



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, September 17th, 2025

5:30 P.M.

SPARKS LIBRARY 1125 12th Street, Sparks, NV 89431

Library Trustees:

Ann Silver, Chair

Lea Moser, Vice Chair

Gianna Jacks, Trustee

Tami Ruf, Trustee (absent)

Marie Rodriguez, Trustee

- 0) Salute to the Flag led by audience volunteer, Cate Salim.
- 1) Roll Call [Non-Action Item]
 - Present: Vice Chair Moser, Trustee Rodriguez, Trustee Jacks.
 - Trustee Ruf was absent. Chair Silver joined at 6pm.
- 2) Public Comment – Three Minute Time Limit Per Person [Non-Action Item]
 - Heather Cook: Verdi elementary school librarian. Advocated for keeping the Verdi library open and shared the importance of the library for the Verdi community.
 - Toni Poloni: Emphasized the importance of board leadership and urged the board to support librarians. Highlighted the importance of homebound services.
 - Cate Salim: Expressed concerns over the absence of budget discussions and highlighted the need to fill vacant positions. Spoke against the possibility of closing partnerships and shared concerns that branches that rent space like Sierra View and North Valleys could be next.
 - Krysta Flanagan: Shared support for a robust library budget and emphasized the importance of library partnerships. Thanked Vice Chair Moser and Chair Silver.
 - Drew Ribar: Claimed to be on a political ban list and expressed frustration for being unable to attend pride. Questioned Washoe County officials and librarians for their alleged complacency.
 - Vice Chair Moser tried to redirect Ribar when he addressed the audience instead of the board. Ribar refused and VC Moser called for a 5 minute recess. Ribar continued to repeat his comments.
 - Sandee Tibbett: Questioned why branches had been closed without board approval. Cited NRS statutes. Urged the board to delay closures until they can hold a vote.
- 3) Board Comment [Non-Action Item] – Limited to Announcements, Strategic Plan Activity, Updates or Issues Proposed for Future Agendas and/or Workshops
 - Trustee Jacks encouraged homeschool families to utilize the library. Shared her appreciation for her fellow Trustees and Vice Chair Moser.
 - Vice Chair Moser acknowledged public comment concerning Verdi. Expressed her surprise at branch closures and stated that these closures did not come before the board. Shared that she spoke with Chair Hill on the issue and the desire to staff libraries while the funding is available. Expressed interest in learning more about providing public transportation to and in Verdi.
- 4) Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - Approval of Minutes from the Library Board meeting on August 20, 2025 [For Possible Action].

- On motion by Trustee Rodriguez, seconded by Trustee Jacks, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote, the meeting minutes from August 20, 2025 were approved.

5) New Business

- Discussion between the Library Board of Trustees and the Office of the County Manager providing an overview of the information provided to Assistant County Manager Solaro by individual Trustees for operating locations, times, and days of the Library system for fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) and possible direction to the Office of the County Manager staff related to Budget needs for the Washoe County Library System. [For Possible Action]
 - Assistant County Manager David Solaro addressed branch closures and reiterated that these closures were based on low staffing levels and had been discussed at the August 20th meeting. He shared a map of library coverage and stated that although staffing issues have closed a couple of libraries, there are plenty of branches the public can utilize. He shared his understanding of the board's concerns and apologized for the inconvenience. Shared a graph showing Reno's population growth versus library staff numbers.
 - Solaro presented three operating hour models for Fiscal Year 2027: Options A, B, and C. Solaro emphasized that operational hours need to meet community needs in the area.
 - Chair Silver joined the meeting at 6pm and apologized for her lateness. Asked Solaro if the 8 hour work day included lunch. Solaro clarified the 8 hours did not include lunch.
 - Solaro shared in depth information for each option and shared the concerns related to each, such as the issue of late hours during Incline winter, and reduced availability of story time with later opening hours.
 - Chair Silver asked about the book vending machine. Solaro clarified that it is not self-check but a real vending machine that allows patrons to check out available books. Vending machines are located in Incline Village, Cold Springs, and Sun Valley.
 - Solaro explained that these options were all created by capturing the sentiment of the board via comments shared with him by trustees. He shared that with all three options Duncan/Traner, Gerlach, and Verdi are not considered full-service libraries. There may be discussions with the Washoe County School District about staffing some of these locations. Solaro clarified that the board's ideal operational hours can be pieces of each option presented.
 - Solaro asked that the board decide which schedule they recommend. He will work with staff to create a staffing model to be shared at the October 1st meeting based on the board's approved option.

- Chair Silver asked about the expansion fund and the money left within it. Solaro clarified that there is about 3.5 million left in the budget but that those funds will be used by the end of FY26. He further explained his reluctance to fill library positions until a budget is decided, to prevent future layoffs of newly hired employees.
- Trustee Jacks asked if any of the information the board sent Solaro would be available for the public. Solaro replied that he is currently focused on operating hours and that the information trustees shared was more operational in nature and will be considered later.
- Trustee Rodriguez asked if the library hours will take affect prior to FY27. Solaro replied in the negative. Trustee Rodriguez asked for clarification regarding the closures. Solaro confirmed that the temporary closures were due to staffing and not the budget. Trustee Rodriguez asked if employees are allowed to work four, ten hour days. Solaro replied that they can.
- Chair Silver shared her support for Option A and the extension of hours to accommodate working people who wish to visit the library in the evening and on weekends.
- Vice Chair Moser questioned why library closures went without the board's approval. Solaro reiterated that he'd shared the possibility of closures due to low staffing at the August 20th meeting. He shared again his desire to wait to fill vacant positions until a budget is decided so as to avoid future layoffs. He apologized for not notifying the board or BCC about these closures. VC Moser asked that future closures be considered with an emergency meeting. Solaro replied that emergency meetings would require proper notice due to Open Meeting Law, and it would not be in the library's best interest to have to wait for emergency closure approval.
- Chair Silver stated that the expansion funds could be used over a period time and help to fund positions. Solaro reminded the board that the library's yearly budget is 18 million dollars, and that the 3 million in the expansion fund would be mostly used up for the book budget. He also clarified that the FY26 budget was built to use up the expansion funds by June 30th, 2026. The base library budget would revert back to 12 million, meaning additional funding would need to be secured to keep the same staffing levels.
- Chair Silver questioned the use of self-check. Solaro shared that self-check stations allow for efficiencies. Chair Silver suggested staff could be utilized in other areas if self-check is exclusively used. She questioned why she was directed to self-check when there are librarians on duty.
- Vice Chair Moser questioned why library branches were built if staffing was low. Asked if after-hours meeting rooms are free of charge. Solaro confirmed they are free and available by reservation. VC Moser asked if

staff must be present. Solaro answered that not all locations have exterior access and staff are required to close the building in those locations. Shared which library branches have drive up windows (Spanish Springs, Northwest, South Valleys).

- Vice Chair Moser asked about partnership libraries. Solaro shared the new scenarios for Duncan/Traner and Verdi. Gerlach is already staffed for 2 hours a week as part of a contract with the Washoe County School District.
- Solaro clarified the changes in bookmobile hours as a possible solution to the reduction in partnerships.
- Vice Chair Moser asked about revenue generating possibilities. Solaro shared that these possibilities would take staff time and that all funds would go to the general fund and not be allocated to the library directly.
- Trustees discussed which options they preferred. Trustee Rodriguez suggested they look at the options and vote at a different date. Solaro shared that their choice isn't set in stone and that he'd hoped to have an approved budget at the October 15th meeting. Trustee Rodriguez asked if the option they choose can still be changed if they find there is a need. Solaro confirmed.
- Chair Silver emphasized to the public that the option they vote on is not set in stone and may still be changed.
- On motion by Vice Chair Moser, seconded by Chair Silver, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote, the board approved Option A with the caveat that further analysis would be made.
- Solaro shared that the library's collections budget needs to be allocated at 10% of the general library budget due to population growth. The last time it was at 10% was in 2007. Solaro shared that this target amount was decided based on input from Collections Development Manager Debi Stears. Vice Chair Moser shared her support for Stears' recommendation and Trustee Rodriguez shared her appreciation of a robust catalog.
- On motion by Vice Chair Moser, seconded by Chair Silver, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote, the collections budget was set at 10%.

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

- Heather Cook: Reiterated the importance of keeping the Verdi library open. Cited Verdi's growing population and unique partnership with the Nevada Department of Wildlife and the Washoe County School District. Recommended the library be open on Wednesday afternoons to coincide with the school's early release day.
- Val Wade: Urged the board to use data provided by librarians, and emphasized the need for staff-led decisions.
- Virginia Larmore: Thanked the board for a productive meeting, and Solaro for listening to public, board, and staff concerns. Emphasized the importance of respectful discourse.

- Drew Ribar: Reiterated his concerns about political bias and alleged blacklisting.
- Pete Bansen: Thanked board members for replying to his emailed public comment. Urged the board to consult library staff and emphasized the importance of their expertise when it comes to deciding operational hours.

7) Staff Announcements [Non-Action Item]

- Trustee Moser suggested forming an advisory group with trustees and library staff for ongoing input. Trustees shared that they will speak with librarians about Option A and work as a team.

8) Adjournment

- Chair Silver adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
FOR September 17th
MEETING**

**Submitted for
inclusion in the record**

Public Comment 9/17/2025

From Ash <[REDACTED]>
Date Wed 9/17/2025 6:59 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Good evening,

The information presented to this board over the last 10 months has consistently been a budget reduction of *millions* of dollars. Tonight, you heard county staff report a loss of 33% of the budget in 9 months.

Take a moment to feel what a loss of a third of your income at home.

Please take a moment to consider the impacts these cuts have on our library system.

And then reconsider your phrasing. Rather than, "I didn't make time to review and thoroughly understand the information presenting the impacts of these funding changes," try using, "That wasn't a priority for me this week."

Because that's what you're communicating to our community.

Sandee Tibbett for the record:

9/17/25

I support the temporary closure of select Washoe County library locations for a few days each month to address staffing shortages, and I appreciate the local news informing our community about these changes. The chosen locations I feel are very reasonable selections. However, I strongly object to the library staff's unilateral decision to implement these closures without prior approval from the Library Board of Trustees, as required by NRS 379.025, which mandates board oversight of significant operational changes. The library staff's unauthorized decision to close these locations without a board vote reflects a decade of inadequate oversight, which undermines my trust in their judgment, leaving me uncertain whether these closures are based on sound reasoning or unchecked staff discretion.

The library staff's actions not only bypasses the Library Board of Trustees' authority under NRS 379.025 but also risks violating NRS 379.040, which ensures free public access to libraries under reasonable regulations. By failing to ratify these closures, the board risks breaching its duty to manage the library effectively, potentially leading to removal of trustees by the County Commissioners (NRS 379.020(5)) for neglect of fiduciary obligations. These closures could also invite lawsuits from patrons claiming restricted access or scrutiny from the Nevada State Library for failing minimum standards (NRS 379.003).

Furthermore, these actions may violate Nevada's Open Meeting Law, as operational changes like closures should be discussed and voted on in public board meetings with advance notice; bypassing this process invites civil penalties up to \$500 per violation (NRS 241.037), plus attorney fees, and potential Attorney General investigations. Our library system and county cannot afford the burden of additional lawsuits.

I also share Commissioner Clark's concerns and question why library staff would presume to speak for the county commissioners by announcing closures in a news conference without prior approval. Are their motives to needlessly stir community unrest?

I urge the board to delay the temporary closings and hold a public meeting to vote on these closures to ensure transparency and accountability to prevent legal and operational fallout.

Thank you.

Library Board of Trustees



Budget Discussion

May 7, 2025 (Original Presentation)

October 1, 2025 (Refresher)



Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Two Funds
 - General
 - Expansion
3. Expansion Fund Residual Fund Balance
4. Proposed FY2026 Solution
5. Next Steps – Permanent Solution



Two Funds – General and Expansion Funds

• General Fund

- Budget approximately \$12.5 million annually
- Approximately 101 employees
- Savings is not retained for Library
 - Lapses into General Fund reserves
 - “Rainy Day Fund”

• Expansion Fund

- Budget approximately \$4.5 million annually
- Approximately 23 employees
- Savings is retained for Library
- Residual Balance
 - June 30, 2025 (tax expires)
 - Estimated to be \$3.5 million
 - Must be used for original intent
 - Separate from general fund
- Compliance monitored by external auditors and Department of Taxation



Additional Support - \$1.3 million (from the General Fund)

- What is it?
 - Funding needed to add to the residual balance
 - Maintain flat Library budget during FY2026
 - July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026
- Why is this a transition year?
 - LBOT to assess operational needs
 - Post WC-01
 - Determine ideal funding levels
 - Propose solution to Board of County Commissioners
 - September 30, 2025
- Permanent solution anticipated for FY2027
 - July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027



Next Steps

- Assess and Determine Operational Needs – Currently Underway
 - Library Board of Trustees
- Determine Resulting Budgetary Needs – Upcoming After this Meeting
 - Library and Finance staff
 - Present Results at LBOT Meeting on October 15, 2025
- Proposed Operations Plan and Budget to Board of County Commissioners
 - September 30, 2025
 - Revised to October 31, 2025

Thank you & Questions?



Washoe County Library Board of Trustees

Plan for successful
Budget recommendation
to the Board of County
Commission



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Washoe County Library System

Mission: To connect people with information, ideas, and experiences to support an engaged community, **one** person at a time.

Vision: All Washoe County residents benefit from the library's support of literacy and self-education

From the September 17, 2025, LBOT meeting

ACTION ITEM – based on the conformed information provided to the Board of Trustees please provide a recommended schedule to Assistant County Manager Solaro on the appropriate operations schedule model for the next step of completing a staffing model and budget to be presented to the Trustees on October 1, 2025.

LBOT provided direction to proceed with Option A with the caveat that there is room for continued discussion and adjustment.

