

**NEVADA STATE
COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT
GRANT PROGRAM
REPORTS FROM PARTICIPANTS
FY 2000 – 2001**

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STATE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

The Nevada State Legislature has in three succeeding sessions allocated funds for the State Collection Development Grant Program. The first allocation, in the 1995 session, was intended for the rural areas only. The next two sessions (1997 & 1999) allocated \$2,000,000 and \$1,000,000 respectively.

These funds are distributed to public libraries in Nevada, based on their own local spending for collection development. Utilizing the formula based on these expenditures, the smaller libraries receive a greater proportionate amount than the libraries with the larger budgets. The philosophy is that all libraries have a need for the basics of library service, and if the local funding is limited for even these, then it is the responsibility of the State to assist these communities. However, a library cannot reduce its local expenditures because of the State assistance; they must maintain at least the level of their prior year, unless they can offer a compelling explanation.

Many of the smaller libraries use these funds to provide basic collections, such as Nevada and Reference. Other libraries are able to utilize these funds for special areas of development, which would be impossible using only their local funding. These specialty areas can be driven by the desire to meet the needs of a special population, or particular geographic needs of the customer base.

Libraries and the services they offer are a basic need in life. In the rural areas, especially, they often serve as the only means of obtaining educational and recreational materials, and in a variety of formats. With public Internet access in these libraries, they also serve as a link between their communities and the wealth of information available around the world.

The following pages are compiled from the reports submitted by the participating libraries themselves. In some cases the reports are brief, as those libraries chose to expend their funds in the second year of the biennium. Other reports are long and detailed because their materials have been available to their citizens long enough to have been utilized and evaluated. Whatever the purpose or use of the funds, they have made a difference in these libraries and the Nevadans they serve.

The State Collection Development Grant Program is authorized by NRS 378.087 (*Appendix A*) to provide grants to the public libraries of this state for the purchase and acquisition of books, library materials and computer databases. The first grants were awarded in FY 1995.

**NEVADA PUBLIC LIBRARIES
STATE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM
FINANCING STATISTICS FY1997-2001**

Library	1995 Legislative Funding	1997 Legislative Funding	1999 Legislative Funding	Total Funding
Carson City	39,500	104,894	45,227	189,711
Churchill County	20,835	72,474	34,463	127,772
CLARK COUNTY Boulder City	*	91,026	44,595	135,621
Henderson	*	209,740	75,070	284,810
LV-CCLD	*	829,042	379,776	1,208,818
North Las Vegas	*	80,681	37,903	118,584
Douglas County	53,172	99,422	47,332	199,926
Elko-Lander-Eureka	33,165	85,547	48,333	167,045
Esmeralda County	2,705	13,126	6,459	22,290
Humboldt County	27,933	85,559	37,292	150,784
Lincoln County	500	5,108	2,104	7,712
Lyon County	18,134	47,406	28,893	94,433
Mineral County	8,750	28,410	12,000	49,160
NYE COUNTY Amargosa Valley	3,589	18,045	6,724	28,358
Beatty	7,587	15,128	12,937	35,652
Gabbs	2,291	5,288	0	7,579
Pahrump	6,061	29,167	13,780	49,008
Smoky Valley	10,213	33,184	17,673	61,070
Tonopah	2,000	3,520	2,104	7,624
Pershing County	9,439	28,491	14,560	52,490
Storey County	1,548	7,766	4,350	13,664
Washoe County	*	241,550	113,852	355,402
White Pine County	2,578	19,401	11,784	33,763
TOTALS	250,000	2,154,065	997,211**	3,401,276

* First grant was specified for the rural areas only.

** Expenditures to date (01/30/01)

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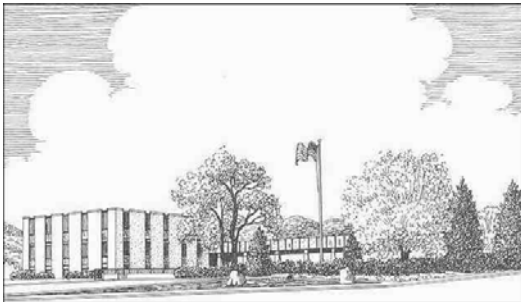
The 23 Public Libraries in Nevada were allotted \$1,000,000 for the 2000-2001 biennium. These funds, known as the State Collection Development Grant, were to be used for the purchase of library materials. Library materials may be books, videos, cassettes, CDs, computer databases, or any other format utilized by the customers of a library.

The libraries were given the option of utilizing the funds in one or both years. During fiscal year 2000, \$641,724 was expended; during fiscal year 2001, \$353,487 has been expended to date.

Each of the libraries submitted an application for funding and furnished a report of expenditures, if their funds were expended during the first fiscal year. Therefore, some of the following are reports of accomplished collection development and others are represented only by their plan for purchases. The complete reports are available at the Nevada State Library and Archives, Library Planning and Development division. Following are excerpts taken directly from those applications and reports.

CARSON CITY LIBRARY: \$45,227

Sally Edwards, Library Director
Janet A. Bachman, Project Director
Expenditures FY 2001



Carson City Library will use the monies from the grant exclusively for the purpose of purchasing books, library materials and computer databases to enhance the overall collection for use by patrons of all ages.

The Adult Circulating Non Fiction and Reference collections will receive 45% of the funds in the areas of Technology, Health, Science, Social Science, Languages, Agriculture, Business, Biography, and Geography and Travel. Adult Fiction's 15% will be allocated to Classic Fiction Replacements, New Authors, Series Replacements and Large Print Fiction. Video Projects of Biographies, Drama, Best Feature Films and Audio projects of unabridged books on tape, Music, Language and Special Occasion will receive 14%. The Youth Collection will receive 24%.

CHURCHILL COUNTY LIBRARY: \$34,463

Barbara Mathews, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000 & 2001



For the needs assessment, the staff would take written and oral comments from our patrons on what areas we needed to improve. The Library Director would review ILL requests for the titles and types of books most requested. Professionals in different areas would be asked to review the areas of their expertise for suggested titles. Our population has increased, and though the library's book budget also saw a slight increase, it was not enough for the increased demands from our public. More and more people own computers which are connected to the Internet; and subsequently, they get information quicker and want more and newer information available at their public library.

