

2022 State Collection Development Grant Report

PROJECT EVALUATION QUESTIONS

1. How the Project need was. determined and types of materials purchased
2. Difference it made in library services
3. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials

Amargosa Valley Library

Project Title: Adult Non-Fiction

Grant Amount: \$1,764.00

1. According to our library management system, our library has a total of 2,016 non-fiction titles. Within these titles, our oldest book is from 1971, and the average age of our North American History section is 1986. The project is continuous from the previous year. This year we used our library management system hosted by Insignia to analyze our collection. While the system analyzes the Dewey decimal system through 10s, it is not a perfect solution. However, as we have such a small collection, I could print out a list of titles in our non-fiction section and determine which areas we were missing newer books through an analysis.
2. We attempted to diversify our collection of non-fiction books by adding new titles with current and relevant information that is affecting our community. We received many patron comments, compliments, and gratitude regarding 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 through inter-library loans.
3. The pandemic has changed how our community tackles problem-solving. Library patrons are trying new ways to work from home or become more sustainable. They are looking at different career paths, trying to fix problems around the house themselves, and finding new hobbies. The latest information on these subjects allows our patrons to make well-informed decisions.

Beatty Library District

Project Title: None Given

Grant Amount: \$529.00

1. Our audio CD story collection had only a total of 86 items dating from 2006 to 2018. The patrons who check out CDs have been disappointed that we have been unable to update or increase the quantity. The State Collection Development Grant has allowed us to purchase 12 CDs, which increased our collection by 7%. The CDs purchased, were by well-known authors. The titles cover a wide range of interest from mysteries, suspense, romance, and fiction.
2. The library can offer a wider variety of CDs, thus increasing library patronage. We have not added any new CDs to our collection in approximately 5 years.

Beatty cont.

3. Beatty is a small rural community with a population under 1000. Residents must travel many miles for shopping and services. Recently mining has increased in our area and patrons are working in the desert, with little outside contact. While on the job, they enjoy listening to CDs. It helps pass the time on the road. Many of them cannot afford to stream listening material from Audible. A library card is a wonderful thing.

Boulder City Library

Project Title: Classroom STEAM Kits

Grant Amount: \$8,757.00

1. We reviewed the popularity of our STEAM kits, coding programs, and spoke with parents and teachers. The Nevada State Department of Education's website also highlights the need for expanded education opportunities in the computer science area.

2. They are providing support to our local schools and homeschoolers. These kits are expensive, and schools and home schoolers aren't able to purchase them. Their popularity has also increased the usage of our other STEAM kits for teachers because people are now realizing we have these kinds of items for them to check out. The kits have also been used in library programming.

3. The students who had the opportunity to use them in summer school loved the kits. Other teachers have already asked how they can borrow them in the upcoming school year. Parents who have come to our programs have asked about how to purchase these items for themselves. They are cost prohibitive for families, but now they know they can use them at programs or check out similar items. The kids who have used the kits have been very enthusiastic and interested in coding and robotics. They've also had a lot of fun.

Carson City Library

Project Title: Expansion of Electronic Materials Collection

Grant Amount: \$7,858.00

1. By analyzing circulation statistics, it was discovered that of new items purchased in 2021, the average turnover rate in a two-month usage period was four (4) checkouts per item. Also, of those new titles purchased, over 50% have active holds placed on them at the time of this writing, with an average of three (3) users holding for each title. The numbers indicate these materials are being heavily used, and users are experiencing long wait times for access. This funding was used to purchase eBooks and audiobooks for access through the Overdrive/Libby downloadable application.

2. This funding allowed users to have access to a significantly larger collection of electronic materials along with a shorter wait time for materials.

3. Users expressed gratitude for the growth of the electronic materials collection as it improved their reading options and increased the variety of materials available.

Churchill County Library
Project Title: Downloadable Materials
Grant Amount: \$4,954

1. This library has seen an increase in downloadable materials particularly since the covid driven shutdown. The subsequent reopening has not slowed the demand.
2. Patrons have access to titles they request for purchase or additional copies are purchased which have CCL patron holds on them. Because these are subscription titles and often available for certain periods of time it is necessary to continually purchase titles to fill requests.
3. Many patrons say they no longer utilize traditional physical books for a variety of reasons (for example-prefer downloadable material, and don't want to come to the library and 24/7 access to downloadable material) so this is a way to continue to meet their needs.

