

AMARGOSA VALLEY

1. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)

Through a collection analysis of our adult non-fiction section we determined that several areas were underrepresented with little to no materials and areas that had an average copyright date from the late 80's to the late 90's.

2. 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 newly purchased non-fiction titles we are able to draw patrons' attention to these materials and effectively create an interest in similar titles already in our stacks.

3. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

During the middle of the grant, we were hit with COVID-19, and I turned my purchase more towards sustainability, home gardening, and survival guides. We had several people who needed guidance on upbringing chicken and how to grow your own food, and some people needed to update their wills. Luckily I had purchased such titles before and during the initial phase of the pandemic.

BEATTY

1. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)

The DVD collection is a major part of our yearly circulation. Interlibrary loan requests for DVDs continue to outnumber books. PBS has become our go-to for providing educational DVDs because they offer quality products at a reasonable price. We purchased DVDs about Washington, D. C., and mysteries, about insects and plants and as always, our patrons enjoy all things Ken Burns.

2. Difference it made in library services

The library can offer a wide variety of educational and entertainment materials because of the types of DVDs we are able to purchase.

3. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

We were able to purchase over 20 DVDs because of this grant. We were able to purchase from several genres and we included patron requests for several titles. Patrons appreciate that we do listen especially when they see on the shelf something they had a voice in bringing to the library.

BOULDER CITY

1. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words) The need for the project was determined by evaluation of our collections and services and observing and communicating with our patrons. We purchased two databases, DVDs, and "binge boxes" with the funds.

Newsbank Obituaries and Death Notices Database: This database was chosen because of the interest of our population. Much of Boulder City is retired and dabbles in genealogy. We

often get calls asking for obits that we didn't have access to or had to go through microfilm for.

Mango: This database was chosen to fill a hole in our collection for eLearning. We didn't offer a language learning software for adults, only Muzzy for children.

Binge Boxes: Our DVD collection is very popular. Patrons are limited to 7 DVDs from our collection. Binge boxes allow us to provide more items to the patron, based on interests we have observed through a lot of face to face interactions and circulation statistics. Special cases were purchased to hold the DVD sets.

2. Difference it made in library services The databases filled holes in our collection, especially in the language learning area. The binge boxes bolster our already popular DVD collection. They both allow us to offer more services and items to patrons during a very rough time.

3. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials Due to the on-going pandemic and being closed for a few months, it is a bit harder to determine the impact on patron's lives. We have seen a lot of people using Mango to learn a new language (or brush up) during the quarantine. The Binge Boxes were only put into circulation recently, however our DVD collection is always popular and these boxes let people check out multiple items at time that don't count towards their limits. Many of our patrons have had to take cuts with cable and internet services and can still binge their favorite topics with the new binge boxes. We already have ideas for more.

CARSON CITY

How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)

Based on interactions with patrons and evaluation of the existing collection, it was determined that a focus on foreign languages and cultures would be a good use of this grant. The library regularly has patrons requesting audio learning and phrase books for a wide variety of languages. International films, TV, and literature are all growing in popularity. The existing language learning materials were examined to determine what types of resources were not currently available in the library for each language. Selections for film and literature were based on patron requests, reviews, and sales.

Of 309 items purchased:

32% of the items are language learning materials including audio courses, phrase books, dictionaries, and other related materials

29% are foreign films and television shows

24% are international literature, both in translation and works originally in English

15% are other books about foreign cultures including travel writing, memoirs, folklore, history, and cookbooks.

Of these items, 87% are for adult audiences and 13% for children. 83% are physical items and 17% are digital items hosted on OverDrive.

Difference it made in library services

This grant has allowed the library to fill gaps in the collection in language, history, culture, & fiction in translation. Displays were planned for different regions of the world, but only the first one (Asia) was up for a few weeks before the library closed in March due to COVID-19. During the time it was up the displayed items did check out often. During the closure the digital content purchased with this grant was featured in curated OverDrive collections and shared in the library's newsletter and social media channels. Now that the library is open the physical materials are being displayed again and "Explore Your World" displays for different regions of the world are scheduled over the next few months.

