



**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024
10:00 A.M.
SOUTH VALLEYS LIBRARY
15650A Wedge Pkwy, Reno, NV 89511**

Library Trustees

Gianna Jacks, Chair
Lea Moser, Vice-Chair
Al Rogers, Trustee
Ann Silver, Trustee
Tami Ruf, Trustee

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We begin by acknowledging that we gather today on the ancestral homelands of the Wašičiw (Washoe), Numu (Northern Paiute), Newe (Western Shoshone), Nuwu (Southern Paiute), and Pipa Aha (Mojave), the original caretakers of the land that we now call Nevada. Washoe County, formally named after the Washoe people in 1861, continues to be a gathering place and home for Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their rich history and deep connections to these lands. May we honor their past, present, and future stewardship by remembering that the health of the land and its people are inextricably linked.

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- 0) Salute to the Flag
- 1) Roll Call [Non-Action Item]
- 2) Public Comment – Three Minute Time Limit Per Person [Non-Action Item]
No discussion or action by the Board may be taken upon any matter raised under this public comment section until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda.
- 3) Board Comment [Non-Action Item] – Limited to Announcements, Strategic Plan Activity, Updates or Issues Proposed for Future Agendas and/or Workshops
- 4) Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a) Approval of Minutes from the Library Board Meeting of April 17, 2024 [For Possible Action]
- 5) Old Business [Non-Action Item]
None
- 6) New Business
 - a) Discussion of the current process utilized for approval of a library program or event. [Non-Action Item]
 - b) Discussion of establishing a schedule to have library policies brought to the LBOT for review. [Non-Action Item]
 - c) Presentation and Discussion on the Library Budget by Library Director Jeff Scott [Non-Action Item]
 - d) Review and Possible Revision of Library Board of Trustee Bylaws [For Possible Action]
 - e) Review of Library Director Evaluation Process [Non-Action Item]
- 7) Reports
 - a) Library Director Update by Director Jeff Scott [Non-Action Item]
 - b) Library Financial Report and Donations by Director Jeff Scott and Development Officer Jamie Hemingway [Non-Action Item]
 - c) Library Statistical Report by Director Jeff Scott [Non-Action Item]
 - d) Renew Washoe County Libraries Update by Director Jeff Scott [Non-Action Item]
 - e) South Valleys Library Presentation by Library Branch Manager Julie Ullman [Non-Action Item]
 - f) Maker Team Presentation by Library Branch Manager Julie Ullman [Non-Action Item]
- 8) Staff Announcements [Non-Action Item]
No discussion or action may be taken upon any matter raised under this comment section until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda.
- 9) Adjournment



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, April 17, 2024

5:30 P.M.

The Board met in regular session in a hybrid format via Zoom webinar and in person.

Trustee Gianna Jacks called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

0) Salute to the flag

1) ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Gianna Jacks, Albert Rogers, Tami Ruf, Ann Silver
(Lea Moser appeared virtually at 7:22pm)

Board Members Absent: None

County Staff Present: Library Director Jeff Scott, Deputy District Attorney
Herbert Kaplan

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Valerie Fiannaca: Spoke on the Fiannaca lawsuit. Asked the board to have a closed session on vacancies.

2. James Benthin: spoke to the board about making libraries a safe haven for everyone. Requested pornography be removed from the library.

3. William Puchert: Has attended the meeting for a year now. Has witnessed library staff being bullied at the meetings due to homophobic beliefs. Would like to see the bullying stop.

4. Debi Stears: Spoke about members that will be having their appeals of library materials heard. Made a request to the board that the members be put to the front of the agenda to ensure they be heard.

5. Kris Dondero: Worked in the Spanish Springs Library from 2005 to 2020. She retired during covid and wanted to thank her coworkers for the professionalism and neutrality shown. Her job as a librarian was to promote literacy and provide information.
6. Manuel Sanchez: Spoke on his opposition to drag queen story event.
7. Isabella: Spoke about how the library programs need to respect the discussion of parents and public. Is opposed to the drag queen story event.
8. Briana S: Spoke about how not age appropriate for adolescence should not be taught or demonstrated in any way.
9. Lynn Arnone: Spoke on her support to Washoe County library policies and positions that keep books on the shelf. Especially the ones that represent and reflect our community's diverse population.
10. Bruce Parks: Spoke about the issue he has with the library not agendizing Constitution Day. He had made the proposal and did not hear anything back. Would like to hear back regarding his proposal.
11. Charles Elliott: Spoke on how he is trying to support the banning of certain books and titles in libraries.
12. Jenny Clark: Spoke on her opposition to drag queen story event.
13. Stacy Spain: Spoke on her support to drag queen story event.
14. Ilya Arisa: spoke about her opposition to books being banned from the library shelves.
15. Naseem Jamnia: Spoke on her support to not ban books from the library.
16. Cliff Nellis: Spoke on his request to the Board to remove Mr. Scott from his position. And his support to book banning.
17. Cate Salim: Spoke on the Washoe County code of conduct. Hopes the members or trustees will take the codes to heart.
18. Candace Powell: Spoke on her support to drag queen story event.
19. Alanna Fitzgerald: Spoke on her opposition to book banning.
20. Jester Lerity: Spoke on her support to drag queen story event.
21. Jessie Ebbe: Spoke on her support to the County Library's diverse programming and diverse book selection. Is opposed to book banning.
22. Brooke Westlake: Spoke on her opposition to drag queen story event.

23. Drew Ribar: Spoke on his support to book banning and censorship. And opposition to drag queen story event.
24. Helena Davis: Spoke on support for drag queen story event.
25. Tanya Freeman: Churchill County resident that spoke on support to book banning and opposition to drag queen story event.
26. Eric Lerude: Spoke on his support for the drag queen story event. Opposition to book banning.
27. Daniela Garcia: Spoke on her opposition to drag queen story event.
28. Dayana Garcia Navarro: Spoke on her opposition to drag queen story event.
29. Yureli Vivar: Spoke on opposition to drag queen story event.
30. Rose Orellano: Spoke on opposition to drag queen story event.
31. December Cuccaro: Spoke on opposition to drag queen story event.
32. Kate Whitfield: Spoke on her support to not ban books from the libraries and her support to drag queen story event.
33. Cody Martin: Spoke on the opposition of drag queen story event.
34. Zoe Stears-Macauley: Spoke on support on not banning books.
35. Liar Singer: Spoke on the children reading programs at the libraries and how he is appreciative of such programs.
36. Lisa Cantos: Spoke on support of drag queen story event.
37. Janet Butcher: Spoke on opposition to drag queen story event.
38. Nichelle Hull: Spoke on support for book banning in the library.
39. Cristina Ferguson: Spoke on opposition to book banning.
40. Joni Hammond: Spoke on opposition to book banning and censorship.
41. Debbie Hudgens: Spoke on support to no book banning or censorship.
42. Christina Page: Spoke on her support to no book banning or censorship.
43. Argyle Mikkelsen: Spoke on support for the non-banning of books.

44. Victoria Myer: Spoke on opposition to drag queen story event and support to banning books.

45. Alex Menville Spoke to support drag queen story event.

46. Steph Aiteann: Spoke of the opposition to banning books and censorship.

47. Riley Kusnick: Spoke on opposition to banning books.

48. Samantha Strasser: Spoke on support for drag queen story event.

49. Amy Cavanaugh: Spoke on support for drag queen story event.

8) Board Comment [Non-Action Item] -Limited to Announcements, Strategic Plan Activity, Updates, or issues proposed for Future Agendas and or Workshops.

Trustee Rogers spoke on the agenda preview and how the changes to agendas need to be transparent as distributed by the chair. Wanted to make sure with legal counsel that there were no open meeting violations. Would like to entertain when the chair has a request to change the agenda to ask the other members if they are in concurrence with changing the agenda. Making a comment under pulling number 8. Would like to keep the agenda as is written and presented.

Trustee Silver: Thanked all that attend the library meetings and speak on the values and beliefs they have. Past lawyer in mitigation and would like to act as a mediator on the board for those agree to disagree issues. Would like to see Bruck Parks as part of the committee.

Trustee Ruf: Agrees with Trustee Silver with the need for a mediator. The job of a Trustee is to support the library and the conflicts leading back to a year ago. Need to have access to resolve issues. Need to support the library mission.

Trustee Moser: Wanted to echo the other Trustees and wanted to see if the issues are constitutional and need to be constitutional protected.

Chair Jack: Wanted to introduce the board and address the public comments. Public comments are spoken from the heart and there is a ton of emotion. Not trying to hurt anyone and imploring them to speak. Appreciated the public that attended. The agenda did not have final approval from herself, and it was published to the public before she approved. Not trying to be difficult but she moved items around so everyone could have a chance to speak and hear the items.

3) Approval of Meeting Minutes:

a) Approval of Minutes from the Library Board Meeting of January 17, 2024 [For Possible Action]

Trustee Rogers moved to approve the library board meeting minutes from January 17, 2024.
Lea Grace second the motion.

Chair Jack wanted to address the minutes drastic change from December minutes. The minutes have a new flow. A new sense of detail and punctuation. Will call for public comment on this agenda.

Bruce Parks: Good Job

Janet Butcher: Sent in an open meeting law violation for the December 20th minutes. They were approved in January but noted that the minutes were incorrect.

Chair Jack: Have a motion on the table to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Motion carries the meeting minutes are approved unanimously.

4) Old Business [Non-Action Item]

None

5) New Business

a) National Library Week Proclamation:

Director Scott read and presented the proclamation for National Library week.

e) Appeal of Library Director's decision regarding book challenges as follows. Decisions on appeals should be based on the Collection Development Policy, the material, careful review of the objection and the American Library Association's Bill of rights, Freedom to Statement, freedom to view statement and guidelines of intellectual freedom. [For Possible Action]

Debbie Stears Collection Development manager presented a PowerPoint on what the policy is. The policy is our contract with our community about how we conduct the business of building a collection and making it available. It is only as strong as the consistency which we apply it. How is it that we purchase for the library and where do we place them and how do we decide what to withdraw. Tried to pull out the exact language from that policy. The policy distinguishes what the board's responsibility is in hearing these appeals and it is how it is agenzized for this meeting and so it calls on the board to look at. Washoe County library system follows the collection development policy and the acquisition and the placement of the titles in question. To look at the works in question evaluated as a whole careful review of the objection. The objections were uploaded in their entirety as submitted by the people requesting reconsideration. Looking at the ALA bill of rights the American Library Association freedom to read and freedom to view statements and guidelines on intellectual freedom.

Nichelle Hull: Sent a letter to Debbie Stears along with an affidavit and all the challenges and book reports to the entire board. The letter is to contest Director Scott telling the challengers that the books being challenged will not be moved or placed elsewhere. The correct form was used to submit to the group but yet feels it is being disregarded and ignored.

1. Challenge submitted by Sandee Tibbit regarding Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe, and Flamer by Mike Curato. Submitted her reviews as to why she feels the books should be banned/censored. Not appropriate for library material.
2. Challenge submitted by Darla Lee regarding looking for Alaska by John Green, and Zenobia July by Lisa Bunker: Feels the books are not age appropriate and feels the book could fall into vulnerable children. Feels the book is not appropriate for young teens. The

book is more for adults and should be placed as such.

3. Challenge Submitted by Mary Graham regarding Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger and Date me, by Bryson Keeler by Kevin Van Whye: Was not present to speak but she submitted documentation which is provided in the packets. Citizen request is to change from young adult section to adult. Elastoe change category for adult not appropriate for young reader.
4. Challenge submitted by Bruce Foster regarding All Boys Aren't Blue by George M Johnson: Would like to request the book be removed and not be accessible to young adolescents. The subject matter and verbiage is not educational or feasible to young adults.
5. Challenge submitted by Dawn Cooper regarding Heartstopper Volume 3 by Alice Oserman: Book is about sexuality of young adults and 12- to 13-year-olds should not engage in this sort of topic. Not asking to ban the book but move to adult section.

Trustee Ruff: Would like to hear what Debbie has to say regarding the specific books her presentation before was the overall process for what a challenged book looks like would like to see what the eight books being challenged looks like.

Chair Jack stated she feels the concerns are out of the library hands. The board has heard the public. Read the letters not sure if the board is looking to entertain a motion or discussions.

Trustee Silver: Its discouraging to recall what we never actually created a process for. It is neglectful on the board part to say the least we must process oriented, guidelines, and responsibilities. We do not have a process. This is a serious debate. I am not prepared to make a motion or a decision on any of the books. Wants to have an opportunity to look into the topics on a further level.

Vice-Chair Moser: Does not feel the board should make a decision tonight on the topic.

Trustee Rogers: Offered a motion at this point to either move forward or at least discuss that under item 5e that the board denies the challenge submitted by Sandy Tibbet regarding gender queer by Maya Kapi and flamer by Mike Cuardo. Deny the challenge submitted by Darla Lee regarding Looking for Alaska by John Green and Zenobia July by Lisa Buncker. Deny the challenge submitted by Mary Graham regarding Elatsoe by Darcy Little Badger and Date Me Bryson Keeler by Kevin Van White. Deny the challenge submitted by Bruce Foster regarding All Boys aren't Blue by George M Johnson. And deny the challenge submitted by Dawn Cooper regarding Heartstopper volume 3 by Alice Oserman.

Trustee Silver second the motion.

1. Valerie Fiannaca: Spoke on her support to the book ban
2. Terry: Spoke on her support to the book ban.
3. Stacy Spain: Spoke on her opposition to ban books.
4. Bruce Parks: Spoke on his support to ban books.

5. Gayle Townsend: Spoke on opposition to the appeal.
6. Nancy: Spoke on her support to ban books.
7. Steph Horn: Spoke on his support to ban books.
8. Ashley Modio: Spoke on her support to the library collective.
9. Victoria Meyer: Spoke to her support to ban books.
10. Alan Wilson: Spoke to his support to ban books.
11. Michelle Hull: Spoke to her support to ban books.
12. Joana Schumaker: Spoke to her support to ban books.
13. Bri Schmidt: Spoke to her support to not ban or censor the books.
14. William Puchert: Spoke against book banning

Chair Jaeck stated there is a motion on the table by Trustee Rogers they are block voting the *five citizen appeals*. *The motion will be to deny the appeal and there is a second on the table from Trustee Ruff. Chair Jaeck was a nay but motion passed.*

Vote Yes:

Vote No:

Trustee Silver

Chair Jacks

Trustee Rogers

Trustee Ruf

Vice Chair Moser

6) Reports

- a) Library Director Update by Director Jeff Scott [Non-Action Item]
Director Scott gave an update for April 2024. There is library of the news. Promotions for National Library week, American Heart Association blood pressure monitors which are in the libraries now and can be checked out. Trustee Roth was appointed on RGJ which is where the story was covered. Tend to do two library updates so that everyone is updated. Book club with Rebecca Kitchen is held on Wednesdays. Play a big role in early literacy. A food bank and kids café which provides free meals for kids. Leadership academy. Book mobile.
- b) Renew Washoe County Libraries Update by Director Jeff Scott [Non-Action-Item]
Director Scott presented a power point. Touched on the Reno Washoe County Library initiative which is the tax override renewal. On November 5th we are going to ask County voters to decide whether we can extend a 30-year tax for construction. It's a renewal of 30-year tax override on new tax. Working on video and outreach media.
- c) Spanish Spring Library Report by Library Branch Manager Jana MacMillian [Non -Action Item]
Branch Manager Jana MacMillian presented a PowerPoint and updates to Spanish Springs Library.

Chair Jacks tabled remaining items and adjourned the meeting at 11:02pm



YOUTH SERVICES &
LIBRARY EVENTS

YSLE DEPARTMENT

JUNE-AUGUST 2023

SUMMER



YSLE DEPARTMENT



STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2025
WASHOE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Our Mission is to connect people with information, ideas, and experiences to support an enriched and engaged community, one person at a time

Our Vision is that all Washoe County residents benefit from the library's support of literacy and self-education

Washoe County Library Stimulates Imagination	Washoe County Library is a Welcoming Space	Washoe County Library Provides Workforce Building	Washoe County Library Provides School Support	Washoe County Library Provides Lifelong Learning
Stimulate Imagination: Enhance Washoe County Library System's Collection based on patron interest and proximity.	Welcoming Spaces: Enhance Washoe County Library System's Spaces through renovations, spaces, furniture, fixtures, and equipment.	Workforce Building: Provide Workforce Training and Virtual Space Opportunities for a COVID and Post-Covid Environment	School Support: Ensure Washoe County Library System supports in-school children to help them succeed.	Lifelong Learning: Improve the welfare and provide more resources for Lifelong Learners and Seniors in Washoe County.

Washoe County Library Celebrates Our Diverse Community	Washoe County Library Promotes the Library
Celebrate Our Diverse Community: Ensure we are serving everyone and celebrating everyone in our community.	Promote the Library: Renew Tax Initiative and ensure the library is financially secure.

- Oversight of the YSLE Team-The YSLE team supports the YSLE department in the oversight of the systemwide services, initiatives, and directives
- Develop and implement guidelines, policies, and procedures
- YSLE budget oversight
- Event planning
- Staff training
- Building connections throughout the community
- Community collaborations and partnerships
- Educational initiatives

YSLE Annual Planning Meeting
September 2023

The purpose of our annual planning meeting is to create an environment that synergizes creativity and collaboration among colleagues with a focus on team building, setting goals, and strategic planning.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERS FY 22/23

THANK
YOU



Thank you to all of the organizations that have collaborated with us over the past year. Your support has benefited our community through all the resources, knowledge, and experiences that you have brought to the region through your Washoe County Library System.

