NEVADA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

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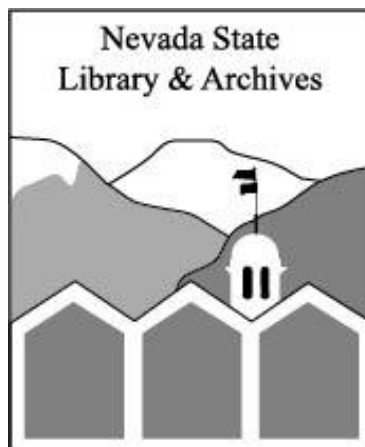
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REPORTS FROM PARTICIPANTS

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On Cover: Minden Library employee Mark Gruver, Library Tech, assisting a patron with an iPad.

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For information on these public and other Nevada libraries consult
the *Nevada Library Directory and Statistics*:
http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/NVLibraryDirectory/

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STATE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Nevada libraries are the heart of our state's information infrastructure. In almost 700 public, school, academic and special libraries, librarians make information resources affordable, available, and accessible to people of all ages and walks of life.

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.

The Nevada State Legislature has, in seven sessions, allocated funds for the public libraries in the State Collection Development Grant Program. The first allocation, in the 1995 session, was designated for the rural areas only. In recognition of the need for basic library services for all Nevadans, funding in 1997 was expanded to include all eligible public libraries.

- 1995 session allocation $ 250,000
- 1997 session allocated $2,000,000
- 1999 session allocated $1,000,000
- 2001 session allocated $1,200,000
- 2005 session allocated $1,200,000
- 2007 session allocated $1,200,000
- 2009 session allocated $ 670,000
- 2011 session allocated $ 252,631
- 2013 session allocated $ 252,197

These funds are distributed to eligible public libraries in Nevada based on their own local spending for collection development. Utilizing the formula based on these expenditures (see Appendix A: NRS 378.087), 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 basic services, then it is the responsibility of the State to assist these communities. (See Appendix B: NAC 378.150, 378.160, 378.170). 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. (See Appendix C: Minimum Standards for Nevada Public Libraries).

Many of the smaller libraries use these funds to enrich their 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. The materials are also available to other libraries via interlibrary loan.

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 21 public libraries in Nevada were allocated $252,197 for the 2014-2015 biennium. These funds, known as the State Collection Development Grant, were to be used for the purchase of library materials which may be books, DVDs, CDs, computer databases, or any other format utilized by the customers of a library.

Each of the libraries was awarded funding and furnished a report of expenditures and an evaluation for the first fiscal year, 2014. Plans for 2015 expenditures were provided for this report. The complete reports are available at the Nevada State Library and Archives, Library Development Services.

The following pages are the reports submitted by the participating libraries themselves. Whatever the purpose or use of the funds, they have made a difference in these libraries and the Nevadans they serve.

NEVADA PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND BRANCHES

Amargosa Valley Library District
Beatty Library District
Boulder City Library District
Carson City Library
    Carson City Library
    Business Resource & Innovation Center
Churchill County Library
Douglas County Library
    Douglas County Public Library
    Lake Tahoe Branch Library
Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System
    Elko County Library
    Austin Branch Library
    Battle Mountain Branch Library
    Beowawe Branch Library
    Carlin Branch Library
    Crescent Valley Branch Library
    Eureka Branch Library
    Jackpot Branch Library
    Tuscarora Branch Library
    Wells Branch Library
    West Wendover Branch Library
    Elko County Bookmobile
Esmeralda County Libraries
    Fish Lake Library
    Goldfield Public Library
    Silver Peak Library
Henderson District Public Libraries
    Gibson Library
    Green Valley
    Heritage Park Library
    Paseo Verde Library
Humboldt County Library
    Humboldt County Library
    Denio Branch Library
    McDermitt Branch Library
    Humboldt County Bookmobile
Las Vegas-Clark County Library District
    Blue Diamond Library
    Bunkerville Library
    Centennial Hills Library
    Clark County Library
    Enterprise Library
    Goodsprings Library
    Indian Springs Library
    Las Vegas Library
    Laughlin Library
    Meadows Village Library & Homework Center
    Mesquite Library
    Moapa Town Library
    Moapa Valley Library
    Mount Charleston Library
    Rainbow Library
    Sahara West Library

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District
(continued)
    Sandy Valley Library
    Searchlight Library
    Spring Valley Library
    Summerlin Library
    Sunrise Library
    West Charleston Library
    West Las Vegas Library
    Whitney Library
    Windmill Library
Lincoln County Library
    Lincoln County Library
    Alamo Branch Library
    Caliente Branch Library
    Lincoln County Bookmobile
Lyon County Library System
    Central Branch Library
    Dayton Valley Branch Library
    Fernley Branch Library
    Silver Stage Branch Library
    Smith Valley Library
Mineral County Library
    Mineral County Library
    Mina-Luning Community Library
North Las Vegas Library District
    North Las Vegas Library
    Alexander Branch Library
    Aliante Branch Library
Pahrump Community Library District
Pershing County Library
Smoky Valley Library District
    Round Mountain Public Library
    Manhattan Library
Storey County Library **
Tonopah Library District **
Washoe County Library System
    Downtown Reno Library
    Duncan-Traner Community Library
    Gerlach Community Library
    Incline Village Library
    North Valleys Library
    Northwest Reno Library
    Senior Center Library
    Sierra View Library
    South Valleys Library
    Spanish Springs Library
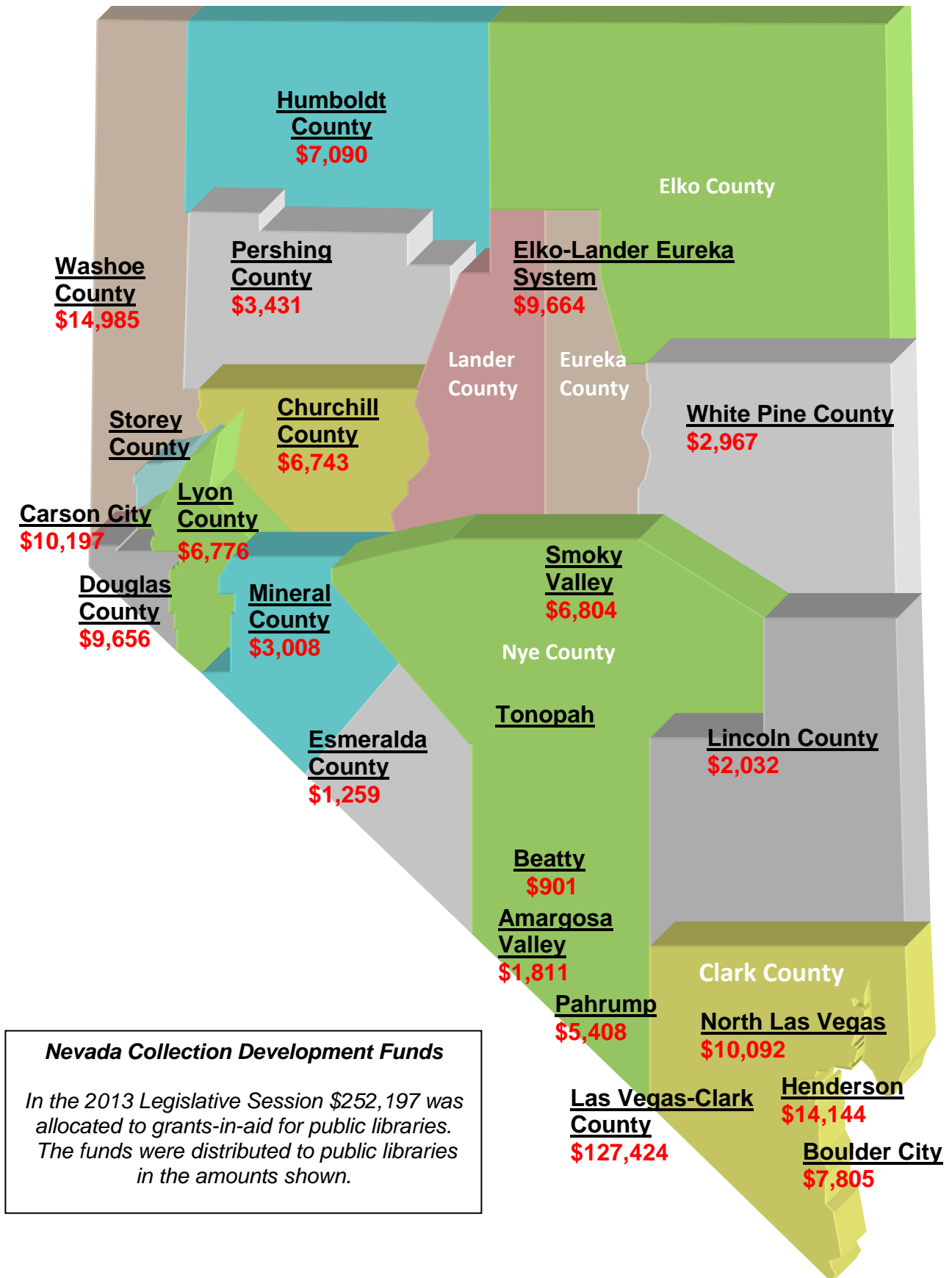   Sparks Library
    Verdi Community Library
White Pine County Library

** NSLA is working with the Tonopah Library District to become eligible for future funding. Eligibility is premised on compliance with the Minimum Public Library Standards (Appendix C).

