

Nevada State Library & Archives

Nevada Public Libraries Collection Development Grant Program



Minden Library

Public libraries are among the most efficient of tax-supported services, serving more than half the adult population and spending less than one percent of all tax dollars – federal, state and local.

Executive Summary

Nevada's 88 public libraries support:

- **Educational** needs
- **Business** needs
- **Recreational** needs

Nevada public libraries provide access to:

- innovative **literacy** programming to all ages of children, parents and caregivers
- up-to-date and invaluable instruction in **technology**
- assist users in evaluating goods and services
- assist users in accessing **healthcare** information

Librarians determine use of statewide funding based upon:

- demographics
- observed usage
- material condition and currency
- circulation figures
- material formats

Nevada Public Library Statistics

- There are **88** public libraries in Nevada, in **21** jurisdictions.
- There are more than **9.5 million** visitors to Nevada's libraries each year.
- More than **21 million** items are checked out from public libraries in Nevada each year.
- More than **1.5 million** reference questions are answered by the **203** librarians in Nevada's public libraries.
- There are currently more than **1.3 million** public library card holders in Nevada.

Impact by Numbers

- The public libraries in Nevada hosted **25,878 programs** reaching **814,150 persons**.
- The public libraries circulate **21,042,400 items**.
- Each registered library user in Nevada checks out, on average, **12.32 items per year**, with **7.42 items**, on average, are checked out per capita.
- Electronic resources in Nevada's public libraries were used **2,736,610 times**, accessing local and state funded databases and internet applications.

Nationally

- 95% of Americans ages 16 and older agree that the materials and resources available at public libraries **play an important role** in giving everyone a chance to succeed;
- 95% say that public libraries **are important** because they promote literacy and a love of reading;
- 94% say that having a public library **improves the quality** of life in a community;
- 81% say that public libraries provide many services people would have a hard time finding elsewhere.

<http://libraries.pewinternet.org/2013/12/11/libraries-in-communities/>



Carson City Public Library

- 80% of Americans say **borrowing books** is a “very important” service libraries provide.
- 80% say **reference librarians** are a “very important” service of libraries.
- 77% say **free access to computers and the internet** is a “very important” service of libraries.

<http://libraries.pewinternet.org/2013/01/22/library-services/>

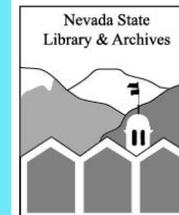
According to 2013 estimates 27.5% of Nevada’s population is Hispanic. Nationally, according to Pew Research Center, Compared to whites, African-Americans and Hispanics are **more likely** to say libraries are important to them and their families, to say libraries are important to their communities, to access the internet at the library (and feel internet access is a very important service libraries provide), to use library internet access to hunt/apply for jobs, and to visit libraries just to sit and read or study.

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Amargosa Valley Library District

For more information on specific library implementation and reporting see the full report here: http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/Collection_Development/



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