57% of items have checked out so far. Between the 309 items purchased there have been 364 checkouts. The highest turnover rate so far is among the digital materials, which is unsurprising since the library building was closed for almost 3 months during this time. The most popular digital items were in the international literature category, with a turnover rate of 3.27 checkouts per item between mid-March and the end of August. Physical circulation is still lagging slightly due to the closure, limited hours, and lower demand for travel-related materials. Foreign film is the most popular category among the physical items so far, with a turnover rate of 1.54, and 37% of overall checkouts. The second most popular category of physical materials is the cultural items, including history, folklore, cooking, and travel literature.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

Since we reopened, patrons have expressed how excited they are to have new foreign movies to check out and watch. In addition to the large display focused on specific region, more foreign films were put on a display in the video area, which has had high turnover. Patrons have also used the books to learn more about their parents' first language and culture from before they moved to the United States. During the Imagine Your Story summer learning challenge, some books from this project were featured in collections of fairy tales and folklore on the library's OverDrive collection. The library's Off the Shelf Book Club used these collections for a choose-your-own book discussion of folklore in August.

CHURCHILL

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How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)

The Nevada Library Cooperative (CoOp) began sharing materials last year. There was an immediate spike in usage particularly eaudio which were been purchasing from another vendor. Everything was consolidated into Overdrive and usage spiked again. Because of these findings the need for additional product for Overdrive was determined.

2 Difference it made in library services

This library now offers a wider range of downloadable ebooks and eaudios to patrons. The library was able to purchase more titles that patrons requested therefore giving them what they want. Other CoOp library patrons were able to utilize these titles when Churchill patrons were not using them.

3 Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

More materials patrons want means better service to the public. And given that this library building has been closed to the public since March 16 downloadable is the only way we are able to serve the public. This library has seen a 28% increase in downloadable eaudios and ebooks from February through March of this year.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

1. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)
Douglas County Public Library's patron base is drawn from the Towns of Minden, Genoa, and Gardnerville, unincorporated parts of the county, Zephyr Cove, Stateline, adjoining Nevada counties, as well as three neighboring California counties. We also provide reading materials to students at China Spring Youth Camp, the Lake Tahoe Juvenile Detention Facility, and our own Homebound Service. The diverse nature of the patron base combined with increased demand have created the need for the library system to increase and update collections. There has been a sharp increase in demand for digital materials since the COVID pandemic began. These needs are far beyond what our annual budget (tax revenue) can fulfill. Collection evaluation, weeding, and analyses of collection usage help us determine the areas in need of additional or updated materials. Patron requests, professional review sources, and statistics are also major components of the evaluation process. These factors highlight the growing demand and popularity of electronic resources such as eAudiobooks, eMagazines, and eBooks. The Collection Development Grant allowed us to purchase eAudiobooks delivered through the OneClick Digital platform from Recorded Books and downloadable materials from Hoopla.

2. Difference it made in library services
Adding new materials and eBooks has diversified our collection and expanded the access to electronic materials for our patrons, especially during the library's closure due to the pandemic. Library services have significantly changed because of COVID restrictions. The Douglas County Libraries were closed March-May 2020, with limited services in May to the present date. Digital materials have been one of the only reading sources for patrons during this time.

3. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials
Patrons have provided positive feedback about Hoopla, OneClick, and other digital resources at both library locations. Many have discovered eBooks for the first time, while others 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 for more.

ELKO

1. How the Project need was determined, and types of materials purchased (200 words)

Staff observations through patron requests and physical condition of the collections indicate a need to update.

Additionally, when we began this weeding project in 2017, the average publication date of non-fiction/reference collection was 1997; we were able to increase this to 2002 at the end of the 2019 development project. As it is vital that libraries maintain the most current and relevant collections possible, it was decided that this would be the most appropriate use of grant monies.

Through this current grant, we purchased 312 non-fiction and reference titles for both youth and adults. These materials were divided amongst the branches to help fill in gaps or in response to patron requests. The subject areas varied based upon patron requests in order to ensure we were meeting community needs as well as filling in areas that had been heavily weeded.

Additionally, due to changes in patron needs, as an impact of the library closures from COVID-19, we were granted permission to change the scope of the grant to purchase digital content with the

remainder of the grant. These funds were used to help pay for part of a larger purchase of audiobooks, covering roughly 30 titles.

2. Difference it made in library services

This grant allowed us to purchase titles directly based upon patron inquiries; this meant that staff were more readily able to assist patrons with their requests and that we had titles on hand instead of having to request through Inter-Library Loan.

Additionally, when we began this weeding project in 2017, the average publication date of non-fiction/reference collection (excluding exam, Nevada, Spanish, biography, and special collections) was 1997. At the completion of the 2019 collection development grant, this same collection now has an average publication date of 2002. At the completion of the 2020 grant timeframe, we have been able to increase the average publication date to 2004.

Lastly, since we have been able to increase our collection with more current titles, we have been able to use the time during the library system's closure to do more in-depth weeding projects without fear of decimating the collection.

3. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

While the library was closed for most of the purchasing timeframe, current weeding reports show that patrons had been using outdated materials for their research needs. By updating the titles in the collection and weeding out outdated and irrelevant titles, patrons will now have access to information that best meets their needs and can be better assured of its accuracy.

Also, since many patrons were using digital materials during the shutdown, being able to purchase titles that were being requested helped ensure that patrons were still able to gain access to materials that they desired whether the building was open or not. We have noticed an 18% increase in downloadable use compared to the same time frames from last year.

ESMERALDA

1. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)

The need was determined through inventory of our current collections and through the weeding of our older materials that are no longer circulating. The types of materials that were purchased were children's non-fiction books.

2. Difference it made in library services

More children are coming in to use materials available to them for school research, reports, and overall learning and, most importantly, they are enjoying the materials that are now available to them.

3. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

It makes a significant difference for the children to have current materials because it gets them more interested in reading when we provide current materials on subjects that interest them. **Reading more means learning more.**

HENDERSON

1. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)

As part of the Strategic Planning process Henderson Libraries solicited input from the community via telephone and online surveys, as well as surveying staff regarding community needs. Several key areas of need were noted due to those surveys and we allocated the Collection Development Grant funds into three categories. We used \$3000 to augment our business-related electronic resources, to help provide support for our partnership with Work Force Connections. \$2000 was used to augment our Rainbow Collection by purchasing physical and electronic LGBTQ+ materials to better serve that community. We used \$7011 to purchase additional materials to provide Outreach to community members who could not come to our physical locations by providing Pop Up Libraries at local farmer's markets and other events.

Difference it made in library services

During the COVID-19 crisis, we transitioned some of the funds from physical materials to better serve our patrons while we were closed. These additional electronic resources were vital in maintaining a connection with our community and served all three original purposes.

Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

The Henderson Libraries have always worked to support our various community members. As a result of the grant, one of our Reference Librarians was able to inform "Ask a Career Coach" (with UNLV Career Services) webinar attendees about our soft, technical, and certificate-focused skills ebook collection when the discussion focused on which skills to pursue when transitioning into a new career or looking for work, especially here in Southern Nevada during the pandemic. In the 2019/2020 fiscal year, we presented 20 Rainbow programs, which included our LGBTQ+ 101, Diversity Divas – A Drag Queen Storytime and monthly Teen Gay-Straight Alliance meetings. At each of the programs, our Rainbow collection was promoted and/or displayed for check out. Materials purchased for the Pop Up collection will be used for book bundles for pickup while we are doing curbside pickup and will transition back to Pop Up use when such large gatherings are permitted.

HUMBOLDT

1. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)

The need was determined through an evaluation of a full-inventory of the collection. It was discovered that only 32% of the non-fiction books in our system, accrued over several years, were recorded as being accounted for. We had noticed over the years the unusual amount of non-fiction books that would be missing when staff and patrons would look for items, but it wasn't until 2018 that we were in a position to undertake the massive project of a full inventory. We have been working to replace the books that were requested but never located and fill the holes in the

collection. We were reluctant to weed our nonfiction sections after the inventory, but several items still found their way out due to outdated information and damage. We purchased requested non-fiction topics, updated or modern titles in several fields, books within the Dewey subjects that had little or no titles, and series such as the Eye Witness books that have a high turnover rate. Non-fiction titles were also selected from current best-sellers and other lists such as the New York Times Best Sellers, Book List reviews, and top monthly picks from Ingram and Baker & Taylor non-fiction lists.

2. Difference it made in library services

The circulation of Non-Fiction materials for the 2019FY was 4,647, whereas the circulation of Non-Fiction material for 2020FY was 3,952. A difference of only 695 circs despite the fact that we were closed to the public for the last 4 months of the fiscal year due to COVID-19 precautions. The circulation for our Non-Fiction material went way up with the injection of new material.

2. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

We were able to provide learning material, many of which were requested non-fiction books, for families who had to resort to suddenly becoming homeschools as COVID-19 shut down schools and sent students home. We were able to post subjects of non-fiction books on our Facebook page and got several requests for curbside pickup. Below are a few links to the posts that we were able to make showcasing the non-fiction materials acquired through this grant that helped make a difference in the lives of our patrons during these difficult and unprecedented times.