Douglas County Library
Project Title: None Given
Grant Amount: \$9,449

1. Collection evaluation and development, and analyses of collection of usage help us determine the areas in need of additional or updated materials. Patrons' requests for materials and professional review sources are also important parts of the ongoing assessment process. Together these factors highlight the growing demand for electronic resources such as audio books, eMagazines, and eBooks. Purchase of electronic and audiovisual materials include adult fiction, biographies, and popular non-fiction titles. Digital materials acquired through subscriptions, delivered through the Hoopla and Flipster platforms. Audiovisual materials, such as physical audiobooks on CD's were purchased from Midwest Tape.
2. Adding new materials and eBooks and audiobooks has diversified our collection and expanded the access to electronic materials for our patrons. Homebound patrons have been checking out more eBooks and Audiobooks. Library services have been significantly enhanced because of these additions.
3. Patrons have provided positive feedback about Hoopla, Overdrive, and other digital resources at both library locations. Many have discovered eBooks for the first time, while others said that eBooks and Audiobooks have given them a chance to try new authors, and that discovering those authors brings them back to the library for more.

Elko County Library System
Project Title: None Given
Grant Amount: \$9,085

1. We have seen an increase in patrons using downloadable content in recent years. While we do try to keep up with requests the last two years have found us struggling to purchase all requested and held titles in addition to maintaining our physical collection, even with increasing the amount of local funds used on our downloadable content. Additionally, with many libraries shutting down in 2020, including ours, and library availability being in flux due to staffing availability,

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as well as how comfortable some patrons feel visiting physical spaces, many patrons look for library materials through Overdrive to sustain their literary needs. Through this current grant, we purchased 211 eBook and downloadable audiobooks for both youth and adults. Titles were chosen based upon patron requests and title popularity.

2. This grant allowed us to purchase titles directly based upon patron inquires; this meant that funds were utilized to their maximum availability in providing for patron needs.

3. Since 2020, we have seen a sustained increase in usage of downloadable materials. This is encouraging as it shows more utilization of the library and allows patrons the freedom to still use library materials even if they are unable or still uncomfortable with coming into a physical location.

Esmeralda County Libraries (Goldfield Public Library)**Project Title: None Given****Grant Amount: \$957.00**

1. I had a patron come in one day and as he looked around, he pointed out that there were no foreign languages to learn currently available in the library. With this grant] was able to rectify this situation. There are now several different languages you can learn or begin to learn. With about Fourteen countries to choose from, anyone can fully learn or begin to learn a n w dialect. Full lessons are accessible in Spanish, Italian, French, German, even Sign Language. Beginning courses are available in languages such as Latin, Korean, Swahili, Mandarin Chinese, as well as several others.

2. Purchasing CDs on foreign languages will help patrons of all languages in my community as well as patrons from other libraries in Nevada that have access to the Library Cooperative and Inter Library Loans.

3. The CDs help patrons currently learning a foreign language or planning to learn a new language.

Henderson District Public Libraries**Project Title: Connecting with our community****Grant Amount: \$15,739**

1. We based our project on a combination of strategic planning initiatives and identifying trends through articles and interactions with our patrons. Our Physical and Digital Collections Initiatives along with our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion committee have been taking note of the various efforts throughout the country by other public libraries of ensuring collections are diverse and equitable. Our teams have made efforts to evaluate our current collection through Collection HQ, a collection management application, and purchase titles to supplement deficient areas in our collections. Prior to the opening of a storefront library out at West Henderson, we did many outreach efforts in the surrounding community. Through brief informal surveys, conversations with the residents, and looking at the demographics of the area, we were able to determine that the community consisted of two major groups, families with young children and households with age 55-plus residents. We were then able to focus on supplying the new library with additional children's materials and large print materials to satisfy those patrons.

