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AMARGOSA VALLEY – MODERN SPANISH

Patron satisfaction is evident with the increased check our rate of adult Spanish materials. As a result of introducing bilingual young adult and juvenile materials parents have been given an opportunity to read to or with their children which allows Spanish speaking children to acquire the knowledge to read their language which will support their future skills.

BEATTY - DVDS

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 high school teachers are especially thankful for the science, history and geography DVDs that we added, and they use them in the classroom. There is a lot of overall interest in the natural sciences and we find they are the ones that circulate best. We appreciate the extra funding we received this year and plan to continue adding quality educational and entertainment DVDs.

BOULDER CITY – UNIQUE COLLECTIONS

Our Unique Collections Project has enabled library users to educate themselves, entertain one another, and bring the library into their homes. There are library users who come in every week to get a new board game to play as a family, users who now stream their favorite television shows that they could not access elsewhere, teachers who can teach coding in their classrooms, and non-profit organizations that are able to save money while entertaining children. Teenagers are coming into the library daily during the summer to play games, giving them a safe, air conditioned place to spend their days when their parents are at work. The unique materials are building good memories in the library users who check out them out, teaching them about 21st century skills, and making them proud of the library in their community.

CARSON CITY – BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SATELLITE COLLECTION

Throughout the project, the Boys & Girls Club staff were enthusiastic contributors to the partnership, dedicating building space for the collection, communicating what materials they most needed, helping us clear away the old items in the space, and even purchasing three new bookcases to hold the teen books. The kids who use the Boys & Girls Club were very excited to be getting new books and provided lots of suggestions for the series and topics they most wanted to read. Cleaning and reorganizing the library space in the Homework Room made it a more engaging and inviting space. The loft in the Teen Center underwent an even bigger change, from a single small bookshelf to a full wall of books, giving new purpose to an underused space.

CHURCHILL COUNTY – NONPRINT COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

More and more patrons are using out non-print resources. One patron said “ I have stopped purchasing ebooks and now use the library exclusively” which is great to hear. Request for Purchases which come solely from users account for 99% of this library's Overdrive purchases. I know the titles purchased are what my patrons want.

DOUGLAS COUNTY – DIGITAL RESOURCES

Patrons have provided positive feedback about Hoopla, OneClick, and other digital resources 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 and attend programs.

ELKO-LANDER-EUREKA – NONFICTION

The specific items purchased through this grant have a total circulation count of 728 checkouts since they have been catalogued.

From January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019, there were 18,922 non-fiction title check-outs. This is slightly below the total for the same timeframe the previous year of 19,040 checkouts, it is still on par with our goals of creating a collection that is utilized by patrons. We also continue to receive a lot of positive patron comments, compliments, and gratitude in regard to the updated collection. They found the titles more readily interesting 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 COUNTY – MODERNIZING NONFICTION MATIERIALS

I feel this has made a bigger impact on the lives of our patrons than usual because the type of materials that were purchased consisted of books on gardening, making yards nicer, home DIY projects, and educational materials such as GED prep, ACT prep, middle school testing study guides, and a book on scholarships with everything from the name of the scholarship, the deadlines to apply, the requirements, and how much it is worth. I think these materials will not only help patrons in the community today, but also in the future.

HENDERSON – MEETING DEMAND

We continually strive to ensure that our users enjoy their experience with the library and find easy access to the materials they want. We have used grant funds to improve access to high-demand formats and titles, as well as supporting workforce development and business connections in our community.

HUMBOLDT – CHILDREN’S BOOKS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS

The Graphic novels are a great way to get reluctant readers to read, although the genre appeals to many people. The use of visual as well as written storytelling can make it easier for patrons to bring the story to life, use context clues to learn new words or read material that would otherwise be to intimidating for them.

New materials for the youth helps encourage literacy building skills in children, encouraging them to read with popular characters and new topics that catch their interests, helping to build a life-long love of reading.

LAS VEGAS CLARK COUNTY-IPAD LENDING AND DATABASE ENRICHMENT

Ipads have received universally positive acclaim since their introduction at branches. The digital divide is large in Southern Nevada and ipads help bridge the gap for patrons who lack both connectivity and a device. Busier libraries often do not have enough computers to accommodate demand but with an ipad, a patron can connect to free wireless all day. They can also take the skills they have learned and continue to use the ipad at home, if they have internet access, or in many public spaces including Colleges and Universities. Patrons expressed their excitement about the ipads on our social media channels and are happy to be able to place ipads on request.