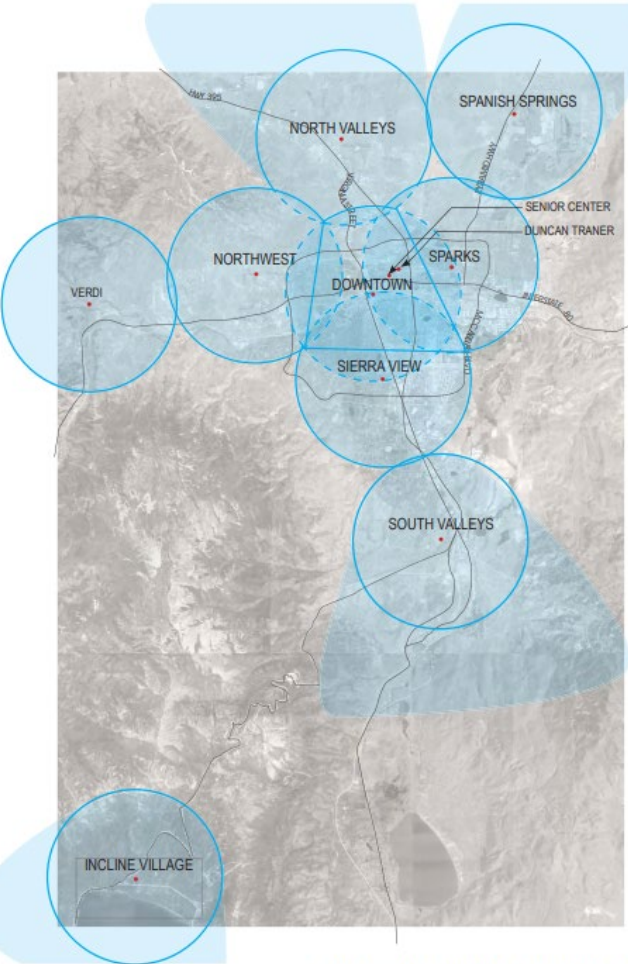
Washoe County Library Hours

Option A									
Branch	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Hours per week	vs. exist.
Downtown	10 to 4	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	closed	56	14
Duncan/Trainer	partner	partner	partner	partner	Bookmobile	partner	partner	3	-9.5
Gerlach	partner	partner	partner	partner	partner	partner	partner	0	-2
Incline	vending	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 5	40	-7
North Valleys	11 to 5	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 5	52	5
Northwest	closed	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	11 to 4	55	2
Senior Center	closed	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	closed	20	0
Sierra View	closed	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	11 to 5	51	4
South Valleys	12 to 4	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	12 to 4	53	-2
Spanish Springs	12 to 4	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	12 to 4	53	5
Sparks	12 to 4	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	12 to 4	53	0
Verdi	partner	partner	partner	Bookmobile	partner	partner	partner	3	-6.5
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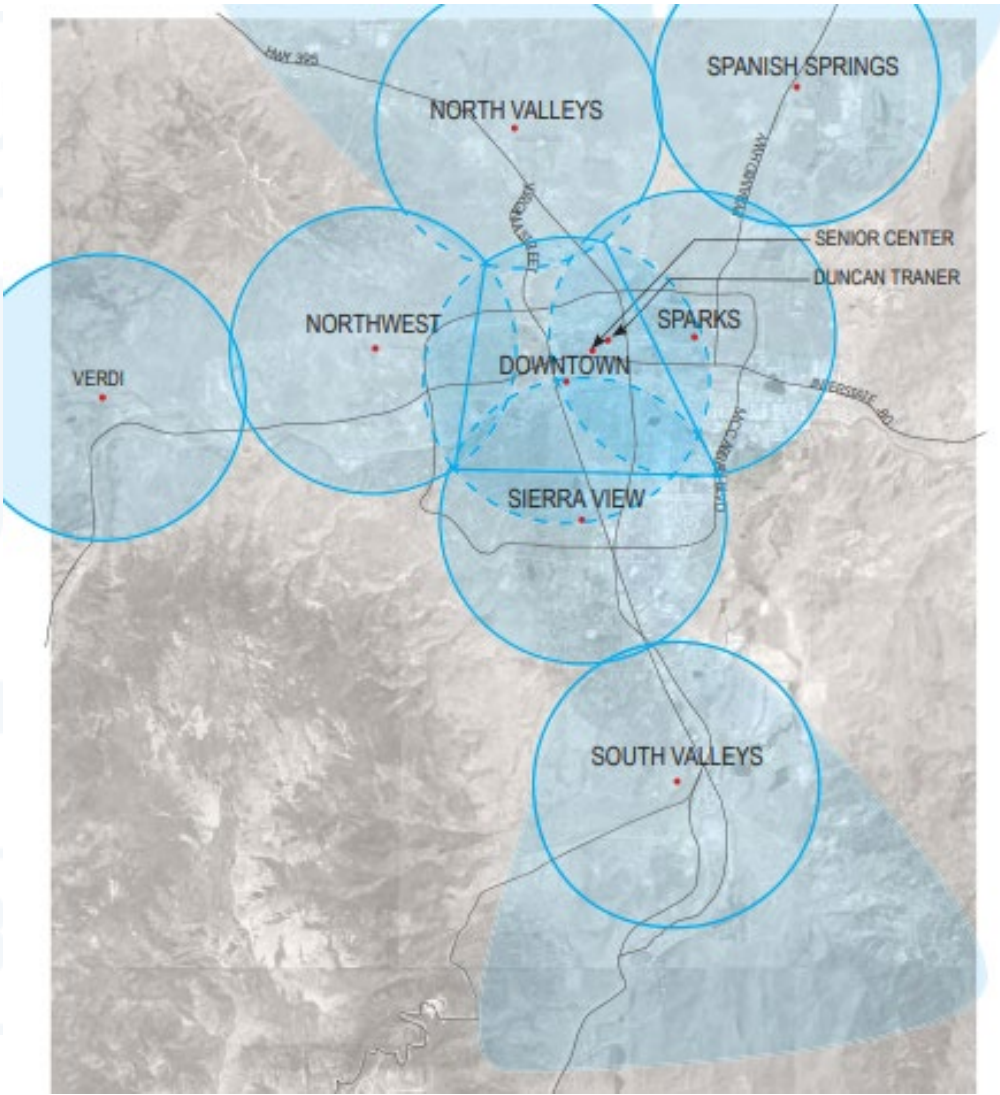
Washoe County: Fiscal Sustainability

Washoe County Library System Facility Master Plan
February 2015

Fig. 3.1



WCLS LIBRARY BRANCH SERVICE AREAS



Questions from last meeting:

- Staff schedules include a minimum required 30-minute unpaid lunch period. These may be longer, but not shorter and all time is unpaid.
- Automated materials handlers and self check out stations have assisted patrons and staff as technology upgrades. These were installed as capital investments to account for reduced staff in the early 2010's. These still require some staff assistance.
- Capital construction of libraries were completed in 2005 (Spanish Springs, Incline) before staff reductions which occurred between 2009-2012.

Washoe County: Fiscal Sustainability Option A full

Option A									
Branch	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Hours per week	vs. exist.
Downtown	10 to 4	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	closed	56	14
Duncan/Trainer	partner	partner	partner	partner	Bookmobile	partner	partner	3	-9.5
Gerlach	partner	partner	partner	partner	partner	partner	partner	0	-2
Incline	vending	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 5	40	-7
North Valleys	11 to 5	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 5	52	5
Northwest	closed	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	11 to 4	55	2
Senior Center	closed	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	closed	20	0
Sierra View	closed	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	11 to 5	51	4
South Valleys	12 to 4	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	12 to 4	53	-2
Spanish Springs	12 to 4	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	12 to 4	53	5
Sparks	12 to 4	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	12 to 4	53	0
Verdi	partner	partner	partner	Bookmobile	partner	partner	partner	3	-6.5
								439	3

Option A full service									
	Reno	Incline	North Valley	Northwest	Sierra View	South Valley	Spanish Springs	Sparks	vs. existing
Branch Manager	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Librarian	5	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	5
Library Assistant III	3	2	3	3	2	4	2	2	8
Library Assistant II FT	20	4	8	11	6	10	10	9	29
Library Assistant II PT	0	1	0	6	5	4	0	4	2
Library Aide PT	4	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	3

Washoe County: Fiscal Sustainability Option A Books Only

Option A									
Branch	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Hours per week	vs. exist.
Downtown	10 to 4	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	closed	56	14
Duncan/Trainer	partner	partner	partner	partner	Bookmobile	partner	partner	3	-9.5
Gerlach	partner	partner	partner	partner	partner	partner	partner	0	-2
Incline	vending	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 5	40	-7
North Valleys	11 to 5	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 5	52	5
Northwest	closed	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	11 to 4	55	2
Senior Center	closed	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	closed	20	0
Sierra View	closed	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	11 to 5	51	4
South Valleys	12 to 4	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	12 to 4	53	-2
Spanish Springs	12 to 4	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	12 to 4	53	5
Sparks	12 to 4	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	12 to 4	53	0
Verdi	partner	partner	partner	Bookmobile	partner	partner	partner	3	-6.5
								439	3

Option A Books Only									
	Reno	Incline	North Valley	Northwest	Sierra View	South Valley	Spanish Springs	Sparks	vs. existing
Branch Manager	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Librarian	3	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	0
Library Assistant III	5	1	2	3	2	2	1	2	5
Library Assistant II FT	16	3	5	8	6	10	7	4	10
									0
Library Assistant II PT	0	1	1	3	5	4	3	4	3
Library Aide PT	2	2	2	3	3	3	0	3	-4

Washoe County: Fiscal Sustainability Staff Option

Staff Proposed Option									
Branch	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Hours per week	vs. exist.
Downtown	10 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 7	9 to 5	9 to 5	10 to 5	56	14
Duncan/Trainer	closed	closed	closed	book	closed	closed	closed	2	-10.5
Gerlach	closed	closed	closed	5 to 7	closed	closed	closed	2	0
Incline	closed	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	47	0
North Valleys	vending	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	47	0
Northwest	9:30 to 4:30	10 to 5:30	9:30 to 6:30	9:30 to 8	9:30 to 6:30	10 to 5:30	9:30 to 4:30	57.5	4.5
Senior Center	closed	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	closed	20	0
Sierra View	closed	closed	9 to 6	9 to 7	9 to 7	9 to 6	9 to 4	45	-2
South Valleys	10 to 5	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 5	59	4
Spanish Springs	10 to 5	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 5	56	8
Sparks	10 to 4	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	53	0
Verdi	closed	closed	3 to 6	closed	3 to 6	closed	closed	6	-3.5
								450.5	14.5

Staff option									
	Reno	Incline	North Valley	Northwest	Sierra View	South Valley	Spanish Springs	Sparks	vs. existing
Branch Manager	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Librarian	4	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2
Library Assistant III	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	5
Library Assistant II FT	14	3	5	8	6	10	10	7	14
									0
Library Assistant II PT	0	1	1	4	3	4	0	3	-2
Library Aide PT	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	1

Washoe County: Fiscal Sustainability staff levels

	OPT A FULL SERVICE	OPT A BOOKS ONLY	Branch Preferred FULL SERVICE	Current
Branch Manager	8	8	8	8
Librarian	20	15	17	15
Library Assistant III	21	18	18	13
Library Assistant II FT	78	59	63	49
	0	0	0	
Library Assistant II PT	20	21	16	18
Library Aide PT	25	18	23	22

Branch locations only – not including administrative positions across the system

Conclusions:

- For Option A
 - To provide “books only” approach with extended hours increases staffing.
 - To provide “full service” approach with extended hours increases staffing.
 - 8 additional supervisory positions and approx. 20 various other.
- Staff Option also increases staff need but shows efficiencies.
- It is possible to provide “full service” approach and slightly extend hours. There may be operational shifts in how services are provided across the system.
- Additional options could be reviewed for hours and locations.

Washoe County: Fiscal Sustainability Hybrid Option

Hybrid Option									
Branch	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Hours per	vs. exist.
Downtown	10 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 7	9 to 5	9 to 5	closed	49	7
Duncan/Trainer	closed	closed	closed	book	closed	closed	closed	2	-10.5
Gerlach	closed	closed	closed	5 to 7	closed	closed	closed	2	0
Incline	closed	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	47	0
North Valleys	vending	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	47	0
Northwest	9:30 to 4:30	10 to 5:30	9:30 to 6:30	9:30 to 7	9:30 to 6:30	10 to 5:30	9:30 to 4:30	56.5	3.5
Senior Center	closed	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	closed	20	0
Sierra View	closed	closed	9 to 6	9 to 7	9 to 7	9 to 6	9 to 4	45	-2
South Valleys	10 to 5	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 5	59	4
Spanish Springs	10 to 5	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	closed	49	1
Sparks	10 to 4	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	53	0
Verdi	closed	closed	3 to 6	closed	3 to 6	closed	closed	6	-3.5
								435.5	-0.5

Washoe County: Fiscal Sustainability Option C Update

Option C Update									
Branch	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Hours per week	vs. exist.
Downtown	10 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	closed	47	5
Duncan/Trainer	closed	closed	closed	book	closed	closed	closed	2	-10.5
Gerlach	closed	closed	closed	5 to 7	closed	closed	closed	2	0
Incline	closed	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	46	-1
North Valleys	vending	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	vending	47	0
Northwest	10 to 4	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 8	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	54	1
Senior Center	closed	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	closed	20	0
Sierra View	closed	closed	9 to 6	9 to 7	9 to 7	9 to 6	9 to 4	45	-2
South Valleys	10 to 5	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 8	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 5	56	1
Spanish Springs	closed	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 5	48	0
Sparks	10 to 4	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	53	0
Verdi	closed	closed	3 to 6	closed	3 to 6	closed	closed	6	-3.5
								426	426

Questions:

- Does the Board want to explore the Hybrid Option or the Option C Update?
- Is the Board comfortable providing more than a “books only” service?
- Is the Board comfortable with all branches generally providing story time for young children and senior programming?
- Is the Board comfortable with variable programming based on clientele?
 - Sierra View catering to job seekers as an example.
- Does the Board need additional information?
- Is the Board ready to give direction?

ACTION ITEM – based on the staffing information provided to the Board of Trustees please provide direction to Assistant County Manager Solaro on the appropriate operations model for the next step of completing the final staffing model and budget to be presented to the Trustees on October 15, 2025.

Thank you

Dave Solaro, Arch, P.E.
Assistant County Manager
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STAFF REPORT

TRUSTEE MEETING DATE: October 1, 2025

DATE: September 29, 2025

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion between the Library Board of Trustees and the Office of the County Manager to review staffing models outlining the needed staff to operate the locations, times, and days of the Library system for fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) as identified by the Board at the meeting held September 17, 2025 and possible direction to the Office of the County Manager staff related to Budget needs for the Washoe County Library System. [For Possible Action]

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners (BCC) has asked the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) to review operational strategies of the library system and provide a recommended fiscal year (FY) 27 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) operating budget.

This item is intended to be a discussion between the Office of the County Manager and the LBOT to review staffing models as well as input received from our library branch managers that outline the personnel costs associated with preferred operating locations, days, and hours for each of the 12 branch locations for a proposed budget to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in October of 2025.

PREVIOUS ACTION

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

At the August 20, 2025 Board of Trustee meeting, the Trustees provided direction to the Office of the County Manager to hold a special meeting on October 1, 2025 as well as

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committed to provide information individually to the Assistant County Manager for compilation of options to the Trustees at the September 17, 2025 meeting.

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

BACKGROUND

During the Washoe County Board of Commission (BCC) Fiscal Year 26 budget cycle the BCC requested that the Washoe County Library work to define the library services necessary for our community given the discussions throughout the community on the current use of our libraries. The review of services provided to the community through the library system is an important step in determining what funding is necessary and sustainable for the future.

The 2022-2025 Library Strategic plan outlines the **mission:** to connect people with information, ideas, and experiences to support an engaged community, one person at a time, with the **vision:** that all Washoe County residents benefit from the library's support of literacy and self-education.

The 2022 – 2025 Strategic plan should be the baseline for decisions related to the current service levels and the beginning point for the next five-year plan. It is anticipated that the new library director will update the strategic plan process crafted around the service levels set by the LBOT for the FY 27 timeframe.

The LBOT sets the number of locations and hours of operation through policy direction. At the September 17, 2025, meeting the Trustees discussed three options provided to them as a compilation of individual trustee feedback between August 20, 2025, and September 5, 2025, for their preferred locations, days, and hours of operation for each of the 12 branch locations. The outcome of the meeting was to begin with Option A as the starting point for creating a staffing model.

Option A									
Branch	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Hours per week	vs. exist.
Downtown	10 to 4	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	closed	56	14
Duncan/Trainer	partner	partner	partner	partner	Bookmobile	partner	partner	3	-9.5
Gerlach	partner	partner	partner	partner	partner	partner	partner	0	-2
Incline	vending	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 7	12 to 5	40	-7
North Valleys	11 to 5	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 5	52	5
Northwest	closed	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	10 to 8	11 to 4	55	2
Senior Center	closed	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	closed	20	0
Sierra View	closed	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	11 to 5	51	4
South Valleys	12 to 4	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	12 to 4	53	-2
Spanish Springs	12 to 4	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	12 to 4	53	5
Sparks	12 to 4	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	11 to 7	12 to 4	53	0
Verdi	partner	partner	partner	Bookmobile	partner	partner	partner	3	-6.5
								439	3

Upon receiving the direction to move forward with the selected option, the Assistant County Manager requested input from each library branch manager as well as library administration staff related to how to adequately staff the hours presented. The request of library staff was to present required staff needs to meet the days and hours in Option A for two types of library operation. Type one would be to simply have the building open

for patrons to utilize services solely related to the materials collection, a “books only” approach to providing access to our materials. Type two was to build upon the “books only” approach to include the most impactful programs for each individual branch, those programs that meet the needs of the current Mission and Vision and are well attended within the communities that the branches currently serve. Attachment A to this staff report outlines the general day to day duties of our library staff for a “books only” experience and Attachment B outlines the additional duties necessary for a “full service” library. The attachments are comprehensive lists of all activities necessary for the various popular programs but do not break out specific duties by branch based on the programmatic needs specific to each branch’s patrons.

In addition to the two types of service level, based on Option A, a request was made for any efficiency upgrades that the individual branch managers felt met the spirit of Option A but would be more efficient from a staffing perspective shown as the Staff Proposed Option below.

Staff Proposed Option									
Branch	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Hours per week	vs. exist.
Downtown	10 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 7	9 to 5	9 to 5	10 to 5	56	14
Duncan/Trainer	closed	closed	closed	book	closed	closed	closed	2	-10.5
Gerlach	closed	closed	closed	5 to 7	closed	closed	closed	2	0
Incline	closed	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	47	0
North Valleys	vending	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	47	0
Northwest	9:30 to 4:30	10 to 5:30	9:30 to 6:30	9:30 to 8	9:30 to 6:30	10 to 5:30	9:30 to 4:30	57.5	4.5
Senior Center	closed	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	closed	20	0
Sierra View	closed	closed	9 to 6	9 to 7	9 to 7	9 to 6	9 to 4	45	-2
South Valleys	10 to 5	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 5	59	4
Spanish Springs	10 to 5	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 5	56	8
Sparks	10 to 4	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	53	0
Verdi	closed	closed	3 to 6	closed	3 to 6	closed	closed	6	-3.5
								450.5	14.5

Based on the input from the branch managers, full-time and part-time position counts were created by positions necessary to accommodate the hours for the types of service levels. The chart below outlines the numbers of full-time and part-time positions across the system for the branches only and based on branch layout not all branches are equally staffed. This does not include any positions necessary for the administration of the entire system such as the Library Director, or Collection Development Manager as examples.

