

FY2017

1. How the Project need was determined, and types of materials purchased (200 words)
2. The difference it made in library services.
3. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials.

Amargosa

1. Looking at circulation statistics within the OverDrive platform we noticed an increase in circulation as well as a trend. More materials were checked out in the month's that new titles were added to the collection. During the months that titles were not added circulation dropped. We then purchased a selection of adult fiction and juvenile in e-book and e-audio format. We also purchased a few non-fiction titles in e-book format.
2. Circulation increased significantly. In fiscal year 2016 which was the first full year we had OverDrive we had a circulation of 175 titles this year we had a circulation of 261 titles and in the first month of the collection development grant we had a circulation of 74 titles an all-time high for us.
3. 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. Patrons comment on the convenience of downloading books to read or listen to without having to leave their homes or when traveling. Additionally, our juvenile and young adult section had limited bookshelf space; being able to supplement those areas with e-books has given our teen patrons more selections to choose from.

Beatty

1. Our DVD circulation remained strong as in other years with 4,169 items circulating. Our educational DVDs do especially well as do the quality entertainment ones from PBS & we continue to emphasize these areas.
2. We were able to add 48 DVDs to our collection with the funding we received this year, which was 1 DVD less than last year when we were better funded. Residents enjoy selecting DVDs to watch & some have mentioned that they can no longer afford Cable or Satellite Dish & depend on the library for their viewing needs. Other library services are also used such as the library computers, photocopy & fax machines, & checking out books when people come in to check out DVDs. Community residents make better use of the library this way.
3. Many of our customers are interested in our educational DVDs that we're able to provide with the help of this grant. We find that history, especially western history, & science – the physical sciences & natural sciences – are the most often checked out & these are the ones we concentrate on purchasing. These educational DVDs work well with busy schedules too as most of them are about an hour long. Entertainment DVDs continue to be popular but not as popular as the educational ones, which is something we observe at the circulation desk. I plan to continue purchasing DVDs with an emphasis on the educational to meet this need for continued learning.

Boulder

1. The project need was determined by the number of attendees at STEAM themed programs at the library as well as the age range of the library community. We saw it as an opportunity to extend STEAM learning outside of the classroom and library setting to allow kids and adults to explore on their own. We also wanted to help our aging population maintain their memories and allow them to reflect onto their childhood. The Bi-Folkal kits could also be used to educate children what different time periods in American History were like. Materials that were purchased were Lego sets, robots, renewable energy kits, cake decorating materials, 3D pens, Snap Circuits, LittleBits, Makey Makey, GoldiBlox, a telescope, and Bi-Folkal kits. These items were selected after staff research indicated that these materials would help develop STEAM skills in patrons of all ages, withstand circulation, and appeal to our audiences. Staff also worked on reviewing the materials to make sure that they suited the needs of the library. Books that support the topics were purchased and will be available for check out.

2. The library staff is still in the process of creating the loan rules and processing the materials that were purchased. As they are not traditional library materials, it has involved research on the part of the staff members for creating loan rules.

3. While the kits are not yet available for checkout, the materials will have a large impact on the users. After the materials are available for checkout, they will be taken to the local schools to demonstrate what is available. They will also be taken to local nursing homes to show the residents. Our goal is to get people interested in a career in STEAM fields and preserve history by preventing memory loss.

Carson City

1. The Carson City Library's Nonfiction collection is an essential tool offered to the public for reference, research, education, and entertainment. It is regularly used by students and business owners for research as well as by other community members for lifelong learning and entertainment. In the early Fall of 2016, the library's nonfiction collection was evaluated to determine the age of the collection and find areas in need of updating. The study found that approximately 85% of the nonfiction collection was more than 5 years old, and 50% more than 14 years old. In order to update the collection, we decided to weed the entire nonfiction collection for the first time in several years. This weeding project allowed us to remove outdated materials and identify gaps within the collection. The weeded materials were reviewed to identify items in need of replacement with newer, up-to-date titles. Nonfiction materials were purchased in a wide variety of subject areas, but some areas of focus were science and technology, medicine, and Native American and non-western history and culture.

