



Mission

We connect people with information, ideas and experiences to support an enriched and engaged community, one person at a time.



Vision

All Washoe County residents benefit from the Library's support of literacy and self education.



A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR



The 2012-13 year was one of technology connections, community connections and individual connections.

Through e-Book Cafés, Computer Classes, more than 250 public computers and wireless hotspots, our staff assisted thousands of you in using technology to change your lives. Skilled staff storytellers and collaborations with performers and local organizations made it possible for us to provide educational and cultural programs attended by over 94,000 people. Each of our 1.2 million visitors represents an individual who took advantage of library materials, attended a program, learned something new, or just came in to see what we were all about. Were you one of them? If not, I personally invite you to come check out what your library has to offer.

My heartfelt thanks go out to the Library Board, to our dedicated Friends of Washoe County Library, Library Staff and our dynamic volunteers. Their support continues to be invaluable.



Arnie Maurins, Library Director

*Libraries are entertaining,
educational and fun!*
3rd Grade Library Patron
Comment After a Program

2013 Library Highlights

- ▶ Offered **basic and intermediate computer classes**; expanded the number of classes in response to demand.
- ▶ Offered E-Book Cafés with **one-on-one assistance for mobile device users**.
- ▶ Added a **new web page devoted to job seekers**: www.washoecountylibrary.us/jobs.html
- ▶ **Volunteers donated 14,304 hours** in calendar year 2012.
- ▶ Nearly **30,000 people voted at a library** (Early Voting and Election Day).
- ▶ Nearly **2,500 individuals and families filed their taxes at their local library**, through partnerships with IRS Certified Volunteer Preparers from AARP and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance programs.
- ▶ **The Library System donated more than 6,200 books** (discards and patron donations) **to local schools and agencies** this past year, including Corbett Elementary School, Swope Middle School, Wooster and Damonte Ranch High Schools, Washoe County School District Reengagement Center, and the Boys and Girls Club.
- ▶ The **Downtown Reno Library was added to the National Register of Historic Places**.



KEY STATISTICS

July 1, 2012
through
June 30, 2013



129
employees

242,186
library cardholders

\$10,175,479
operating expenditures

1,228,303
Library Visits

960,336
Internet Library (website) Visits

Looking to the Future

- ▶ Restoring outreach efforts to schools and community organizations
- ▶ Blending innovative technologies with one-on-one customer service
- ▶ Offering community spaces to foster literacy, creativity, and collective knowledge



Library Board of Trustees



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“After serving on the Citizens’ Committee on the Future of Washoe County Library, and as the Library Board Chair this past year, I am proud to be working with the Board and staff towards a vision of innovation and creativity in library services. Each of the 12 libraries offers a unique experience reflective of the community and the individuals who work there.”

Fred Lokken
Board Chair



Items Borrowed

2,282,504



Program Attendance

94,744



Public Computer Uses

252,200

“I am so thankful for the library. Without your help, I would not have found a job.”

Library Patron
2013

Library Support



Private giving to the public library is an American tradition going back to Benjamin Franklin and Andrew Carnegie — and more recently Bill Gates. Community Foundation of Western Nevada Annual report highlighting the Friends of Washoe County Library

The Friends volunteer organization works tirelessly to raise money in support of library services and programs as they strive to connect people to foster our enriched and engaged community. Please join me in enjoying the many libraries we are fortunate to have throughout Washoe County.

Mary Jones
President, Friends of
Washoe County Library

Friends of Washoe County Library

The Friends of Washoe County Library was founded in 1981 and works actively to strengthen public libraries in Washoe County.

Through their projects, the Friends strive to give children an educational head start, encourage literacy and foster lifelong learning and recreation for adults.

Since the Friends were founded, they have donated over \$2 million dollars to the Washoe County library. Join us today!

Second Century Endowment Council

The Second Century Endowment Council is a sub-committee of the Friends of Washoe County Library that manages the Endowment Fund. The purpose of the Endowment is to ensure that there will be adequate additional funding to the Washoe County Library for support of items not funded in the Library's Budget.

In 2013 the Friends and the Endowment Council have awarded the Library System \$114,600 and the Friends continue to raise money for the future of our library system!



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