During FY 99-00, the library circulated 143,738 items--a 4% increase over last fiscal year. Though we are still not a net lender of ILL inside CLAN or the state, the gap between what we requested and what we lent last year narrowed. We have been able to meet the esoteric and eclectic needs of our community better this past fiscal year and through OCLC ILL, we have increased our loan rate by almost 5% to out-of-state libraries. Our patrons on age levels have been pleased we have been able to get the best-sellers quickly, and have been able to purchase more than one copy of some the more popular titles.

We placed new acquisitions on display and placed labels on the item (inside cover or most appropriate area) stating: "Purchased with State Collection Development money authorized by the Nevada State Legislature."

CLARK COUNTY BOULDER CITY LIBRARY : \$44,595

Duncan McCoy, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000

Our Library's principal desire in the utilization of FY2000 state grant funds was to continue expansion of retrospective coverage in Las Vegas Review-Journal microfilm. Boulder City Library's Nevada Collection is the principal source in our community for historical information about our community, region and state. Our microfilm coverage of Boulder City News is as complete as we can make it and extends back to the 1930's. Until state funds became available several years ago, our library had not had, any retrospective news coverage for the region. The FY 2000 grant has provided funds to expand that retrospective regional news coverage.

BOULDER CITY LIBRARY, *continued*

Boulder City enjoys a high percentage of senior citizen resident population. In the 1990 Census, our total population of persons over age 55 was in excess of 50% and of persons over age 65 was over 33%. Recreational materials in large print and books on cassette are attractive to and heavily used by our senior population. Some of our FY 2000 grant money was set aside for Large Print and Audiobook purchasing, to supplement local funds budgeted for these items.

\$2,000 of this year's grant was allocated for reference materials oriented toward high school students. Selections were made which were designed to dovetail with the current humanities curriculum at Boulder City High School.

In our FY 2000 grant proposal, \$2000 was set aside for purchase of music CD's. As phonographs have disappeared in people's homes, CD players have become virtually universal. The FY 2000 collection development grant has allowed the Library to purchase 155 music CD's, so as to assist us in our project of replacing the record collection. We are finding that more and more patrons are using our collection of recordings, as a result of this grant.

Grant-funded acquisitions of newspaper microfilm, Large Print and Audiobooks were discussed in interviews and informational programs on Channel 4 BC Cable TV. This station is a prime source for information about the community, covering local activities, elections, governmental action and programs of local interest. Appearance on BC Cable TV is the quickest and most comprehensive way of getting information out to the community.

Local historian Dennis McBride researches Nevada newspapers on film, while librarian Stephanie Miller assists.



Prior to the availability of state collection development grant money, the Las Vegas Review-Journal microfilm was not available at all closer than the Flamingo Library, 20-odd miles away. Boulder City patrons who wished to research regional newspaper coverage had to go into Las Vegas to do so. The fact that Boulder City Library has been able, thanks to these grants, to address this information need, is very important indeed. This has made a very large contribution to this library's service capabilities in local history.

CLARK COUNTY
HENDERSON DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARIES: \$75,070

Joan G. Kerschner, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000 & 2001

FY 2000:

In 1999 the Henderson District Public Libraries Board of Trustees commissioned a 10-year Master Plan to address facility and service needs in our community, which is the fastest growing city in the United States. The rapid population growth has stimulated a need for more libraries and larger collections to provide the kinds of resources that newcomers from all over the nation are accustomed to expect from their libraries. The first new library facility to be built will be a 40,000 sq. ft. main library in the Green Valley Ranch area in the City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Department's Promenade Cultural Center. This library is intended to replace and exceed the operations of our Lydia Malcolm Library, a small storefront facility which now serves approximately the same geographic area. The new library is planned to eventually house collections of over 200,000 items, which will more than double our current collection size. The opening of this library is scheduled for late fall 2001; we expect to open with at least a minimum collection of 80,000 items. Malcolm's current collection of approximately 40,000 items will serve as the core for the opening day collection. However, our current materials budget is inadequate to fund a purchase of this magnitude in addition to our normal collection needs, especially in such a short time. Therefore we made the decision to devote the state collection development grant funds to collecting materials for the children's department at the Green Valley Ranch Library. We believe that a carefully chosen collection of classic and standard children's titles will be perennially useful and valuable.

The public is concerned that children's services be well supported, and we intend that our children's collections be a strong basis for this function. We hope that continued publicity will result in additional support from public and private entities that are in sympathy with our goals.



FY 2001:

Recent local public hearings on library services indicate that our public needs and appreciates the convenience of access to online informational databases from home as well as in the library. Because we have begun a commitment to a ten-year master plan that emphasizes standards for facilities and physical collection size, we do not have local funds to devote to the acquisition and deployment of a "virtual library" at this time.

Therefore we have made a decision to use collection development grant money for two purposes: to provide access to selective array of specialized databases that will augment the general-use periodical databases and encyclopedias currently provided throughout the state with public funding; and also to continue to build a strong opening day collection for our library in Green Valley Ranch, which is scheduled to open in 2001.

HENDERSON DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARIES, *continued*

Our experience in serving our growing population reveals several prominent trends in subject interests and needs. At present the only publicly accessible health science library in the area is at LVCCLD's West Charleston Library located miles away in Las Vegas.

Public demand for legal information is a constant service challenge. The local increase in population has generated strong business development in all areas, with many who are seeking entrepreneurial and investment opportunities in a variety of fields. Partly because of the presence of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and partly because most of our residents are transplants from other areas who are often concerned with identifying and locating family members throughout the country, our population has a strong interest in genealogy, the study of family history. We also are beginning to recognize a responsibility to study and preserve our own local history while it is still available to us.

The collection development grant funds will enable us to move toward future development of our resources both in the virtual world and in our next new facility, while our local funds will help us build our current collections from an inadequate standard of 1.4 items per capita to an acceptable one of 3 items per capita. This additional funding will help us accelerate our growth rate to meet the needs of the community we are responsible for serving.

