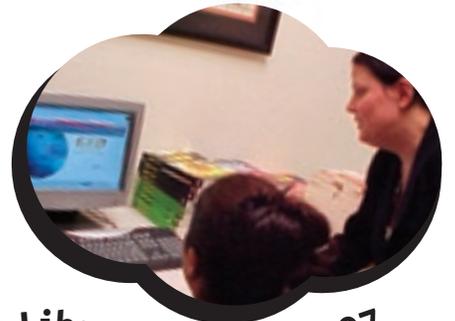


A DESTINATION FOR DISCOVERY



Washoe County Library System 2007



In its role as a Destination for Discovery, the Library System will:

- Become a cultural center rather than just a place for books and reading
- Shift from a research place to a gathering place
- Be nimble in responding to needs and smarter in using resources
- Become a catalyst for creating community
- Serve in the role of informational change agent
- Offer more patron self service features
- Ensure that services and facilities are convenient and accessible to all

Farewell Message from Library Director Nancy Cummings



On January 9, 1995, I began my first day as director of the Washoe County Library System. January 4, 2008, will be my last day in that position.

To say it has been rewarding, challenging, occasionally frustrating, fulfilling and enriching touches upon the many facets of my experience.

It's exciting stuff to build new libraries, remodel existing ones, to put a mobile fleet on the road. It has also been exciting working with library managers and staff to create an inclusive organization that offers employees the opportunity to shape the mission and vision for the system.

I've appreciated being able to represent the library in many community endeavors. It is my hope that this representation contributed to the health and well being of our area.

I appreciate Library Board members, past and present, who have committed their time and energy to maintain the highest quality library service for our citizens.

I am excited about the library's future, and our new vision that the library is truly a Destination for Discovery. I am confident library staff will ensure this vision becomes a reality and will continue to render outstanding customer service. I take my leave knowing that the Library System is in good hands.

Nancy Cummings



WCLS Mission:

The library is a cultural center, offering lifelong enrichment opportunities through access to ideas, information and the arts.

WCLS Vision:

We will:

- Reach out creatively with innovative services
- Connect people and resources
- Be a destination for discovery

2006-07 Library Highlights:

A community coalition presented **Northern Nevada Reads: A Project of the Big Read**. More than 42 programs and events surrounding Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* took place from August-October 2007.

The design phase for the **Downtown Reno Library remodel** was completed.

Downloadable audio books can be checked out on the library website. More than 571 titles are currently available.

The Library System has implemented a **Balanced Scorecard** strategic planning process. The team revised the library system's mission and vision statements, and developed priority and long-term objectives and initiatives that align with the County's strategic priorities.

The **Summer Reading Program** broke all records with 7,867 registered participants (up 16%) reading a total of 2,974,280 minutes (a 36% increase over the previous year).

Incline Village Library received an award in the second annual Reno Magazine/AIA Northern Nevada **Architecture Design Awards** competition.

A total of **17,161 citizens voted early** at nine libraries in the 2006 election.

WCLS librarians visited **64 elementary schools** and delivered library information to nearly **5,700 third graders**.

More than **1,900 library materials** were delivered to **community homeless shelters** and child welfare agencies.

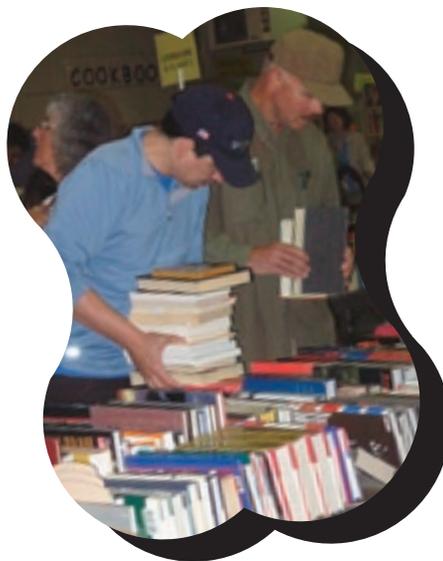
Online GED services are now available.

A 1,300 volume library was established at the **Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center**.



Friends of Washoe County Library:

The Friends continues its strong support of the Library system with over **1,000 members**. The organization has raised more than **\$2.2 million since 1991**. Key projects included serving as fiscal agent for the Big Read project and opening the year-round Book Warehouse operation. The Friends' **Second Century Endowment Fund topped \$250,000** in assets that can make a long-term commitment to benefit the library.



Statistics (as of June 30, 2007):

Operating Budget: **\$13.876 million**

Number of Employees: **221**

Library Branches: **15**,
including Internet Branch

Items borrowed: **2,309,941**

Library Visits: **1,658,733**

Cardholders: **153,169**

Program Attendance: **86,146**

Patron Computer Use: **385,082**

Internet Library Use: **655,916**

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