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2. Although the opening of our West Henderson Library was delayed until July, all items we purchased prior to June 30th became available upon the opening. In the brief time they have been open the materials have circulated extremely well, especially the youth service materials that were purchased. Roughly 75% of circulation since opening is for youth services materials. The One Book One Henderson grant purchased materials so that we could host author Lisa See who presented a virtual author discussion on her book *Island of Sea Women*. Purchasing EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) materials allowed us to support the growing awareness of the need for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

3. The patrons who reside near our West Henderson Location have been very enthusiastic about the new location-the first story time had almost 50 attendees, many of whom would not have made the twenty-minute drive to the next closest library. As mentioned previously, over 75% of the circulation in the first two weeks of opening was juvenile materials, so we know we are filling a huge need in that community. Our One book One Henderson materials were checked out by over 500 patrons, with over 350 patrons attending in person and virtual events. EDI materials, especially the electronic ones, circulated to 136 community members from March 30, 2022, when the items first became available through July 30.

Humboldt County Library

Project Title: Branch Collections

Grant Amount \$5,912

1. Circulation in the McDermitt Branch Library was seeing a decline and the age and state of their collection needed a refreshing. Each Branch Library does circulate part of their collection with the main library, but each has a core collection, which had begun to show its age. The need was determined through the circulation statistics over the last few years both pre and post-covid shutdowns and the general age of the branch collections. After a thorough weeding of the collection in McDermitt new titles -were purchased from reliable sources to reflect the interests of the community, include new modern and popular literature and replace worn and damaged classics and popular items.

2. Once titles were weeded, ordered, and added to the branch collections, we could see a rise in circulation statistics. The months before the collection was updated the circulation *stats* for the McDermitt Branch were an average of 136 items checked out a month. The months after the collection began its update the circulation stats averaged 202 checkouts a month. We continue to see a rise in monthly circulation going into the new Fiscal Year.

3. It's an hour's drive from McDermitt and an hour and a half from Denio to the Main Library in Winnemucca, so having an updated and relevant collection available locally is important. The collections in the Branch Libraries provide their communities with access to information and entertainment, helping to enrich their lives within the rural communities they live in.

Lincoln County Library System

Project Title: Expanding Juvenile Reference, Non-fiction, Fiction, and STEM KITS

Grant Amount: \$1,679

1. We determined, with help from our homeschooling parents, that our juvenile and youth collections were sparse and needed more updated information especially in the reference section and non-fiction. The information and books that we have are older and we needed to get newer books that were more colorful and relevant to current times.
2. The parents started utilizing our services more and helping us understand their needs better to help their children get a better enrichment in their studies.
3. The parents and general population who use the libraries were excited to see the new titles and diverse topics that are made available to them. We had wonderful feedback and wish to continue updating our collection for their educational needs and the needs of other patrons.

LVCCLD

Project Title: Lowering Holds Ratios

Grant Amount: \$142,847

1. In 2021, over 1 million holds were placed on physical items but 10% of those holds went unfilled as patrons gave up waiting by the time the material was ready for them. The result was a slight decline in holds placement AND fulfillment. Wait times on popular ebooks exceeded ten weeks. In an effort to increase ebook circulation and offer quick fulfillment, the decision was made to offer as many ebooks and audiobooks in cost per circ format as possible. The material was delivered instantly to simultaneous users who did not have to wait multiple weeks for their desired title. Approximately 500 titles were made available in a cost per circulation format on Overdrive.
2. During the period of April 1 – June 12th, 11,121 ebooks were checked out from the cost per circ collection. During the same period, 10,744 audiobooks were checked out from the cost per circ collection for a total of 21,865 circulations. These circulations were generated from 483 individual titles. Each title circulated an average of 45 times in 12 weeks. Normally a title would circulate four times in twelve weeks. The cost per circ model allowed eleven times as many circulations to happen without waiting periods.
3. Primarily users were pleased with no waiting times on popular books. The highest circulation came from books that had been made famous on BookTok (including Lessons in Chemistry and Book Lovers), and books that were released as films (for example. Where the Crawdad Sings). This enabled customers to read a book in the height of its popularity and participate in the online discussions that were taking place at the time. Generally, after waiting a few months for a title, the hype has diminished, and the experience feels less immediate. I believe that by capturing the attention of patrons while the books were popular in the media, patrons are more likely to return to the library when they are seeking a popular title in the future. The cost per circ model was extremely popular and, as budget allows, we are retaining a selection of these titles and promoting them within Overdrive.