LVCCLD

4. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words): After opening the East Las Vegas Library in April of 2019, we realized we needed to expand our collection to include more historical African American and Latin American materials. We added the Ebony magazine digital archive as soon as it was made available as well as the African American Serials Collection and the Primary Source Arte Publico Hispanic Historical Collection in digital form. In an effort to anticipate the next major underserved community, we added the Gale Archives of Sexual History Parts 1-3 which includes LGBTQ History and Culture Since 1940. This archive contains primary source magazines and newspaper articles which are essential to LGBTQ historical research. Finally, we wanted to offer an item which has been repeatedly requested by patrons: video games. We purchased 76 titles for three differing platforms for a total of 824 individual items. Finally, the surge of interest in Social Justice titles during the spring shutdown created a demand for these materials. We used the last part of the grant to enhance our ebook collection with specific titles aimed at underserved communities and spotlighting social justice issues.

5. Difference it made in library services: We have been able to direct patrons to historical collections of primary source material that were previously unavailable at any public library in Southern Nevada. The databases will be useful every year for students as we own the content now and are not just subscribing for access. The material, since it is digital, will also be available online in the event of another shutdown like we experienced in the Spring. The social justice ebooks were specifically targeted to meet unprecedented demand and generated media

interest. https://legacy.lvcclld.org/media/coverage/?_ga=2.53663403.289952140.1598651585-1162398869.1490307468

Finally, video games are just now hitting the shelves (due in part to shutdown delays) and there is great anticipation and enthusiasm for them. Staff are eager to offer something to lure patrons back into the library and during this time when entertainment options are few and the economy is struggling. I have included files showing some of the video games. It was important to have them fully cataloged, requestable, identified by platform and on shelf in locking cases compatible with our existing locking system. The impact on staff should be minimal once patrons know about the inclusion of the games in our collection.

6. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials: The databases were added to our website in February and usage was steadily increasing from February to March prior to the shutdown in mid March. While our digital resources were available, patrons were focused elsewhere. We expect heavy utilization of these resources during Black History month in particular. The Gale Archives of Sexual History will likely be useful during June's Pride month and for World AIDS Day on December 1st. Having primary source historical information to cite and promote will help legitimize these underserved topics for research purposes as well as introduce a previously ignored component of social history into our collection. The social justice ebooks have been in our catalog for two months and have generated 1,436 circulations at 25 different branches. The widespread appeal of such titles illustrates both the demand for and interest in the subject matter. We are happy to help enlighten and educate our patrons by providing easy digital access to this material. Though video games have not been promoted and placed on our shelves yet, it will happen within the week. We will be marketing to patrons in three areas: adult, teen and juvenile collections and expect both demand and usage to be extremely high. The games are offered for PlayStation 4, Xbox One and Xbox 360 consoles. No consoles were purchased, only games. We hope to continue providing support for video games if they remain a high interest item.

LINCOLN

1. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)

As we were revamping our children's section, we determined that our young adult books were less than 50 and our history books are lacking diversity in subjects.

2. Difference it made in library services

We have a big uptick in young adults come in and check out books, especially while school was out of session. Older patrons appreciated the few new history books that were purchased.

3. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

Lincoln county struggles with literacy and the young adults usually do not read many print books, so those who came into the library felt appreciated and wanted. It also helped them feel a part of something positive.

LYON

Overdrive – both adult and children

MINERAL

7. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)

Patron requests determined the need for a legal forms database. The county courthouse sends people to the library for forms; consequently, patrons often think the forms are printed and on hand. EBSCO is an authoritative source that provides a legal database to meet this need.

Circulation statistics and physical space limitations determined the need for a streaming source. Circulation staff members note that patrons are always asking for more, new movies.

Two databases were purchased:

- Legal Information Reference Center (for free downloadable legal forms)
- Kanopy (for free steaming movies)

8. Difference it made in library services

Databases do not represent high-number circulations. However, they provide authoritative information and resources to help library staff serve the community. The unusual circumstances of this year's COVID pandemic and closures of libraries highlighted the importance of information from databases such as these that could still be accessed whether the library was open or closed.

The Legal Information Reference Center logged 21 total sessions with 62 total searches, 22 total requests, and 18 total full-text requests.

Kanopy became active for this library on May 1, 2020. Since that time, 72 visits have been made to the site, with 6 plays.

Our patrons are always asking for new movies and this is an offering we can provide when patrons say, "I've watched everything!" We expect use to pick up as we promote more in the new fiscal year.

9. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

The Legal Information Reference Center provided important information to patrons. With 18 full-text requests, the database would have provided detailed information to those patrons requesting. Seven (7) total requests were made for legal forms by U.S. state. Forms are usually downloaded when a patron needs that information right then.

The database will be promoted again on Facebook and in the local paper in the new fiscal year, reminding the community of the online resources which are becoming increasingly important.

Kanopy was promoted on Facebook where it "reached" 275 people. One patron gave a detailed review of the service on Facebook. He commented, in part:

"Not bad for a free service....One big plus, though, is the wealth of old classic movies..."

