

Washoe County Library

EXPLORER

October - November, 2020

Virtual
Events &
Resources



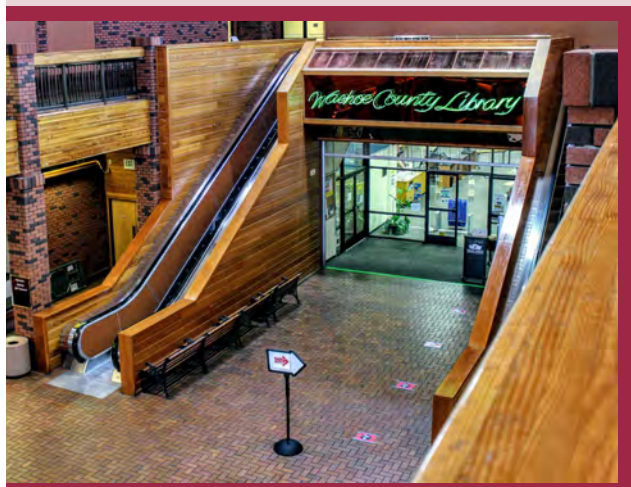
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A Welcome from Library Director Jeff Scott

Welcome to another digital edition of the Washoe County Library Explorer. As we head into fall, we hope you'll join us in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, and National Friends of Libraries Week. We are also very excited to highlight TeenTober, a new, month-long celebration of teen services from the the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). In preparation, we've developed special teen-focused virtual programs, and a 100 Books Before Graduation teen reading challenge.

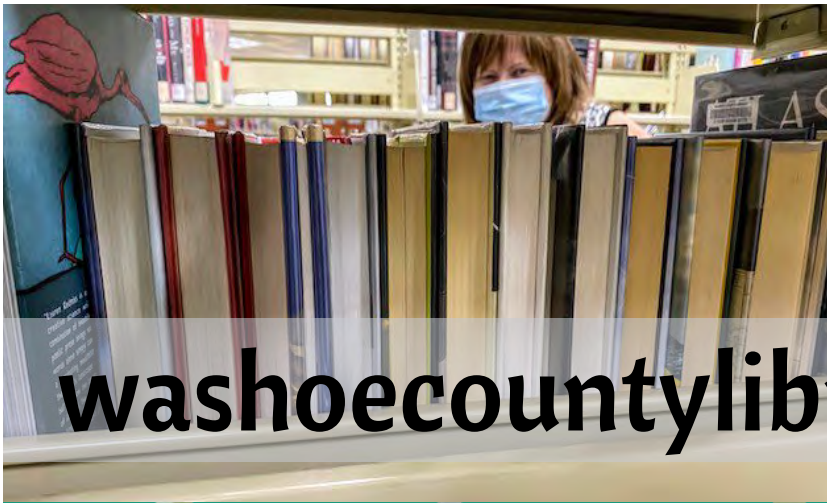
In support of a safe reopening that protects our patrons, staff, and community, library staff continue to provide vital services such as virtual reference, programming, digital materials, and hold pickup. We have expanded grab-and-go and drive-up hold pickup services, opened our book drops 24 hours a day, and eliminated fines on overdue books and materials.

We know that for many of you, the WiFi and computer access provided by the library have been greatly missed. Looking forward, we will be utilizing CARES Act funding to make Chromebooks available to our patrons, and in preparation we are increasing access to public Wi-Fi spots.

The latest information about our safe reopening will always be available at www.washoecountylibrary.us/reopen. You can find our archived virtual events and register for upcoming events at www.washoecountylibrary.us/events.

We hope you'll take advantage of the wealth of virtual programs featured in this issue of the Explorer. Be sure to sign up for our newsletter and follow us on social media for the latest updates on our safe reopening and virtual services. Whether online or in our branches, we look forward to seeing you!





