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UNR Knowledge Center



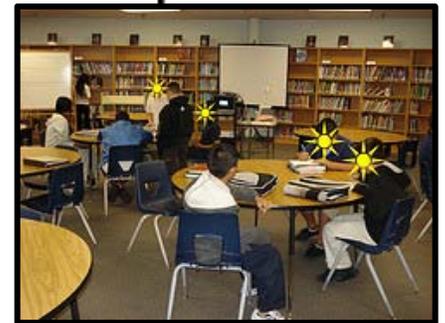
# NEVADA COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES AND LITERACY 2010 REPORT



Beowawe Library



Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Website



Brinley Middle School Library

The Galleria Library in the Galleria Mall





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# The Nevada Council on Libraries and Literacy 2010 Report

The State Council on Libraries and Literacy advises and assists the State Library and Archives with its statewide library and literacy responsibilities. The Nevada State Library and Archives partners with Nevada library and allied information providers to create awareness of traditional, innovative and technology-based services which respond to the diverse and changing needs of Nevada's communities.

The duties of the State Council on Libraries and Literacy as defined by Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 380A are as follows

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.

In the past years, the Council has approved revisions to the Minimum Public Library Standards to require Nevada's Public Libraries to provide higher standards of service to their patrons. The Minimum Public Library Standards were also revised to address the changes in funding and staffing for Nevada's Public Libraries.

Council members serve at the state panel which judges students letters in the Library of Congress's Center for the Book Letters About Literature competition. Nevada's students are encouraged to participate and the top three letters from Nevada are sent on for participation in the national contest. One of Nevada's recent Letters about Literature winners had the experience of meeting the author to whom she had addressed her letter.

The Council is also kept apprised of literacy issues facing Nevada. Regular collaboration by NSLA staff with the Department of Education, Adult Basic Education, literacy providers and literacy advocates allows the Council to facilitate connections that enable resources to be leveraged for the most effective delivery and outreach. An annual review of literacy efforts throughout the state provides Council members with the information necessary to encourage advocacy efforts within their various constituencies and geographic locations.

The Council is a blend of members appointed by the Governor reflecting the diversity of the State as well as ex-officio representatives of state government agencies that share in the advancement of library and literacy goals. Current members include:

<b>Lynn Best</b> <b>College of Southern Nevada</b> Sector: Academic Libraries Term: 6/30/2012	<b>Sandra Marz</b> Sector: Special Libraries Term: 6/30/2012	<b>Linda Deacy, Chair</b> Director Douglas County Library Sector: Public Libraries Term: 6/30/2011
<b>Michael Fischer</b> Acting Director Department of Cultural Affairs Statute: Ex-Officio	<b>Judith Simon</b> Sector: Labor Organizations Term: 10/31/2011	<b>Sharon Kientz</b> Sector: Classroom Teachers Term: 6/30/2012
<b>Valorie Hopkins</b> State Job Training Office Statute: Ex-Officio Designee: Chuck Baldauskas	<b>Daniel Ihnen</b> Coordinator K-12 Library Services Clark County School District Sector: School Libraries Term: 10/31/2011	<b>Colleen Bell</b> Sector: Trustees Term: 10/31/2011
<b>Kelly Chouinard</b> Sector: Public Term: 10/31/2011	<b>Dr. Keith Rheault</b> Nevada Department of Education Statute: Ex-Officio Designee: Bill Strader	<b>Mike Skaggs</b> Commission on Economic Development Statute: Ex-Officio Designee: Kimberly Elliot
<b>Director</b> Department of Corrections Statute: Ex-Officio Designee: Kimberly Petersen	<b>Michael J. Wilden</b> Department of Human Resources Statute: Ex-Officio Designee: Margot Chappel	<b>Vacant</b> Sector: Persons with Disabilities
<b>John Simmons</b> Sector: Private Sector Employment Term: 10/31/2011	<b>Nancy Cummings</b> Sector: Private Literacy Organization Term: 10/31/2010	

For more information, please visit the Nevada Council on Libraries and Literacy website at:  
[http://nsla.nevadaculture.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=539&Itemid=421](http://nsla.nevadaculture.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=539&Itemid=421)



*A crowd checks out materials at the Centennial Hills Library opening on January 10, 2009.*

Libraries daily engage in a variety of unique responsibilities that underline their role as an integral part of the Nevada's future. In this very uncertain economic climate, libraries help knit and network Nevada's social fabric, serving as an intellectual commons both physically and virtually.



