



2015 Nevada Statewide Bookmobile Snapshots

The Statewide Bookmobile Funding is distributed by the Nevada State Library and Archives (NSLA) to ensure rural Nevadans equitable access to library services. The program provides funding to the Elko-Lander-Eureka Library System, Humboldt County Library and Lincoln County Library. The Elko-Lander-Eureka Library System also provides service to parts of White Pine County. The Humboldt County Library also provides service to parts of Pershing County.

In the SFY2012-SFY2013 biennium the Statewide Bookmobile funding (\$235,906) was reduced by 21.2% (\$50,000). A onetime private donation of \$20,000 partially mitigated the impact of this reduction during the SFY2012-SFY2013 biennium. The SFY2014-SFY2015 funding was maintained at the reduced level of \$185,906.

The following statistics reveal that rural Nevadans have **maintained** and in many cases **increased** the intensity of their use of their bookmobile services (average circulation per visits) while their access to these services (number and frequency of stops) have decreased over the past 5 fiscal cycles.

Both Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System and Humboldt County Library show continued **additions to patrons** through each fiscal year. A similar usage can be observed in Lincoln County Library although they do not record this statistic.



For information on these public and other Nevada libraries consult the *Nevada Library Directory and Statistics*:
<http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/NVLibraryDirectory/>

Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System

Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System - Bookmobile Service					
	SFY2010	SFY2011	SFY2012	SFY2013	SFY2014
Circulation	17,744	17,307	18,894	18,384	22,258
Visits	8,453	6,319	7,291	7,017	8,666
Average Circulation / Visit	2.10	2.74	2.59	2.62	2.57
Stops	30 stops / 2 week	29 stops / 2 week	28 stops / 2 week	23 stops / 2 week	22 stops / 2 week
Patrons Added	179	137	164	115	198
Mileage / 2 week	1,120	1,120	1,120	1,120	1,120

Economic Impact

The impact of state funding on visitors to the Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System is \$7.19 per visitor.

On average, calculated at GSA rates of \$.575 per mile, the bookmobile stops saves visitors \$50.40 per visit. The cost savings to users can be as much as \$103.50.

2015 Stops

Elko Institute for Academic Achievement	Mountain City	Lamoille	Learning Bridge School
Carlin Honor Camp	Cherry Creek	Ruby Valley	Lages
Lehman Caves	Ely Honor Camp	Montello School	McGill
Baker School	Tuscarora	Wells Honor Camp	Pony Express
Spring Creek Elem.	Owyhee	Sage School	
Jigs	Baker Store	Currie	

A patron from Lages- "The bookmobile staff is in part responsible for the furthering of education in Nevada. It would be a loss to our community if the bookmobile were to be cut off from us"

A patron from Owyhee-"If the bookmobile didn't go to Owyhee regularly she would "panic, and be very angry because she would have to drive 100 miles to the library."

A patron from Ely-"The bookmobile is a great source, and is very useful in providing them with good books and interesting knowledge."



Elko County Bookmobile

Humboldt County Library

Humboldt County Library - Bookmobile Service					
	SFY2010	SFY2011	SFY2012	SFY2013	SFY2014
Circulation	8,179	6,820	12,465	8,614	8,313
Visits	2,313	4,279	4,572	4,327	4,028
Average Circulation / Visit	3.54	1.59	2.73	1.99	2.06
Stops	14 stops / 2 week	15 stops / 2 week	15 stops / 2 week	15 stops / 2 week	17 stops / 2 week
Patrons Added	54	144	69	93	72
Mileage / 2 week	549	549	549	549	549

Economic Impact

The impact of state funding on visitors to the Humboldt County Library is \$4.85 per visitor.

On average, calculated at GSA rates of \$.575 per mile, the bookmobile stops saves visitors \$22.64 per visit. The cost savings to users can be as much as \$54.05.

2015 Stops

Kings River School	Paradise Valley School	Unionville	Grass Valley School
Mtn View Drive	Imlay School/Post Office	Larios Arms	Sonoma Ranch
Duncan Daycare	Paradise Valley Post Office	Jane Angus	Sand Pass Road
Orovada School	Orovada Post Office	Muratores	A Place to Grow
Windspur Supply			

Our rural Bookmobile has impacted the lives of many throughout its 46 years of service here in Humboldt and Pershing counties.

