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AMARGOSA VALLEY (DVDS)

Netflix, Red Box, Cable/Satellite TV cost money as well as Movie Theaters—with the closest to Amargosa Valley being 68 miles away in Las Vegas. For a family of three it can cost more than \$29 not including traveling costs. For many of our valley residents these expenses are not feasible because, many are on a fixed income or are below the poverty level.

BEATTY (DVDS – PBS)

The funds provided by this grant were used to broaden our DVD collection for our customers. We've received many compliments on our collection with requests that we continue to get more. The local High School science teacher was especially thrilled with all the science DVDs that we added & was able to use them for teaching his science classes.

There's a lot of interest in the natural sciences and they seem to be the ones that circulate best. We appreciate the extra funding we received this year and plan to continue adding quality educational & entertainment DVDs.

BOULDER CITY (TECHNOLOGY TOOLS – CHROMEBOOKS, HOTSPOTS, ANCESTRY, HOOPLA)

Our coding classes have caught not only the interest of kids, but of adults too. We have had adults attending some of the coding classes with their kids or by themselves.

Ancestry has allowed our patrons to learn more about themselves and their family history. Users have shared interesting stories about family members with some of our staff.

With Hoopla, our patrons have another way to access digital media without having to wait in line as with Overdrive. It has increased their access to digital media and their exposure. More people are using digital media at our library because of the Hoopla offering.

Due to problems with the internet service on the hotspots not long after we launched them, we haven't been able to get solid data on usage. However, when announcing the service, patrons were very excited and talking about how they could use these on our Facebook page. The day we launched them, before the service started having problems, we had two students come in to check them out to work on school work.

CARSON CITY (BOOKS FOR A LIFETIME)

Our patrons got to share their favorite titles with us and other readers in the community, helping influence what titles we purchased and what titles were added to our list of Carson City's 100 favorite books (published as a paper checklist and at <https://carsoncitylibrary.libguides.com/BooksForALifetime>). This project promoted reading as an activity that people love and can share with others. We received many wonderful nominations both in the library and over social media. It also helped us to provide our patrons with an updated core collection tailored to their needs.

CHURCHILL (NONPRINT – DOWNLOADABLE, BOOKS ON CD, DVDS)

It is gratifying to have a patron tell me, "That is so cool! I didn't know I could get ebooks through the library." Patrons like that ebooks and eaudios are available 24/7 from home. One patron lives off the grid in rural Churchill County. He seldom visits the library but is a user nonetheless. Patrons know that

most new material comes out on Tuesday and they are here to check-out the latest dvds. The library is getting more Request for Purchases.

DOUGLAS

Patrons have given us positive feedback about Hoopla, digital resources, and new audio books at both library locations. Many have said that eBooks and eAudiobooks have given them a chance to try new authors, and that discovering those authors brings them back to the libraries to read more. Hoopla continues to be very popular and is enjoyed by many patrons.

ELKO-LANDER-EUREKA (NONFICTION BOOKS)

From October 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, there were 21,583 non-fiction title check-outs. For the same time period last year, there were 21,344. While not a large increase, the titles purchased through this grant did not replace one-fifth of what we actually weeded. This shows that patrons utilized the newer titles to a greater extent. Additionally, we received a lot of patron comments, compliments, and gratitude in regard to the updated collection. They found the titles more readily interested them or met their needs. Also, we were more likely to have a title on hand that they could check-out during their visit versus requesting the required materials from other library systems.

ESMERALDA (CHILDREN'S BOOKS)

This grant has helped by providing educational movies as well as fun movies and by purchasing books that help educate our children. Having all these books to choose from also motivates them to come in more and having the series completed motivates them to start the series they have been putting off since now there is no threat of us not having the next book.

HENDERSON (ART PRINTS, LAUNCHPADS, DOWNLOADABLE)

The circulating art collection gives patrons the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of framed art in their homes, of which the originals are found primarily in museums. Even the framed prints are very expensive to purchase. One of the best ways to appreciate art is to live with it for a while, and this collection provides the opportunity to experience many different styles and periods.

Launchpads provide educational technology experience for young children, without a financial burden for parents. For families who can't afford computers, tablets, or internet access at home, Launchpads provide a way for children to learn computer skills, as well as practice in many school subjects while playing games and doing entertaining activities.

We have a growing audience of ebook and e-audio users who may never visit the library. Some have told staff that they will not come into the library to get physical materials, even if they have to wait on hold lists for the electronic copies to become available. They greatly appreciate having their wait times shortened for the popular titles they want.

HUMBOLDT (SPANISH LANGUAGE BOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS)

We have several patrons with family members who only spoke Spanish who have begun to patron our library, who before would rarely visit as our collection was old and they had already seen all we had to offer and were unmoved by it. Our new Spanish collection has also proven useful to the families learning

Spanish and we were able to include a few books and audio-books for Spanish speakers looking to learn English, which has proven to be popular. Our library collection is now much more inclusive to a large part of our population. We have continued to receive requests and have since added Spanish language movies and television shows to our DVD collection as well. **Please see attached for photos.**

LVCCLD (STREAMING VIDEO, DATABASES, STEM, DIGITAL READALONG, AMERICAN GIRL DOLL KITS)

Brainfuse's VetNow service supports veterans and their families with navigating the Veteran's Administration bureaucracy, providing academic tutoring, employment transition assistance, and so much more. LVCCLD has partnered with local veteran's outreach groups to introduce this important resource and encourage veterans to receive the help they are entitled to receive. Nearly 100 patrons access the service each month and usage is increasing as we promote the database.

