

Tuesdays with Tammy Nevada Libraries Forum
from
Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records
10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday
June 30, 2020

Notes

Attending: Tammy Westergard, Sulin Jones, Norma Fowler, Bruce Douglass, Betts Markle, NSLAPR; Tod Colegrove, Carson City; Marcie Smedley, Joy Gunn, Henderson; Elizabeth Robinson, Humboldt; Danielle Milam, LVCCCLD; Alysha Wogee, Shanna Gibbons, Pahrump; Kathy Brinkerhoff, Pershing; Joan Dalusung, Jeff Scott Washoe County; Cyndi O, NV Library CoOp; Jeanne Frazier Price, UNLV Law Library and SCLL; Maggie Farrell, UNLV; Mary Schultz, UNR; Sarah Bates, Washoe County Law Library; Randi Hunewill, Nancy Schmidt, SCLL.



WHAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING RIGHT NOW



Strengths:

- Libraries continue to promote unity and fraternity with each other.
- Libraries are finding solutions to operate during the current crisis.
- Libraries have resources that are a benefit to the community.



Struggles:

- Libraries sometimes find it difficult to market services to the public and other agencies.
- Libraries are wrestling with the role of the library.
- Libraries face bureaucratic obstacles to assist other government departments and nongovernment organizations.
- Maintaining the health and safety of library staff.



Opportunities

- Provide both digital and physical resources to families
- Collection of data on services libraries are providing during the pandemic that will help tell our story.
- CARES Act funding to increase digital access to communities.
- Redefining library's role and access in public education.



Trends

- Libraries are in various phases of reopening across the state.
- Positive response from the public regarding reopening and return of some library services.
- Library staff are continuing to work both in the libraries and from home.
- Focus on improving digital access and services to our communities.

Announcements:

- From Maggie Farrell in chat: UNLV is delaying opening until August 3. Lied Library remains closed with curbside services.
- The state will remain in Phase 2 until the end of July.
- Interim Finance Committee approved NSLAPR's CARES funding work program.

Tammy Westergard, Nevada State Library: CARES Act Update

- Outlined the CARES Act steps taken to date.
- Subgrants will be made available for hotspots for lending, devices for lending, community wi-fi, mesh networks, Wi-fi extenders/repeaters, technical support to help deploy and set-up, and other (must be preapproved).

Norma Fowler, Nevada State Library: How calculations on CARES Act funding to libraries were determined

- Used criteria stipulated by IMLS (i.e. unemployment, SNAP data) as well as number of library outlets
- IMLS provided tables regarding criteria data for each state.
- Used current Nevada unemployment data from the first week of June.
- IMLS data for "Homes without internet" was selected as the most inclusive measure of connectivity for our purposes.
- SNAP data used is from IMLS. Data for library districts in Nye and Clark counties is from US Census American Community Survey.
- Use of this ranking and distribution formula determined the amount of monies given to each library district.

Tammy Westergard:

- Applications will be sent to Library Directors with the allotment pre-filled.
- Resource guide will be provided for FAQ's.
- There is no match required for funding.
- Included is information regarding technology partners that may be providing discounted packages and technology support, so that they receive acknowledgement of support for accelerating connectivity in their communities.
- CIPA applies to purchases made with CARES Act funding.
- All this information will be available on LibGuides to help navigate the process.

Sulin Jones, Nevada State Library: Overview of the application

- Check the categories applicable to your project.
- Provide a brief description of what you plan to do.

- Provide additional details for hotspot and device lending such as lending policy and length of checkout.
- Evaluation of data is similar LSTA evaluation criteria.

UPDATES:

Randi Hunewill, Department of Education representative on SCLL:

- The Department of Education is working on what digital learning will be for the upcoming year.
- School opening will look different due to COVID19.
- Schools will operate on staggered class times and schedules and may alternate in person and digital class instruction.
- Searching for as many resources as we can for students.

Danielle Milam, LVCCLD:

- Buildings are open except for some rural branches that are doing curbside only.
- Phase 2 cleaning protocols are in use.
- Moved all computer technology out from computer labs to the floor for patron use.
- Library staff is there to provide computer assistance and support to families.
- Patrons are returning to use computers and browse the shelves.
- Department of Education adult literacy classes are up and running using social distancing guidelines.
- One-Stop is coming back online.
- On-line High School program is available for students to complete credits, get career guidance, and assessments of their career direction.
- Will use CARES funding to purchase more hotspots for the estimated 11,000 patrons without internet access.

Jeff Scott, Washoe Library

- Washoe Library works with the school district and United Way to share information on library services.
- Uses integrated digital library cards for students to access Infinite Campus, ebooks, databases.
- Integrated library cards are granted with parent permission.
- 60,000 students are integrated into the library system through these cards.

Nancy Schmidt, SCLL

- SCLL should review statewide initiatives in light of current societal impacts.
- Concerned about both physical and mental health of library workers.