

## April 26, 2016 Library Board Meeting

### Enclosed:

- ❖ Agenda
- ❖ Draft Minutes of Tuesday, March 22, 2016, regular meeting – agenda, item #3
- ❖ Public Postings for Library Board
- ❖ Gift Fund Claims March / April 2016 - consent calendar on agenda, item #4
  - Gift Fund Expenditures Report FY1516, dated 4/20/16
- ❖ Budget Summary/Budget Performance, 3/31/16, on agenda, item #5
- ❖ Library Budget Worksheet FY16-17 – on agenda, item #6
- ❖ Director's Monthly Report, April 2016, on agenda, item #8
- ❖ Library operations/informational items:
  - Press Releases
  - Media/newspaper articles
  - Misc (PublicFAX24)

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**AMENDED**  
**April 22, 2016**

The Douglas County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, **April 26, 2016** in the Pine Nut Room of the Minden Library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden, NV. Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. All items For Possible Action will include a Public Comment period.

**AGENDA**

1. Public comments and discussion.

At this time, public comment will be taken on those items that are within the jurisdiction and control of the Library Board of Trustees or those agenda items where public comment will not be taken as a public hearing is not legally required.

No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. If you wish to comment on a specific agenda item scheduled for action, please do so when that item is opened for public comment.

2. For possible action. Approval of proposed agenda. The Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to take items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner, to combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and to remove items from the agenda or delay discussion relating to items on the agenda.

3. For possible action. Approval of the minutes of the March 22, 2016 regular meeting.

4. Consent Calendar.

Items appearing on the Consent Calendar are items that can be adopted with one motion unless pulled by a Trustee wishing to have an item or items further discussed. When items are pulled for discussion, they will be automatically placed as the next item for discussion or may be continued until another meeting. Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, item 4a.

- a. For possible action. Approval of Gift Fund claims
  - i. March / April 2016

5. Review of Budget Performance Report summary and Gift Fund summary:

- a. 3/31/2016 [Discussion]

6. Update on FY 2016-17 Budget [Discussion]

- a. Pending request for additional staffing

7. For possible action. Approval of proposed RFID project vendor and price quotes for Phases I, II, and III.

8. Monthly Report. [Discussion]

a. Friends / Foundation

i. Friends Monthly Board Meeting – May 9, 2016

ii. Foundation Board Meeting – May 4, 2016

b. Completed Library Programs

c. Current / Planned Library Programs

d. Usage statistics

9. Public comments and discussion.

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10. For possible action. Adjournment.

According to the provisions of NRS 241, this notice and agenda has been posted on or before 10:00 am on the third working day before the meeting at the following locations:

Douglas County Libraries, Minden and Zephyr Cove

Douglas County Courthouse

Minden Post Office

Zephyr Cove Post Office

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Supporting material for the meeting is available at the Circulation Desk, Minden Library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden, NV. A request for copies of the supporting materials may be directed to:

Kathy Munson, Administrative Services Manager

Douglas County Public Library

1625 Library Lane, Minden, NV 89423

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Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate handicapped persons desiring to attend the meeting. Please contact Amy Dodson at 782-9841 before April 26, 2016 for arrangements.

*UNAPPROVED*  
**LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES**  
**March 22, 2016**

**ATTENDEES**

**Library Board Members:** Charles Wolle, Chairperson, Barb Wilson, Deborah Blackman, and Bonnie Rogers. Melanie Boudreau, Vice Chairperson, was absent.

**County and Library Staff:** Amy Dodson, Linda Wilson, and Kathy Munson. Kathy Munson took the minutes.

**THE MEETING CONVENED AT 10:00 A.M.**

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION [Discussion]**

Charles Wolle, Chairperson, asked for public comment.

Barb Wilson stated that she appreciates the media articles in the Board packets as they are very helpful. Deborah Blackman stated that she finds it very helpful that Board packets are now available for online review.

Charles Wolle asked if there was any additional public comment. There being no public comment, public comment was closed.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA [Action]**

Bonnie Rogers made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Deborah Blackman made a second. Chairperson Charles Wolle asked for public comment. There being no public comment, public comment was closed and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2016, REGULAR MEETING [Action]**

Barb Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bonnie Rogers made a second. Charles Wolle asked for public comment. There being no public comment, public comment was closed and the motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR [Action]

Items on the Consent Calendar are as follows:

a. Gift fund claims February / March 2016

Petty Cash/AD	Employee Training Day, 2/9/16 Refreshments	00884	\$ 34.34
*Demco	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Project	00896	\$ 404.81
*DoCoProcurement/MP	FOL Annual Mtg 1/30/16 & TAB Mtg 2/1/16	00910	\$ 79.40
*Petty Cash/AD	TAB Mtg 3/7/16	00911	\$ 44.98
DoCoProcurement/KF	Employee Recognition \$5 gift cards	00912	\$ 75.00
DoCoProcurement/KM	Volunteer Reception invitations & Natl. Library Week materials	00914	\$ 100.97

\*Funding/partial funding by Friends of the Library

Bonnie Rogers made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. Deborah Blackman made a second. Charles Wolle asked for public comment. There being no public comment, public comment was closed and the motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. REVIEW OF BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT SUMMARY AND GIFT FUND SUMMARY [Discussion]

a. 2/29/16

We are almost at the end of the third quarter and right were we should be at this time in the fiscal year. We are meeting with staff so we know exactly where we'll be at the end of the fiscal year.

Gift Fund Summary – 2/29/16

Revenue YTD	\$18,315.64
Expenditures YTD	\$ 8,130.95
Fund Balance YTD	\$37,224.00

#### 6. UPDATE ON SUBMITTED GRANT APPLICATION [Discussion]

a. DCPL Smallwood Foundation grant application - \$13,630 for RFID

Amy Dodson reported that Linda Wilson prepared this grant application and package and that she did a great job. We should have enough in the Library's operating budget to cover RFID, but this helps supplement the project. If approved, we should receive grant monies in

May. Once we receive these grant monies, we will initiate the project, which includes the move to BISAC.

## **7. UPDATE ON DOUGLAS COUNTY COST ALLOCATION PLAN [Discussion]**

Amy Dodson passed out the library's Cost Allocations FY14 and FY 15 and Percent Change document. Amy reminded the Board that these are the amounts Douglas County charges each department for the use of other departments' services such as payroll, facilities maintenance, etc.

This handout shows this year and last year's allocated costs and the percentage difference between the two. The costs are allocated in arrears, so the upcoming Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget will be charged for Fiscal Year 2015 allocations. Overall, allocated costs have gone up 11.8 percent. Amy asked for Board input and direction about pulling out of some of the services for charged allocations at this time. As an example, she mentioned Scott Morgan, the Director at the Community Services Department, withdrawing from County-provided janitorial service. The alternative would be to continue to work with the County Manager to try to get some of the allocations reduced.

The Board reviewed the cost allocations and comparison document and found some items to be inequitable based on the Library's non-use of some departments. There was some concern by the Board that pulling out of, or challenging, the allocations may appear inconsequential from the County's standpoint since it represents a small amount of the overall budget and other departments' cost allocations. The Board requested that Amy continue to research this and work directly with the County Manager in an effort to reduce the Library's allocations.

## **8. REVIEW PROPOSED UPDATE TO REGISTRATION OF BORROWERS POLICY [Action]**

Amy Dodson stated these proposed changes are minor and intended to make this policy clearer. The primary change clarifies teens aged 16-17 obtaining library cards. The proposed policy identifies anyone under age 16 as a child, which requires parental permission. Other proposed changes include language clean up, acceptable identification types (added a piece of USPS mail as a proof of address), and removal of unnecessary steps (such as verification). Where language was vague, it was made clearer.

There were no objections by the Board to the proposed changes. Bonnie Rogers made a motion to approve the proposed update as presented. Deborah Blackman made a second. Charles Wolle asked for public comment. There being no public comment, public comment was closed and the motion passed unanimously.

## **9. MONTHLY REPORT [Discussion]**

The monthly report is attached to these minutes.

**NON AGENDA ITEM – Tentative Budget, Year 2017**

Amy Dodson passed out copies of the 2017 tentative budget. She stated that the Services & Supplies budget is flat (no change from last fiscal year). She reported that the Gift Fund now has an annual budget and all expenses are paid from one account line item entitled “Library Gift Fund,” account number 235-800-532-061.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION**

Charles Wolle asked for public comment. There being no public comment or discussion, public comment was closed.

**11. ADJOURNMENT [Action]**

There was no further action or discussion. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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## DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A quorum or greater number of Library Board Trustees may be gathering at any or all of the following organizations' meetings during the months of April / May 2016. At these meetings, the Library Board of Trustees is in attendance to observe the proceedings of the organization and to participate in discussions to the extent allowed by the organization.

These organizations may not have posted a formal agenda for their meetings. The Library Board of Trustees present at the meeting will take no action relevant to the Douglas County Public Library.

