

Learning Matters

Nevada libraries celebrate 70 years



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State Council on Libraries and Literacy meet, the Nevada Library Association convenes its 70th annual conference and the Nevada Librarian of the Year named - all in Las Vegas

(Carson City, NV) – October 17 – 21 was significant for Nevada libraries. An assembly of library professionals drew more than 200 of the State's library science and information experts to Las Vegas for the 70th annual Nevada Library Association conference. With an allied purpose to learn more about the research, instruction and education happening in Nevada's public, school, academic and special libraries, robust sharing took shape. Over the two-day conference and pre-conference sessions, its evident Nevadans are using and need their libraries. For example, between 2013 – 2015 statewide public library programs have increased over 15%, eBook borrowing spiked over 96% and use of public internet computers was up 8%.

Jeff Kintop, Administrator of the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records division convened the State Council on Libraries and Literacy and Nevada's library directors, in two separate pre-conference meetings. Kintop addressed state and federal priorities in the coming months, especially those related to legislative issues. Among the Council's most significant work is advisement on Nevada's Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) program. Awarded each year from the Federal Institute of Museums and Libraries (IMLS) 2016 LSTA resources are funding 24 grants totaling \$1.76M. Council reviewed the final close of the 2015 grant cycle which dedicated \$1.73M to 28 grants.

Library directors studied innovative ways LSTA programs are being leveraged with other partners, like in Carson City where a 2015 Carson City Library LSTA program partnered with Western Nevada College and the Carson City School District. The *Nevada's Working Capital* program has certified 61 individuals with beginning level advanced manufacturing credentials. This has already led some graduates to employment with Carson City's Click Bond and Storey County's Tesla/Panasonic, two of the regions premier advanced manufacturers.

"Education in all its forms is a widespread responsibility—a duty that we all share. While our formal places of education have primary jurisdiction over the day to day instruction of students, the State should and does play a supportive role," said Kintop.

Community-wide learning initiatives were among the focus for the IGT Mathewson Knowledge Center at the University of Nevada, Reno. *Whose Land is it? The Dann Sisters and the Western Shoshone Defense Project* opened this year in the Special Collections Department. UNR received a grant from the National Historical Publications & Records Commission to organize, preserve and make public a 120 linear-foot collection of records from the Western Shoshone Defense Project and Western Shoshone ranchers and sisters, Carrie Dann and Mary Dann. This is the first donation from a Western Shoshone Tribal organization to Special Collections. The Dann sisters were involved in a legal battle with the U.S. government for nearly 50 years to maintain ownership and control over

Western Shoshone ancestral lands in northeastern Nevada. Their case was eventually argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. The collection includes documents from the mid-1960s to 2010.

Over the course of one year, Special Collections organized and prepared a guide to the collection, created a virtual exhibit of selected materials, and held a special reception for former staff and volunteers of the Western Shoshone Defense Project and other Western Shoshone tribal members. “With the addition of this collection, we [have expanded] the information and sources related to the Paiute, Shoshone and Washoe, the three Great Basin tribes in our area. We have collections from anthropologists and ethnographers who worked with Paiute and Washoe tribal members and materials from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, but this is a significant contribution entrusted to us from the Western Shoshone,” said Jacquelyn Sundstrand, manuscripts and archives librarian. The finished collection has helped grow a relationship between the Libraries, the Western Shoshone and other Native groups.

The Nevada Library Association (NLA) named the 2016 *Librarian of the Year*. Soraya Silverman-Montano was selected for innovative work developing science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) activities. Silverman-Montano’s work over the past year included coordinating library-exclusive Minecraft servers, developing “library world” settings and conducting staff training for all of Las Vegas Clark County’s 25 branches on how best to use the game opportunity. The popular 3D virtual sandbox challenge promotes creativity, collaboration, and problem solving. Youth are able to reinforce their knowledge of STEAM concepts outside the classroom and apply skills in specific building tasks.

“Soraya has an excellent grasp of how to reach school-aged and young adult children and engage them in the love of learning. She is comfortable visiting schools, day care centers and any other place she can go to share with youth what the library has to offer,” said NLA President, Scott Clonan at the NLA President’s dinner Tuesday evening.

The State Library, Archives and Public Records *Talking Books* program recently enjoyed an invitation from Dr. Robin Titus, MD, family practice physician in Wellington and assemblywoman from Nevada District 38.

“You see, one of Dr. Titus’ patients will turn 100 next month and has been a part of the talking books program for over 17 years. We are invited to the birthday party,” said program manager and librarian Hope Williams. “It is really wonderful, we have four patrons who have turned 100 in the last year and one more coming before the year ends.”

Meaningfully linked learning opportunities between the formal classroom, home and third places of learning (like libraries and museums) leads to skilled and qualified workers and, more importantly, health and longevity.

“I am so proud to be a part of this professional community and look forward to the digital and paper chapters ahead,” said Kintop.

