

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2017  
4:00 P.M.**

**Northwest Reno Library  
2325 Robb Drive  
Reno, NV 89523**

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The Board of Trustees may take action only on the items below that are preceded by the words "For Possible Action." The Board will not take action on any other items.

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Public Comment and Discussion Thereon – Three Minute Time Limit Per Person  
*No discussion or action may be taken upon any matter raised under this public comment section until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda.*
- 3) Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. *For Possible Action:* Approval of Minutes from the Library Board Meeting of April 19, 2017
  - b. *For Possible Action:* Approval of Minutes from the Special Library Board Meeting of May 3, 2017
- 4) Old Business  
None
- 5) New Business
  - a. *For Possible Action:* Approval of Revised Public Hours at the Verdi Library effective Tuesday, June 6, 2017
  - b. *For Possible Action:* Approval of Revised Summer Public Hours at the Duncan Traner Library effective Monday, June 12 through Thursday, August 3, 2017
  - c. *Informational:* Applicants for One Upcoming Vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees to be Submitted to the Board of County Commissioners at the July 13, 2017 BCC Meeting
- 6) Reports
  - a. Library Director's Presentation to Include System Programs and Activities, and Friends Report for April 2017
  - b. Northwest Reno Library Programs, Activities and Operations
  - c. Tacchino Trust Expenditure Update
  - d. TedX Update
  - e. Financial Statements to Include the Monthly Expenditure Comparison and Gift Fund Balances for April 2017
  - f. Monthly Library Usage for April 2017
- 7) Public Comment and Discussion Thereon – Three Minute Time Limit Per Person  
*No discussion or action may be taken upon any matter raised under this public comment section until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda.*
- 8) Board Comment – Limited to Announcements, Strategic Plan Activity Updates or Issues Proposed for Future Agendas and/or workshops
- 9) Staff Announcements - Three Minute Time Limit Per Person  
*No discussion or action may be taken upon any matter raised under this public comment section until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda.*
- 10) Adjournment

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017**

**The Board met in regular session at the Spanish Springs Library, 7100A Pyramid Lake Highway, Sparks, Nevada.**

**Chair Wilson call the meeting to order at 4:02 pm**

**1) ROLL CALL**

Board Member Present: Wendy Alderman, Zanny Marsh, Sarah Sattler, Jean Stoess, Derek Wilson

County Staff Present: Assistant District Attorney Dania Reid

Public Present: Mary Jones (FWCL)

**2) PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3) STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**4) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2017**

Trustee Alderman reported a typo to Trustee Marsh's name on page 3 of the meeting minutes.

On motion by Trustee Marsh, seconded by Trustee Alderman, motion which duly carried, the Board approved the meeting minutes from the Library Board of Trustee meeting of March 15, 2017, with correction noted. All in favor, none opposed.

**5) OLD BUSINESS**

**a. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY LETTER OF DIRECTOR'S JOB PERFORMANCE**

Chair Wilson, presented the final summary of the approval process for the annual evaluation of the Library Director. He reiterated that this was only a summary for review and approval by the Board.

On motion by Trustee Alderman, seconded by Trustee Marsh, motion which duly carried, the Board approved to accept the summary letter of the director's review. All in favor, none opposed.

**b. LIBRARY DIRECTOR ANNUAL REVIEW PROCESS UPDATE**

Tami Gaston, Library Board Secretary, informed the Board that a draft process has been submitted to Washoe County Human Resources (HR). There are still some areas to review and plan to return this item to the agenda for the May Meeting.

Trustee Wilson noted his appreciation to get the process correct and consistent with current County practices and stated he was not concerned if this item did not return for a couple of months.

Upon questioning by Trustee Sattler, Director Scott stated that he was involved with the process at this time and would be a part of the meetings with HR. He stated that at this juncture, the process can be worked on without sway.

This agenda item is informational in nature and does not require a motion.

**6) NEW BUSINESS****a. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONATIONS RECEIVED THIRD QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**

Director Scott referred the Board to the staff report with the donation list totaling \$3,625 for the third quarter of fiscal year 2016/17.

Trustee Sattler personally thanked all donors and Library supporters.

Chair Wilson stated that he likes seeing new names on the list.

Director Scott stated that Andy Tavener, Development Officer and PIO, has been instrumental in growth in this area.

On motion by Trustee Sattler, seconded by Trustee Stoess, motion which duly carried, the Board accepted the attached report and acknowledged the named library supporters for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2016-2017. All in favor, none opposed.

**b. APPROVAL OF APPLICATION BY PAM LARSEN FOR A BOARD SCHOLARSHIP**

Director Scott referred the Board to the Staff report.

Tami Gaston, Board Secretary, provided a copy reporting all Board approved Scholarships for the last three (3) years.

Trustee Marsh stated that professional development is extremely important. Not only about individuals but also for the organization support.

Upon questioning by Trustee Alderman, Tami Gaston stated that, unless specifically notified, the Library System does not know who is taking courses or attending school to further their education. She informed the Board that the Annual Library Surveys do require a breakdown of Certified Librarians and librarians with other degrees.



On motion by Trustee Alderman, seconded by Trustee Sattler, motion which duly carried, the Board approved the award of \$2,000 to Pam Larsen. All in favor, none opposed.

**c. APPROVAL TO MOVE LOCATION OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2017, LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING TO HARD ROCK HOTEL AND CASINO IN STATELINE, NEVADA, TO GAIN EXPOSURE OF THE NEVADA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AT THE NLA-MPLA JOINT CONFERENCE**

Director Scott explained that joint conference scheduled for the Nevada Library Association and the Mountain Plains Library Association will be held at Stateline, South Lake Tahoe this year. We are looking at closing all the libraries (request to be made at a future meeting once a date is determined) for all staff to attend the conference. He invited the Board to attend this conference.

Upon questioning by the Board, Director Scott confirmed that the Board could attend the conference for a full day and that the Library System would cover any attendance costs. He informed the Board that funding was set aside last year to pay for Nevada Library Association memberships for all staff. This covers costs for staff to attend and the Board is welcome to attend.

Upon questioning by Trustee Marsh, Dania Reid confirmed that a Possible Quorum notice could be posted to ensure Open Meeting Law protocols are covered for Board attendance.

On motion by Trustee Marsh, seconded by Trustee Stoess, motion which duly carried, the Board approved the change to move the Board meeting to the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Stateline Nevada for the October 18, 2017 Library Board of Trustee meeting. All in favor, none opposed.

**d. APPROVAL TO CLOSE ALL WASHOE COUNTY LIBRARIES AT 5 PM ON NOVEMBER 22, DECEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Director Scott requested to formalize the noted early closures at 5 pm on the dates above. He noted that most of the libraries close at 6 pm and on those nights the traffic is lower.