Douglas County Business Showcase	4/21/16	2:00-7:00 PM	Community Center
Teen Poetry Slam & Contest	4/29/16	4:00-6:00 PM	Minden Library
Library Foundation	5/4/16	10:30 AM	Minden Library
Book Signing, "The True Tails of Baker & Taylor..."	5/7/13	2:00-4:00	Minden Library
Friends of the Library	5/9/16	5:30 PM	Minden Library
Second Wednesday Book Group	5/11/16	5:00 PM	Minden Library
Spring Book Sale	5/13-5/15/16	Varies	CVIC Hall, Minden

This notice was posted at the following locations prior to meeting days:

Douglas County Libraries, Minden and Zephyr Cove  
Douglas County Courthouse  
Minden Post Office  
Zephyr Cove Post Office

Gift Fund Claims  
March / April 2016

Petty Cash/AD	2016 Volunteer Reception Supplies (cutlery, plates, napkins)	00953	\$ 47.94
Town of Minden	May 2016 Book Sale After hours opening/closing (CVIC)	00970	\$ 25.00
Petty Cash/AD	Staff Mtg refreshments 4/12/16 & 2016 Volunteer Reception balloons	00973	\$ 40.17

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# LIBRARY Expense Budget Performance Report

Fiscal Year to Date 03/31/16  
Exclude Rollup Account

Account	Account Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% used/ Rec'd	Prior Year YTD
Fund 234 - Room Tax										
Department 804 - Library										
	EXPENSE									
	Salaries & Wages									
510.000	Salaries & Wages	701,823.00	.00	701,823.00	47,000.11	.00	412,790.44	289,032.56	59	401,512.33
510.125	Salaries-Other	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
511.170	Overtime	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	37.40	(37.40)	+++	.00
511.171	Holidays	.00	.00	.00	2,671.63	.00	24,060.35	(24,060.35)	+++	26,260.04
511.172	Comp Paid	.00	.00	.00	43.53	.00	1,614.40	(1,614.40)	+++	1,188.20
511.173	Vacation	.00	.00	.00	2,052.61	.00	31,648.29	(31,648.29)	+++	35,415.93
511.174	Sick	.00	.00	.00	3,351.17	.00	15,002.51	(15,002.51)	+++	16,395.61
516.120	Contract Salaries	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
	<b>Salaries &amp; Wages Totals</b>	<b>\$701,823.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$701,823.00</b>	<b>\$55,119.05</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$485,153.39</b>	<b>\$216,669.61</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>\$480,772.11</b>
	Employee Benefits									
511.180	Benefits	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
511.181	Retirement	188,556.00	.00	188,556.00	15,020.26	.00	130,866.86	57,689.14	69	123,539.29
511.182	Pact Workers Comp	25,521.00	.00	25,521.00	2,880.54	.00	16,734.69	8,786.31	66	16,993.84
511.183	Group Insurance	112,164.00	.00	112,164.00	9,523.87	.00	81,091.26	31,072.74	72	83,844.02
511.184	Unemployment	3,481.00	.00	3,481.00	258.83	.00	2,356.18	1,124.82	68	2,200.27
511.186	Medicare	10,092.00	.00	10,092.00	781.03	.00	6,919.04	3,172.96	69	7,452.03
511.188	Co. Dependent Insurance	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
511.190	Pact Other	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
511.191	Pact Fire/Law Heart/Lung	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
511.195	Oasdi	1,412.00	.00	1,412.00	46.16	.00	345.25	1,066.75	24	347.06
511.201	PEBS-Ret/Medical	7,255.00	.00	7,255.00	473.00	.00	4,257.00	2,998.00	59	7,518.60
	<b>Employee Benefits Totals</b>	<b>\$348,481.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$348,481.00</b>	<b>\$28,983.69</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$242,570.28</b>	<b>\$105,910.72</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>\$241,895.11</b>
	Services & Supplies									
520.029	Program Underwriting	3,500.00	2,450.00	5,950.00	1,313.46	.00	5,573.72	376.28	94	6,462.32
520.045	Computer System	50,000.00	40,000.00	90,000.00	578.60	.00	16,111.80	73,888.20	18	14,548.33
520.055	Telephone Expense	4,100.00	.00	4,100.00	440.13	.00	3,458.15	641.85	84	3,153.96
520.060	Postage/Po Box Rent	3,200.00	.00	3,200.00	615.94	.00	2,310.29	889.71	72	2,504.63
520.064	Travel	4,000.00	1,760.00	5,760.00	.00	.00	4,489.06	1,270.94	78	16,358.57
520.072	Advertising	200.00	.00	200.00	.00	.00	.00	200.00	0	1,716.90
520.078	Printing & Binding	50.00	.00	50.00	.00	.00	50.00	.00	100	453.50
520.085	Communications	1,500.00	.00	1,500.00	.00	.00	1,445.75	54.25	96	.00
520.088	Utilities	35,000.00	.00	35,000.00	4,268.42	.00	23,060.24	11,939.76	66	22,308.51
520.097	Maint B&G	5,250.00	.00	5,250.00	.00	.00	916.25	4,333.75	17	5,153.01
520.098	Janitorial Services	20,000.00	.00	20,000.00	6,636.80	.00	13,273.60	6,726.40	66	11,614.40
520.107	Maint Equip	15,000.00	.00	15,000.00	960.00	.00	13,614.95	1,385.05	91	7,068.58
520.110	Veh. Maint-Shop Parts	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
520.114	Motor Pool Expense	5,525.00	.00	5,525.00	460.42	.00	4,143.78	1,381.22	75	4,259.97



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# Expense Budget Performance Report

Fiscal Year to Date 03/31/16  
Exclude Rollup Account

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Fund 234 - Room Tax										
Department 804 - Library										
	EXPENSE									
	Services & Supplies									
520.136	Rents & Leases Equipment	5,500.00	.00	5,500.00	391.81	.00	3,169.24	2,330.76	58	3,417.47
520.156	RISK Mgmt-Co. Insurance	33,864.00	.00	33,864.00	8,466.00	.00	25,398.00	8,466.00	75	25,851.00
520.169	EMRB Assessment	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	87.75
520.170	Memberships	550.00	.00	550.00	.00	.00	235.00	315.00	43	465.50
520.200	Training & Education	2,000.00	.00	2,000.00	247.49	.00	725.49	1,274.51	36	1,011.00
520.240	Data Lines	7,000.00	.00	7,000.00	898.67	.00	6,896.05	103.95	99	3,175.09
521.100	Professional Services	100.00	.00	100.00	.00	.00	4,779.64	(4,679.64)	4780	6,449.00
521.134	Cataloging	21,000.00	.00	21,000.00	2,069.25	.00	17,923.74	3,076.26	85	14,673.19
521.500	Admin & Overhead	5,478.00	.00	5,478.00	.00	.00	.00	5,478.00	0	.00
530.001	Circulation Supplies	2,500.00	.00	2,500.00	.00	.00	3,339.99	(839.99)	134	.00
532.003	Gas & Oil	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
532.054	Library Materials	180,000.00	1,410.00	181,410.00	8,507.73	.00	152,724.64	28,685.36	84	110,938.45
532.057	Processing Materials	7,000.00	.00	7,000.00	594.17	.00	6,927.41	72.59	99	3,025.28
532.065	Institutional Supplies	500.00	.00	500.00	.00	.00	309.80	190.20	62	220.85
533.800	Office Supplies	2,500.00	551.00	3,051.00	358.12	.00	1,585.85	1,465.15	52	3,492.06
533.801	Paper Supplies	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
533.802	Small Equipment	3,000.00	.00	3,000.00	46.58	.00	8,361.91	(5,361.91)	279	6,870.94
533.813	Office Products Program	3,500.00	2,164.00	5,664.00	352.81	.00	3,585.77	2,078.23	63	1,808.43
533.817	Small Projects	4,000.00	.00	4,000.00	.00	.00	.00	4,000.00	0	.00
540.010	Grants-Services & Supplies	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
540.012	Statewide Collection Gran	.00	5,299.00	5,299.00	.00	.00	1,758.00	3,541.00	33	1,698.00
	<i>Services &amp; Supplies Totals</i>	<b>\$425,817.00</b>	<b>\$53,634.00</b>	<b>\$479,451.00</b>	<b>\$37,206.40</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$326,168.12</b>	<b>\$153,282.88</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>\$278,786.69</b>
	<i>Capital Outlay/Projects</i>									
560.010	Capital Outlay- Grants	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
562.000	Capital Projects	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
562.200	Buildings	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
562.500	Infrastructure	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
563.300	Improvements	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
564.500	Machinery & Equipment	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
	<i>Capital Outlay/Projects Totals</i>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>+++</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	EXPENSE TOTALS	<b>\$1,476,121.00</b>	<b>\$53,634.00</b>	<b>\$1,529,755.00</b>	<b>\$121,309.14</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,053,891.79</b>	<b>\$475,863.21</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>\$1,001,453.91</b>
	Department 804 - Library Totals	<b>(\$1,476,121.00)</b>	<b>(\$53,634.00)</b>	<b>(\$1,529,755.00)</b>	<b>(\$121,309.14)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$1,053,891.79)</b>	<b>(\$475,863.21)</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>(\$1,001,453.91)</b>
	Fund 234 - Room Tax Totals	<b>\$1,476,121.00</b>	<b>\$53,634.00</b>	<b>\$1,529,755.00</b>	<b>\$121,309.14</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,053,891.79</b>	<b>\$475,863.21</b>		<b>\$1,001,453.91</b>
	Grand Totals	<b>\$1,476,121.00</b>	<b>\$53,634.00</b>	<b>\$1,529,755.00</b>	<b>\$121,309.14</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,053,891.79</b>	<b>\$475,863.21</b>		<b>\$1,001,453.91</b>



# Gift Fund BPR through 3/31/16

Fiscal Year to Date 03/31/16  
Exclude Rollup Account

Account	Account Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% used/ Rec'd	Prior Year Total
Fund 235 - Library Gift Fund										
Department 800 - Library Gift Fund										
	EXPENSE									
	Services & Supplies									
520.029	Program Underwriting	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	19.42	(19.42)	+++	12,294.30
520.060	Postage/Po Box Rent	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	79.96
520.064	Travel	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	14,693.67
520.097	Maint B&G	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	185.00
532.054	Library Materials	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	320.32
532.061	Library Gift Fund	.00	91,022.00	91,022.00	739.50	.00	8,851.03	82,170.97	10	447.63
	<i>Services &amp; Supplies Totals</i>	\$0.00	\$91,022.00	\$91,022.00	\$739.50	\$0.00	\$8,870.45	\$82,151.55	10%	\$28,020.88
	EXPENSE TOTALS	\$0.00	\$91,022.00	\$91,022.00	\$739.50	\$0.00	\$8,870.45	\$82,151.55	10%	\$28,020.88
Department 800 - Library Gift Fund Totals		\$0.00	(\$91,022.00)	(\$91,022.00)	(\$739.50)	\$0.00	(\$8,870.45)	(\$82,151.55)	10%	(\$28,020.88)
Fund 235 - Library Gift Fund Totals		\$0.00	\$91,022.00	\$91,022.00	\$739.50	\$0.00	\$8,870.45	\$82,151.55		\$28,020.88
	Grand Totals	\$0.00	\$91,022.00	\$91,022.00	\$739.50	\$0.00	\$8,870.45	\$82,151.55		\$28,020.88



