STATE COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES AND LITERACY

2015 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE

Carson City Library

The Council has advocated for libraries in Nevada for 50 years.

Pershing County Library

In 1965 the legislature created a council with the following declaration:

"**Policy of this State; purpose of the chapter.**
It is the policy of this State to foster and further the establishment and proper maintenance of superior libraries and the acquisition of resources, facilities, professional staffs and auxiliary personnel fully to support such services. The purpose of this chapter is to provide the means for the overview and study of existing library facilities, resources and services and for the formulation of recommendations to strengthen and expand these components." NRS 380A.0811

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NRS 380A.081 POWERS AND DUTIES OF SCLL

The Council may:

1. Examine and overview the whole state of libraries, librarianship, library education, library resources, and all allied and cognate activities and prepare a record of its findings.
2. Require public libraries to provide necessary library statistics and reports and to make recommendations for the advancement of libraries.
3. Report biennially to the Governor and Legislature. The report must be filed on or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year.
4. Publish material pertaining to its work that it may order issued.
5. Review plans and applications submitted by libraries and political subdivisions for state grants-in-aid and make recommendations to the State Library and Archives Administrator concerning approval.
6. Examine and evaluate the programs for literacy in this State.
7. Establish a plan for coordinating programs and activities for promoting and increasing literacy in this State.

Comstock Kids volunteers, Storey County Library

A great honor for one of Nevada's public library jurisdictions! Las Vegas-Clark County Library District was awarded a National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the library's service to their community. It is the nation's highest honor conferred on museums and libraries. Read more at:

http://www.imls.gov/news/2014_medals_las_vegas_clark_county_library.aspx

For a full-color, online version of this Nevada State Council on Libraries and Literacy 2015 Report to the Governor and Legislature, please go to... (need web address)

HIGHLIGHTS

• The Council

The Council has advocated for libraries in Nevada for 50 years, since creation in 1965. In 1993 the State Council on Libraries and the Governor's Literacy Coalition Advisory Council merged to form the State Council on Libraries and Literacy Council (SCLL). Today the SCLL serves as the advisory council for the State Library and Archives (NSLA) with regard to its many responsibilities relating to libraries and literacy in the State of Nevada.

(See Nevada State Council on Libraries and Literacy Statutes, p.2)
(See Council Membership List, p. 13)

• Nevada's Libraries

Nevada families and communities have experienced overwhelming economic challenges the past several years, unequaled by any other State in the Nation. The tide is reversing and Nevada Libraries have played a vital role in the resurrection of personal, local and State economic progress by offering programs or services concentrating on digital literacy and access, and improving workforce skills such as building resumes and interview skills.

(See Nevada's Libraries, p. 5)

Las Vegas, Clark County Library District

• Nevada Literacy

In order to tackle its literacy challenges, Nevada counts on a variety of programs that focus on reading and literacy. NSLA oversees several literacy projects. Literacy projects include:

- Summer reading which occurs in Nevada's public libraries;
- El Dia de los Ninos/El Dia de los Libros held during the Spring in celebration of Nevada's large Hispanic population; and
- The Nevada Center for the Book, an affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book, which implements, among other initiatives, a contest called Letters About Literature that addresses critical thinking and acute writing skills.

Literacy is key to ensuring a successful outcome for the state of Nevada.

(See Nevada Literacy, p. 7)

• Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)

LSTA is a federally funded grant program administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Funds are awarded annually to the Nevada State Library and Archives. All types of libraries within the state, including academic, public, school, and government agency libraries, eligible information centers, and special libraries with public access may apply. Each applicant library and participant library must certify to NSLA that it meets all of the established eligibility criteria. A list of grants awarded in the past two years can be found in this section.