2. This grant allowed us to make a concerted effort to replace outdated materials and fill gaps in the collection. We were able to add 195 items to the nonfiction collection. Replacing outdated books has made it easier for staff to direct patrons to high-quality information.

3. useful and credible information. Items purchased with this grant that have circulated particularly well include many titles about health topics like medical conditions, diet, and exercise, which it is important to have current information on. Patrons have been very interested in the newly purchased books. These items as a group circulated 679 times for an average of 3.48 times per item during FY17. For comparison, all

items in the nonfiction collection during the same time period circulated an average of 1.99 times per item.

Churchill

1. Patrons can submit purchase requests through the library website and the ebook vendor. These requests have been increasing as more people utilize the website and become aware of these services. The library has seen an increase in downloadable and other non-print checkouts.
2. The library can offer additional and varied titles as well as formats, thus giving patrons more variety. Circulation continues to increase with ebooks showing a 37% increase over the same period last year. Purchases have included titles for both adults and children. Additionally, the library offers one-on-one instruction on how to utilize these resources.
3. Library users can request what they want without visiting the building and in the format they want. There has been an increase in requests for ebooks. Patrons' reports have been positive in increase of materials particularly ebooks. A young girl just learning to read comes in to show me what she has downloaded and how her device works. The library is better able to serve the community.

Douglas

1. Our Library's patrons are from Douglas 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, the Lake Tahoe Juvenile Detention Facility, and our own Homebound Service. The diverse nature of the patron base combined with flat local revenues and increased demand create the need for the public library system to increase and update collections. These needs are far beyond what our annual budget can fulfill. Collection evaluation, weeding, and patron requests help us determine the area's most in need of additional or updated materials. The addition of eBooks and other downloadables has put a spotlight on patron demand for eAudiobooks, eMagazines, more eBooks, and other electronic resources. The Collection Development Grant allowed us to purchase print materials, eAudioBooks, and other audiovisual materials.
2. electronic materials. Library services have been significantly enhanced because of these additions. When patrons need help with eBooks or Hoopla, for example, they seek help from staff. Patrons then learn about our Reserve-a-Tech program, a free session with one of our tech staff, helping with mobile devices, online resources, and any other technology help they may need. They also learn about the wealth of electronic resources available to them.
3. Patrons have responded with positive feedback about Hoopla, digital resources, new audio books on CD, and new print materials at both library locations. Patrons have reported that they have had a chance to try new authors and that discovering those authors brings them back to the libraries to read backlist titles in print. Hoopla continues to grow in popularity. Our audiobooks and eAudioBooks have high circulation. Most patrons who read eBooks state that they enjoy print books as well; we have a small number of patrons who read eBooks exclusively.

Elko

1. Parents and teachers of our younger patrons requested that more eBooks for the youth be available in order to meet educational and recreational needs. Previously, we had also heard from the Wells Family Resource Center that they were receiving requests to supply families with eBooks targeted at a younger audience; we had partnered together in a separate grant to help meet those needs. However, that grant option was not available during this project period and the need was not being met.
2. Checkouts of youth titles (Juvenile Fiction/Non-Fiction and Young Adult Fiction/Non-Fiction) has doubled since May when the first eBooks were purchased with this grant. Between May and June there were 62 checkouts on titles purchased with this grant. On average we were seeing 10-15 checkouts of digital youth materials previously. Staff have also started providing additional programs on eBooks and eReaders to help maintain continued interest in our digital collections.
3. Since we have started purchasing youth eBooks, we have received more requests from our younger patrons to purchase new and popular youth titles and have seen an increase online in recommendations (averaging about 10 youth titles requests a month, whereas previously we had only been receiving 1 or 2). This is encouraging as it shows more utilization of the library as well as interest from Young Adults, something that we have struggled with locally.