NEVADA PUBLIC LIBRARIES
FY 2014-2015 COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

Humboldt County
$7,090

Elko County

Washoe County
$14,985

Pershing County
$3,431

Elko-Lander Eureka System
$9,664

Lander County

Eureka County

White Pine County
$2,967

Storey County

Churchill County
$6,743

Carson City
$10,197

Lyon County
$6,776

Smoky Valley
$6,804

Douglas County
$9,656

Mineral County
$3,008

Nye County

Tonopah

Lincoln County
$2,032

Esmeralda County
$1,259

Beatty
$901

Amargosa Valley
$1,811

Clark County

Pahrump
$5,408

North Las Vegas
$10,092

Henderson
$14,144

Las Vegas-Clark County
$127,424

Boulder City
$7,805

Nevada Collection Development Funds

In the 2013 Legislative Session $252,197 was allocated to grants-in-aid for public libraries. The funds were distributed to public libraries in the amounts shown.

Amargosa Valley Library District

Library Director and Project Director: Leslie Scott
http://www.amargosalibrary.com/
FY 2014: $1,000; FY 2015: $811; Total: $1,811

2014: Adult and Juvenile Non-fiction Books

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: Through a visual examination of our stacks and accompanied with circulation data our library staff established that the quality as well as quantity of our adult and juvenile non-fiction titles would benefit from Collection Development funds. Materials purchased covered a wide range of areas in the adult section including; travel, beauty, languages, and crafts. Juvenile titles covered mythology, sports, and animals.

Difference it made in library services: Older books are less than pleasing to the eye and tend to be skipped by patrons who are looking for books to show the latest styles, information and pictures. By prominently displaying the newest materials in specified areas, we are able to draw patrons' attention to these materials and effectively create an interest in similar titles.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: With several media formats widely available many of the students in Amargosa Valley still do not have access to recent information concerning their favorite actors, musicians, and athletes on a daily basis. By purchasing a series of Football books; circulation and interest increased in non-fiction, reaffirming that the library is the place to go for information on their favorite subjects.

2015: DVD's

Need for Project: DVD's comprise of 8.2% of our total collections and circulation statistics report that DVD's consist of 35.9% of total check outs for the year. DVD's are constantly in demand and we are unable to satisfy most patrons request for new DVD's as our budget limits us to 5 to 10 new DVD's a month in a wide arrange of genres.

How the Need was determined: The majority of our patrons are adults and families who either cannot afford or do not have the availability of T.V. and DVD's. As a result, the Amargosa Valley Library is source of media entertainment at no charge.

Types of Materials to be purchased: New DVD's will be purchased in areas such as kids, comedy, horror and drama; documentaries will be purchases from within the last few years.

Beatty Library District

Library and Project Director: Sharon Jennings

http://www.clan.lib.nv.us/polpac/library/clan/beatty.htm

FY 2014: $518; FY2015: $383; Total: $901

2014: State Collection Development Grant

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: Our DVD circulation continues to remain strong with 3760 DVDs circulating in FY 2013-2014.   We ordered DVDs of historical, scientific & entertainment interest to meet this demand. Many of the DVDs we purchased were from PBS as the History Channel refused to invoice us for purchases & that's our method of payment. We ordered many nature titles, NOVA space titles & historical titles like Lincoln at Gettysburg. These DVDs are surprisingly popular.

Difference it made in Library services: We were able to add 24 quality DVDs to our collection thanks to this grant. DVDs are especially popular with community residents who can't afford to rent a movie or have pay-per-view & similar programs. We're also pleased to be able to offer them DVDs of interest that aren't available at the local video store or other DVD sources. Some of our customers only come in to check out DVDs & end up using other library services such as the library computers, the fax & copy machines & checking out books & other materials.

Community residents make better use of their library in this way.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: One of the DVD sets we were able to purchase was the NOVA series that includes Asteroid, Alien Planets Revealed, & Earth from Space. These are a big hit & get checked out frequently. We were also able to purchase many nature titles such as Love in the Animal Kingdom, Meet the Coywolf, Funkiest Monkeys & several others. We also purchased two seasons of the Longmire show from A&E because author Craig Johnson's books about that character are very popular here & makes a good movie/book tie-in. We continued to concentrate on non-fiction DVDs this year because we received a wonderful donation of 600 entertainment DVDs last year & some of these are still being processed. DVDs continue to be popular with community residents & our circulation of DVDs has increased with the ones that we purchased & the donation DVDs combined. The DVDs help meet the informational & recreational needs of our community residents.

2015: Expand Our DVD Collection with More Informational and Entertainment DVDs

Need for Project: We have an increased demand for DVDs every year by community residents & we would like to offer additional quality DVDs to meet this demand.

How the Need was determined: Our DVD collection continues to be popular with a circulation of 3,637 DVDs in FY 2011-2012 to an increase of 3,760 in FY 2013-2014. This is an increase of 123 DVDs circulated.

Types of Materials to be purchased: We plan to purchase entertainment DVDs for adults & children & DVDs of historical, literary & scientific interest. Many of the DVDs we plan to purchase will appeal to all ages are from PBS such as the Ken Burn's series The Roosevelts: an intimate History & the Emmy Award winning documentary The Civil War. Other DVDs will be science with an emphasis on the natural sciences, a literary series such as William Shakespeare Collector's Ed. & one or two quality entertainment DVDs.

Boulder City Library

Library and Project Director: Lynn Schofield-Dahl

2014: The Triple Threat

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: With new and interesting programs being offered and an increasing number of volunteer opportunities, there has been a significant increase in the number of teens who use the Boulder City Library. This new synergy has proven successful in terms of learning what the teens need and want from their library. We found that they love new and popular movies, and that our collection of juvenile and young adult DVDs was small, outdated, and just too childish for older teens. In fact, popular titles for teens and young adults were non-existent. Popular movie and television DVDs were added for this collection.

The examination of the young adult movie collection resulted in a second look at the adult movie collection. As a high percentage of our population is senior citizens on low or fixed incomes, access to movies through cable subscriptions or rental businesses is not feasible. After analyzing circulation data and informally surveying library users, it was determined that the adult movie collection needed updating as well in order to stay abreast of our patron needs for entertainment and learning through DVDs. Purchased DVDs represent the interests of the large senior population and include BBC productions and Oscar winners and nominees.

And finally, it was determined through direct interactions with parents, caregivers, and educators of young children, that a kit that included everything one would need to present a storytime at home or school would be eagerly welcome in the community. While we offer many storytimes and educational programs, we can't offer them to fit everyone's schedule. And offering a pre-packaged complete storytime to check out will enable parents and caregivers to begin early literacy at home. A Storytime To Go kit would encompass all the building blocks of a great storytime such as fun and creative books to read aloud, a rhyme and/or flannel board activity, a hand held white board with marker

for writing or drawing activities, and a music cd all based around a theme. Items purchased include picture books, children's music cd's, storytelling puppets, felt board supplies, and magnetic writing hand held boards.

Difference it made in Library services: The State Collection Development Grant enabled us to begin a young adult movie collection and completely augment the collection of movies for adults. The teen space was rearranged to include bookshelves in which to highlight this burgeoning teen popular movie and television DVD collection. All the changes in the area, including the adding of the movies, are helping to define the space all the more specifically for young adults. In all, 76 teen titles were added. We noticed immediately that the new shelves looked bare, but that is a good sign because these high demand items are checking out quickly. Now that we've established a young adult movie collection it will be enhanced as budget constraints allow.

As for the new DVDs purchased for the adult patrons, the difference is astounding. We were able to purchase 87 movies in all! With that many new titles a change was needed to display and market the entire collection. The reference collection was weeded and shifted to make an entire row available for the growing

Boulder City Library, continued

movie collection. There's room now for more than a single patron to browse movies at a time, and patrons have expressed many positive comments regarding the changes.

Our library services for youth programming have increased greatly because of the new Storytime To Go Kits! Patrons can now check out a kit and have everything they need to offer a fun learning program to children. With funds from the State Collection Development Grant we were able to complete 33 themed kits complete with books, music, activities, and a sheet with suggestions on how to use the kit in different ways.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: Teens are checking out more materials, including the new movies, especially once they find out the movie was based on a book. They also feel a new sense of belonging and ownership with the newly revamped teen space and the new movies that they helped select. Adults have more of a selection of movies to choose from and more space in which to browse. One elderly patron who comes in every day to return and select

more movies was the first to comment on the expanded selection. He used to regularly order movies at a service desk, but now pulls from the shelf more than he orders. And finally, the Storytime To Go Kits have been making a difference among parents, teachers, and educators. One patron, a speech and language pathologist with the school district, has expressed her delight at using them with her students. She can spend less time putting together a lesson with the help of our kits. Many patrons commented on the ease in which to form an at home or school program with the kits. One patron who wanted to read to her child's class was very excited about the theme selection and variety of activities included. Overall, all of the materials purchased through the State Collection Development Grant have greatly impacted the Boulder City Library community in a positive way by offering materials patrons can use in their pursuit of education and entertainment. Our plan to divide the funds three different ways to target three different market segments of our community was very successful, and in the end it definitely was a triple threat!

2013: Another Giant Leap for eBooks!