OUR SAFE REOPENING

washoecountylibrary.us/reopen

Downtown Reno

Grab-and-Go

Tuesday - 10 am to 2 pm
Thursday - 10 am to 2 pm
Sunday - 10 am to 2 pm

Book Drop
24/7

Gerlach

Grab-and-Go

Wednesday - 5:30 to 7:30

Book Drop
24/7

Incline Village

Grab-and-Go

Monday - 10 am to 2 pm
Tuesday - 3 pm to 7 pm
Wednesday—Saturday - 10 am to 2 pm

Book Drop
24/7

Northwest Reno



Drive-Up

Tuesday - 10 am to 2 pm
Thursday - 10 am to 2 pm
Saturday - 10 am to 2 pm

Book Drop
24/7

North Valleys

Grab-and-Go

Tuesday - 10 am to 2 pm
Wednesday - 3 pm to 7 pm
Thursday - 10 am to 2 pm

Book Drop
24/7

Sierra View

Grab-and-Go

Tuesday - 2 pm to 6 pm
Thursday - 10 am to 2 pm
Saturday - 10 am to 2 pm

Book Drop
24/7

South Valleys



Drive-Up

Tuesday - 10 am to 2 pm
Wednesday - 2 pm to 6 pm
Thursday - 10 am to 2 pm

Book Drop
24/7

Spanish Springs

Grab-and-Go

Tuesday - 10 am to 2 pm
Wednesday - 4 pm to 6 pm
Thursday - 10 am to 2 pm

Book Drop
24/7

Sparks

Grab-and-Go

Tuesday - 10 am to 2 pm
Thursday - 10 am to 2 pm
Saturday - 10 am to 2 pm

Book Drop
24/7

Know Before You Go:

- ★ Hold pickup only at this time. Sorry, no browsing.
- ★ You will receive a notification when your hold is available. Due to quarantine issues, your hold may not be immediately available.
- ★ Please bring your library card to minimize contact. Please contact us if you need help accessing your account. If you do not have a library card, you may register here.
- ★ Face coverings are required for all staff and visitors to Washoe County facilities. A cloth face covering will be provided if you do not have your own.
- ★ Please contact us if you need assistance with existing holds or with placing a new hold. Assistance is available by email or telephone.
- ★ You may return items to the book drop during your visit. Staff are unable to personally accept returns. Items will be checked in after a minimum seven-day quarantine period.

Thanks to a recent unanimous vote by the Library Board of Trustees, we are now

100% Fine Free!

Patrons are still responsible for the replacement costs of lost items.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

All Washoe County Libraries will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Friday, October 30
Nevada Day Closure

Wednesday, November 11
Veterans Day Closure

Wednesday, November 25
Thursday, November 26
Friday, November 27
Saturday, November 28
Thanksgiving Holiday Closures

Sunday, November 29
Downtown Reno Library closed

For more information, please visit us online at washoecountylibrary.us



Featured

ONLINE RESOURCES

Lynda.com

Working remotely? Learn all about Microsoft Teams with Lynda.com. From basics and quick tips to advanced collaboration and configuration, Lynda.com is a leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology, and creative skills.

Consumer Health Complete

Confused about a recent diagnosis? Consumer Health Complete is the most comprehensive resource for consumer-oriented health content, designed to support the information needs of patients and to foster an overall understanding of health-related topics.

Tech Boomers

Want to keep in touch with family and friends via social media, but you're concerned about privacy? Tech Boomers can help. Made especially for baby boomer and senior learners, but great for everyone looking to learn how to use popular web-based services.

Legal Information Reference Center

Do you know your rights as a tenant? Find assistance on legal matters of all kinds. Includes full text for many top consumer legal reference books and thousands of legal forms from Legal Information Reference Center.

RBdigital

Now including content in 18 languages! Subscribe digitally to hundreds of popular magazines on your computer or mobile device and receive new content automatically as it becomes available.

Learning Express Library

Preparing for the EMT, Paramedic, or Firefighter exams? Find online tutorials, practice tests, and ebooks for career certification and licensure exams for these and many more careers through Learning Express Library.

Start with our website for free access to these and many more valuable resources: washoecountylibrary.us



Virtual Story Time

Join us every day at 11 am for Virtual Story Time, featuring one of Washoe County Library's very own Story Time stars!