CLARK COUNTY LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT: \$379,776

Daniel Walters, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000

The State Public Libraries Collection Development grant enabled the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District to collect materials on Spanish language; health, art, career, business, job search, as well as early literacy, language instruction, international languages, basic math and science in order to meet the needs of a growing and diverse population. One factor that influenced the selection of materials was the positive response to many of the materials acquired during FY 98-99 State Grant for Collection Development. For example, last year, individual libraries received an enthusiastic response to career materials acquired during last year's grant; this year, all libraries received career materials. A demand for more multi-media and audio-visual early literacy material was reflected in the lengthy request list that had developed for popular titles, and library staff members were able to recommend more titles to be acquired in this subject and format. Demographics also indicated need. Las Vegas, as an attractive place to retire, has a large senior population who are interested in health information. The West Charleston Library, with the assistance of materials purchased from state grant funds, strives to support the informational needs of an aging population by acquiring the latest information on diseases, treatments and drugs, alternative medicine, nutrition, physical therapy, and health insurance. Additionally, as Las Vegas continues to grow, it attracts new



residents from throughout the world, increasing the need not only to continue to acquire popular titles in popular subject areas, not only in Spanish, but a variety of languages as well.

Accessibility was another factor in determining selection. With the recent improvements to the telecommunications lines and computers in libraries throughout the District, the option to consider on-line databases was now viable. The many requests to the Fine Arts Special Collection at the Sahara West Library for reference information indicated the need to allocate the portion to the state grant for art materials for an on-line database, *Groves Dictionary of Art*. By acquiring this reference source on-line, more patrons could have access to a comprehensive reference work that was too expensive, or too big, to be acquired by or housed at most branch libraries.

State grant funds were used to purchase videos in the Health Sciences for West Charleston's Health Science Library as well as Clark County and Las Vegas Library. West Charleston reports that patrons have been especially interested in hot topic videos, including those about Hepatitis A, B, and C. Books in the language of Tagalog have been added to the Rainbow Library. This is an international language that is new to this library located in the northwest. Patrons at Sunrise library have told staff they are pleased with the variety and relevance of resume books.

The grant enabled the District to obtain many more copies of "Hooked on Phonics." Prior to the grant, only a few copies were available, and long request lists were the norm in order to obtain this popular early literacy kit. West Las Vegas and Clark County Library, in particular, reported very pleased patrons who were able to obtain kits without waiting. Clark County Library reported one patron who was so happy to obtain the kit that she had tears in her eyes and said that she would definitely be back for more.

The career books at the Whitney Library were promoted during a weeklong open house. Whitney Library's career center is also promoted during visits to schools by YPL staff. Additionally, Whitney has continued with the monthly resume writing workshops, where staff can assist patrons using resources in the career center. They even included a poster of names of patrons who successfully acquired jobs after attending one of their resume workshops. .Noting that career exploration is a school assignment at many grade levels, Sunrise Library reports they are "inundated" by young people from elementary to high school to use the career information



Awareness of books in international languages was encouraged during special events in the library. "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month" held in May 2000 featured a variety of authors and programs. Books and materials in various Asian languages were displayed during these programs. A book discussion group, "Resumen de Libros en Espanol" was held at the Las Vegas Library. The discussion was in Spanish and featured works in translation to Spanish as well as titles originally written in Spanish, and was promoted to various ESL classes which regularly tour the Las Vegas Library. Books in Spanish were displayed at the Las Vegas Library, along with a sign acknowledging the Nevada State Collection Development Grant.

CLARK COUNTY
NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARY DISTRICT: \$37,903

Anita Laruy, Director
Marlou Hale, Project Director
Expenditures FY 2001

One of our goals is to become the premier auto repair library in the southern part of the state. Past allocations from the state legislature for collection enhancements have helped us meet this goal.

However, our subscription to Mitchell's on CD ROM will expire in June of 2000. The Mitchell's CD ROM enhances our paper auto collection and is slowly becoming known to the auto mechanics



who are now frequenting our library. The original subscription was purchased with the Collection Enhancement grant given to us by the state legislature in FY98. This subscription cost over \$6000 in 1998 for a two-year contract. According to the Mitchell website, the price of a two-year subscription is now over \$7100. Because of its expense, the subscription can't be continued from our materials budget alone. Without the Collection Development grant, we will be unable to provide access to this product because we simply cannot afford it. In addition, our collection of motorcycle repair manuals is lacking. A recent survey indicated that we have one manual for 1945 to 1985, one for 1974 and one for 1981. We would like to spend about \$500 on motorcycle repair manuals to make our collection more complete.

The Nevada collection is always in need of new additions. The only way to keep this collection interesting to the Nevada historian and worth its shelf space is to invest in material about Nevada, no matter what the age of the material because it is a research and reference collection and therefore does not circulate. Older materials about Nevada are often out-of-print and therefore expensive. Most of the newer titles can be purchased from our materials budget, but older items stay on our wish lists forever. The Collection Development grant will allow us more freedom to purchase the older Nevada materials that are appropriate for our geographic location, but on which we hesitate to spend our limited acquisitions resources.

We have many requests for travel videos. Our video collection is well-loved and heavily used. Our current collection is mostly of the National parks that are close to Southern Nevada. This is adequate for those wishing to explore close to home. However, a significant number of patrons use travel videos to visit places that they will never see in person. The popularity of our Spanish video collection has encouraged us to provide popular English videos too.

The Children's Room continues to account for about 20% to 25% of the circulation. It is proposed that \$8500 be allocated to replace worn Juvenile Fiction and picture books that would otherwise stay in circulation because no funds are available for replacements. It would also supplement our expanding bilingual collection for young people.

With the success of TV shows like "The Antique Road Show," it became clear to us that our patrons wanted to participate in the adventure with hidden treasures from attics and garages. Unfortunately, our collection of new antique guides is general. The guides that are specific to the specialty collectibles that appear on the TV show are old and outdated. We would like to use \$3750 of the Collection Development grant to update these guides.

DOUGLAS COUNTY LIBRARY: \$47,332

Linda Deacy, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000 & 2001

Teams of librarians and senior library technicians are engaged in an ongoing collection development process that includes evaluation and weeding of the libraries' collections using the CREW manual, *Public Library Catalog*, *Children's Catalog*, and other standard evaluation tools. These teams provide the library with information regarding areas in need of supplemental development. The reference team tracks reference questions that must be referred because of inadequate resources. The ILL team tracks areas for which it is necessary for the library to borrow materials regularly. The information provided assists the Selection Team in targeting areas to be developed using grant funding.