(See LSTA, p. 9)

New circulation area, Storey County Library

New children's area, Storey County Library

Farmer's Market, Carson City Library

Quilt Show,Pershing County Library

Circle Dance, Mineral County Library

Computer Training, Beatty Library District

Bookdrop, North Las Vegas Library District

Fire Safety, Carson City Library

NEVADA'S LIBRARIES

Yes! Nevada has experienced economic struggles by families and communities over the past several years, unequaled by any other state in the Nation. But, the tide is reversing and Nevada Libraries have played a vital role in the resurrection of personal, local and state economic progress.
Nevada Libraries

Yes! have opened their doors and resources through innovative upgrades of technology and their personnel to partner with other community support systems to aid clients in improving their lifestyles and bringing fulfillment to their daily living. These partners have included: job seekers, employers, entrepreneurs, and all family members (adults to toddlers).

How? **This has been accomplished, in part, through the following programs:**

Statewide

The Nevada One Click Away Project
http://www2.ntia.doc.gov/grantee/nevada-department-of-cultural-affairs
o upgraded computers in public libraries in 15 of Nevada's 17 counties;
o supported local economic development activities by providing Nevadans computer training (7,961 hours); and
o an opportunity to use a public access computer to search and apply for jobs (781,731 computer sessions).

Washoe County Library

Computer Classes (Digital Literacy)
o 87 classes offered
o 903 attendees
o Resource Page to assist jobseekers
o Statistics are from 7/1/13 – 6/30/14
o 2,138 unique page visits
A recently conducted impact survey resulted in the following comment,
"...I used a library computer for online interview skills preparation using the library's Job Now resource. (And I got the job, by the way!)..."

Storey County Library

Since the abrupt defunding and closure of the county library in 2012, many have worked to rapidly restore library service to the residents of Storey County through:
o Successful & continued fundraising;
o Renewed Storey County Commission funding that has allowed hiring library staff and establishing regular hours;
o Making the most of the existing collection, that had been moved to storage in 2012, available to the public;
o Moving the library into an expanded ADA accessible location in the Virginia City community center;
o Making technology services available in the form of public computers, free Wi-Fi, e-books and audio books; and
o Planning and development to provide mobile library access to the county's outlying areas, to supplement programming currently offered.
Residents of Storey County have demonstrated strong community support overall, and a Friends of the Library group is in the process of being formed.

A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.
—Henry Ward Beecher

Carson City Library

Digital Literacy and Instruction Outreach Project @ 2

o Enrollment for in-person and online classes: 2,847

o Technology assistance related questions: 8,981

o Project funded by LSTA grant and included Lyon County public and librarian educators.

"In 2014, being successful requires being connected," said Fernley Mayor LeRoy Goodman. "Providing access to free computers and computer classes allows our residents to find jobs and grow the city's economy."

"Twenty-two public library entities serve Nevada: ten county libraries, nine district libraries, one city-county library, one municipal library district, and one tri-county library system."

Las Vegas Clark County Library District

Computer Assisted Literacy in Libraries (CALL)

o Enrollment - 1,242 Students

o Student Retention - 81%

o Students making one or more educational level gains - 64%

This program is committed to assisting students to acquire basic literacy skills to reach their goals.

Henderson District Public Libraries

STEM

o Hands on training in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (known as STEM) to further employment opportunities.

"STEM education is a really big national priority," Stephen Platt, Branch Manager for the Green Valley Library, "A lot of employers out there are looking for people with specialized skills." Review Journal, Aug 4, 2014

Dayton classes

Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System

Cypress Resume Builder

o More assistance for local job seekers was a finding during the last needs assessment;

o The Library System recently added Cypress Resume to their many resources for job seekers;

o Statistics are from May 2013-July 2013;

o There were 108 patrons who used Cypress Resume during this time period.

Rural Nevada has many types of jobs with mining being a major employer. Many of these jobs are skilled labor positions, so patrons needed an online tool that would help them create professional resumes highlighting their specific skill set. Cypress Resume does that!

"It was super easy to use and I got a job offer within a week," said Nicholas Antonucci, a patron of the Elko County Library.