	OPT A “FULL SERVICE”	OPT A “BOOKS ONLY”	Staff Proposed “FULL SERVICE”	Current
Branch Manager	8	8	8	8
Librarian	20	15	17	15
Library Assistant III	21	18	18	13
Library Assistant II FT	78	59	63	49
Library Assistant II PT	20	21	16	18
Library Aide PT	25	18	23	22

As can be seen from the chart, all staffing scenarios associated with this exercise and Option A increase employee counts over current approved full time equivalent staffing. This would necessitate an increase in funding to the library system which may not be possible in the upcoming fiscal year budget process.

Based on this information, additional direction is needed from the Trustees regarding efficient and effective delivery of services for the Washoe County library system. To assist in the conversation, it may be helpful to review suggested changes to the staff proposed option and request a re-review of the necessary staffing. While looking at the difference between current scheduled hours and Option A, it appears that a driver on additional employees is potentially located in the increased hours at the Downtown, Spanish Springs, North Valleys, and Sierra View branches. By combining Option A, the current schedule and the staff proposed option a potential option may look like the option below labeled Hybrid Option.

Hybrid Option									
Branch	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Hours per	vs. exist.
Downtown	10 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 7	9 to 5	9 to 5	closed	49	7
Duncan/Trainer	closed	closed	closed	book	closed	closed	closed	2	-10.5
Gerlach	closed	closed	closed	5 to 7	closed	closed	closed	2	0
Incline	closed	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	47	0
North Valleys	vending	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	47	0
Northwest	9:30 to 4:30	10 to 5:30	9:30 to 6:30	9:30 to 7	9:30 to 6:30	10 to 5:30	9:30 to 4:30	56.5	3.5
Senior Center	closed	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	closed	20	0
Sierra View	closed	closed	9 to 6	9 to 7	9 to 7	9 to 6	9 to 4	45	-2
South Valleys	10 to 5	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 5	59	4
Spanish Springs	10 to 5	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	closed	49	1
Sparks	10 to 4	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	53	0
Verdi	closed	closed	3 to 6	closed	3 to 6	closed	closed	6	-3.5
								435.5	-0.5

From the exercise of reviewing Option A for the two scenarios it appears that the addition of programming for community impact, whether providing services to the core audience being young children and older adults or other programs specific to the needs of a specific branch the impact to program staffing can be identified. To move from a “books only” approach generally it appears that an additional 8 supervisory/lead staff are necessary (one per branch) as well as approximately 20 various other employee types for the extended evening and weekend hours associated with Option A.

These additional employees must be a result of the hour changes as the “full service” approach is currently working for the hours of operation that are current board policy, so a solution is within reach to extend certain hours and not drastically impact the services our community has come to expect in a full-service library experience.

An alternative to the Hybrid Option would be closer to Option C from September 17, 2025, as seen below in Option C Update which could be considered a slight extension of hours but still capable of utilizing the existing staff numbers.

Option C Update									
Branch	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Hours per week	vs. exist.
Downtown	10 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	9 to 5	closed	47	5
Duncan/Trainer	closed	closed	closed	book	closed	closed	closed	2	-10.5
Gerlach	closed	closed	closed	5 to 7	closed	closed	closed	2	0
Incline	closed	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	46	-1
North Valleys	vending	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	vending	47	0
Northwest	10 to 4	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 8	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	54	1
Senior Center	closed	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1	closed	20	0
Sierra View	closed	closed	9 to 6	9 to 7	9 to 7	9 to 6	9 to 4	45	-2
South Valleys	10 to 5	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 8	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 5	56	1
Spanish Springs	closed	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 5	48	0
Sparks	10 to 4	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 7	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 4	53	0
Verdi	closed	closed	3 to 6	closed	3 to 6	closed	closed	6	-3.5
								426	426

The client uses and needs of our facilities vary across the locations making it difficult to have a one size fits all approach; however, the current operation of the library system shows that providing a service level above a “books only” approach is possible and effective. The library system has adapted and continues to provide services to our community who are not generally calling for more, and do not seem to be calling overall for less either.

One concept to consider operationally and would need to be defined with the assistance of the Washoe County Employees Association (WCEA) and Human Resources (HR) would be to create a floating staffing pool that would be available to accomplish some level of programming above a “books only” approach and would not serve at a base branch location. This staffing pool could fill some of the gaps due to running a library system with a lean staffing model to implement rotational programming for teens and adults. Staffing the library branches appropriately for young children and senior programming at each branch supplemented with the staffing pool may be an additional efficiency enhancement that would provide targeted programming where it serves our community best.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is not currently a fiscal impact that is being presented related to this item. Additional funding above the current fiscal year approved funding would be required to fund Option A “books only”, “full service” or Staff Option staffing levels identified. Future items will include fiscal notes associated with options presented to the Library Trustees.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by staff that the Library Board of Trustees review the information provided, discuss the merits of the information, and provide direction to the Office of the County Manager staff for operations of the Library system for fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027); and provide any additional information to consider to the Assistant County Manager for inclusion in future budget setting discussions for the Washoe County Library System.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Trustees agree with the staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:
"Move to provide the following direction to Office of the County Manager staff related to
Budget needs for the Washoe County Library System,

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Attachment A

TASKS FOR A “BOOKS ONLY” LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

Tasks related to books and circulation

- Create new library cards for new patrons while also explaining the services we offer and describing the layout of the branch
- Remove and check in returned items from the Automated Materials Handling machine. Assess items for damage and missing DVDs/CDs, sort everything onto a re-shelving area to be shelved, send patron requests to other branches, and stack bins when they are full of holds.
- Prepare outgoing bins for couriers. These bins hold items for patrons, non-floating collection items, and those for TS assessment.
- Checking in bins of books arriving to fill holds and new books coming from Technical Services
- Print holds list and search branch shelves for holds
- Printing hold slips and shelving holds for self-pickup
- Shelving books and AV materials according to branch guidelines
- Look for missing items (library material that is on hold, but cannot be found on the shelf)
- Check in expired holds that patrons don't pick up
- Creating and maintaining regular book displays throughout the branch (find a theme, find books in the branch that fit the theme)
- Curate special book displays coordinating with the library's Celebrations and Recognition calendar
- Refill New Books display and Lucky Day collection
- Print replacement bar codes for existing library cards, look up card numbers for patrons arriving without their cards, confirm contact information for patrons inquiring about expired cards
- Filling and maintaining hold pickup lockers (Verdi and Downtown only)
- Filling and maintaining book kiosks (Incline Village and North Valleys only)

Tasks related to collection maintenance

- Assessing returned items for damage and possible replacement
- Shelf reading and shifting
- Send damaged items to TS after changing the item status to in-transit to TS and writing a slip for each item being transferred
- Receive new magazines from Technical Services to go out on the shelf. Locate the old issues and ensure the status is updated so patrons can check out older issues.
- Updating metadata on books (moving from "new" to "old")
- Pulling weeding lists (damaged, never checked out)
- Send Lucky Day books to TS for re-distribution

Tasks related to facilities

- Cleaning (shelves, children's area, meeting room, counters, etc.)
- Meeting room setup/tear down (tables, chairs, tech, movable walls)
- Monthly fire extinguisher and flashlight checks
- Check the Zoom room throughout each hour to see if it is being used and being used properly
- Submit work orders for facilities issues (plumbing, landscaping, electrical, roof leaks, etc.)

Tasks related to technology

- Assist people with printing/copying, paying, and getting change
- Assist people logging in to public internet stations
- Troubleshoot computer issues (kids, teens, adult PCs)
- Assist patrons with Automated Materials Handler machine intake and self-check-out stations
- Update OPAC and TV slides at all branch OPACs and TVs
- Troubleshooting - attend to the kiosks if they are not working
- Submit tech support tickets for tech issues throughout the branch

- Answer Book a Librarian-type questions (smart phones, laptops, tablets, e-readers, Libby, government assistance forms, creating/updating resumes, etc.) on the fly, outside of Book A Librarian appointments, while on the service desks

Miscellaneous Tasks

- Regularly walk through the building to assist patrons, monitor patron behavior and related issues, identify facility problems, pick up trash, and remove flats, etc.
- Greet patrons as they walk in the door and acknowledge them when they leave the building
- Return unaccompanied minor patrons to their grownups, explain our unattended child policy, and answer questions and address complaints relating to the policy
- Closing duties (flag, flats, shut down PCs, tidy, etc.)
- Opening duties (flag, board, boot up PCs, cash drawer)
- Input branch statistics (meeting room attendance, event attendance, outreach and class visit attendance, and all other library events)
- Attend service team meetings (YSLE, TEG, Internet, MarCom, Circ, LOVE, Managers, Admin., etc.)
- Plan and agendize service team meetings
- Supply ordering (inventory stock, find staff needs, compile order lists monthly)
- Attend County-mandated trainings (Workplace Violence, Data Sensitivity, Defensive Driving, Emergency Preparedness, Drug-Free Workplace, CyberSecurity)
- Assess and sort donated items – sort, box up for Better World Books/put in bins for Friends/price for in-house book sales
- Order supplies and schedule box pickup for Better World Books
- Count and ring up money donations
- Count and ring up the copier/public printer money
- Replenish Read and Share bookshelves
- Post and record public meeting notices in accordance with NV Open Meeting Law
- Accept and sign for deliveries of business supplies and redirect items meant for other facilities but delivered here by mistake
- Intervene in patron disputes

- Write up incident reports as needed for patron behavior, policy infractions, or Law enforcement/EMS response
- Check and respond to emails
- Keep book sale areas well-stocked with products
- Talk to patrons about the posting policy if they have something to post
- Compile monthly volunteer statistics, interview and train new volunteers, and identify tasks appropriate for them to work on
- Receive office supply orders from couriers, put away
- Monitor use of the Teen Zone and restrict to teen patrons only, and explain TZ policy to adults who want to use the space
- Identify, reach out to, and build relationships with potential new community partners
- Monitor the status of local construction projects and traffic conditions to answer patron questions about them, including how they might impact their ability to access the library
- Seek out professional development training opportunities
- Create readers' advisory book lists
- Update and administer the public-facing reading lists in the library catalog
- Onboard and mentor On the Shelf contributors

Tasks related to branch supervision/PIC

- Write performance appraisals (create new goals and expectations)
- Coach staff on inter-personal issues, policies, and patron interactions
- Upload Procard receipts to SharePoint spreadsheet/folder
- Reconcile monthly Procard statements
- Submit surplus equipment requests and requests to relocate furniture and other items to other branches and County departments.
- Prepare for weekly staff meetings, create minutes for staff unable to attend meetings
- Assist at other branches for urgent staffing requests for LAIs and supervisors
- Prepare daily schedules from master schedules, adjusting for sick leave, meetings, vacation, trainings, library events, etc.

- Monitor outdoor garbage and recycling cans, and contact the landscape crew when they need to be emptied
- Answer patron questions, concerns, and complaints about the lack of parking available during sports events held in the surrounding park, and provide the phone number where they can lodge complaints
- Write up injury reports and other Risk Management forms as needed for staff and patrons
- Answer phones and texts from staff who are taking unexpected sick leave, experiencing family and household emergencies, or are running late due to traffic/construction, etc.
- Manage part-time staff database, training assignment schedules, and monthly topics to be covered
- Print out and track database training assignments, then return completed assignments to staff

Annual or Biannual Tasks

- Hand out tax forms and instruction booklets, and assist patrons with locating and printing less commonly used forms during tax season
- Answer questions about the availability of tax forms and community resources providing tax assistance during tax season
- Prepare training presentations for Staff Day sessions or library conferences (e.g., NLA, ALA, PLA, YALSA).
- Direct patrons to polling places, both inside the branch and at other locations, during election season, and explain why we cannot accept their drop-off ballots

Attachment B

ADDITIONAL TASKS FOR A “FULL SERVICE” LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

Tasks related to programs and reference

- Prep for family story time, toddler time, baby story time-find appropriate books, fingerplays, songs, and create song sheets for the audience to participate
- Non-story-time program preparation (Camp STEAM, QUAD, Pokémon Party, Teen Tuesday, Crafternoon, Cricut, etc.)
- Book a Librarian session – Help patrons one-on-one complete online job applications, file for unemployment, obtain a Real ID, set up an email address, and apply for government assistance, among other services.
- Research new program ideas
- Give readers advisory advice to parents seeking books for a specific assignment, particular grade, and/or Accelerated Reader level, or interest for avid young readers, as well as reluctant readers
- Maintain book club alongside multiple partnerships, communicate with regular attendees, and promote to new attendees
- Answer phone calls, provide directions, place holds, and more.
- Create digital slides, posters, and social media posts to run on OPACs, TVs, and print out for branch bulletin boards
- Plan, research, and read children's books in preparation for writing On the Kids' Shelf scripts that include a corresponding literary tip and activity, to be read for radio programming with KUNR partnership
- Continuously engage with the KUNR Program group, to stay aware of ongoing practices, procedures, schedules, and database file upload areas, as well as attention to group member changes
- Plan, research, read, and compile topical library book lists for writing On the Shelf scripts, to be read for radio programming with KUNR partnership
- Read story submissions to determine top 10 (Shivery: Chilling Tales of Horror, 60+ entries)
- Filming and recording video and audio for virtual events (e.g., Shivery: Chilling Tales of Horror)
- Develop and run Escape Rooms (several puzzles each)

- Print out coloring sheets and fill coloring sheet bins weekly
- Fill out meeting room attendance slips
- Meet with potential artists for the art gallery showings, schedule, email, and connect as showing dates approach
- Organize galleries/contact artists
- Introduce artists and special presenters during events
- Organize spaces (craft island, craft closet, desk, tech room, etc.)
- Learn MTG and DND rules to instruct new students during Teen Tuesday
- Virtual Reality instruction during Book A Librarian
- Create event reports shared to all library staff after most library events and outreaches
- 3D print patrons' requests
- Clean toys from Stay and Play
- Create new passive prompts/activities (chalk wall, guessing jar, lost chapter)
- Contact event presenters to ensure they are coming, they have everything they need, and find out how the room needs to be set up for them
- Write scripts to be read for Zoom hosting virtual events, for the Nevada Historical Society partnership

Tasks related to outreach and marketing

- Prepare for and attend school and community outreach events (bring table, chairs, books, collateral, laptops, library cards, etc.).
- Sign up and explain the Summer Reading Challenge to parents and kids throughout May, June, and July. Update their Beanstack account to show they got their free books, and enter stats for patrons who use paper reading logs
- Create monthly branch newsletter - insert pictures, descriptions, event times, hyperlink to events, add alt text, adjust formatting
- Manage, facilitate, follow up with program partners (WCSD/FBNN) Kids Cafe program 4x/year (intersession breaks WCSD and summer break)
- Explorer booklet design – graphic design for 2–4 pages each quarter
- Review Explorer drafts for accuracy
- Create buttons and stamp buttons for library promotion and programs

- Design the Summer Reading Challenge reading log
- Create artwork to advertise the Summer Reading Challenge throughout May, June, and July
- Update bulletin boards
- Prepare materials and equipment for the bookmobile's weekly routes/stops. Involves collection assessment for each stop, addition, removal, and processing of materials to accommodate cleaning (car wash), as well as adding holds to deliver.
- Bookmobile collection management (coworking with TS and Circulation/Systems)
- Prepare for homebound deliveries, select books, contact patrons, set up date/time; do delivery and pickup old items
- Add library event summary entries for every proposed and ongoing program for YSLE approval
- Copy approved event entries to the public-facing Calendar of Events
- Create library cards for ALL students in all schools in prep for outreaches and visits (often hundreds of cards per school)

Tasks related to technology

- Maintain and troubleshoot the 3D printer
- Show meeting room groups how to use A/V equipment and troubleshoot issues if they arise
- Assist patrons with online program registrations
- Assist patrons with booking meeting rooms

Tasks related to branch supervision/PIC

- Foster conversations with staff about future display ideas and guidelines, leading to the fulfillment of our Strategic Plan and the creation of beautiful, welcoming environments for diverse communities.
- Create conversations with staff about future Story Time program themes, and subsequent scheduling of co-readers with enthusiastic mutual interests
- Create conversations with lead staff about outreach ideas that come from potential community partnerships
- Equitably assign library programs to staff, update staffing calendar to reflect assignments

- Notify meeting room groups if inclement weather forces the branch to close early when they have a reservation to use the room
- Create and maintain a monthly staff shelf reading schedule
- Prepare branch reports/presentations for LBOT
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**PUBLIC COMMENT
FOR Oct 1st MEETING
Submitted for
inclusion in the record**

For Public Comment - Verdi Library

From claire <[REDACTED]>
Date Fri 9/26/2025 11:56 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Please make this part of public comment for the Verdi Library.