# Gift Fund Trial Balance Listing thru 3/31/16

Through 03/31/16  
Detail Listing  
Exclude Rollup Account

Account	Account Description	Balance Forward	YTD Debits	YTD Credits	Ending Balance	Prior Year YTD Balance
Fund 235	Library Gift Fund					
	<i>Current Assets</i>					
101.000	Cash	37,533.85	55,757.08	9,165.95	84,124.98	.00
101.090	Investment-FMV Adjust	(29.92)	.00	.00	(29.92)	.00
121.100	Interest Receivable	72.47	.00	2.89	69.58	.00
	<b>Current Assets Totals</b>	<b>\$37,576.40</b>	<b>\$55,757.08</b>	<b>\$9,168.84</b>	<b>\$84,164.64</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<i>Current Liabilities</i>					
202.000	Accounts Payable	(295.50)	9,194.69	8,899.19	.00	.00
	<b>Current Liabilities Totals</b>	<b>(\$295.50)</b>	<b>\$9,194.69</b>	<b>\$8,899.19</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<i>Other Liabilities</i>					
227.307	Def/Donations Library	.00	36,175.11	36,175.11	.00	.00
	<b>Other Liabilities Totals</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$36,175.11</b>	<b>\$36,175.11</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<i>Fund Balance</i>					
253.000	Fund Balance	(37,280.90)	.00	.00	(37,280.90)	.00
	<b>Fund Balance Totals</b>	<b>(\$37,280.90)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$37,280.90)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



# Gift Fund Trial Balance Listing thru 3/31/16

Through 03/31/16  
Detail Listing  
Exclude Rollup Account

Account	Account Description	Balance Forward	YTD Debits	YTD Credits	Ending Balance	Prior Year YTD Balance
Fund 235 - Library Gift Fund						
Department 000 - Revenue						
Interest Revenue						
361.211	Invest. Earnings-LGIP	.00	.00	11.92	(11.92)	.00
361.212	Invest. Earnings-BNY Mellon	.00	.00	92.24	(92.24)	.00
	<i>Interest Revenue Totals</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$104.16	(\$104.16)	\$0.00
	<i>Miscellaneous Revenue</i>					
367.102	Donations	.00	.00	55,650.03	(55,650.03)	.00
	<i>Miscellaneous Revenue Totals</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,650.03	(\$55,650.03)	\$0.00
	<b>Department 000 - Revenue Totals</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,754.19	(\$55,754.19)	\$0.00



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Exclude Rollup Account

Account	Account Description	Balance Forward	YTD Debits	YTD Credits	Ending Balance	Prior Year YTD Balance
Fund 235	Library Gift Fund					
Department 800	Library Gift Fund					
	<i>Services &amp; Supplies</i>					
520.029	Program Underwriting	.00	19.42	.00	19.42	.00
532.061	Library Gift Fund	.00	8,879.77	28.74	8,851.03	.00
	<i>Services &amp; Supplies Totals</i>	\$0.00	\$8,899.19	\$28.74	\$8,870.45	\$0.00
Department 800	Library Gift Fund Totals	\$0.00	\$8,899.19	\$28.74	\$8,870.45	\$0.00
Fund 235	Library Gift Fund Totals	\$0.00	\$110,026.07	\$110,026.07	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Grand Totals	\$0.00	\$110,026.07	\$110,026.07	\$0.00	\$0.00



# Gift Fund Income Statement through 3/31/16

Through 03/31/16  
Detail Listing  
Exclude Rollup Account

Account	Account Description	YTD Budget Amount	MTD Actual Amount	YTD Actual Amount	Budget Less YTD Actual	% of Budget	Prior Year YTD Total
Fund Category	Governmental Funds						
Fund Type	Governmental-Spec Revenue						
Fund	235 - Library Gift Fund						
	REVENUE						
	Department 000 - Revenue						
	Interest Revenue						
361.211	Invest. Earnings-LGIP	.00	3.50	11.92	(11.92)	+++	.00
361.212	Invest. Earnings-BNY Mellon	.00	.00	92.24	(92.24)	+++	.00
	<i>Interest Revenue Totals</i>	\$0.00	\$3.50	\$104.16	(\$104.16)	+++	\$0.00
	Miscellaneous Revenue						
367.102	Donations	53,742.00	37,334.39	55,650.03	(1,908.03)	104	.00
	<i>Miscellaneous Revenue Totals</i>	\$53,742.00	\$37,334.39	\$55,650.03	(\$1,908.03)	104%	\$0.00
	Beg. Fund Bal./Reserves						
301.000	Opening Fund Balance	37,280.00	.00	.00	37,280.00	0	.00
	<i>Beg. Fund Bal./Reserves Totals</i>	\$37,280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,280.00	0%	\$0.00
	Department 000 - Revenue Totals	\$91,022.00	\$37,337.89	\$55,754.19	\$35,267.81	61%	\$0.00
	REVENUE TOTALS	\$91,022.00	\$37,337.89	\$55,754.19	\$35,267.81	61%	\$0.00
	EXPENSE						
	Department 800 - Library Gift Fund						
	Services & Supplies						
520.029	Program Underwriting	.00	.00	19.42	(19.42)	+++	.00
532.061	Library Gift Fund	91,022.00	739.50	8,851.03	82,170.97	10	.00
	<i>Services &amp; Supplies Totals</i>	\$91,022.00	\$739.50	\$8,870.45	\$82,151.55	10%	\$0.00
	Department 800 - Library Gift Fund Totals	\$91,022.00	\$739.50	\$8,870.45	\$82,151.55	10%	\$0.00
	EXPENSE TOTALS	\$91,022.00	\$739.50	\$8,870.45	\$82,151.55	10%	\$0.00



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Fund Category	<b>Governmental Funds</b>							
Fund Type	<b>Governmental-Spec Revenue</b>							
	Fund 235 - Library Gift Fund Totals							
	REVENUE TOTALS	91,022.00	55,754.19	37,337.89	55,754.19	35,267.81	61%	.00
	EXPENSE TOTALS	91,022.00	8,870.45	739.50	8,870.45	82,151.55	10%	.00
	Fund 235 - Library Gift Fund Net Gain (Loss)	\$0.00	\$46,883.74	\$36,598.39	\$46,883.74	\$46,883.74	+++	\$0.00
Fund Type	<b>Governmental-Spec Revenue Totals</b>							
	REVENUE TOTALS	91,022.00	55,754.19	37,337.89	55,754.19	35,267.81	61%	.00
	EXPENSE TOTALS	91,022.00	8,870.45	739.50	8,870.45	82,151.55	10%	.00
	Fund Type <b>Governmental-Spec Revenue Net Gain (Loss)</b>	\$0.00	\$46,883.74	\$36,598.39	\$46,883.74	\$46,883.74	+++	\$0.00
Fund Category	<b>Governmental Funds Totals</b>							
	REVENUE TOTALS	91,022.00	55,754.19	37,337.89	55,754.19	35,267.81	61%	.00
	EXPENSE TOTALS	91,022.00	8,870.45	739.50	8,870.45	82,151.55	10%	.00
	Fund Category <b>Governmental Funds Net Gain (Loss)</b>	\$0.00	\$46,883.74	\$36,598.39	\$46,883.74	\$46,883.74	+++	\$0.00
	<b>Grand Totals</b>							
	REVENUE TOTALS	91,022.00	55,754.19	37,337.89	55,754.19	35,267.81	61%	.00
	EXPENSE TOTALS	91,022.00	8,870.45	739.50	8,870.45	82,151.55	10%	.00
	<b>Grand Total Net Gain (Loss)</b>	\$0.00	\$46,883.74	\$36,598.39	\$46,883.74	\$46,883.74	+++	\$0.00



# Library Budget Worksheet FY16-17

Fund 234 - Room Tax  
Department 804

Account number	Description	2016 Budget	Proposed 2017 Budget	Difference	% of Diff
<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>					
510.000	Salaries & Wages	\$701,823.00	\$792,494.00		
	<b>Total: Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	<b>\$701,823.00</b>	<b>\$792,494.00</b>	<b>\$90,671.00</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Employee Benefits</b>					
511.181	Retirement	\$188,556.00	\$215,210.00		
511.182	Pact Workers Comp	\$25,521.00	\$29,163.00		
511.183	Group Insurance	\$112,164.00	\$121,264.00		
511.184	Unemployment	\$3,481.00	\$3,963.00		
511.186	Medicare	\$10,092.00	\$11,491.00		
511.195	Oasdi	\$1,412.00	\$1,465.00		
511.201	PEBS-Ret.Medical	\$7,255.00	\$5,676.00		
	<b>Total: Employee Benefits</b>	<b>\$348,481.00</b>	<b>\$388,232.00</b>	<b>\$39,751.00</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Services &amp; Supplies</b>					
520.029	Program Underwriting	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00		
520.045	Computer System	\$50,000.00	\$55,000.00		
520.055	Telephone Expense	\$4,100.00	\$4,500.00		
520.060	Postage/Po Box Rent	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00		
520.064	Travel	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00		
520.072	Advertising	\$200.00	\$200.00		
520.078	Printing & Binding	\$50.00	\$100.00		
520.085	Communications	\$1,500.00	\$500.00		
520.088	Utilities	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00		
520.097	Maint B&G	\$5,250.00	\$2,000.00		
520.098	Janitorial Services	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00		
520.107	Maint Equip	\$15,000.00	\$9,000.00		
520.114	Motor Pool Expense	\$5,525.00	\$5,650.00		