Need for Project: Boulder City Library plans to purchase eBooks through Recorded Books' OneClickdigital program. This will allow us to combine our current eAudiobook plan with an eBook plan to offer the most comprehensive platform for our content.

We plan to use funds from the State Collection Development Grant to augment the collection of Ebooks at Boulder City Library. Our patrons are already familiar with downloading eBooks from OverDrive, our main supplier through a partnership with LVCCLD. The offering and downloading of eBooks, while once something new and foreign to patrons, is steadily becoming the norm as they come in each day with their new device wanting more information. There is a great need to keep the collection of eBooks growing to keep up with this increase in demand. We want to offer patrons more variety in selection to include fiction and non-fiction bestsellers based on our community's needs.

How the Need was determined: Our circulation statistics from OverDrive for eBook downloads show a dramatic increase in the past year which is in line with the increase of affordable devices on the market, the ease of use in downloading to the devices, and the increased knowledge and guidance of library staff members. Based on those eBook statistics and an informal survey among library patrons, it was determined that more titles, even multiple copies of some titles, are needed to meet the demand. The new titles will only be available to Boulder City Library residents which will result in less wait times for popular and bestselling titles.

Types of Materials to be Purchased: We will use State Collection Development funds to purchase a selection of eBooks to include popular and bestselling titles for all age groups.

Carson City Library

2014 Library Director: Tammy Westergard
2015 Library Director: Sena Loyd
Project Director: Kathy Rush
http://www.carsoncitylibrary.org/
FY2014: $5,541; FY 2015: $4,656; Total: $10,197

2014: OverDrive Collection Development Project

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: The need for this project was determined by circulation statistics that show a steady increase of use of the library's Overdrive downloadable service. Circulation statistics indicate a high number of checkouts for downloadable materials as well as long hold lists for some titles. The eBook format is the most popular, particularly for Kindles. Staff receives many compliments from patrons concerning the service but also hear that there needs to be more titles from which to choose. These comments along with circulation statistics indicate the need to increase the number of titles in these collections.

the most holds. For example, Janet Evanovich's book Top Secret Twenty One had 27 holds in June of 2014. Purchasing additional copies of titles with long hold lists would reduce the number of holds but would also result in fewer titles being added to the collection. This is a question that we asked patrons on an OverDrive survey a year ago and most responded that they preferred more titles over additional copies. A greater number of patrons used the library's OverDrive service during the assessment period, up 344 from 1559 users in November of 2013 to 1903 users in July of 2014, an increase of 22%. A look at the number of unique users checking out each month shows that 275 patrons used the service in November of 2013 and 358 patrons used the service 8 months later in July of 2014, an increase of 30%. The steady increase in users over the three years that the library has offered OverDrive downloadable content speaks to the popularity and demand for this service.

Difference it made in Library services:
As a result of this project, patrons had access to more titles which they could download at their convenience any time and any place. The 114 downloadable titles that were added to the OverDrive service as a result of this grant allowed the library to deliver more titles to more people at a time.

By the end of the assessment period, the number of OverDrive checkouts went up 21%. We had hoped to decrease the hold list by adding more content but the opposite happened as the hold increased 44%. Not surprisingly, the most popular books incurred

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: Patron satisfaction with the library's OverDrive service is evident from the increased usage and from the interest people show when told about the service. OverDrive handouts disappear quickly from the front counter as more people want to download eBooks and eAudiobooks. The library has seen an increase in patrons asking for help in downloading content. Patrons comment on the convenience of downloading books to read or listen to without having to leave their homes or when traveling.

2015: eBook and eAudiobook Collection Development

Need for Project: This project will help develop Carson City Library's OverDrive collection of downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks. This collection has grown steadily in popularity since it was started in September of 2011. Last year alone, patrons checked out 10,404 eBook titles and listened to 4,633 eAudiobook titles. Patrons enjoy the convenience and portability of downloadable content and have come to expect this service from the library. These funds will be used to purchase fiction and non-fiction titles for the adult, young adult and juvenile collections, in eBook and eAudiobook format.

Due to budgetary limitations, there are many titles that our patrons would like to be able access via OverDrive but that the library cannot afford to provide. Circulation statistics for OverDrive for the past year stand at 15,037 checkouts. During the same time period there were 3,319 holds indicating a greater demand than the current collection was able to satisfy.

The top 10 titles during this time period show 211 checkouts with 169 holds. The number of users for this service increases every year with 937 unique users using the OverDrive service this past year.

How the Need was determined: The need to develop the library's eBook and eAudiobook collections is based on circulation and user statistics that indicate high circulation of these materials. Patron feedback indicates a high degree of interest in the service with suggestions for more content.

Types of Materials to be purchased: The funds will be split between downloadable titles in OverDrive for adults and children:
- 70% for adult titles
- 30% for young adult and children's titles.

Churchill County Library

Library Director and Project Director: Carol Lloyd
http://www.churchillcountylibrary.org/
FY2014: $3,895; FY 2015: $2,848 Total: $6,743

2014: State Collection Development Grant

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: Staff and patrons were unable to locate current books in the library in the subject areas of medical, computer, travel and legal. For example, a patron asked for a book on heart disease and we had nothing within the acceptable copyright date of 3-5 years prior.
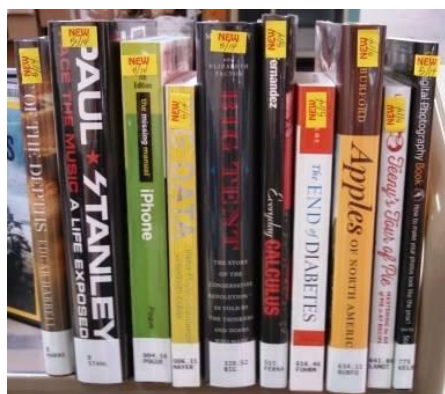
Difference it made in Library services: Staff is able to answer reference questions with confidence that the books they are utilizing are current and pertinent to the questions being asked. Patrons are able to find what they need and know they are getting the latest information on these time sensitive topics.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: Patrons were able to locate up-to-date relevant information in the medical, computer, travel, and legal subject areas of the library. Comments have been positive. Patrons have said that they are more likely to think of the library as a resource first instead of an afterthought. A man was pleased to find a London travel book as he was planning a trip and another man located a book on diabetes which he had just been diagnosed with as he was perusing the library Facebook page.

2015: State Collection Development Grant

Need for Project: Assessment of the adult fiction collection through weeding, general observation, patron requests, and anecdotal information revealed the need to provide additional new titles and debut author fiction titles as well as popular backlist titles to further enhance the collection to meet patron needs.

How the Need was determined: The need was determined by assessing patron request for purchases, items requested within the CLAN consortium, and answering patron questions; for example a patron would like more immediate access to all the books in the Stephanie Plum series by Evanovich. Statistical data shows adult fiction as the most circulated print resource in the library. A recently completed assessment of the fiction collection resulted in heavy weeding of highly circulating fictions titles due to very poor condition. This process opened up valuable shelf space to enhance this popular collection.

Types of Materials to be purchased: Fiction titles including new titles, debut authors, and backlist titles in formats to include hardcover, paperback and ebook.

DOUGLAS COUNTY LIBRARY

2014: Library and Project Director: Linda Deacy
2015: Library and Project Director: Amy Dodson
http://douglas.lib.nv.us/
FY 2014: $5,214; FY 2015: $4,442; Total: $9,656

2014: State Collection Funding

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: Collection evaluation and development is an ongoing process. The continuous weeding process and subsequent evaluation of areas recently weeded assists us in determining areas in need of additional or updated materials. Patron and staff requests for materials and professional reading as well as analyses of collection use are components of the evaluation. The addition of eBooks has been gauged by patron demand as well as patron acceptance and use of existing eAudiobooks, eMagazines and streaming video. In this project we purchased access to 204 e-books, all fiction through Recorded Book OneClick Digital.

Difference it made in Library services: We had previously purchased e-books through Net Library. Those titles were largely non-fiction and were not downloadable. Since we have added these new titles, all fiction, all downloadable, and many allowing simultaneous use, we have had nothing but positive comments from patrons. Staff is able to easily train patrons to find and download

the materials. The delivery of e-books is fast and reliable. The services we deliver are greatly enhanced.

We have continued to purchase e-book titles with our regular collection development funding and with donated funds in order to increase the number of titles available.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: Patrons have reported that they thoroughly enjoy being able to access popular fiction on their many devices – Nook, Kindle, tablets, laptops, ipod, ipad, etc. Patron usage is skyrocketing and is on track to overtake eAudio use.

Patrons have reported that they have had a chance to try new authors and that discovering those authors sends them back to the libraries to read backlist titles in print.

While we have some patrons who seem to be reading e-Books exclusively, most of them appear to be crossover readers, reading both e-books and print and sometimes trying favorite authors in eAudio.

2015: State Collection Funding

Need for Project: The project will add electronic, print and audiovisual materials to the collections of the Douglas County Public Library. The majority of the funds will be spent for eBook subscriptions to be delivered through the OneClick Digital platform from Recorded Books.

Douglas County Public Library's patron base is drawn from the county, adjoining Nevada counties, as well as three neighboring California counties. We also provide services to students at Western Nevada College, China Spring Youth Camp, Aurora Pines Girls' Facility, the Lake Tahoe Juvenile Detention Facility and Carson Valley Children's Center, a foster home. The diverse nature of the patron base combined with flat local revenues and increased demand related to economic stressors, have put enormous pressures on the public library system to increase and update collections. These pressures are far beyond what local revenues can accommodate.

