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**OVER THE TOP**

**WASHOE COUNTY  
LIBRARY SYSTEM**

**2006: a record-breaking year**

# Over the Top in 2006!

## The record-breaking numbers:

- Washoe County Library System patrons checked out more than **two million items** for the first time ever.
- Library visits increased **15.3%** from the previous year.
- Program attendance was up **15.1%**.
- Computer use by our patrons increased **53.3%**.
- Use of our Internet library went up **30.6%**.

### WCLS Mission:

The library is a cultural center, offering lifelong enrichment opportunities through access to ideas, information and the arts.

### WCLS Vision:

We will:  
Reach out creatively with innovative services.  
Connect people and resources.  
Be a destination for discovery.

## The Business We're In

**Commons:** A gathering place for people to meet and interact.

**Current Topics and Titles:** The latest and greatest popular and recreational materials.

**General Information:** Resources on a broad variety of topics for work, school and personal life.

**Lifelong Learning:** Resources for self-directed personal growth and development.



Children's Author/Illustrator David Shannon



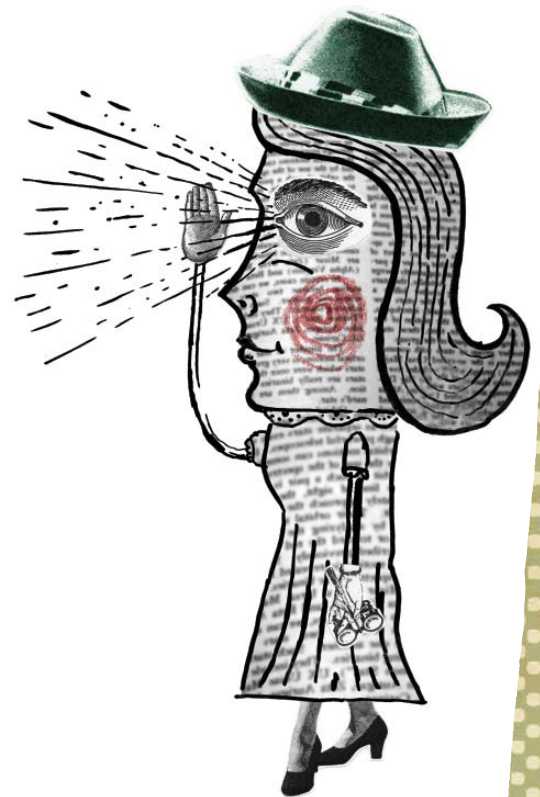
Meet the Candidates



Nancy Cummings  
Library Director



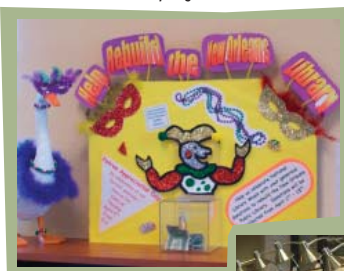
WCLS Board of Trustees  
Left to right: June Burton, Paul Davis,  
Judith Simon (chair), Bud Fujii, Lucille Adin



## Highlights of Our Year:

- Library hours were increased, and **seven-day-a-week service** is now available at five branch libraries.
- Fines on overdue youth materials were eliminated, in an effort to see that materials are returned and to encourage children to continue to use the library.
- Library patrons contributed more than **\$6,014** to help rebuild the New Orleans public libraries that were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.
- More than **10,000** people viewed the nationally touring exhibit, "Anne Frank: A History for Today," at the Downtown Reno Library.
- A multimedia exhibition by Michael Nye, "A Fine Line: Mental Health/Mental Illness," was displayed at Northwest Reno Library.
- Summer Reading Program set a new record with **6,789** children participating.
- The Traveling Tales Story Van reached **8,379** children who might not be able to visit a library building.
- A Community Resource Center was established to provide information and referrals to a broad range of community services.
- An online GED study program is now available at the Community Resource Center.
- Participants in Lifescapes, a writing and publishing program for seniors, published nine books and took part in **83** gatherings.
- Nearly **2,000** patrons received free tax help at seven branches through AARP and VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.)
- Library staff visited **187** third grade classes, distributing more than **4,964** library bags.
- There were **14,480** calls to Dial-a-Story, and **3,684** calls to Dial-a-Story in Spanish.
- Public wireless Internet access is now available.

New Orleans display



Anne Frank exhibit



Storytime



Michael Nye exhibit



Lifescapes

## Friends of Washoe County Library:

The Friends also enjoyed a record year, allocating more than \$155,000 to library projects. The organization, which currently has 1,200+ members, has raised more than \$2 million since 1991.

The Friends' Second Century Endowment Fund reached its first goal of \$200,000, now giving the public a way to make a long-term commitment to benefit the library.



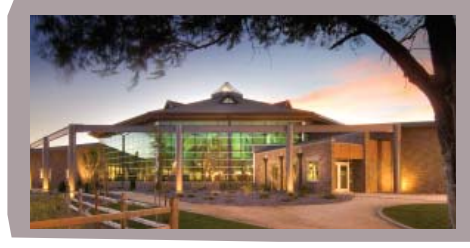
A Tisket, A Tasket, A Literary Basket

## Our 'Destinations for Discovery' Gain Recognition



photography: Vance Fox

**South Valleys Library** was included in the 2006 Sirsi/Dynix (library automation vendor) calendar and named "Best New Building" by *Reno Magazine*.



photography: Vance Fox

**Spanish Springs Library** was featured in the architectural issue of *Library Journal* and *American Libraries'* Showcase of New and Renovated Facilities.



photography: William Cartin

**Northwest Reno Library** was selected for inclusion in a new book, *Heart of the Community: The Libraries We Love*.



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**Incline Village Library** was a winner of the Library Interior Design Competition sponsored by the American Library Association and the International Interior Design Association and was featured in *American Libraries'* Showcase of New and Renovated Facilities.

## Here's How We Stack Up: (as of June 30, 2006)



Operating Budget: **\$13,255,315**

Number of Employees: **228**

Library Branches: **15**, including Internet Branch

Checkouts: **2,186,229** items borrowed

Library Visits: **1,452,524**

Program Attendance: **80,941**

Patron Computer Use: **297,944**

Internet Library: **527,124**



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