## Director's Monthly Report April 2016

1. Volunteer Reception. The library volunteer reception on April 15 was a great success. The library staff did a wonderful job of putting the event together, and we welcomed many volunteers—the new and the experienced.
2. Nevada State Library and Archives: Directors' Meeting. The Nevada library directors' meeting in Carson City at the NSLA has been postponed to May 18. This will be a full day of meetings and training.
3. Book Sale. The Spring Annual Book Sale will be held at the CVIC Hall on May 13-15. The Book Sale Committee is collaborating marvelously. Committee members are working on the many details for a profitable and exciting sale. Annual budgets for the projected expenses of the book sales have been approved by both organizations.
4. READING Paws. The READING Paws program (called "Dog Day Afternoons") is growing quickly, with more students than ever. Children in first through third grades come to the library and read with a therapy dog every Wednesday. A handler and dog work with each child individually. This program helps improve the reading skills of children, especially those who have reading challenges. This program has grown into a partnership between the Library and the READING Paws organization. The Library is having a "Mutt and Greet" program on May 14.
5. Douglas County Social Services. The Library and the Social Services department have begun a partnership to explore the ways in which the two organizations can work together to serve the public. There is an overlap of clientele, so the Library and the Social Services office have a natural connection.

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# Press Release

## **Teen Poetry Slam and Contest at the Minden Library**

The Douglas County Public Library Teen Advisory Board is hosting a free poetry slam and contest on Friday, April 29 at 4:00 p.m. at the Minden Library. Teens age 12 and up will recite their original poetry. Prizes will be awarded. Refreshments will be provided.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Douglas County Public Library. The Minden Library is located at 1625 Library Lane. Find us on Facebook and Twitter, [douglas.lib.nv.us](http://douglas.lib.nv.us), or call 775-782-9841.

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# Press Release

## **The True Tails of Baker and Taylor: Author Book Signing**

Do you remember the library cats, Baker and Taylor? On Saturday May 7, the Minden Library will be hosting an author signing for the new book *The True Tails of Baker and Taylor*, a memoir by former librarian Jan Louch, about the cats who lived and worked at the library. Jan Louch and co-author Lisa Rogak will be available to sign and sell copies of the book from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Have a chat with the authors and rediscover the world of Baker and Taylor, the two cuddly feline ambassadors who became mascots of the Baker and Taylor book company. These two Scottish Fold cats grew into celebrities across the library world yet were most beloved by the residents of Douglas County. With the help of bestselling author Lisa Rogak, Jan Louch shares some of the many stories about the cats and how their personalities charmed everyone into the library.

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# Press Release

## **Douglas County Public Library Spring Book Sale**

The Douglas County Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Douglas County Public Library invite you to their spring book sale on Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 to 5:00 and Sunday, May 15 from 9:00 to 2:00. A members-only preview sale for Friends of the Library will take place on Friday, May 13 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Join the Friends at the door to take advantage of this special sale.

The event will be held at the C.V.I.C. Hall, 1602 Esmeralda Avenue in Minden. Thousands of used books and audio books will be for sale; DVDs and music CDs will also be available. Members of the Friends of the Douglas County Public Library and anyone who joins during the sale will receive a 10 percent discount. Cash purchases only; credit cards and checks cannot be accepted.

The library happily accepts donations throughout the year. Bring hardbacks, paperbacks, DVDs, audio books on CD, and music CDs in good condition to the library during regular

business hours. If you have more than a box or two, please call ahead to make arrangements.

All proceeds from the sale support the Friends of the Douglas County Public Library and the Douglas County Public Library Foundation. Find the library on Facebook, and Twitter, visit [douglas.lib.nv.us](http://douglas.lib.nv.us), or call the library at 775-782-9841.

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# Press Release

First Saturday Family Movies at the Douglas County Public Library

**Minden, NV January (TBA), 2016:**

The Douglas County Public Library continues its First Saturday Family Movies. “Minions” (rated PG) will be shown on Saturday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the library meeting room. The movie and popcorn are free. First Saturday Movies are sponsored by the Friends of the Douglas County Public Library. The Minden Library is located at 1625 Library Lane. Find us on Facebook and Twitter, go to [douglas.lib.nv.us](http://douglas.lib.nv.us) or call 775-782-9841.

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# Press Release

## **LEGO® Mindstorms® Event at the Douglas County Public Library**

The Douglas County Public Library will be celebrating National Library Week April 11 – 16, 2016. Children ages 8 to 12 are invited to participate in a LEGO® Mindstorms® event. Participants will program robots using special LEGO Bricks and software.

Two sessions will be held at the Minden Library on Monday, April 11: 4:00 to 5:00 and 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Attendance is limited; sign-ups are required by April 8. To register, please call or come to the library.

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Douglas County Public Library. The Minden Library is located at 1625 Library Lane. Find us on Facebook and Twitter, [douglas.lib.nv.us](http://douglas.lib.nv.us), or call 775-782-9841.

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# Press Release

## **National Library Week Book Swap**

The Douglas County Public Library will be celebrating National Library Week April 11 – 16, 2016. There will be a children's book swap on Monday, April 11 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Minden Library. Bring your books to the Storytime Castle and trade with other children.

This free event is hosted by the Douglas County Public Library Teen Advisory Board. The Minden Library is located at 1625 Library Lane. Find us on Facebook and Twitter, [douglas.lib.nv.us](http://douglas.lib.nv.us), or call 775-782-9841.

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# Press Release

## **Volunteers needed at the Douglas County Public Library**

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you detail oriented? The Douglas County Public Library needs volunteers to help at children's desk during the summer. Assistance is needed to sign up children for the summer reading program and issue prizes.

Adults who have experience working with children are desired; training will be provided. Contact Maria at the library for more details. Fingerprinting is required; please apply at the library by April 22.

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# Community



Jan Louch and Caroline Rawlas dressed up as cats holding Taylor and Baker.

## Book finalized on life of library cats

by Aurora Sain  
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A New York Times bestselling author and a retired librarian have recently finished a book about two famous Minden cats.

Lisa Rogak writes biographies, nonfiction and freelance for magazines.

Jan Louch is a retired librarian who worked for the Douglas County Public Library for 20 years.

Together they wrote "The True Tails of Baker and Taylor," about the library cats who left their paw prints on a small town.

Louch decided to buy 'Baker' after moving to the current location of the library at 1625 Library Lane in 1983.

The site of the library was where an old alfalfa field was, so they had a problem with mice and moles, said Louch.

They decided to name the first cat Baker after seeing the title of the Baker and Taylor book distribution company.

They wanted to get another cat so that Baker would have a friend, but they

### IF YOU GO:

**What:** book signing

**When:** 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. May 7

**Where:** 1625 Library Lane

couldn't afford to buy another Scottish fold.

The librarians told the publishing company about Baker, and they purchased Taylor for them, completing the library's needs.

Cats were traditionally kept in libraries to protect against rodents that liked to eat the glue that binds the books together.

"Don't ask me why," said Louch. "It's an acquired taste I guess."

The Baker and Taylor Company used the cats as their mascot, making posters and turning the cats into overnight celebrities.

People came from all over to meet the cats, children wrote them letters and local library goers were able to enjoy their company every time they borrowed a book.

The book will come out May 3. Rogak and Louch will be having a book signing May 7 at the library.

### COMMUNITY



#### Book finalized

Local authors finish novel about two furry characters

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Note: not a novel - is a memoir / non-fiction book

RC 3/25/16

## Library celebrates library week with robot building

### Staff Reports

The Douglas County Public Library will be celebrating National Library Week April 11 - 16.

Children ages 8 to 12 are invited to participate in a Lego Mindstorms event.

Participants will program robots using special Lego bricks and software.

Two sessions will be held at the Minden Library 4-5 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. April 11.

Attendance is limited; sign-ups are required by April 8.

To register, call or come to the library.

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Douglas County Public Library.

The library is located at 1625 Library Lane.

For more information visit Facebook and Twitter, douglas.lib.nv.us, or call 782-9841.

## National Library Week features Minden events

### Staff Reports

The Douglas County Public Library will be celebrating National Library Week April 11 - 16.

The library will be host a Lego robot building session as well as a book swap.

### Lego Mindstorm event on April 11

Children ages 8 to 12 are invited to participate in a pair of Lego Mindstorm events.

Participants will program robots using special Lego bricks and software.

Two sessions will be held at the Minden Library 4-5 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. April 11.

Attendance is limited; sign-ups are required by April 8.

Stop by or call the library.

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Douglas County Public Library.

### Library Week book swap

Also in honor of National Library Week the

library will be hosting a children's book swap 3-5 p.m. April 11.

Bring books to the Storytime Castle and trade with other children.

This free event is hosted by the Douglas County Public Library Teen Advisory Board.

### Volunteers sought

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The Douglas County Public Library is located at 1625 Library Lane in Minden.

For more information on any of the events or to volunteer visit Facebook and Twitter, douglas.lib.nv.us, or call 782-9841.

### Falconry Demo

Douglas County Public Library hosts program of history/art of falconry 2 p.m. Saturday at the library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden. Falconers Mark and Ryan Moglich will discuss the sport and show peregrine falcon. Free. Information, Facebook, douglas.lib.nv.us or 782-9841.

RC 3/25/16

### Family Movie

Douglas County Public Library hosts First Saturday Family Movie featuring 'Minions' 2 p.m. Saturday at the library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden. Information, Facebook, www.douglas.lib.nv.us or 782-9841.