Nevada libraries represent a study in contrasts, presenting Nevada with unique opportunities to add value for its residents throughout their lives. Although the majority of our libraries maintain neighborhood and regional branches, primarily in urban settings, many others stand alone to serve our rural residents.

Libraries together create awareness of traditional, innovative, and technology-based services that respond to the diverse and changing needs of Nevada's communities. State of the art facilities serve Nevadans in concert with aging buildings challenged to accommodate current information technologies.

A resourceful and approachable Nevada library staff provides excellent service and designs dynamic, interactive library environments for children, adults, and the business and cultural community. In addition to the basic library functions of providing reference materials and services, circulating books and media, and awakening children to the joys of reading through summer reading programs, libraries provide value added in terms of wireless access, audio book downloads, and online electronic resources to keep Nevadans in step with the times, ready for leadership in the twenty-first century.

*Pictures this page: Public Internet at North Valleys Library; Lifescapes Senior writing program at Northwest Reno Library; Crafts at North Valleys Library; Drive-up window at South Valleys Library*



# BUILDING COMMUNITIES WITH NEVADA LIBRARIES



Start Your Own Business



Get Your GED



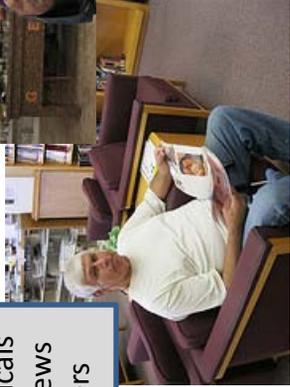
Computers/ WiFi



Find Employment



Favorite Periodicals and News Papers



Books, Movies, Audio Books, Music



# Statewide Projects

Nevada leverages local dollars using federal grant funds through a program enabled by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The state library administers LSTA grants with funds from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. The state library uses the funds to support statewide initiatives, also distributing them through sub grants to public, school, academic, research, and special libraries. These matching-fund dollars, distributed through a competitive grant process beginning in August each year, bring computers and technology to some of the most underserved areas of the state and foster collaboration between the business community, the schools, and Nevada's academic and public libraries.

Throughout Nevada, librarians develop projects that help individuals, students, and businesses access essential information on a wide range of topics. For example, libraries offer training on résumé development; help on web searches of job banks; workshops on career information; links to essential educational and community services; assistive devices for people with disabilities; family literacy classes; homework help and mentoring programs; information on religions and other cultures; access to government information; a forum for enhanced civic engagement; and so much more.



*Jorge Gomez spends at least two hours a day, Monday through Friday, using the computers at the Las Vegas Library. Having lost his job two months ago, Jorge needs to conserve on gasoline, so enjoys his 10-minute walk to the library from his home. Jorge uses the computers in the lab to send out employment applications, search for jobs and check his emails from family. "The free classes on job searching held in the computer lab every Friday are very helpful. I m excited to have this type of opportunity within walking distance to my home." (LVCCLD website.)*

In 2010, the Nevada State Council on Libraries and Literacy recommended to the State Library and Archives innovative and competitive grants amounting to \$190,000 to Carson City Library to develop the Capitol City Business Resource Center, and to Las Vegas-Clark County Library to fund its Customer First Business Intelligence program.