How the Need was determined: Collection evaluation and development is an ongoing process. The continuous weeding process and subsequent evaluation of areas recently weeded assists us in determining areas in need of additional or updated materials. Patron and staff requests for materials and professional reading as well as analyses of collection use are components of the evaluation. The addition of eBooks has been gauged by patron demand as well as patron acceptance and use of existing eAudiobooks, eMagazines and streaming video.

Types of Materials to be purchased:
Purchase and/or subscription(s) for downloadable eBooks, downloadable video materials, print and online encyclopedias, subject encyclopedias.

Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System

Library and Project Director: Jeanette M. Hammons

2014: Patron Driven Acquisition

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: The Library System has offered e-content as part of its collection since August of 2011. Due to the vagaries of the publishing houses, the availability of current, popular titles had been very slim until some once again allowed libraries to purchase their eBooks. The downside to this availability is that the cost per book, for popular titles/authors, range from $80-$120! We always attempt to provide the materials our patrons request but with these prices, many requests couldn't be filled with our current materials budget. Information from Patron requests, Request to Library (RTL through OverDrive), and Branch requests had been collected for the past year. After analyzing this data, it was evident that almost all titles requested in digital format had been for new releases, popular titles, and popular authors. Approximately only 5% of these requests have been filled.

One of the findings in the Needs Assessment that was conducted, patrons indicated that the library needed to "Expand Downloadable E-reader Library".

Through this project, the library purchased adult new releases, adult popular authors and adult popular titles in a digital format covering the Mystery, Thriller, Romance, Cooking, and Language genres.

Difference it made in Library services:
This Collection Development grant enabled the library to more readily meet the patrons' recreational and informational needs in relation to eBooks. The library was able to increase the number of eBooks available by purchasing popular titles/authors in this format. A total of 196 eBooks were purchased with these funds. Prices ranged from $1.99-$85.00. Titles at the higher end of the spectrum would eventually be deleted from a regular order because of the high cost ($80-$120). The library was also able to purchase a few language titles because a request had been made through the available Request to the Library (RTL) program our vendor offers. The library's requests went down slightly because titles were able to be purchased instead of acquiring a title from another library and waiting for it to come in the mail.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: Patrons received their requested materials much faster than if a request had to be made to another library. Their overall wait time was diminished. They were able to actually see what titles were available for purchase and did not have to wonder if the library could get it for them. The patrons' recreational and educational needs were being acknowledged and met in a much more timely fashion

2015: Youth eBooks Collection

Need for Project: Through this Collection Development grant, the Library System will purchase youth eBooks to meet the need of our patrons for accessible materials when they cannot make it to the library. These materials may include Easy Reader books, Juvenile Fiction and Non-Fiction, and Young Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction titles

Parents and teachers of our younger patrons have continuously requested eBooks for the youth to meet their educational and recreational needs.

How the Need was determined: The Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System added eBooks to its collection in the Fall of 2011. This Collection addressed the adult patron needs for accessible reading material when they can't or unable to get to the library. Our rural or frontier status informs the reader that many of our patrons travel great distances for any type of service so meeting the adult patron needs in this area was paramount to us. During the intervening years, parents have continuously requested eBooks for their children and/or students.

Staff observations, anecdotal records, and interviews with parents and teachers were utilized to determine the need.

Types of Materials to be purchased:
Through this Collection Development grant, the Library System will purchase youth eBooks to meet the need of our patrons for accessible materials when they cannot make it to the library. These materials may include Easy Reader books, Juvenile Fiction and Non-Fiction, and Young Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction titles.

ESMERALDA COUNTY LIBRARIES

Library Director and Project Director: Kristine MacDonald
http://www.clan.lib.nv.us/polpac/library/clan/esmeralda.htm
FY 2014: $628; FY 2015: $631; Total: $1,259

2014: New Titles for Young Readers

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: Our local K – 8 school has been carrying out a very nice program where our hard-working teacher of all 8 grades brings in the entire student body for a weekly library outing. They have a lovely walk carrying their returns and look forward to what's new in the collection. I do my absolute best to have something new and enticing for each and every one of them. The collection development funding has helped me to keep up with the student's likes and needs in all three of our libraries although the amount we receive is very small. This year I have purchased entirely new science fiction thrillers such as the popular Monument and Legend series, and also added new books to Alex Rider and Daniel X. The Waggit series of 3 books was well received by younger readers. Exposure to these children week after week has shown me what to choose for them with the grant funding. I also discussed with the teacher and his aides what materials they would like to see in the library in order for the students to profit from their library experience, earn points, and attempt to beat him in how many pages each reads during the school year.

Difference it made in Library services: The circulation among the younger set was improved a good deal because new and desired titles were available. There was no waiting period involved when an item was requested because it was here on the premises and there was no waiting for an interlibrary loan to arrive in the mail.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: It has created a surge in the interest of our students in reading because of the enthusiastic response of the library in getting them the books they care about. Seeing a book title light up a youngster's face and perhaps create a life-long love of reading brings a wonderful feeling to all involved.

Silver Peak Library

Goldfield Library

Fish Lake Library

2015: New Titles for Fish Lake Youth

Need for Project: There is a finite amount materials in the library. Much of the non-fiction has aged and needs up-dating. This is also true of the fiction, especially for the children at the 6th, 7th, & 8th grade levels. Their interests are changing and the content of the reading materials needs to change with the times. I will replenish the collection with some up-to-date titles.

Our local elementary schools have no libraries; the children are brought into the Fish Lake Library every other week. They choose books with the assistance of their teacher, his aide, and the librarian. The young people gain the abilities to choose books suitable to their reading skills and their assignments. These young people in Fish Lake have shown their desire to read for pleasure and education. Their teacher keeps them interested by using the point system and having competitions. The Fish Lake librarian needs to keep them interested by giving them new choices in materials that will fulfill these criteria. Every small amount of funding will help.

How the need was determined: The librarian understands the children's reading needs and desires, and also the criteria of their teachers.

Types of materials to be purchased: Books in fiction and non-fiction for readers in kindergarten through the eighth grade will be purchased.

Henderson District Public Libraries

Library Director: Angela Thornton
Project Director: Gayle Hornaday
www.mypubliclibrary.com
FY 2014: $7,380; FY 2015: $6,764; Total: $14,144

2014: Downloadable Resources

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: As time goes on, the popularity and demand for downloadable materials continues to increase. More people own and use mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets, and the great majority of devices are now compatible with library digital lending services. Despite the growth of our downloadable collection, the hold list for popular titles is larger than ever before at over 2500 requests. Many patrons enthusiastically make use of the online request functions of our digital services, both for materials we own, and materials they want us to purchase for the collection. Parents are making inquiries about what digital materials are available for young children. We used state collection development funds to purchase 15 ebooks for children, 33 ebooks and e-audiobooks for teens, and 211 ebooks and e-audiobooks for adults.

Difference it made in Library services: During FY2014, the library circulated 154,246 downloadable items, which was an 88% increase over the previous year, while circulation of physical materials decreased approximately 5%. By the end of August 2014, circulation of downloadable materials was 110% greater than the previous year at the same time. Library staff taught 23 classes on using the library's downloadable services, as well as providing one-on-one assistance by appointment. Our main ebook/e-audio service, Overdrive, has added online "Reading Rooms" for teens and children, where they can easily find the collections of digital materials for their age levels on our web site. This is increasing usage, and makes our web site more attractive as well.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: During FY14 there were over 2000 users of downloadable services per month. A number of regular patrons call or email with questions or requests, and many take advantage of the classes on using downloadable services offered by the library. Some have explained that they don't have transportation to the library, and that their online access is their only means of obtaining reading material. There are over 8,000 patrons in our database that have evidence of activity during FY2014, but have never checked out a physical item; some or most of these users may comprise our remote online audience. The development of resources that can be used remotely and 24/7 is an increasingly important aspect of library service. The state collection development grant funds have been a valuable source of support for this goal for the past several years.

2015: Downloadable Resources

Need for Project: We plan to use State Collection Development Grant funds to continue to develop our collection of downloadable materials, including ebooks, e-audiobooks, movies, television, and music, emphasizing popular and high-use materials.

Downloadable materials make up a growing area of library service. Over the last few years we have had reductions in branches and open hours, and the ebook and e-audio collection provides access to reading and reference materials 24/7 without having to visit the library in person. Two years ago, we eliminated our Outreach Department due to lack of funds, so remote online services are an alternative way to reach a new audience. Over 2000 patrons each month, including some who would not otherwise use the library, or who find it difficult to visit the library, make use of our downloadable collection. Our FY15 first quarter circulation of downloadable materials is more than 100% higher than last year's first quarter, with over 2900 patrons now on waiting lists for titles that are in use.

How the Need was determined: We review usage statistics from our current ebook/e-audio services, (Freading, Freegal, 3M Cloud Library, Zinio, and Overdrive) each month. We receive many inquiries relating to downloadable materials, requests for technical assistance, and interest in classes. This year we have added hoopla, a service that allows unlimited simultaneous usage of a collection of over 200,000 movies, TV programs, audiobooks, and music albums. Over the past years, the library has been affected by reductions of both revenue and staff positions, which makes online self-services a cost-effective option for conveying content to the public. There are over 8,000 patrons in our database that have evidence of activity during FY2014, but have never checked out a physical item; some or most of these users may comprise our remote online audience.