RC 4/1/16

**Book Swap.** Douglas County Public Library hosts children's book swap 3-5 p.m. April 11 at the library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden, in honor of National Library Week, April 11-16. Free. Hosted by Douglas County Public Library Teen Advisory Board. Information, Facebook, www.douglas.lib.nv.us or 782-9841.

RC 4/3/16

RC 3/23/16

## Douglas County Public Library checks out technology test drives

### Staff Reports

Would you like to test drive a mobile device before you buy one?

Douglas County Public Library is now lending iPad Air 2, Samsung Galaxy Tab 4, and Nintendo 3DS devices.

A selection of games are available for checkout with the Nintendo 3DS.

To check out one of the mobile devices you must be at least 18 years old, have a Douglas County library card in good standing, and present a valid government issued identification.

Renters will be required to read and sign a Mobile Device Use Agreement.

For those without a library card, they can be obtained by going to the library.

The library will also offer tutoring sessions for the devices available for check out.

Call ahead to reserve a device, and ask about scheduling a one-hour Reserve-A-Tech session with library staff.

Mobile devices are checked out for three weeks and cannot be renewed.

For more information on how to check out a mobile device, call the library at 782-9841.

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# Checkbook directs budget priorities

by Kurt Hildebrand  
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Most Douglas County residents who participated in the annual exercise in managing Douglas County's checkbook said

infrastructure was their highest priority, followed by community safety.

Participation in the annual manage Douglas County's checkbook in 2015, mirrored the previous year.

According to the county 120 people went online to say how they'd liked the county's budget divided, the same number that participated in 2014.

**BUDGET, 4**

## IF YOU GO

**What:** Douglas County Board of Commissioners budget hearings  
**When:** 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday  
**Where:** 1616 Eighth St. Minden, Nev.  
**Info:** www.douglascountynv.gov

## BUDGET

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There was a slight increase in the number of participants who opted to take the quick version over the extended version.

This was the fourth year the county elected to use the online checkbook to get residents' feedback on the budget.

In 2012, 86 people voted in the exercise.

In the exercise, participants are asked to divide \$500 among six categories.

The top priority, \$143 went to infrastructure, while public safety came in second. The environment, cultural heritage and quality of life came in third. Those results have been consistent across all three years.

A new category, organizational sustainability, took fourth place. It replaced managed growth and development.

Perhaps as a result of the recovering economy, economic vitality dropped to sixth place, having swapped places with financial stability.

Last year's debate over the solar facilities made its way into the checkbook with an item under economic vitality suggesting the county promote solar farms as a source of taxable income.

County commissioners will get their first look at the budget during preliminary budget hearings next week.

## County hires technology officer

### Staff Reports

After a nationwide recruitment Douglas County has selected Sherri McGee for the position of chief technology officer to lead the technology services department.

"I am very excited about this position and supporting the county in this capacity," said McGee. "I have successfully led teams to accomplish technology projects and business goals and look forward to assisting Douglas County in meeting its objectives."



McGee

McGee has lived in Douglas County for 41 years and is married to longtime resident Mike McGee. She raised her children in Douglas and now has grandchildren growing up in the Valley. Her daughter works at Great Basin Equine in Gardnerville and has three boys. McGee's son is working as a civil engineer in Reno and is also a pilot for the Nevada National Guard.

McGee comes to Douglas County with over 16 years of technology leadership experience in government and holds certifications in project management, IT service management and agile methodologies. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from UNR with majors in Business and Computer Applications.

McGee began her official role as chief technology officer Feb. 22. McGee replaces the former chief technology officer who resigned in March 2015.



BRAD COMAN

Louie Pierce, 8, reads 'Pout-Pout Fish' to reading education assistance dog Nemo on Thursday at Scarselli Elementary.

## Pit bulls join Reading Paws program

by Aurora Sain  
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Pit bulls are constantly portrayed as a mean breed of dog, but some Douglas County pits want to change the stigma.

Twice a week, Janeen Elorduy and her 5-year-old rescue pit bull Nemo go to Scarselli Elementary School to read with the children.

Nemo is a part of the Reading Paws program, and went through a lot of training to earn his therapy dog status.

The dog must pass a series of tests to make sure they are OK with loud noises, other dogs, children and to ensure they don't jump up on people.

The handler also has to go through extensive training and at the end receives a two-year certification.

"Of course Nemo's training is ongoing," said Elorduy. "I spend time with him daily to improve his listening and socialization skills. It is like educating a child. Praise, reward and positive reinforcement for a job

well done."

Elorduy was a volunteer at the Douglas County Animal Shelter where she had previously owned Labrador retrievers and great Danes.

She fell in love with Nemo and decided to adopt him and put him through training to become a therapy-reading dog.

"They are just the best dogs," said Elorduy.

The reading program allows for children in kindergarten to third-grade to read out loud to the dog to help improve reading skills and build their confidence.

"Some of the kids are just too shy to read in front of a group," said Elorduy.

The kids get to pick out the book that they want to read out loud to the dogs with Elorduy close by to help sound out words when needed.

Second-grader Louie Pierce picked out "The Pout-Pout Fish" as his book of choice, before sitting on a beanbag next to Nemo.

"He's a dog, but he listens to me for some reason," said Louie.

Louie has been practicing his reading and fluency with Nemo since last year, and has built a rapport with the four-legged friend.

The Douglas Animal Welfare Group created the 'Pit Bull Task Force' in order to help the breed get adopted easier.

They work hard to change the stigma surrounding the breed and promote education and responsible dog ownership.

DAWG also have the 'Fix-a-Bull' program offering spay or neuter for only \$25 for the breed.

There are a few pit bulls in Douglas County that are currently used as therapy dogs, and Elorduy credits dog trainer Terry Guyler with helping Nemo get his therapy status.

Nemo also visits convalescent hospitals to offer therapy and patient connections.

The Douglas County Public Library offers Reading Paws on Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m.

"It just creates a special comfort level for kids," said Elorduy. "They need to read out loud in order to practice."

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# Virtual tours of Carson's trails now available

By Teri Vance  
Carson City Visitors Bureau

Visitors and residents alike can now virtually hike the trails in and around Carson City without ever going outside.

In a partnership with the Google Trekker, the Carson City Visitors Bureau mapped 10 area trails using high-definition technology.

"It gives you the same experience as the street view on Google but on trails," said Kyle Horvath, social media manager for the bureau. "It was an honor that Google called us to be part of this project. It's just a testament to us marketing ourselves as an outdoor community."

The trails — which include shorter trips such as Riverview Park and the Waterfall Trail to pieces of trail systems including the Tahoe Flume Trail — can be found at [visitcarsoncity.com/google-trekker-carsoncity](http://visitcarsoncity.com/google-trekker-carsoncity).

Horvath recruited help from fellow visitors bureau employee James Salanoa and local hiking enthusiasts Joe Reinholdt, Richard Miller and Jeff Potter to carry the 40-pound pack over the trails.

The backpack contained wifi and Google's proprietary technology. A two-foot arm extending above the pack contained 14 cameras that captured 14 high-definition images in a 365-degree panorama every two seconds.

"It was nice that we got some help from the community because that backpack was heavy," Horvath said.

He hopes the real-time view of the trails will encourage tourists to visit them.

"It's a great planning tool," he said. "People can preview the trails to see if it's something they'd want to do. Someone from Chicago could plan their outdoor adventures in Carson City via Google Earth."

It could also serve as a way for locals to see trails they haven't had a chance to check out.

"If you are physically incapable of hiking the trails, this is a highly detailed way to see it, especially the Ash to Kings Canyon Trail, which is really our flagship trail," he said. "You can still see all the amazing views. If you can't physically be there, this is the next best thing."

Horvath said mapping local trails can be complicated as some cross into private or federal lands without the proper permissions in place.

"We still have a lot of trails that are considered 'social,'" he said. "As more of the trails get legitimized, we're hoping we'll get a second chance at it. We were able to get 10, and that doesn't even scratch the surface. There's just so much to map in Carson City."

# Hearing set for trio involved in high speed chase

## Staff Reports

Three people arrested in connection with a pair of high speed chases through Carson Valley are scheduled for March 18 preliminary hearings. Timothy Phillips, 41, Natalie Murphy, 32, and Sean Stillwell, 38, were arrested Feb. 27 in connection with the incident.

The Nevada Highway Patrol tried to stop a silver Mercedes at Highway 395 and Jacks Valley Road at approximately 3:35 p.m.

Phillips was arrested the same day after allegedly abandoning a Mercedes sedan on Mackland Avenue.



Murphy



Stillwell



Phillips

According to court documents, Phillips was allegedly driving down Highway 50 at 85 mph in a 50 mph zone when the NHP radar vehicle spotted him.

The trooper followed him onto Highway 395, where the Mercedes hit speeds of 125 mph.

Phillips allegedly had a bag of what tested as methamphetamine and three different drivers' licenses. Deputies learned that someone might be on their way down to Minden to pick Phillips up.

A red Toyota Rav 4 was spotted southbound on Highway 88 at 4:35 p.m. as the Phillips' arrest was wrapping up.

Deputies pursued the Toyota allegedly driven by Stillwell, onto Mottsville Lane where it reached speeds up to 110 mph. Deputies broke off pursuit after the vehicle entered the opposing travel lanes, nearly causing a head-on wreck.

After they didn't see the vehicle pass through Stateline, deputies backtracked and found it locked up at Heavenly overflow parking. They followed tracks to alleged passenger Murphy who surrendered. Deputies located Stillwell

Douglas County deputies were waiting for the Mercedes in Minden. Phillips was tased and taken into custody near the Douglas County Public Library.

Phillips is charged with speeding and trafficking in a controlled substance and is being held on more than \$112,000 bail.