Educational Incentives

- The Children's Cabinet
- Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council
- Head Start
- Nevada Department of Education
- Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records
- Renown Medical Center
- Truckee Meadows Community College
- United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra's Reading Coalition
- University of Nevada Reno
- Washoe County School District

- Artown
- Arts 4 all Nevada
- City of Reno
- City of Sparks
- Community Foundation of Northern Nevada
- Community Services Agency
- Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada
- The Discovery
- Education Renaissance of Nevada Initiative
- Facilitate Joy
- Family Navigation Network
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada
- Historic Reno Preservation Society
- KUNR
- Nevada Department of Wildlife
- Nevada Historical Society
- Nevada Humanities
- Nevada Museum of Art
- Nevada State Parks
- Northern Nevada Literacy Council
- Northern Nevada Pride
- Our Center
- Paws 4 Love
- PBS Reno
- Pioneer Center Youth Programs
- The Radical Cat
- Reno Arts Consortium
- Reno Sparks Indian Colony
- Sierra Nevada Watercolor Society
- Washoe County

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

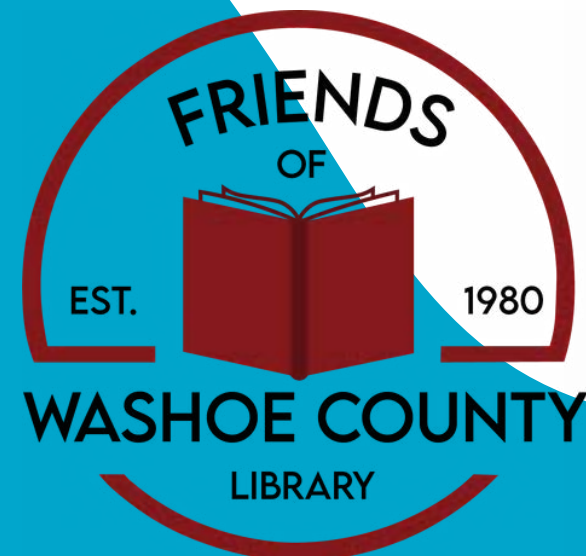
June 1 - July 31, 2023

♥ kindness

♥ friendship

♥ unity

The library is the perfect place to COME TOGETHER and create shared experiences.



All
Together
Now

Summer Reading Challenge Statistics

Ages 0-5



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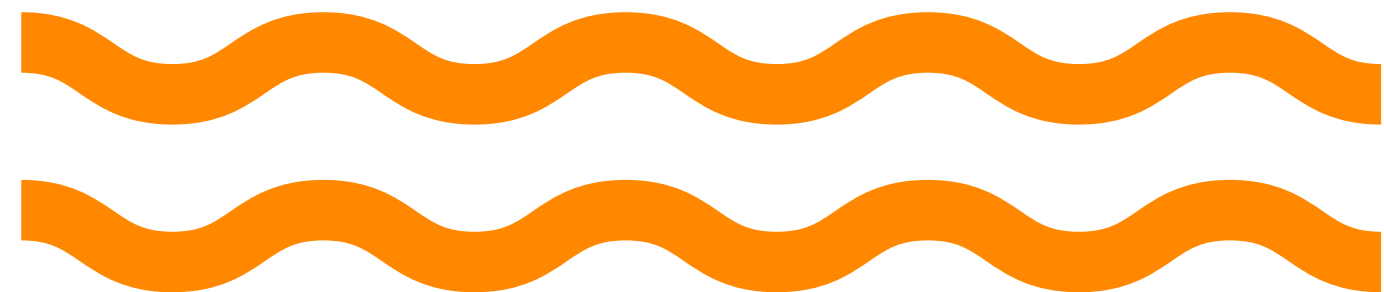
Ages 0-5





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 **REGISTRATIONS** **611**

 **MINUTES READ** **143,839**

 **BADGES EARNED** **5,935**



 Level 9 Read for 60 minutes	 Listen to a book on TumbleBooks Library	 Go outside and explore nature	 Level 1 Read for 60 minutes	 Attend a story time
 Sign up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	 Take a sensory walk in your neighborhood	 Level 2 Read for 60 minutes	 Read a book with your pet or stuffed animal	 Level 7 Read for 60 minutes
 Level 5 Read for 60 minutes	 Level 6 Read for 60 minutes	 REGISTER NOW!	 Dance to the beat of music	 Tell someone a story
 Read a book set in another country	 Level 10 Read for 60 minutes	 Read a funny book	 Write or draw a kindness card	 Level 3 Read for 60 minutes
 Read under a tree	 Read at a park	 Level 4 Read for 60 minutes	 Level 8 Read for 60 minutes	 Read in your pajamas

Summer Reading Challenge Statistics

Ages 6-11



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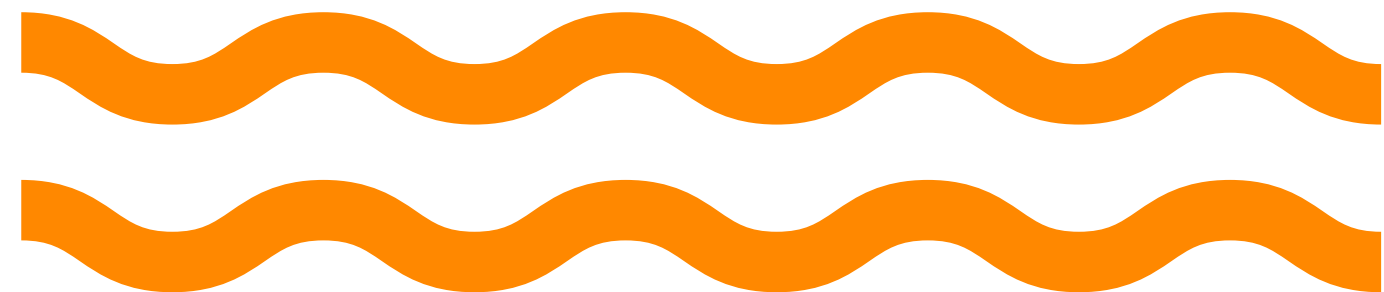
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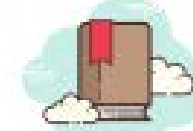















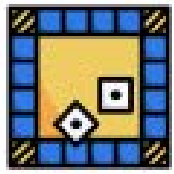



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 **REGISTRATIONS** **1,129**

 **MINUTES READ** **298,090**

 **BADGES EARNED** **9,845**



 Level 9 Read for 60 minutes	 Make a bookmark themed "All Together Now"	 Use our World Book database to read about "symbiosis"	 Level 1 Read for 60 minutes	 Draw a picture of a scene in your favorite book
 Build a fort with a friend, and read inside it together	 Read a book about a place you want to visit	 Level 2 Read for 60 minutes	 Learn about community helpers working near you	 Level 7 Read for 60 minutes
 Level 5 Read for 60 minutes	 Level 6 Read for 60 minutes	 REGISTER NOW!	 Attend a library event or find your closest library	 Bake and deliver a treat to a neighbor
 Find something you can donate to a good cause	 Level 10 Read for 60 minutes	 Ditch your screens day. Go outside and play	 Show someone your library card	 Level 3 Read for 60 minutes
 Play a new game with a partner	 Make a card and give it to someone special	 Level 4 Read for 60 minutes	 Level 8 Read for 60 minutes	 Try one of our STEAM Spark projects on our website

Summer Reading Challenge Statistics

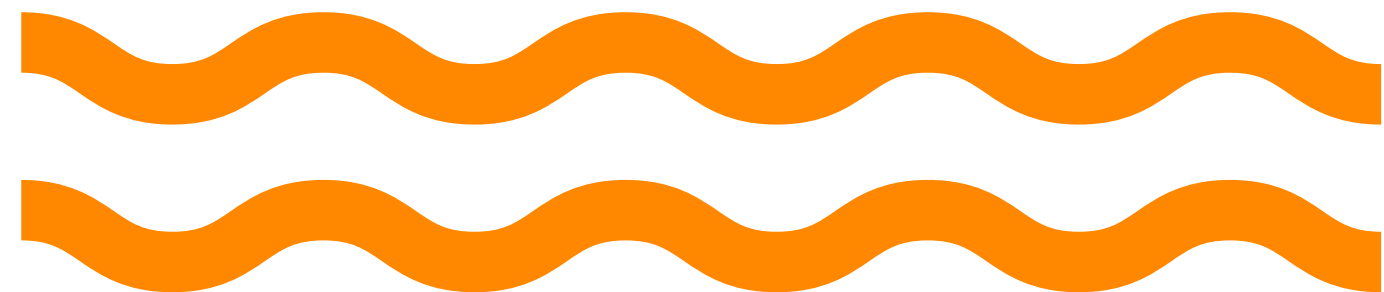
Ages 12-18



 **REGISTRATIONS** **233**

 **MINUTES READ** **73,427**























 **BADGES EARNED** **2,333**



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Ages 12-18

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 Level 9 Read for 60 minutes	 Attend a library event	 KIND Help someone	 Level 1 Read for 60 minutes	 Watch the sunrise, sunset, or stars
 SELF-CARE CHECKLIST Stretch for 10 minutes	 SAY YES! Say yes to something new	 Level 2 Read for 60 minutes	 Exchange a book with a friend	 Level 7 Read for 60 minutes
 Level 5 Read for 60 minutes	 Level 6 Read for 60 minutes	 REGISTER NOW!	 Start a gratitude journal	 BFF Have lunch with a friend
 Teach someone something new	 Level 10 Read for 60 minutes	 Take a walk	 Unplug from technology	 Level 3 Read for 60 minutes
 Recommend a book to someone	 Call your favorite person	 Level 4 Read for 60 minutes	 Level 8 Read for 60 minutes	 Sit quietly for 5 minutes

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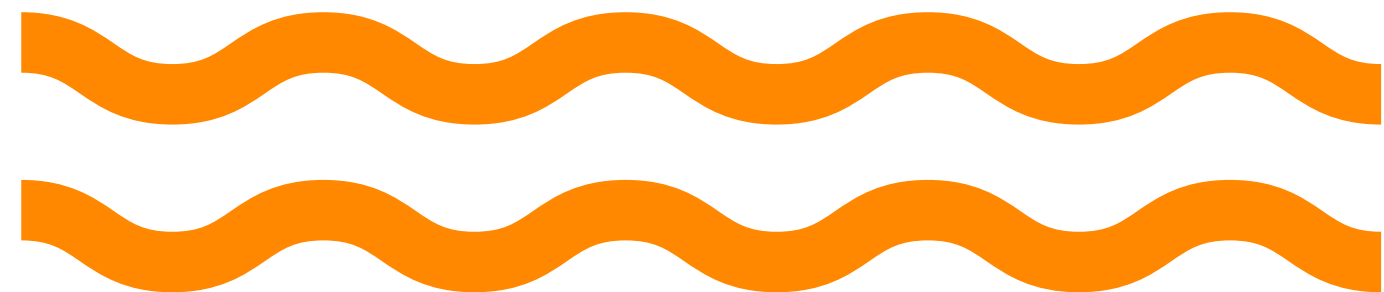
Ages 19+



 **REGISTRATIONS** **480**

 **MINUTES READ** **263,103**


























 **BADGES EARNED** **4,458**




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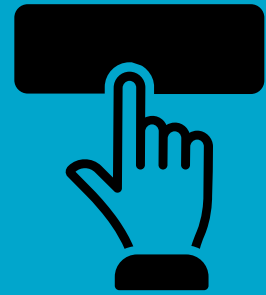
Ages 19+

To play, complete the categories listed below in a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line.

 <p>Level 10 Read for 60 minutes</p>	 <p>Learn a polite greeting in a new language with Mango Languages</p>	 <p>Read a YA or middle grade novel</p>	 <p>Level 2 Read for 60 minutes</p>	 <p>Attend a library event in person or online</p>
 <p>Reread a book you loved</p>	 <p>Follow us on social media or subscribe to our newsletter</p>	 <p>Level 4 Read for 60 minutes</p>	 <p>Check out a magazine through Libby</p>	 <p>Level 7 Read for 60 minutes</p>
 <p>Level 1 Read for 60 minutes</p>	 <p>Level 9 Read for 60 minutes</p>		 <p>Read a graphic novel</p>	 <p>Try a new recipe from a cookbook</p>
 <p>Recommend a book to a friend</p>	 <p>Level 6 Read for 60 minutes</p>	 <p>Read a book by an author who is new to you</p>	 <p>Browse course offerings in LinkedIn Learning</p>	 <p>Level 5 Read for 60 minutes</p>
 <p>Log into The New York Times or The Wall Street Journal and read one article</p>	 <p>Check out and listen to an audiobook in Libby</p>	 <p>Level 3 Read for 60 minutes</p>	 <p>Level 8 Read for 60 minutes</p>	 <p>Read a book set in a country you have never visited</p>

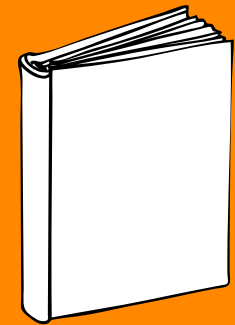
Summer Reading Challenge Statistics

All Ages



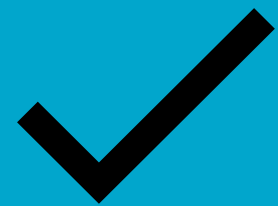
REGISTRATIONS

2,453



MINUTES READ

778,459



BADGES EARNED

22,571



EVENTS

Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Parties



Downtown Reno Library



Gerlach Community Library



**Duncan/Traner
Community Library**

Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Parties



Incline Village Library

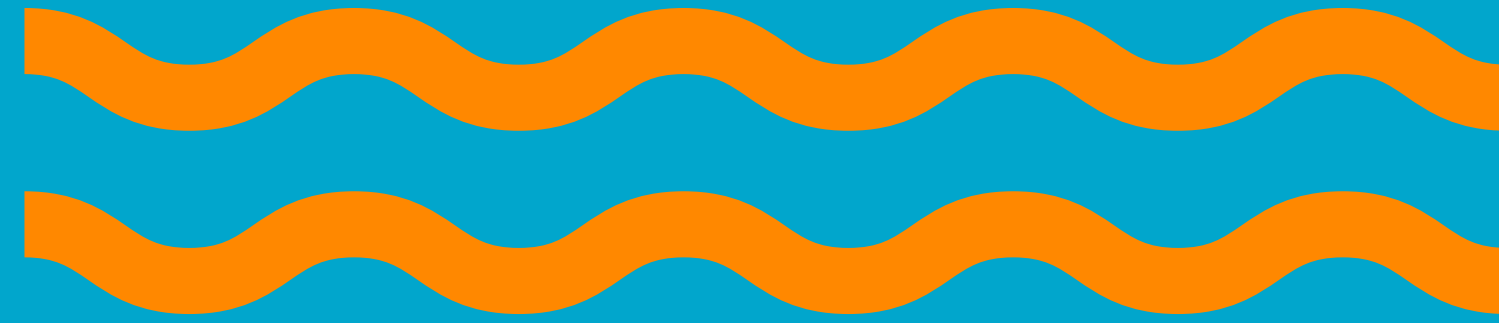


North Valleys Library



Northwest Reno Library

Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Parties



Sierra View Library

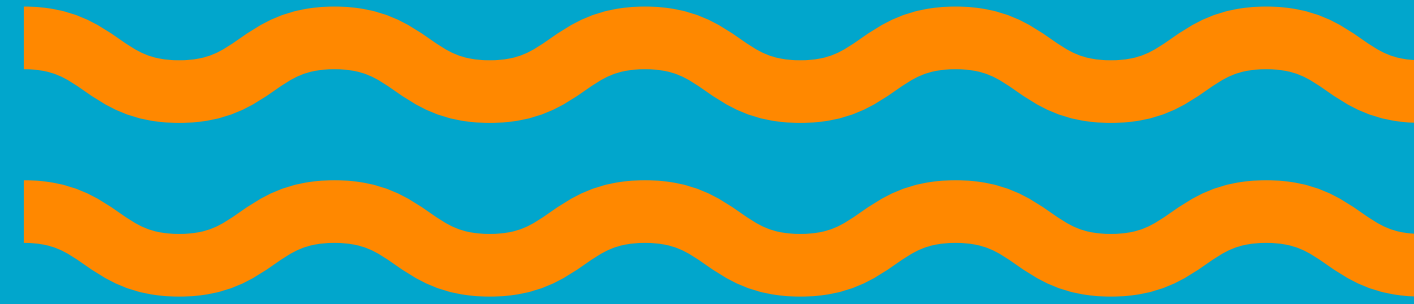


South Valleys Library

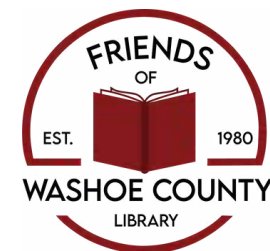


Spanish Springs Library

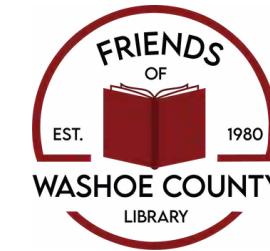
Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Parties



Sparks Library



Prize Selection!



Verdi Community Library

EVENTS—Stimulate Imagination

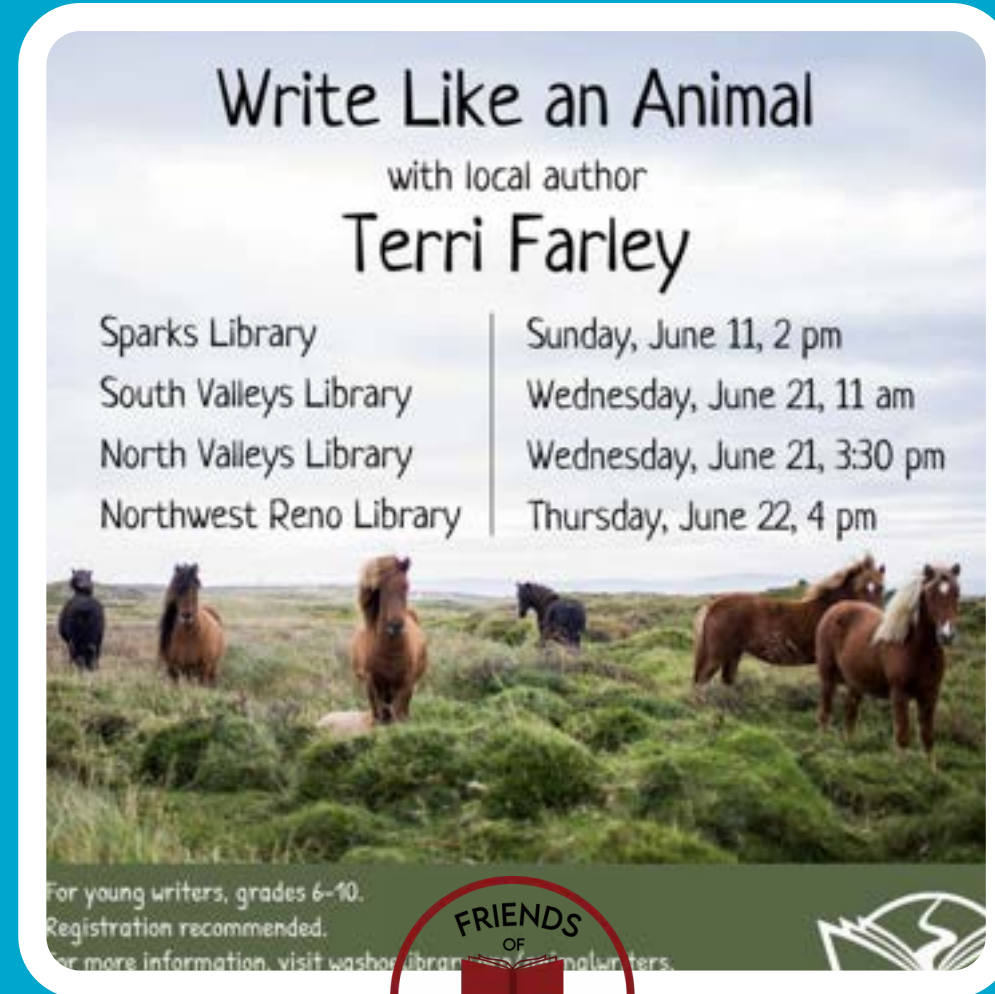


**All Together Now
Friendship Pins**

Washoe County Library branches will be offering special pins during the Summer Reading Challenge.