On motion by Trustee Stoess, seconded by Trustee Marsh, motion which duly carried, the Board approved all Washoe County Libraries to close at 5 pm on November 22, December 24, and December 31, 2017. All in favor, none opposed.

**e. APPROVAL OF DELAYED OPENING OF PUBLIC HOURS ON IN-SERVICE DAYS OF MAY 18 AND DECEMBER 14, 2017**

Director Scott reminded the Board that the Library closed four times in the last year for Staff In-Service days and that he believed that they are going well and that the number of In-service days can be decreased to twice a year. Holding Staff In-Service day in May is good for Summer Reading Program (SRP) information to all staff and that December is a good year-end wrap up.

Upon questioning by Trustee Sattler, Director Scott does not intend to hold an In-service day during the conference, but wants to make more of a showing by having staff attend all day. The date that is decided will be brought back to the Board for approval.

On motion by Trustee Alderman, seconded by Trustee Sattler, motion which duly carried, the Board approved that all libraries would open to the public at 2 pm on May 18 and December 14, 2017. All in favor, none opposed.

## 7) REPORTS

### a. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S PRESENTATION TO INCLUDE SYSTEM PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, AND FRIENDS REPORT FOR MARCH 2017

Director Scott provided a PowerPoint presentation updating the Board on Library System programs and activities, outreach and operations for the month of February 2017.

Director Scott introduced Julie Machado, Spanish Springs Managing Librarian to expand upon the Spanish Springs Branch report (full report can be found in the board packet following the Library Director's Presentation).

Julie Machado, Spanish Springs Managing Librarian, thanked the Board for attending the Volunteer Orientation. She noted the changes that have been made from Board approved renovations to include the new gallery furniture and hieroglyphics. She highlighted the following from her report, (provided as a separate report at the beginning of the meeting):

- StartUp Faire held on May 22, 2016, had 151 attendees
- Indie Author Day held on October 9, 2016, had 76 attendees, including a 6-person panel discussion with Mark Maynard, who was featured by Nevada Reads
- Idea Boxes have been popular at Spanish Springs Library and throughout the system. These services were also provided at NV reading week in February and will be presented at the NLA/MPLA joint conference in October.
- Outreach: conducted several elementary and high school outreaches.
- Jana MacMillan's Urban Legends presentation was used at staff training.
- Over 40 volunteers at Spanish Springs Library during the year.
- Overall, usage numbers have remained steady despite access due to weather and construction

Based upon a comment by Trustee Wilson, Ms. Machado explained that the Young Writer's workshop is broken into age groups typically during school breaks. UNR professors come to and lead the workshop. This year, the groups used Chromebooks. Another workshop is scheduled for December 2017.

Upon comment and question by Trustee Sattler, who stated she was supposed to attend the Indie author event, but did not make it, Ms. Machado noted that no videos were taken, but that a report was sent in.

### b. TACCHINO TRUST EXPENDITURE UPDATE

Director Scott informed the Board that no expenditures have come out of Trust funds for the month of March. He referred to the scanned packet, noting that he met with the CIP Team and received renovation costs for Downtown Reno, Sparks, and Northwest Libraries.

The County cost information in the scanned document is not correct, and CIP informed Director Scott yesterday that the renovation plan includes the Tacchino Trust to cover all furniture, fixtures and equipment, while the County is contributing the costs to complete

the full renovation, excluding the furniture, fixtures and equipment

Downtown Reno Library changes include family area at street level with 2 added family restrooms, computers moved to the garden area and fourth floor to become the Maker-space and early literature area.

The renovation to the Downtown Reno Library are a part of the Downtown Reno Renovation project that is focusing on making Downtown Reno a destination.

Trustee Marsh out at 4:54 pm.

The Trust Funds will cover furniture, fixtures and the purchase of more children's books.

Upon questioning by Trustee Sattler, Director Scott stated that although Washoe County Library has not been aggressive about patrons who have bicycles and carry excessive personal packs with them, the Washoe County Library System is looking at bike locker options.

**c. TEDX UPDATE**

Director Scott stated that he has a meeting planned with Brett Simmons of TedX at UNR. They plan on doing a tour of the Downtown Reno Library to see if the building has the capability to do livestreaming and discuss logistics.

This agenda item is on-going, and the Library has been working on it since the December Board meeting.

**d. SPANISH VIDEO WEBCAST/STAFF UPDATE**

Director Scott reminded the Board that this agenda item is an update from when it was first requested in December 2016. He stated that this is not an option at this time and is cost-prohibitive. The Library does have options for those members of the public requiring this type of service. All meetings are recorded by the Board Secretary and retained on-site at the Downtown Reno Library. Appointments can be made with Tami Gaston and a staff interpreter to review the audio in Ms. Gaston's office. The Library will provide a staff interpreter when holding meetings in communities requiring it.

**e. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO INCLUDE THE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE COMPARISON AND GIFT FUND BALANCES FOR MARCH 2017**

The Library Board reviewed the information submitted in the packet.

**f. MONTHLY LIBRARY USAGE FOR MARCH 2017**

The Library Board reviewed the information submitted in the packet.

Upon questioning by Trustee Alderman, Director Scott stated that the Library has many segmented programs that have high attendance at this time and that show increased attendance at those locations.

Chair Wilson re-opened Agenda Item 3: Staff Announcements

- John Andrews, Internet Services Librarian, encouraged all the Trustees to consider attending the NLA/MPLA conference in October.

Chair Wilson closed Agenda Item 3: Staff Announcements.

**8) PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**9) BOARD COMMENT**

Chair Wilson read in the newspaper that there is a movement in Iraq that is trying to rebuild a library in Mosul that was destroyed. He noted that he believes it is good if the Library System was able to help in any way.

**10) ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 5:03 pm.

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, May 3, 2017**

**The Board met in regular session at the Downtown Reno Library, 301 S. Center Street, Reno, Nevada.**

Chair Wilson call the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

**1) ROLL CALL**

Board Member Present: Wendy Alderman, Jean Stoess, Derek Wilson

County Staff Present: Assistant District Attorney Dania Reid

Public Present: None

**2) PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3) NEW BUSINESS**

**a. APPROVAL FOR SPARKS LIBRARY TO CLOSE AT 5:00 PM ON APPROVED IN-SERVICE DAY OF MAY 18, 2017.**

Director Scott noted that the In-service Staff days create a long day for the branches that are open until 7 pm. He requested authorization for Sparks Library to close early on the approved In-service Staff Days.

