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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *October 25, 2016*

DATE: Thursday, October 13, 2016

TO: Board of County Commissioners and Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Tami Gaston, Administrative Secretary, Library
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THROUGH: Jeff Scott, Library Director

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Washoe County Library Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Library Board of Trustees and Board of County Commissioners agreed to meet in a Joint meeting annually and have done so since 2011. The Library Director has prepared an annual report for the Joint Meeting to provide an overview of library operations for fiscal year 2015-2016.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Regional and Community Leadership

PREVIOUS ACTION

On February 24, 2015, the Board acknowledged the Presentation on and receipt of reports on Sierra View Library's Activities and Programs and Friends of Washoe County Library booksales.

On March 25, 2014, the Board acknowledged receipt of staff report on Library adaptations to reduced budgets, initiatives to meet 21st century needs and new or restored services that would require additional funding.

On February 26, 2013, the Board acknowledged the update on Library Programs, Activities and Accomplishments.

There was no meeting scheduled in 2012.

On May 10, 2011, the Board acknowledged the update on Citizen's Advisory Committee on the Future of the Washoe County Library System.

BACKGROUND

After the economic downturn in 2007-2008, Library Leadership and the Library Board of Trustees agreed that it was in the best interest of the Library to schedule regular meetings with the Board of County Commissioners as the County administers the Library budget

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and appoints Library Board Trustees. Beginning in 2011, Library Directors have scheduled annual Joint Board of County Commissioner and Library Board of Trustee Meetings. In these meetings, Library Directors have provided information for library operations and challenges, seeking guidance and acknowledgement of issues impacting the Libraries and the community of Washoe County. The Library System continues to foster positive working relationships with the County and Board of County Commissioners.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Acknowledge the presentation by the Library Director on the Washoe County Library Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (All Commission Districts)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Move to acknowledge the presentation by the Library Director on the Washoe County Library Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015-2016



WASHOE COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM

Washoe County Library System Annual Report

FY 2015-2016



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more hours a
week, more
Mondays!



E-books,
magazines, and
more available
online 24/7

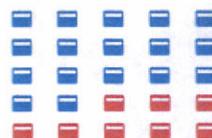


83,000 Program
Attendance

1.6 Million Check-outs
513,396 Books



267,000 Computer Uses

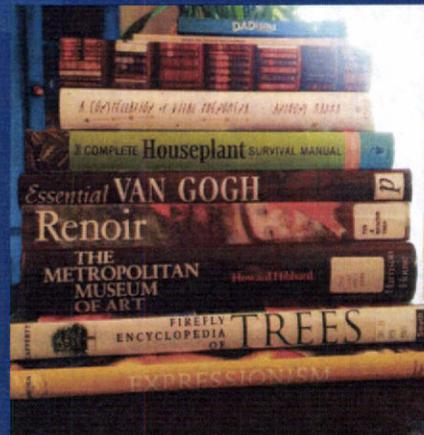


61% own a
library card

Collection Development

Collection Usage

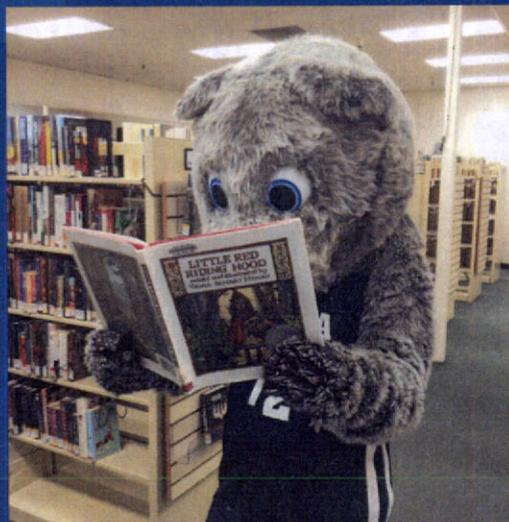
- 1.6 million check-out
 - 4 check-outs per person
 - If Washoe County citizens had to pay for each book it would cost the community \$40,000,000



Collection Development

Collection New Directions

- Digital
- Lucky Day
- Children's
- Book Drive
- More Funding for Children's Materials
- Expansion of Children's Sections
- Fundraise, Grant-write, and partner with Early Literacy centers to provide more books



Library Cards

Increased Access to Library Services

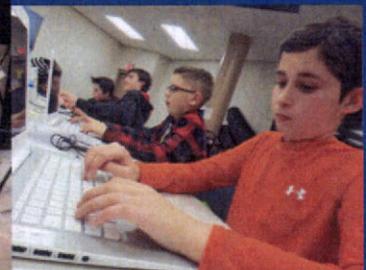
- 61% of Washoe County Citizens own a library card
- This year, goal was 90% of school-aged children would get a library card
- Next year, School Enrollment Program
 - Get every student a library card



Programs

Focus on Early Literacy and Makerspaces

- Storytimes
- 1,000 Books before Kindergarten
- Outreach to School
- Outreach to Early Literacy Centers
- Hospital Partnerships
- School Partnerships
- University of Nevada, Reno Partnership



Hours

More Hours, More Mondays

- 36 more weekly hours
- Open more Mondays



Computer Usage

Free Internet and information

- Wireless internet at all branches
 - Duncan-Traner available by end of year
- Chromebook Labs
- Digital Makerspace Labs

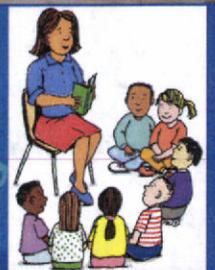
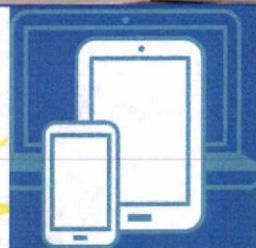
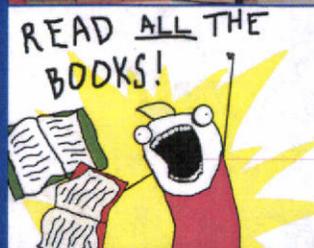


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Budget

Budget Priorities:

- New North Valleys Library \$10m
- RFID Project (\$500,000)
- Increase Collection Development Funds (goal to hit \$1M)
- Increase funding for Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FFE)
- Increase Technology Budget
- Restoration of Programming at Partnership Libraries



Highlights

An Exciting Year

- Increased Hours
- More Staff
- Duncan-Traner
 - Focus on
 - Early Literacy
 - Makerspace
 - Renovating Facilities
- Idea Boxes
- Coding Camp
- Start-up School
- Service restored at Partnership Libraries, Verdi and Duncan-Traner
- Spanish Springs Java Lounge
- Library In-Service



Support

Friends, Commissioners, and Citizens

- \$145,000 from Friends of Washoe County Library funds:
 - Summer Reading Program
 - Technology
 - Branch Improvements
- \$13,000 from Board of County Commissioners Special District Funds
 - Improvements at Duncan-Traner
 - STEAM programs at South Valleys
 - STEAM programs at Sierra View



Upcoming

Service Delivery

- Chromebook Labs
 - Provide coding camps and afterschool help
- Library Card for School Children
- Children Fine Free accounts
- RFID Security for automation
 - Books check-in automatically





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Thank you!

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