Our local funding is adequate to provide us with ongoing collection purchases. It does not, however, provide the additional funding needed to replace aging materials and supplement areas in which new scholarship has developed. In addition, due to the increasing needs of our senior and young adult patrons, we have spent a large part of our local funding to increase Large Print materials, Books on Tape, and Young Adult materials in both fiction and non-fiction.

The addition of materials purchased has enabled our reference team to provide patrons with access to materials immediately rather than having to wait for ILL loans. One example of this is the purchase of materials for expanded coverage in the areas of music and art, such as *Bakers Student Encyclopedia of Music*, *Dictionary of the Avant Gardes*, and *Robert Gwaltney: the Life and Art*. These titles, as well as other titles in these areas, have enabled us to assist local artists, musicians, and students with access to material that would previously been borrowed from UNLV.

Our collection additions are publicized in several ways. (1) When we have acquired several titles in a specific area, we prepare a display of these materials in the vicinity of the new materials. This display results in the new materials being circulated or browsed immediately. (2) A second method is through our local cable access television. A program offered on a monthly basis is that of Senior Booktalks. A team of staff members is assigned to locate materials of interest to senior citizens. Each month, one staff person goes to a local residential care facility and booktalks. This presentation is filmed and shown on our local cable access television station. The two team members who booktalk non-fiction select from newly arrived grant materials for their extremely popular presentations. (3) A senior librarian provides a monthly column to the local newspaper, *The Record Courier*. This article frequently highlights grant materials. Copies of the column are attached.

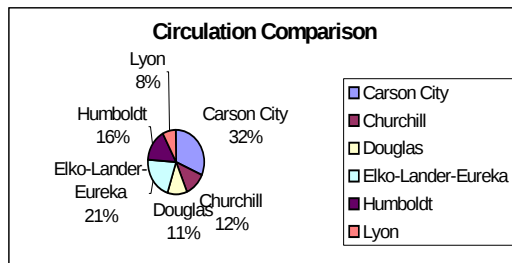
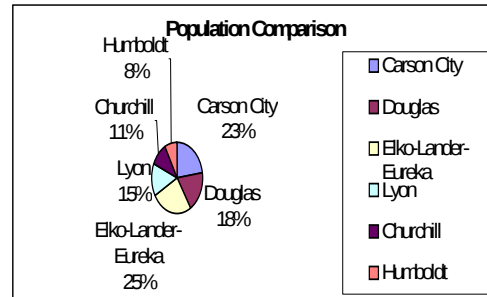
Senator Lawrence Jacobsen and his wife recently attended the Grand Opening of an addition to our Minden facility. He was provided the opportunity to see recently acquired Nevada materials.

ELKO-LANDER-EUREKA COUNTIES LIBRARY SYSTEM: \$48,333

Sara Jones, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2001

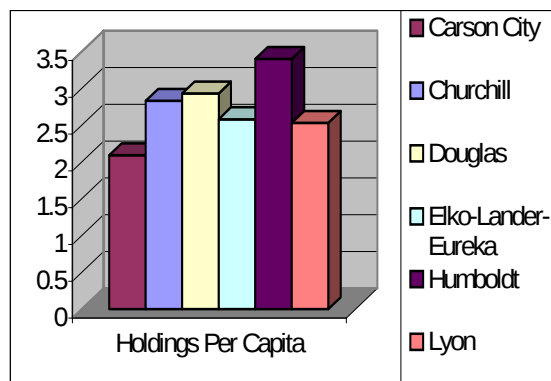
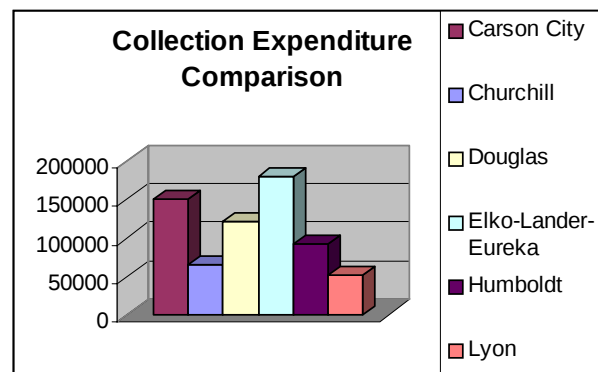
The Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System is a public library that represents a service area of 26,000 square miles. The library system is completing construction on a new facility in Jackpot, Nevada that will be the 12th library managed by the Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System. In 1995, the population of the service area was 49,010. In 1999 the population of the service area was 59,560; this represents a growth rate of 21.5% in the previous five years.

Total population figures for rural counties represented in the chart is 232,420. The Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library system represents 25% of that population figure.



The circulation for the system is 250,000 items per year. Total circulation figures for the rural counties represented in the Circulation Comparison chart are 1,166,227 items checked out per year. The Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library system represents 21% of that circulation figure.

Total collection expenditures for the Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System are \$179,084. The state funds had a positive impact on the amount of money provided locally for books and materials in FY 99. The amount of increase in local funds and donations was \$29,084 from the previous fiscal year. Following is a comparison chart of local collection expenditures from other rural counties in Nevada. Total collection



expenditure figures for the rural counties represented in the chart are \$660,237. This represents a per-capita expenditure of \$3.01 per person for the Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System.

The Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System has a collection of 153,654 holdings, which means a per capita holding of 2.58 books/materials per person in the library's service area.

ELKO-LANDER-EUREKA COUNTIES LIBRARY SYSTEM, (continued)

The Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System is funded by each of the three counties served with funding proportionate to the population of each county. Funding for the library has been tight but has recently become more problematic because of the low market price of gold. The gold mining industry is the basis for the system's economy. The governments of each of the County's have proposed frozen or reduced budgets in the past two years. The library has always aggressively pursued all funding resources to meet the needs of the population served. State Collection Development funding is an integral part of providing adequate library service to the residents of Northeastern Nevada.