On motion by Trustee Alderman, seconded by Trustee Stoess, motion which duly carried, the Board approved the Sparks Library to close at 5 pm on the In-service Staff Days of May 18 and December14, 2017. All in favor, none opposed.

**b. AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTOR TO USE UP TO \$11,000 OF WASHOE COUNTY GIFT FUNDS TO SUPPORT WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S READING IS FUNDAMENTAL PROJECT.**

Director Scott informed the Board that the Washoe County Library System and Washoe County School District are partnering on a Reading is Fundamental Grant that requires each entity to contribute \$10,000. This grant allows Washoe County School District to provide libraries to children in need. This is similar to the Summer Reading Program in which each child receives a free book after completing a reading accomplishment and WCLS will be doing something similar with Valley Resources in the fall. There will be a library promotion component included as well.

On motion by Trustee Stoess, seconded by Trustee Alderman, motion which duly carried, the Board approved the Director to use up to \$11,000 of Washoe County Gift Funds to support the Washoe County School District's Reading is Fundamental Project. All in favor, none opposed.

4) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

5) **BOARD COMMENT**

None

6) **STAFF COMMENT**

None

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 4:03 pm.

**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Jeff Scott, Director  
**RE:** Approval of Revised Public Hours at the Verdi Library Effective Tuesday, June 6, 2017  
**DATE:** May 17, 2017

**Background:** For a number of years, the Verdi Library has opened immediately after school lets out at 2:30 pm on Wednesdays, and the Library has found this to be a successful time because of the convenience while people were already in the vicinity. The Verdi staff remains busy with patrons and tasks on Wednesdays until after 5pm. In the last hour, between 5:30-6:30 pm, the library reports show a steep decline in patronage. Saturday hours don't have a natural draw and consistently report less patrons per hour. In addition, NDOW provides all day hunter education classes in the Community Room on Saturdays ten months out of the year, severely limiting WCLS' ability to provide programming in that space. These attendees rarely have any opportunity to use the library even if they wanted to because of the length of the class. There has also been an ongoing parking issue due to the popularity of the NDOW classes, limiting parking availability. Often library patrons have a difficult time finding parking during the library's open hours.

For the past three months, the Library reports show an average of 45 people in 4 hours (11.25 per hour) on Wednesdays and 27 people in 6 hours (4.5 per hour) on Saturdays.

Revising the public hours and adding another day to the week allow the Library System to provide better access to library resources for students, parents/guardians and the community. The change in hours allow more programming opportunities like coding camps, build it or game time, and story time/craft time on a regular basis. The library would also have the ability to offer some adult programming, which has not been offered on a regular basis during the past several years.

The Verdi Library would continue to have two deliveries weekly, with one planned for Friday; to allow for patrons who pick up materials for the weekend would still be able to do so either during open hours or by utilizing holds lockers.

I am recommending that the Library Board approve revised public hours at the Verdi Library effective Tuesday, June 6, 2017, in accordance with the chart below (new hours are in ***bold italics***):

Branch	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total Hours
Verdi – Current	--	--	2:30 pm - 6:30 pm	--	--	10-4	--	10
<i>Verdi – Proposed</i>	--	<i>3-6</i>	<i>2:30-6</i>	--	<i>3-6</i>	--	--	<i>9.5</i>

Under the proposed schedule, the net change in total weekly hours would be 0.5 hours less and the addition of another day.

None of the changes require additional staffing at this time, as the Managers are adjusting staff schedules to accommodate the changes in the hours set forth.

**Recommendation:** Approve the revised public hours at the Verdi Library as set forth in the staff report, effective Tuesday, June 6, 2017.



**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Jeff Scott, Director  
**RE:** Approval of Revised Summer Public Hours at the Duncan-Traner Library effective Monday, June 12 through Thursday, August 3, 2017  
**DATE:** May 17, 2017

**Background:** Washoe County Library Management is requesting a temporary shift in hours at the Duncan-Traner Library, to better accommodate neighborhood children during the summer months when school is out and the pool is closed for repairs. School Librarian, Marilyn Jones, concurs with this request.

The Library System is requesting approval to shift the public hours at the Duncan-Traner Library effective Monday, June 12 through Thursday, August 3, 2017 as follows:

Branch	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total Hours
Duncan-Traner – Current	3 - 6	3 - 6	3 - 6	3 - 6	--	--	1 - 5	16
<i>Duncan-Traner – Proposed</i>	<i>1 - 4</i>	<i>1 - 4</i>	<i>1 - 4</i>	<i>1 - 4</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>1 - 5</i>	<i>16</i>

This shift does not result in any deduction of hours or staff.

**Recommendation and Suggested Motion:** Approve the revised summer public hours at the Duncan-Traner Library as set forth in the staff report, effective Tuesday, June 12, 2017.

**TO:** Washoe County Library Board

**FROM:** Jeff Scott, Library Director

**RE:** Applicants for One Upcoming Vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees to be Submitted to the Board of County Commissioners at the July 13, 2017, BCC Meeting

**DATE:** May 17, 2017

**Background:** With the impending departure of Sara Sattler, there will be one vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees as of July 1st. Previous applicants are being contacted from 2015 and 2016 Library Board of Trustee recruitments to determine continued interest in this vacancy. All interested applicants will be presented to the Board of County Commissioner meeting of June 13, 2017.

**Recommendation and Suggested Motion:** This agenda item is informational in nature and does not require any action.



# Washoe County Library System

## Monthly Report

April 2017

Connect

Gather

Explore

# Friends of the Washoe County Library

- Friends of Washoe County Library Board of Directors met on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the South Valleys Library
- Hosted Table at Older American Month Senior Center Event
- April Book Sale money raised: \$17,484.58
- Next Book Sale: June 3-11 at Reno Town Mall
- Approved Grant requests for:
  - NV Energy (\$5,000)
  - Novelist (\$1,000)
  - Dollar General (\$4,000)
- August 21 Reno Aces Game/Partnership with SRP
- Next meeting June 14<sup>th</sup> at Friends Office Conference Room





# Programs

## System-wide

- Plarn-It: Learn to re-purpose plastic bags
  - Eight libraries with 80 in attendance
- DIA Programming: Nevada State Library funded diversity programming
  - Included Councilman Delgado's storytime
- Coding Camps
  - All locations now have chromebooks and provide classes and coding camps monthly
  - 3D printing Coding Camps being tested at Sierra View
- Global Heat: Rhymes and Beats Playing with Words When Rhythm Counts! Learning Hip Hop Lyrics (Pioneer Supported performance)
  - Five locations with 135 in attendance
- Larry Wilson: Direct from TV! This local magician returns!