The Verdi library is used year round by the community and needs to remain open.
If keeping it open full time is not possible, perhaps open it one day less a week.
But it needs to remain open and accessible for use by the community.
Years ago, the community voted to expand the library in lieu of building a community center.
The library is used for meetings, by the school, and other uses

Thank you

Adrian Argyris
Verdi resident

Public comment Verdi Library

From Amy Kanigher <[REDACTED]>
Date Wed 9/24/2025 1:40 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello,

We are parents of a young boy who attends Verdi Elementary. The Verdi community is unique and is everything we are hoping for our son. One of his favorite activities is when they get to go to the library as part of their "specials". He comes home excited and tells us about the new stories. He discovered at the library and his favorite library and Miss Cook.

Closing this library would be a huge blow to Verdi Elementary and the Verdi community. Please reconsider keeping it open for children and adults and learn, convene, and share ideas.

Thank you for your time,
Amy Kanigher
Nurse practitioner, Mom, wife and lover of books and free speech

Sent from my iPhone

Public comment

From Bodensteiner, Amy <[REDACTED]>

Date Wed 9/24/2025 9:46 AM

To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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I am writing a public comment in support of saving the Verdi Public Library and continuing to keep it open. My father Art Carling was a principal at Verdi Elementary for many years and always spoke so fondly of the Verdi community and loved being a part of it. The library has been such an integral part of the school and community, and closing it would be a disservice to all. My father passed away from Alzheimer's in January this year, and if he were still here, he would be there loud and proud to support the Verdi community, especially the kids whom he cared so much for and dedicated his time, energy, and love to for many years. The library is worth saving! Thank you for your time.

Thank you,

Amy Bodensteiner, Ph.D., NCSP
School Psychologist
Pleasant Valley E.S.
Marvin Picollo School
RISE Academy
TMCC Magnet

Andrea Segura

September 25, 2025

To Washoe County Library Board of Trustees,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the possible closure of The Verdi Community Library. For generations, this library has been more than a building filled with books—it has been the beating heart of our community, a place where people of all ages gather to learn, connect, and grow. Verdi is a community library and serves as a place to pick up current bestsellers, to research local history, or to gain access to the entire Washoe County Library System.

For children, the library is often the first place where they discover the joy of reading. Wednesdays are the only time that a public library program is available to Verdi kids on the early release day which is the “mini makers” where kids can come and make a craft or do another activity in a safe space. My grandchildren look forward to this event every week. This allows children to interact with students of all ages. They make new friends and are excited to reserve books. Social interaction is very important for children as well as adults. The Washoe County Library staff is very patient and work hard to provide creative activities during this time.

It has been brought to my attention that the Board of Trustees are recommending a Bookmobile to be brought in. There is no need for a Bookmobile when we already have a physical library with a plethora of reading options. We are also grateful for the opportunity to reserve books from other county libraries to pick up at The Verdi Community Library. This provides us with even more library opportunities in our community.

For adults, it provides opportunities for lifelong learning, job searches, internet access, and community programs. For seniors, it is a welcoming space that combats isolation and keeps them engaged. There are many residents in Verdi who do not have transportation to take them to other libraries in Washoe County.

Closing The Verdi Community Library would mean taking away opportunities, knowledge, and connection from every resident of our town. Especially in a time when access to **reliable** information and **affordable** resources is more important than ever, our library continues to serve as an equalizer, giving everyone—regardless of background—access to the tools they need to thrive.

Verdi has grown tremendously in the last decade and is continuing to grow. We need to keep our little library in our community.

*Two large housing projects will bring hundreds of new homes to Verdi over the next few years. Reno Land Development Company, will erect 273 single-family homes at its Meridian 120 north project near Boomtown-Garson Road. And D.R. Horton will build 324 homes at West Meadows Estates off Highway 40.

I urge you to reconsider any plans that would reduce or eliminate funding for The Verdi Community Library. Instead, I encourage exploring solutions that invest in its future. Supporting our library is not just about preserving the past; it is about ensuring the success, education, and well-being of our community for years to come.

Please, let us work together to keep The Verdi Community Library alive and thriving.

With gratitude and determination,

Andrea Segura

Andrea Segura

*<https://www.sierrasun.com/news/amid-white-hot-northern-nv-housing-economy-verdi-development-growth-sparks-concern/>

Public Comment - SAVE VERDI LIBRARY

From Ashley Kuhn <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/23/2025 11:06 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello,

I now live in the Salt Lake City area, but I lived in Verdi as a child. This letter's purpose is to advocate for saving the public library in Verdi, NV. There are many benefits to having a public library in a community, and it is my desire and the desire of many others to keep the Verdi Library functioning in the town. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ashley Kuhn

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From Bonnie C. Carlson [REDACTED]
Date Sat 9/20/2025 8:10 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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As an educator, the library is a vital link to a plethora of reading choices for my students to engage in reading for enjoyment and for my providing specific lessons related to books for my students. As a special education teacher, the library affords my students access to books at their level and books of interest to them as they are struggling to learn to read.

Further, many families cannot afford to purchase books nor do they sometimes have the access to drive to Barnes and Noble to purchase books. In Verdi, we have two campgrounds where families live as well as mobile home parks. These families work extremely hard and having free access to books is Heaven-sent!

Benjamin Franklin HUNDREDS of years ago recognized the value of lending books to building relationships in the community, a love of reading, and an access to books that would be denied to many.

Attached please find the books chosen for the specially designed reading exploration for one of my special education students—you will see the theme of rhyming books, animal books, and books with vocabulary the student is able to decode. We can compare and contrast books. Seeing these books makes the student share what is being learned and also provides a cohesive learning opportunity.

Please leave the Verdi Library as a Community Library—I am aware of the funding changes. I am aware that every penny needs to be scrutinized—this, however, is a community that benefits and greatly needs access to the beautiful library which is located in Verdi.

Bonnie Carlson, M.Ed., NBCT (National Board-Certified Teacher 2019, MOC 2023)

Public comment

From Cami Hawkins [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/23/2025 7:25 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To whom it may concern,
Upon hearing of the proposed plan to close the local library I greatly appreciate your time in the consideration of this matter.

I am a Verdi resident of 12 years and have experienced so much joy from the Verdi library and nature center. As a little girl growing up here in Reno, I have such fond memories of visiting the local downtown library and developing my love for books, which is still going strong today. Besides being a teacher at Verdi Elementary, I am an avid user of the Verdi Nature Center. When I go in to check out my books, I never have my library card, but have my library number memorized (which is weird because sometimes I cannot remember why I walked into a room).

I have taught at Verdi Elementary School for a decade, and have seen my students and my son experience such joy in this building, during school hours and beyond. Students look forward to going to the library afterschool to select books to read at home, which is the only homework that I assign. Closing the Verdi library would be detrimental and heartbreaking to our ever-growing community. I am hoping that this idea will be reconsidered and the Verdi library will continue to be an important part of the community and our future generation here.

Regards,
Cami Hawkins

Public Comment

From Carly Borchard [REDACTED]
Date Wed 9/24/2025 3:31 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Please accept this email as my public comment in regards to the consideration of closing the Verdi Community Library & Nature Center.

My name is Carly Borchard. I have grown up in Verdi, attending the Verdi Elementary School. In the fifth grade my class was designated to create the nature trail that exists on this property, so this location and what it represents is very special to me.

I also sit on the West Truckee Meadows/Verdi CAB where we hold our bi-monthly meetings at this library. Granted attendance hasn't been all that great these past couple meetings, however, we as a CAB are eagerly looking forward to changing that.

Back in 2022 a large group of residents got wind of this library closing and really learned how detrimental it would be for our community. I would like to express once again how important it is for our rural town residents and, most importantly, the elementary kids to have access to this library. Help us to think outside of the box on how we can retain this local treasure.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Sincerely,
Carly Borchard

"for public comment" -Verdi Library - Essential resource for our community

From Catherine Hall <[REDACTED]>
Date Fri 9/26/2025 11:29 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello,

Our 8-year-old daughter Brooklyn (pic attached) just transferred to Verdi Elementary. Due to quaint, convenient, well staffed library she is becoming a voracious reader. She has learned how to transfer books from other libraries so we can pick them up locally and gets new books each week!

The library is inspiring and has a profound impact on her learning. It would be a travesty to lose this amazing community resource. It is necessary to have a library in Verdi to offer our kids the same opportunities as students in other parts of Reno.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Catherine Hall
(Brooklyn Shepner, Verdi Elementary)

For public comment: Verdi Library

From Eric Martin [REDACTED]
Date Thu 9/25/2025 3:04 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Thanks Siera, please go ahead and add to the meeting packet. I updated the subject line.

Thank you,

Eric Martin, P.E.
Director of Public Works
Northstar Community Services District
[REDACTED]
Truckee, California 96161
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 1:40 PM
To: Eric Martin [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Verdi Library

Received. Thank you, Eric.
Your message has been shared with the board. If you would like your message included in the Oct 1st meeting packet, you will need to include the subject line "for public comment".



Siera Schubach

Administrative Assistant 1 | Washoe County Library System

sschubach@washoecounty.gov | Office: 775-564-9916

301 S. Center St., Reno, NV 89501



From: Eric Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 12:20 PM
To: Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Verdi Library

Hi there,

As a Verdi resident, father of two students that attended Verdi Elementary, and a library user myself, I can't begin to tell you how grateful we've been to have a local library. I would hate to see this local treasure go away, especially as the Verdi area continues to boom with development and increased classroom sizes. These incoming kiddos deserve the same great opportunities my children had.

Thanks,

Eric Martin, P.E.
Director of Public Works
Northstar Community Services District
[REDACTED]
Truckee, California 96161
[REDACTED]

Public comment

From Ingrid [REDACTED]
Date Thu 9/25/2025 9:32 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

I am a Verdi resident with 2 kids who went to Verdi Elementary. The Verdi library is such an instrumental part of the elementary school. Our children & our residents need this valuable resource. Our community is growing & growing. We can't have our library close. The hours of operation is very minimal for the public. Mrs. Cook utilizes it during school hours for the elementary students. She needs this space.

Please don't take away our library. Our children need books not more time in front of electronics. Our children need to experience the library & everything it has to offer. We loved going there every Wednesday after school to participate in the activities. It's such a wonderful place. We've done crafts, listened to music, seen magic tricks, experienced 3D printing & VR headsets for the 1st time & checked out countless number of books.

Please let future generations experience the same thing. Please don't take away our library.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Ream

Public Comment Verdi Public Library

From Jana Manfredi <[REDACTED]>
Date Wed 9/24/2025 6:15 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To whom it may concern,
Please do not close the Verdi Public Library. It is vital for our children and community to have this resource. We need more funding for libraries and literacy, not closures. Please help do what is right and necessary.

Thank you.
Jana Manfredi
West Meadows Resident of Verdi, NV

Jana Manfredi, C.S.

[REDACTED] mobile

Public comment, Libraries

From J M [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/23/2025 12:40 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

This is an email regarding the potential closure to Washoe County library branches, locations, and hours.

Please keep local libraries available, especially to children. Keeping physical libraries accessible to youth shows a commitment to literature and public gathering spaces. This will support students academically and socially, which will then show a return on the library investment with literate, socially aware teens and adults. Keeping libraries open shows commitment to community literacy.

In particular, the Verdi library is a critical part of public access to libraries in that area, and a bookmobile will not offer the same support.

In regards to library hours, closing several branches on Sundays completely eliminates library support to those people who must work nontraditional working hours and are not able to get to the library during the week (despite potentially keeping libraries open until 8pm.) Please provide access to the libraries at most branches on Saturday AND Sundays so that people from all work and education environments can utilize the library.

Thank you,
Jessica McLemore

Public Comment - Verdi Library

From Jessica Yurtinus <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/23/2025 1:43 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello

I am writing to express my strong support for keeping the Verdi Library open and operating. The Verdi Library is a vital part of our community and plays an especially important role in the lives of local children and families.

The library provides a safe and welcoming space where Verdi Elementary School students can come to read books, do crafts, and explore their creativity. Nearly all of these students are active library cardholders and public library patrons, which shows how central this library is to their learning and growth. Beyond serving children, the library also offers resources and programs that support residents of all ages, strengthening the fabric of our community.

Closing the Verdi Library would mean a significant loss for our town. For many families, it is the only nearby place where their children can access books, educational activities, and a supportive environment outside of school. It is more than a building with shelves of books—it is a hub of connection, imagination, and learning.

I respectfully urge Washoe County to preserve this essential community resource and ensure that the Verdi Library remains open for future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jessica Yurtinus

For Public Comment

From Frasca, Joniece <[REDACTED]>
Date Thu 9/25/2025 1:46 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Library Trustees,

As the school secretary at Verdi E.S., a parent of former Verdi students and a resident of the Verdi community, I urge you to please keep the Verdi Library doors open and staffed for this small but vibrant and growing community. The Verdi Library is a valuable resource for our students and community, as resources like this are few in our area. We don't have bus services that can take residents to the nearest library or other needed places, leaving us without equitable access.

As you may know, we are slated to have over 1200 homes built in the Quilici Ranch area, which will impact our small community in a big way. With all this growth new residents will need resources that places like public libraries bring. Access to libraries is needed in ALL communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,



Joniece Frasca
Secretary

WCSD – Verdi Elementary School



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From Lesley Haas [REDACTED]
Date Thu 9/25/2025 1:27 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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September 25, 2025

To:

Washoe County Commissioners / Library Board Trustees

Subject: Support for Keeping the Verdi Community Library Open

Dear Commissioners and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for keeping the Verdi Public Library open. This library is so much more than a place to check out books—it is a hub of learning, connection, and belonging for our rural community.

When my family moved here from Winnemucca, one of the very first places we visited was the Verdi library. The staff welcomed us with warmth and provided a summer learning kit for our children, which helped them feel immediately included and excited about being part of their new home. That first experience demonstrated what I have come to believe is the library's greatest strength: it doesn't just serve individuals, it serves the entire community by fostering connection and growth.

For my daughter, the library has been invaluable. Without a dedicated school library available, she used the Verdi library as her primary source for research, reading₆₅

materials, and enrichment. She especially loved the “mini maker” programs, which sparked her creativity, built her confidence, and gave her joy in exploring new ideas. These kinds of programs provide opportunities for children to learn in ways that go far beyond what is available in the classroom.

Both of my children have developed a deep love for reading and learning because they essentially grew up in a library. Now, as teenagers, they carry that love forward through active service in their community—continuing the cycle of giving that the library instilled in them.

As a former library board trustee in Humboldt County, Nevada, I have seen firsthand the vital role libraries play in sustaining healthy, connected communities. I also know that difficult budget choices must sometimes be made. Still, I would encourage you to look closely at the budget for creative ways to continue operating the Verdi Public Library. The cost of losing it would be far greater than any financial savings.

Although a bookmobile is a wonderful resource, it is not the same as a gathering place for the public. A mobile service cannot provide the programs, sense of community, or welcoming environment that a permanent library offers to families, children, and neighbors alike.

In a rural town like Verdi, where resources and gathering spaces are limited, the library fills a unique and irreplaceable role. It is a place where neighbors meet, children learn, families connect, and community bonds are strengthened. Closing it would mean losing not just a library, but one of the cornerstones of our town’s identity and vitality.

I urge you to recognize the importance of this resource and the impact it has on families like mine. Please keep the Verdi Public Library open so that it can continue to serve as a beacon of learning, connection, and community for years to come.

Every dollar invested in a library multiplies its value throughout the community—through education, workforce readiness, lifelong learning, and overall quality of life. Keeping the Verdi Library open is not just an expense; it is a wise and lasting investment in the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the people you serve.

Sincerely,

Lesley Haas



Public comment re: Verdi Library

From Linda Shepner <[REDACTED]>
Date Sat 9/27/2025 10:28 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello, I understand they are considering closing the library at Verdi Elementary. My granddaughters attend this school & a highlight for them is wandering through the library some days after school choosing the book they want to read. It has a great impact on their learning & sharing with us what they've read. Please reconsider!!!