Lyon County Library System**Project Title: Lyon EBooks****Grant Amount: \$5,543**

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. The Lyon County Library System serves a population of 54,122 within the five communities in 1,993.7 square miles. 12.8% of our residents are below the poverty level and the median household income is only \$47,108, 12th in the State out of 17 counties (2010 U.S. Census). Library users expect and demand access to digital content with the same expectations that they have in the print world. Moreover, libraries are committed to serve all library users, many who cannot afford books or have limited ability to come to the library, including those with disabilities.
2. We purchased 260 Ebooks and Eaudio resources for ages K-adult with this grant. Our collective Nevada Library Cooperative e-book collection is now up to 69,434 titles, and they have circulated 72,909 times from December 21, 2021, when this grant began, and June 30, 2022, when it ended.
3. 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. We as individuals are capable of inventing new ideas, creating manuals to teach others how to save lives, writing books to teach our children about history, other cultures the world around us and setting up new laws that will forever change our lives and the lives of others. We have educated ourselves beyond our ancestors by reading and studying books and manuals. We now can read manuals about healthcare, how to fix things, how to make things necessary for survival. We have learned how to create new inventions such as the computer microwave and the list goes on and on. Books are filled with knowledge, parables, and insights into a happy life, helpful topics about life, love: fear, child rearing, prayer, worship and helpful advice. One can read about romance, the creation of the world, future events, and big battles that men have fought. Without books we wouldn't know anything about other cultures, extinct animals, important historical events, scientific studies, and fascinating research. 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 County Library**Project Title: Keeping Kids Up to Date****Grant Amount: \$2,561**

1. Library staff weeded through the entire Juvenile Nonfiction collection noting subject areas that needed books to update, replace, or fill in. Juvenile Nonfiction library books were purchased for both the Hawthorne and Mina libraries.
2. Nonfiction materials are not our most popular items, but checkouts have always remained steady. These materials also represent information that children ask for, but they do not always check out the book, often sitting down and looking at the book while within the library. Through this grant, the library purchased 126 items for the Juvenile Nonfiction collection. Hawthorne received 72 items; the Mina branch received 4 items. The circulation statistics were as follows: 104 books: 0 circ; 3 book : 1 circ; 13 books: 2 circs; 6 books: 3 circs for a total of 47 checkouts during the grant period. Fully replacing the U.S. stale books for Hawthorne and providing the Mina branch with a full set of high-interest, colorful

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books provide items for eye-catching displays. Some patrons specifically looked for the state they were born in (see accompanying photo).

3. Nonfiction books may not have a high circulation rate, but they are the type of material that kids will use within the library, especially when school is in session and reports may be assigned. Reliable, up to date materials must be available. Children rarely want to wait for Interlibrary Loans from other libraries, so having these important resources within the library is crucial. Staff members like to help children look for and find books limit interest them with in their own library.

North Las Vegas Library District

Project Title: Wonderbooks

Grant Amount: \$7,907

1. One of our major strategic goals for the library district is to support read by grade 3 literacy initiatives. The Wonderbooks provided us with an important tool to support students and parents with their literacy efforts, by providing an entertaining and interactive reading experience. As the largest minority-majority municipality in the State, we also realized the need to find ways to better support our residents who are working to learn English. Having the ability to listen to the book, while they are simultaneously reading the text is an incredibly effective way to support comprehension and correct pronunciation. We purchased a collection of Wonderbook read-along titles from Playaway. The collection included English, Spanish, and Bilingual titles. The grant afforded us the ability to purchase a total of 250 Wonderbook titles.

2. This grant allowed us to add a valuable new resource in supporting our early childhood literacy and English Language Learner initiatives. The Wonderbook titles allow patrons to read along with audio support, at their own pace. Students learn correct pronunciation and discussion questions support reading comprehension.

3. Difference it made in the lives of those using the materials
These books have proven to be extremely popular with our students between the ages of 3 - 13. They are also a popular feature for patrons working to better learn the English language. We purchased 250 titles, which have already circulated 1,258 time, with 247 renewals. With the success of this project, we are planning to expand our Wonderbook collection.