How many will you gather?

For young writers, grades 6-10. Registration recommended. For more information, visit washoelibrary.org.



Write Like an Animal
with local author
Terri Farley

Sparks Library	Sunday, June 11, 2 pm
South Valleys Library	Wednesday, June 21, 11 am
North Valleys Library	Wednesday, June 21, 3:30 pm
Northwest Reno Library	Thursday, June 22, 4 pm

For young writers, grades 6-10. Registration recommended. For more information, visit washoelibrary.org.

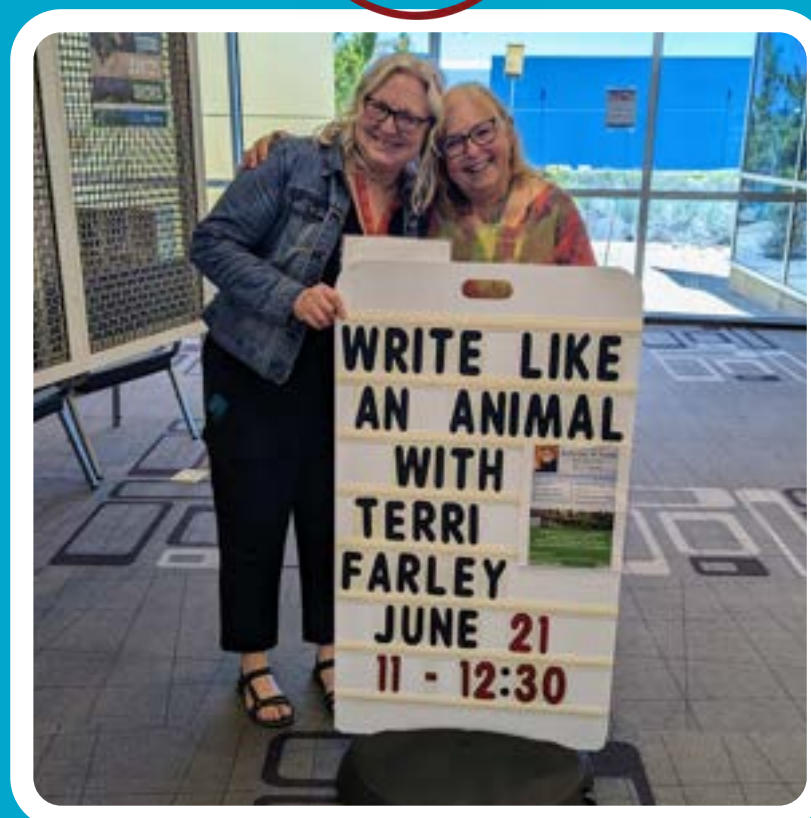
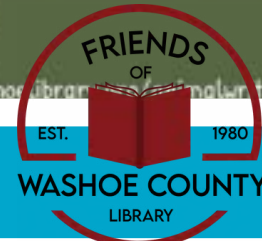


Our Connection with the Environment
Presented by the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Learn about our human connection with the environment and the principles of Leave No Trace.

North Valleys Library	Wednesday, July 5, 4:30 pm. All ages.
Sierra View Library	Friday, July 7, 4:30 pm. Ages 5 and up.
Sierra View Library	Saturday, July 8, 2 pm. Ages 18 and up.
Incline Village Library	Monday, July 10, 4 pm. All ages.
South Valleys Library	Thursday, August 3, 4 pm. Ages 8 and up.

For more information, visit washoelibrary.org/connection.



EVENTS

**YOUNG SHAKESPEARE:
AS YOU LIKE IT**
PRESENTED BY D.G. MENCHETTI EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A ONE-HOUR, INTERACTIVE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY ADAPTATION OF SHAKESPEARE'S COMEDY.

SOUTH VALLEYS LIBRARY	JULY 24, 11 AM
SPARKS LIBRARY LIBRARY	JULY 25, 1 PM
SPANISH SPRINGS LIBRARY	JULY 26, 3 PM
NORTH VALLEYS LIBRARY	JULY 27, 3:30 PM
INCLINE VILLAGE LIBRARY	AUGUST 2, 4 PM
DOWNTOWN RENO LIBRARY	AUGUST 3, 3 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WASHOELIBRARY.ORG/SHAKESPEARE

PAWS 2 READ

Practice reading with friendly therapy dogs and receive a free book. All ages welcome.

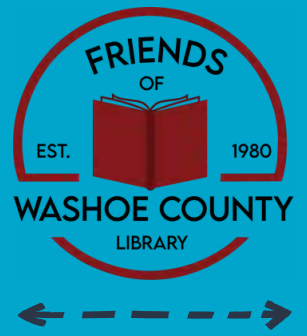
washoelibrary.org/paws2read

<u>2nd Thursday of every month</u> 4 pm Incline Village Library	<u>2nd Sunday of every month</u> 1:30 pm Spanish Springs Library
<u>2nd Saturday of every month</u> 10:30 am Sierra View Library 10:30 am Sparks Library 11 am Northwest Reno Library 11 am South Valleys Library 2 pm North Valleys Library	<u>3rd Sunday of every month</u> 11 am Downtown Reno Library



Kindness Cards

Conservation Ambassadors' Wild Things



Spark the IMAGINATION

featuring **Bethany Ann**

Sunday, August 13
11 am - noon
Sparks Library

Best for ages 5-12
Registration recommended
Visit washoecountylibrary.us/events for more information.

COMMUNITY HELPERS

Community Helpers Animal Services

South Valleys: Friday, June 16, 10:30 am
Sierra View: Friday, June 30, 11 am
Sparks: Tuesday, July 18, 1 pm
Downtown Reno: Friday, July 28, 11 am

Registration is required.
Visit washoelibrary.org/communityhelpers to register.



Come meet firefighters, see a fire truck up close,
and learn about the amazing work they do!
Best for ages 2 and up.



Community Helpers Fire Department

To register, visit washoelibrary.org/communityhelpers

Sierra View: Tuesday, June 6, 2 pm
Downtown Reno: Tuesday, July 25, 11 am



Community Helpers

Roads Department

Incline Village: Thursday, June 29, 10:30 am
South Valleys: Monday, July 10, 10:30 am
Sparks: Tuesday, August 1, 1 pm

Registration is required.
To register, visit washoelibrary.org/communityhelpers



Community Helpers

Meet Sheriff Balaam

Downtown Reno: Wednesday, June 28, 11 am
South Valleys: Monday, July 31, 11 am



Registration is required. To register,
visit washoelibrary.org/communityhelpers.



STORY TIME



story time
with the County Manager!

Join us for a special family story time with Washoe County Manager Eric Brown!



Incline Village Library
Thursday, July 13
10:30 am



Registration is recommended.
Register now at washoelibrary.org/managerbrown



story time
at the
Wilbur D. May Arboretum & Botanical Garden

Join your favorite Washoe County librarians for family-friendly outdoor story times in the Burke Garden at the Arboretum!

Thursdays, 10-11 am
June 1 - August 10
visit washoelibrary.org/arboretum for more information


1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
Spanish Springs Library



- Baby Story Time
- Bilingual Story Time
- Family Story Time
- Preschool Story Time
- Rainbow Story Time
- STEAM Story Time
- Toddler Story Time

KINDERGARTEN CAMP AT THE SIERRA VIEW LIBRARY

Tuesday, August 8
 Wednesday, August 9
 Thursday, August 10
 Friday, August 11

Registration required at washoelibrary.org/kindercamp



- School Outreaches
- Educator Outreaches
- Baby Library Cards

Celebrate Neurodiversity with Tiffany Hammond



To register for library events, scan the QR code or visit washoelibrary.org/tiffanyhammond

Why Race Matters When Talking About Neurodiversity - Virtual Event Friday, September 1, noon-12:45 pm

Tiffany Hammond - Autistic and AAC Advocate, and New York Times #1 bestselling author - will discuss why practitioners need to consider all aspects of an individual's identity when talking about neurodiversity. Service providers, therapists, educators, and anyone who works with autistic youth are encouraged to attend.



To register for this virtual event, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/whyracematters



Healing the Divide Between Autism Parents and Autistic Self-Advocates Downtown Reno Library Saturday, September 2, 12:30-1:30 pm

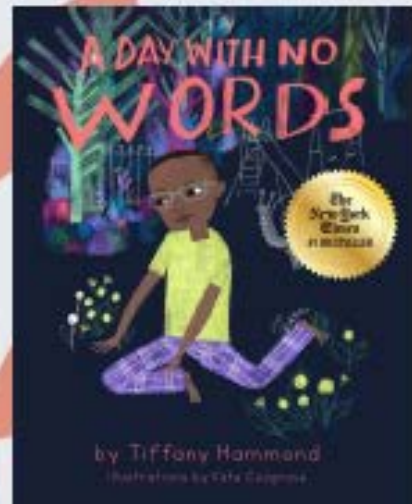
Online spaces have turned into battlegrounds between autistic self-advocates and parents raising individuals with autism. Heated arguments over language, symbols, and support methods have resulted in division in the community. How can we heal this divide so our community can work together? Books will be available for purchase thanks to The Radical Cat bookstore. Registration is required.

On the Kids' Shelf from KUNR

On the Kids' Shelf is a regular feature in partnership with KUNR. A Washoe County librarian will feature Tiffany Hammond's book *A Day With No Words* on the series. You can find this recording on our website at washoelibrary.org/otks.

Find a variety of titles on our Neurodiversity Awareness book list at washoelibrary.org/neurodiversity

This project is supported by a mini-grant from the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities at the University of Nevada, Reno and these community partners: Facilitate Joy! LLC, JUSTin HOPE Foundation, Structure3C, The Radical Cat, and the Washoe County Library System.



Sensory Story Time & Craft Downtown Reno Library Saturday, September 2, 10-11 am

Join author Tiffany Hammond for a special reading of her book *A Day With No Words*. This fun, interactive, and educational Sensory Story Time centers the needs of children with autism and/or sensory processing differences. A special craft will follow the Story Time. Books will be available for purchase thanks to The Radical Cat bookstore. Everyone is welcome. Registration is required.

Celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month with this special Story Time presented by Down Syndrome self-advocates. Enjoy stories, songs, and a fun craft centered around acceptance, kindness, and supporting one another.
Saturday, October 7
Sparks, 11 am



CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

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RAINBOWFEST!

This year's celebration of Drag Story Hour features fun for families, friends, and allies of all ages at three different library locations. Don't miss the arts and crafts, music, food, stories, and fun on **June 15** and **17**, and **July 15**!



Thursday, June 15 - Downtown Reno Library

10 am - noon: Crafts, stories

10:30 - 11 am: Drag Story Hour



For more information, visit washoelibrary.org/rainbowfest

Saturday, June 17 - North Valleys Library

10 am - 2 pm: Crafts, music, food, and stories

10:30 - 11 am & 1 - 1:30 pm: Drag Story Hour

Saturday, July 15 - Sparks Library

10 am - 2 pm: Crafts, music, food, and stories

10:30 - 11 am & 1 - 1:30 pm: Drag Story Hour



Event Attendance Totals

Drag Story Hour

357

Rainbowfest

537

ALL TOGETHER NOW



CELEBRATE DIVERSITY



Ballet Folklórico Raíces Del Fuego

琴聲樂團 **Melody** OF CHINA

Yangqin of Melody of China Concert



Catch soloist, Yangqin Zhao, member of the award-winning group, Melody of China, as she performs on her namesake instrument, the yangqin.

South Valleys Library • Tuesday, August 29, 4 pm
North Valleys Library • Wednesday, August 30, 10:30 am
Spanish Springs Library • Wednesday, August 30, 4 pm



Registration recommended.
To register, scan the QR code
or visit washoelibrary.org/melodyofchina

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WASHOE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM washoecountylibrary.us

Art and Spanish Conversation for Kids



TAMBORES DE MANO / HAND DRUMS
martes, 11 de julio / Tuesday, July 11
Sparks Library, 4 pm

washoelibrary.org/artandspanish



RAINBOW FAMILY STORY TIME

AUGUST 2 • 10:15 AM
SPARKS LIBRARY

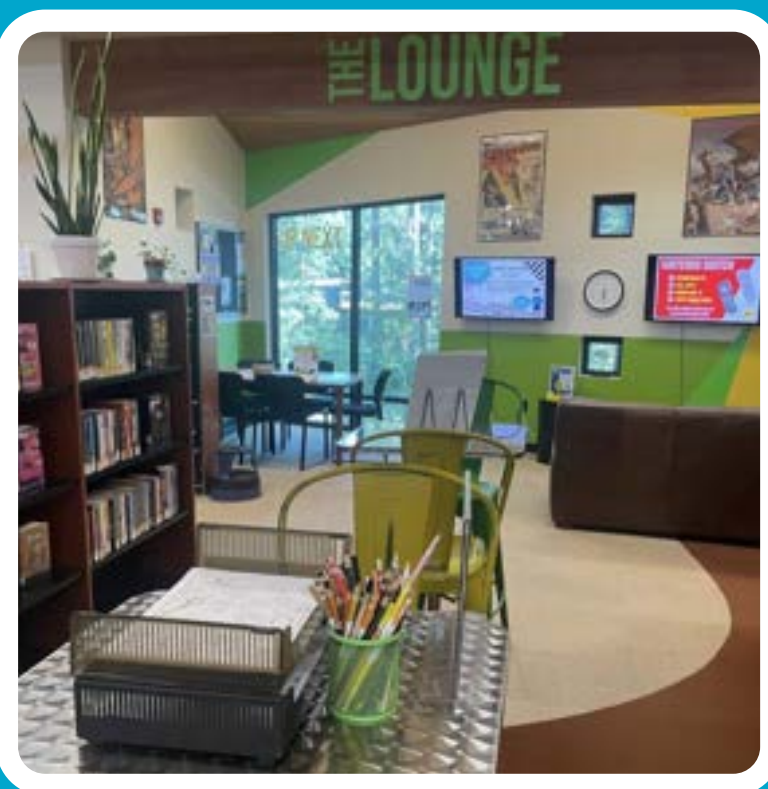
A STORYTIME TO CELEBRATE ACCEPTANCE, LOVE, INDIVIDUALITY, RESPECT, AND BELONGING

Learn more at washoelibrary.org/calshhustortime

Teen Engagement Group

UPCOMING

- TeenTober
- The Holland Project Outreach
- Volunteering Program
- Teen Survey-Teen Library Spaces



Teen Spaces-Passive Activities
Creative Drawing Prompts & Positive Affirmations



Teens Only SRC Party

Sierra View - Come sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge while enjoying fun activities and pizza!
Thursday, June 1, 5:30 pm

Summer Teen Wellness Series

Sierra View - focuses on self-care and self-expression
Tuesday, July 11, 3:30 pm - DIY heated rice pack
Wednesday, July 12, 3:30 pm - Beeswax candle making
Thursday, July 13, 3:30 pm - Painting and pizza
Downtown Reno - Join us at 4 pm every Thursday in July for a self-care activity and learn about resources to help support your overall well being.

Thursday, July 6, 4 pm - Teen Guerilla Poetry Party
Thursday, July 13, 4 pm - Sublimation
Thursday, July 20, 4 pm - STEAM: Teen Wellness Edition
Thursday, July 27, 4 pm - Teen Wellness Paint 'n' Pizza

Teen Zone Fun

South Valleys - Stop by the Teen Zone at the South Valleys Library all summer long for fun crafts and activities. A different project will be featured every week.

Teen Zone

Sparks - Wednesdays, 3 pm
Drop by the Sparks Teen Zone on Wednesdays for chill activities and conversation. Ages 13-18 are welcome. Each week has a different theme. Check them out!
1st: All Things Anime - Watch and discuss anime.
2nd: Create - Make something cool and take it home.
3rd: VR Studio - Go on a fun Virtual Reality adventure.
4th: Art Studio - Explore a different art medium.
5th: Mystery Activity - Show up to find out!

Are you following the library yet?

@WashoeLibrary on Twitter
@washoecountylibrary on Facebook
@washoecountylibrary on Instagram



Teen Career Building Miniseries

Sierra View - Hoping to get a summer job? Register for our three-part career-building program for teens!
Tuesday, June 20, 3:30 pm - Resume Writing
Wednesday, June 21, 3:30 pm - Navigating Job Boards
Thursday, June 22, 3:30 pm - Interviewing Skills and Strategies

Teen Tuesday

Northwest Reno - Just for teens! Enjoy a variety of activities on the fourth Tuesday of the month, 3:30 pm.

Teen Summer Movie Series

Incline Village
Tuesday, June 6, 4 pm - Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse
Tuesday, June 20, 4 pm - Justice League: The Flashpoint Paradox
Tuesday, July 11, 4 pm - Captain Marvel
Tuesday, July 25, 4 pm - Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark

Teen Crochet Workshop

Spanish Springs - At this workshop, we will learn the basics of crochet. Beginners and those needing support or to refresh their memories are welcome! Supplies will be provided. Join us for instruction, stay to finish off your craft. and make some friends!
Monday, June 26 - Wednesday, June 28, 1-3 pm

Get Involved!