In April of 2000, during National Library Week, a survey was completed asking patrons to give a letter grade to the library to represent how well the library was meeting the needs of the service population. The survey gave valuable data that the collection was seriously behind the public's demand for library materials. The state collection development money will provide a significant enhancement to the Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System's collection.

ESMERALDA COUNTY LIBRARIES: \$6,459

Kristine McDonald, Library Director and Project Director

Expenditures: FY 2001

Travels and Adventures Through Adult Fiction: "In the absence of a decent time machine, fiction remains the most sturdy vehicle for visiting other eras." Tom Nolan, in *The Wall Street Journal*



Goldfield Library



Silverpeak Library



Fish Lake Valley Library

entertainment. Since these communities are so isolated, the libraries are the only local location to obtain these materials. Radio stations are not readily available; audiocassettes have become a popular source of entertainment while traveling.

Esmeralda County is classified by the federal government as "rural remote." There are three communities with branch libraries: Goldfield, Silverpeak and Dyer. Goldfield is the county seat, with some mining, county government and small businesses. Silverpeak is a mining town that is 21 miles off the highway. Fish Lake Valley is a farming and ranching valley with Dyer as the population center. The population of Esmeralda County is estimated at 1,400.

There are no movie theatres, bowling alleys, art centers, museums, video rental stores, or any other recreational opportunities that are taken for granted in normal communities. The closest grocery store is a minimum of 30 miles to a maximum of at least 80 miles from each of the communities.

Fiction is available in three formats: printed book, audiocassette and video. Reading books and watching videos are the primary source of

Customer requests for adult fiction have exceeded availability and the current lowered budget will not allow purchase of more than basic materials.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY LIBRARY: \$37,292

Sharon Allen, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000 & 2001

The Humboldt County Library System serves the rural population of northern Nevada. The current population of the county is estimated to be 17,000 residents with 8,000 in Winnemucca and its close proximity including the Grass Valley Area. It is a growing community with a diverse population including a growing Hispanic group.

The Library provides service to the rural areas with a library in Denio and McDermitt and Bookmobile service to the remaining rural schools. The collection is comprised of about 50,000 items, 150 newspapers and magazine subscriptions, a strong audio/video collection that reports a 50,000 item circulation per year. During the past year over 212,000 items were circulated and over 95,000 visits were made throughout Humboldt County Libraries.



The focus now for the Statewide Collection Development Grant is the further development of the Children's And Young Adult Collections at the Winnemucca Branch, Denio Branch and McDermitt Libraries.

Throughout the year consistent communication with the community of users: parents, children, teachers held to determine the need for collection development at the Winnemucca facility, the Denio Branch Library, the McDermitt Branch Library and the Bookmobile. The downturn of the economy in this part of rural Nevada demonstrates a great need for grants to provide additional materials for the public library.

Children using the library and attending various programs throughout the county have discovered many new titles that are available for circulation. The State Collection Development grant provides a depth of new titles in many subject areas. Teachers, parents and children are delighted and take advantage of the many new titles. All titles are shared throughout the county libraries at Denio, McDermitt, Winnemucca and the Bookmobile

Throughout the year each school library and select teachers receive a Bibliography Of New Titles with their school packet for the school term. The services and programs are widely promoted through publicity with the newspaper, radio, cable outlets as well as in-house printed information.

LINCOLN COUNTY LIBRARY: \$2,104

Peg Draper, Library Director & Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000



are able to provide quality
Within the Lincoln County
libraries. Pioche is the main
Alamo Branches.

It is the mission of the Lincoln County Library
System to bring good, quality library service to its
library patrons. We work with a limited budget to
keep our doors open and maintain an up-to-date
collection that meets the needs of the residents of
Lincoln County. We feel that with the help of the
grant



monies and special funding we
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Each library assessed their collection of materials and found the spot that needed development
the most. Due to slim budgets it is nearly impossible to build the areas of our collections up that
really need development. We have to spend most of our funding on new, popular fiction which is
what gets checked out the most.

The Alamo Library had a need to improve their Nevada Collection, which was very
underdeveloped. The Caliente Branch Library is experiencing crunches on their juvenile non-
fiction books. The Pioche Library was in need of some juvenile non-fiction materials in specific
areas, mainly for reports.

Expenditures:

Nevada Collection	36 titles	\$ 625.43
Juvenile Non-fiction	126 titles	\$1,478.57

LYON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM: \$28,893

Christiane Freer-Parsons, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000 & 2001

The collection development funds provided by Lyon County government allows the Library
System to purchase adult and juvenile fiction and non-fiction. The majority of collection
development money is spent providing new adult and juvenile titles and keeping the reference
materials up-to-date (for example, we receive annual updates for several reference titles such as
the *Statesman's Yearbook*). Essentially, local funds allow the Library to provide the most basic
level of service. The majority of our patrons expect the library to provide materials for
recreational reading and therefore we feel compelled to use local funds to purchase materials that

meet these needs. Increasingly patrons demand more materials and the standing order programs have been expanded leaving less money for other, specialized collections.

The use of state collection development funds allows the library to expand its holdings in areas not normally funded through local government. In Lyon County, there is a growing population of Spanish speakers. As part of our service paradigm of “being the best source of information in Lyon County,” it was decided that non-English speakers needed the same type of information as English speakers. Inquiries to Spanish speakers indicated a need for legal and medical materials in Spanish. The initial Spanish Language collection includes 70% non-fiction and 30% fiction titles geared for adult readers. Other special collection areas include the home-schooling population and library staff. Throughout the county, there are growing groups of parents who school their children at home. A small percentage of state funds were used to purchase materials for this population. The library staff, the majority of whom do not have formal training in library science, were identified as another target group. Materials selected to meet the staff’s needs include titles from noted library science vendors whose publishing focus is professional literature. Nearly 50% of the current Lyon County Library System are participating in the State’s Library Certification Program for Public Librarians. The development of a core professional development collection was designed to raise the levels of professionalism and to provide on-site support for staff.

The last special collection is Western Americana. In the current Lyon County Collection Development policy there is no mention of developing this collection although by default titles are acquired which support this type of collection. Again, because the majority of local government funds are spent on meeting the “regular” fiction and non-fiction needs of our patrons, unique materials such as specialized Western history, Western Americana, and materials that support “the western lifestyle” both fiction and non-fiction are usually not extensively funded.