Stillwell is charged with eluding and evading, and is being held on more than \$38,000 bail. Murphy is charged with possession of a controlled substance. Her bail is set at \$10,000.

who was allegedly hiding in a dumpster bed. A hotel key found on Phillips led to a search of a South Lake Tahoe hotel, which allegedly revealed a credit card reader, embosser and drugs.

# Remembering life through laughter

by Aurora Sain  
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**S**pirited and energetic, regardless of his circumstances, Ethan James McKinney, 15, always wanted to have a good time, and his commemoration of life will reflect that.

"He loved to laugh, he wanted us to laugh with him," his family said.

Ethan was diagnosed with bone cancer in January 2015, and he lost his 15-month battle on March 21, peacefully at home with his family.

The remembrance of Ethan's life will reflect his personality, and he requested that friends and family wear costumes, and think of it as a celebration instead of a sad and stuffy funeral.

The celebration will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Gall Catholic Church, with a gathering held afterwards at the St. Gall's Pastoral Center complete with food, ice cream and a screening of Ethan's favorite movie, *The Lego Movie*.

"He was probably one of the nicest people you would ever meet," said his mother Rika.

Even after his diagnosis, his mother said that he always remained surprisingly optimistic.

"He was always the one to stay strong when the rest of us were falling apart," said Rika.

His infectious smile, jokes and leadership are some of Ethan's best qualities, but the biggest was his heart.

"He always saw other people first and himself last," his mom said.

Even in the hospital he would laugh, joke and entertain the doctors and nurses as well as the other patients.

He would play the bass and have a room full of people listening to him, and have story time with the little kids and read in silly voices.

This prompted the creation of Ethan's Little Library, and to date he has helped raise more than 500 books for Children's Hospital Oakland Foundation.

The hospital started recording him reading the stories, and encouraged doctors and nurses to pick out their favorite stories and



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE R-C

Ethan McKinney by some of the books for Ethan's Little Library.

## IF YOU GO:

When: Tomorrow at 11 a.m.  
Where: St. Gall's Catholic Church  
Wear a costume and join the family afterwards at St. Gall's Pastoral Center

read them as well.

He had them pick stories close to their heart, and to date they have six to eight hours of recordings.

He felt better knowing the other patients weren't by themselves, and always wanted to be there to help.

"He didn't want them to suffer alone," said Rika.

He never wanted to stay at home, he always wanted to go out, take trips and have as many adventures as possible.

"He lived right up until the end," said Rika.

In lieu of flowers, Ethan asked that donations be made to the Northern Nevada's Children's Cancer Foundation or Children's Hospital Oakland Foundation, c/o Ethan's Little Library



Ethan McKinney played his instrument at the hospital to try and lighten the mood.

# Community

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## As good as it gets

**W**ould you and Orlyene like tickets for the annual Friends of the Library Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner? Sherry asks. Sherry is our Smith Valley Librarian, and is always doing nice things for her patrons. The last time Orlyene and I attended a Smith Valley shin-dig, was back when Wendell Willkie was running against Truman (or was it Dewey?)

Orlyene and I dress up in our finest bib and tucker and go to the community hall. The place is packed. Almost everyone in Smith

Valley, who has a library card, is there. Wynne waves at us, and we join her and Steve. Minutes later, Melinda and Wade show up, and come on over. This is great.

I can hardly wait to hear about Melinda's recent skiing trip to Switzerland. Melinda's eyes light up when I mention it. "It was fantastic. One day, we had a chance to choose a ski run that would bottom out in France, Italy or Switzerland. Isn't that amazing? Another time, I was really bummed out, because the fog was so bad. Then when we got on the gondola, the fog cleared as we



**Ron Walker**  
Senior Scene

ascended, and we spent the day skiing in brilliant sunshine, above the clouds. It was sublime. Another day, I kept noticing a perfectly formed mountain peak off in the distance, and as we skied closer, I realized it was the Matterhorn," she says. Melinda's appetite for beauty is astronomical.

My buddy, Bill Lapham, stops by. He always tells me he couldn't be feeling any better, and then checks me over very carefully. Bill is a retired California fireman,

like so many other Smith Valley retirees.

Three bright, young, FFA kids bring platters of corned beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes to our table. The corned beef is thinly sliced and delicious. "The silent auction will be held in 20 minutes," a voice tells us. I glance around the room; everyone is having a ball, talking and eating with great gusto. Food tastes better when you're among friends.

Steve is sitting directly across from me. Jumping right to the point I say, "Steve, Wynne tells me you just got back from Costa Rica; what was that all about?" With utter composure, he says, "I had some airline miles, and was about to lose them. I lived on the Costa

Rican Caribbean coast for 3 years in 1972, and I wanted to go back and see if anything had changed, also to see if a good friend had stayed on, and was still there. Back then, we had no telephones, no electricity and only a generator. I lived in a tin shack, raised chickens, and the natives told me how to fast, live healthy and prosper," Steve says. I straighten up, and take a second look at the mystery guy sitting across from me. There's more to this tale, than I can grasp at the moment. I ask Steve to jot down a few words in an email, and two days later, I receive a 900 word "essay." Stay tuned-more to follow.

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# CAPITAL CITY READS



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CATHLEEN ALLISON / NEVADA PHOTO SOURCE

Capital City Reads, Carson City Library's community-wide reading project, features one book annually for community discussion. Coordinated in conjunction with National Library Week (April 10-17), this year's book "Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future" by Ashlee Vance is now available at the Carson City Library. Limited quantities are available in print, with e-books and audio books also available on OverDrive.

# COURSE OF ACTION



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CATHLEEN ALLISON/NEVADA PHOTO SOURCE

Elisa Seiler, with the Carson City Library, reads in Spanish to students in the Parks and Recreation after-school program at Mark Twain Elementary School on Tuesday. As part of a Diversity in Action grant from the Nevada State Library and Archives, librarians will read a story in English and Spanish at four elementary schools through April.

NA 3/27/16

# 3-D modeling camp offered

By Teri Vance  
Special to the Appeal

Students can learn coding and 3-D modeling at a camp offered at the Carson City Library during spring break.

Sixth- through eighth-graders can attend the Tuesday camp while a camp for fourth- and fifth-graders will be held Thursday. Both camps will run 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Digitorium. Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days.

The camps curriculum is available through NClabs, which engages students in self-paced coursework combined with creative activities. Each camp includes

physical activities, games and tournaments.

As part of the coding instruction, students will learn programming language to write and execute code that controls digital technology, explained Aubrey White, assistant youth librarian.

"3-D modeling is learning how to create digital objects that could, in theory, be printed out and used in the real world," he said.

The skills learned in the one-day camps will serve as a base for students to understand the principles that will be expounded upon during additional camps over the summer.

They are skills, White said, today's youth will need

## IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** NCLab Library Camp

**WHEN:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday or Thursday, depending on age

**WHERE:** Digitorium of the Carson City Library, 900 N. Roop St.

**SIGN UP:** Go to [carsoncitylibrary.org](http://carsoncitylibrary.org) to register.

as they progress in their education and enter the workforce.

"Computers are not going away," White said. "More and more, the level of skill a student has is going to impact them not only in the future but right now in school."

Even students who have no interest in technology will

benefit from the camp.

"Computer coding teaches problem-solving and it develops the ability to fail," he said. "They learn how to use trial and error. If something doesn't work, you just keep trying and you figure it out."

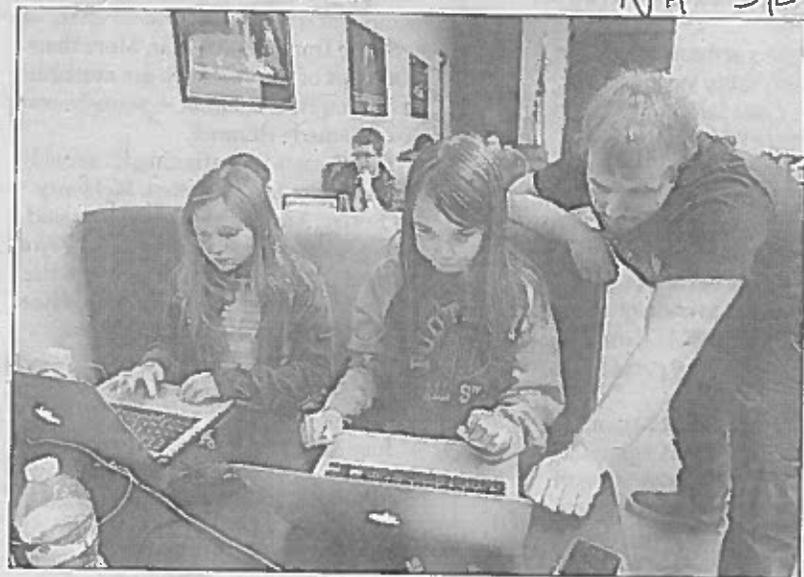
He pointed to his own career as a librarian with a major in English where computer knowledge is a necessity.

"I don't think we really know how omnipresent this is going to be no matter what field you go into," White said.

For more information or to sign up for the camp, go to [carsoncitylibrary.org](http://carsoncitylibrary.org). For more information about the camps or software, go to [nclab.com](http://nclab.com).

## CODE 'READ'

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Aubrey White, assistant youth librarian, teaches Reese MacKenzie, left, and Tarah Wright, both 11, during a coding and 3-D modeling camp at the Carson City Library in Carson City, on Tuesday. The camp curriculum, available through NClabs, includes programming language, games and tournaments.

CATHLEEN ALLISON/NEVADA PHOTO SOURCE

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BRAD COMAN/NEVADA APPEAL

Nevada State Archivist Jeff Kintop pulls a giant book full of handwritten legislative notes from its slot in the basement of the archives Thursday morning in Carson City.