The 2010 Competitive Grant program funded programs ranging from involving teens in wholesome and safe programs in Las Vegas and Henderson, to funding a self-checkout system for Elko, to improving programs for senior and adult readers in Douglas County and Las Vegas. The LSTA program also helped to fund vital projects for the State library, including developing a statewide resource sharing plan, recording talking books for our blind residents, and building a statewide digital initiative.

The following projects illustrate the impact these projects have on their communities:

### ***Statewide Databases***

In conjunction with state technology funds allocated by the Nevada Legislature to the Nevada Department of Education, the LSTA program provides funding for online databases for every Nevada resident across the state. General periodicals databases are used by patrons of all the libraries in the state - Academic Libraries, Public Libraries, and School Libraries. K-12 databases are targeted to K-12 schools and patrons of public libraries including students in need of homework help after school and on weekends. These databases also provide remote access from any Nevada household via the Internet. The databases are particularly important to schools and school libraries for the teaching of the research process including the critical analysis and effective utilization of information for decision making, as well as the research information itself. The contracted statewide vendors, EBSCO and Gale provide access to general periodicals, scholarly journals, newspapers, and encyclopedias. ABC-CLIO consists of seven databases covering all aspects of social studies instruction and research, from geography to history. With the adoption of the Common Core Standards for instruction in the K-12 public schools and its emphasis on research, these statewide databases are particularly vital for positively impacting student achievement.



### ***Business Resource and Innovation Center—Carson City Public Library***

The Business Resource and Innovation Center (BRIC) located across from City Hall in Carson City is a citywide partnership to expand Carson City's local economy. As part of its statewide continuing education program, the Nevada State Library and Archives sponsored a workshop with economic development expert Christine Hamilton- Pennell who is the principal in the company Growing Local Economies. As a direct result of the workshop, the Carson City Library, the Carson City Office of Business Development and the Nevada Small Business Development Center (NSBDC) applied for and received a \$100,000 LSTA innovation grant to develop a one stop shop for growing business in Carson City.



After the grant was awarded, Carson City combined that funding with City redevelopment funds and funds from Community Development bringing all the resources of Community Development, including business licensing, under one collaborative roof. As a direct result of the grant, the City is in a lease/purchase for a \$1,000,000 property in downtown Carson City. This model is firmly in place for ongoing funding with services of the Carson City Library central to its success.

### ***Bright Beginnings – Henderson District Public Libraries***

This project had as its purpose to stimulate community involvement in the early literacy development of children based on current pre-K literacy research. Bright Beginnings' goal supports early literacy development for children up to age 8 through enriched story time

# GROWING UP WITH NEVADA LIBRARIES



Over 1.1 million Nevadans have a library card.



NEVADA LIBRARY CARD



Children participate in the Summer Reading Program through their local library.



Teen Activities



Books

Computers

Knowledge



Homework Aids,  
On-line  
Databases,  
Tutoring Centers



Story Time



Child Development  
Books  
Baby Einstein Videos  
Books to read to Baby



experiences, deposit book collections, childcare provider training, a community awareness campaign and a website.

The Henderson program utilized a number of partnerships to maximize the reach of this early literacy initiative. Each partner demonstrated engagement with the project and each contributed a significant piece of the fabric of this program. Partners working with various stages of the project included Henderson Allied Community Advocates (HACA), Head Start, Family to Family Connection, City of Henderson Parks and Recreation, Safekey (an after school program administered by Parks and Recreation), Boys and Girls Clubs of Henderson, and Clark County READS.

Distribution of library cards increased and the parent-child program sessions also had a measurable impact. The Henderson District Public Libraries has committed to continue this program in its service area.



*Bright Beginnings*



2011 promises to continue the dynamic work accomplished by past and current statewide projects. These programs provide valuable services to every facet of the Nevada population, programs that might not be available to them without the support of the LSTA program.

# GOING BEYOND WITH NEVADA LIBRARIES



Lifescapes

Art Galleries



Learn About Different Places and People



Early Voting



Look what they do for

Nevada