This summer we could offer youth participating in the reading program a whole range of theme-related books. The staff placed customized stickers on the book spines that correlated to the sub themes of the program (for example a cowboy boot for “cowboy” stories, a covered wagon for “pioneer” stories). The difference in the levels of service is seen in the overall circulation of juvenile designated materials from June through August 2000, 9,332 (Easy: preschool age or pre-reader through Young Adult: eighth through twelfth grade reading levels) were circulated.

Of the five grant components the most publicized was the Summer Reading Collection. State Senator Mark Amodei and State Assemblyman Joe Dini were invited to kickoff this summer’s celebration. Senator Amodei was able to attend, as was Mrs. Mouryne Dini (representing Speaker Dini).

Books purchased for the Summer Reading Celebration were displayed with acknowledgement labels attached to the flyleaves. The Library Director spent time with Amodei and Mrs. Dini explaining the summer reading theme and how legislative support for State Collection Development was critical to the success of the program and to library service in our county. The public, our state legislators, and local government officials relate to service to children and youth and, therefore, most if not all the public relations was focused on promoting this collection.

MINERAL COUNTY LIBRARY: \$12,000

Stephen Schlatter, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2001

Mineral County has been in an economic downtrend for the past five years. Four out of the five operating gold mines in the county have closed operations and the fifth mine is due to cease operations in the fall of 2003. State revenues to Mineral County have dropped drastically since so many of our people have left in search of work.

As a result of these unfortunate times, all departments belonging to the county entity have been forced to accept the downsizing of their operating budgets. Mineral County Library was forced to cut its operating budget by \$30,000.00. The library director was able to keep his staff and he was able to maintain 10% of his operating budget for the purchase of library collection materials, meeting Nevada's Minimum Public Library Standards. However, he was forced to reduce the hours of service to the public in order to meet the budget cut demands of the County Commissioners.

The library director will utilize every penny of his book-buying budget for the purpose of enlarging, updating, and upgrading every genre in the library's collection. In the past five years, the director and his staff have been able to increase the library's yearly circulation from 24,000 items in 1994 to 42,885 items in 1999. In 1999, over 50,500 people came through the library's doors in order to check out items, research information, utilize the free public Internet access computers in our computer center, or to make use of the conference rooms for civic, public, and private meetings. With this kind of roaring success in the library, it is easy to visualize how every cent of the book buying budget is used; and let's not forget that some of that money has to be used for replacing stolen and worn out items in the collection.

The library director and staff have become aware of certain specific areas of need in the library. These areas consist of old, worn out, out dated volumes or actual holes in the collection for which we have zero information. These areas are:

- * Motor Manuals
- * Reference - Art & Music
- * Real Estate
- * Language Instruction & Dictionaries
- * Bilingual & Books in Spanish

Mineral County Library staff has been multi-lingual since January 1995. The director speaks Spanish and French and the circulation librarian speaks Swiss, German, French, and Italian. As a consequence, the library staff is highly knowledgeable in the areas of language study and language instruction. The language collection in the library is deficient in that it consists mainly of worn out dictionaries. The director wishes to purchase language instruction volumes, new dictionaries, and language workbooks.

There are a significant number of Spanish speaking individuals and families living in Hawthorne, among them quite a few children. All of these people have need of reading materials in their native tongue. The vast majority of them are struggling mightily with mastery of English. With

MINERAL COUNTY LIBRARY *(continued)*

funds from a previous LSTA grant, the director was able to purchase a core collection of bilingual books, most of them dealing with either emerging readers, juvenile readers, and/or young adult readers. Circulation of these materials has been quite successful. The director wishes to expand this collection to include works solely in Spanish as well as bilingual volumes and will also purchase non-fiction items and adult fiction. Expansion of this collection is an absolute necessity in Hawthorne.

NYE COUNTY

AMARGOSA VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT: \$6,724

Diane Brigham, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000 & 2001



Amargosa Valley Library District's revenues have decreased during the past two years and our book budget is extremely small; purchasing in all areas is limited. Part of the library's collection was sent to the school when they started their own library. The remaining fiction collection was mostly old, tattered, yellowed paperbacks that were not inviting to the

most avid reader and there were no recent award winning books. Our proximity to the elementary school brings a high volume of traffic to the children's room but the circulation of juvenile fiction is low.

The new materials provided entertaining stories for the Summer Reading Program. They have given our regular customers attractive, interesting items to check out and are meeting the demand in certain subject areas. For example, we had a request regarding Cleopatra and we had a fictionalized version of her life. This book is part of a series and has led several young readers to explore other areas of history.

So far, our publicity has been word-of-mouth: "selling" the books to our customers as they come in, encouraging children who participated in the summer program to check out the books, announcements at our district board of trustees' meetings and the books are on a special cart with a bright sign indicating "NEW BOOKS". We will be trying to do more with announcements in the school bulletin and book talking during this school year to encourage children to use the new library materials.

Materials Purchased: 219 books, including 168 books in Easy and Juvenile Fiction and 51 books in Easy and Juvenile Non-fiction. Most of the titles purchased were from Newberry and Caldecott lists. The remainder of the Collection Development funding will be used to purchase materials in technology and the arts in both Spanish and English. We have very little in the way of Auto Repair manuals in Spanish, home design and building, agriculture, gardening and general works about artists. By augmenting these areas we will better meet the demands of our customers.

NYE COUNTY
BEATTY LIBRARY DISTRICT: \$ 12,937
Kathryn Tolleson, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000 & 2001



Our community is located in a remote rural area and we are catering to a commuter population as well as to older patrons who rarely venture outside our little town. The Beatty Library conducted a survey to determine what areas of interest were not being met. We used that survey along with a Requests Log and the Interlibrary Loan Log to decide where we need to use the money to purchase materials. Our local funding has been reduced because of area mine closures and we are only able to purchase the basic library materials. The main areas of requests were for more audio books focusing on novels, completing several series and expanding our juvenile collection. Another big request was to expand our video collection to include classic videos for the older population, travel and instructional videos. We also updated and expanded our award-winning children's collection and accelerated reader collection because of parental requests.

