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Justification Letter

Dates: September 17-18, 2015
Event: Nevada Library Institute – Be a Catalyst for Change
Location: Sahara West Library, Las Vegas, NV

Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records presents this institute in the hopes of providing key skills in leadership and community engagement to all Nevada's libraries and library staff. This is meant to provide foundational skills to assist library staff in making our libraries relevant and invaluable.

Nevada libraries and library staff are faced with an ever changing landscape. Whether from school, public, academic, or special libraries, this landscape asks one fundamental question: How do we stay relevant? This institute will focus on community engagement, partnership, and leadership skills that will assist all library types in establishing relationships and further solidifying relevance in their communities. No matter the library type or level of professional growth these skills will enable library staff to communicate, advocate, and illustrate the importance of the services libraries provide to students or all ages, the public and legislators. Coming together these library types can create a working relationship that will further the library profession in the state and encourage growth and solid programming.

This institute will be presented in phases. The first being the in-person institute to be held at the Sahara West Library on September 17-18, 2015, this phase will include instruction, discussion and practical application for follow-up. The second phase will be a Follow-up Webinar for participants to revisit practical application and work suggested. The third phase will be similar to the second discussing the longer reach of the practical application. We will complete this institute with a presentation at the 2016 Nevada Library Association Conference in Las Vegas, presenting the successes and failures and skills gained.

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