Linda Shepner

For Public Comment

From Brandi Matt [REDACTED]
Date Sun 9/28/2025 6:25 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Library Board,

I want you to know that Verdi has the best library books ever. The library has helped me learn to read and I want to thank you for the books. I also like the crafts that you do on Wednesdays. I do not want you to close. Please consider keeping it open because you are the world's best library.

Thank you,

Luke Harris from 1st grade

For Public Comment

From Malaika Heinbaugh <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 9/29/2025 9:27 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello,

I am so saddened to hear that the Verdi Library may soon close. As a parent of a child who goes to Verdi Elementary School, we use that library weekly for after school activities and as our go to library to get books. In fact, it is the ONLY library we use. It is convenient for all students and I can't believe there is even discussions about closing a library that's right next to a school. I see so many students go there after school. When I visit other libraries, they are totally empty. This library is always full of kids eager to learn and READ!! Please please reconsider! This is staple of my child's upbringing and he loves the staff and all the books.

Please save the Library

Thank you

Malaika Heinbaugh

For public comment

From marylou@catlover.com [REDACTED]
Date Thu 9/25/2025 8:51 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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I am very opposed to the idea of closing this library. The Verdi area has so few services as it is from the County and the City, that it's hard to believe one of the few services out here would be taken away!

Both the City and the County have approved thousands of new DUs in the western NV areas in and around Verdi, with no increase or improvements in public services, retail or infrastructure. (For example, the nearest grocery store is a 7-8 mile drive away, at Robb Drive.)

Please consider adding MORE services to this area, not LESS!

Thank you

Mary Lou Cotton

Public Comment

From matt nitz <[REDACTED]>
Date Thu 9/25/2025 6:43 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Matthew Nitz

[REDACTED]
Verdi, NV 89439

9/25/25

Dear Members of the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees,

I am writing as a deeply concerned parent and resident of Verdi regarding the proposal to close our community library. My child attends Verdi Elementary School, which is directly connected to the library, and I have witnessed firsthand how vital this resource is for our children and our town.

The Verdi Community Library is not simply a place to check out books. It is an extension of the classroom, a safe environment where our students develop a lifelong love of learning. Many children rely on this library to access resources they cannot find at home—whether it be books, technology, or a quiet space to study. Its close connection to Verdi Elementary allows teachers and librarians to work together to spark curiosity, improve literacy, and provide educational support beyond the school day.

Closing this library would remove a cornerstone of our community. Families in Verdi would lose a gathering place that fosters connection, inclusivity, and opportunity. Students would lose an easily accessible resource that helps bridge the gap between school and home. For many children, the Verdi Library is their first introduction to independent research, critical thinking, and the joy of reading for pleasure.

I urge you to consider the long-term impact this decision would have on our children's growth and our community's well-being. Investing in the Verdi Library is an investment in our future. Please keep our library open and ensure that Verdi families continue to have access to this essential resource.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to serving the people of Washoe County.

Sincerely,

Matthew Nitz

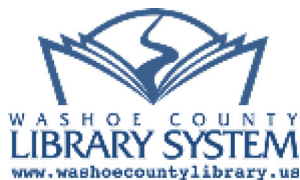
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From Matthew LaBranch <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 9/29/2025 8:24 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Subject: Save the Verdi Library

Dear Library Board,

My wife and I are the proud grandparents of several children who attend Verdi Elementary School. We utilize the Verdi Library with our grandchildren and our family relies on the library as a local resource for books, learning materials and a place to enjoy continuing education. Verdi's children and adult residents will lose a significant resources if you choose to close it's doors. Please don't close the Verdi Pubic Library.
We urge you to continue staffing at this invaluable public resource.

In Hope and Respectfully,

Matthew and Abigail LaBranch

Public Comment – Support for Verdi Public Library

From Morgan Massie [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/23/2025 1:51 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Washoe County Library Board of Trustees,

I am writing to strongly urge you to keep the Verdi Public Library open to the public on Wednesday afternoons and beyond.

The Verdi Library is far more than a building; it is a vital resource for our community. Students from the local school use the library regularly during school hours, and many families depend on it as their closest public library. On early release Wednesdays, children have the unique opportunity to attend the "Mini Makers" program, where they can engage in safe, creative, and educational activities. This program not only enriches young minds but also provides parents with peace of mind knowing their children have a constructive place to go.

Our family has experienced firsthand how important this library is. We currently have a child at Verdi Elementary and our older child also attended Verdi Elementary. They have found the library to be a valuable resource, and as parents we have seen how it supports their ongoing skill of reading and love of learning.

Replacing the library with a bookmobile visit once a week would take away the consistency, safety, and community connection that only a permanent library space can provide. Verdi has grown tremendously in the past decade and continues to grow. Closing the library now would mean stepping backward rather than investing in the needs of a thriving community.

Libraries are more than shelves of books. They are hubs of learning, gathering, and growth. The Verdi Public Library has become a cornerstone of our community, and its closure would be a loss felt deeply by residents of all ages.

Please vote to keep the Verdi Public Library open and accessible to the public. Our community depends on it, and its value cannot be replaced by a once a week bookmobile.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Morgan Massie

Public Comment

From Nikki Gubbels <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/23/2025 11:36 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the potential closure of the Verdi Public Library. As a Verdi resident and the parent of a student at Verdi Elementary School, I urge you to keep this vital resource open to the community.

The Verdi Public Library is more than just a building with books—it is a cornerstone of our children’s learning and community growth. Every student at Verdi Elementary has a library card and actively uses this library during school hours, making them public library patrons. This access fosters a love of reading, supports academic development, and provides equitable opportunities for all children to engage with resources they may not otherwise have.

The library also serves as a safe and creative space outside of school. For example, the Wednesday “Mini Makers” program offers crafts and activities that bring children together in a positive, enriching environment. Replacing the library with a once-a-week bookmobile visit would eliminate these essential opportunities for exploration, learning, and community connection.

Verdi has grown tremendously in the past decade, and our need for accessible community resources has grown with it. Closing the Verdi Public Library would take away a critical support system for families and children in a time when our community is expanding, not shrinking.

I respectfully ask that you vote to keep the Verdi Public Library open to the public on Wednesday afternoons and beyond. Our children, families, and community deserve continued access to this resource that has such a meaningful impact on our lives.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to serving the needs of all Washoe County residents.

Sincerely,
Nicole Gubbels
Verdi Resident
Parent of a Verdi Elementary Student

Public Comment

From Patty Dickens <[REDACTED]>

Date Sat 9/27/2025 5:44 PM

To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>; Patty Dickens <[REDACTED]>; Karen Stout-Gardner <[REDACTED]>; kris engstrom <[REDACTED]>; john carrico <[REDACTED]>

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To Whom it May Concern,

It has come to my attention that the Verdi Public Library is in danger of being closed by the County, which instead is proposing that a bookmobile be sent to the library on Wednesdays only. At present the students at Verdi Elementary School use the library during school hours, all have library member cards, and are therefore public library patrons. Wednesdays are the only time that a public library program is available to Verdi's children on these early release days. Called "mini makers," the program offers students the ability to make crafts and other creative activities in a safe space.

I support keeping the library open. Verdi has grown tremendously in the last decade and is continuing to grow. Please keep this library functioning in the Verdi Community.

Thank you so much.
Sincerely,

Joan (Patty) Dickens
WCSD Retiree and ES Music Substitute teacher
[REDACTED]

Reno, NV 89523
[REDACTED]

Verdi Community Library comment

From Paul R MacNeilage <[REDACTED]>
Date Sun 9/28/2025 11:21 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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I'm sending this message to register my very strong disapproval of any action to close or restrict operation of the Verdi Public Library. This library is an extremely valuable community resource which has been used over the decades by generations of local families. It is specifically important for fostering an interest in books and reading for the children attending Verdi Elementary school. It is also one of few municipal meeting spaces in the area with local character that cannot be replaced.

Sincerely, Dr. Paul MacNeilage
Associate Professor, Graduate Director
Cognitive and Brain Sciences
Department of Psychology
University of Nevada, Reno

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For Public Comment: Support for preserving the Verdi library

From latent [REDACTED]
Date Thu 9/25/2025 12:59 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello,
The students at Verdi Elementary use the library during school hours, a number of residents utilize access, it is used for community meetings such as the Citizen's Advisory Board (bi-monthly) and is just overall a local treasure.
The population of the area is growing and the library will get even more usage.
I urge you to preserve it.
Thank you.
E.Gerscovich
[REDACTED]
Somerset development, next to Verdi.

Public Comment - Verdi Library

From Sally Brinkerhoff [REDACTED]
Date Fri 9/26/2025 12:08 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To Whom it May Concern,

Please keep our Verdi Library open to the public. Closing it would have a direct impact on my daughter and her learning/reading. She loves to go to the library after school and is excited to pick out books. We also attend all of the Mini Makers classes on Wednesday after school. Attending the Mini Makers classes has given her so much confidence in her abilities to make things and it has made her more curious about what else she can make.

The Verdi Library is more important than ever as our community continues to grow out here. Please keep it open.

Thank you,
Sally

For Public Comment Verdi Library

From Shara Cohn [REDACTED]
Date Thu 9/25/2025 10:49 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Public Comment Letter: Opposing the Closure of Washoe County Verdi Public Library

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed closure of the Washoe County Library in Verdi, Nevada. Public libraries are not just buildings filled with books—they are vital community centers that provide access, opportunity, and equity for all. Closing this library would be a disservice to the residents of Verdi, Washoe County, particularly children, seniors, and families who rely on its free and accessible resources.

Libraries provide far more than reading materials. They offer internet access for those without reliable service at home, safe spaces for students to study, early literacy programs for young children, job-seeking support for adults, and community programming that strengthens social connection. For many residents, the library is their only access point to information, technology, and lifelong learning.

Shutting down Verdi Public Library would create barriers to education, reduce community engagement, and send a harmful message that public knowledge and accessibility are not valued. Instead of closure, I urge decision-makers to seek solutions that preserve and invest in this essential public service. Our community cannot afford to lose one of its most democratic institutions—a place where everyone, regardless of income, age, or background, has the right to learn, grow, and belong.

I respectfully ask you to reconsider this proposal and keep the Washoe County Library Verdi branch open for the benefit of our entire community, today and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Shara Cohn

[REDACTED]

Verdi, NV 89439

Sent from my iPhone

Library Board of Trustees - Wednesday, October 1st, 2025 - Public Comment

From Shelly Lac [REDACTED]
Date Wed 9/24/2025 10:50 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Members of the Library Board of Trustees,

My name is Shelly Lac, and I have lived in Reno for 37 years.

I writing today to urge the library board to keep the Verdi Public Library open instead of sending a bookmobile to the library on Wednesdays.

Wednesdays afternoons provide a safe space for Verdi kids on early release day. Kids can come in and craft or do another activity. Students at Verdi Elementary School also utilizes the library during school hours. Each student has a library card and therefore are public library patrons. The Verdi Public Library is more than just a place to borrow books, it is it a vital part of the growing Verdi community.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I strongly urge you to keep the Verdi Public Library open to the public on Wednesday afternoons.

Thank you,

Shelly Lac



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Public Comment _ Save the Verdi Library

From Stefanie Gann <[REDACTED]>
Date Sat 9/27/2025 9:47 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Stefanie and I moved to the Verdi area 3 years ago and have fallen in love with this area. Just three months ago, I had my first child. I'm excited for him to grow up in this area and want to make a plea to keep the library. Books are so important and provide more than just books to children. It's a safe place to learn, create and imagine their futures. I look forward to taking my child to the library and truly hope it is kept in this community.

Thank you for reading,
Stefanie Lee

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For Public Comment

From Stephanie Hines [REDACTED]
Date Mon 9/29/2025 10:19 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Library Trustees,

I am a parent in Verdi and I beg you to please keep the Verdi library staff at least one to two days per week. Our families here in Verdi rely on the library for access to books, technology and programs that support our children's learning. Losing staffed hours would leave our community without equitable access to the library system. This library is so incredibly special to my daughter along with her classmates they go to Verdi elementary.

Please ensure Verdi continues to have staffed public access to our wonderful library.

Thank you,
Stephanie Fountain
Lucille 'Mango' Fountain, Verdi elementary school

For Public Comment

From Terrie Powning [REDACTED]
Date Mon 9/29/2025 10:02 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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On Sep 28, 2025, at 4:43 PM, Terrie Powning [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Library Trustees,
We are senior citizens in Verdi who use this library religiously. We check out an average of 10 books a week. Please keep the Verdi library open to the public by staffing it at least once or twice a week. We would sure be disappointed to lose access to the library system.
Thank you,
Terrie Powning
September 28, 2025
Sent from my iPad

Public comment

From Ty <[REDACTED]>
Date Wed 9/24/2025 8:29 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Keep the Verdi Library Open

As a parent of two daughters who regularly attend the Verdi Public Library, I am writing in strong support of keeping this library open. My daughters love visiting both during school and outside of school, and they are always eager to check out new books. Their passion for reading has been fueled by the accessibility and welcoming environment of the Verdi Library. For many children in our community, the library is not just a place to borrow books—it is a safe, engaging space where their curiosity and love of learning can flourish.

Students at Verdi Elementary rely on the library during school hours, and every child has a library card, making them active patrons of our public library system. Taking away this resource would remove a critical part of their education and growth. The library directly supports classroom learning, helps children strengthen their reading skills, and provides access to resources that many families may not otherwise have.

In addition, Wednesday is an early release day for Verdi students, and the library currently offers “Mini Makers,” a program where kids can do crafts, explore creative activities, and spend time in a safe and supportive environment. This program is often the highlight of their week. Without a functioning library, this opportunity for learning and creativity would disappear, and children would lose a positive space to connect with their peers and their community.

The Verdi Library is more than a building—it is a hub of literacy, learning, and community. Closing it would harm not only students, but families, teachers, and all residents who depend on it. I strongly urge the county to keep the Verdi Library open, so that our children, like my daughters, can continue to grow, explore, and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you,

Tyler Livezey

Public Comment - Verdi Library

From Veronica Gerhard [REDACTED]

Date Wed 9/24/2025 8:23 PM

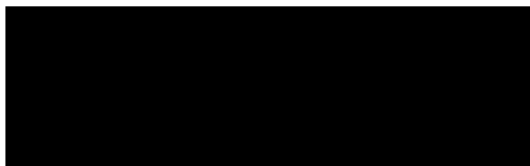
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Veronica Gerhard



September 24th, 2025

Washoe County Library Board of Trustees

301 S. Center Street

Reno, NV 89501

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Verdi Partner Library Branch and to emphasize how vital it is that this branch continues to operate at its current capacity.

When I first moved to Verdi four years ago, the library quickly became a cornerstone in my family's life and an important part of how we found community. It was a place where my children and I could enjoy a hike together, then stop in to rent books and explore new stories. The Wednesday craft programs provided not only a creative outlet for my young children but also gave me the opportunity to meet other new moms and build friendships at a time when I was new and seeking connection.

The Verdi Partner Library Branch is more than just a place to borrow books—it is a gathering space, a resource hub, and a welcoming environment for families and residents of all ages. Its location,

accessibility, and programming uniquely serve the needs of our community. For many of us, it has been a lifeline for connection, education, and enrichment.

I believe strongly that reducing or limiting the services of this library would take away an essential resource for Verdi residents. I urge you to preserve and protect this branch so that it can continue to serve families, children, and community members just as it has served mine.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Veronica Gerhard

For Public Comments

From Bev Dummitt <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 9/29/2025 11:22 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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I am adamantly opposed to closing of the ONE COMMUNITY SITE UTILIZED BY YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE IN VERDI! This is a community site partly funded by its citizens over 22+ years ago. You and I know that children who have access to libraries in their schools do better academically which is why Verdi Elementary School is so highly prized by the residents. Those of us who live in Verdi know of the rapid expansion of our population and will soon expand even more in the near future due to developments planned in our area. We need to expand our library, not close it.

I am a 90 year old resident of Verdi. I visit the Library at least once, often twice a week for new/old books and social connection with the young bright librarians. Please do not close the Verdi Library and leave us even more isolated than we currently are!

Sincerely, Bev Dummitt, a passionate advocate for the Verdi Library
and current resident

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"...remember somewhere the sun is shining..." Bev

For Public Comment

From Genie Montblanc [REDACTED]
Date Mon 9/29/2025 11:42 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Library Board of Trustees,

Please keep the Verdi Library open. While current research shows that loneliness is an epidemic and public spaces for community gathering is shrinking, and at the same time Verdi is rapidly growing, it is more essential than ever to keep our local library open. It is the only space in this part of town with programs for children like the Wednesday arts and science "Mini-Maker" series, its small natural history museum, resources and technology for kids and adults with limited transportation, and for community gathering like local government updates from the Sheriff and Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue. It is imperative for quality of life at this western edge of town to maintain the Verdi Library and its programs.