# Programs

## Branches

- Downtown Reno
  - HRPS: ZoAnn Campana on the Newlands District
  - Riverwalk Dine in the District Host (Marc Tiar provided Bomb Shelter Tours)
- Northwest Library
  - Helene Berr Exhibit/Programs
  - Governor's Council Holocaust program at the Atlantis on April 25th with 1,000 in attendance (Carla Trounson participated)
  - The Helene Berr programs that occurred this month included: Hollywood to Nuremburg (15), Leon Malmud talk (55), Holocaust book discussion (15), and movie marathon (25)





# Programs

## Branches

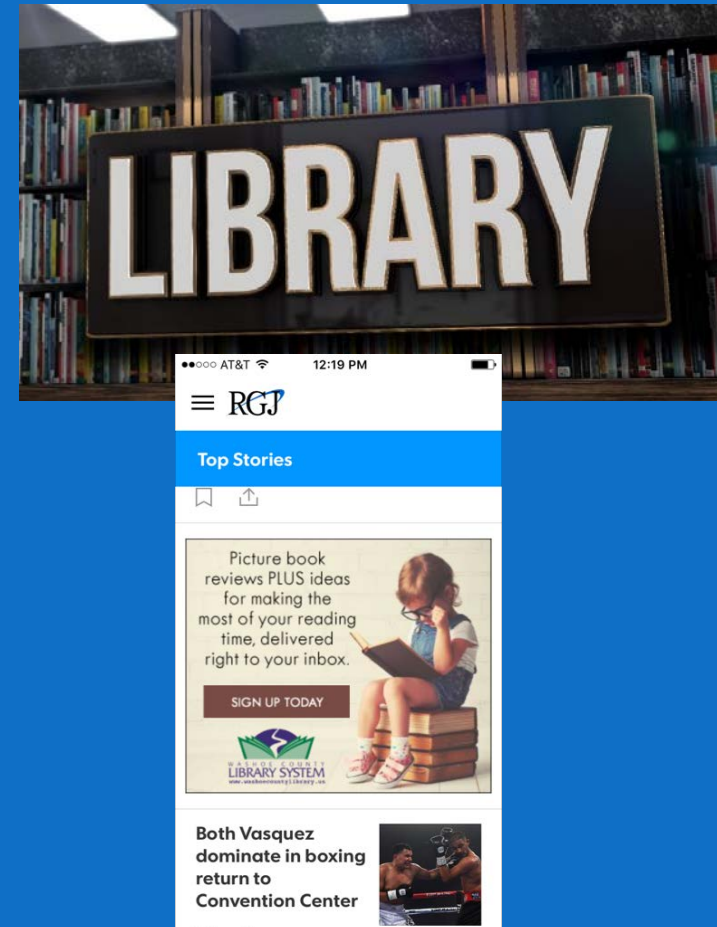
- Incline Village
  - Edible Book Festival
  - Tahoe Talks: Food Growing, Pacific Crest Trail
- Sparks
  - Easter Storytime



# Washoe County Library in the News

## ■ Food for Fines Coverage

- KTVN:  
<http://www.ktvn.com/story/25301945/washoe-county-library-accepting-food-for-fines>
- MyNews\$ <http://mynews4.com/news/local/no-fooling-settle-library-fines-with-donations-for-northern-nevada-food-bank>
- FoxReno  
<http://foxreno.com/news/local/no-fooling-settle-library-fines-with-donations-for-northern-nevada-food-bank>
- LibLoop: Storytime a Vital Component of Early Literacy  
<http://www.sierrasun.com/news/local/lib-loop-story-time-a-vital-component-of-early-literacy/>
- Reno Gazette Journal Advertisements for Library Aware Newsletters!





# Outreach

- Downtown Reno
  - 11 Outreaches
  - 1,128 Reach
  - Head Start, VOA
  - Earth Day Lead
- South Valleys
  - Donner Springs Tour (108)





# Volunteer Appreciation

- Spanish Springs hosted our annual Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony
- The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition.



# Ongoing Issues

- Parking Lot Damage at Incline Village due to heavy winter
- Construction on Sierra View Bathroom
- Internet Slowdown at Sierra View, Duncan Traner, and Verdi
- Northwest Library ADA door repair
- South Valleys:
  - BCC Approved MOU with Reno Ice for new Ice Arena to be constructed near library with 300 parking spaces
  - Recommended to explore costs on new entry and expansion to take advantage of parking.





# SUMMER READING!

- Summer Reading Program goes live May 15
- System-wide Summer Reading Kick-off parties start June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Summer Reading Theme:
  - Build a Better World





# BUILD A BETTER WORLD!

- Featuring!
  - The Biggest Little Bug Adventure with Nevada Bugs and Butterflies
  - The Amazing Little Old Man and the Search for the Blue Bird of Happiness
  - Mad Science presents Fire and Ice
  - Partnership with the Reno Aces!
  - August 21 will be Library Night at the Ballpark!





# SNAPSHOT DAY

- Washoe County Library System participated in Library Snapshot Day during National Library Week!