To learn about volunteering for a branch and to complete an application, visit:
washoecountylibrary.us/volunteer





Nevada Historical Society presents
High Noon with Neal Cobb:

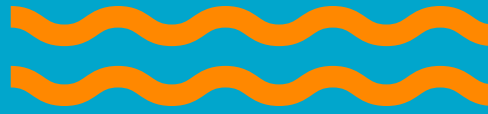
Our Journey Through Time at the Newlands Mansion
with Melinda and Dan Gustin



Thursday, July 20
noon

Register for the Zoom event, or watch LIVE on Facebook

Adult Events



NEVADA HUMANITIES PRESENTS

THE THISTLEFOOT TRAVELING PUPPET SHOW

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023, 3:00 PM
NORTH VALLEYS LIBRARY
1075 N Hills Blvd, Reno, NV 89506



Join us for a special live book talk and puppet show by Nevada Reads 2023 featured author **GennaRose Nethercott** as she brings her acclaimed novel **Thistlefoot** to life with hand-crafted shadow panoramas and puppetry! Nethercott's debut novel weaves Eastern European folklore with Jewish history in a tale about the ancestral hauntings that stalk us, and the uncanny power of story. Book signings to follow.

Free and open to the public. Best for ages 12 and up.
Learn more about Nevada Reads at nevadahumanities.org




Historic Reno Preservation Society
Karen Burns -Downtown Reno Library



Make & Mingle - Sparks Library



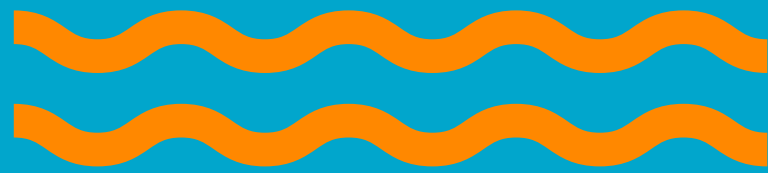
Upcoming Events

- Book Speed Dating
- Holiday Crafts for Adults
- Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts -Golden Encore Series
- Senior Bingo
- Senior Social Club
- UNR Performing Arts Series
- Cryptocurrency, Scams, and You



Americans and the Holocaust Exhibition
Northwest Reno Library

Galleries



Truckee Meadows Quilters Art Exhibit
Downtown Reno Library



Faith Almasi Art Exhibit-South Valleys Library

Event Statistics

Fiscal Year 2022/2023



Total Events

3,625



Total Attendance

46,614



**THANK
YOU!**



The image shows the exterior of a brick building with the words "WASHOE COUNTY LIBRARY" mounted on the wall in large, raised, dark letters. The building is partially obscured by green foliage on the left and right sides. The background is a dark, overcast sky. The overall image has a modern, graphic feel with green geometric shapes overlaid on the right side.

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Washoe County Library

Budget 2023-2024

Washoe County Library Budget:\$14,931,109.74

- ▶ Washoe County General Fund
- ▶ Washoe County Expansion Tax
- ▶ Friends of Washoe County Library
- ▶ Gift Funds



Budget: General Fund \$11,399,089.05

Washoe County General Fund

- ▶ Staff and Benefits:
\$10,084,490.20
- ▶ Services and Supplies:
\$1,314,598.85
- ▶ General Fund Total:
\$11,399,089.05

Washoe County General Fund Highlights

- ▶ Equipment Non-Capital:
299,096.00
- ▶ Seminars and Meetings: \$2800
- ▶ Library Current Titles: \$54,720
- ▶ Operating Supplies: \$78,078.00

Budget: Expansion Fund \$3,532,020.69

Washoe County Expansion Tax

- ▶ Staff and Benefits:
\$2,088,355.69
- ▶ Services and Supplies:
\$1,443,665.00
- ▶ Budget Total: \$3,532,020.69

Washoe County Expansion Highlights

- ▶ Current Titles: \$960,000
- ▶ (will increase to \$1,360,000)
- ▶ Equipment non-capital:
\$168,770
- ▶ Internet Speed: \$120,000
- ▶ Budget increase by \$520,000 FY
23-24 a 4.5% increase
- ▶ 9% of budget will be spent on
books

Other Funding Sources: \$500,000

- ▶ Friends of Washoe County Library
- ▶ \$90,000
- ▶ Supports Books, Technology, Events, and Marketing
- ▶ Gift Funds
- ▶ Community Donations
- ▶ Wishing Well Donations
- ▶ Branch Book Sales

Washoe County Expansion Tax History

- ▶ Question Number WC-1
- ▶ Washoe County Library Question
- ▶ Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County be allowed to levy an ad valorem tax in the amount of up to \$0.02 per \$100 assessed valuation for a period of 30 years to raise approximately \$1,120,000 in fiscal year 1995-1996 and thereafter the amount generated by a levy of up to \$0.02 per \$100 assessed valuation against the then applicable assessed value of property in the County for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping, operating and maintaining library facilities for the county?
- ▶ Passed in 1994. Up for renewal in 2024 General Election (November 5, 2024).
- ▶ It has raised on average \$3 million for the past 30 years or around \$90 million.

Washoe County Expansion Tax History

- ▶ Funding has provided support for four new libraries:
 - ▶ New Northwest Reno Library
 - ▶ New South Valleys Library
 - ▶ New Incline Village Library
 - ▶ New Spanish Springs Library
- ▶ Allowed Washoe County Library to weather the economic storm of the Great Recession from 2008-2016
- ▶ Created opportunities to match projects with private and county funds on library improvements
 - ▶ Renovated North Valleys Library
 - ▶ Renovated Downtown Reno Library
 - ▶ Renovated Northwest Reno Library
 - ▶ Renovated Sparks Library
 - ▶ Renovated Sierra View Library

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Thank You

Washoe County Library Board of Trustees

Bylaws

The Board of Trustees of the Washoe County Library System, pursuant to the authority vested by Nevada Revised Statutes 379.025, hereby establishes the following bylaws:

I. Purpose

The Washoe County Library Board of Trustees shall, consistent with provisions of applicable state and federal law, exercise the powers and duties granted pursuant to NRS 379.025. The Board shall endeavor to administer and manage the resources of the Washoe County Library System in a manner consistent with the public trust, the Library Mission Statement, and the Library Vision Statement.

II. Organization and Membership

A. The name of the organization shall be “The Board of Trustees of the Washoe County Library System”

B. Membership:

1. The Board of Trustees will be comprised of five (5) members.
2. Trustees will be appointed by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.
3. Trustees will meet the minimum requirements as determined by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.
4. Trustees will [be appointed to](#) serve a 4-year term, as provided in NRS 379.020.
5. Trustees will be eligible [to be appointed](#) for no more than two full [consecutive](#) four-year terms. Any appointment for the remainder of a term of less than 2 years will not count toward this limitation. In the event a Trustee’s term expires, the Trustee shall continue to serve as Trustee until such time a replacement is appointed pursuant to NRS 379.020(1). Notwithstanding the term limitation set forth herein, nothing in this provision shall be construed to prohibit the reappointment of a trustee for additional terms to be served after a break of one term of non-service prior to re-appointment.
6. Resignation: If any Trustee resigns at any time, written notice must be provided to the Board of Trustees Chair and the Library Director. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice or at any later date specified therein. Unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
7. Removal: The board of county commissioners may remove any trustee who fails, without cause, to attend three successive meetings of the trustees.

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C. Trustees are public officers as defined in NRS 281.005(1) and NRS 281A.160(1). Accordingly, Trustees are subject to the Ethics in Government Provisions codified in NRS 281A.010 et. seq. Trustees shall comply with the Code of Ethical Standards of NRS 281A.400 et. seq.

D. Duties of a Trustee:

1. Regularly attend meetings in person and actively participate in such meetings and actions;
2. Review meeting materials prior to each meeting;
3. Be attentive to the needs and concerns of library patrons, volunteers, library staff, library administration, county staff, county commissioners and the general public;
4. Set policies governing the operation of the library system as appropriate;
5. Hire and evaluate the job performance of the Library Director;
6. Work with the Director, library staff ~~and~~ community members, ~~and political leaders~~ to plan for the future of the library system;
7. Acknowledge the annual budget for the library system, and monitor expenditures;
8. Monitor and evaluate library effectiveness; and
9. Advocate for the Washoe County Library System within the community ~~and political organizations~~, as appropriate

III. Officers

A. Chair

1. Selection.
 - a. The Chair will be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees who are present at the meeting.
 - b. The term will be for one-year at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees.
 - c. Elections shall be held at the regular Board of Trustees meeting each June.
2. Duties. The chair shall:
 - a. Preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees;
 - b. Execute all documents and actions authorized by the Board of Trustees;
 - c. Call special meetings as warranted;
 - d. Appoint committees;
 - e. Serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of all committees;

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- f. Work with the Library Director and staff.
- g. Review agendas and assist in scheduling meetings.
- h. Add or remove items on each meeting agenda.
- i. Draft correspondence as directed by the Board of Trustees; and
- j. Perform all duties associated with the office.

B. Vice-Chair

1. Selection

- a. The Vice-Chair will be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees who are present at the meeting.
- b. The term will be for one year, at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees.
- c. Elections shall be held at the regular Board of Trustees meeting each June.
- d. In the event the Vice-Chair must assume the duties of Chair for the one-year term because the Chair is no longer able to serve in that capacity, an election for a new Vice-Chair will be held at the next meeting following the succession.

2. Duties. The Vice-Chair shall:

- a. In the event of the absence or disability of the Chair, or of a vacancy in the office, the Vice-Chair shall assume and perform all duties associated with that office. In the event of an absence or short-term disability of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair for the period of his/her absence or disability. In the event the Chair is permanently vacated, the Vice-Chair shall assume the office of the Chair for the remainder of the vacated term.

IV. Meetings

A. Regular meetings: The Board of Trustees will normally meet ~~monthly~~every other month, on the third Wednesday of each month. The time of the meetings will be set at the discretion of the Chair of the Board of trustees. The Chair shall have the authority to cancel a regularly scheduled meeting in the event it is determined, ~~after consultation with the Library Director,~~ that there is insufficient business to come before the Board or that other good cause exists to cancel the meeting.

B. Meeting locations: ~~When possible, the Board of Trustees will normally hold regular meetings on a rotational basis at Washoe County Library locations.~~ A calendar of possible meeting locations will be provided annually to the Board of Trustees. Meetings may be held virtually at the Chair's discretion pursuant to the requirements of NRS Chapter 241.

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- C. Nevada Open Meeting Law: All meetings of the Board are subject to the provisions of state and federal open meeting laws and shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable laws. The Library Director shall be responsible for ensuring the proper public notice is made for each meeting of the Board. Trustees should endeavor to refrain from discussing agenda items or actions by the Board outside of public meetings in groups that may constitute a quorum.
- D. Agendas: The ~~Director-Chair~~ shall ensure the preparation of the agenda for each Board meeting and the compliance with the applicable open meetings laws as set forth in NRS Chapter 241. An item may be placed on the agenda at the request of any Trustee or by written request by any individual to the ~~Director-Chair~~ 15 days prior to the scheduled meeting. However, whether and/or when the item is actually placed on the agenda remains in the discretion of the Chair.
- E. Pertinent Materials: The Director shall ensure that notices and ~~informational~~supporting –materials pertinent to any agenda item for any Board meeting shall be ~~distributed~~made available to Trustees, Board legal counsel, and ~~the public in anyone with a written request of notification on file with the Board no later than 9 a.m. of the third working day before the meeting to ensure adequate time for review. In addition, pertinent materials shall also be posted on the Board of Trustees web site no later than 9 a.m. of the third working day before a scheduled meeting. in accordance with the requirements set forth in the applicable open meeting laws (NRS Chapter 241). 241.020 section 3~~
- F. Quorum: A ~~minimum of three Trustees~~simple majority of the membership of the Board of Trustees must be present to have a quorum. If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, the necessary quorum and number of votes necessary to take action on a matter is reduced as though the voting membership does not include the vacancy. A majority vote of those present at the meeting is required on any action items on the agenda for said action to be of any legal effect.
- G. The Director, or his duly appointed representative, shall attend each meeting of the Board.
- H. Special meetings: Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the Chair or upon the written request of any two Trustees.

I. Order of Business: To the extent possible, the order of business at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Board shall be:

- Call to order
- Roll call
- Public comment
- Review/approval of minutes
- Old business
- New business
- Presentations
- Reports
- Public comment
- Board comment
- Staff Announcements
- Adjournment

J. Where consistent with state law, and not otherwise provided in these Rules of Procedure, the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees may refer to the principles of the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order for guidance in conducting its meetings.

K. Committees: Committees shall be created as needed by the Chair, shall have a specific purpose, shall report regularly as to progress in completing their charge, shall be subject to annual review as needed, and shall automatically dissolve upon the completion of their charge.

L. Annual Bylaws Review: The Bylaws herein can be revised as needed by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. Any proposed revisions must be placed on an agenda and addressed in a public meeting in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. The Bylaws shall be reviewed and approved at least once every calendar year annually, at the regular June meeting of the Board of Trustees, or as soon thereafter in the event reasonable grounds exist so that the Bylaws cannot be reviewed during the June meeting.

DATED this 1st-19th day of July-March 20202024

WASHOE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

____ Amy Ghilieri

____ Frank Perez

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These bylaws were presented to the Board on ~~June~~ March 1921, 2024~~3~~ and were adopted.

~~Amy Ghilieri~~ Gianna Jacks, Chair

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Library Director Update for May 3, 2024

Washoe County Libraries in the News

KOLO: Washoe County Library Updates: Virtual Author Talks and More

<https://www.kolotv.com/video/2024/04/16/library-updates-virtual-author-talks-more/>

KOLO Book Club: National Poetry Month

<https://www.kolotv.com/video/2024/04/18/national-poetry-month/>

KUNR: Library Board Votes to keep LGBTQ+ books in place

<https://www.kunr.org/local-stories/2024-04-18/library-board-votes-to-keep-lgbtq-books>

This is Reno: Library Board Rejects Book Bans Pushed by Conservative Activists

<https://thisisreno.com/2024/04/photos-library-board-rejects-book-bans-pushed-by-conservative-activists/>

KRNV Channel 4 News: Washoe County Library stands by freedom of literature, won't remove challenged books

<https://mynews4.com/news/local/washoe-county-library-rejects-8-book-challenges>

KTVN 2News: Washoe County Library System Shows Off New Bookmobile

https://www.2news.com/video/washoe-county-library-system-shows-off-new-bookmobile/video_b2ffff99-71d4-5761-9ac7-b04b2334784b.html

Northern Nevada Business Weekly: Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce to host "Biggest Business Expo Ever" May 9 (Will feature Washoe County Library's Bookmobile!)

<https://www.nnbw.com/news/2024/may/02/renosparks-chamber-to-host-biggest-business-expo-ever-may-9/>

Renew Washoe County Libraries Initiative

I'll be heading to branches to present to library staff, give talking points, and answer questions about our Tax Override renewal known as the Renew Washoe County Libraries Initiative. Passed in 1994, it takes 2 cents of every \$100 of assessed property value and give that directly to Washoe County Libraries. This has allowed the library to expand branches (South Valleys, Incline Village, Spanish Springs, and Northwest Reno Libraries), weather the Great Recession, and more recently renovate Downtown Reno, Sparks, Northwest Reno, North Valleys, and Sierra

View Libraries. You can read more here:

<https://washoecountylibrary.us/about/expansionfund.php>

We have partnerships with Friends of Washoe County Library, This is Reno, and PBS Reno to help market our services to the community. Our support group will be able to tackle aspects that the library cannot do. We can tell people about our great services and say there is an override and what it does, but we cannot tell people how to vote on it.

NCET Dragonfly Dragonfly Energy Tech Awards May 13, 2024

<https://www.ncet.org/ncet-event-calendar/2024-tech-awards-event-calendar>

The Washoe County Library System is the winner of the Nevada's Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology Public Sector Innovation Award to be given out at the 17th Annual NCET Dragonfly Energy Tech Awards to be held the evening of May 13th.

NCET is very excited to honor the Washoe County Library System for its strategic technology integration which is not merely offering services; but fostering empowerment and driving societal advancement, redefining the essence of modern library excellence.

Thank you to Mitch for submitting for this award and for our Library Technology Team, Reference Technology Team, and all of our branch staff who help our public with their technology needs everyday!

Washoe County Updates

Washoe County Library was selected as early adopters for Washoe County Key Performance Indicator program. This will allow statistical information to be more readily accessible online and to show off all the great work you do.

We will also be an early adopter for Worldly AI <https://www.worldly.ai/> This will allow our staff to more easily communicate with patrons who are linguistically isolated.

LSTA Grant: Conference Room Upgrades

We are working on the next round of Library Services and Technology Act grants. This year, we will work on a \$75,000 grant to upgrade our meeting rooms. This will allow an upgrade of current display technology (TV's and Projectors with new panel interface) and give us better

technology to record audio/video for our library board meetings as well as third party uses (such as Washoe County CAB Meetings etc.)

Older Americans Month Celebration

Thank you to all of our staff, MARCOM, and Jamie Hemingway for providing programs and events for our seniors as well as placing them in the OAM County Brochure. We had so many events they gave us our own page in the brochure. Available now in the county and at our local libraries. More information here:

https://www.washoecounty.gov/seniorsrv/older_americans_month/events.php

South Valleys and Spanish Springs Libraries ARPA upgrades

South Valleys and Spanish Springs Library upgrades are in full swing. Local teens are going to have a blast at our libraries this summer thanks to these funds and our creative staff.

You can find more information at our Renovation Station:

<https://washoenv.sharepoint.com/sites/Library/SpanishSprings/SitePages/SS-Renovation-Page.aspx>

<https://washoenv.sharepoint.com/sites/Library/SitePages/Renovation-Station.aspx>



SS Renovation Page



MacMillan, Jana
LIBRARY BRANCH MANAGER

The Spanish Springs Library has received some ARPA funding to do a mini remodel on a couple of areas of our building. Our plans include refreshing our meeting rooms with new paint, new chairs and folding, upright nesting tables on casters, and swapping our worn and hard-to-clean carpet for silver grey laminate flooring. We will also be giving our Teen Zone a new vibe with updated furniture and fresh paint.

When our new teen area reopens (in late May or June) it will be known as “Teens Only” and have a Teens Only Art Gallery, with a charcoal grey wall behind it and special lighting above, a couple of bright white walls and an entire 21’ wall of blackboard painted surface with which teens can work and get creative.

The Teen Zone floor will have the existing dual surface of paint and carpeting removed and the floor will be ground down to the original concrete and then finished with a high shine sealant.