Word of our expanded collection has even reached our outlying service areas such as Death Valley and Amargosa. We have had many new patrons from those communities because their friends told them about our audio and video collections. Parents have been very pleased with our choice of children's books and we have seen a great number of checkouts for summer reading.

We publicized through our local post office where every member of our community goes because we don't have home delivery. We also used our great word-of-mouth advertising strategy. We sent a notice to our local newspaper to be placed in the brief section to advertise our newest additions.

NYE COUNTY
PAHRUMP COMMUNITY LIBRARY: \$13,780
Charlene Board, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000 & 2001

The Pahrump Community Library receives an average of 130-150 new card holders a month, and with new developments on the horizon of up to 7,000 homes, the demand for more information will be high.

The goal of the Pahrump Community Library is to serve the community as a resource center, providing every person with library materials which satisfy the need for information, and aid in developing their intellectual and creative potential.

We feel there are three Special Collection Development areas for which Pahrump Community Library needs for funding.

1. Audio: Commuting is a way of life for many of our residents; if you add the retirees, snowbirds, and number of sight-impaired, we have a remarkable amount of circulation in this area. We have 752 Audios in the Adult Collection, and 352 in the Children's area; at times there are about 1/3 left on the shelves for our patrons to check out. We seem to never have enough audios to meet the demands of our patrons. Because of the audio collection, a new program was begun for our sight impaired and housebound. The Pahrump Community Library Home Service was born (PCL HOME SERVICE). We have volunteers who visit the homes twice a month, picking up and delivering audios. This has met with wonderful success, and the need for MORE audios.
2. Southwest Collection: Originally composed of the Nevada Collection, these books are in high demand not only by our patrons, but by tourists visiting Pahrump. Pahrump is located in an area where a radius of 200 miles covers a lot of history, mining, and ghost towns of interest. Because of the requests for materials covering more than Nevada, we decided to include the other Southwestern states (Utah, Arizona, and Southern California) creating the Southwest Collection with our Nevada Collection included therein. With this being a new collection, funding is needed and appreciated.
3. Spanish Collection: At the present time, our Spanish Collection is small, only occupying six shelves, an increase of 70% over last year. With the influx of Hispanics and bilingual families (approximately 12% of the population and growing), we feel it justifies an investment to enlarge the Collection. Plans to reach the Hispanic population are: (1) going to churches, (2) going to places of employment, and (3) relying on word of mouth to let them know we are developing a Spanish Collection. Our goal is to make them feel comfortable, that they are a part of the community and should consider Pahrump Community Library their own.

Labels were placed in each book:

PURCHASED WITH STATE
COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT
GRANT MONEY
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NYE COUNTY

SMOKY VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT: \$17,673

Diane Canfield, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000 & 2001



Round Mountain

Our public libraries are trying to meet the needs of our very rural and remote Smoky Valley. In order to do this we must consider all age groups and people from all walks of life. The Round Mountain Public Library (RMPL) and Manhattan Public library (MPL) serve an area from



Manhattan

Tonopah to Austin, approximately 120 miles. Smoky Valley Library District's (SVLD) budget is not able to meet these needs and provide the educational and recreational needs of SVLD, as it states in our library's mission statement:

SMOKY VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT *(continued)*

The Mission of Smoky Valley Library District is to meet the informational, recreational, technological, and cultural needs of the people of Smoky Valley and surrounding areas and to create an image of libraries as centers of community activity and of librarians as essential sources of information, education and cultural programs. Round Mountain Public Library and Manhattan Public Library are committed to providing free and current information, and library materials in a pleasant atmosphere. We will challenge censorship and support the community programs and cultural activities of our area.

Special emphasis is placed on supporting formal and informal education through community college level, providing reference services, and introducing preschoolers to a lifetime of reading and library use. RMPL is also the school library; SVLD has a contract with Nye County School District.

SVLD purchased materials in many formats, in various areas of the library. This grant allowed the libraries to establish a CD music library. We have 221 CDs on many kinds of music. Another area that deserves mention is "Books on Tape". Patrons traveling the long distance to either Las Vegas or Reno use these tapes. The additional grant money in our book budget allows the library to subscribe to a program with Baker & Taylor where we receive nine books on tape each month.

The librarians in this community know RMPL and MPL customers personally. Therefore, the best way of publicizing is to personally "show and tell" them about the new materials. Our local "Smoky Valley Sentinel" has been used to publicize our New Grant Materials. RMPL is beginning to publish a library newsletter, which will be used to spread the word of these grants.

NYE COUNTY: TONOPAH LIBRARY DISTRICT: \$2,104

Juanita Hoffman, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2001

The Tonopah Public Library serves a population of approximately 3,399 residents and also serves the outlying rural areas for ranchers and their workers located between Tonopah and Rachel. Over 80% of our regular patrons have requested more adult audios in unabridged editions. Many of the audios have been broken or damaged by the constant use and need to be replaced. Additionally, the grant will allow us to purchase them in hard cases.



The oldest library building in Nevada

Many of our patrons commute long distances to work and they listen to the tapes in their commuting. Because we are so isolated, the audios are also used for regular travel to the metropolitan areas in the state for shopping, medical appointments and other needs that cannot be met in Tonopah. The grant monies will be used to purchase fiction and nonfiction audios and to replace broken or missing tapes in the current collection.

PERSHING COUNTY LIBRARY: \$14,560

Jeanne Munk, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000 & 2001



The State Collection Development Application was written for a two-year period of time. The amount of money that was projected we would receive was less than the previous State Collection Development fund allocation. Pershing County Library chose to receive funds over a two-year cycle to take advantage of materials that would be published over a longer time

span. The library wants the most up to date materials for its collection.

The Children's Specialist has used funds to enhance the "Juvenile Classic" fiction area. The library has had an increased demand for these volumes because the elementary and middle schools in the district have adopted the "Accelerated Reader Program" as part of their curriculum. Being able to add a large number of books in a designated area is wonderful and this is possible because of the funding.

The library has over a thousand book cassettes. Many of these are abridged because they are less expensive than the unabridged, even with vendor discounts. Many of our patrons travel for work or pleasure and are requesting the unabridged. Grant funds are used to meet this demand.