Library services and access to these services and materials vary greatly across the state and are dependent upon local factors such as hours, availability, and staffing to name just a few. (2013 State Council on Libraries and Literacy Report to the Governor and the Legislature)

Yes! All libraries in Nevada have one thing in common; they have supported their communities to promote economic growth in 2013-2014.

NEVADA LITERACY

WHAT IS LITERACY?

The Nevada Department of Education's English Language Arts Academic Content Standards emphasize reading, writing, speaking and listening. As individuals progress through grade levels, there are differing degrees of expectations for each standard based upon the developmental abilities of that particular grade.

Literacy programs, from birth to adulthood, provide families with necessary tools for future social mobility and economic stability. A lack of investment in our youngest community members will, in the long term, have negative effects to the State's economy. Our leaders bear the responsibility of creating accessible literacy opportunities for the next generation of Nevadans.

LITERACY ISSUES IN THE STATE OF NEVADA

Statistics indicate that:

- Only 8% of eligible 3-year-old children were enrolled in Pre-K, Head Start Programs, or Special Education programs in 2013 based on the National Institute for Early Education Research's "State of Preschool" report from 2013.
- As of 2013, only 27% of fourth-grade students and 30% of eighth grade students were at or above proficient in reading compared to the nation, based on the 2013 National Assessment of Educational Progress.
- 29.4% of the 2013 graduating cohort did not graduate according to a January 27, 2014 press release from the Nevada Department of Education.
- Almost 30% of the 2013 graduation cohort did not graduate.
- 15.6% of the state population over the age 25 lack a high school diploma or GED credentials.*

Clearly, there are literacy issues for Nevadans of all ages.

LIBRARIES PARTNER IN THE SOLUTION

In order to tackle its literacy challenges, Nevada relies on a variety of educational programs and literacy projects that focus on literacy. Libraries contribute to the solution through literacy programs in school and public libraries, Nevada State Library and Archives (NSLA) as well as the Nevada Department of Corrections.

School Libraries: School Libraries work on and support literacy by conducting lessons and offering programs based upon the Nevada Academic Content Standards and partnering with classroom teachers and the public libraries.

Public Libraries: Many public libraries offer ongoing story time programs that are often the first introduction to literacy activities for many young attendees and their parents! The Summer Reading Program is another ongoing literacy program offered by many public libraries to support schools in preventing the "summer slide" or loss of skills over the summer.

More recently, public libraries have added databases such as Brainfuse, World Book Web, and Learning Express that provide

live skills building, writing, and language labs for school age patrons to maintain and improve their skills. Some of these same databases also support adult learners, English Language Learners and those returning to the work force. Public libraries have increased the number of computers available for the public to use for school work, completing job applications, writing resumes, and brushing up on their life skills to become more marketable in the workforce.

Regular programs offered for the very young to the more mature community members, families, and English Language Learners, include: computer tutoring, business education, business counseling and mentoring, Mouse and Keyboard instruction, writing resumes, preparing for the job interview, web browsing, email, Windows 7, Word, Book Clubs, discussion groups, emedia classes, MS Publisher, eBook training, iPads, STEAM storytimes, senior writing program, tech petting zoo, paws 2 read, and family financial and estate planning. These programs and many more all support some form of literacy.

In addition, federally funded LSTA grants administered by NSLA assist public libraries with literacy projects such as "Early Learning and Literacy for NE Nevada" at the Elko County Library and "Read, Play Grow: A Family Literacy Project" at Henderson District Public Libraries. The Elko project enabled the library to place early learning computer stations and Afterschool Edge tablets at the majority of their branches to support early education and school readiness in their communities. The Henderson project offered several programs to reach out to families and educate parents on how to share books with their children, placing an importance on literacy in the home and family.

NSLA: Nevada also received federal grant funding for the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Program, which began in 2011 and will end in 2016. This program operates in Clark, Douglas, Lyon, and Washoe counties, serving 85 schools. The tenets are: professional development/coaching, data-based decision-making, reading intervention, and community partnerships. The various literacy projects Council supports encourage community members to participate in creating a more literate Nevada.