Our Story Times are posted in the Washoe County Library Virtual Story Time Group on Facebook. Join the group to view all our pre-recorded Story Times 24 hours a day!





Events for Kids

OCTOBER

A Thousand Miles of Desert and Mountains: A Prospecting Trip Across Nevada and Over the Sierras
Thursdays, 1 pm

Virtual Story Time
Every day at 11 am
Bilingual Virtual Story Time
Tuesdays, October 6, 13

First Chapter Friday
Fridays, Noon
Banned Books, October 2

Early Reader Feature
2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4 pm

Break With Baby
3rd Tuesday, 4 pm

Spark the Imagination
Saturday, October 24, 11:30 am
Join us for music, theater, dance, improv, poetry, and more.

Mindful Movement Story Time
4th Monday, 4 pm

Virtual Halloween Party
Wednesday, October 28, 5:30 pm

NOVEMBER

Virtual Story Time
Every day at 11 am

Break With Baby
1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 4 pm

First Chapter Friday
Fridays, Noon

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Mindful Movement Story Time
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HALLOWEEN 2020



Virtual Halloween Party

Wednesday, October 28, 5:30–6pm
Calling all goblins and ghosts! You have been summoned to attend your yearly training to learn new spooky stories and crafts.

[Register Here](#)

How to Participate

Have a scary story of your own? Whether it's something you've experienced or something you've written, fact or fiction, send your typed manuscript to us in an email by October 15th. Approved submissions will be narrated and added to our Halloween broadcast:

Shivery: Chilling Tales of Horror

Submission Guidelines: 1000 words maximum. By emailing your story, you affirm that your submission is 100% your original work and authorize Washoe County Library System to read the story and post it to the library's various social media sites, such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Submissions accepted from all ages. No adult content: profanity, gore, etc. Think *Goosebumps*, not Stephen King. In the submission, please note the name you'd like used, keeping in mind the video will be made public. No last names will be used.
Send to: ivstaff@washoecounty.us
Deadline: October 15, 2020



Shivery: Chilling Tales of Horror

Saturday, October 31, 7–8 pm

Nowhere to trick-or-treat? No problem! Pull up a seat and listen to some creepy stories submitted by library patrons across the county and narrated by the Script-Keeper, a local author and library employee.

[Register Here](#)

CELEBRATE TEENTOBER



TEENTober is a new, nationwide celebration hosted by libraries every October and aims to celebrate teens, promote year-round Teen Services, and the innovative ways Teen Services helps teens learn new skills and fuel their passions in and outside the library.

- *Young Adult Library Services Association*, a division of the American Library Association

LEARN, READ, EXPLORE, and live LIFE. Explore Washoe County Library System's **Just for Teens** page for homework help, community resources, driving tests, career choices, what to read next, and more!



Overdrive/Libby - A collection of downloadable ebooks and audiobooks. Read or listen on your computer or mobile device.

Brainfuse - A collection of tools for student success, including FREE live homework help from expert tutors daily from 1 - 10 pm. **FREE TUTORS!**



Washoe County Library System values the importance of supporting and connecting with the teens in our community. We offer online resources that support lifelong learning and fun, free virtual events that focus on art, cultural, STEAM, and educational enrichment.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR TEENS

100 Books Before Graduation Challenge



This **Challenge** encourages high school students to read for FUN! The goal is to read 100 books before you graduate high school. You can read any books that interest you! We also have **Reading Lists** put together by our staff to help you get started.

GET A DIGITAL LIBRARY CARD

Most library resources require a library card and must be accessed through our website. You can sign up for a digital card by clicking the **"GET A CARD"** button at the top of our homepage.



Events for Teens

OCTOBER

First Chapter Friday
Fridays, Noon

A Thousand Miles of Desert and Mountains: A Prospecting Trip Across Nevada and Over the Mountains
Thursdays, 3 pm

Easy Teen Cuisine
Mondays, 3 pm
Tune in for tips, tricks, and basics to help you feed yourself and others with ingredients you probably already have on hand.