We will be adding a couple of TVs: one for videos and “chill” music for teens to study and congregate to and the other for a gaming emulation station complete with lounge chairs and a board game cabinet. New furniture will include rolling standard height worktables and matching chairs along with a couple of tall café tables and chairs for smaller groups. Our outdated Nova stations will be replaced with individual computer tables and matching chairs.

Teen Zone officially closed yesterday, April 11, and will remain closed through a large part of next month. This week, SS staff disconnected and moved computer stations, moved furniture, and removed vinyl wall art, magazine racks and bulletin boards so painting could begin on Monday, April 15.

Because of existing meeting room reservations which include the next Election cycle, our meeting room revamp will take place in September and early October. If you field questions from patrons about meeting room bookings, we do have several large chunks of unavailable time during which remodeling work will be taking place. Please encourage patrons to use another library meeting space and come back to see our updated public spaces when we are all done.

Another facility improvement that will be taking place, but that is not part of our actual remodel, is the replacement of the Paiute Circle of Points specialty carpet pattern in the Atrium of SS.

The good news is that none of these remodeling projects will necessitate the closure of our branch—just partial areas of the branch where the work will be done.

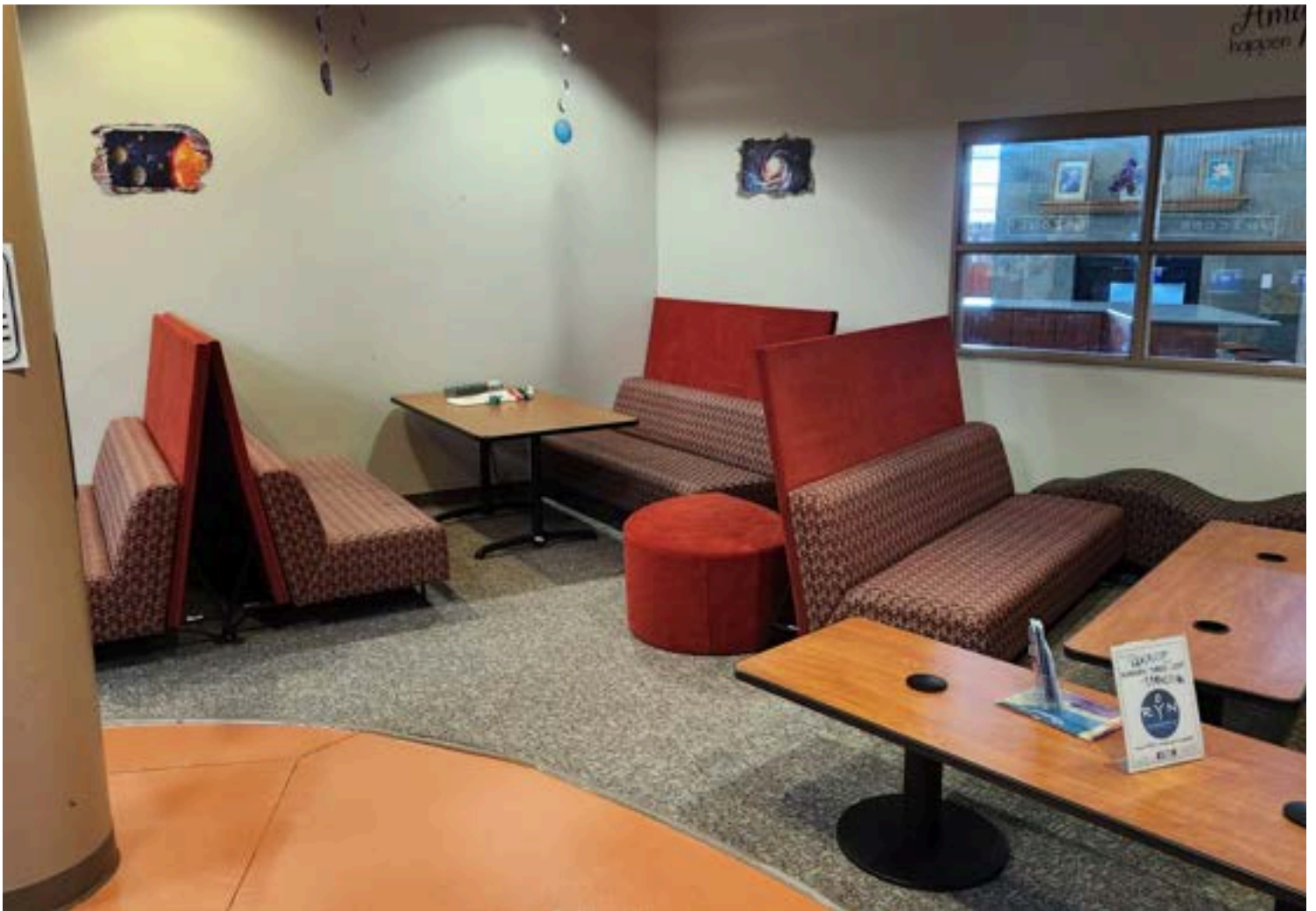
We’ll be sure to update this page with pictures of all of our exciting remodeling as things happen.



The first few pictures here are of Teen Zone BEFORE our remodel.



Heavy, outdated furniture will be removed.



This corner work area will become a gaming emulation station.



Another "before picture".



Computer Nova stations and extra tables and chairs can be seen in this "before" picture.



Before...



Before...



Teen Zone is closed!



Kris helps remove vinyl artwork and part of the plexiglass backboard to make way for our new Teens Only Art Gallery.



Teen Zone surplus furniture Tetris.



Ben and Kris made quick work of moving all the heavy surplus furniture into the center of the room and disconnecting and moving all the computer stations so painters can start their work on Monday, April 15.



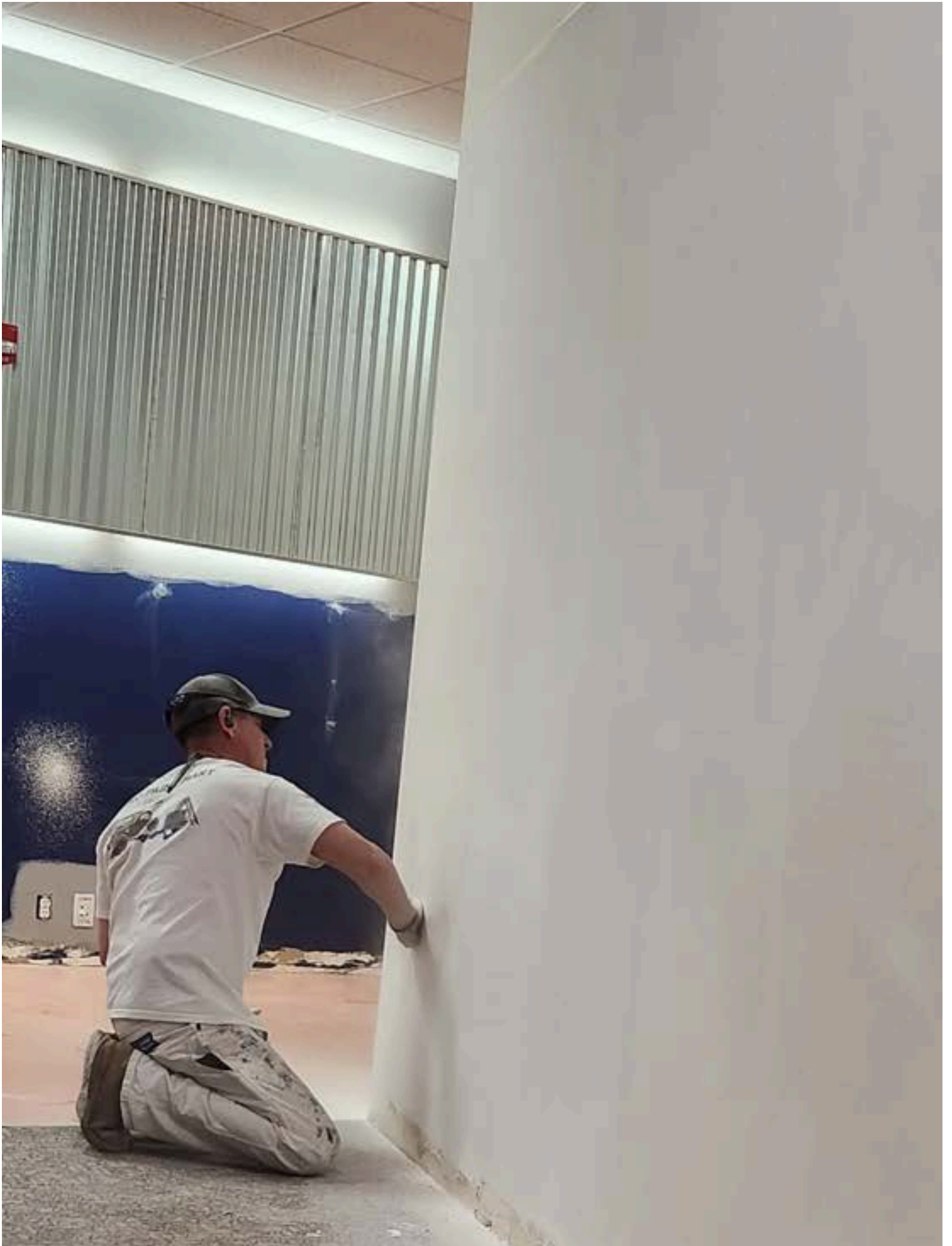
Andy Kareck from Facilities replaces some of our Teen Zone lighting with new LED fixtures.



We also removed our new teen reads signage that has hung over our teen area entrance for "lo these many years."



e, sage and rust colored carpet pattern above is based on a Paiute basket pattern called Circle of Points. It will be replaced by Facilities staff during our remodel technically not part of our actual renovation.





Painter Don smooths out the texture on our soon to be Chalkboard wall in Teens Only, 4/15/24.



Painter Michelle applies a base coat to the wall that will house our new Teens Only Art Gallery, 4/15/24.



Richard from FM dismantles the large surplus items that won't fit through the door, 4/26/24.





WM delivers a 30 yard dumpster, 4/29/24.



WCSO Inmate Work Crew removes surplus from TZ, 4/29/24.



The Inmate Work Crew was also able to remove some large surplus we had been holding onto since the pandemic, 4/29/24.



Our teen area is all cleared and ready for reflooring!



Reflooring work begins 5/1/24 with carpet removal.



Next the painted surface is removed, 5/1/24.



Contractor SI Legacy is really making progress, 5/1/24.

ARPA Fund Project Update for South Valleys Library, May 2024

Things have really picked up steam in the last few weeks:

Teen Zone

The walls were painted April 17th in a light silver gray and light taupe. New teal and gray carpet was installed on April 29th. Everything looks fresh. The metal pillars were re-painted as well.



Facilities re-installed the shelving on May 6th.



All the books were replaced onto the shelves this week, and the borrowed book carts will be returned to their loaning branches next week.



Electricians were here on May 1st to work on converting the weird power outlet/data boxes that stick up several inches from the floor for power and data access that can sit flush on top of the carpet so furniture can be moved around more easily and they won't be tripping hazards anymore. There are four of these boxes in the Teen Zone, and once the cost of retrofitting is known, we will likely use ARPA funds to retrofit the rest of these boxes in the adult computer area and the adult lounge to make those areas more flexible on positioning furniture in the future.



Window film for the Large Study Room was installed on May 3rd.



Two new signs will be designed, one for each entrance. These will hang down from the ceiling, but we are planning to rename the area before working with Facilities on new signs. We want to rename the space from Teen Zone to something less dated. Signs will reflect the new name, once chosen.

The wall above the 5-ft book shelves will be an Art Gallery and we are looking for hanging systems that are easy to use and allow for some self-directed interactivity.

Furniture choices and colors were decided on April 30th when Julie, Jen and Toni met with Mark from Machabee to review our needs. Mark is working on getting all those details together for Jeff's approval. Estimated arrival is 5-6 weeks once the order is placed.

New Teen Zone furniture:

2 computer tables and rolling task chairs

2 large work tables (our existing stacking plastic chairs will pair well with these tables)

2 Hosu lounges

1 cafe table

2 cafe stools

1 open-back shelving unit for New Books to go on to be placed in front of the Large Study Room window

1 tall rolling storage cabinet with tabletop for board game storage that will also provide a taller work surface (not Machabee)

1 6'x3' rolling whiteboard (might not be Machabee)

Machabee is finalizing the purchasing order details for the Teen Zone. Expected delivery is about 6 weeks from purchase date.

All upholstered furniture will be covered in washable vinyl/faux leather with the hope that stains will be kept to a minimum.

Here is a rough mockup of what the Teen Zone furniture will look like when placed.



Periodicals Area

The color theme for this area is modeled after Lake Tahoe, so lots of blues and grays. A large-format photo of Lake Tahoe will be hung on the north wall.



1 large island of lounge seating

1 large metal Aspen/Birch tree with white bark to go on the inside of the lounge to lend Tahoe/mountain atmosphere to the area.

A few foot stools that can be moved and used as desired

10 small, light work tables that can be moved and used as desired. A few of these will be in the Teen Zone, and in the adult lounge area.

3 tall, slim tables will go on the north wall. These will feature a bright blue laminate underneath and creamy white laminate on the tabletop. 3 tall blue stools with backs will be ordered for these tall work tables.

3 comfortable lounge chairs with power will be placed under the windows.

All upholstered furniture will be covered in washable vinyl/faux leather with the hope that stains will be kept to a minimum.

Machabee is finalizing the purchasing order details for the Periodicals area. Expected delivery is about 6 weeks from purchase date.



Business Center

The glass partition wall and door were installed on April 24th. This room has been re-named the Mount Rose Room due to the beautiful view of Mount Rose from inside the library, from the room entrance itself, even. This space needs new paint and the carpet needs to be shampooed. Work orders have been submitted for that work. Current posters/artwork will be updated.



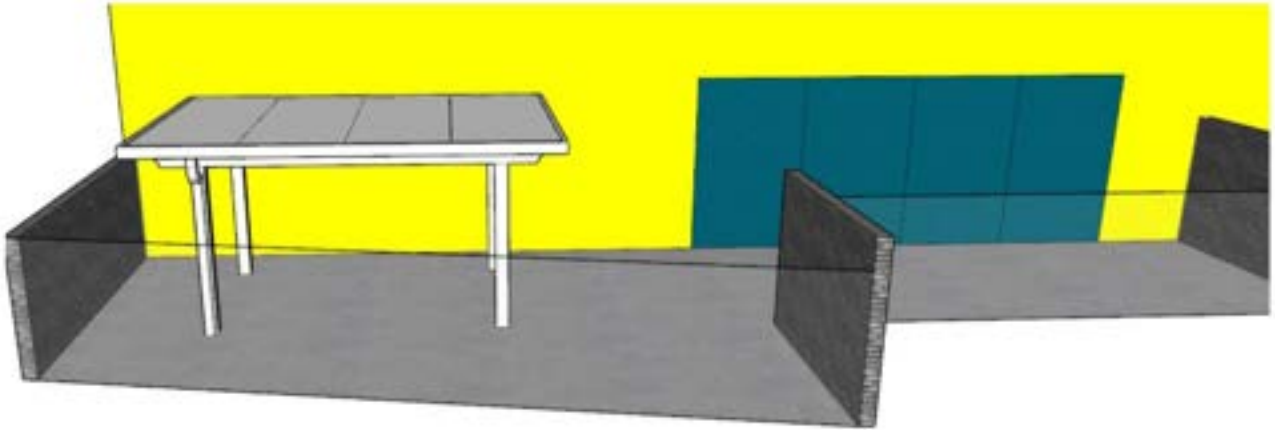
Sunshade on South Patio

Building permit process is underway. Work should begin on this project later this month.



Yellow Library

Proposed Freestanding Aluminum Patio Cover



Replace rusty benches in front of the building



Have had no response from one vendor, got a quote from another vendor, but don't really love the engraving they offer. They engrave the words right in the planks of the bench, but we would prefer a plaque of some kind. Will continue to work with Facilities staff to find a reputable vendor.

Meeting Rooms

Planning to order folding tables, folding chairs and chair carts from Mity-Lite soon. Also planning to install multiple large format photos of the northern Nevada area on the west wall of the meeting room.



Wooden bench in front foyer

We have identified another need. We currently have a heavy metal bench sitting in the entrance atrium. It is the same style as the rusty ones in front of the building, left over from when there was a Sports Center in the Fireside Room. It is uncomfortable and we will look for a 2-person short bench with a padded seat to replace it.

Funding Notes:

Currently, approx. \$35k has been encumbered or spent from the \$75k ARPA fund. We expect the furniture to use up the remaining \$40k easily.

We will be using the generous donation from Bill Micklin to accomplish the remaining projects/purchases.

Washoe County Library Gift Fund Executive Report

for Q3 FY 2023-2024

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS 379.026 Gift funds of libraries) permits Nevada Library Boards to create gift fund accounts to support the library. These funds support increasing books, technology, equipment, marketing, summer reading, and more. It gives the public an opportunity to support a service they think important on top of the tax support the library already receives.

Washoe County Library System has a host of gift funds that support various areas of service. These financial reports are typically provided quarterly for board review. Expenditures from these funds that exceed \$10,000 must go to the library board for approval.

In this Quarter 3 (January, February, March) financial report, most of these funds remain the same. There is an increase in several categories because of the replenishment of gift funds from Friends of Washoe County Library annual donation (that was acknowledged by the library board in January 2024). There is an increase in the Give the Gift of Reading fund from donations relating to that campaign in December.