Ongoing literacy programs supported by NSLA include the Summer Reading Program; El Dia de los Ninos/El Dia de los Libros held during the Spring In Celebration of Nevada's large Hispanic population; and the Nevada Center for the Book, an affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book, which implements, among other initiatives, a contest called "Letters About Literature" that addresses critical thinking and acute writing skills.

Department of Corrections: For inmates in the Nevada Department of Corrections, 66% were enrolled in the education services. In addition, the Department of Corrections found that there was a return on investment 1:6.17 for funds spent on adult correctional education.

*Source U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts. Data derived from Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, State and County Housing Unit Estimates, County Business Patterns, Nonemployer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits Last Revised: Tuesday, 08-Jul-2014 06:37:34 EDT

LIBRARY SERVICES TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA)

The Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) is a federally funded grant program administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). It is the only federal program exclusively for libraries. Funds are awarded annually to the Nevada State Library and Archives (NSLA) to meet the goals identified in the Nevada LSTA state plan. A copy of the Five-Year State Development Plan for 2013-2017 may be viewed at: http://www.imls.gov/assets/1/AssetManager/NVplan2012.pdf

All types of libraries within the state, including academic, public, school, government agency libraries, eligible information centers, and special libraries with public access may apply. As part of the process, libraries have to certify that they meet eligibility criteria which include public access either directly or through interlibrary loan. NSLA provides training to aid in the submission of successful grants. Recommendations are made to the State Librarian by Council members after reading and discussing the applications. Additionally, grant applicants have the opportunity to answer questions from the Council in a public forum. The final funding decisions are made by the State Librarian.

In the past two years, grants were awarded in the following categories:

2013 Mini-Grants - $5,000 or less

Mineral County Library
Scratched, Smudged, Skips – CD/DVD repair

University of Nevada/Reno
Populating the New Reno Historical App

Elko County Library
Reader Kits

Washoe Co SD, Palmer Elementary
Non-fiction and Common Core

Carson City Library
Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Nevada Summer Reading

Sierra Nevada College, Prim Library
Outdoor Book Return

White Pine County Schools
Technology in the Library

Douglas County Schools
Authentic Non-Fiction Texts

Beatty Library District
Improving Technology

Pershing County Library
Playaways

2014 LSTA Mini-Grants - $5,000 or less

Elko County Library
Resumes Made Easy

Beatty Library District
Improving Technology

Sierra Nevada College, Prim Library
Apple iPads for Lending

Washoe County Library
Getting in Touch with the Library

Washoe Co SD, Gomm Elementary
Elementary Library Inventory Efficiency

Carson City Library
Film enhancement Grant

Pershing County Library
Movie Collection Overhaul

Amargosa Valley Library District
E-Media Journey

Beatty Library District

2013 Competitive Applications ($5000-$100,000)

Carson City Library
Digital Literacy/Instruction Outreach Project @Two

Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library
Early Learning and Literacy Stations

Henderson Public Libraries
Books & Bricks @Your Library

Las Vegas Clark County Library District
Youth Digital Learning Labs

Nevada State College Library
Bridging the Past, Henderson Memories

Mineral County Library
Unique Training Opportunities at Your Library

Pershing County Library
All-Circ: Disk Storage and Self Checkout

Sierra Nevada College Prim Library
Poetry Center

University of Nevada/Las Vegas
Documenting the African American Experience in Las Vegas

University of Nevada/Reno
Revamping Access to Special Collections Photographs

Washoe County Library System
Meeting Room Enhancements

Washoe Co SD – Sparks HS Library
Better Access Project

White Pine County Library
Cooperative Video Conferencing

Libraries in Nevada today are creative, vibrant, and community-focused. Whether it is a local public library, a school library, a college/university library or a state agency...