“ Many of our patrons come from ranching families and the Bookmobile delivers a link to the rest of the world. Books provide entertainment and can spark an interest or passion of future life decisions. Two ranch raised brothers were diligent readers and faithful Bookmobile patrons throughout their years on the ranch. "Mike" is currently the Justice Court Judge here in Winnemucca, and was honored as the 2013 Champion of Justice at the annual Champions of Justice Awards Luncheon. Brother "Dan" spent time in New York City as the assistant editor for Penguin Books. He is now the managing editor for the Center of Basque Studies at the University of Nevada. Both credit the presence of the Bookmobile in their lives as an influencing factor.”

Humboldt County Library continued:

Daniel Montero commented:

“Bookmobile day! As a boy it made my heart jump. It was the day the world visited the family ranch where I grew up—90 miles from the nearest library. It slowly rolled in and settled itself underneath the locust tree shade in front of our one-room schoolhouse alongside the stone-walled shop building. The door opened and sweet Lyn Melody unfolded the metal stair step and then, in the proverbial “middle of nowhere” the doors to a giant world opened up. I was partial to any history, better yet even Civil War, the Sharpe’s Rifles series, so many more. I especially always remember being unable to tear myself from *Harriet the Spy* from the bookmobile on a spring afternoon on the way home from the McDermitt Track Meet. Harriet’s adventures mirrored my own feelings so much that it is one of my most powerful experiences of reading and a memory I treasure. More than any individual book though was the sensation of richness, vastness, of stepping into a root cellar that instead of stocked with the provisions of the belly was stocked brim full of the provisions for my mind and that extended well beyond the bounds of our corner of the high desert. The bookmobile didn’t ignite my love for reading, but it gave that fire the tinder, kindling, and sturdy logs for a life in which books and ideas have burned in me insatiably. It carried me through the university, the Peace Corps, graduate school, then to getting my start in book publishing at Penguin Books in New York City, and years of editing. Now, as the book editor for the Center for Basque Studies at UNR, I am honored to be able to share books I’ve edited and published with the bookmobile that I love so much.”



Humboldt County Bookmobile

Lincoln County Library

Lincoln County Library - Bookmobile Service					
	SFY2010	SFY2011	SFY2012	SFY2013	SFY2014
Circulation	5,316	5,147	2,873	4,133	6,162
Visits	4,581	4,362	2,168	3,025	3,297
Average Circulation / Visit	1.16	1.18	1.33	1.37	1.87
Stops	6 stops / 1 week	5 stops / 1 week	5 stops / 1 week	5 stops / 1 week	5 stops / 1 week
Patrons Added					
Mileage / 2 week	44	44	44	44	44

Economic Impact

The impact of state funding on visitors to the Lincoln County Library is \$3.38 per visitor.

On average, calculated at GSA rates of \$.575 per mile, the bookmobile stops saves visitors \$8.74 per visit. The cost savings to users can be as much as \$13.80.

2015 Stops

Pioche Elementary School	Caliente Elementary	Panaca Main Street
Panaca Elementary	Meadow Valley Middle School	



Southern Nevada Bookmobile, 1975

The Southern Nevada Bookmobile started in 1975 and was in operation for approximately 5 years. In an interview in 1984, Joseph Anderson, State Librarian at the time, stated, about the Southern Nevada Bookmobile, that, “over time we have discovered the growth pattern in Southern Nevada [and] through this coordination process found that once a community, rather the use of the bookmobile through various points in Nye, Lincoln and Esmeralda counties, gave a show and tell – it

was a heavily used service.” He further stated, “These small communities then decided that they would then [establish] a fixed base of operation for the library, however small.” This bookmobile usage impacted the decisions, which led to the construction of the following libraries; Pahrump, Amargosa Valley, Round Mountain (Smoky Valley), and Manhattan. Alamo Library was eventually setup as a branch of the Lincoln County Library.