There are two types of gift funds, designated and undesignated. Designated funds have a specific purpose and must be used for that purpose. Undesignated gift funds can be used for general purposes. Below is an explanation for each fund:

GIFT FUND	DEPARTMENT	PURPOSE
DESIGNATED FUNDS		
GADMINBAGS	All branches	Funds earned from Library bag sales/replenish supply
GSYSBEATE	Library Administration - Youth Services and Library Events	Summer Reading materials - prize books
GSYSHEADPHONES	All branches	Funds earned from headphone sales/replenish supply
GSYSINT	Interest	Tracking interest
GSYSMKT	Library Administration	Marketing and Communications supplies
GSYSREADCAMPAIGN	Library Administration	Give the Gift of Reading campaign
GSYSFRIENDSTECH	Systems/all branches	Makerspace/STEAM supplies - technology
GSYSTRAIN	Library Administration	Staff training /library memberships/travel expenses not covered by County
GSYSWHYMAN	Library Administration	Book Page magazine

GIFT	Library Administration/Tech Services	Library Materials
GAUBERT	Library Administration	Library Materials
GIVSMALLWOOD	Incline Village Library	Incline Village projects/improvements/Tahoe collection
GNWHOLOGAUST1	Northwest Reno Library	Shia Srut Holocaust Collection materials
UNDESIGNATED FUNDS		
GADMIN1	Library Administration	Library improvements/equip/supplies/programming
GDUNCAN1	Duncan/Traner Community Library	Supplies/equip/improvements/programming, etc.
GINCLINE1	Incline Village Library	Supplies/equip/improvements/programming, etc.
GVALLEY1	North Valleys Library	Supplies/equip/improvements/programming, etc.
GNORTHWEST1	Northwest Reno Library	Supplies/equip/improvements/programming, etc.
GRENO1	Downtown Reno Library	Supplies/equip/improvements/programming, etc.
GSENIOR1	Senior Center Library	Supplies/equip/improvements/programming, etc.
GSPARKS1	Sparks Library	Supplies/equip/improvements/programming, etc.
GSPRINGS1	Spanish Springs Library	Supplies/equip/improvements/programming, etc.
GSVALLEYS1	South Valleys Library	Supplies/equip/improvements/programming, etc.
GVIEW1	Sierra View Library	Supplies/equip/improvements/programming, etc.
GSYSREAD	Library Administration	Summer Reading supplies
GSYSTEMS1	Systems	Equipment/licences, etc.
GTECH1	Library Administration - Technology Services	Supplies/equip/improvements/programming, etc.
GVERDI1	Verdi Community Library and Nature Center	Supplies/equip/improvements/programming, etc.

ACCOUNT

	.Jan-24	.Feb-24	.Mar-24
GADMINBAGS	\$2,593.50	\$2,671.50	\$2,735.50
GCCERWIN	\$1,412.72	\$1,412.72	\$1,412.72
GSYSBEATE	\$ 9,752.81	\$ 9,752.81	\$ 5,977.28
GSYSHEADPHONES	\$ 3,261.36	\$ 3,339.36	\$ 3,403.36
GSYSINT	\$ 35,720.07	\$ 36,706.42	\$ 37,707.90
GSYSMKT	\$5,760.31	\$5,760.31	\$5,760.31
GSYSREADCAMPAIGN	\$ 26,486.94	\$ 26,486.94	\$ 26,486.94
GSYSFRIENDSTECH	\$ 88,711.59	\$ 87,938.96	\$ 88,173.83
GSYSTRAIN	\$ 10,316.26	\$ 10,316.26	\$ 10,316.26
GSYSWHYMAN		\$ -	\$ -
GIFT	\$ 28,296.56	\$ 28,467.93	\$ 33,477.93
GIVSMALLWOOD	\$ 3,502.05	\$ 3,502.05	\$ 3,502.05
GNWHOLOCAUST1	\$865.38	\$865.38	\$865.38
GADMIN1	\$ 6,715.05	\$ 8,538.60	\$ 8,200.85
GDUNCAN1	\$ 447.51	\$ 447.51	\$ 447.51
GINCLINE1	\$3,407.93	\$ 3,481.70	\$ 3,504.44
GNVALLEY1	\$ 1,455.18	\$ 3,569.13	\$ 3,689.23
GNORTHWEST1	\$19,808.19	\$ 39,836.31	\$ 39,799.54
GRENO1	\$20,098.46	\$ 23,204.13	\$ 23,295.63
GSENIOR1	\$105,283.10	\$ 105,291.60	\$ 105,294.10
GSPARKS1	\$31,580.23	\$ 31,695.23	\$ 31,715.53
GSPRINGS1	\$ 22,929.03	\$ 23,305.70	\$ 23,613.25
GSVALLEYS1	\$58,431.00	\$ 60,663.20	\$ 60,726.50
GSVIEW1	\$143,684.18	\$ 144,104.81	\$ 137,496.63
GSYSREAD	\$303.35	\$303.35	\$303.35
GSYSTEMS1	\$ 136.44	\$ 136.44	\$ 136.44
GTECH1	\$ 1,061.60	\$ 1,071.60	\$ 1,071.60
GVERDI1	\$ 354.22	\$ 354.22	\$ 354.22

TOTALS: \$632,375.02 \$663,224.17 \$659,468.28

We receive monetary and in-kind donations throughout the year that assist in providing services and materials. These donations are greatly appreciated by the Library Board of Trustees, staff, and the public. The list includes the names of donors from January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024.

Cash Donations: \$161,590.50

Alec "Wayne" Holland – For as needed systemwide \$300.00
Better World Books – (SV) For as needed \$130.93
Better World Books – (NW) For as needed \$163.71
Better World Books – For as needed systemwide \$153.38
Brad & Sharon Stanley (FWCL) For STEAM \$700.00
Donation In Memory of Frank Norcross – For as needed systemwide \$495.16
Glen Atkinson – (NW) For as needed \$20,000.00
Joshua M. Glantz – For as needed systemwide \$30.00
Louis Adolph Nowak Estate – (SV) 15% Beneficiary of his Estate \$139,117.32
Thomas P. Erwin – Yearly donation for children's materials \$500.00

We strive to ensure that our donors and supporters are recognized accurately. If we have inaccurately not listed you, or if a mistake has been made, please let us know so we can correct it. Thank you!

Washoe County Library Quarterly Statistical Report Q3 Summary

This quarterly report for Q3 (January, February, March) for FY 2023/2024 provides Circulation (book check out), New Card Registration, Reference (Questions Asked), Database Usage, Library Visits, Event Attendance, Meeting Room Usage, Zoom Room Usage, Wi-Fi/Computer Use, and Emails (Patron opened emails from library newsletters and press releases).

At the November 2023 Washoe County Library Board of Trustees meeting, the board was presented with the Q1 FY 2023/2024 statistical update. The request from the trustees was to show a comparison from the same time the previous year. Furthermore, there was a desire to compare library usage before the COVID-19 pandemic.

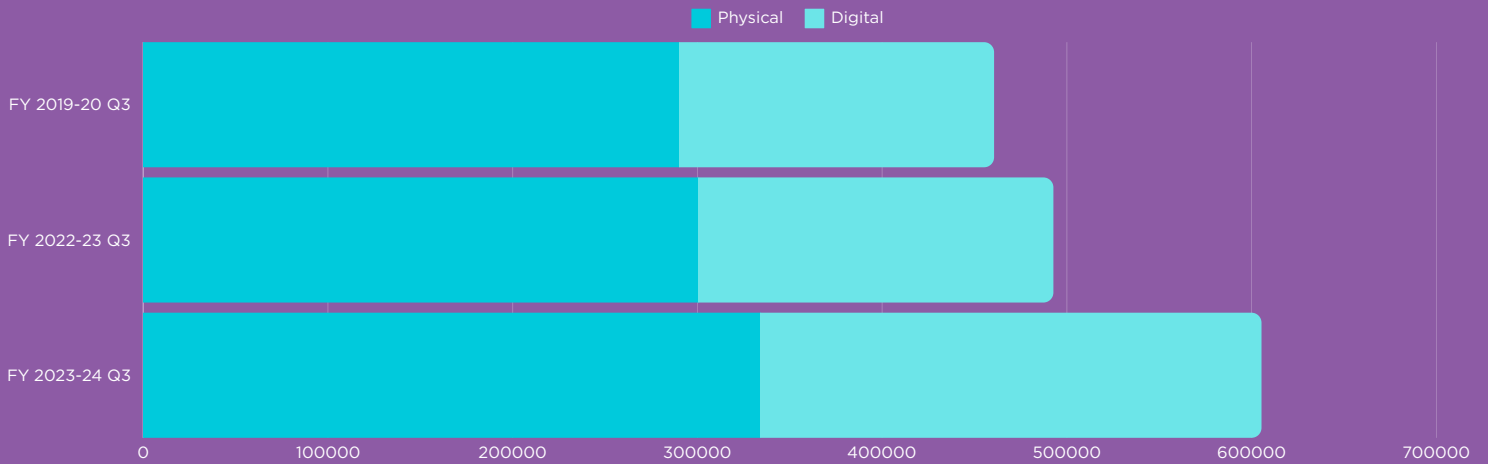
Circulation (book checkout), there is a 23% increase versus the same quarter pre-COVID-19 and an 18% increase in circulation in comparison to the same time last year. This demonstrates a full COVID recovery of library usage. Downtown Reno Library was negatively impacted by the extensive closure due to the elevator and the persistent issues with that repair.

Circulation (book checkout) for the digital collection (e-books), has a remarkable increase in usage from last year and pre-pandemic. Libraries proved to be a lifeline during the COVID-19 pandemic as we provided tax-supported reading material in digital format that can be downloaded to a phone or tablet. E-book usage shot up, and we saw patrons who may have been too busy to use the library before now using our digital collection in droves. Our e-book circulation for this quarter is 271,008, an 18% increase from last year and a 30% increase from pre-COVID. The digital collection continues to be popular and is a way for busy people to connect with the library.

In other categories, New Card Registration doubled from last year and tripled from pre-COVID. Reference Questions have held steady pre-COVID, the previous year, and this year. Walk-in Business is down from pre-pandemic, as is event attendance. Part of this is due to requiring registration for Storytimes so that there are more manageable crowds and a more enriching experience for those who attend. This segment will need to be examined. Meeting Room usage has increased from Pre-pandemic and held steady since last year. (A note on meeting room attendance for last year that early voting for the 2022 election happened during this period and has impacted these numbers). Wi-Fi usage has held steady, and computer usage continues to drop. This was a pre-pandemic trend as more people use the internet at the library via their laptops, tablets, and phones. Lastly, our weekly newsletters and emails get a steady open rate. That has jumped three times since pre-pandemic and is consistent with last year's open rate.

In conclusion, usage rates continue to recover post-COVID. We are watching our trends closely to ensure we respond to patron trends and demands.

Circulation

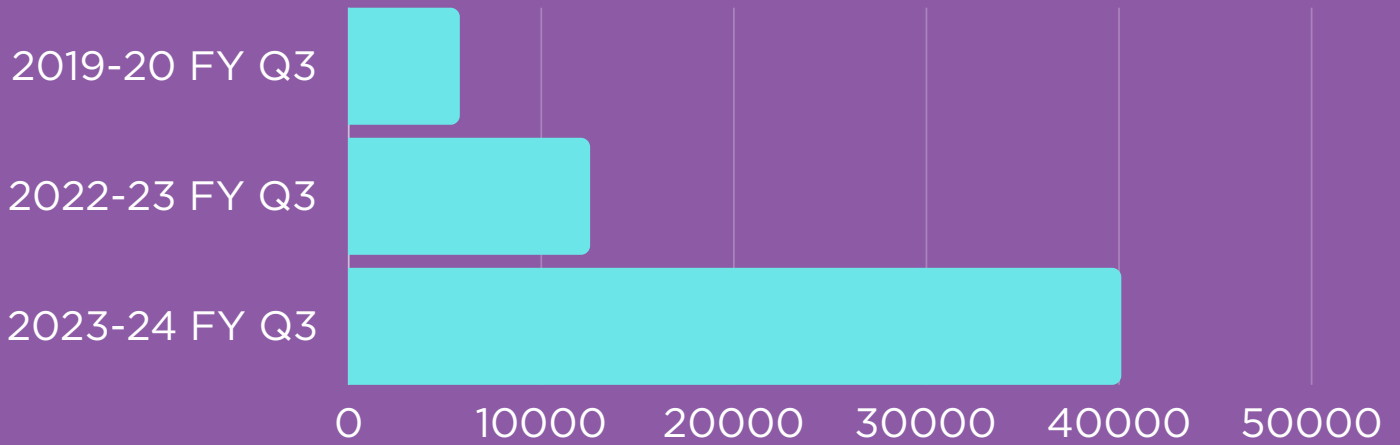


	January	February	March	Total
Downtown Reno	786	3,192	7,921	11,899
Duncan/Traner	21	16	58	95
Gerlach	278	225	194	697
Incline Village	3,974	3,958	3,766	11,698
North Valleys	9,665	9,583	8,774	28,022
Northwest Reno	24,725	23,806	23,572	72,103
Senior Center	624	605	516	1,745
Sierra View	11,933	11,019	10,371	33,323
South Valleys	26,845	27,036	28,102	81,983
Spanish Springs	17,897	17,720	17,917	53,534
Sparks	12,400	11,949	11,922	36,271
Verdi	159	188	116	463
Total physical	109,557	109,826	114,959	334,342
Total digital	89,956	82,035	83,330	248,321
Combined total	192,513	191,861	198,289	582,663

	2019-20 FY Q3	22-23 FY Q3	2023-24 FY Q3
Downtown Reno	32,994	39,019	11,899
Duncan/Traner	199	124	95
Gerlach	468	936	697
Incline Village	9,333	10,276	11,698
North Valleys	22,988	25,497	30,531
Northwest Reno	49,002	62,662	72,103
Senior Center	2,092	1,107	1,745
Sierra View	33,846	92	33,323
South Valleys	63,256	78,791	81,983
Spanish Springs	33,890	45,800	53,534
Sparks	58,229	35,632	36,271
Verdi	646	443	463
Total physical	290,451	300,379	334,342
Total digital	170,149	192,323	271,008
Combined total	460,600	492,702	605,350



New Card Registration



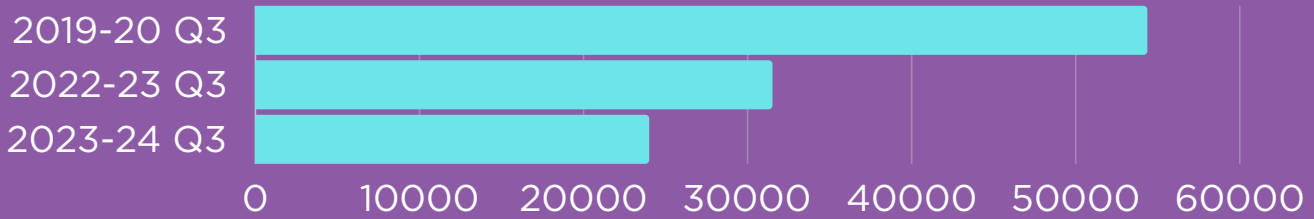
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	January	February	March	Total
Downtown Reno	0	684	1,012	1,696
Duncan/Traner	4	4	5	13
Gerlach	0	0	0	0
Incline Village	1,002	1,173	1,096	3,271
North Valleys	487	542	427	1,456
Northwest Reno	1,082	894	821	2,797
Senior Center	151	221	0	372
Sierra View	507	508	484	1,499
South Valleys	845	860	852	2,557
Spanish Springs	539	576	508	1,623
Sparks	428	319	307	1,054
Verdi	8	10	9	27
Total	5,053	5,791	5,521	16,365

2019-20 FY Q3	2022-23 FY Q3	2023-24 FY Q3
2,282	3,529	1,696
39	3	13
0	0	0
666	2,431	3,271
1,413	2,285	1,456
2151	2,574	2,979
289	154	372
2,044	0	1,499
1,438	1,919	2,557
1,612	1,282	1,623
1,774	500	1,054
19	225	27
13,727	14,902	16,365



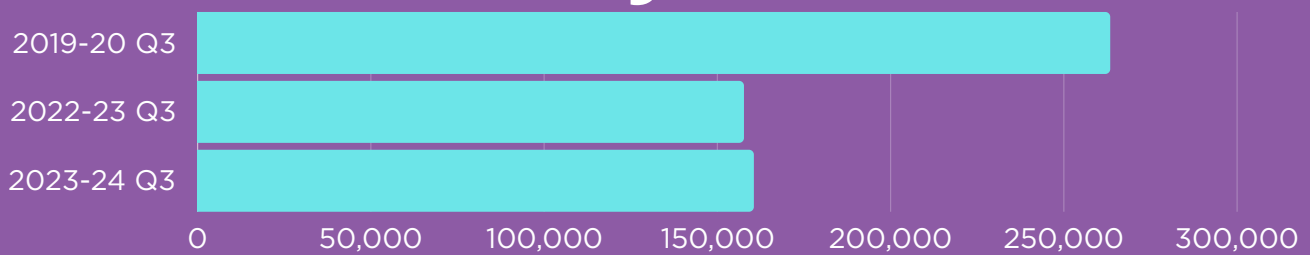
Database Usage



	January	February	March	Total
Total Database Usage	6,941	8,083	8,980	24,004

2019-20 FY Q3	2022-23 FY Q3	2023-24 FY Q3
54,366	31,516	24,004

Library Visits



	January	February	March	Total
Downtown Reno	783	5,117	8,593	14,493
Duncan/Traner	115	101	192	408
Gerlach	0	0	0	0
Incline Village	5,359	6,971	5,892	18,222
North Valleys	3,214	4,078	3,317	10,609
Northwest Reno	6,485	9,234	7,580	23,299
Senior Center	0	0	0	0
Sierra View	0	0	0	0
South Valleys	14,322	15,438	15,116	44,876
Spanish Springs	5,336	7,379	6,647	19,362
Sparks	8,288	10,518	9,682	28,488
Verdi	271	247	263	781
Total	44,173	59,083	57,282	160,538

2019-20 FY Q3	2022-23 FY Q3	2023-24 FY Q3
40,559	34,544	14,492
9,992	0	408
0	0	0
16,251	11,575	18,222
14,626	9,500	10,609
29,667	17,686	23,299
7,096	523	0
37,621	0	0
42,158	42,307	44,876
19,946	17,786	19,362
45,975	23,320	28,488
441	439	781
263,386	157,680	160,538

Senior Center, Sierra View, and Gerlach are reporting no visitors due to an error with gate counters at these locations.