Film premiere, Mineral County Library

2014 Competitive Applications ($5,000 - $100,000)

Carson City Library
Online and On Time

Elko County Library
Early Learning and Literacy for NE Nevada

Henderson District Public Library
Henderson Libraries Generation STEAM

Lander School District Libraries
Battle Mountain High School Library

Mineral County Library
Streaming Art Tutorials

Nevada Historical Society Library
Emil Billeb Collection Project

Nevada Supreme Court Library
Training/Promotion for Nevada Legal Forms

Sierra Nevada College, Prim Library
Information Literacy

Truckee Meadows Community College
Sturm Library Computers

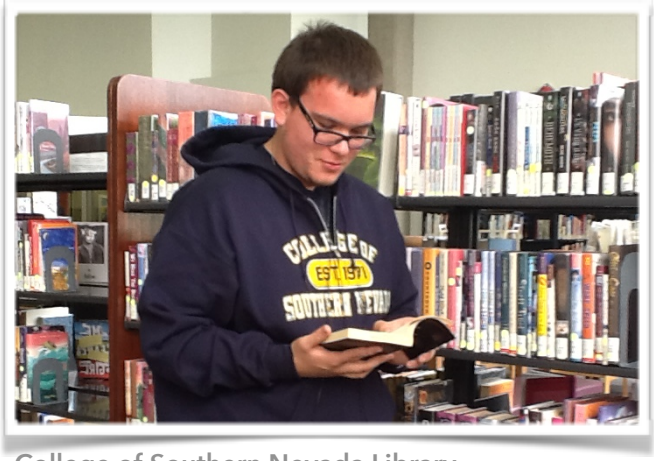
University of Nevada/Las Vegas
South Nevada Jewish Community Heritage

University of Nevada/Reno
Illuminating Reno's Divorce Industry

Washoe County Library
STEM Learning Spaces

White Pine School District
Reading Across the Universe

...all the libraries within the state are committed to their missions in support of education of all citizens in the state. Statewide initiatives work toward meeting the goals of the Five-Year State Development Plan. The funding that is provided through the federal government allows the State Library and the libraries in the state to work as partners striving to increase the educational opportunities for children, students, and adults. Governor Sandoval's 2013 State of the State Address begins with education and how we can continue to build the foundation for improved education in Nevada. Libraries are part of that foundation. School libraries are improving their technology to better prepare students for the future. Public libraries are supporting early literacy and developing programs and spaces to enhance after-school programs for school-age children. Nevada colleges and universities are organizing and making accessible Nevada's rich and diverse history.



College of Southern Nevada Library

North Las Vegas Library District

Two LSTA grant funded projects are described below:

Books & Bricks @ Your Library from Henderson Public Libraries

LEGO and LEGO DUPLO bricks have amazing versatility that allows libraries to create simple programs that can encourage big skills. By developing storytime and school age program plans, libraries can help children of all levels work on different types of literacy skills and reading comprehension, as well as math, physics and engineering skills. In younger children, motor skills and creativity are encouraged and explored. The Association for Library Services to Children has conducted research indicating that construction play benefits toddlers and preschoolers on many different dimensions and helps contribute to all stages of learning, especially oral language development. In older children, scientific reasoning and problem solving can be further developed. Block play has been proven to assist in math and engineering skills and LEGO is a great way for public libraries to introduce brick play into programming. By using LEGO DUPLO and LEGO bricks, programs can be created that encourage skills by developing motor skills, creativity, increased attention span, and help lay the groundwork for scientific reasoning and problem solving. At the end of the six month evaluation report period, the programs have already gathered a regular following of attendees and many times capacity attendance.