As patrons become better acquainted with the service, it is hoped that Kanopy will make a difference for their entertainment needs.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

1. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)

Finding books that kids want to read is a challenge for parents, teachers, librarians and students. Graphic novels, with their bright colorful pages and fast paced stories tend peak interest, in a way that regular chapter books don't, especially for struggling readers. To kids, it is perceived as fun, however graphic novels still provide a rich vocabulary and storytelling that can increase reading

comprehension. As one of the smaller collection in our branches, expanding the breadth of the graphic novel collection is a simple way to entice more kids to read.

2. Difference it made in library services

New book displays always tend to draw interest, but when the new book display is graphic novels, it's like a magnet for kids. Due to COVID-19, we didn't get a significant amount of time to have our new graphics on display before the shutdown in March, however the books seemed to check out as soon as they hit the shelves. We are providing curbside service and looking at ways to promote the books online to encourage checkout, such as mini book talks and photos with links to the catalog. As we did not have a great online presence before it is not something that comes naturally for our staff.

3. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

Graphic novels are no longer a new genre, however they do still carry that stigma with some adults that they are not real books. When staff has the opportunity to talk with parents about the importance of letting kids choose their own books and the value to be found in graphic novels, it makes a huge difference in setting kids on the right path to becoming prolific and voracious readers.

PAHRUMP

DVDs

PERSHING

Haven't received evaluation form yet. Funding report is for Amazon and Findaway

SMOKY VALLEY

10. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)

An inventory of the Libraries collection was done in 2018 and the average publication date was 1999. We used our collection development funds from 2019 to bring the average publication date up to 2004. The project was well received by the public and we wanted to continue the update. We purchased physical books across all genres and age levels.

11. Difference it made in library services

With the continued update we brought the average publication date up to 2007. Having a variety of new up to date material to checkout was increasing library checkouts until we shut down temporarily. Since reopening the library has seen increased patronage and checkout of materials.

12. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

Having an expanded collection has put even more material at the patrons' fingertips and with the current pandemic not having to travel out of town to get materials is appreciated. Patrons continue to express their Thanks for the expanded collection.

TONOPAH

Overdrive

WASHOE

13. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)

Demand for downloadable audio books and eBooks continues to rise. Our annual materials budget allows us to purchase only the most popular titles, leaving gaps in our digital collection. When we've looked at circulation patterns for self-help patrons, we see that the titles we have in digital formats get much higher use than their print counterparts. We used our 2020 award to purchase digital copies of non-fiction titles dealing with family, relationships, self-improvement, spirituality, psychology, and parenting.

14. Difference it made in library services

During normal times we see heavy demand for digital content on OverDrive. When our libraries closed for COVID on March 15th we scrambled to continue to serve our patrons in whatever ways we could. Having the funds from the State Collection Development Grant enabled us to purchase 158 eBooks and 134 audiobooks on the OverDrive platform.

15. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

When we wrote the grant application last fall we knew that there was more need for self-help titles than we were providing. As our community faced the stresses of the pandemic the need for these resources became even greater. Since adding these titles to our collection in March they have checked out 2,659. Our patrons have currently have 1,550 holds placed on these titles.

This new selection of titles has enabled our patrons to learn or improve upon skills in areas such as effective discipline, brain science, sexuality, substance abuse treatment, improving creative, domestic violence, resilience, depression, anxiety, and grief. Frequently it's embarrassing for patrons to ask for these titles or be seen checking them out from the library. The online platform allows users to borrow and read titles without displaying the book covers to those around them.

WHITE PINE

1. How the Project need was determined and types of materials purchased (200 words)
Funding was used to continue Overdrive platform and purchase E-Books for a bigger selection for our patrons. Over 16,088 items (including E-Books, audiobooks, videos and magazines) were available to our patrons. The remaining \$536 was spent on transitional chapter books for our young readers. Some newer materials were needed that were more appealing.

2. Difference it made in library services

The user friendly Overdrive platform and the variety of items made a great way to serve our patrons during the Coronavirus Pandemic and in our rural communities of the county. There was a total of 1448 checkouts at our library from November 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020.

Our young eager readers were pleased to see new chapter books and couldn't wait to check them out. The chapter book collection has become popular once again.

3. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

It is a great feeling to know residents can access materials from home when the library is closed or it may not be possible for them to access the library in person. Our county is vast, so many of the residents in the outlying areas might only come to town once or twice a month. During this time they can still have all the reading materials they want at their fingertips. Our county has more Internet providers than in the past which has brought Internet service to higher level for the residents giving them access to e-resources.