Thank you for your consideration,
Eugénie (Génie) MontBlanc
Parent of a Verdi Elementary student, Local Firewise Community Coordinator
[REDACTED]

For public comment.

From Jeff Fountain <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 9/29/2025 11:53 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Sierra,

Thank you for the reply.

Please include my comments in the meeting packet for 10/01/2025.

Thank you,

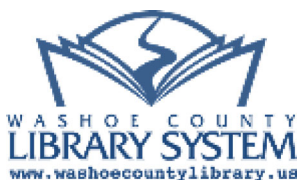
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Dr Jeffrey S Fountain

On Sep 29, 2025, at 8:20 AM, Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov> wrote:

Received. Thank you, Jeff.

Your message has been shared with the board. If you would like your comment included in the Oct 1st meeting packet, please resubmit with the subject line "For Public Comment".



Siera Schubach
Administrative Assistant 1 | Washoe County Library System
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301 S. Center St., Reno, NV 89501



From: Jeff Fountain <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 8:18 AM
To: Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Save the Verdi Library

Dear Library Trustees,

I am a parent in Verdi, and I would appreciate it if you could please maintain the current staffing at the Verdi Library. Our family relies on the library to enhance our daughter's education through books, technology, and programs. Losing these benefits would leave our community without essential resources.

Please ensure our community continues to have staffed public access to our library.

Thank you,

Jeff

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Jeffrey S Fountain D.O
Tahoe Forest Hospital
Board Certified Radiologist
Medical Director of Diagnostic Imaging

Public Comment, Verdi Library

From William Marshman <[REDACTED]>
Date Sun 9/28/2025 12:37 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Washoe County,

I would like to make a Public Comment on the Verdi Library. It has come to the attention to our local community that there is a possible discussion about the Verdi Library closing and or having restricted hours. I have been a citizen of Washoe County for over 20 years, my family has lived in this community for multiple generations and believe that this library is a vital asset for our community. The Verdi Library staff is very friendly and are good stewards of our public tax dollars. The Librarians that work at the Verdi facility show care and compassion and make our kids more eager to learn, develop and grow. Kids and students of Verdi Elementary are our next generation and the library gives them valuable experiences and resources that fosters brain development, growth, and sense of community. Our kids are our future and we want to give them the best opportunities for growth. If the County decides to close this facility it sends the wrong message to the next generation that we are not fully vested in them. Please consider keeping this valuable community asset in place.

Thanks for listening.

Respectfully,
William Marshman
[REDACTED]

Verdi, NV 89439

Sent from my iPhone

Verdi Library!



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For public comment

From alexander teafor <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 11:27 AM
To Schubach, Siera <[SSchubach@washoecounty.gov](mailto:sschubach@washoecounty.gov)>
Cc Domo <[REDACTED]>

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On Tue, Sep 30, 2025, 9:51 AM Schubach, Siera <[SSchubach@washoecounty.gov](mailto:sschubach@washoecounty.gov)> wrote:

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Siera Schubach
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[301 S. Center St., Reno, NV 89501](#)



From: alexander teafor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 9:49 AM
To: Schubach, Siera <[SSchubach@washoecounty.gov](mailto:sschubach@washoecounty.gov)>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Verdi Library

Hello,

I am writing to comment on the Verdi Public Library that you have up for discussion about changes in hours or closure.

Our two daughters are Verdi Elementary graduates and they thoroughly enjoyed the library there. The staff, especially Mrs. Cook, was very helpful. They really were part of the school.

Many times I saw plenty of people going to the lockers out front or dropping off books in the drop box. It is a well used library, just not in a traditional sense. I think a lot of people use it to read as many books as possible without having to have their own personal library.

That library is why I got my first library card since I was a child. I can check out books rather than fill my house with books.

It is within walking distance of a lot of people. As more build across the freeway over the next decade I think it will be used even more. I think with as many people are moving out there you may need to expand hours they are open after school before the end of the decade.

I would strongly recommend you look beyond the current budget situation because you may end up spending more money getting it running again or building a new one in a decade.

Sincerely,

Alex Teaford
Verdi resident

For Public Comment

From Alex Nunez <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:55 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Library Trustees,

My name is Alexandra Nunez, and I am a parent in Verdi. I'm writing to strongly urge you to maintain staff at the Verdi Library at least one to two days per week.

Our families rely on the library for access to books, technology, and educational programs that support our children's learning and growth. Reducing staff hours would leave our community without equitable access to these essential resources and to the larger Washoe County Library System.

Please ensure that Verdi continues to have staffed public access so our community can stay connected and supported.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Alexandra Nunez and Nora Nunez

Verdi Elementary

For Public Comment

From Amanda Starr [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 1:24 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Library Trustees,

I am a parent in Verdi and I urge you to keep the Verdi Library staffed at least 1–2 days per week. Our families rely on the library for access to books, technology, and programs that support our children’s learning. Losing staffed hours would leave our community without equitable access to the library system.

Please ensure Verdi continues to have staffed public access.

Thank you,

Amanda Starr

Genevieve Starr (K), Verdi Elementary

Amanda Starr
[REDACTED]

10/1 LBOT meeting (for public comment)

From Andrew Maurins <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 3:51 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Good evening. My name is Andrew Maurins, I'm an LAll at the South Valleys branch, and I'd like for the following to be added to the record, please.

Banned Books Week is next week, and I'd like to use the opportunity to give some credit where it's due. I've seen select books be brought before the Board of Trustees to be either banned outright, or moved to a different section of a library branch several times. But each time I've seen this happen, the Trustees have opted not to do either. And in the vast majority of such cases, that's the right decision.

It's not an easy thing to constantly be the recipients of impassioned pleas from people who support book bans and censorship. But the Trustees have correctly recognized that intellectual freedom is paramount, and that blanket bans are not a substitute for thoughtful, individual choices. They've seen through all the noise, and they understand that free people read freely.

The freedom to read is natural, spontaneous, and requires no instruction (apart from a caregiver's involvement in their child's reading choices, which we always encourage). Censorship, by contrast, requires constant effort to impose, which speaks to just how broadly unpopular it truly is with a majority of Americans.

So thank you to each of the Trustees for upholding the values that every library stakeholder — and every American — should cherish. I hope we can continue to work together to protect these values going forward.

Andrew Maurins

For public comment

From Boge, Angela <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 9/30/2025 9:49 AM

To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Trustees,

As a Verdi resident, I urge you to maintain staffed hours at our local library. We're the county's westernmost rural community with limited transit; losing staff means losing access. Please preserve 1–2 staffed days each week.

— Angela Boge, Verdi

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Fw: Verdi Community Library for Public Comment

From AOL Member Service [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:32 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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From: Schubach, Siera <sschubach@washoecounty.gov>
To: AOL Member Service [REDACTED]
Cc: Carly Borchard [REDACTED] Genie Montblanc [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 02:59:51 PM PDT
Subject: Re: Verdi Community Library

Received. Thank you, Barbara.

I have shared your message with the Library Board of Trustees. If you would like your message included in the Oct 1st agenda packet, please resubmit with the subject line "for public comment".



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Administrative Assistant 1 | Washoe County Library System
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301 S. Center St., Reno, NV 89501



From: AOL Member Service [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 2:53 PM
To: Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>
Cc: Carly Borchard [REDACTED] Genie Montblanc [REDACTED]
Subject: Verdi Community Library

Dear S. Schubach,

I am very disappointed at the suggestion of closing the Verdi Library. It is the best meeting place in Verdi for our public meetings, fairly centrally located, and has enough space for expansion. West Reno/Verdi public are lucky to use this public meeting space and as a resource for research.

The location next to the Verdi Elementary School is perfect for classes to walk to the library. Why should the children and other users lose this foundational resource to education? The cost to bus students to the Northwest Library, Robb Drive, would not be cost effective.

The existing library is a good, but will be an inadequate start for all the new subdivisions that are projected for the Verdi area. Before the library was built the school cafeteria was a miserable meeting place; to my knowledge, Verdi Elementary still does not have an auditorium or large meeting room.

As a retired teacher, I have never heard of this option to close a library and very disgusted at the suggestion since it has taken years to build the facility and stock it with a basic selection of books. Verdi Library functions as a school library and a public meeting place. Northwest Reno/Verdi used Verdi Library when the Clinton/Obama vote took place because of lack of public meeting space.

Nationwide, children in the elementary schools (4th grade) have the lowest reading scores in the nation. Now we are asked to take one of the best sources of reading away by closing Verdi School Library. This does not make sense. I think children used cell phones during covid and lost a year or two of reading and writing.

Instead of closing this facility and taking the easy way out, why not strategically reduce other facility budgets equally to make up the difference. It is going to cost a lot more money to rebuild a new library unless new developers are agree to replace it with development fees. An attempt was made with past developers to foot-the-bill for a new fire station and that failed.

Please think about the future of our children's education before taking the easy-way-out at their expense.

Sincerely,

Barbara Fenne

Washoe County CAB
Mogul Neighborhood Association
Mogul Firewise co-chair

FOR PUBLIC RECORD

From Beth Johns [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 10:07 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Trustees,

Please keep the Verdi Library staffed at least 1–2 days per week. Our rural families rely on programs, librarian help, and systemwide resources. This is a small cost with a big impact for our kids and seniors.

Thank you.

Beth Johns/Verdi resident and parent

For public comment

From d [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:23 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 12:35 PM
To: 'mailto:sschubach@washoecounty.gov' <<mailto:sschubach@washoecounty.gov>>
Subject: Verdi Library closure

We heard there is talk of closing the Verdi Library. Being Verdi residents, we are strongly opposed to this closure. My sons went to Verdi Elementary and we as a family have visited the library many times. We took an excellent Hunter Safety course there and on many Saturdays we see the parking lot full as people are attending different talks and courses. The library is a mainstay of Verdi and needs to be maintained.

Sincerely,
Bill Platt

Brian Casci

Verdi, NV, 89439

9/30/2025

To The Washoe County Library Board of Trustees:

I am writing as a concerned member of the Verdi community and father to a first grader and third grader, to express my strong support for keeping the Verdi Public Library open during its regularly staffed hours.

The Verdi Library is far more than a place to check out books—it is a vital hub for education, connection, and community engagement. Our town is relatively small and geographically isolated, and unlike more urban areas, **Verdi has no public transportation options whatsoever.** This means residents, especially children, seniors, and those without access to a vehicle, rely heavily on the library being open and available during consistent, staffed hours.

Without reliable access to transportation, many community members simply cannot travel to other library branches or facilities. The Verdi Library is not just convenient, it is essential.

This is especially true for students who depend on the library after school to complete homework, find reading materials, and participate in enriching programs that support their academic and personal growth. These opportunities are important for fostering learning outside the classroom and building community engagement from a young age.

Reducing staffed hours would be a significant loss to Verdi. The library is not a luxury—it is a necessity for our community, and we urge decision-makers to continue funding it fully and keeping it open during its current hours.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian V. Casci

For Public Comment

From Brooke Rose [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 8:33 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello!

I'm a small business owner, mother of two, wife of a TMFR firefighter and 10-year resident of Verdi. I'm so grateful for our local library and our students' collective access to the broader county resources. As a rural community, we are limited in support - be it fire hydrants, representation and public transportation options. The library has been a boon to our community and has hosted several maker events my daughter and I have attended.

I beg, please do all you can to save our little library and keep the doors open at least once a week.

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thank you.

Brooke Rose
[REDACTED]

Public Comment on the Proposed Closure of Verdi Library and Nature Center

From Caleb Stroup <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:06 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Board of Trustees,

My name is Caleb Stroup. I am a resident of Verdi and the father of a student at Verdi Elementary School. I am submitting this letter as a formal public comment regarding the proposal to close the Verdi Public Library and Nature Center.

I am frankly astounded to find myself having to defend access to books and nature before this board. The very fact that the closure of such a vital community resource has advanced to this stage is, in my view, a troubling reflection of the misaligned priorities of our local government.

This is not an abstract issue for my family. My daughter, Nia, visits the Verdi Library several times each week. Over the past twelve months, she has checked out dozens of books—an ongoing record of her independent desire to read, learn, and explore ideas outside of school hours. To jeopardize the ability of an eight-year-old Washoe County resident to pursue knowledge in this way is not simply a matter of budget—it speaks to the very values we hold as a community.

I understand, from the background provided by community leaders, that the defeat of the recent ballot measure does not legally mandate the closure of branches. Rather, the decision to ensure continued funding at previous levels is at the discretion of the County Commission and this board. The Verdi Library and Nature Center is an obvious community good, and I urge you to exercise that authority and responsibility.

If the Trustees cannot identify a way to maintain funding for such a critical and widely used public service, then it signals a much deeper challenge in our governance. I respectfully request that you preserve and protect the Verdi Library and Nature Center for the benefit of current and future residents.

Sincerely,
Caleb Stroup
Verdi, Nevada

For Public comment

From Cammy McCauley <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 9/30/2025 10:06 AM

To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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> Dear library trustees,

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> I am a parent in Verdi and I urge you to keep the Verdi library staff at least one to two days per week. Our families rely on the library for access to books, technology, and programs that the support our children's learning. Losing staff hours would leave our community without access to the Library systems.

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> Please ensure Verdi continues to have staff public access.

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> Thank you,

> Cammy McCauley

> Byron McCauley Verdi Elementary school student

> Sent from my iPhone

For Public Comment

From Cara [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 1:39 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To who it may concern,

My name is Cara Rowe, and I am writing to you today as a concerned constituent and a frequent user of the Verdi Library.

My library is more than just a place to borrow books; it is an invaluable community resource.

For example:

- The reading programs have helped my children develop a love for reading and kept their skills sharp during the school and school breaks.
- It serves as a safe and welcoming space for people from all walks of life.

The proposed cuts would have a devastating impact on our community, disproportionately affecting residents who depend on the library for essential services, technology access, and educational opportunities. Investing in our library is an investment in our residents, our students, and our economic future.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider your position and advocate for the full funding of Verdi Library. Our library is a lifeline for so many, and its closure or reduction in services would be a tremendous loss.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to our community. I look forward to your response on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Caralyn Rowe

Cassandra Lazzari
Washoe County Resident
Current Washoe County School District Library Assistant II
Former Washoe County Library Systems Library Assistant II
[REDACTED]

29 September 2025

To The Washoe County Library Board of Trustees:

As a member of our Washoe County community, I am increasingly concerned with the proposed changes that include cuts to services to our Verdi Public Library, specifically the Option A plan discussed at the 9/17/25 LBOT meeting. I have worked for WCPLS and am currently a Washoe County School District Library staff member, so I have a tailored and unique position and experience to speak to the issues with your plans and proposals.

First and foremost, are the Verdi community members less important than any other WCPLS patrons and Washoe County taxpayers? These proposed cuts suggest that you think so. Closing down days, hours, or providing a bookmobile instead of in-person services where a physical library exists are not valid solutions to a budget issue. Our Verdi patrons are paying tax dollars for these services, and **it is your job to provide those services.**

I am an Elementary School Librarian for Washoe County School District and I realize what an incredible service the Verdi School Librarian provides the community. Beyond the partnership that she and I share as Elementary School Librarians, I am a former Washoe County Public Library Systems employee and used to staff the Verdi Public Library on a weekly basis from the Northwest Reno Library. The time that I spent in Verdi is something that I truly cherish because the community welcomes and values library staff so warmly. These patrons are so grateful to the library for being open and being there to help them. Connecting with people is so important. *Make no mistake that in-person hours is the only practical and possible way to make that connection happen.*

The Verdi Public Library serves the wonderful community of Verdi where no other branch does. Cutting any of the current three service days would limit patrons' access and services, especially with the 2,000 new homes going in, and all the growth that is happening in that area.

Wednesday service hours are especially vital to the community because the Verdi Public Library serves students through a program called Mini-Makers. This student-focused event brings families into the library for crafts, STEAM, and other unique and *free* community experiences. These experiences create engaged and informed citizens.

The students of Verdi Elementary School *are* patrons of the Washoe County Public Library system and are a vital point of service. Being open to the community three afternoons a week provides important services to students and the community such as: hold pick up, browsing and circulating materials for all ages, free park pass access, computer and internet access, the nature room and trails, and collaboration with the Verdi school library with programs such as the Summer Reading Challenge.

Another significant service that the Verdi Public Library provides is lockers to serve less able-bodied or immune compromised patrons, or those who cannot attend public hours. The lockers are a unique feature in that they provide all-hour capacity for those who cannot make in-person hours, but they need to be filled reliably, by WCPLS staff. This kind of service for the community requires staff to check-in and process holds for these locker pick ups on a regular basis.