Esmeralda

1. The need was determined by the patrons of the Goldfield Public Library who have been reading popular series by authors whose books they used to love, but have grown stale, redundant, or had the addition of a co-author change their style. They also expected new books from their favorites to be published faster than possible and never gave a lot of thought or time to finding someone new to read. They would come in and ask me if there were any new books by Patterson, Koonts, Grisham, or King, for example. With this grant I was able to buy newly published authors that would, perhaps, entice people to read something fresh and different. Titles purchased include Terminal Impact by Charles Henderson, Time of Death by Lucy Kerr, the Other Einstein by Marie Benedict, IQ by Joe Ide, and others.
2. The difference it made in library services is the fact that there are now a few more quality options in reading materials available to those that desire to make a change in their reading habits.
3. The new materials have made a difference in the lives of those using them. They have opened doors to new lands and adventures and thrown open windows to air closed and stuffy places in complacent minds.

Henderson

1. We began offering the hoopla service in 2013, primarily to provide streaming movies. To our surprise, audiobooks and ebooks are much more heavily used than movies and television. Usage has increased steadily until, at the beginning of the current fiscal year, the usage of hoopla skyrocketed, showing that the service is something that people are eager to use. Total circulation for FY17 was 28,389, a 24% increase over the previous year.

Since Hoopla is a cost-per-use service, this increased usage translates into increased costs, but without impact on staff, and with the greatest possible convenience for the user. The state collection development grant funds paid for approximately two months of this usage.

Usage by format is as follows:

Audiobooks: 13,397 47%
 Ebooks and comics: 6694 24%
 Movies and television: 5444 19%
 Music: 2854 10%

2. The hoopla service provides a varied collection of electronic materials in six media formats that can be used on a variety of devices. Content is always available, with no waiting lists. It is easy to set up and use once you have a library card and password. It is ideal for users who can't or don't want to visit the library but are willing and able to take advantage of remote access to online materials. Usage has grown by more than 1000 new users each year. Throughout the year there are approximately 600 active users per month.

3. The success of this service shows the demand and appreciation some library users have for the ability to access a varied collection of materials 24/7 without ever leaving home. The top circulating titles for FY17 are as follows:

rank	title	kind	genres	circs
1	A Man Called Ove	audiobook	Fiction	103
2	Moana	music	Soundtrack	100
3	Girl on a Train	audiobook	Mystery	89
4	You Are a Badass	audiobook	Self Help	75
5	Hidden Figures	audiobook	History	73
6	The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up	audiobook	Self Help	68
7	The Girl on the Train	movie	Psychological Thrillers	64
8	Hamilton (Original Broadway Cast Recording)	music	Soundtrack	58
9	The Dressmaker	movie	Indie	53
10	How To Talk To Anyone	audiobook	Self Help	44

Overall usage shows that audiobooks are the most popular format, accounting for almost half the total usage. The most well-used hoopla titles are like those in the general collection, showing that hoopla provides an additional mode of access for popular and high-interest material.

Lincoln

1. The children's library needs to get updated books and get more children into the library. Most of the titles that were "current" on our children's shelves dated back in the 1980's and early 1990's. The books that were purchased are the current authors and styles that the children have really taken an interest in and not the older, outdated, and damaged books that were on the shelves. Even though I took over as director after this grant was made out, I noticed the lack of updated resources for children and have been working to re-introduce more children's titles into circulation. There are new National Geographic children's books about Earth and sciences along with animals and dinosaurs. We have the National Geographic kids DVDs that were also purchased to gain more educational values to our younger patrons. We are still trying to focus our attention on getting more non-fiction books and reference books for the youth to help bring us into the 21st century with more current technology and historical books. I would like to update our educational books to help some of the local families who choose to go to home school so that they can have additional resources to aid them.

2. It helped the children's area quite a bit by providing a few more versions of books. The community has seen that our libraries are trying to offer more educational help along with getting more readers and making it fun for kids to learn. The schools are excited that we are trying to help support their educational mission as well.

3. The patrons saw the library caters to children more and have been excited to bring children back into the library and see the new changes being made to the children's room. With us showcasing our newer books, the patrons see a fresh take on learning and bring their children to check out the new variety of books we are providing.

