Honesty, identity, and family legacy themes run deep through the 2019 book selections for the Nevada Reads program. This year, Nevada Reads features powerful storytelling through three books, two nonfiction memoirs and one novel—*Heavy: An American Memoir* by Kiese Laymon, *Educated*, a memoir by Tara Westover, and *Don’t Skip Out on Me*, a novel by Nevada author Willy Vlautin.

Throughout 2019 Nevada Humanities will offer a variety of programs from book clubs to discussion groups and community partnership-led initiatives at Nevada public libraries. Contact your local library for scheduled events.

*Heavy*, DB093279, and *Educated*, DB090188, are currently available to borrow from Nevada Talking Books. Call to request or download them from the Braille and Reading Download site (BARD). *Don’t Skip Out on Me*, DB093820, is being recorded.

Nevada Reads is a statewide book club that invites Nevadans to read selected works of literature and then come together in their communities to share the ideas and perceptions inspired by the books they have read.

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The Library of Congress Wants to Hear from You!

Beginning in early March, a sample of 10,000 reader/patrons across the country who currently use services provided by the Library of Congress’s National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped–also known as NLS–will be invited to participate in a nationwide survey. The information collected from this survey will guide NLS as they move forward on a variety of projects to enhance and expand the braille and talking book program. As a part of NLS’s cooperating network of libraries, we encourage invited patrons to respond to the survey at their earliest convenience. Insights gathered from this survey will help us better understand the needs of all of our patrons. You may receive an invitation by mail, email, or phone. In order to ensure ease of use, readers selected for the survey will be given the option of responding in a number of ways to their invitation. Once you have received your invitation, if you have questions, please feel free to contact Gallup Support at galluppoll@gallupmail.com or call 1-888-297-8999.

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Go Go Grandparent

Go Go Grandparent (gogograndparent.com) was started 3 years ago to offer ride-sharing opportunities to those without smart phone and necessary apps. It is available wherever Uber or Lyft is operating.

This means that instead of contacting Uber or Lyft yourself, you may call Go Go Grandparent with a regular phone and they make all the arrangements for you. This includes, arrival time, cost and notifying the driver of any special needs or disabilities.

The company says that it only selects drivers with a 4.9 or greater rating with Uber or Lyft. The cost of Go Go Grandparent is 27 cents per minute of transportation time. This is added to the basic fare charged by Uber or Lyft, which depends on location, time of day, availability and other factors. On several recent rides using Go Go Grandparent with Uber, the added cost was slightly more than 20% of the total cost. Tipping is by cash at the discretion of the client.

You may join this company with no contract or commitment by calling 855-464-6872. A credit card is required.


New iOS App Assists With Navigating Airports

Oases of Culture: A History of Public and Academic Libraries in Nevada

By James W. Hulse
Narrated by Betts Markle
Prior to the middle of the twentieth century, Nevada had the smallest population of any state in the Union. The author recounts the history of Nevada's libraries and the struggle to make them available to all Nevadans in a state unsuited to long-term financial commitments. 2003

A Short History of Virginia City

By Ronald M. James and Susan A. James
Narrated by: Freida Ford
This title offers a short history of Nevada, mining, and the Old West. Founded in 1859, Virginia City quickly became world famous for its extraordinary prosperity. In 1863, a young Samuel Clemens worked as a reporter for the Territorial Enterprise and first called himself Mark Twain. Bonanza, television's most popular western from 1959 to 1973, located its fictional Ponderosa Ranch near Virginia City. 2014

The Rise of the Red Queen

By Bourne Morris
Narrated by Millie Solley
A student is missing. Journalism dean Meredith "Red" Solaris agrees to help search for her. While University politics and Red's job hinder the efforts to find the missing student, Red may have to risk everything to find her. Some descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. 2015

In a Hundred Graves: A Basque Portrait

By: Robert Laxalt
Narrated by: Kris Moe
Robert Laxalt's fifth book is a series of vignettes and sketches from the author’s stay in the French Basque country. The stories convey the peculiar life styles and characters of the region with warmth, humor and honesty, forming a collage of the people and the land. Some violence. 1972

The Last Horseback Lawman: The Story of Sheriff S. Graham Lamb, Humboldt County, Nevada

By Curtiss Kull
Narrated by Bill Andrews
Exciting tales of Nevada lawman Sheriff S. Graham Lamb, in the early 1900s, relate dealing with ranchers, cattle rustlers, cowboys, taverns, whore houses, and more on well over 10,000 square miles of Humboldt County. This story was written by a career lawman from the same county. Some strong language and violence. 2014

Outlaw Tales of Nevada

By Charles L. Convis
Narrated by Bill Andrews
Meet 14 daring, despicable, desperado Nevadans in these Silver State short stories. From tales of horse thieves and cattle rustlers to stagecoach and train robbers, these stories offer a new perspective on some of the most infamous good-for-nothings of the Old West. Some
Thank You

Thank you all who have made donations to this program in the past year. These donations go into a special fund that is used to provide services not funded by the annual library budget like the recording program; these funds are used for the benefit of all patrons who use this program.

We also wish to thank those who sent in thank you notes and letters of support. Our staff enjoy reading them and their motivational capabilities. Additionally, they are anonymously shared in our annual report as examples of the program’s positive impact.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to this program, please address your check to Nevada Talking Book Services and mail it to 100 North Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89701. We will acknowledge your gift with a thank you letter and a receipt that can be used for tax purposes. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-922-9334.