Nevada Day Treasure Hunt Virtual Launch
Friday, October 2, 1 pm
Learn about the 19th Annual Nevada Day Treasure Hunt and discover a new Nevada tradition.

Shivery: Chilling Tales of Horror
Saturday, October 31, 7 pm
Pull up a seat and listen to some creepy stories submitted by library patrons across the county and narrated by the Script-keeper, a local author and library employee.

NOVEMBER

First Chapter Friday
Fridays, Noon

Spark the Imagination
Last Friday, 11:30
Join us for music, theatre, dance, improv and poetry led by local artists as well as library staff.



What will you discover at the library?
www.ala.org/yalsa/teentober



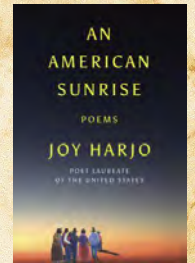
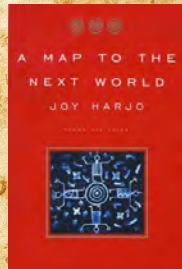
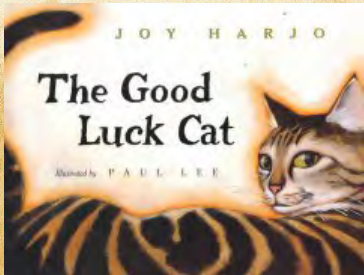
See Page 9 for more TeenTober resources and information about the 100 books before graduation reading challenge.



OUR DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH

November is National Native American Heritage Month

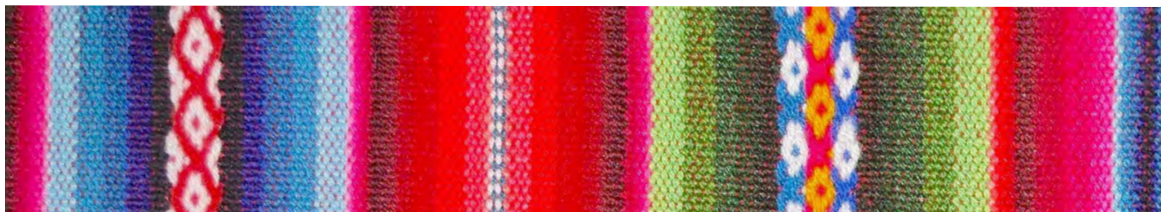
Explore the literary world of Joy Harjo, Poet Laureate of the United States



NATIONAL
HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH

September 15-October 15

We're celebrating the contributions that Hispanic and Latinx Americans have made to the culture of the United States all month. Follow us on social media for special features, like **Bilingual Story Times** and book lists for **adults, kids, and teens** that highlight Hispanic and Latinx authors and themes.



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO VOTE

Register to Vote:

Mail-in registration: Postmarked by October 6
Online: By October 15, 2020 to receive a mail-in ballot; by October 29, 2020 to vote in person.

Same-day registration: Available in person during early voting and on election day with valid Nevada ID.

Click here for Nevada voter registration requirements and to register online.

Early Voting:

October 17–30, 9 am to 7 pm
Fifteen in-person voting and ballot drop-off locations, including most Washoe County Libraries, plus an additional 15 ballot drop-off only locations.
Click here for all locations.

Election Day:

November 3, 2020, 7 am to 7 pm
Twenty-nine in-person and ballot drop-off locations, plus 15 ballot drop-off only locations.
Voters may use any polling place.
Click here for all polling place locations.

Absentee Ballot:

Postmarked by
November 3, 2020

Mail-in Ballot:

All registered Nevada voters will receive a ballot by mail. Completed ballots can be mailed back or dropped off during early voting or on Election Day. Must be postmarked or dropped off by November 3, 2020.

Track Your Ballot:

Track the status of your mail-in ballot, from printed to accepted.
Sign-up for Ballotrax.

for personalized
voter information

vote411.org

General election information is subject to change. Please check with the **Nevada Secretary of State** or the **Washoe County Registrar of Voters** for the latest information.