Next, bookmobiles are meant to service rural areas that lie outside of communities where library infrastructure is already in place. Providing the Bookmobile to Verdi when there is a beautiful branch available is an absolute waste of resources that are valued by the community.

Finally, there is the issue of partnership staffing of the Verdi Public Library. First and foremost, for safety, it is mandated that two Washoe County Public Library Services employees staff public hours at Verdi. Next, the Board cannot ask Washoe County School District librarians to staff the public hours. We are not WCPLS employees! Who would pay us? Beyond that simple fact, school district librarians already work full-time serving the students who utilize their school libraries. The Verdi Public Library is meant to be a collaboration with

Lazzari

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the Verdi School Librarian and the work she is already doing, not to add to the workload or hours of our school librarians.

Cutting Library Services or hours at the Verdi Library is a major disservice to the Verdi community and a complete oversight of the important work that library workers are providing to a deserving, tax-paying community. The Verdi and larger communities plead with you to do the right thing and keep these current (already limited) services in place!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Lazzari', written in dark ink.

Cassandra Lazzari

WCSD / former WCPLS Employee

Verdi Library - Public Comment

From Cloe Klippenstein <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 7:54 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Library Trustees,

I am a parent in Verdi and I urge you to keep the Verdi Library staffed. Our families rely on the library for access to books, technology, and programs that support our children's learning. Losing staffed hours would leave our community without equitable access to the library system.

This library is truly an important part of our community. Please ensure Verdi continues to have staffed public access.

Thank you,

Cloe, Matt, J.T., George, and Rose Klippenstein

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From Christina Giardina [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 12:02 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Christin Giardina

9/30/2025

Re: Preservation of Verdi Elementary School Library

Dear Superintendent/Board Members,

I am writing as a parent and community member to express my deep concern regarding the proposed closure of the Verdi Elementary School library due to budget cuts. This decision would have a profoundly negative impact on our students, teachers, and the quality of education at Verdi Elementary.

The library is far more than a room with books—it is a cornerstone of learning, discovery, and development. It provides children with access to resources that broaden their horizons, build critical thinking skills, and foster a lifelong love of reading. For many students, the library is the only place where they can access a wide range of books, educational technology, and a quiet environment dedicated to learning.

Removing this essential resource would greatly diminish the educational experience at Verdi Elementary. Our children already do not have access to a gym program, and losing the library would further strip away vital opportunities for growth and enrichment. The absence of a library would not only limit academic achievement but also reduce equity, as not all families have the means to provide these resources at home.

As parents and members of the community, we want to ensure our children have the strongest foundation possible for future success. Closing the library would be a step backward, undermining both the school's mission and the district's responsibility to provide high-quality education to every student.

I urge you to reconsider this decision and explore alternative solutions to balance the budget without eliminating such a vital part of our children's learning environment. Our kids deserve the best education possible, and preserving the Verdi Elementary library is critical to that goal.

Thank you for your time, attention, and commitment to our children's future.

Sincerely,

Christina Giardina

Parent of a Verdi Elementary Student and Atlas Giardina

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From chuck davis [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:23 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Library Trustees,

As a parent in Verdi, I strongly urge you to keep the Verdi Library staffed at least 1–2 days each week. Our families depend on this library for books, technology, and programs that directly support our children’s learning and growth.

Cutting staffed hours would take away equitable access to the Washoe County Library System for our community. Verdi deserves the same opportunities and resources as every other neighborhood.

Please take action to ensure the Verdi Library remains staffed and accessible to the public.

Thank you,

Chuck Davis

(Cowen & Carter Davis, Verdi Elementary)

For Public Comment

From Cindy Gallimore <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 3:28 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Trustees,

As a Verdi resident, I urge you to maintain staffed hours at our local library. We're the county's westernmost rural community with limited transit; losing staff means losing access. Please preserve 1–2 staffed days each week.

The library is a necessity for our community and it would be ridiculous if access is lost. Please consider with your heart, to keep the facility open.

Thank you for your time

— Cindy Gallimore, Verdi

Public Comment regarding Verdi Library

From Colleen Lundgren [REDACTED]
Date Mon 9/29/2025 7:15 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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I am writing to voice my support to keep the Verdi Library open. Having lived in Verdi for well over 30 years I use the Verdi Library regularly. It would be a great loss to our community not to have the library available for the children as well as adults, especially the older population here in Verdi. Please consider keeping it open.

Colleen Lundgren

Sent from my iPhone

For Public Comment

From Darleen Le <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 10:46 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Trustees,

As a Verdi resident, I urge you to maintain staffed hours at our local library. We're the county's westernmost rural community with limited transit; losing staff means losing access. Please preserve 1–2 staffed days each week.

My children regularly visit Verdi library and love seeing the fishes and animals on display. Given that the community is only expanding more than ever, with the current construction of the new homes by Quilici Road, it is imperative that we keep our local library open.

— Darleen Le & John Jackson, Verdi

For Public Comment

From Dominique Teaforde <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 3:18 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you not only as a concerned citizen but as someone who deeply values the role our local library plays in the heart of our community.

The Verdi Community Library is more than a building filled with books—it is a sanctuary of learning, a hub of connection, and a lifeline for countless individuals who rely on its resources every day. In particular, this library has been and still is used by my two daughters who attended Verdi Elementary School.

In an age where digital access is often taken for granted, our library remains a vital bridge for those without reliable internet, offering free access to technology, educational programs, and a safe space for children, seniors, and families. It fosters literacy, curiosity, and community engagement in ways that no other institution can replicate.

As a college professor, I've seen firsthand how the library supports educational and thereby economic development—helping job seekers craft resumes, entrepreneurs conduct research, and students prepare for their futures.

A closure or reduction in hours of the Verdi Community Library would be a devastating loss, not just culturally, but economically and socially.

I urge you to consider the immeasurable value the Verdi Community Library brings to our community. Let us work together to preserve this cornerstone of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and explore ways we can keep the doors of Verdi Community Library open for generations to come.

Warm regards,

Dominique Teaforde
Verdi resident

For public comment

From Emanuela Heller-MacNeilage <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 1:19 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To whom it may concern,
Dear board members:

The Verdi Public Library and Nature Center is an institution of significant value to the community and Washoe County School District.

Countless meetings of public interest - ranging from educational to administrative - have been held in this place since decades. Generations of WCSD students have experienced this place as their home of their first reading experience laying the ground stone to their love of reading, education, and social connections. Countless readings, book fairs, and other events have been held in this unique place.

What makes Verdi library so special is its picturesque setting in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, with the nature trail right next to it. The library itself has a stunning collection of nature exhibits and taxidermy. The Verdi Public Library stands out as a gem with its unique style embedded in an active community.

Both my kids attended and graduated from Verdi Elementary. Our family has fond memories especially of Wednesday and Friday afternoons, when librarians at Verdi offered scientific, educational, and also seasonal programs for the entire family to enjoy. To this day, although we live in Mogul with other libraries closer to us, we drive to the Verdi Library because it is part of our local culture and heritage.

Generations of students grew up here. The annual pumpkin festival hosts a strong Alumni community and there would be a public outcry with possible backlash expected if this institution was closed.

This is not the first time this library has been threatened. Please give the community a chance to save Verdi Library and together we can come up with a sustainable solution to keep this institution.

Sincerely,
Emanuela Heller-MacNeilage

For Public Comment

From Emma Pineda Fortin [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 3:28 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Trustees,

Please keep the Verdi Library staffed at least 1–2 days per week. Our rural families rely on programs, librarian help, and systemwide resources. This is a small cost with a big impact for kids and seniors. So many programs are closing now and access to literature is not only fun, but necessary for creativity to stay alive in these times of big fear and doubt in our community.

Thank you for understanding the magnitude of the impact one small library open twice a week has on our community and sense of belonging.

Emma Teresa

For Public Comment

From Erica Shoberg [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:11 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello,

I'm a parent in Verdi and just wanted to share how important our library is for local families. We really count on it for books and programs that help our kids learn.

I hope you'll consider keeping the library staffed at least one or two days a week so our community can keep benefiting from these resources.

Thanks so much for your time and support!

Best regards,

Erica Shoberg

For Public Comment

From Eric Carlson <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 1:06 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

I am a grandparent of a student that attends Verdi Elementary and a resident of Verdi. Please keep the Verdi library open at least one to two days per week.

Thank you
Eric Carlson

"for public comment" -Our Children Depend on Verdi Library

From The Shepners <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 9/29/2025 5:06 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello,

My daughter Sierra (photograph attached) goes to Verdi Elementary and one of our favorite afterschool activities is going to the library together. Instilling a love of books and reading at a young age is incredibly important- particularly in this digital age.

We rely on the library for access to books, inspiration, and programs that support my daughter's learning. Please keep the library open 2-3 days per a week to ensure our community has equitable access to the library system.

Our little ones futures are depending on it!

Sincerely,

Erik Shepner
(Sierra Shepner, Verdi Elementary)

For Public Comment

From Steele, Erin <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 10:13 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Members of the Library Board of Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for keeping the Verdi Public Library open for public hours. As a first-grade teacher at Verdi and a parent of two Verdi students, I have seen firsthand the essential role the library plays in the lives of students, families, and educators alike.

Students and families benefit from the library as a place where children can be introduced to the joy of reading through after school visits to choose a stack of books to excitedly bring home and programs that foster early literacy and lifelong learning.

Teachers also rely on the library as an educational partner — supplementing classroom instruction with access to books, research materials, and programs that enhance the curriculum. The library strengthens our entire education system by supporting both students and educators beyond the school day.

Closing or reducing public hours would create a significant gap in our community, particularly for those who may not have easy access to these critical resources elsewhere. The library is a cornerstone of our Verdi community.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to serving our community. I urge you to prioritize the continued operation of the Verdi Public Library during public hours, ensuring that it remains a vibrant, accessible, and educational space for everyone.

Sincerely,

Erin Steele

1st grade teacher

Verdi Elementary School

Dear government,

Please Save the Verdi

Library Some Kids

want to Read

in the Verdi Library
and learn in the

Library. I Love the

Library.

from Lucy Miller

age 7

For public comment

From Gabrielle Combs <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 10:06 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello,

I am writing today because I recently found out about the possible closure of the Verdi library and wanted to express how heartbreaking that would be for our community, for me, and for my children. We use the library every Wednesday after school for the wonderful crafts/activities and check out books and enjoy the library every Friday after school. We would love to help with fundraising for the library and anything else that would help keep our adorable little library open for our community and all the children learning to love reading Nd books! Please do not close our library and please let me know any ways myself and other members of the community can support our library better!
Thank you so much

Gabrielle Combs

Sent from my iPhone

Public Comment- Keep the Verdi Library and Community Center Open!

From gpotnick [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 11:06 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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We write this Public Comment in support of keeping the Verdi Library and Community Center open. This facility is a major community asset and has been that for many years. Citizens in Verdi utilize the building on a regular basis, and it is the focus of community connection in our area. It is an amazing opportunity for the local community and as taxpayers, we want this facility not only kept open, but its hours and days expanded.

The Verdi Elementary School students utilize the facility on a regular, ongoing basis. It is extremely important that young minds have the opportunity to explore and be a part of a physical, permanent facility. The students learn the function of a library, how to find and explore reading opportunities and improve their learning capabilities and intellects. The physical library allows students the opportunity for socialization, interaction, and improved decision making.

A bookmobile is unacceptable to replace the Verdi Library and Community Center. A bookmobile is limited in space, physical plant, and does not provide an effective, efficient and equitable opportunity for elementary school children.

Your decision to keep the Verdi Library and Community Center open is the right decision for the Verdi community, Washoe County and the Board of Supervisors. Fiscal times are tight, we understand that. However, our tax dollars need to be used efficiently and with direction to all of Washoe County voters. The Board seems to find tax dollars for many projects, activities and goals. Let the Board decide to dedicate their efforts toward the Verdi Community and keep open, and expand the Verdi Library and Community Center!

Please read these comments into the Public Record, and make them part of the decision making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Greg and Kathe Potnick

[REDACTED]

Verdi, NV 89439

For Public Comment

From Peterson, Heidi <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 9/30/2025 12:50 PM

To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello,

I have been a teacher in Washoe County School District for 25 years and have seen and experienced what school district libraries typically offer. Being at Verdi Elementary for the past 11 years, I have come to appreciate so many special things... one of them is our shared public library.

I understand that Washoe County Library faces deep budget cuts and that Verdi's staffed public after-school hours are in jeopardy. These cuts would mean no programs, no county librarian support, and no access to the broader county library system. This would be such a tragedy for the Verdi Community. We stress the importance of early intervention and getting books into the hands of children learning to read. Many families who visit the library after school would lose access to books at their child's reading level, which puts them at a disadvantage compared to other children in the Reno area with access to these services. Cutting public library hours would limit our community as a whole— families, teachers, and students — would lose the systemwide resources we rely on every day.

We know that you are considering other options. A bookmobile is not the answer, as we have the building already. Let's continue to use this library that many Verdi residents help to fund and build. Another option suggested is to have our school librarian stay after school to work during public access hours. Mrs. Cook already works here full time, and if the public library requires at least two people to staff the building during public hours for safety concerns, her safety should also be respected.

Please consider leaving the library open to the public for at least one day per week. This would be so appreciated and would save you money if the number of days is reduced....a win for both of us! The impact of this small investment is huge for our whole community.

Thank you for your time.
Heidi Peterson
Kindergarten Teacher

For public comment

From Jaimie Melilli <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 9:35 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Trustees,

Please keep the Verdi Library staffed at least 1–2 days per week. Our rural families rely on programs, librarian help, and systemwide resources. This is a small cost with a big impact for kids and seniors.

Thank you,

- Jaimie Melilli, Verdi resident / parent
Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

for public comment

From Jeanie [REDACTED]

Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:28 PM

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Jeanie Duffield, CPDT-KA
beyondobedience.com

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to express my concern regarding the possible closure of our precious library and Nature Center in Verdi, NV.

I feel it would be a shame to close these down as we utilize the library on a regular basis. I am quite sure the elementary school, which is right next door, uses it as well. This is such a wonderful facility; it's something we were so thrilled to have joined our community several years ago. I feel that libraries are essential for communities, especially for remote ones like ours.

I hope you will take a serious look at the impact this would have on our town of Verdi.

And, as much as I am not thrilled with all the development that is happening here, I think this closure would impact those folks as well.

Thank you,

Jeanie Duffield, CPDT-KA

[REDACTED]

Re: For Public Comment

From Jean Coston [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 8:30 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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> On Sep 29, 2025, at 8:16 PM, Jean Coston [REDACTED] wrote:
>
> As seniors in the Verdi community, my husband and I use and rely on the Verdi library. I request that you do not close this important resource to us. My neighborhood has many Verdi elementary school students, as well as senior citizens who absolutely need the library.
> Our changing world is moving faster than at any time in history because of technology. We should not be denied the ability to stay educated and informed.
> Thank you,
> Jean Coston
> [REDACTED]
> Verdi, NV 89439
>
> Sent from my iPad

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From Jenna <j[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:55 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hi,
Please do not close down the Verdi library. It is used by so many including my family. My children look forward to running to the library after school and picking out books to rent. This library has helped them blossom as readers. They enjoy reading and I credit the Verdi library for encouraging reading and creating a positive environment for children.

Please do not close this library it will be a huge loss to the entire community.
Thank you,
Jenna Raber

For Public Comment

From Jenny Luna [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 12:56 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Please consider this email as an added request to keep the public library and Verdi staffed a few days per week. This is a great central place for our community, not only for Verdi Elementary school, but the families in our area. The staff are so kind and knowledgeable, and the displays inside the library Are like a mini museum.

Thank you,

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For Public Comment

From Jenny Luna [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 12:53 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello,

I am a resident of Verdi and would hate to see the loss of the public library in our community. I take my son there, who is four years old, every week to pick out new books. The taxidermy and the wildlife displays within the library are like a mini museum for our family to talk about animals And flora of our area. Even just one or two days per week, please!!

Thank you,
Jenny Luna

Jenny Luna

Writer & podcast producer
Columbia Journalism School, '15
[REDACTED]

For public comment

From Jessie Hilgenberg [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 9:41 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Thank you.— Jessie Hilgenberg, Verdi resident / Verdi Elementary School parent / Verdi native

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Administrative Assistant 1 | Washoe County Library System
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From: Jessie Hilgenberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 5:27 PM
To: Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Save the Verdi Library

Dear Trustees,

Please keep the Verdi Library staffed at least 1–2 days per week. Our rural families rely on programs, librarian help, and system-wide resources. This

is a small cost with a big impact for kids and seniors. Thank you.