# State Archivist honored

## Nevada Appeal Capitol Bureau

Nevada's State Archivist will be honored in May by the Conference of Intermountain Archivists.

Jeff Kintop will receive the organization's lifetime achievement award at the annual conference May 11 in Ogden, Utah.

The award recognizes his career of service and

leadership and advanced scholarship in the archival profession.

Kintop is only the second full time archivist Nevada has had since the office was moved from the Secretary of State's office to Library and Archives. His predecessor, Guy Rocha, was also presented the organization's lifetime achievement award. Kintop took over the position when Rocha retired.

He has been a member of the Conference, which represents Archivists from Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Arizona and New Mexico, for 32 years. He began working at Nevada's Archives Division in 1983.

The Archivist collects, catalogs and maintains state government's historical records and makes them available to the public as well as scholarly researchers.

## FAMOUS AUTHOR VISITS CHS

Ellen Hopkins, author of "Crank" and 12 other adult and young adult New York Times best-sellers, gave an interview and workshop to three of Ms. Sharon Miller's creative writing classes. Hopkins talked about writing, publishing, her inspirations and process, and using emoticons to evoke voice and character. The workshop used these techniques to help students write small creative scenarios using their own voices. Miller is thankful such great talent was willing to devote so much time and caring to a local high school. Way to go, Ms. Miller, for making this happen!

## BRIEFLY

### Dayton Branch Library celebrating 20th anniversary

The Dayton Branch Library is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a series of events from May 2016 to February 2017. Each event celebrates

the people who support the library and the services it provides to the community.

The library held its ground-breaking on May 4, 1996 and opened its doors on Feb. 1, 1997. The first event in its

anniversary celebration from 4 to 6 p.m. May 4 will honor the anniversary of the ground-breaking by again breaking ground to plant a commemorative plant outside the front door of the library. Refreshments will be served.

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# Hidden farmhouse secret author's muse

by Sarah Hauck  
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Updating the plumbing of an old Michigan farm house revealed a secret that sparked the interest of Gardnerville author Lenore Abat.

After hours of research, a 15 year hiatus because of her health and four months of writing Abat's book, "Carry Me Home," was finally published and recently released.

"I was born in Chicago and moved to my father's family's 80-acre farm after 8th grade," Abat said. "We lived there for about four years. I did go back some 45 years later. While I was there the family told me that they had found a hidden room under the floor boards of the kitchen."

Historically the room turned out to be a safe house for slaves fleeing their masters via the Underground Railroad in the 19th Century.

Interested in the secret that her adolescent home had been hiding, Abat headed to the local museum to look for more information.

"This discovery really piqued my interest," she said. "I did a lot of research. I discovered some of the trails that the slaves were making at the time. A lot of the safe houses and people within my story are real people and places, even though it is a fiction book."

"Carry Me Home," published under Abat's maiden name, Van Stelle, follows six slaves that escaped from a New Orleans plantation.

For the first-time author, Abat wanted to tell the story of such a turbulent time in history in a different way than most other authors of the subject.

"Most of the slaves that ran away did so in twos or threes sometimes more if they had

children," she said. "Any groups larger than that were too obvious. As I was creating this story I wanted all of those difficulties to be a part of my story."

Because of the topic of her book, Abat was hesitant to publish and make her book public.

Encouragement from her publisher and her daughter, a teacher of journalism, gave Abat the confidence in her book.

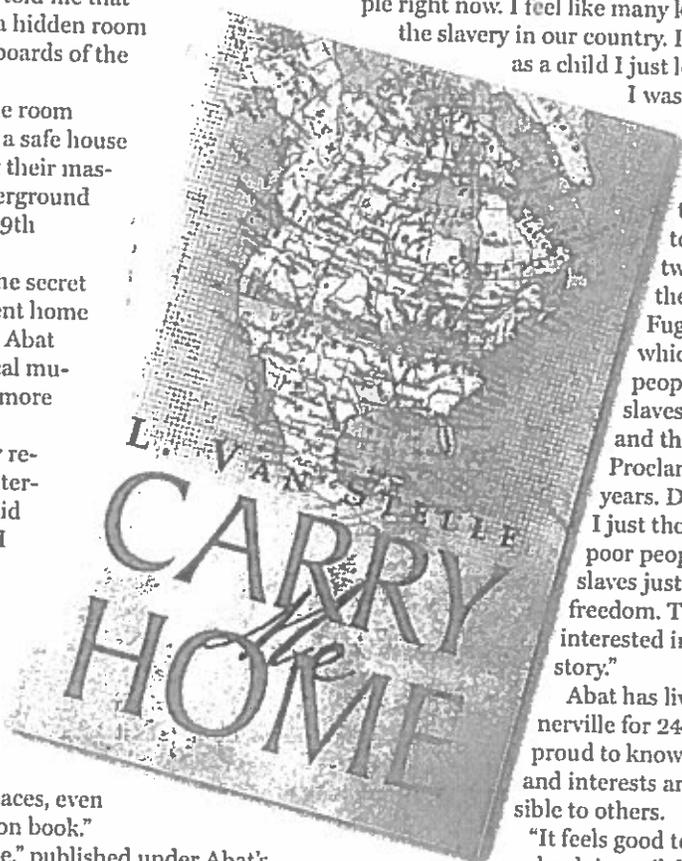
"I wrote about kind of an esoteric subject and I didn't think many people outside of our family would enjoy it," she said. "Both my daughter and publisher told me that my book was on topics that are interesting and pertinent to people right now. I feel like many kids her about the slavery in our country. I know I did, but as a child I just looked over it. As

I was doing my research I was so effected by all of these people that were trying to be free. Between the time of the passing of the Fugitive Slave Act, which encouraged people to capture slaves for a bounty, and the Emancipation Proclamation was 13 years. During that time I just thought of those poor people. They were slaves just trying to find freedom. That got me interested in writing my story."

Abat has lived in Gardnerville for 24 years and is proud to know that her ideas and interests are finally accessible to others.

"It feels good to know that my book is available to so many people," Abat said. "Especially since I have been pondering this for so many years. I was finally successful at creating something. It was like a wish being fulfilled."

"Carry Me Home" was published by Page Publishing and is available at bookstores as well as online at iTunes, Amazon, Google Play and Barnes and Noble.



## History prep

Last Saturday History an even honored art of who should be Douglas County county in the United States more gifted than the others. Thank on the event and nominated women

April 2 is Family to the museum planned a program Peak Fiber Arts a hands-on demonstration and technique family crafts including, knitting, felt with natural fiber will run from 10 a

The next happening is our Second on April 8. Local man will speak on "Twelve Tales from Cemetery." Just a few Carson Valley and in Alpine County, Cemetery is the first many pioneers from families. Learn why in the cemetery project's opening by noon other fascinating topics p.m. with the lecture Admission is \$3 per DCHS members.

April 23 is Blood Bows. This is our a cheon with a historical Jan Loverin curatorie Russell textile at Nevada State Museum will speak to us about women's unmentioned some of those history play. Tickets are now Museum Bookstore \$20 for DCHS men purchasing tickets of our more popular will sell out. The lecture to 2 p.m.

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Sunday March 27, 10am to 1:30pm

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# Couple publishes book on quiet camping

## Staff Reports

Eastern Sierra and Death Valley visitors and residents who like privacy when they're camping now have an easy way to instantly know which campsites are the most private on recreation.gov or in first-come, first-served campgrounds. Whether campers simply enjoy being surrounded by quaking aspens, want to be far away from neighbors' lights so they can view the stars at night, or prefer to camp as far away as possible from rowdy neighbors, a new book called "Eastern Sierra And Death Valley Camping With Privacy: Your Guide To The Most Private Campsites Near Mammoth Lakes, Tuolumne Meadows, Death Valley, And Beyond" allows campers to rest and rejuvenate in camp spaces that are the most private in the campground.

Gardnerville author Kimberly Wilkes and photographer Patrick Wilkes published the book after looking at 3,416 campsites in 91 campgrounds, including Hope Valley Resort, Tuolumne Meadows, the campgrounds in Lee Vining Canyon, Twin Lakes, Mammoth Lakes, Convict Lake, Rock Creek Canyon, Whitney Portal, Grandview Campground near the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, Death Valley campgrounds, and everything in between.

"Eastern Sierra And Death Valley Camping With Privacy" includes a description of each campsite with the most privacy so readers will know exactly what the campsite is like. The authors also gave each campsite in the book a grade from A+ to C+, based on the site's privacy. In addition, the book features a description of each campground, describing the overall feel of the campground as well as its privacy factor in addition to activities and restaurants that are located nearby. For most of the campgrounds, it also lists whether Verizon cell phone service is available.

"To our knowledge, no other travel guide has done what we have done," Kimberly said. "There is another book that talks about the privacy of the campground as a whole, but no other book actually describes and rates individual campsites based on their privacy."

The book is the ultimate guide for anyone camping in the Eastern Sierra or Death Valley because on recreation.gov, it's not easy to know exactly which campsites have the most privacy. Although campers can visit websites, including recreation.gov, which show photos of camp spaces, it's impossible to tell from the images how close the site is to its neighbor. With this new resource, campers will find out exactly which campsites have plenty of elbowroom or are hidden away behind trees, willows, and



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Author Kimberly Wilkes and photographer Patrick Wilkes at Convict Lake.

vegetation. Using the book to make reservations means there's less of a chance campers will feel disappointed when they pull into a spot that wasn't what they expected.

The travel guide also helps people who are seeking a first-come, first-served campsite discover which campgrounds have the best selection of private spots so they can beat the crowds to the choice campsites, which is especially important on a busy Friday or before holidays when visitors are pouring into the campgrounds. Knowing in advance

which campground has the best selection of private spaces means there will be less time wasted driving around in search of a site. In Death Valley, knowing which campgrounds have the best selection of spaces with privacy is a big advantage since the park is so huge that it's inconvenient to drive to different areas looking for a desirable campsite.