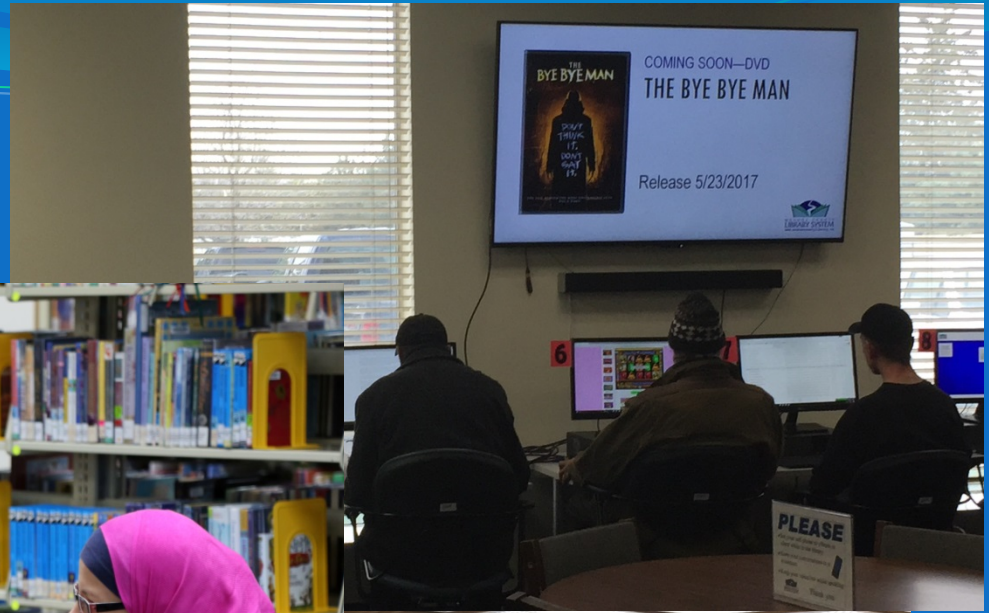
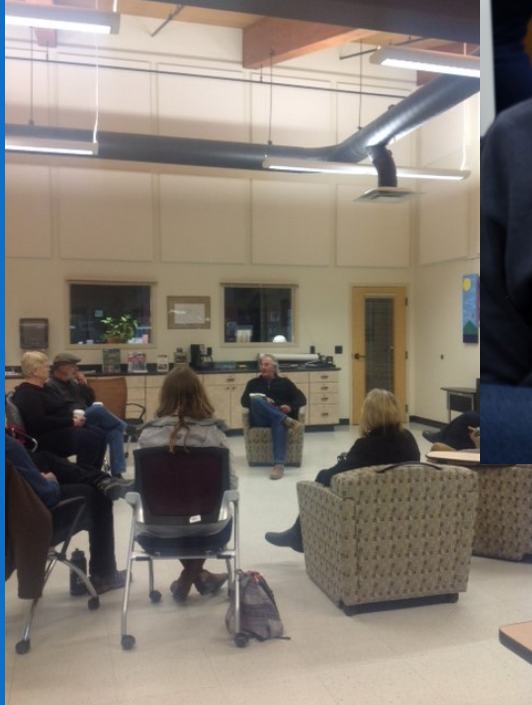
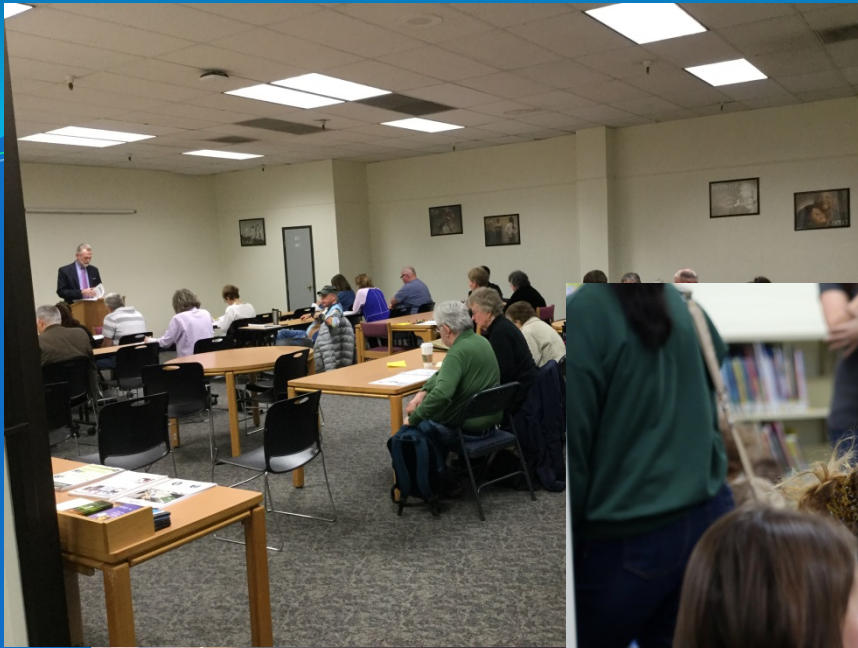
# SNAPSHOT DAY

- “We (me and my 2 kids) come to the library every week once or twice. Our favorite time is Toddler Time, my son (4 years old) loves reading books and singing songs here. My daughter used books for her science project. Library always has some activities for kids for holidays (like egg hunting and Halloween candy). We call it “our library” and love spending time here (especially when it’s cold or rainy outside). For me there is always books and magazines that I like. Thank you Yellow Library!”
- “The library is a huge part of our community-I loved it from my first visit and it was part of why we bought a home in this neighborhood! The staff is amazing-they know my kids by name! This library makes life richer for us on a daily basis! Thank you.”
- “I use the library every week. I have been here twice this week. I prefer books to electronic reading and really appreciate the new books here. Thank you! Great and very helpful staff.”
- “This library is so warm and sunny, very comfortable. The librarians are always friendly. A wonderful place to browse at the county library and generally get every book I want.”
- “The staff @ south valleys library are awesome! My granddaughter enjoys story time so much. Great job, Staff. You Rock!”











# Library Legislative Day

- Washoe County Library System sent representatives to talk to legislators about library issues!

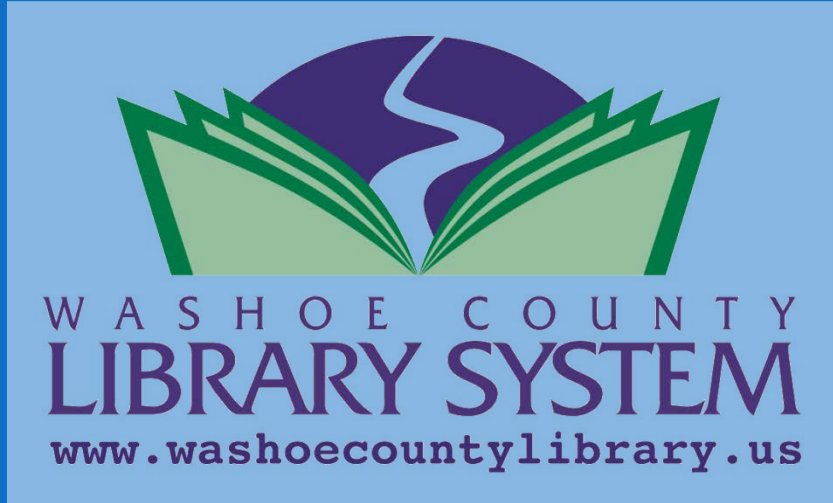




# Highlight on Northwest Branch Library

- Holocaust Collection expansion \$4,000
- March/April 2017: The Mémorial De La Shoah, Paris, France presented the travelling Holocaust exhibit “Hélène Berr: A Stolen Life
- November/December 2018 will host the American Library Association exhibit “Explore Tech: Engineers Make a World of Difference.”
- Storytime attendance increased to 60 children per week
- Second Book Club Started
- Renovation to be funded 2019





**Thank you!**

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## Northwest Reno Library May 2017

### Programming Highlights

Exactly one year ago, May 2016, we expanded story time offerings to three days a week by adding a Family Story Time on Wednesdays. By this last month we average nearly 60 attendees per week, and even reached 75 one Wednesday in March. This is in line with our other two story time attendance counts, and is the reason we are adding another story time on Tuesdays this fall. In June, we will be moving all three story times to a 10:30am start and followed by a 30 minute stay and play program. Over the past year we successfully implemented a stay and play program after our Wednesday and Thursday story times, but Friday's Toddler Times have always been very large and offered in back to back sessions so we have delayed starting one until now. We expect a large audience and a lot of chaos for a while, but at least it will be contained in the four walls of our Community Room.