(Note: the past director did not leave any information regarding this grant, while some of the money did go to purchasing some children's books, some was also spent on adult books as well, and we are getting the children's room redone structurally so we are currently working on expanding our children services)

LVCCLD

1. The demand for STEM resources has come from our youth services departments all year. Patrons seek programs and materials to learn science and computers and we struggle to stay current. Team Treehouse offers patrons computer technology and coding classes from their own homes. It is best suited to middle schoolers through adults. Our science resources are in demand throughout the school year, and we partnered with existing content providers to expand our resources with their science specific databases. Gale's Interactive Science offers content specific to high school and beyond while Scholastic's Science Flix is aimed at the K-8 level.

2. We purchased 150 seats for Treehouse classes and used nearly all of them in nine months. The seats are rolling so once a patron does not use it for three months, the seat is freed up for another. The platform averages over 800 uses per month. Treehouse users are devoted, repeated users and it is by far the most successful STEM resource this year. Each user completed multiple courses in their Treehouse sessions. The Testing and Education Reference Center allows patrons to improve their skills and take over 300 practice tests for school and employment. The GED study guide is always the most popular title in circulation at

the Las Vegas Clark County Library District. This resource offers GED test prep and more and is available to all patrons all the time online. Likewise, during science fairs and science experiment assignment time, many libraries report a shortage of books for patrons who need last minute ideas. By making this type of content available online, patrons can access science project ideas at any time.

3. Treehouse offers users the chance to learn coding, app development, and programming languages for free. In many instances, these courses can cost private users thousands of dollars. Treehouse offers a no risk, no investment opportunity for patrons to learn these skills. Treehouse is a technology education company that uses their interactive, online education platform to teach web and mobile software development. With over 200 courses, the unique online platform teaches coding skills in an accelerated program where users can become job ready within months, not years.

In addition, the graduation rate of Clark County School District is 72.6% and the Library District is helping to increase that number with the addition of the Testing and Education Reference Center. Beyond the GED, the database offers AP and placement exams as well as college entrance tests. Private tutoring through Sylvan Learning Centers or similar test prep courses can cost hundreds for each course. These testing resources will help those who need it the most save their money to attend college rather than hoping to get a test score for acceptance.

Lyon

1. 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 serving all library users, many who cannot afford books or have limited ability to come to the library, including those with disabilities.

2. 65 ebooks purchased for users of our online services. Having an up-to-date eBook collection is an essential service of libraries, and one that is often underfunded. We must have the physical books to offer our customers in-house and then after we have purchased those for all 5 branches in Lyon County most of our small collection development budget is gone. This grant made a big difference to Lyon County because we probably would not be able to offer books in this format without it.

3. The average cost of each purchased eBook is \$51.46 so our customers are saving a great deal of money on books that they read from our eBook service. We have an average of 20-35 NEW people per month starting to use our eBooks; our total collection is up to 2,462 online books. The average number checked out per month is 193.

We bought 65 eBooks with our grant money totaling \$3252.00 at an average cost of \$51.46 each (please note we donated 93.13 in-kind to bring the total amount spent to \$3345.13.)

Our customers turned an average of 193 ebooks each month or approximately 2,316 during the grant cycle. That means we saved our customers \$119,181.36 if they had bought that number of circulations themselves. Every single book we bought was checked out at least once.

Mineral

1. Patrons are vocal about their needs and wants and library staff members pay attention. Some patrons like to tell staff what they want; others are happy to fill out patron request forms. When patrons request a title or information that is not locally available, they leave with their needs unmet. If, however, they know that the library is willing to get that information or title for them, they leave happy and convinced that the library is the place for their information/entertainment needs. At times, an interlibrary loan will suffice, but if the request involves an item that will add value to the library collection, then it will be purchased. All items purchased with this grant were either actual patron requests or items which met expressed interests from patrons.