Types of Materials to be purchased: We will continue to emphasize popular and high use titles in both fiction and non-fiction for all ages.

Humboldt County Library

Library Director and Project Director: Sharon Allen
http://www.clan.lib.nv.us/polpac/library/clan/HCL/humtest.htm
FY2014: $3,928; FY 2015: $3,162; Total: $7,090

2014: McDermitt Branch Library Collection Development

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: In the past few years there has been a noted increase in child and pre-teen attendance. With this rise in head count also comes higher circulation of the same materials. Over time, our materials have become outdated and otherwise worn out. Along with these factors, we also have patron requests for numerous easy and juvenile texts of which we do not have. These items determined our project need.

Difference it made in Library services: It gave McDermitt branch library a chance to "beef-up" the Children's Department collection where it was previously lacking. Our students now have new juvenile nonfiction book sets about each state and many different countries.

Our teachers are even more eager than before to bring their classes for research and projects. In conjunction with the new information books, our collection also now contains numerous new easy and easy reader materials which have been very popular.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: Now that we have new, fun, and informational materials, students are more able to find facts and research for projects and reports more readily. Our library is now a more primary option for educational material as well as leisure. More of our community's children and pre-teens have begun to find entertainment and enjoyment in all areas of reading and discovery.

2015: State Collection Development Grant

Need for Project: The Humboldt County Library consists of the main, Winnemucca branch, two smaller branch libraries in McDermitt and Denio, and our bookmobile as well which makes twenty-eight stops throughout Humboldt County each month. Our libraries are populated by a majority of rural population and we have been receiving large amounts of requested audio materials.

Need for Project: Our community of patrons majorly spends an abundance of time comminuting; to work, school, or even just their jobs frequently. We also have numerous senior patrons and home service patrons who enjoy listening to their books. It has come to our attention that we have a deep need to increase

our audio book collection to provide for our patrons.

How the Need was determined: There are increasingly more patrons frequenting the library and requesting large amounts of audio materials. We have seen a steady growth in our patron attendance as well as in our circulation as a whole in the past couple of years. As a majority of our audio materials have been generously donated by other patrons, we have many incomplete series and patrons waiting for conclusions.

Types of Materials to be purchased: Audio Playaways.

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District

2014: Library Director: Jeanne Goodrich
2015: Library Director: Dr. Ronald Heezen
Project Director: Christine Britsch
www.lvccld.org
FY 2014: $67,453; FY 2015: $59,971; Total: $127,424

2014: Reference Resources

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: Demand for reference material often surpasses the regular budget allotted to this area. The products purchased logically expand our existing databases and reference resources.

We purchased several databases with the grant. From Gale, we added a number of literary resources, including Litfinder (full-text online access to short literary works); Shakespeare Criticism; The Dictionary of Literary Biography; and Children's Literary Review. From Proquest, we added their Newspaper Archive National Collection, providing access to historical newspapers nationwide, and Proquest Obituaries. From EBSCO, we added their Masterfile product, which contains backfiles of magazines (i.e. Consumer Reports) which are not in the state-contracted databases; as well as a number of their Reference Centers, providing current information on the following subjects: Small Business, Legal Information, Small Engine Repair; Home Improvement, and Crafts and Hobbies.

In addition, we updated the Clark County library reference area's business print collection with a current business reference source –"Major Companies of Europe", and added the Gale "Encyclopedia of Human Nutrition" to our Virtual Reference collection.

Difference it made in Library services: The databases purchased with the grant money were implemented on January 1, 2014, and have been heavily used during the last six months. The most used was the Gale Artemis Literary Criticism site, which includes all of the literary resources above. 1188 patrons logged in, and viewed 3525 pages. Next in popularity was the EBSCO Masterfile product, with 583 logins and 7844 views. Also proving a valuable resource was the ProQuest Obituary product, with over 1000 views. The subject specific reference centers had more modest usage, but they are the sites most commented on by patrons   As our subscriptions for these grant-funded products come up for renewal, we will carefully evaluate them and I anticipate that we will continue many of them, using regular library funding.

The print and GVRL title were added in June, but have already seen significant use.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: We have only anecdotal evidence for patron impact. As mentioned, the EBSCO subject-specific Reference Centers touch patrons' lives in a very practical way. One patron said: "I use[d] Hobbies and Crafts to find a quilt pattern . . . to make for our new granddaughter on the way. The quilt is under construction and being done in pink rather than blue." (see photo for the prototype) Patrons also reported using the Home Improvement Reference Center to learn how to fix faucets, replace filters and install ceiling fans.

Judging from usage, the databases have helped patrons find poems and stories, find information about literary works for homework assignments, find genealogical information through historical newspapers and obituaries, and tackle projects for their home, in their small business, and for their personal enjoyment.

2015: EBOOKS AND DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO EXPANSION

Need for Project:
Update Nevada Geologic Maps: Several of our libraries have map collections and/or patrons interested in geologic and topographic maps. We plan to update our collections of Nevada geologic maps to pick up those maps published by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology in 2010-2014, providing full collections at two libraries (one urban and one rural), as well as selected collections at several other branches.

We have not made a system-wide map purchase for the district since the budget crisis of 2010.

Parenting Collections for nine branch Young People's Areas: Four of our branches were selected as Family Place libraries in 2012, and have been very successful in implementing the program. We will be using the Family Place concept to strengthen the Young People's areas of the other nine urban branches in the district. Part of the Family Place model is to have a collection of books on parenting highlighted in the Children's programming areas, so that parents can readily find and browse available resources.

To provide visible and readily available resources for parents as they bring their children to the library.

Rotating collections of audiobooks and DVDs for rural branches: For many years, we have had rotating collections which move quarterly between the smaller rural branches in the district. This gives patrons of these branches more variety in their selections within the severe shelving realities of these small branches. Although we have been "refreshing" the collections on a regular basis, these rotating collections would benefit from a complete update.

These collections are becoming outdated and not as attractive to patrons. We will completely replace existing items with current and relevant materials.

How the Need was determined:
Update Nevada Geologic Maps: Patron demand and librarian requests
Parenting Collections for nine branch Young People's Areas: The success of the Family place concept has inspired children's librarians to push for its implementation in all urban libraries.
Rotating collections of audiobooks and DVDs for rural branches: Collection Development staff responsible for maintaining the rotating collection sampled current items, evaluating them on condition, usage and length in the collections.

Types of Materials to be purchased:
Update Nevada Geologic Maps: Printed maps as well as other selected publications on Nevada geology
Parenting Collections for nine branch Young People's Areas: Books on various aspects of parenting for parents of both pre-school and school-age children.
Rotating collections of audiobooks and DVDs for rural branches: Current, popular audiobooks and DVDs.

Lincoln County Library

Library Director and Project Director: Jo Lloyd
http://www.clan.lib.nv.us/polpac/library/clan/lincoln.htm
FY2014: $1,123; FY2015: $909; Total $2,032

2014: Books on CD

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: The need for more audiobooks was mostly determined by Patron input. We are also continuing to weed out a lot of the older cassettes that we have and replacing them with the CD format. This year we were able to purchase some of the classics for our collection as well as add more of the popular adult fiction.

Difference it made in Library services: We have seen an increase in circulation of these materials since changing to the CD format.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: It is a very helpful service for our Patrons that have to travel long distances for work, doctors, shopping, and other basic needs. It passes the time on long trips with children and people who are no longer able to read books due to health or medical conditions can still enjoy their favorite authors' books.

2015: Books on CD

Need for Project: Patron and staff input as well as increased circulation of these materials.

How the Need was determined: Our rural area seems to be becoming more and more rural with the recent closings of a grocery store as well as the upcoming closing of a bank. The people of this community are finding themselves having to travel for the basic of needs.

Types of Materials to be purchased: Fiction as well as non-fiction audiobooks on CD.

Alamo

Pioche

Caliente (part of old train depot)

Lyon County Library

2014: Library Director and Project Director: Theresa Kenneston
2014: Library Director and Project Director: Amy Geddes
http://www.lyon-county.org/index.aspx
FY 2014: $3,958; FY 2015: $2,818; Total: $6,776

2014: State Collection Development Project

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: The Lyon County Library System serves a population of 51,871 within the five communities in 1,993.7 square miles. 12.8% of our residents are below the poverty level and the median household income is only $47,108, 12th in the State out of 17 counties (2010 U.S. Census) The library purchased 115 e-book titles which provided all library customers digital access to new books.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: Access to e-books is one of the most important issues facing public libraries today.   Equal access to materials –including e-books, is fundamental to public libraries' mission and critical to ensuring that all citizens have access to information in any format. Library users expect and demand access to digital content with the same expectations that they have in the print world. Moreover, libraries are committed to serve all library users, many who cannot afford books or have limited ability to come to the library, including those with disabilities. The e-book collection purchased with this grant allowed Lyon County Library to keep up to date with the demands of our patrons by purchasing 115 titles.

Difference it made in Library services:
Purchase of 115 e-book titles for the digital collection occurred in May 2014. From May-September 2014 the books were checked out 331 times, that's an average of twice each in a 5 month period. The patrons using the materials need only have an active library card to access the collection, for free from anywhere.