Events

In-Person Youth Program Attendance

	January	February	March	Total
Downtown Reno	0	9	203	212
Duncan/Traner	20	0	0	0
Gerlach	0	0	0	0
Incline Village	279	339	261	879
North Valleys	355	380	402	1,137
Northwest Reno	657	754	691	2,102
Senior Center	0	0	0	0
Sierra View	381	525	356	1,262
South Valleys	708	759	676	2,143
Spanish Springs	937	1,024	1,028	2,989
Sparks	372	310	307	989
Verdi	121	84	56	261
Total	3,830	4,184	3,980	11,994

2019-20 FY Q3	2022-23 FY Q3	2023-24 FY Q3
305	376	212
322	41	0
196	0	0
596	764	879
2,229	0	1,137
2,425	1,658	2,102
0	0	0
1,196	0	12,62
2,393	2,009	2,143
1,686	0	2,989
1,044	1,154	989
95	79	261
12,487	6,080	11,994

In-Person Adult Program Attendance

	January	February	March	Total
Downtown Reno	0	0	115	115
Duncan/Traner	7	10	0	17
Gerlach	0	0	0	0
Incline Village	18	15	26	59
North Valleys	26	66	45	137
Northwest Reno	1	9	1	11
Senior Center	12	15	15	42
Sierra View	63	73	177	313
South Valleys	163	146	67	376
Spanish Springs	18	87	111	216
Sparks	67	161	91	319
Verdi	0	0	0	0
Total	391	582	648	1,621

2019-20 FY Q3	2022-23 FY Q3	2023-24 FY Q3
363	297	115
0	0	17
8	0	0
100	26	59
65	0	137
184	16	11
24	0	42
17	0	313
95	188	376
114	0	216
196	184	319
0	0	0
1,166	711	1,621

Virtual Program Attendance

January	February	March	Total
2,571	1,845	1,598	6014

2019-20 FY Q3	2022-23 FY Q3	2023-24 FY Q3
NA	3,557	11,112



Meeting Rooms

Number of Uses

	January	February	March	Total
Downtown Reno	7	15	21	43
Incline Village	25	16	13	54
North Valleys	0	0	0	0
Northwest Reno	103	103	90	296
Sierra View	10	14	16	40
South Valleys	43	50	40	133
Spanish Springs	63	60	75	198
Sparks	24	23	32	79
Total	275	281	287	843

2019-20 FY Q3	2022-23 FY Q3	2023-24 FY Q3
30	76	43
47	64	54
36	156	0
43	288	296
70	0	40
104	0	133
74	153	198
56	58	79
460	795	843

Number of People

	January	February	March	Total
Downtown Reno	237	347	64	648
Incline Village	381	665	104	1,150
North Valleys	0	0	0	0
Northwest Reno	328	291	194	813
Sierra View	112	122	118	352
South Valleys	1,178	1,992	770	3,940
Spanish Springs	1,115	1,499	910	3,524
Sparks	521	340	311	1,172
Total	3,872	5,256	2,471	11,599

2019-20 FY Q3	2022-23 FY Q3	2023-24 FY Q3
2,928	588	648
1,204	570	1,150
463	204	0
504	1,051	813
1,000	0	352
1,942	0	3,940
2,277	2,484	3,524
527	933	1,172
10,845	5,830	11,599

Zoom Rooms

Hours Used

	January	February	March	2023-24 Q3 Total
Downtown Reno	0	10	32	42
Incline Village	47	44	67	158
North Valleys	100	54	107	261
Northwest Reno	41	80	76	197
Sierra View	38	20	37	95
South Valleys	66	85	84	235
Spanish Springs	0	0	0	0
Sparks	120	131	113	364
Total	412	424	516	1,352

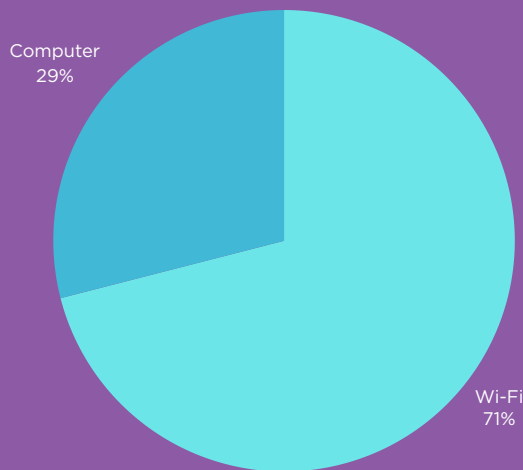


WiFi & Computer Use

Wi-Fi

	January	February	March	Total
Downtown Reno	885	2,129	3,374	6,388
Duncan/Traner	76	120	106	302
Gerlach	123	65	47	235
Incline Village	1,015	927	948	2,890
North Valleys	938	825	883	2,646
Northwest Reno	1,720	2,020	1,638	5,378
Senior Center	845	873	983	2,701
Sierra View	2,034	2,173	2,159	6,366
South Valleys	2,534	2,906	3,011	8,451
Spanish Springs	1,530	1,811	1,730	5,071
Sparks	2,960	3,187	2,892	9,039
Verdi	122	159	133	414
Total	18,059	17,195	17,904	49,881

2022-23 FY Q3	2023-24 FY Q3
11,817	6,388
780	302
0	235
3,241	2,890
2,679	2,646
4,682	5,378
2,247	2,701
1,843	6,366
6,967	8,451
4,098	5,071
7,412	9,039
10	414
45,776	49,881



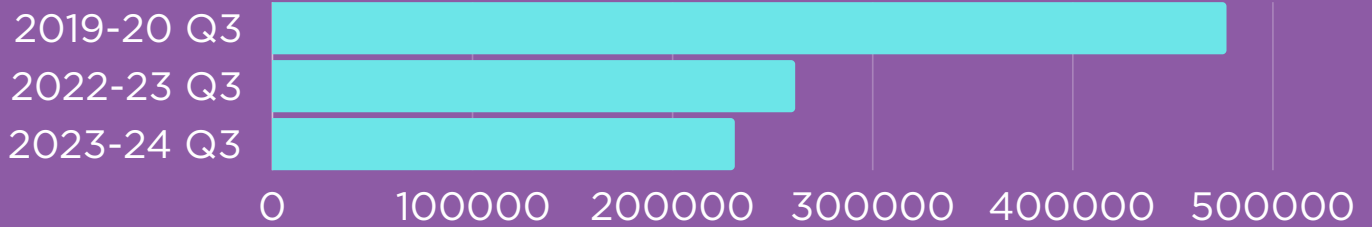
Computer Use

	January	February	March	Total
Downtown Reno	0	930	1,881	2,811
Duncan/Traner	22	36	58	116
Gerlach	0	0	0	0
Incline Village	124	136	122	382
North Valleys	440	386	496	1,322
Northwest Reno	794	735	815	2,344
Senior Center	490	465	607	1,562
Sierra View	1,371	1,244	1,121	3,736
South Valleys	468	453	420	1,341
Spanish Springs	441	462	541	1,444
Sparks	1,812	1,934	1,738	5,484
Verdi	0	0	0	0
Total	5,962	6,781	7,799	20,542

2019-20 FY Q3	2022-23 FY Q3	2023-24 FY Q3
10,356	7,594	2,811
489	198	116
0	0	0
909	373	382
1,549	1,223	1,322
2877	2,132	2,344
1,732	1,465	1,562
5,360	0	3,736
1,721	1,426	1,341
738	974	1,444
6,039	4,865	5,484
1	0	0
31,771	20,250	20,542



Email



Total recipients	January	February	March	Total
	71,694	71,359	88,015	231,068

Opens	January	February	March	Total
Weekly Newsletter	24,768	27,342	32,905	85,015
Incline Village Newsletter	233	242	241	716
Email blasts	665	631	352	1,648
Total	25,666	28,215	33,498	87,379

Click through	January	February	March	Total
Weekly Newsletter	7,137	1,299	1,059	9,495
Incline Village Newsletter	19	42	12	73
Email blasts	186	148	100	434
Total	7,342	1,489	1,171	10,002

Social Media Reach

	January	February	March	Total
Facebook	20,329	2,166	37,548	60,043
X (Twitter)	6,011	4,629	6,533	17,173
Instagram	2,166	1,742	1,782	5,690
Total	28,506	8,537	45,863	82,906

	2019-20 FY Q3	2022-23 FY Q3	2023-24 FY Q3
Facebook	99,666	36,543	60,043
X (Twitter)	76,900	39,577	17,173
Instagram	NA	5,808	5,690
Total	176,566	81,928	82,906



Social Media Reach



Facebook

February

40,927

March

37,548

Instagram

February

1,742

March

1,782

X/Twitter

February

4,629

March

6,533

Website Visits

February

27,000

March

28,000

Social Media Visits

February

47,298

March

45,863

Connect, Gather, Explore

WASHOE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

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TVEyes - Media monitoring tool provided by Washoe County Communications Dept.

KOLO KOLO Book Club February 14, 2024

KOLO (ABC) - Reno, NV
KOLO 8 Midday @ 11am

+ Local Market Viewership: 13,009
Local Publicity Value: \$513.95 per 30s

KOLO 2/14/2024 11:30:02 AM: ...poet in

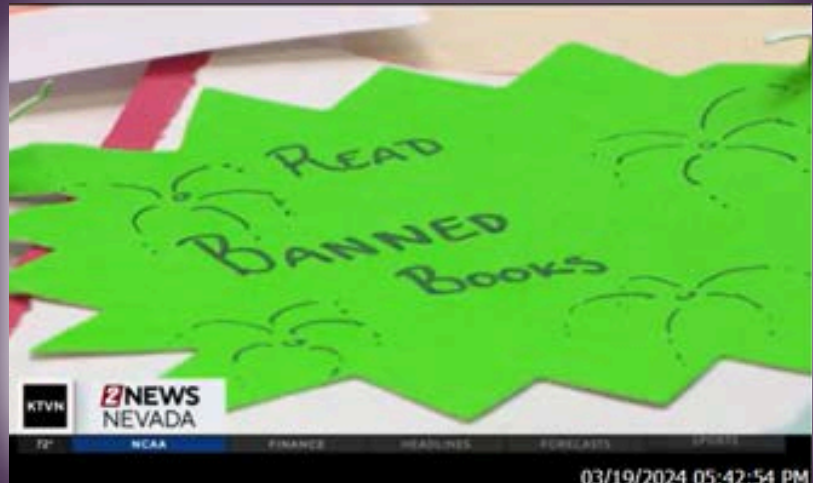


KTVN Book challenges March 19, 2024

KTVN (CBS) - Reno, NV
2 News Nevada at 5:30pm

+ Local Market Viewership: 17,047
Local Publicity Value: \$495.68 per 30s

KTVN 3/19/2024 5:41:42 PM: ...<"I do feel that we should have the right to read



KRNV Kids Cafe March 25, 2024

KRNV (NBC) - Reno, NV
News 4 Nightly at 6.30pm

+ Local Market Viewership: 15,811
Local Publicity Value: \$728.13 per 30s

KRNV 3/25/2024 6:34:54 PM: ...meals to





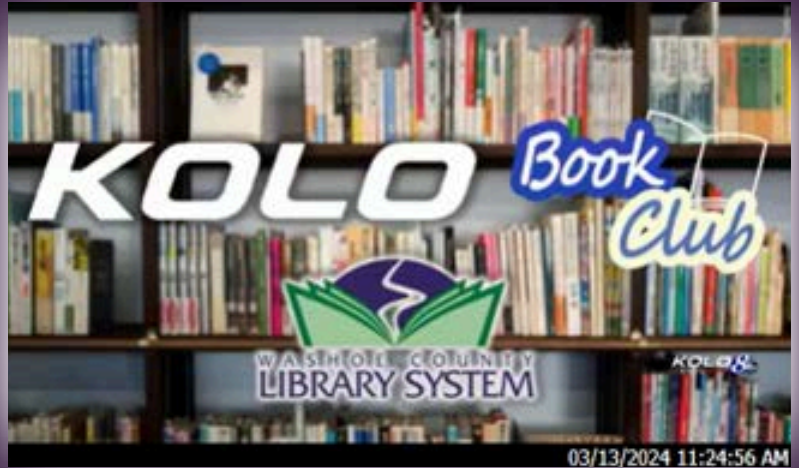
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KOLO BOOK CLUB March 13, 2024

KOLO (ABC) - Reno, NV
KOLO 8 Midday @ 11am

+ Local Market Viewership: 8,788
Local Publicity Value: \$382.19 per 30s

KOLO 3/13/2024 11:22:03 AM:



KUNR ON THE SHELF March 25, 2024

KUNR Public Radio - Reno, NV

+ Station Reach: 35,500

KUNR 3/25/2024 8:42:45 AM: ...



MONTHLY KOLO 8 BOOK CLUB AND LIBRARY UPDATE



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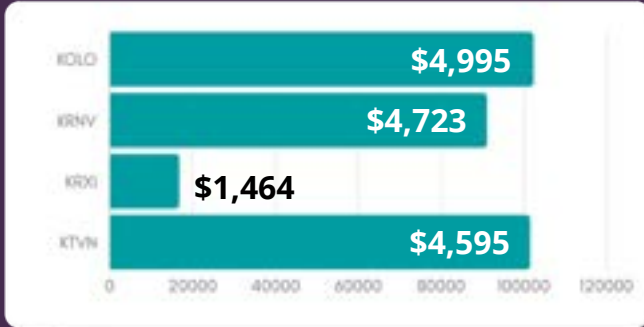
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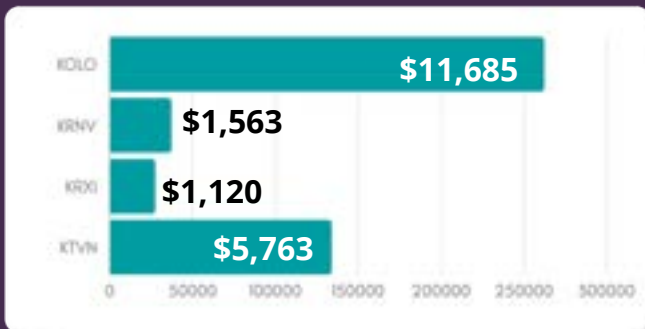
TVEyes - Graphic Data Charts

February 2024 - TV Reach



February 2024
Total TV Reach
311,832
Total TV Value
\$15,777

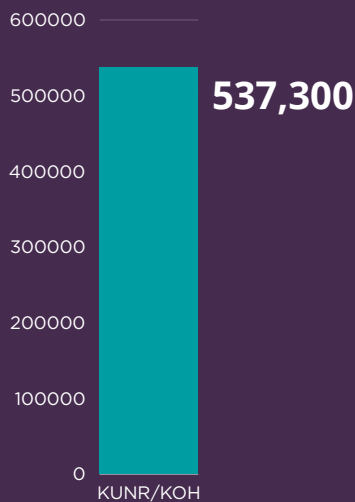
March 2024 - TV Reach



March 2024
Total TV Reach
461,230
Total TV Value
\$20,131

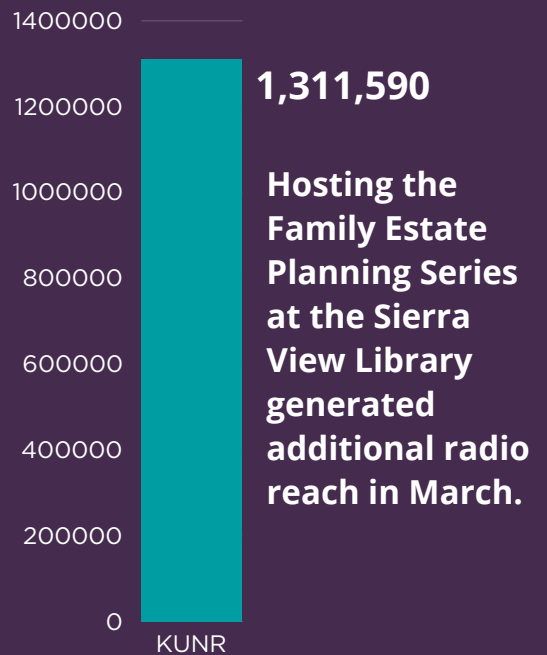
February 2024
Total Radio Reach
KUNR 511,100
KOH 26,200

February 2024 Radio Reach



March 2024
Total Radio Reach
KUNR 1,311,590
KOH NO DATA

March 2024 Radio Reach



**Maker Services
Team Report
to the
Washoe
County
Library Board
of Trustees
May, 2024**



**Spark the Imagination
Camp STEAM
Make & Mingle
Maker Weekend
Sunday Funday
Cricut Club STEAM
STEAM Story Time
Discover Thursday
Mini Maker Crafterwork**

Downtown Reno library



Botley the Coding Robot



The Cricut Club created personalized Genealogy Trees

Downtown Reno library



Wooden Signs

**STEAM:
Sunprints**

STEAM: Spin Art



Incline Village Library



Camp STEAM:
Creating sponge boats and testing them on the water



Teens created t-shirts for their newly named band, Engage the Muffin, using the Cricut machine