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IMAGES and VIDEO

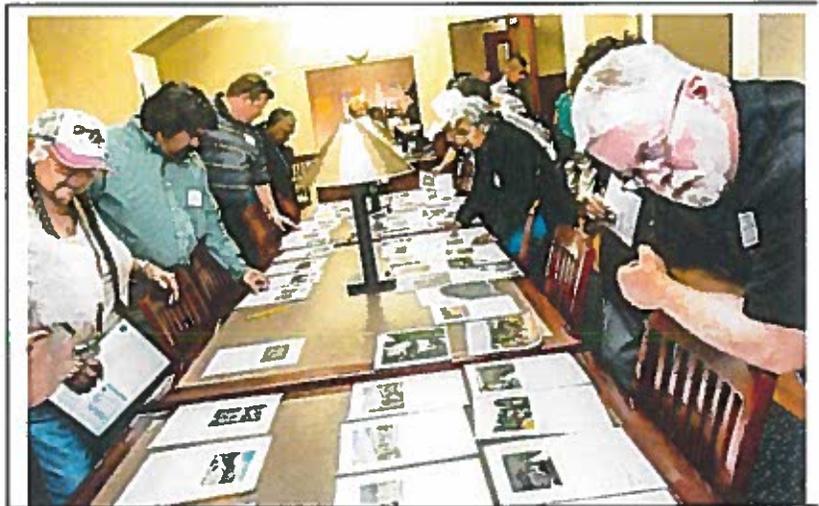


President's Dinner Dignitary } L, NLA President Scott Clonan honors Soraya Silverman-Montano from Las Vegas Clark County Library District with the 2016 *Librarian of the Year* Award.



Learning Matters } October 18, 2016 at the South Point Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas opening the 70th annual meeting of the Nevada Library Association. NSLAPR's Administrator, Jeff Kintop, is pictured in the third row about middle of the crowd.

2015 LSTA HIGHLIGHT VIDEO at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Lt3RCoCymA>



Treasures from the Past Informing the Future } One of many engaged groups taking in an eagerly awaited opening of a UNR Knowledge Center Special Collections exhibit: *Whose Land is it? The Dann Sisters and the Western Shoshone Defense Project*. The first of its kind donation to the University from a Western Shoshone Tribal organization.

DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Statistical Report
FY 2016-2017

Circulation	Year-to-Date			September 2016		
	Minden	Tahoe	Total	Minden	Tahoe	Total
Items Checked Out/Renewed	41,676	3,185	44,861	12,800	932	13,732
eCheckouts			2,521			803
New Cards Issued	363	41	404	104	7	111
Patrons	27,587	3,414	31,001	27,587	3,414	31,001
Library Visits	26,143	4,747	30,890	8,098	1,441	9,539
Inventory	103,496	26,588	130,084	103,496	26,588	130,084
Interlibrary Loans Requested	169	28	197	36	2	38
Interlibrary Loans Loaned	75	1	76	21	-	21
Homebound Patrons	20	-	20	20	-	20
Homebound Checkouts	468	-	468	178	-	178
Database Sessions			5,401			unavailable
Services	Minden	Tahoe	Total	Minden	Tahoe	Total
Meeting Room Use	91	10	101	27	2	29
Meeting Room Attendance	1,092	155	1,247	324	31	355
Pine Nut Room Use	23	-	23	10	-	10
Pine Nut Room Attendance	115	-	115	50	-	50
Kids' Programs	68	2	70	21	-	21
Kids' Program Attendance	1,894	83	1,977	211	-	211
Teen Programs	1	1	2	-	-	-
Teen Program Attendance	125	4	129	-	-	-
Adult Programs	9	-	9	5	-	5
Adult Program Attendance	107	-	107	49	-	49
Total Programs	78	3	81	26	-	26
Total Program Attendance	2,126	87	2,213	260	-	260
Outreach	9	-	9	-	-	-
Public Computer Use	2,783	226	3,009	933	13	946
ADA-pc Use	30	2	32	15	2	17
Wireless Use			4,770			1,501
Volunteers	180	3	183	58	1	59
Volunteer Hours	800	22	822	220	12	232

Useful Use September 2016

DLT		DCL			
Internet		Internet		ADA	
Internet & Office	97	Internet & Office	712	Extended use	13
Large Print (LP)	2	Large Print (LP)	74	Restricted LP	2
		15-minute Internet & Office	120		
		Word processing	27		
Total	99	Total	933	Total	15

Self-Check Circulation Statistics
Douglas County Public Library
Fiscal year 2016-2017

DCL	Checkouts	Sessions
July 2016	2,177	754
August 2016	2,178	814
September 2016	1,855	653
October 2016		
November 2016		
December 2016		
January 2017		
February 2017		
March 2017		
April 2017		
May 2017		
June 2017		
Total	6,210	2,221

Wireless Usage Report
Douglas County Public Library
Fiscal Year 2016-2017

# of Wireless sessions	Year-to-date	July 2016	August 2016	September 2016
	4,770	1,486	1,783	1,501