2015: State Collection Development Project

Need for Project: The purpose of this project is to continue building the Lyon County Library System's e-book content.

Access to e-books is one of the most important issues facing public libraries today. Equal access to materials –including e-books, is fundamental to public libraries' mission and critical to ensuring that all citizens have access to information in any format.

How the Need was determined: The Lyon County Library System serves a population of 51,871 within the five communities in 1,993.7 square miles. 12.8% of our residents are below the poverty level and the median household income is only $47,108, 12th in the State out of 17 counties (2010 U.S. Census)

Library users expect and demand access to digital content with the same expectations that they have in the print world. Moreover, libraries are committed to serve all library users, many who cannot afford books or have limited ability to come to the library, including those with disabilities.

Types of Materials to be purchased: e-Books.

Mineral County Library

Library Director and Project Director: Courtney Oberhansli
http://www.clan.lib.nv.us/polpac/library/clan/mineral.htm
FY 2014: $1,611; FY 2015: $1,397; Total: $3,008

2014: Filling in the Gaps

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: A full inventory of our nonfiction collection revealed gaps created by the deletion of outdated books, books in unsatisfactory condition, and missing books, as well as the recognition of new areas of interest for patrons. Eighty-two nonfiction books and DVDs were purchased. Health or medical information books included updated versions of high interest areas including diabetes, pregnancy, autism, healthy diets, and caring for aging parents. New takes on dating, drinking, and social media were added to the collection for the young adult patron and, for the teen, a book on everything social the teen boy and girl should know. Popular books on archery that had gone missing were replaced with new ones that proved popular still. Effort was made to include the standard areas of interest while adding information that is in the news now, such as disaster preparedness, abuse, or the organically clean home. A memoir by ballerina Misty Copeland, currently in popular TV ads showcasing her ability to succeed against the odds, was added to the collection. Finally, we helped to mark the centenary of World War I with an anthology of poetry and a new history on the outbreak of WW I.

Difference it made in Library services:
Nonfiction materials are not our most popular items, but checkouts have always remained steady. These materials also represent information that patrons ask for but don't always check out; often referring to them while remaining within the stacks.
Forty-two% of the 82 items were checked out with circulation statistics ranging from one to six checkouts each, making for 85 total checkouts. Items which were not checked out included SAT test prep DVDs and travel books, both of which can be expected to circulate at more specific times – right when the patron needs them.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: This is an important area of the collection because it quite often answers questions of research and interest that can be instrumental to a patron's life. Patrons show more appreciation for help in locating the nonfiction items for two reasons: they feel uncomfortable in finding nonfiction items, and they usually want this information right when they need it. While so much information can be found online, staff members find that all ages ask for help finding nonfiction books. Staff members feel successful when they are able to help patrons locate information that can enrich their lives. We can only be successful at this by keeping the collection attractive and up-to-date.

2015: Rx For Health: Update When Needed

Need for Project: To update the health and wellness area of our collection to include materials on medicine, mental health, diet, exercise, and general wellness.

Although other areas of nonfiction, such as cookbooks, gardening, and art instruction, do circulate more than materials on health, those areas do not undergo major changes in information. The health and medical area sees new information emerging yearly and it is imperative to keep these materials up-to-date. Less than half of this collection has been published within the last decade.

After those favorite areas listed above, the health and wellness section is in the next tier of circulation statistics – not stellar, but steady.

Staff members know that this is an area that patrons ask for help in finding. This is an important area of the collection because it quite often answers questions of research and interest that can be instrumental to a patron's life.

How the Need was determined: A fairly recent inventory of our nonfiction collection highlighted the need to update the medical books that we offer our patrons. We know that patrons request information on health and wellness and we want to fill that need with up-to-date, attractive materials that meet their needs.

Types of Materials to be purchased:
Nonfiction books and DVDs

Public Library Statistics

In **FY 2014**

- Nevada's population was 2,800,967 (July 2013)
- There were 1,323,756 registered borrowers in Nevada public libraries
- There were 2,736,610 users of electronic resources
- Total public library operating expenditures was $78,466,339
- Per capita expenditures average was $59.47
- Collection expenditures in public libraries was $9,891,343
- Per capita collection expenditures average was $6.06, ranging from $0.78 to $47.60
- The total number of holdings in public libraries was 5,604,105 items
- Public library circulation (not including bookmobiles) in public libraries was 21,042,400
- Per capita circulation average was 7.42 items, ranging from 1.58 to 40.75 items
- Three bookmobiles (Elko, Humboldt, Lincoln Counties) circulated 36,347 items in 16,977 customer visits

Source population estimates from Nevada State Demographer
Information on library statistics from 2014 NV Public Library Survey

North Las Vegas Library District

Library Director and Project Director: Forrest Lewis
www.nlvld.org
FY 2014: $5,335; FY 2015: $4,757; Total: $10,092

2014: Exam Materials for Military Personnel

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: The Nellis Air Force Base closed for good on September 30, 2013. Given the close proximity of the Air Force base to the City of North Las Vegas, the North Las Vegas Library District immediately began to see an increase in traffic from patrons who had previously used the Base Library as their main source for library services. We evaluated our collection compared to the Base Library collection in an effort to determine how best to bolster our collection to meet the needs of the disenfranchised military families. It was determined that the Base population has a larger than average percentage of residents utilizing distance education. This is due to the difficulty of military personnel being able to follow a traditional path to earning a college degree because of base transfers and deployments. We recognized that the Base Library held a large collection of exam books, especially exam books covering CLEP (College Level Exam Preparation) subject areas. The CLEP program enables college credits to be earned through examinations. We purchased CLEP exams covering a wide variety of subjects, along with building up our collection of traditional exam preparation materials, including GED, SAT and career specific exam titles.

Difference it made in Library services: The main difference that this grant made in library services is the renewed emphasis that we were able to place on providing career and educational resources to our patrons. We geared our grant request toward providing materials for disenfranchised Air Force Base families and personnel, but in doing so we were forced to take a hard look at the exam preparation materials available for our regular patron base, and found that collection in need of updating and restocking. The demand for these materials, especially for the high interest exam books like the GED test preparation guides, was witnessed immediately. This realization has shifted the focus of other services to ensure that we are providing our patrons with the proper tools to allow them their best chance at success.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: Since upgrading our exam preparation collection, we have had many positive comments from the public as to how pleased they are with our current collection. Patrons are pleased with both the number of new titles and with the updated copies of popular titles. It has been especially gratifying to hear how thankful some of our military families and personnel are to see that we now carry the CLEP exam study guides. There were not many copies previously available outside of the Base Library, and they now have a solid collection to choose from. Going forward we will continue to monitor the needs of the Air Force Base community to ensure that we are providing the proper services to cover their unique service needs.

2015: North Las Vegas Library District S.T.E.A.M. Collection Enhancement

Need for Project: The North Las Vegas Library District will be using the FY 2015 collection development funds to increase the level of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M) books in our collection.

In order to better meet the educational needs of our community, and to keep up with the changes in classroom instruction due to common core standards, we have discovered that our core materials related to S.T.E.A.M. subjects need to be updated and expanded at all of our branches.

How the Need was determined: The need to update our S.T.E.A.M. subject materials was determined by the changes witnessed with the Clark County School District's recent switch to common core standards curriculum, in conjunction with our desire to provide S.T.E.A.M. programming in our libraries. We want to make sure that we are providing the most up to date and relevant information for our students. To supplement the collection development, we are also applying for outside grants to pay for S.T.E.A.M. programming materials that we will use to offer programs at our Library Branches. Staff has recently attended training in this area.

Types of Materials to be purchased: Our main focus will be to update and expand our collection of books related to S.T.E.A.M. subjects for all grade levels. In addition to this, we will be looking at other core educational subject areas to make sure that our collection is meeting the needs of our service population.

Users of Nevada Public Libraries FY2014

Registered Public Library Borrowers: 1,323,756

July 2013 Nevada Population: 2,800,967

Public Library Circulation: 21,042,400

Source population estimates from Nevada State Demographer
Information on library statistics from 2014 NV Public Library Survey

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Pahrump Community Library

Library Director and Project Director: Susan Wonderly

2014: Audiobooks

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: Pahrump is a rural community with a vast majority of our patrons commuting to jobs and other services Las Vegas provides. Collection Development is always an ongoing process, weeding materials and determining what areas need more in its collection. Audio circulation has double in the past few years, and the demand for eBooks has increased as more patrons have electronic readers. The library's limited budget, e-Audios are more affordable, adding more to the collection. We also decided to increase the number of Playaway titles, and increase our CD collection to satisfy our patrons.

Difference it made in Library services: Collection Development Funds has increased the CD and Playaway collection by 10%. Circulation of e-Audios average 1,000 a month, providing an electronic format to our patrons. E-Audios enabled the library to provide additional services to our patrons. Our patrons who commute on a regular basis have enjoyed the growing collection. We give classes on downloading e-Audios, as well as assisting patrons individually at the reference desk.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: The library's patrons and staff are pleased with the increase of audios in all types of formats. The traditional CD that can be listened to either in the home or in the car. The convenience of Playaway has converted readers into audio book listeners. E-Audios have allowed patrons to use their electronic readers. The larger selection of these materials is greatly appreciated by the community.

2015: eBooks

Need for Project: As a rural community, we are always in need of additional funding. The Collection Development Grant enhances the library's material budget. We selected EBooks because of their popularity and are more expensive than their print counterparts.