Types of Materials purchased:

- Adult & Juvenile Nonfiction
- Adult (including Large Print) and Juvenile Fiction
- DVDs, Blu-rays, and Video games
- Audiobooks

2. Fiction collections, followed by Adult Fiction, Video Games, Juvenile Fiction, Juvenile Nonfiction, Large Print, and Nevada collections. 1 item circulated 1 time; 14 items were circulated 2 times each; 7 items were circulated 3 times each; 2 items were circulated 4 times; 6 items were circulated 5 times; 8 items were circulated 6 times; 2 items were circulated 7 times; 2 items were circulated 10 times; and 1 item was circulated 39 times. While 15 items received 0 checkouts during the grant period, they are educational/reference type items that we know will be used. A total of 209 circulations occurred for the 58 items purchased. We feel these are very good results over a fairly short period of time.

When a patron request is deemed a good addition to the collection, library staff members know that it is an item that will go out, usually several times and if it is an unusual item, it will probably be requested as an interlibrary loan. Paying attention to patron requests keeps the staff with their finger on the pulse of those we serve.

3. When patrons realize that their requests can result in a new title being added to the collection, they feel ownership and, quite often, delight in knowing that they have an impact on this library. They often act as though they are getting a gift and that leaves an impression on not only them but on staff members who feel appreciated for their work. Patrons' information/entertainment needs are met as they check out these items one or more times.

North Las Vegas

1. The creation of our strategic plan in 2016 has helped us to focus our efforts in collection development and services provided to our patrons. The library has traditionally focused on early childhood literacy, and while we continue to do so, the strategic plan highlighted the fact that our library district serves an unusually high number of young families, and because many of these families are struggling financially, their children were not getting exposure to digital literacy. In our technology driven world, the lack of exposure to digital devices puts these children at a distinct disadvantage in school, learning and later in their careers.

The library worked with Playaway to purchase ninety pre-loaded educational tablets, specifically for children under the age of eight and designed for library circulation. The tablets focus on a variety of subjects including literacy, math, science, and critical thinking, while at the same time giving children digital access at home. Because the tablets are preloaded with educational apps, parents can feel secure in the content that their child is viewing.

2. The tablets have been extremely popular at all three branches. The devices are almost always checked out. The tablets began checking out in January 2017 for three weeks at a time. Most of the tablets have over 10 check outs, which is excellent given that they have been available for a total of 33 weeks. The Family Services librarians often take the tablets when doing outreach in the community and have found them to be an excellent way to encourage new people to visit the library and explore everything the library has to offer.

3. The utilization of the tablets has given children the exposure that they need to digital devices without the financial cost. Library staff have received a plethora of positive comments related to the tablets. Parents appreciate the no cost option of a tablet and being able to expose their child to digital learning in a safe platform. Many parents of school aged children have stated that the tablets have encouraged their child to spend more time reading. Several parents thought that it was because their child perceived it as fun, rather than schoolwork, and one parent stated that the interactive nature of the book helped to hold her son's attention longer than a regular book. Several parents have used the tablets to teach lessons in responsibility and how to handle a digital device. This grant has enabled us to have a greater presence and impact in digital literacy in the community.

Pahrump

1. As time goes on, the popularity and demand for downloadable materials continues to increase. More people are using smart phones, tablets, and other electronic readers. There is a need to keep the collection of EBooks growing with the demand. The library has partnered with Amargosa Valley Library and Humboldt County Library forming Silver Star E Library. The collection continues to grow in material. There is a need to keep the collection of e-Books growing to keep up with the increase in demand. We offer the community a variety in the selection of fiction and non-fiction.

2. Downloadable materials have increased the library's circulation figures by over 25%. It has allowed the library to stay current with the patron requests. The library staff continues to teach classes on using their electric readers, as well as providing one-on-one assistance.

3. The Collection Development Grant funds have been a valuable source of support for the library to keep up with the demands of the patrons. Library patrons do expect access to eBooks with the same expectations as the print material. Patron satisfaction is the main goal of all libraries. The new apps for OverDrive have made it easier and more convenient to download materials.

Pershing

1. The need for the project was determined by listening to our patrons and seeing what audio books were being checked out. There were 1110 audio book circulations during the 2015-2016 fiscal year and 1077 audio book circulations during the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Our patrons listen to audio books while driving or working around their homes or in their yards.