Events for Adults

OCTOBER

A Thousand Miles of Desert and Mountains: A Prospecting Trip Across Nevada and Over the Mountains
Thursdays, 1 pm

Nevada Day Treasure Hunt Virtual Launch
Friday, October 2, 1 pm
Learn about the 19th Annual Nevada Day Treasure Hunt and discover a new Nevada tradition!

Historic Reno Preservation Society Presents 1st Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm
Speaker Jerry Wagner discusses ALSOS: The Hunt for Hitler's A-Bomb

Family Estate Planning Series
Wednesdays, 10:30 am and 1:30 pm

Virtual Book Club: *Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn and World War II*
Thursday, October 15, 2 pm

Shivery: Chilling Tales of Horror
Saturday, October 31, 7 pm

NOVEMBER

Family Estate Planning Series
Wednesday, November 4
10:30 am and 1:30 pm

Historic Reno Preservation Society Presents 1st Tuesdays @ 5:30pm
Sharon Honig-Bear presents
A Taste for History

Nevada Historical Society presents High Noon with Neal Cobb: My Lives as a Chautauqua Performer
Thursday, November 19, Noon

Virtual Book Club:
Where the Crawdads Sing
Thursday, November 19, 2 pm

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Stay Informed with our weekly Digital Edition newsletter. Sign up today!

First Chapter Friday
Fridays at Noon, October 9 and 16

Our First Chapter Friday readings on October 9 and 16 will feature stories with Hispanic and Latinx authors and characters. Visit our online First Chapter Friday archive today!

Nuestras lecturas del First Chapter Friday del 9 y 16 de octubre presentarán historias con autores y personajes hispanos y latinos. Visite nuestro archivo en línea del First Chapter Friday hoy!



Virtual Bilingual Story Time
Cuentos Bilingües Virtuales
Tuesdays at 11 am,
October 6 and 13

Join the Washoe County Library Virtual Story Time Facebook group to view all our online story time content.

Únase al grupo Washoe County Library Virtual Story Time en Facebook para ver todo nuestro contenido de cuentos en línea.



Feliz Día de los Muertos

Día de los Muertos Story Time
Cuentos del Día de los Muertos
Sunday, November 1 and Monday, November 2

Watch for our special Día de los Muertos story times on the Washoe County Library Virtual Story Time Facebook group.

Esté atento a nuestros cuentos especiales del Día de los Muertos en el grupo Washoe County Library Virtual Story Time en Facebook.



RECURSOS PARA HISPANOHABLANTES

washoecountylibrary.us/espanol



THANKFUL FOR YOU

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"THE LIBRARY IS A BEDROCK OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE ARE HONORED TO HELP SUPPORT IT."

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Did you know that many of our events, services, and this publication are made possible through community support? If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Andrea Tavener, Public Information & Development Officer, at atavener@washoecounty.us or (775) 327-8360.

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

Oct. 18-24, 2020



Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration! The 15th annual National Friends of Libraries Week will be held **Oct. 18-24, 2020**

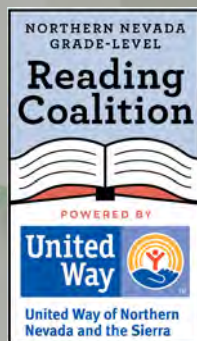
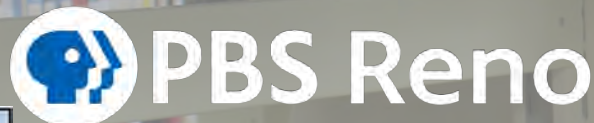
The **Friends of Washoe County Library** help to promote, advocate, and seek funding to support the services, programs, and collections of the Washoe County Library System. Please consider donating to the Friends, attending a bimonthly book sale, or becoming a member today.

Find out more at: washoelibraryfriends.org
Email: friends@washoelibraryfriends.org
Phone: (775) 324-5522



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to All of Our Supporters

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