VOX books were designed to promote literacy and encourage reading in young children, however, a surprise demand has emerged from adults with learning difficulties as well as ESL issues. VOX books have been in high demand from this patron group in addition to being well received in our youth services areas.

American Girl dolls cost over \$100 retail and are prohibitively expensive for many families. When we initially pitched the idea to branches, several in our more affluent parts of town expressed disinterest. However, the doll kits have proven enormously popular with 98% in circulation and turnover no matter what library is housing them. In each of our media interviews, families have expressed gratitude at the chance for their children to get to know the dolls and stories as well as play and interact with a quality toy. The doll kits have sparked interest in reading the book series and attending programs based on the doll's historical backgrounds or in teatime with dolls. The American Girl dolls have helped build community in branches where children do not have the economic means to own these dolls but are eager to check them out, read, learn, play and then share their experience.

The University of Fashion database was purchased to help students in town who are attending any number of art and design colleges and institutes, many of which do not have a sizeable library to support their professional development. The Teen Tech Center at our Clark County branch offers access to sewing machines and design software. Paired with the University of Fashion, teens can imagine, design, troubleshoot and create fashion artifacts. The database has been used nearly 1000 times in 2018 and several projects have been completed at our Clark County branch.

LINCOLN (AUDIO BOOKS AND CHILDREN'S BOOKS)

The youth in the communities are enjoying the interaction with the librarians and aides to request books and know that we enjoy the youth coming in and participating. To give the youth a voice has made some become more aware of what is out there in terms of reading enjoyment. They seem to enjoy the various authors and genres that we are purchasing for them. The audio books have helped patrons who have decreased eyesight and who want to enjoy books and also those who are traveling frequently are able to listen to their favorites while driving

LYON (NONFICTION BOOKS)

Nothing can add to our intellect more than reading a book. In books, we can experience new things that we would not normally be able to experience. Books can change our lives. Reading can make us more intelligent. ... Books help us to have critical thinking skills, teach us how to perform tasks, help us plan for

our future, perform jobs better, and solve problems. Reading a story or book ignites our imagination. By using our imagination, our minds are continually active and therefore we can learn things quicker. So is reading important? Yes, because books are the foundation of what this world is all about.

MINERAL (GRAPHIC NOVELS, VIDEOS)

Staff members noted that patrons were very excited about this newly expanded collection. One patron was looking for Stephen King's *Dark Tower* series and when staff mentioned that we have the graphic novels, he was very excited and checked those out instead of the regular books. As the collection developed, more interested patrons seemed to "come out of the woodwork." A new staff member is a big fan of the genre and the county's new IT manager became a big supporter. He donated just over 50 titles and gave us a \$100 donation to get titles that he suggested. He has checked out many of the new titles, especially the ones most closely tied to Japanese manga.

Photos included with this report accurately show interested patrons' reactions to the graphic novels.

Patrons at the Mina branch are typically interested in borrowing videos which contributes to a circulation rate of about 57% of all checkouts. Since they live in a rural town, residents are very sensitive to any hint that they have been forgotten by the "larger" town. Mina patrons appreciated that new videos were purchased specifically with them in mind. In fact, they were asked for suggestions to add to the collection and several patrons did make requests. The new titles were well received and had steady circulation.

NORTH LAS VEGAS (ALTERNATIVE FORMATS FOR RELUCTANT AND STRUGGLING READERS)

Having additional copies of popular titles and authors makes it easier to get the books in the hands of children. While the library offers the ability to request materials from other branches, waiting often means that kids aren't reading. Children, especially struggling and reluctant readers, read because the teacher tells them to or because parents make them, they are not picking up a book because they want to, and if they have to wait a week to get a book, they are essentially losing a week of reading time. Having alternatives to traditional books has also been beneficial for patrons. Staff often recommended the Bookpacks and graphic novels to the parents of struggling readers; while not all parents initially loved the idea, it gave the staff the opportunity to explain why listening to a book or reading it on a tablet, even a graphic novel, can help improve a child's reading comprehension. Kids for the most part were excited to check out the devices. Staff noted that the Playaway display was generally the first place kids would go when they walked into the library to see what titles were available

PAHRUMP (EBOOKS)

The Collection Development Grant funds have been a valuable source of support for the library to keep up with the demands of the patron. 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 (AUDIO BOOKS - PLAYAWAYS AND BOOKS ON CD)

Our patrons find the materials they want on hand when they come in to check out audio books for an upcoming trip or to listen to at home or at work. They get what they want and they know that the library staff is working to meet their needs.

SMOKY VALLEY (EBOOKS AND EAUDIO)

With the addition of the eBooks and eAudios the libraries became available to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our public no longer had to come to the library during regular library hours to enjoy reading. We have had many positive comments about the additional resources and our circulations have been steadily increasing since we added the eBooks and eAudios.

TONOPAH (NEVADA BOOKS, EBOOKS AND EAUDIO)

Unsure how it will make a difference. I think I will have more people using ebooks, possibly audio books, and less damage to the discs we currently have and possibly not need as much space for audio books in the future.

WASHOE (DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS)

I'm hearing reports that many in our community who had thought their lives were too busy to read books have found that downloadable audiobooks make it easy to find the time to read. They are reading while they commute to work, while folding laundry, or walking the dog.

WHITE PINE (BOOKS, EBOOKS, DVDS)

There is nothing more exciting than to have children discover new books on the shelves or help students find current information on a subject that is important to them. Residents come to the library expecting current information and who doesn't love an attractive new book.