Carson City's Library BranchAnywhere@ the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Nevada Summer Reading Program and Technology Enrichment

Through the LSTA grant, the Carson City Library provided a Free Voluntary Reading program with an enrollment of nearly 350 youths and 35 teens. The Summer Reading Program provided encouragement and incentives to kids who might not have maintained and developed literacy skills over the summer without the Library's involvement. Moreover, the program was instrumental in facilitating the use of library materials and technology by a group who otherwise would not have had access to such items. This program took place at the Boys and Girls Club in Carson City and used the BranchAnywhere machine, brought to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Nevada (BGCWN), by a previous LSTA grant, as part of the program. In addition, a librarian embedded at the BGCWN provided specific attention to this underserved group of patrons, overseeing the daily progression of Summer Reading Program participants and facilitating their use of items from the Carson City Library in BGCWN activities associated with the program, such as children's story time and teen book club and the technology offerings. As of the six month evaluation report period, the program succeeded in reaching a community beyond the groups typically served by the Carson City Library's main branch.

Branch Anywhere machine, Carson City Library

Humboldt County Library

The NSLA also leverages LSTA funds to develop statewide initiatives. Statewide reading programs are designed to support and encourage reading for Nevadans of all ages and provide critical services that support the development of strong reading skills. Included are programs that address issues of early literacy, English language learning and family literacy. Statewide summer reading programs, bookmobile support, state databases for Nevada schools and libraries, and funding for the Nevada Digital Initiative are a few more of the supported programs. With LSTA support, libraries are able to extend programming and reach more participants.

Lockwood satellite services, Storey County Library

SCLL MEMBERS

The State Council on Libraries and Literacy (SCLL) is comprised of 11 members appointed by the Governor reflecting the diversity of the State. In addition 6 ex-officio representatives of state government agencies share in the advancement of library and literacy goals.

PLACEHOLDER for photo of State Council on Libraries and Literacy Members

Dee Dee Bossart
Dept. of Employment Training and Rehabilitation
Sector: Persons with Disabilities

Cris Etchegoyhen
Sector: Public Representative

Jeanette Hammons
Elko County Library
Sector: Public Libraries

Deena Holloway
Clark County School District
Sector: Reading Teachers

Robert Jones
Clark County School District
Sector: School Libraries

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Sector: Private Literacy Organization

Elizabeth Markle
Sierra Nevada College
Sector: Academic Libraries

Sandra Marz
Sector: Special Libraries

Sheila Moulton
Sector: Library Trustees

Judith Simon
Sector: Labor Organizations

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Governor's Office on Economic Development
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Designee: pending

Dale Erquiaga
Superintendent
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Statute: Ex-Officio
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Dept. of Corrections
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Designee: Kimberly Petersen

Julia Teska
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Statute Ex-Officio
Designee: Sheila D. Lambert

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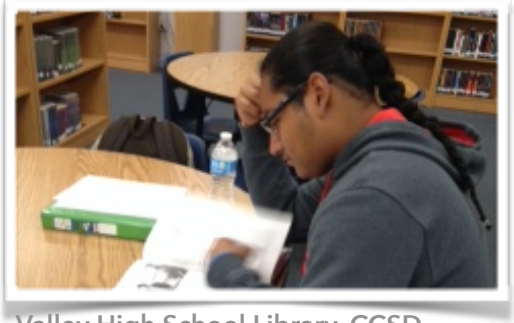
Statute Ex-Officio
Designee: Margot Chapel

For more information, including a current membership list, please visit the Nevada Council on Libraries and Literacy website at:
http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/SCLL/Nevada_State_Council_on_Libraries_and_Literacy/

Washoe County Library System

Rose Warren Elementary School Library

Carson City Library



Valley High School Library, CCSD

Carson City Library

FROM THE 2013 NEVADA PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY, COVERING THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR:

Library Visits	9,744,653
Library Programs	24,521
Library Program attendance	769,285
Public Internet Computer Usage	2,341,853
Printed Materials	4,127,780
Audio Materials (physical units)	389,281
Audio Materials (downloaded)	59,040
Video Materials (physical units)	524,425
Video Materials (downloaded)	5,959
E-Books	135,641
Databases	931
Public Internet Computers	1,383

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