How the Need was determined: More patrons are using the library for entertainment purposes, renting books, movies, and audios. Last year the library started offering e-audios which was well received by the community. The request for Ebooks began to increase, because of the affordability of e-readers.

Types of Materials to be purchased: Titles include fiction and nonfiction with the majority being fiction. Subject include romance, historical fiction, mystery, and westerns.

Pershing County Library

Library Director and Project Director: Kathie Brinkerhoff
http://pershingcounty.net/index.php/County-Library/
FY 2014: $1,748; FY 2015 $1,683; Total: $3,431

2014: Audiobooks

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: Many of our patrons enjoy listening to audiobooks at home, work, and while travelling. Increased prices and limited budgets make it increasingly hard to meet their needs. Library staff purchased 100 audiobooks on CD.

Difference it made in Library services:
Library staff members were able to purchase titles and authors requested by patrons. Less time and money was spent ordering items through interlibrary loan.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: Patrons were able to enjoy more of their favorite authors. They were able to find what they wanted without having to wait for an audiobook ordered through interlibrary loan. Patrons were also able to try new authors on audio if they chose.

2015: Audiobooks

Need for Project: Collection Development funds will be used to purchase new titles for our audiobook collection.
 Living in a rural community means long hours are spent driving for work, shopping, and recreation. Patrons enjoy listening to audiobooks as they drive as well as in and around their homes. Increased prices and a smaller budget have reduced the number of new titles we can purchase each year.

How the Need was determined: The library materials budget was cut by 10%. It has become more difficult to meet patron needs with the rising costs of materials and a smaller budget.

Types of Materials to be purchased:
Collection Development funds will be used to purchase new titles for our audiobook collection as well as a supply of audiobook cases. Cases keep the disk in better condition and make them easier for patrons to handle.

Smoky Valley Library District

Library Directors: Jeanne Bleecker and Andrea Madziarek
Project Manager: Katresa Fischer
http://svld.net/
FY 2014: $3,966; FY 2015: $2,838; Total $6,804

2014: Library Reference Update

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: We hadn't updated our reference area in several years due to the high cost of reference materials. We added new encyclopedias to both the adult and children's areas, we also added atlases, dictionaries, etc.

Differences it made in Library service: We also function as the local school library and adding new encyclopedias and other reference materials, improved the information students could utilize when writing their school reports. The additional materials improved the overall service the library was able to provide for our patrons, giving them quality and current information.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the material: Our remote location limits the resources available to our patrons. Having these updated reference materials saved our patrons time and money, allowing them access to current information without having to travel for up to 4 hours to access the larger libraries or spending their own money to get the information.

2015: Nevada Section Expansion at the Manhattan Public Library

Need for Project: Funds will be used to enhance the Manhattan Public Library's Nevada Section. The Manhattan Public Library has a small Nevada Section as the majority of our Nevada books are housed at our main library in Round Mountain.

How the Need was determined: We have recently opened a small museum adjacent to our library and have found visitors to the museum are also looking for books and information about the local area and Nevada, more specifically information regarding the early miners and settlers in Nye County.

Types of Materials to be purchased: Books and Electronic materials that relate in general to Nevada, and more specifically to Nye County, with an emphasis on mining and the early settlers.

Washoe County Library System

Library Director: Arnold Maurins
Project Director: Brenda Baxter
http://www.washoecounty.us/library/
F 2014: $8,056; FY 2015: $6,929; Total: $14,985

2014: Statewide Collection Development Project

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: Because access to information is a core service for a public library, the Washoe County Library System (WCLS) looked towards allocating the State Wide Collection Development funds to provide for a comprehensive tool for entrepreneurs, job-seekers and the like. Trends show that use of library materials continues to increase and, thanks in part to the economic recovery, patrons are using the library to find work.

The popular RefUSA database was one that became unavailable as of October 2013. After a thorough search, testing by library staff, and gathering of anecdotal patron feedback, Information Services staff at WCLS discovered the A to Z Database and decided to move forward with adding the resource to the library's database collection.

It surpassed expectations as a resource for those in the business community and those searching for a job. The library began a trial for the public. From July 2013 (even overlapping with RefUSA for four months), usage is regularly over 300/month and continued through the grant period. The annual cost for this service was over $8,500 and the Statewide Collection Development funds covered the majority of the cost.

Difference it made in Library services: The A to Z Database is a primary resource and referral destination for library staff when they receive patron questions on finding a job,

finding a person or creating and sending mailing lists. It is used almost daily for anything from personal and business phone/address lookup, finding executive names, parent companies and other similar information. It has been used to help several patrons do some beginning market research, and it is a valuable "go-to" resource for any yellow-pages-type information requests from patrons. It is simple to use for both staff and the public, which means that users walk away with the information they were seeking from a user-friendly product.

At any given time, any question could be posed to library staff and the A to Z Database fills the need for getting accurate answers to the public when they need it which means it enables library staff to be effective and efficient in connecting people with information which is a part of the Washoe County Library mission: connecting people with information, ideas and experiences to support an enriched and engaged community, one person at a time.


Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: It is fair to say that on a daily basis library staff hears stories from patrons. These stories range from those who were able to find a job after months of searching, how they were able to spend a day of entertainment out of the heat, or how a kind word from a staff person at the end of a bad

day turned someone's mood around. Many of **Washoe County Library System,** continued

people's lives and the impact can range from minor to major. Examples of specific ways the database is used and ways the resource can make an impact on a patron include requests to find long lost relatives, or someone doing family history research and looking to know about a local address where a probable family member resided years ago. Users have also expressed satisfaction with the program while creating some basic mailing lists for smaller scale marketing projects which assist the small business owner. Library staff has also heard feedback that users appreciate the simplicity of the program—easy to get what you are looking for while being intuitive for novices. By far this resource is used primarily for looking up people or businesses.

A library staff person provided a personal anecdote which highlights another important fact—that we are all library users. While trying to file some legal paperwork one evening this person needed to find an address for someone out of state. Knowing about the resources at the library, she was able to look

these stories indicate a difference is made in
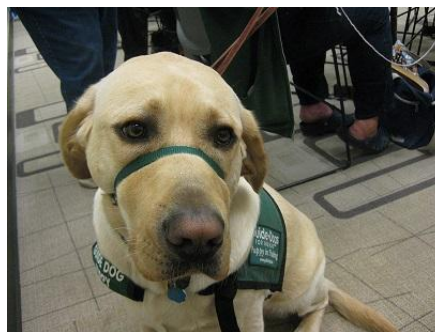
that person up successfully with the A to Z Database. This person was then able to get back to the courthouse in time before they closed. As a result, this saved the family a significant amount of financial burden and helped lead to a successful resolve to the legal matter. The accuracy of the A to Z Database makes it highly preferable as a "go-to" source when conducting such searches that potentially connect people. Those connections can make an enormous difference to any one person and the public library can be a place to open the door to that connection.

2015: Going Green in Washoe County

Need for Project: Washoe County Library seeks to support a refresh of "green" topics across the collections as interests increase in environmental topics—especially in light of Tesla's arrival.

A library's collection is in constant need of attention. Regarding its age, its variety and its community relevance. In the aftermath of news that Tesla is coming to Northern Nevada, Washoe County Library is taking a good look at its collection with an eye toward environmental and conservation topics. The topics include Agriculture, Biological diversity, Ecology, Biogeography, Bioregionalism, Carbon emissions, conservation of natural resources, ecosystem management,

environmentalism, climate change, etc… For the 2015 State Collection Development Funds, Washoe County Library seeks to refresh its collection of "green" topic resources.

How the Need was determined: By running a comprehensive subject list of current resources in the collection and pairing that with the age of the collection.

Types of Materials to be purchased: Books and DVD's on topics such as wind power, solar power, clean energy, clean food, backyard food production (gardening, raising chickens), and organic living.

White Pine County Library

Library Director and Project Director: Lori Romero
http://www.clan.lib.nv.us/polpac/library/clan/white/library.htm
FY 2014: $1,778; FY 2015: $1,189; Total: $2,967

2014: Meeting the Challenge

How the project need was determined and types of materials purchased: Collection evaluation and development is an ongoing process at the White Pine County Library. The continuous weeding process and subsequent evaluation of various areas in the collection recently weeded assisted us in determining areas of need of additional or updated materials. Patron interviews, patron suggestions, general observation of the collection both through items on the shelf and those checked out are also taken into account in determining where the need is.

52 new books were added to the juvenile collection updating the collection relating to U.S. States. 33 new books were added to the adult collection updating and/or additional materials for the Nevada collection.

Difference it made in Library services: The library staff is able to meet the needs of our library users by providing them with current information or library materials on something we may not have had information on before. Librarians want to be able to provide the patron with the information they are looking for at that moment if all possible.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: There is nothing more satisfying to a librarian than to provide current information to a patron on a subject that is important to them. The information gathered from the library material maybe helping a patron make a major decision in their life regarding their health, career, etc.   A patron summed it up by saying "the library is one place I can go to find answers to my questions".

2015: Stars, Planets & Health

Need for Project: The State Collection Development funds will provide the opportunity to replace very worn material in the subject area of planets and dinosaurs. This is a subject area loved by all ages and they can never get enough. This same subject area in the Adult Collection will be addressed as well. The medical area needs updated with the advancement of medical technology.