The New York Times averages 1400 user sessions per month with over 4000 page views in each month. Clearly, users are coming to our website looking for the NY Times and staying for awhile once they find it. We have promoted the resource on our social media channels and have found that students who are accustomed to using their low cost student accounts to read the NY Times are making the switch to using the library provided coverage as their student subscriptions expire. As we are able to steer users past online pay gates that come up even in our own local newspaper, they will return for the

free access. The NY Times offers quality investigative reporting and timely information on current events and we are delighted that usage shows a steady growth pattern.

Creativebug has proven popular with both patrons and staff. The resource averages 651 retrievals from 138 user sessions each month. Each user is looking around the site for multiple content items. The goal will be to spread the word about the resource to a larger audience to increase usage. Staff have utilized Creativebug content for in-branch sewing classes and coloring classes. The more branches include Makerspace programming, the more Creativebug usage will grow. For teens who complete their sewing certification in a branch workshop, they can use Creativebug to further their creativity during drop in sewing time or at home. Teens at the Sunrise branch have, for example, used sewing programs to create Cosplay costumes. Sewing programs are heavily attended and being able to offer a resource to use at the conclusion of a program is of tremendous benefit to patrons.

LINCOLN – NONFICTION AND AUDIO

Our county is so awesome that they would never think that we would be so gracious and actually care about the needs of what our county needs to thrive. I would say the patrons lives have been affected in a very positive way. It is nice to see the gratefulness.

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Same as year before

MINERAL – FILLING IN THE GAPS

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.

NORTH LAS VEGAS – BOOKS FOR BOYS

The impact of providing materials that can encourage children, especially boys, to read cannot be overstated. One parent from our downtown lower income branch told the staff how thankful she was for the library, as the only thing she could get her son to read was graphic novels and she could not afford to buy new ones all the time. Another parent who visited the library, looking for books to help improve her 1st graders reading level, was introduced to the Playaway Launchpads by a staff member. She originally hesitated to check out the tablet, because she felt that it was more of a game, but the staff explained the reading component and how the tablet was testing reading comprehension, so the parent gave it a try. She later came back to tell the staff how much she appreciated the suggestion. Her son was reading more and it wasn't so much of a fight. Getting children to read is more than just an issue to be solved in the classroom. It takes the teacher, the parent and the library to provide the resources and information to get the job done.

PAHRUMP – AUDIOBOOKS AND OVERDRIVE

Collection Development Funds have been a valuable source of support for the library to keep up with the demands of the patron. Audiobooks are entertaining, the reader's voices brings the characters to life. Audio books allow the listener to do other things as they listen. Audios make a boring task more interesting, example walking the thread mill while listening to a book helps the miles go by. Traveling with an audio can make the trip enjoyable for everyone.

PERSHING – AUDIO BOOKS

Our patrons can usually find what they want on our shelves. They don't have to wait for two weeks or longer for another library to fill their ILL request.

SMOKY VALLEY – MANHATTAN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK UPDATE

The updated book collection has put a variety of subjects and authors at the patrons' fingertips. They no longer need to purchase materials or travel to Round Mountain Public Library to find what they need.

Several patrons have expressed their appreciation for the expanded collection.

TONOPAHA - OVERDRIVE

We have had an increase in usage of online material. We are starting to get a lot of good feedback.

WASHOE – REDUCE WAIT TIMES FOR DOWNLOADABLE EBOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS

Washoe County Library System is committed to providing timely access to resources for our residents. These additional eBook and digital audiobook copies meant that patrons got their materials faster. Our number of users of eBooks and downloadable audiobooks has also increased 18% since adding these additional copies.

Providing access to information, updated and relevant library materials, to the residents of Washoe County is the responsibility of the Washoe County Library System. These funds help the library fulfill that responsibility.

WHITE PINE – MOVING FORWARD

Residents come to the library expecting current information on a subject that is important to them. Fulfilling a request with current information in a new bright book is one of the best feelings around for both the librarian and the patron.