Pahrump Community Library

Project Title: None Given

Grant Amount: \$4,933

1. During the pandemic, we undertook a weed and general clean-out of most sections of our library. Some of our staff noticed that we had very few materials by minority authors; and those that we did have were outdated. With this grant, we set out to rectify that issue. The Reference Department spent a lot of time (several months) evaluating various collections: running reports of patron usage, walking shelves looking for spine appeal, investigating curated lists, soliciting patron opinions and shopping for books to help diversify our collection. In the end, 288 titles were purchased: 60 being children's/youth titles, 40 nonfiction and biography, and the rest adult fiction (including large print). Titles were chosen on criteria,

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including age of publication (less than 5-years classics accepted), general popularity in libraries with similar demographics, subject popularity, and requests in the library.

2. While taking patron surveys and asking questions, enthusiasm of patrons and staff alike have been high. Some titles were even requested before our orders arrived. We are still in the works of processing these titles and have ordered new shelving via another grant, to a flow more space for these books.

3. *About Hair Love* by Matthew A.Cherry, this book was in a display cabinet of a local partnership with the library. It was not however, a part of the library's collection. The crushed face, of the little girl whose mom could not find it in her search, was a very sharp contrast to the pure joy when I told them both that we had ordered a Spanish and English copy, which would be available the following month. Furthermore, the Teen Library Club assisted in prepping these titles and really enjoyed *Fairy Tale Gender Swap* by Jonathan Plackett. This book detailed the classic fairy tales we all know and love but with a twist; Cinderella is a boy and Prince Charming is a girl! Being able to see the different perspectives and how an author would recreate a classic story was a treasure. While also answering an age-old question most people ask, "What if?" I can still hear the teens laughing.

Pershing County Library

Project Title: Audio Books & Movies

Grant Amount: \$2,544

1. We listen to our patrons when they talk about the titles and authors they like, and we pay attention to the library materials that circulate. This gives us the information we need to make informed purchases.

2. Because we have the materials our patrons are looking for; we rely less on interlibrary loan. Of course, we still use ILL when we need it, but we have a good collection, and we try to keep it up to date.

3. We strive to maintain good relationships with our patrons so they know they can talk to us about materials they want or need. Because we have a good collection of audio books, our patrons can usually walk out with materials they want. When we get new patrons, we let them know what collections we have and that ILL is an option if they can't find what they want or need.

Smoky Valley Library District

Project Title: eAudio Collection Expansion

Grant Amount: \$7,414

1. We lost a significant amount of our eAudio's when Overdrive took over RBdigital. We wanted to continue to build our eAudio Collection to better serve our community. We purchased eAudios, concentrating on Contemporary Adult Fiction.

2. We were able to add 116 eAudios to our collection. With the addition of these titles, we saw a noticeable increase in checkouts.

3. With COVID still around the additional eAudios gave our patrons access to more materials without having to come into the library. Along with more materials available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Tonopah – Declined to apply for State Collection Development in 2021 – 2022

Washoe County Library System

Project Title: WCLS Digital Audiobooks

Grant Amount: \$16,178

1. Since the start of the pandemic Washoe County Library System has seen increased demand for digital audiobook materials. During our most recent community survey, patrons asked for the library to increase the digital audiobook collection. We focused on purchasing digital audiobooks with multiple recommendations and filling gaps in audiobook series.
2. On March 18, 2021, the library purchased 244 new digital audiobook titles for OverDrive/Libby. Those titles circulated, 159 times. 181 of the titles are currently checked out by our patrons. There have been 3,791 holds placed on the materials since their purchase. 507 active holds on the materials.
3. Library users continue to enjoy an increased variety and availability of materials in the collection. In addition, patrons were pleased to have gaps in popular series filled. The demand for audiobook materials continues to increase among WCLS patrons.

White Pine County Library

Project Title: None Given

Grant Amount: \$1,942

- Collection evaluation was used in determining areas in need of additional or updated materials to support the collection. Patron interviews, general observation of the collection both through items on the shelf and checked out were also taken into account in determining where the need was. Patron request for materials pertaining the social science collection in particular environment issues, current affairs, and health care.
2. The Library Staff takes pride in supplying the patron with current information contained in a beautiful new book. It is nice to have the current information in book format and not having to rely on the Internet. The patron is happy to have a book they can take home to digest without having to read a computer screen or wait for something to come by Interlibrary loan from another library.
 3. 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.