The purpose of the 2015 project is to support the collections with current materials or expand the collection in those areas selected as part of the collection evaluation process. The primary development area in the juvenile collection is sciences (500's) with emphasis on astronomy, planets and dinosaurs. The adult collection primary development area is sciences (500's) with emphasis on astronomy & planets and technology (600) with emphasis on medical.

How the Need was determined: The need was determined by collection evaluation. The continuous weeding process and subsequent evaluation of areas assisted in determining areas in need of additional or updated materials to support the collection. Patron interviews, general observation of the collection both through items on the shelf and checked out were also taken into account in determining where the need is.

Types of Materials to be purchased: White Pine county Library will purchase new materials related to the above subjects in various formats including books, books on CD and DVD. 55% spent on the adult collection and 45% spent on the juvenile collection.

APPENDIX A: NRS 378.087

NRS 378.087   Powers and duties of State Library and Archives Administrator: Establishment of program to provide grants to public libraries; amount of grants; regulations; limitations on use of grants.

1. The State Library and Archives Administrator shall establish a program to provide grants of money to the public libraries of this State for the purchase or acquisition of books, library materials and computer databases. The money must be provided by legislative appropriation, accounted for separately and administered by the State Library and Archives Administrator.
2. The State Library and Archives Administrator shall, within the limits of legislative appropriation, provide such grants based on the following:
   a. If the requesting library has a budget for materials which is $10,000 or less, the requesting library is eligible to receive a base grant of $1,000, plus a matching grant in an amount that is not more than 75 percent of its budget for materials.
   b. If the requesting library has a budget for materials which is more than $10,000 but less than $75,000, the requesting library is eligible to receive a base grant of $5,000, plus a matching grant in an amount that is not more than 50 percent of its budget for materials.
   c. If the requesting library has a budget for materials which is $75,000 or more but less than $150,000, the requesting library is eligible to receive a base grant of $10,000, plus a matching grant in an amount that is not more than 33 1/3 percent of its budget for materials.
   d. If the requesting library has a budget for materials which is $150,000 or more but less than $500,000, the requesting library is eligible to receive a base grant of $15,000, plus a matching grant in an amount that is not more than 25 percent of its budget for materials.
   e. If the requesting library has a budget for materials which is $500,000 or more, the requesting library is eligible to receive a base grant of $25,000, plus a matching grant in the first year it receives a grant pursuant to this paragraph in an amount that is not more than 10 percent of its budget for materials. The amount of the matching grant provided in any year may be increased by 10 percent in each succeeding year, except that in no event may the matching grant provided in any year exceed 25 percent of the library's budget for materials in that year.
3. The State Library and Archives Administrator shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to:
   a. Establish a procedure pursuant to which a public library may apply to receive a grant pursuant to this section;
   b. Determine the eligibility of a public library to receive such a grant; and
   c. Determine the exact amount of a grant to be awarded to a public library.
4. Money granted pursuant to this section must not supplant or cause to be reduced any other source of funding for a public library and must be used exclusively by the public library to purchase or acquire books, library materials and computer databases.
5. For the purposes of this section, "public library" does not include a library operated within the Nevada System of Higher Education.

(Added to NRS by 1997, 3252; A 1999, 663)

APPENDIX B: NAC 378.150

GRANTS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR PURCHASE OR ACQUISITION OF BOOKS, LIBRARY MATERIALS AND COMPUTER DATABASES

NAC 378.150   Application. (NRS 378.087**)**
1. To receive a grant for the purchase or acquisition of books, library materials and computer databases pursuant to NRS 378.087, a public library must apply annually to the State Library and Archives Administrator on a form provided by the State Library and Archives Administrator.
2. Each application submitted pursuant to subsection 1 must include:
   a. A brief description of the manner in which the requesting library will use the money from the grant.
   b. A statement from the requesting library certifying the amount of money that the library expended for books, library materials and computer databases during the fiscal year which began 2 years before the date on which the fiscal year in which the money for the grant will be allocated began.
   c. A statement from the requesting library certifying that the library:
      1. Meets or exceeds the standards for public libraries established by the State Library and Archives Administrator pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 378.083; or
      2. Has filed a plan with the State Library and Archives Administrator for meeting the standards for public libraries established by the State Library and Archives Administrator pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 378.083 within 5 years after the date on which the plan was filed.
   d. Statements from the library certifying that the library:
      1. Has not included any nonmonetary gifts or donations or money from the State or the Federal Government that it received during the fiscal year which began 2 years before the date on which the fiscal year in which the money for the grant will be allocated began in calculating its request for a matching grant;
      2. Will use the money from the grant exclusively for the purpose of purchasing or acquiring books, library materials and computer databases; and
      3. Will not use the money from the grant to:
         I.   Supplant any other source of money for the library; or
         II. Cause the reduction of any other source of money for the library.
(Added to NAC by Library & Archives Admin'r by R152-97, eff. 3-6-98)

NAC 378.160   Eligibility. (NRS 378.087**)**   A library is eligible for a grant pursuant to NRS 378.087 if the library:
1. Is a public library established pursuant to NRS 379.010, 379.021, 379.0221 or 379.070 or section 2.310 of the North Las Vegas city charter; and
2. Submits the application required pursuant to NAC 378.150.
(Added to NAC by Library & Archives Admin'r by R152-97, eff. 3-6-98)

NAC 378.170   Determination of amount awarded. (NRS 378.087**)**
1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the State Library and Archives Administrator shall determine the exact amount of a grant to be awarded to each eligible library pursuant to the formula set forth in subsection 2 of NRS 378.087.
2. If the appropriation of the Legislature for grants is insufficient to provide the money necessary for the base grants requested by the eligible libraries, the State Library and Archives Administrator will reduce the base grants for each eligible library by an equal percentage.
3. If the appropriation of the Legislature for grants is insufficient to provide the money necessary for the matching grants requested by the eligible libraries, the State Library and Archives Administrator will reduce the matching grants for each eligible library by an equal percentage.
(Added to NAC by Library & Archives Admin'r by R152-97, eff. 3-6-98)

APPENDIX C: MINIMUM PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS FOR NEVADA

1. The library must be legally established and operated in compliance with NRS 379, NAC 379, NRS 380.153 and NAC 380.010 including having written by-laws and policies for the management of the library board of trustees and the library.
2. The library board of trustees shall have a written master plan designed to extend five years into the future and which must be made current at least every two years.   The plan and its updates are filed with the Nevada State Library and Archives by January 31 of the year following their adoption by the library board (NRS 397.003).
3. The library collects, provides, and coordinates access to library materials that are organized according to a nationally accepted classification system; the library ensures access to legal materials (NRS 380.153, NAC 380.010) through collections, online resources, or collaborative agreements with other agencies.
4. The library must have a completed annual statistical report for the preceding fiscal year accepted by, and on file with, the Nevada State Library and Archives by December 31 to be made available in a timely manner for national reporting.
5. The library has regular and published hours of operation with a "system" wide average of twenty hours per identified branch/outlet per week including some night and/or weekend hours.
6. The library consists of a specific space designated for providing library services with the facilities, equipment, and staff necessary to enable public access to information.
7. The Library Board of Trustees shall select from one of three listed options as a means by which to validate and document the library's efforts to maintain a collection appropriate to community needs. The option selected by a jurisdiction may be revised each year.
   Option I: Meet or exceed at 90% - The five-year average of amounts spent on collections.
   Option II: Meet or exceed at 30% - Amount spent on collections divided by Total Services and Supplies budget.
   Option III: Meet or exceed at 10% - Adjusted total operating budget divided by collection budget. Exclude from TOB rent for facility(s), motor pool/vehicle charges, technology = Adjusted TOB
8. Librarian certification for staff:
   a. *Population (legal service area): 1,000-14,999.* Public library jurisdictions shall have a library director who holds the credential of certified librarian from the State of Nevada (NAC 379.010).
   b. *Population (legal service area): 15,000-49,999.* Public library jurisdictions shall have a library director who holds the credential of certified librarian from the State of Nevada (NAC 379.010). Any additional staff holding a full-time library position performing the duties of reference and/or children's services shall hold the credential of certified librarian from the State of Nevada (NAC 379.010).
   c. *Population (legal service area): 50,000 or more.* Public library jurisdictions shall have a library director who holds a master's degree in library or information science from a college or university accredited by the American Library Association. Any additional staff in the position of librarian or other full-time professional library position performing the duties of reference and/or children's services shall hold the credential of certified librarian from the State of Nevada (NAC 379.010).
   d. Any public Library Board of Trustees that has declined to adopt NAC 379.010, Section 1 and whose librarians are not exempted under NAC 379.010, Section 2 may bring their library into compliance with this standard by adopting a good faith effort to meet the standards for public library employees delineated in NAC 379.020.
9. Public libraries shall agree to lend circulating materials in accordance with the state-wide interlibrary loan program Information Nevada. Postage charges for interlibrary loans are assumed by the library, not the user.
10. Public libraries shall extend to Nevada library card holders the same lending privileges received by their card holders. Nevada card holders will not be charged a non-resident fee when borrowing from any Nevada public library.
11. Public libraries not meeting one or more of the above standards shall submit a "Request for Waiver of Minimum Standards" form to NSLA which includes the reason for the waiver, the action taken to comply with the standard, and the projected date for compliance with the standard.

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