STEAM: Knot Tying



No-Bake Baking Camp: Oreo Truffles

Incline Village Library



LEGO Robotics Camp

**Camp STEAM:
Testing chemical reactions to
create Elephant Toothpaste**



North Valleys library



**Cricut
Window
Decal**



STEAM: Floating Pictures



Silhouettes



North Valleys library



**STEAM:
Rock
Stacking**



**STEAM:
Build Your
Own
Catapult**



STEAM: Bee Hummers

Northwest Reno Library



**Discover Thursday:
NASA Astrocamp**

**Discover Thursday:
Turkey Rockets**



**Mini Maker:
Leaf Creatures**

Northwest Reno library



Mini Maker: Solo Cups



Mini Maker: LEGOs

& Verdi Community library

South Valleys library



**STEAM:
Gumdrop
Geodesic
Domes**



STEAM: Sound Waves



STEAM: Hovercrafts



South Valleys library



Maker Weekend



Sparks library

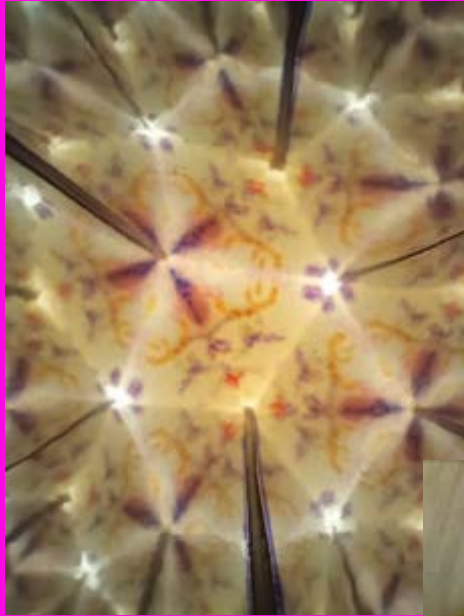


Make It: Aurora Borealis



**Make & Mingle:
Exothermic Wood Burning**

Sparks library

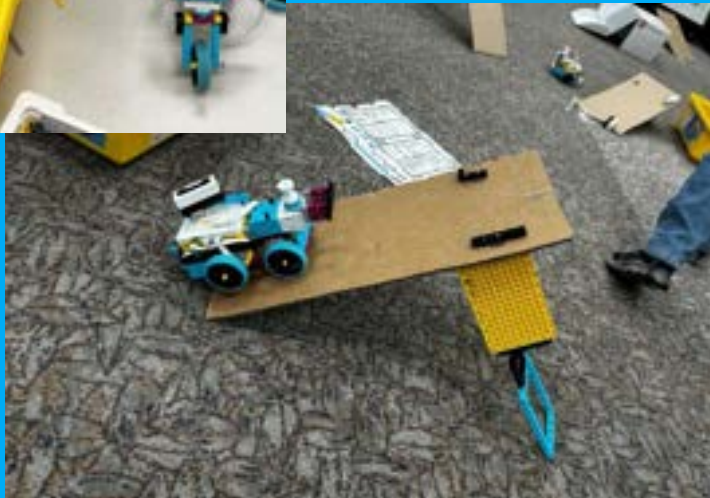


**STEAM:
Kaleidoscopes**

STEAM: Robotic Hand



Spanish Springs Library



**LEGO
Robotics**

Spanish Springs Library



Coding Club



STEAM: Angry Birds



STEAM: Fire Suppression



STEAM: Magnetism

Sierra View Library

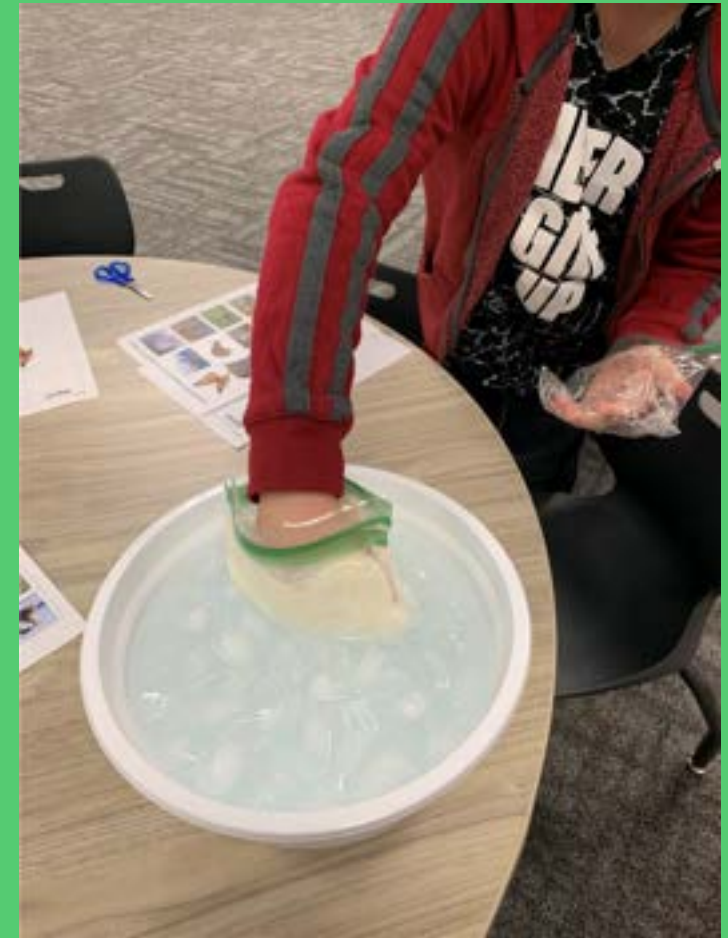


**STEAM Story Time:
Microscopic Seaside
Exploration**

**STEAM Story Time:
Rainbow Connection**



**Using a
flashlight
& CD to
create a
rainbow**



**STEAM Story Time:
Winter Hibernation**

Sierra View library



**STEAM LEGO Camp
Landmarks:
Tower Eye, Sydney AUS**



STEAM Story Time: Pumpkin Trebuchet

Thank you!



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WCLS Library Board of Trustees Report ♥ May, 2024

The South Valleys Library Story

as shared by staff and patrons

“I want to tell you that as a lifelong resident of Washoe County I appreciate the libraries and the services they provide.

I attend many events at the library and often check out books. These programs fulfill my interests; other programs provide an avenue for other people’s interests.

Life is colorful and we all deserve representation, even in our libraries.”



Story Time



We Love the Library!



Gingerbread Houses



**Cold-Blooded Critters
4-H Expo**



Charlie loves owls!

“This week a family was bringing their out-of-town grandma to all their favorite places, and the library was on the tour of favorite places!”

Community Helpers



WC Animal Services



WC Sheriff Balaam



WC Roads Dept

"You guys always do such fun stuff. You're the best. We love this place!"



Senator Cortez-Masto

Cold-Blooded Critters 4-H Expo



“I gave a young lady her first library card this morning and she held it up triumphantly and said, ‘Now I’m rich!’”



Bridge



Paws 2 Read with Santa



Pioneer Center’s Kantu Inka

**Wild Things with
Conservation
Ambassadors**



Stay and Play

“Flora, one of our regular patrons shared that her Mom once told her that she (Flora) always leaves the library with a smile on her face.”

“Libraries shaped the person I am today, and I would be nothing without them.”



**Eric with a curious
musical fan**

“I just had a woman come up to me crying, saying, “Thank you” for making the banned book display. She was a teacher her whole life and used a lot of the books featured on the display. She was glad the message was getting out there, but upset there were so many.”



“I had a call from a patron who said she appreciates all that libraries offer and commented on the banned books display. She’s 74 years old and said the display was very important so people can be aware of what’s going on in the world. She thanked me for the work we do and asked that I pass along to staff that “library workers rock and are superstars!”

Baby Story Time with Teree & Lysa



“I just overheard a little girl leaving Story Time tell her mom that this is her favorite place, and she wants to have a sleepover here.”



Pirate-themed school outreach with Nathanie & Krystina

Toddler Time with Eric



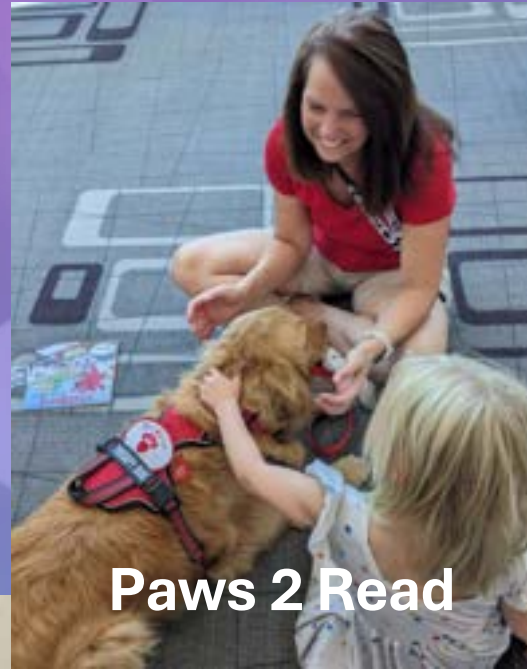
Baby Story Time with Lysa & Krystina



May Arboretum Story Time with Christine & Lysa



Ballet Folklorico



Paws 2 Read



All Together Now craft

“Libraries are like a warm hug” and my library card is a “ticket to magic”.



Bruka Theatre



**Pioneer Center's Golden Encore:
The Music of Leonard Bernstein
Featuring Erika Paul and David Aller**



Jennifer & Eric
Nevada Reading Week Outreach

School Outreaches 2023-2024

- ▶ Donner Springs Elementary - Back-to-school night
- ▶ Marce Herz Middle School - 6th grade outreach
- ▶ J Wood Raw Elementary - 2nd grade outreach
– 1st time at this new school
- ▶ Brown Elementary - 2nd grade outreach
- ▶ Pleasant Valley Elementary - NV Reading Week
- ▶ Hidden Valley Elementary - NV Reading Week
– 1st time at this school in at least four years
- ▶ Pleasant Valley Elementary - Literacy Night in the Library
- ▶ Lenz Elementary - NV Reading Week
– 1st time at this school in at least four years
- ▶ Marce Herz Middle School monthly book club



Amy reads during
Nevada Reading Week Outreach

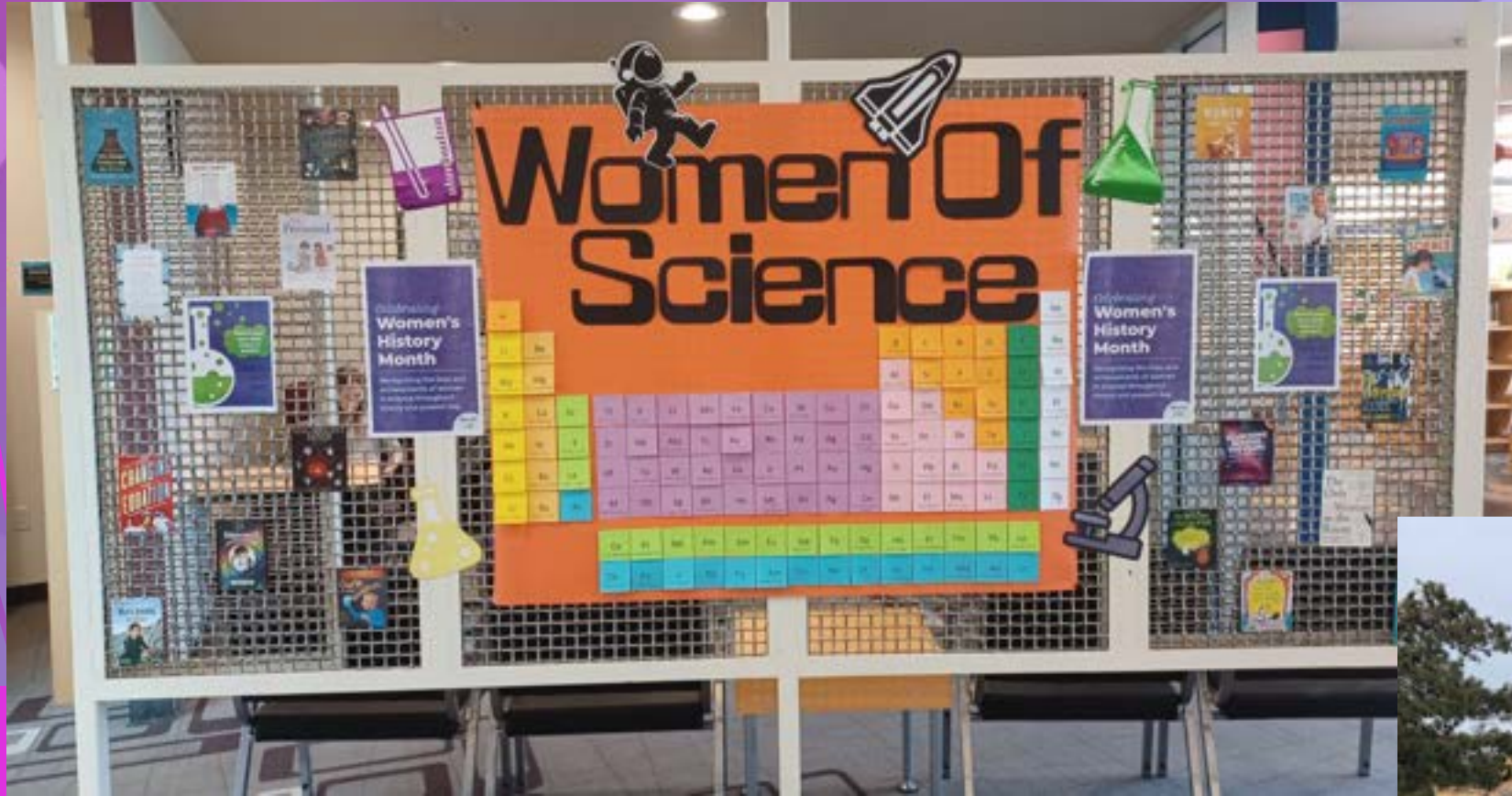
Upcoming school outreaches

- ▶ Damonte Ranch High School Resources Fair
- ▶ Brown Elementary
- ▶ Doral Academy



Eric at school
outreach

Women's History Month display created by Lysa-just flip up the tabs to learn more about amazing women scientists



"I just wanted to share a conversation I had today with my Time Out Tuesday regulars. We were talking about our branch programs. They all expressed gratitude for all we as staff do. They appreciate the variety of programs we offer, and the passion and dedication of our staff."



Staff 2024 Holiday photo



Pokemon Go! with Library Volunteers John & Miles, library staff Rachel & Krystina & the amazing "Poke-moms" Kathy & Ronda!



Volunteer Linda

“Not too long ago, a teen girl saw the Pride and Love buttons on my lanyard, and recognized me as someone she could speak to. Just having someone she could talk to about something so important to her, made a difference for her.”



Terri recording a segment for KUNR's On the Shelf, with Michele Ravera



Summer Reading Challenge prize redemption



STEAM: Bubbles

"I just wanted to share a compliment from a patron. She is a grandma who was looking for new picture books to read over Zoom with her grandchildren. She said that she is here often and is always pleasantly surprised at the kind of picture books we have. They are diverse in religion, ethnicity, and topic, inclusive to everyone, she said, and she is happy to see those books here on our shelves, because in other areas of the country, they might not be there. She always finds good books here, and is happy that we represent everyone in our selections."



Time Out Tuesday Windchimes



STEAM:
Electromagnetism



Friendship Window Garden with flowers created by children

Facility Happenings



We received \$75k in ARPA funding to do some renovating



Teen Zone before



Teen Zone after

Teen Zone renovations: new carpet, paint and furniture, plus new signs, an Art Gallery, and other improvements



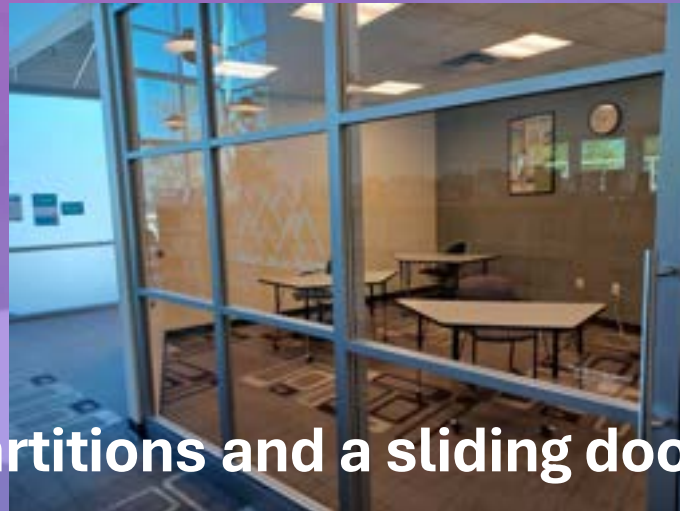
We will be replacing all the furniture in the Periodicals area. Patrons tell us often how uncomfortable these chairs are.



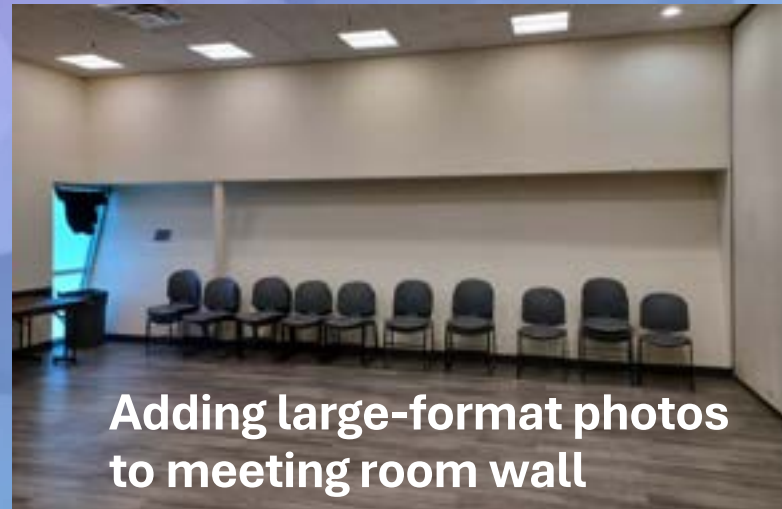
Facility Happenings



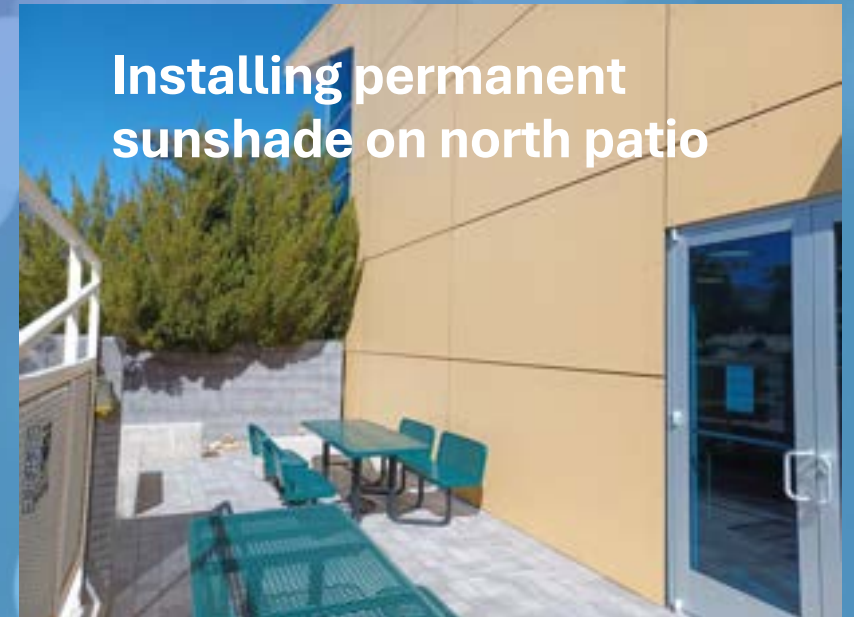
Installation of glass partitions and a sliding door on the shared study room



Replacing rusty benches



Adding large-format photos to meeting room wall



Installing permanent sunshade on north patio



South Valleys Library opened on May 14, 2003.

It's so nice to be able to update some of the furniture, fixtures and equipment after almost 21 years of use!

Thank you to all of our library patrons, families, event presenters, staff, and library supporters through the years!

We're looking forward to the next chapter!