We started a second volunteer run book club in January 2017, and within a few short months it already has as many attendees as our long standing volunteer run book club. We are transitioning from a Family Game Night that we've run for the past few years to a Build It Night based on the popularity of the building idea boxes that have come through our branch. We'll be putting out Legos, Lincoln Logs, and various other building kits for patrons of all ages to enjoy. This is a program we hope to replicate at the Verdi Library by next August when school starts again. The Idea Boxes have been very popular, we currently have the musical instruments in our Young Adult area which was a big hit last year, no pun intended. We will look for ways to bring similar types of passive programs to Verdi in the coming months. We offer a Family Fun Night once a month as well, doing everything from creating a library friendly campfire to holding a New Year's Eve dance party celebration. UNR students are now in their second year of offering their Mobile Engineering Lab (ME2) on a monthly basis at our branch and continue to bring in a good number of school children attendees. Paws 2 Read had 62 attendees last month!

Of course our biggest programming event this past year was the **Helene Berr: A Stolen Life** exhibit. There were 7 programs including an opening reception, teacher's workshop, talk by a Holocaust survivor, movies, and book discussions with a total of 355 attendees. During the last week of the exhibit we participated in the Governor's Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust Remembrance program where 1000 attendees heard about WCLS and the Shoa Szyf Holocaust Collection. The Governor's Council was instrumental in helping to arrange the opening reception and teacher's workshop, and have consistently supported our programming and collection efforts. This was a huge undertaking, with a lot of staff working very hard on various portions of it, and it was definitely a learning experience, but we feel like it was a success and great publicity for WCLS. Community feedback about the exhibit was very positive with many people asking for more thought provoking and timely exhibits. Stay tuned for our ALA exhibit, **Explore Tech: Engineers Make a World of Difference**, in 2018!

## **Staffing and Volunteers**

We had a remarkably stable year staffing wise compared to last year when we had a huge infusion of new staff hired or transferred into vacant or new positions. We had our first vacancy in over a year open up in late April, and will be looking to fill that position in June. We took over running the Verdi library in January and have shared staffing responsibilities with Sierra View there these past few months. It's been a staffing challenge for us as Wednesdays are our longest day and Saturdays our busiest day, and for Sierra View since expanding to seven days. We are hoping with some schedule and assignment readjustments in addition to a change in Verdi's hours that we will be able to better support needs here and expand opportunities there.

We continue to have a very successful volunteer program full of amazing and dedicated volunteers. We average over thirty regular volunteers providing a minimum of 160 hours per month, and many of them worked extra hours these past couple of months to help us finish the RFID tagging of our collection. One thing that is really striking about our student volunteers is how many of them keep in touch after they have graduated. We have former volunteers who are enrolled in medical school, obtaining a law degree from Georgetown, studying art at Berkeley, receiving scholarships to both local and out of state universities, and completing prestigious internships abroad. Of course having been a part of the WCLS volunteer program, they are able to share their appreciation for public libraries with others and continue to be library supporters wherever they land.

## **Facility and Collection**

During the past year we conducted an extensive clean-up of our collection based on Collection HQ reports and "mustie" guidelines. As a result, we have emptied out a couple shelving units we plan to have removed, opening up some additional floor space and increasing needed seating areas. We also moved a couple shelving locations and created new signage. The interfiling of fiction genres was successful in our large print area, so we are looking at starting to do more of it in the regular print fiction. Collection HQ has a tool that will help us track whether circulation of a genre goes up or down after moving it, so we are starting with Westerns and will see what happens.

The reduction of print periodical subscription hit NW patrons particularly hard as 75% of the collection was either discontinued by the publisher or cancelled by WCLS. We've learned that we had some avid periodicals readers, many of whom who have had discussions with Debi Stears about the changes. We have proactively taught pop in classes on how to access our online periodicals and frequently suggest the database to patrons as they come in looking for various titles. The space where all those periodicals were housed sits empty, but ideas of how to repurpose the space are starting to form. Luckily we will have the money to see those ideas brought to life in addition to the ability to replace uncomfortable rickety chairs, worn out carpet and tables that are simply too large for the single user but uncomfortably close for two different users soon. We expect the next year to be full of new and exciting opportunities.

**TO:** Washoe County Library Board  
**FROM:** Jeff Scott, Library Director  
**RE:** Tacchino Trust Expenditure Update  
**DATE:** May 17, 2017

**Background:** The Tacchino Trust requests regular updates to ensure the Trust schedule is being complied with and the Library Board of Trustees agreed upon regular updates on the status of expenditures out of the Tacchino Trust bequeathment to the Washoe County Library System. The Library System decided to include the Tacchino Trust Updates as a monthly update provided with the Library Board of Trustee meetings.

There were no expenditures from Tacchino Trust funds for the month of April 2017.

Board of County Commissioners will meet and approve the Capital Improvement Projects Budget. We anticipate that they will approve funding Downtown Reno Library renovation in the FY 17-18 with Sparks and Northwest being approved in the FY 18-19 year. With this approval it will ensure that all three projects will be completed by the five year deadline of the Tacchino Trust proposal. We are currently meeting with County CIP staff, community partners, and library staff. We will provide a presentation on Downtown Reno Library plans at the next board meeting.

	Estimated Costs	Trust Budget	County Budget
Downtown Reno Library:			
Renovation	537,943.58	245,000.00	782,943.58
Roof Replacement	600,460.00	0.00	600,460.00
Sparks Library:			
Renovation	653,582.23	0.00	653,582.23
Northwest Reno Library:			
Renovation	362,943.15	0.00	362,943.15

**Recommendation and Suggested Motion:** This is a non-action item. No motion is required.



**TO:** Washoe County Library Board  
**FROM:** Jeff Scott, Library Director  
**RE:** TedX Update  
**DATE:** May 17, 2017

**Background:** Library Director Jeff Scott met with Brett Simmons who is the team leader for the UNR TedX program. Brett stated that it would be possible to livestream just at the Downtown Reno Library with the right equipment. Library Director Jeff Scott was invited to be part of the program team. First meeting was May 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the program for January 2018. Brett commended Trustee Zanny Marsh for the idea.