2. Library staff members were able to purchase more audio books than would otherwise have been the case, making more titles and authors available to our patrons and resulting in fewer interlibrary loans. Our patrons are happy with our efforts on their behalf.

3. Our patrons were able to find the audio materials they wanted without having to wait for interlibrary loan. They had access to more titles and authors which gave them the opportunity to discover something new and different.

Smoky Valley

1. To prepare for inventory it was decided to take turns going through the nonfiction shelves and checking copyright dates. When we finished our weeding project, it became clear that we had some areas where we were lacking up to date information. An evaluation of our circulation in some of these subject areas reflected a lack of interest in some of the copies we had, while our newer books were getting used. Viewing the nonfiction in the catalog and comparing that information still in our system to the Dewey decimal classification subjects we were able to start a list of updated materials to fill blank spaces on the shelves. We received an increase in requests for new titles and subjects in nonfiction from our patrons.

It can be challenging for a rural Public Library to offer up to date information that serves the needs of our unique patron base. Our focus is on learning whether that is serving the very young or the elderly. After assessing the age of our nonfiction collection, it was easy to see that there was a definite need to update that information. Keeping the freshest information on the shelves can be challenging when the costs of printing continue to climb, and books on certain subjects become more of a challenge to find.

2. On more than one occasion we have had patrons that have made comments on the state of our Nonfiction collection. We displayed our new arrivals and showed our patrons some of the areas that got updated the most. We were able to fill more requested materials in this area and cut back on interlibrary loans. We saw an increased interest in the new arrivals to the collection and our patron would even come in and request titles that other patrons had recommended. They expressed appreciation in the new content.

3. have reliable information to questions. Reference questions are often researched in the library either over the phone by staff or patrons coming in to use materials. Limited access to medical personnel in the valley, limited access to legal help, and planning for funerals, are all things that happen in our community. In other communities the library may not always be the first-place people think of to get help or answers. The Round Mountain Public Library is different in that it is one of the first places our patrons will seek advice and help. Having new reliable information to help solve those problems can relieve stress and offer some peace of mind.

Tonopah

1. We determined that our DVD collection was scratched and worn, and we needed to be able to repair some of the damage to prolong the life of the collection. We decided that a cleaning-buffing machine might help with that.
2. We salvaged many disks and were able to purchase new disks instead of having to replace worn-out and damaged disks within our collection.
3. Our patrons were able to enjoy the current collection as well as the new items that we purchased using the money previously used to replace old items.

Washoe

1. We did a collection analysis using CollectionHQ to determine that 35% of our picture book collection had been checked out more than 40 times. We identified items in the collection with high numbers of checkouts and replaced them with new copies.
2. Many children's books remain popular year after year. Now families know that even when they want to read a well-loved title, they will be able to read a fresh, clean copy. Many of the copies we found in our collection have been checked out 100 and even 200 times. Being able to provide a fresh and popular collection is essential to what we do.
3. seeing new families come to the library, increasing circulation, story time attendance, and library card sign ups.

White Pine

1. The White Pine County Library has offered the 3M Platform and 3M books to the patrons for almost three years. Even though many residents own various electronic devices e-books is still slow to catch on. Our participation in 3M offered our residents access to 2279 e-book titles and 80 audiobook titles. 3M offers a wide variety of genres to satisfy the different preferences of our residents.
2. A big challenge in our County is connectivity. Some areas of our County still have dial-up service. The County Library is one place the residents come to use the Internet to access the 3M Platform to download

e-books. Residents in the City of Ely can access the 3M Platform from the convenience of their home. The White Pine County Library has offered a new service by providing e-books.

3. The residents have had the opportunity to use their different devices to download the 3M Platform and e-books to read at their pleasure. If the White Pine County Library didn't offer this service and had decent Internet access for them to use to download the e-books most wouldn't have the experience of reading an e-book. For residents in the outlying areas that have Internet access the project gave them the opportunity to check out e-books without having to visit the library.