In addition, the book will help visitors and residents alike find new campgrounds to explore in areas of the Eastern Sierra and Death Valley they haven't previously visited. Although the book places an emphasis on spaces suitable for tents, pickups with camper tops, camper vans, and smaller trailers, it also points out spaces that are especially suitable for RVs, such as sites with pull-through driveways.

"Even though we like meeting new people when we're camping, we enjoy having a tranquil campsite where we can relax on our own," said Kimberly. "The idea to write this book came to me after I reserved a campsite on recreation.gov that on the map looked like it was far away from

its neighbors. But when I checked in I realized it was located in a meadow, with no vegetation to block the view of the neighboring campsite, and it wasn't as far away from its neighbor as it looked on the map. I've also camped too close to people who have talked loudly into the night. We wrote this book so that other campers are less likely to have those same experiences and so that they can easily find a campsite that makes them happy."

The paperback book features black and white photographs of select campsites and the soon-to-be-released Kindle version features color photos on Kindle devices that are color compatible.

The authors also have started a new blog at [www.ilovetheeasternsierra.com](http://www.ilovetheeasternsierra.com), where they write about secret and scenic spots in the Eastern Sierra and Death Valley, hikes away from the crowds, as well as the fun and interesting people and attractions that make the area a special place, such as the giant cow statue on the road from Las Vegas to Death Valley.

Kimberly and Patrick are a husband and wife team. Kimberly is a freelance writer and the author of "The Indestructible Relationship," which the Electronic Publishing Industry Coalition named the best non-fiction ebook of 2012.

Patrick is a professional photographer whose year-long exhibit, "The Four Seasons of Pyramid Lake," appeared at the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum and Visitor Center from 2013 to 2014.

The Eastern Sierra holds a special place in the couple's hearts, since they were engaged at Convict Lake. The first trip they ever took together was to Death Valley.

"Eastern Sierra And Death Valley Camping With Privacy" is available at Shelby's Book Shoppe in Minden, at Hope Valley Resort, and Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley as well as other bookstores throughout the Eastern Sierra. It's also available on Amazon.com.



# good life guide

## HOW TO SAVE ON

### FRUGAL FITNESS

5 ways to pump up your workout routine without breaking the bank

**DAILY DEALS** Surf websites such as LivingSocial and Groupon for discounts on classes at local fitness clubs.

**CHECK IT OUT** Browse your local library for fitness DVDs. "If you find a DVD you especially like, it's probably worth buying it instead of constantly renewing it at the library. But I love how you can 'try before you buy' via the library," says Crystal Paine, mom of three who blogs at moneysavingmom.com.

**HOME SWEET GYM** Invest in inexpensive workout equipment such as handheld weights, a jump rope (the Go-Fit Speed Jump Rope, \$10, Dick's Sporting Goods, features

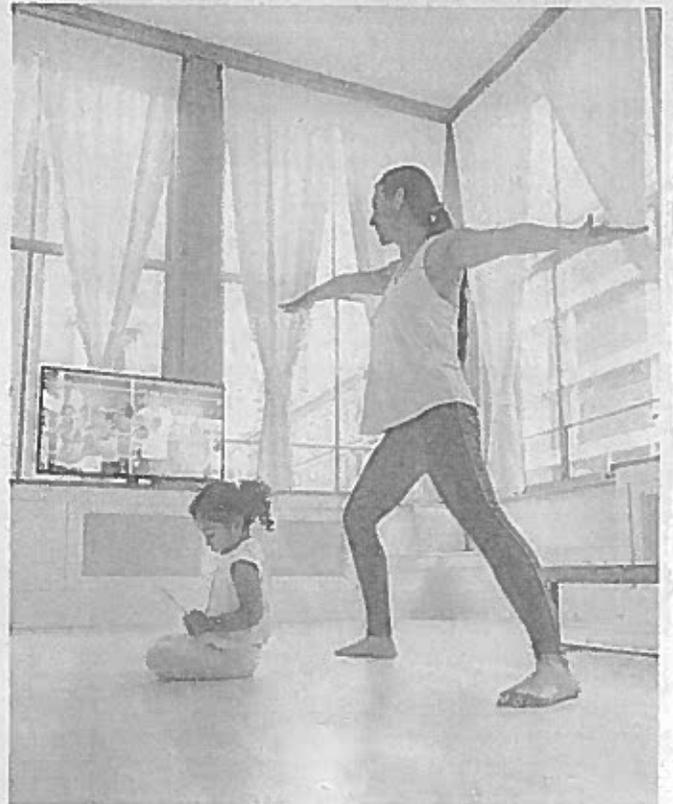
an adjustable length) and an inflatable exercise ball. Check out local consignment stores and resale sites like Craigslist for pre-owned, discounted items if you're looking for more heavy-duty equipment. Go to [toneitup.com](http://toneitup.com) for free at-home workout routines.

**POLICY PERKS** Review your health insurance plan for discounts. For example, some UnitedHealthcare plans offer up to \$20 per month to policyholders who work out at national fitness centers at least 12 times per month. And if you decide joining a gym is right for you, sign up for the gym's mailing list and browse its social media channels

for additional coupons on trending classes.

**CABLE OR ONLINE CLASSES** Check with your cable provider for free on-demand fitness channels that may already be covered in your current package. Or try AcaciaTV, a commercial-free online channel featuring routines from top fitness experts you can stream on smartphone, iPad or Samsung Smart TV. A monthly subscription of \$6.99 allows continued access plus connections to an online community for tips, advice and a personalized calendar. (Give it a test run first via AcaciaTV's free 10-day trial.)

—Lauren Harris



# 23 Little Ways to SAVE (and Earn!) BIG

SHOP SMARTER FOR EVERYTHING FROM GROCERIES AND PRESCRIPTIONS TO FAMILY FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT WITH THESE EASY IDEAS

EXCERPT:

**LOVE THE LIBRARY** Your local library could save you hundreds of dollars on family fun—many offer video games for loan and movies for download or DVD rental (not to mention, of course, all those books you're dying to read). Visit [publiclibraries.com](http://publiclibraries.com) to find the public library closest to you.

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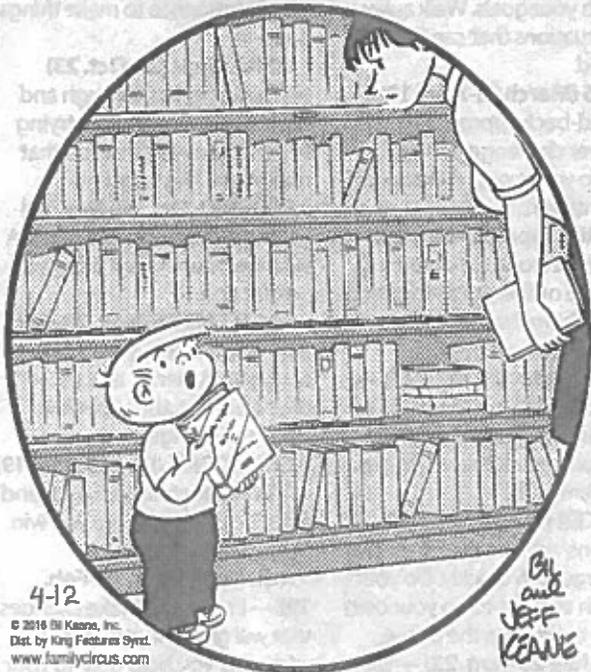
TINA'S GROOVE NA 3/31/16



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Is this just a book or is it literature?"

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**Robert "Bob"  
Chambers**  
May 26, 1935 - Apr. 1, 2016

Robert "Bob" Chambers,  
long-time resident of  
Gardnerville, passed away at home on Friday,  
April 1, 2016.

Bob and his wife Brenda moved to Gardnerville in 2001 from June Lake, California. Bob loved the Sierras and his new home in Gardnerville. He became active in the community as a member of the Douglas County Library Board and as President and Treasurer of Friends of the Library.

Bob was born in Los Angeles, California on May 26, 1935 and lived most of his life in Burbank before retiring to June Lake in 1997. He was a graduate of UCLA and had an MBA from Pepperdine University. Bob was a consummate engineer and spent his entire working career of more than 30 years with Singer-Librascope in Burbank.

After retiring to June Lake, Bob became involved in various community projects including the June Lake Water Board, the Mono County Library, and Friends of the Bodie Railroad.

Bob's smile, energy and hugs will be missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Brenda, son Richard (Pamela) of Downey, California, grandchildren Jamie Chambers of Minden, Jeffrey Chambers of Simi Valley, California and Steven Chambers of Huntington Beach, California. Bob was preceded in death by granddaughter Bridget Chambers. Bob will also be missed by former daughter-in-law Terri Chambers of Minden and step grandchildren Stacey Tauson of Los Angeles and Stephanie Tauson of Downey, California.

A memorial event will be planned for a  
later date.

Arrangements were in the trusted care of  
Autumn Funerals & Cremations.

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## Quarterly Public FAX24 for Douglas County Public Library

ACTIVITY REPORT FROM: 1/1/2016 TO: 3/31/2016

<b>Invoice</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Loc ID</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Fax Cards</b>	<b>Credit Cards</b>	<b>CC Sales</b>	<b>Commissions</b>
66982	1/31/2016	January	0582	Douglas County Public Library	0	25	\$110.63	\$4.63
67900	2/29/2016	February	0582	Douglas County Public Library	0	21	\$69.63	\$0.98
68820	3/31/2016	March	0582	Douglas County Public Library	0	21	\$115.69	\$5.64
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1-st Quarter</b>	<b>0582</b>	<b>Douglas County Public Library</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>\$295.95</b>	<b>\$11.25</b>