Senator Den Rhodes lives in Tuscarora, approximately 4½ hours from Lovelock. He represents Elko, Humboldt, Pershing and part of Eureka and Lander counties. He has been sent information about what we have done with Collection Development Grant Funds and has been thanked in person when librarians sit with their legislators when the Legislature has been in session. John Marvel of Battle Mountain represents Humboldt, Pershing and parts of Elko, Eureka and Lander counties. Mr. Marvel has received information from us also. When legislators do come to Lovelock, the library director does attend Republican and Democratic functions.

The Children's Specialist does have a niche on top of the four-foot tall bookshelves for newly purchased materials. They are placed at eye-level for the average-sized child and are in a location where they cannot easily be missed. Parents and children who participate in story hours and summer programs walk by this area to enter the meeting room where these activities are held. Because of this prime display location and the brightly illustrated covers, the books are seen and used.

The library's lobby display case has been used to display many of the materials purchased by the State Collection grant. The library has found the longer new books can be displayed and patrons see the covers, the circulation increases on these items. We have created space that allows our new fiction to be displayed for seven months in this fashion before they are shelved. The non-fiction collection is displayed for at least four months before it is placed on bookshelves.

STOREY COUNTY LIBRARY: \$4,350

Lucy Bouldin, Library Director and Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000 & 2001



There were many requests for Caldecott, Newbery and Modern Library titles. Special education and the resource room requested titles in audio and/or video for special needs students. There were patrons with children who had required reading lists that included Caldecott and Newbery titles. They were having to wait at least a week for these titles via Interlibrary Loan.



Storey County Public Library patrons have been able to find needed reading list titles in this, their local library. These books and browser packs for videos and audios have been placed on designated shelving in a specific area of the children's/juvenile section of the library. The materials purchased with the FY2000 State Grant are readily accessible to the patrons. There has been increased usage of this section of the library.

In Virginia City most things are publicized by word of mouth and that is just the way it is.

There are plans to have a fall reading program:

- K – 5 award prizes to students reading the most Caldecott titles

- 6 – 8 award prizes to students reading the most Newbery titles

- 9 – 11 award prizes to students reading the most Caldecott and Newbery titles

- 12th graders and adult patrons hope to have at least three book talks. 12th graders will be rewarded for reading the most books from all categories.

Materials Purchased were:

- Reference Library of American Women

- Caldecott Medal Book titles,

- Newbery Medal Book titles and

- Modern Library Best 100 in audio, book and video format.

WASHOE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM: \$113,852

Nancy Cummings, Library Director
Martha Greene, Project Director
Expenditures FY 2000 & 2001

This year our main focus has been on outreach.

We added special formats to our Traveling Collection. This collection rotates quarterly among our libraries and is extremely popular. Additions included books on cassette, books on CD, music on CD and videos and DVD's. We also added many titles to the Large Print traveling collection. Because we must compete with the "mandated" county services our book budget is never quite adequate. Adding the new formats has stretched that budget to the breaking point.

We used some of the grant to supplement the budgets of our four partnership branches, located on school campuses. Two of these partnership libraries (Gerlach and Duncan/Traner) serve low income clientele. Our Duncan/Traner location provides a safe place for neighborhood children to be when school is not in session and parents are at work. This location is so esteemed that the Family Resource Centers at Duncan Elementary and Traner Middle School helped raise the money which bought the pre-fabricated building this library occupies.

Being able to buy materials in new formats has meant a higher level of customer satisfaction. Especially our hard to reach teens and twenty-somethings have been pleasantly surprised to find video games and CDs of their favorite music at the stuffy old library. It is a thrill to be able to supply picky younger music lovers with their favorite music.



Our customers with impaired vision have been delighted with the infusion of new large print books into our system. These customers quickly read everything in their neighborhood library and so are very appreciative of the new materials. Much of the additional money supplied to the Duncan/Traner library was spent on multimedia materials. These included computer games which the customers can check out or can use at the library. Duncan/Traner also purchased many Spanish language materials for grown-ups with their extra dollars. We paid for a McNaughton lease plan through Technical Services. There is always a very high demand for the best sellers. By paying for a lease plan with state money we were able to satisfy that demand in a big way. It's lovely to be able to say "yes, there are 150 holds on this book. However, we own 60 copies so it won't be long before its your turn!"

Also, much of the new materials were purchased on CD's and DVD's. Although these new media are popular, the demand for older formats continues unabated. This means that an almost adequate budget must stretch to meet ever increasing demands. For this reason, having the state grant has been a godsend. All these purchases have focused in reaching customers who are not yet users of their public library.

In most of our locations these materials have a unique location. All are identified as being part of the Traveling Collection. Approximately 85% of the Traveling Collection is checked out or in transit to fill a hold at all times. We issued a press release when the state grant money arrived

WHITE PINE COUNTY LIBRARY: \$11,784

Lori Romero, Library Director and Project director
Expenditures FY 2000



The White Pine County Library serves a population of approximately 10,400 residents in a geographical area of 8,941 square miles. While recognizing the impossibility of collecting all materials to fill all needs, the library has dedicated itself towards developing a representative collection which seeks to address all the current and possible future interests and need of the community. Currently 57% of the residents of White Pine County are avid library users.

White Pine County depends on mining and the precious metal market. Budget restrictions and inflation have put a squeeze on available library funds, yet we strive hard to buy current publications to meet the needs of the patrons.

White Pine County is experiencing a shortfall in revenues due to the closure of BHP Mine in June 1999. Less revenue in the County makes a smaller budget for the County Library and less money for library materials. On going collection development determines what areas of the collection will receive attention each year. The areas noted for this money were outdated and in need of current information. This grant provided for expanding, updating and upgrading White Pine County Library's reference and special non-fiction collections that are used extensively by County residents of all ages.

The White Pine County Library staff is able to provide the patron with current information pertaining to medical and current affairs that affect individual lives. This is important to people living in rural Nevada where libraries are miles apart and libraries are considered the information center for the community. If the patron comes in looking for a special Nevada book we have it. We had not been able to add to the Nevada Collection for the last two years due to budget restrictions. Students can find new books on their favorite country they are writing a report on.