**Recommendation and Suggested Motion:** This is a non-action item. No motion required.

WASHOE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

## DEPARTMENT MONTHLY EXPENDITURE COMPARISON REPORT

GENERAL FUND

8-May-17

F/Y 2016 / 2017

CURRENT YEARPRIOR YEAR

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>%</u>
SALARIES/WAGES	\$ 5,450,444	\$ 4,488,676	\$ 961,768	82%	\$ 5,466,084	\$ 4,328,889	\$ 1,137,195	79%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 3,003,191	\$ 2,510,524	\$ 492,667	84%	\$ 2,296,996	\$ 1,886,234	\$ 410,762	82%
SERVICES & SUPPLIES	\$ 857,140	\$ 659,635	\$ 197,505	77%	\$ 509,013	\$ 555,709	\$ (46,696)	109%
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL:	\$ 9,310,775	\$ 7,658,835	\$ 1,651,940	82%	\$ 8,272,093	\$ 6,770,832	\$ 1,501,261	82%

WASHOE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

## DEPARTMENT MONTHLY EXPENDITURE COMPARISON REPORT

## WC-1 / EXPANSION FUND

8-May-17

F/Y 2016 / 2017

CURRENT YEARPRIOR YEAR

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>%</u>
SALARIES/WAGES	\$ 868,989	\$ 712,244	\$ 156,745	82%	\$ 1,064,278	\$ 624,483	\$ 439,795	59%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 450,274	\$ 377,591	\$ 72,683	84%	\$ 445,296	\$ 249,699	\$ 195,597	56%
SERVICES & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,103,603	\$ 917,290	\$ 186,313	83%	\$ 1,152,423	\$ 866,261	\$ 286,162	75%
CAPITAL OUTLAY			\$ -					
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,422,866</b>	<b>\$ 2,007,125</b>	<b>\$ 415,741</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>\$ 2,661,997</b>	<b>\$ 1,740,443</b>	<b>\$ 921,554</b>	<b>65%</b>

<b>GIFT FUND BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 2017</b>				
<b><u>BRANCH</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>DESIGNATED RESTRICTED USE</u></b>	<b><u>AVAILABLE GENERAL</u></b>	
CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	
DOWNTOWN RENO	\$ 8,419.16	\$ 4,780.90	\$ 3,638.26	
DUNCAN / TRANER	\$ 1,844.69	\$ 1,754.19	\$ 90.50	
GERLACH	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
INCLINE	\$ 6,559.84	\$ 3,859.68	\$ 2,700.16	
INTERNET	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
NORTHWEST	\$ 2,636.93	\$ 295.63	\$ 2,341.30	
NORTH VALLEYS	\$ 3,808.92	\$ 3,375.85	\$ 433.07	
SENIOR CENTER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
SIERRA VIEW	\$ 4,395.34	\$ -	\$ 4,395.34	
SOUTH VALLEYS	\$ 6,294.28	\$ 1,974.73	\$ 4,319.55	
SPANISH SPRINGS	\$ 7,473.71	\$ 2,829.52	\$ 4,644.19	
SPARKS	\$ 9,871.96	\$ 23.23	\$ 9,848.73	
SYSTEMS OFFICE	\$ 48,526.28	\$ 48,389.84	\$ 136.44	
SYSTEMWIDE	\$ 544,821.26	\$ 544,204.05	\$ 617.21	
SYSTEMWIDE INTEREST	\$ 59,874.89	\$ -	\$ 59,874.89	
TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$ 100,685.51	\$ 100,624.40	\$ 61.11	
VERDI	\$ 911.42	\$ -	\$ 911.42	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 816,624.19</b>	<b>\$ 722,612.02</b>	<b>\$ 94,012.17</b>	





<b>Washoe County Library System</b>											
Monthly Statistics By Branch / Cumulative By Month / Resulting In Yearly Total – Thru April											
System Total Comparison For Fiscal Years 2015-2016 / 2016-2017											
	<b>Meeting Room Use</b>										
	2015-2016	2016-2017	% Change	2015-2016	2016-2017	% Change					
	# of Meetings	# of Meetings	# of Meetings	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance					
Administration Outreach											
Digital Branch											
Duncan/Traner	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0					
Gerlach											
Incline	63	46	-26.98%	862	451	-47.68%					
North Valleys	11	0	0	134	0	0					
Northwest	47	70	48.94%	801	823	2.75%					
Reno	127	95	-25.20%	2,227	1,644	-26.18%					
Senior Center	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Sierra View	36	36	0.00%	400	670	67.50%					
South Valleys	219	246	12.33%	4,702	4,767	1.38%					
Spanish Springs	150	119	-20.67%	3,238	2,356	-27.24%					
Sparks	36	67	86.11%	1,479	2,209	49.36%					
Verdi	0	0	0	0	0	0					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>-1.45%</b>	<b>13,843</b>	<b>12,920</b>	<b>-6.67%</b>					

## \*\*PLEASE NOTE:

## CHECKOUT TOTALS

- a. Reflect only public hours for Partnership Libraries
- b. Do not reflect Gerlach or Collection Development

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Thank you for this  
meaningful + important  
exhibit

Optional Information  
Name: heiffard Age: \_\_\_\_\_ City: Reno

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Thank you for securing  
and showing this special exhibit  
about Helen Beas.

The opening reception was very well done.  
Optional Information  
Name: Abraham Age: 70 City: Reno

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Thank you for hosting  
this important  
exhibition.

Optional Information  
Name: Emma Wynn Age: 58 City: Reno

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Très bien - the library has  
done such a lovely job with  
the exhibit & reception.  
Merci ♥

Optional Information  
Name: Leigh Mueller Age: 64 City: Washoe V.

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Very good exhibit!  
Must keep the possibilities  
of this horror alive  
to learn from.

Optional Information  
Name: hendi Age: 69 City: \_\_\_\_\_

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

A beautiful and poignant  
display - something relevant  
and important to today.

Optional Information  
Name: Maria Age: 18 City: Reno, NV



### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Thank you for this  
exhibit!!!

Optional Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Thank you for this  
wonderful display. It was  
an honor to become  
immersed in Helene's world.  
So important for the direction  
this country is taking today.

Optional Information

Name: Christine Kuhlmann Age: 67 City: Reno, NV  
April 26, 2017

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Thank you. Such bravery.  
This cannot happen  
again. I am tearful

Optional Information

Name: Bonne Sanchez Age: 68 City: Reno

#### Comment Card

Please consider MORE  
of talks, info, training,  
guidance - One World.  
Thank you

Optional Information

Name: Pat Holland Age: 65 City: Reno, NV  
Conner

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Thank you for  
gathering this exhibit  
for us. ~~It is so important~~  
poignant & inspirational  
is always - for survival

Optional Information

Name: Ruby Age: 81 City: Reno  
Clayton

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Thank you for  
this important  
exhibit

Optional Information

Name: Judy Stutz Age: 64 City: Reno

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Is have courage & faith to  
live the nightmare.