— Jessie Hilgenberg, Verdi resident / Verdi Elementary School parent /
Verdi native

For Public Comment

From Jon Mann <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 3:40 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Library Trustees,

I am a parent of a Verdi Elementary student and I urge you to keep the Verdi Library staffed and open to our community. Our Verdi Elementary families and our community as a whole rely on the library for access to books, technology, and programs that support our children's learning.

Losing staffed hours leaves our community without equitable access to the library system, making them drive 15+ minutes to the Robb Drive library, a 30+ minute round trip.

Please ensure the Verdi community continues to have staffed public access to the library. Not only does my elementary aged son check out over twenty books at a time, he and my 2 year old daughter attend the art program after school every Wednesday without fail. I urge you to keep Verdi Library open for our community. Thank you for your time.

Jon Mann
Nolan Mann, Verdi Elementary School
[REDACTED]

For Public Comment

From Kai Schwartz [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 3:29 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello, I am a Verdi parent and Reno resident, and I would like to urge you to keep the public library staffed and available for at least one to two days per week. This is an invaluable resource for our community, and we need our library for access to books, programs and technology critical for the success of our students.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kai Schwartz

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[REDACTED]

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From Kristen Benchley [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 1:19 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm writing to express our strong support for keeping our local Verdi Library open. For families like ours, this library is an essential part of daily life. Our daughter, a student at Verdi Elementary, uses the library after school as a safe, quiet place to read and explore her interests through books. At any given time, she has at least five books checked out—she's a passionate reader, and the Verdi Library nurtures that love of learning in a way no other resource can.

Beyond its role in education, the library serves as a hub for connection, learning, and access to critical services. In a rural community like ours, these resources are not easily replaced.

Importantly, our community is growing. Large residential developments are currently underway, bringing in new families who will rely on the library even more. As our population increases, so does the need for public infrastructure that supports education, literacy, and community engagement.

We understand that budget decisions are difficult, but closing the library would be a step backward at a time when our community is moving forward. We respectfully urge you to consider the long-term impact and value this library provides.

Please let us know how we can support efforts to keep it open—whether through volunteering, fundraising, or advocacy. We are ready to help.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kristen Benchley
[REDACTED]

For Public Comment

From Laurie Park <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:47 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Good afternoon. I'm reaching out to ask for your support in keeping the Verdi library staffed at least one to two days per week. The library is a lifeline for our students- a safe, welcoming place where they learn, explore and grow beyond the classroom.

Closing it would hurt our children and weaken our community. Please do everything in your power to keep it open. Our kids- and their future- depend on it.

Thank you,
Laurie Park
Verdi Elementary Parent

Sent from my iPhone

Public comment - Verdi Library and Nature center

From Leilani Garcia <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:09 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

I want to express my great sadness in regard to hearing about the shutting down of the Verdi library and Nature center and any other potential libraries. As a concerned mother and member of the community, I believe there is extreme value in everyone having access to libraries. This isn't only a place to learn and study, but for some this is a safe space... somewhere to be able to explore and learn more about the world.... to be able to use imagination and find love in something that isn't on a screen. It would be extremely irresponsible to allow the shutdown or even limit the access of these public libraries so I'm writing to you... please keep our libraries safe!

Regards,

Leilani Garcia

[REDACTED]
Reno, NV 89523



For Public Comment

From Leonie Durnin <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:54 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Trustees,

I am a parent with 2 children in Verdi elementary. Please keep the Verdi library staffed at least one to two days per week. Our rural families rely on the library's access for books, technology, and programs that support our children's learning. This is a small cost with a big impact for children and seniors.

Thank you,
Leonie Durnin
Verdi ES parent

For Public Comment

From Lisa Cook [REDACTED]
Date Mon 9/29/2025 1:36 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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From: Lisa Cook [REDACTED]
Date: September 29, 2025 at 10:37:01 AM PDT
To: sschubach@washoecounty.gov
Subject: Save the Verdi Library

Dear Library Trustees,

I am a parent in Verdi and I urge you to keep the Verdi Library staffed at least 1-2 days per week. Our families rely on the library for access to books, technology, and programs that support our children's learning. Losing staffed hours would leave our community without equitable access to the library system.

Please ensure Verdi continues to have staffed public access.

Thank you,

Lisa Cook

Theodore and Elizabeth Cook, Verdi Elementary

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FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From Lisa Affinito [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 1:10 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello!

My child attends Verdi Elementary. We live in the Verdi community. Please keep the Verdi Library staffed at least 1 day a week for our children.
We love this little library.

Lisa Affinito
Mom to a 3rd grader

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FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From Melinda Brown <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:53 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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As a parent with a student at Verdi Elementary, we use the library on a regular basis. Our child uses it regularly at school, for technology, access to books, and programs that are offered after school. It is a staple in our community. Verdi only seems to be growing, so why not keep our library open and keep our children, students and community interested in reading, and sharing the space for activities and growth.

Melinda Brown

Public Comment

From Melissa Fant [REDACTED]
Date Mon 9/29/2025 10:13 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my support for keeping the Verdi Library branch open. I live in Northwest Reno, and my children and I love visiting this branch.

Please keep this library open, for all of us in the county who enjoy visiting it but especially for the children and residents of Verdi who rely on it.

Thank you,
Melissa Fant

For Public Comment

From Sierra Vintage Inc <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 1:07 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

I am a parent of a student that attends Verdi Elementary and a resident of Verdi. Please keep the Verdi library open at least one to two days per week.

Thank you
Michael White

Public Comment

From Michele Welch <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 9/29/2025 5:35 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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The Verdi Library and Nature Center is and has been an extremely important resource for the rapidly growing, rural community of Verdi for many years.

Our family can personally recall many fond memories spending time at the library checking out books, educational activities, Nature Center guest talks and especially being read to by long time dedicated librarian, Mrs Cook, during story time.

The Verdi Library is regularly used by Verdi Elementary students, for many purposes, as well as older students and families. It also offers convenient access for our senior citizens and is a much needed community meeting space that regularly holds meetings of The Citizens Advisory Board.

The loss of this beloved, important library would be detrimental for Verdi. It is clear, a book mobile in its place would be grossly insufficient.

Please continue funding the Verdi Library and Nature Center as it truly is a jewel of Verdi.

Thank you,

Michele and Levi Welch.

Verdi, Nv

For Public Comment

From michelle murphy <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:47 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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As an MLIS student at SJSU and a Verdi resident for six+ years, I can attest to the importance of the public having access to our local Verdi library. Libraries offer a safe space for learning, community activities, and a place where patrons can access internet and information for free. During a time when inflation is affecting most of us, free access to resources is more important than ever. Maybe people are unable to travel to other libraries due to lack of transportation and physical limitations. Our remote area offers few public transportation options, and ride shares can be costly. Access to our local library is crucial for most residents, as well as the students of Verdi Elementary.

If staffing and funding are challenges, I assure you that many of my neighbors in River Oak (several of who are parents of students at Verdi Elementary) would happily volunteer their time keep to operations intact. This has been discussed by many of us as we are dedicated to the growth and improvement of our little area.

With the addition of the West Meadows development and additional new homes, the number of Verdi residents has grown exponentially. Many community members include young families with children as well as seniors. These two groups of patrons will benefit greatly with local library access. Please be considerate of the people who built our community as well those who will grow along with it.

Thank you,
Michelle Murphy

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From MJ White <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 1:05 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

I am a parent of a student that attends Verdi Elementary and a resident of Verdi. Please keep the Verdi library open at least one to two days per week.

Thank you,
Arinn White

For Public Comment

From Natalie Livezey <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:25 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

As a full-time working mom, I value every opportunity I have to support my daughters' growth and education. One of the most important resources for our family is the Verdi Public Library. My girls love visiting the library, whether it's during school hours or on wednesday afternoons. They light up when they get to choose new books, and I see how much their confidence grows every time they explore something new. For me, the library is not just about reading—it is about giving my daughters the tools they need to become strong, independent young women in the future.

The Verdi Library plays a central role in their education. All the students at Verdi Elementary have library cards and use the library regularly during school. This shows just how essential it is to their learning. I know that when my daughters spend time there, they're not only practicing reading but also building lifelong habits of curiosity, responsibility, and independence.

The library is also where my daughters connect with their community. On Wednesdays, they look forward to "Mini Makers," a program where they can create, imagine, and work with their hands. As a working mom, I take comfort knowing they are in a safe and supportive environment, surrounded by positive influences. Programs like this give kids the chance to see themselves as capable and creative, which is exactly the kind of confidence I want them to carry into adulthood.

Keeping the Verdi Library open means so much more than keeping a building open—it means keeping opportunities open. It means giving my daughters, and every child in our community, the chance to dream bigger, to learn more, and to build a brighter future. I urge you to keep our library open so that the next generation has every chance to grow into successful, independent individuals who contribute to our community and beyond.

Thank you.

 [View my contact details here: https://blinq.me/CfPm8aUNpkfZ](https://blinq.me/CfPm8aUNpkfZ)

For Public Comment

From Atkinson, Nicole <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 9/30/2025 8:57 AM

To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Board of Trustees

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of our community and a passionate advocate for education, literacy, and access to public resources. It has come to my attention that there is a possibility of wanting to close the Verdi Library, and I urge you to reconsider this decision for the sake of our students, families, and the broader community.

Verdi Library is more than just a building with books—it is a cornerstone of learning, connection, and opportunity in our area. It provides essential services to individuals of all ages, from children discovering the joy of reading to adults seeking job resources, internet access, or a quiet place to study. For students in particular, the library is a lifeline: a safe, welcoming, and accessible environment that supports their academic success and personal development.

In rural and smaller communities like ours, losing a library isn't just a minor inconvenience—it's a significant blow to education equity.

We understand that difficult budget decisions must be made. However, we strongly believe that investing in libraries is an investment in the future of our community. Closing Verdi Library would create a void that cannot easily be filled and would disproportionately impact those who rely on it the most.

We respectfully ask the Board to explore all alternative solutions to keep Verdi Library open—be it through partnerships, fundraising, adjusted hours, or community support initiatives. We stand ready to help in any way we can to preserve this essential resource.

As a teacher, I often refer parents to the library to check out books at the primary level.

Thank you for your time, your service to our community, and your thoughtful consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Nicole Atkinson, M.Ed.
National Board Certified Teacher
Verdi Elementary School

For public comment

From Alex Nunez [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:57 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Library Board,

My name is Nora Nunez, and I go to Verdi Elementary School. I love checking out books and doing the Mini Maker activities on Wednesdays.

Please keep our library open so kids like me can keep reading, learning, and having fun.

Thank you,

Nora Nunez

Age 6

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From Patricia Miller <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 1:59 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Lucy Miller, age 7.pdf;

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Dear Trustees,

I grew up and remain in Verdi as a third generation Verdi resident. I was attending Verdi Elementary school when the Verdi Library was built after a fundraiser was successful enough to do so. It has been a cherished part of our community ever since. As a rural community, our families here rely on the resources the library provides. I now take my kids to the library and they are also reaping the benefits of this treasured part of our community. They especially enjoy the mini-makers program which is held every Wednesday after the early release from school. They would be devastated if we didn't have this safe learning space available in our neighborhood.

Verdi has grown exponentially over the last decade. It seems illogical to close the only resource this growing community has just when it could get more use than ever before. With the lack of public transit in the area, it would be devastating to lose our little library. Please keep the Verdi Library open and staffed at least 1-2 days per week. This seems like a small cost for the benefit it provides to our community.

Attached is also a letter my 7 year old daughter wrote to "the government" in support of keeping the library open. She has had many tears after finding out the library is at risk of closing.

Thank you for your consideration,
Patricia Miller,

3rd generation Verdi Resident, parent, and member of the Verdi Historical Preservation Society

For public comment

From Johnny King [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 10:51 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Please keep Verdi Library! We have 3(soon to be 5) grandchildren at the school and I cannot tell you how many times we've walked over there with them when we pick them up. They LOVE it there, especially the activities (crafts, story telling, etc) and a bookmobile just wouldn't have the space for all that. Let's make it easy for them to love books and reading, please! Sincerely Patty King
Sent from my iPhone

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From Perry & Jenny [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 12:55 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello, this email is to urge representatives to keep the Verdi public library open, even if we're just a few days per week. It is a staple of our community and a place that I can take my children to learn about reading, technology, and also the flora and fauna in our area. Thank you for your consideration.

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From Perry Kveton [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 1:17 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hi, I am a resident of Verdi, Nevada, writing in support of maintaining our public library. My kids love this library. I love this library. It is an incredibly valuable resource to my family and our community. We rely on this library and would be at an incredible disadvantage if we were to lose it.

Please do everything in your power to maintain our access to this critical resource.

Thank you,

Perry Kveton

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From Rachel Herman [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 1:25 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hi, my name is Rachel Buck. I live in Verdi and my daughter attends Verdi elementary school. We go to the public library every Wednesday to participate in a craft and select a new book to read for the week. We would love to keep the public access of the Verdi library even just on Wednesday to keep the craft for the kids. Please consider keeps some public hours for the kids that love the library. Thank you!

Rachel Buck

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For Public Comment

From Robert Duffield <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 11:56 AM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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I address this email to all those involved with the decision about the future of the Verdi Library.

My family and I have lived in Verdi since 1998. The Verdi Library has been a wonderful resource and refuge for us over the years. I am a regular user of the library and often drop in on the few days it is open to pick up a good read, a movie or other media. Presently it is only open afternoons 3 days a week, however this does work well for us.

I encourage the decision to be to keep the library open for at least the same amount of time/days that it is now. This community is only growing by leaps and bounds so the need will only increase. Thank you for listening.

Robert Duffield

[REDACTED]
Verdi, N 89439

For public comment

From Shannon Magee [REDACTED]

Date Tue 9/30/2025 12:00 PM

To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Trustees,

Please keep the Verdi Library staffed at least 1–2 days per week. Our rural families rely on programs, librarian help, and systemwide resources. This is a small cost with a big impact for kids and seniors. Thank you.

Shannon Prina, Verdi resident / parent

"For Public Comment"

From Deborah [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:25 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Washoe County,

I am writing to express my deep concern over the proposed closure of the Verdi Library. Closing this branch would be a tremendous loss for our community.

The Verdi Library began in a classroom at the elementary school, serving students in its earliest years. When the Library and Nature Center opened in 2002, it was a monumental occasion for our town, our school, and the Division of Wildlife. For the first time, we had not just a library, but also a meeting place and a nature area where children and adults alike could learn about wildlife.

My own children grew up using the library. They participated in hunter safety courses and wildlife programs offered through the Division of Wildlife there. The library has always been more than a place for books, it is a hub for education, connection, and community.

As Verdi continues to grow, the need for such a resource only increases. To close the library now would not only erase a vital piece of our history, but also undermine the opportunities available to current and future families.

I urge you to reconsider this closure and preserve the Verdi Library for the benefit of our entire community.

Thank You,

Deborah Alarcon

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From Valerie Davis <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:19 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Dear Library Trustees,

As a parent in Verdi, I strongly urge you to keep the Verdi Library staffed at least 1–2 days each week. Our families depend on this library for books, technology, and programs that directly support our children’s learning and growth.

Cutting staffed hours would take away equitable access to the Washoe County Library System for our community. Verdi deserves the same opportunities and resources as every other neighborhood.

Please take action to ensure the Verdi Library remains staffed and accessible to the public.

Thank you,

Valerie Davis

(Cowen & Carter Davis, Verdi Elementary)

For Public Comment

From Virginia Lee <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 9/30/2025 2:44 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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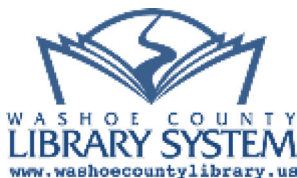
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From: "Schubach, Siera" <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>
Date: September 30, 2025 at 8:33:01 AM PDT
To: Virginia Lee <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Libraries

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Siera Schubach
Administrative Assistant 1 | Washoe County Library System
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301 S. Center St., Reno, NV 89501



From: Virginia Lee <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:55 PM
To: Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Libraries

Please KEEP our Libraries!!! Do everything we can...Thank you!!! V Lee

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From Wendy Schjelderup [REDACTED]
Date Tue 9/30/2025 3:28 PM
To Schubach, Siera <SSchubach@washoecounty.gov>

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Hello,

I am a grandparent and resident in Verdi and are asking you to keep the Verdi Library staffed for a minimum of one to two days per week. Verdi is a growing family community that relies on its library. Education and reading should always be prioritized and not cut for lack of resources. Please keep our neighborhood library open.

Sincerely,

Wendy Schjelderup