenditures (PLS 11.23) divided by total other operating expenditures (PLS 12.21). c. 10% - Local collection expenditures (PLS 11.23) divided by total operating expenditures (PLS 13.1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Option: <input type="text"/>	8. Library Certification for Staff a. Population (legal service area) of 1,000 – 14,999. Public library jurisdictions shall have a library director who holds the credential of certified librarian from the State of Nevada (NAC 379.010). b. Population (legal service area) of 15,000 – 49,999. Public library jurisdictions shall have a library director who holds the credential of certified librarian from the State of Nevada (NAC 379.010). Any additional staff holding a full-time library position performing the duties of reference and/or children's services shall hold the credential of certified librarian from the State of Nevada (NAC 379.010). c. Population (legal service area) of 50,000 or more. Public library jurisdictions shall have a library director who holds a master's degree in library or information science from a college or university accredited by the American Library Association. A consolidated library district that serves a population of more than 1,000,000 may establish the educational qualifications of the executive director, which may include, without limitations, holding a master's degree in library and information science. Any additional staff in the position of librarian or other full-time professional library position performing the duties of reference and/or children's services shall hold the credential of certified librarian from the State of Nevada (NAC 379.010). d. Any public Library Board of Trustees that has declined to adopt NAC 379.010, Section 1 and whose librarians are not exempted under NAC 379.010, Section 2 may bring their library into compliance with this standard by adopting a good faith effort to meet the standards for public library employees delineated in NAC 379.020.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9. Public libraries shall agree to lend circulating materials in accordance with the state-wide interlibrary loan program Information Nevada. Postage charges for interlibrary loans are assumed by the library, not the user.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10. Public libraries shall extend to Nevada library card holders the same lending privileges received by their card holders. Nevada card holders will not be charged a non-resident fee when borrowing from any Nevada public library.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11. Public libraries not meeting one or more of the above standards shall submit a "Request for Waiver of Minimum Standards" form to NSLAPR which includes the reason for the waiver, the action taken to comply with the standard, and the projected date for compliance with the standard.

(Amended 11/15/2024)

Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information above is correct.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date Submitted

Print Name

Title

Good evening Trustees,

11/19/2025

Sandee Tibbett for the record.

I want to express my appreciation for the positive direction our library system is taking under the leadership of the current board and with Mr. Solaro's guidance. I was able to watch Mr. Solaro's presentation to the commissioners yesterday and I found it extremely helpful. It clarified several questions I had and reinforced my confidence in our path forward. I believe this marks the first time in many years that a library board has had meaningful oversight of the budget process, which I am grateful. This board is establishing a strong foundational framework that will benefit future boards for years to come. I also fully recognize that the commissioners hold the final authority on the FY 2027 budget, and I particularly appreciate Commissioner Andriola's clear and equitable statement that the library's requested amount, like those of other departments, may be adjusted as needed.

I believe a comprehensive review of our library's budget and operational processes across all of our locations would be valuable. Such an analysis could identify opportunities to enhance efficiency, adopt best practices, and potentially redirect savings toward strengthening our collection and programming. I fully support Commissioner Clark's recommendation to engage an independent third-party auditor. An objective, external review would provide the transparency our community deserves and help rebuild the public trust that has been eroded in recent years. So, I respectfully request that the new director and board of trustees prioritize commissioning an independent, third-party audit of our library system's budget and operations.

I am genuinely hopeful and excited about the next chapter for our library system as we welcome a new director. After the challenges and divisions of recent years, this transition represents a vital opportunity to heal, rebuild trust, and move forward together as a stronger, more unified community. Someone who listens thoughtfully to patrons, staff, and stakeholders alike, and who values diverse perspectives rather than advancing any personal or hidden agenda.

Above all, I pray we hire a director we can trust—someone whose integrity and openness will guide us toward a thriving, inclusive library system that truly serves and reflects the needs of our entire community we cherish.

Thank you to all those involved in this daunting task of creating the budget . Years of rogue unrestrained budget led you here and you have taken up the duty with effort, especially as unpaid volunteers. I heard several comments that you should not have to get into the weeds, unfortunately you needed to and again thank you to those of you who attempted to.

Can someone from the board remind us during the Trustee comments why the Materials-Expenditure was not part of the Recommendation that was requested to be presented to the Washoe County Commissioners on 11/18/2025?

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve the request from the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees, for a fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) base budget equal to the combined current fiscal year 2026 budgets [General Fund \$14,374,168 and Library Expansion Fund \$3,299,910] adjusted as appropriate to account for future contractual obligations as the baseline budget within the General Fund of Washoe County for purposes of supporting library services in our community.

Budget Total as of 11/18/2025 as presented to the Washoe Board of County Commissioners:  
\$17,674,078 proposed for the budget, Please Note: No action taken.

Does this mean the term 'Expansion Fund' will be retired and it all becomes 'General Fund'? Please clarify.

Question: This amount does not include the Book Procurement amount that will be discussed in this evenings Library Trustee Meeting (11/19/2025) being referred to as Materials-Expenditure? Will this always be a separate budget item and not part of the General Fund?

6) General Business

d) Select an Option for meeting the Materials-Expenditure Standard Pursuant to the Minimum Public Library Standards as set forth by the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records [For Possible Action]

It was exciting to see the Donations provided to the library totaling just shy of three quarter of a million (\$746,604.40). Very generous of Estate of Judith Bark. Again, I will put out a challenge to those individuals and Political entities that have denounced the outcome of the People's vote to please step forward and put a passion into fund raisers for the library. Money donated out of want is so much nicer than money forced from government! I bet a lot could be raised from a ground initiative!

6) General Business

a) Acknowledge 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Cash and Non-Cash Donations received by Washoe County Library between July 1 and September 30, 2025, for a combined total of \$376,951.40. [For Possible Action]

b) Acknowledge \$369,653.00 donation for the Downtown Reno Library by the Estate of Judith Bark. [For Possible Action]

As presented in the Staff Report accompanying Agenda Item 12 during the Washoe Board of County Commissioners meeting dated 11/19/2025: Please Note: No Motion was acted upon.

POSSIBLE MOTION: Should the Board agree with the staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to direct staff to prepare the Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) base budget for the Washoe County Library System within the General Fund, equal to the combined current Fiscal Year 2026 budgets for the General Fund and Library Expansion Fund, adjusted as appropriate to account for future contractual obligations, as the baseline budget for purposes of supporting library services in our community."