Much more of the cruelty  
& madness than Diary of  
Ann Frank. Hard to believe it's  
real.

Optional Information

Name: Jicia Harris Age: 69 City: Reno

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Thank you so much for  
bringing this exhibit to  
Reno. At these times of  
re-awakened prejudice this  
exhibit is timeless and meaningful.  
May we remember and learn  
from past mistakes & humanitarianism.

Optional Information

Name: Jan Bishop Age: 64 City: Reno, NV  
Must see and make it your own

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Fabulous & touching  
exhibit

Optional Information

Name: MIRIAM Age: 69 City: NY

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Powerful  
Witness. Such  
A WASTE, SAD  
BEYOND WORDS  
Bless you for  
creating this moment

Optional Information

Name: MARY Age: 70 City: Reno

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Thank you for bringing  
this to Reno. I  
have no words  
to express the  
impact.

Optional Information

Name: M. Adams Age: 63 City: Reno

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

What a wonderful exhibit  
Thank you for classing  
up Reno!

Optional Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Much Gratitude to our  
Libraries in Washoe Co. !!

Wonderful that this exhibit and  
what it means has been offered to  
us.

Optional Information  
Name: Kerry Miller Age: 67 City: Washoe City

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

A magnificent  
exhibit. So glad  
the sermons are  
finally clear and I  
managed to experience it.

Optional Information  
Name: Judith  
Simon Age: 70 City: Indian  
Village

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Thank you  
you guys  
are so far out  
that it is the  
display is great

Optional Information  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Thank you for  
bringing this  
important exhibit  
to Reno!  
More education on the  
Holocaust is necessary

Optional Information  
Name: Carl Ferrell Age: 62 City: Reno

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Even though I've seen  
this display multiple times  
it still gives me chills.  
Thank you for the time and  
effort it took to bring this  
here.

Optional Information  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

### Northwest Reno Library Gallery

#### Comment Card

Thank you for bringing  
this to us

Optional Information  
Name: Bob Age: 42 City: Reno

## Northwest Reno Library Gallery

## Comment Card

Wonderful, moving and  
important Exhibit

Wish more people  
were aware of acts of  
Vichy government

Name: Pam Bugge Age: 68 City: Reno

## Northwest Reno Library Gallery

## Comment Card

Fabulous - Thank  
you for having  
the The Helene Beer  
display. Very powerful!

Optional Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

## Northwest Reno Library Gallery

## Comment Card

An outstanding exhibit  
We are so fortunate  
to have had this in  
Reno.

only wish I could have  
attended more of the events

Name: S. Backus Age: 71 City: Reno

## Northwest Reno Library Gallery

## Comment Card

This exhibit could not  
be more timely. We see  
so much hatred and rejection  
of "the other" these days.  
We all need to be brought  
up short.

Optional Information

Name: Sheila Frad Age: 73 City: Reno

Thank you for hosting this

## Northwest Reno Library Gallery

## Comment Card

It was beautiful  
display of photos  
and information  
and book writing

Name: Donna Age: 99 City: UKien

## Northwest Reno Library Gallery

## Comment Card

Amazing. What courage  
she had. She was  
an incredible person.  
Many thanks to her  
niece for sharing  
the diary.

Optional Information

Name: Samantha Age: 57 City: Reno, NV



EDUCATION

# Tahoe Talks at the Incline Library

## Special to the Bonanza

Are you dreaming of seeing dirt and then digging your hands in it? Spring is here, and the snow is finally receding. Time to start thinking about gardening. What will you plant? What works in the mountains? How can you keep the critters at bay? If dirty hands and a green thumb sounds good to you, mark your calendar for a Tahoe Talk about high mountain food growing on April 11th at 6:30 at the Incline Village Library. Gary Romano will be there to share tips and tricks from his 27 years of farming in the high Sierra at his family run farm in Sierra Valley. Sierra Valley Farms began as a native plant nursery and has since expanded to become a premier local organic farm. A visit to the farm's website describes the historic farm, once owned by Gary's grandparents, goes back three generations in Sierra Valley and hosts corrals with many years of composted manures and organic matter. The Romano's utilize the natural dynamics of cover crops, rotation of crops, wildlife intrusion, and the four seasons to enhance the already fertile soil. This, along with the cool summer climate produces some of the finest quality organic vegetables in the world.

Sierra Valley has one of the harshest climates in the Sierra with winter temperatures of sometimes below zero and only 60-70 frost-free days per year. The summers daily temperatures can fluctuate as much as 50 degrees with morning lows in the 30's and afternoon as high as the 80's-90's. This climate is also perfect for

the propagation of Sierra native plants. The nursery retails and wholesales native plants along with contract growing for public agencies and private contractors for re-vegetation and restoration projects.

Gary is not only a farmer but a writer, as well. According to his publisher, Bona Fide Books, Gary's latest offering, July and Winter: Growing Food in the Sierra, details his knowledge from decades of experience growing food in the Sierra Nevada. Despite the challenging mountain climate and soil, Romano has successfully grown food on his 65-acre organic farm and shares his hard-earned tips in ten essential chapters for home gardeners and small farmers. In this book you'll learn:

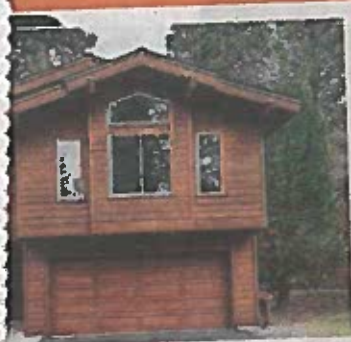
- Which varieties are right for your region
- Whether to use seeds or transplants
- When and how to plant to maximize yield
- How to work with soil, water, and nutrients
- The benefits of biodiversity
- How to manage pests
- How to extend your growing season

After a childhood spent pulling weeds and planting seeds, Gary Romano received a master's degree in recreation administration from California State University, Chico, and worked as a park ranger and county park administrator before returning to the farm. To find out more about Gary and his farm, go to [www.sierravalleyfarms.com](http://www.sierravalleyfarms.com) or don't miss his talk at the library, where books will be available for sale and autographs.

Article provided by the Incline Village Library.

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you simply put yourself through the experience twice; worrying before its occurrence, and then again after the negative life event materialized?

truly enjoy?

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