

Nevada Public Library
Director's Report
June 2021

Board News

We have a vacant seat on the library board for a city resident.

The Missouri State Library Director announced on June 23 that the State Library will sponsor training for board members in a four-part series, "Effective Library Board." The sessions will be at 7 p.m. and I encourage you to register and attend the training sessions if you are available. Register here:

https://attendee.gototraining.com/7f237/register/6244965875186235906?tz=America%2FChicago&training_5_register=Register

A copy of the email from Robin reads,

In response to your requests for more library board training, the Missouri State Library is offering a four-part webinar series for trustees and directors. I hope you to share the following information with your board and encourage them to participate in the sessions. They are in the evening to better accommodate their schedules and truly are applicable to libraries of all sizes and types.

Below are the details.

Effective Library Boards

This four-part webinar series, led by Bonnie McKewon from the State Library of Iowa, will provide library directors and trustees of all types, sizes, and budgets with information on library board basics, including roles and responsibilities, library policies, effective board meetings, and the importance of telling your library's story. Registration is for the series and can be completed at [Effective Library Boards](#). Each session, open to library directors and board members, will last one-hour and begin at 7:00 PM. Topics and dates are:

July 13, 2021: Problem-Solving the Upstream Way. Library boards are looked to for leadership and decision-making, they adopt policies and advocate for the library's budget. And often, boards are called upon to be problems solvers. This session will discuss how to turn "downstream problems" into "upstream solutions." Based on the book [Upstream: The Quest to Solve Problems Before They Happen](#) by Dan Heath (c2020)

September 14, 2021: Policies for Results: An Overview. Policy development is best approached as collaborative work between library boards and directors. This session will approach policy development by looking at constructing policies in four parts: the philosophy, the regulations, the procedures, and the guidelines. Hear which of these parts lie within library board authority and which parts are within the purview of library directors and staff. Based on the book [Creating Policies for Results: From Chaos to Clarity](#) by Sandra Nelson (c2003)

November 9, 2021: The Art of the Board Meeting. This session looks at proven approaches for conducting better meetings by streamlining procedures and paperwork. Ideas for "going green" come into play by flipping paper documents to electronic documents. From revamping agendas, to taking minutes, to ensuring that all voices are heard, come away with suggestions for more effective meetings. Based on the book [The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters](#) by Priya Parker (c2018)

January 11, 2022: The Board's Role in Storytelling. This session suggests ways that trustees can relay more meaningful impact stories about how essential the library truly is in the community. Having some basic numbers at hand is a good start, having a ready elevator speech is a good next step. But telling stories about the difference that the public library makes in people's lives leads to the most memorable conversations with members of your community. Based on the book [Stories That Stick: How Stories Can Captivate Customers, Influence Audiences, and Transform Your Business](#) by Kindra Hall (c2019)

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Library News

The library continues to operate in Phase 5 of the COVID-19 emergency plan.

I added five more PC stations to double our computer user access and we added seating to the main areas of the library in anticipation of more visitors during the summer months.

Library Programs

Featured Program:

Summer Reading 2021: Tails & Tales

This 500 minutes reading challenge will run June 1 through August 1. Grand prize drawings will be held online on Wednesday, August 4 for Elementary and Teen participants who have completed the challenge. Readers may track their reading with paper reading logs or online with our new Beanstack app or website. Also, since so much of our summer program will be online, I have launched a webpage at <https://www.nplmo.org/2021-summer-reading-program> where families can easily navigate registration, reading logs, calendar of events and find links for programs they wish to attend.

Ongoing programs:



1,000 Books before Kindergarten

This program is an ongoing family read-with-me initiative to build literacy skills for children ages birth through 5 years old. Families receive a registration packet with reading logs to track the number of books they read with their child. There are incentives at different levels and we also have an in-library display to show progress from level to level in our south side windows. Graduates of the program receive a yellow graduation cap, a certificate and a free “welcome to Kindergarten” themed book. We also have an area for “graduates” to have their photo displayed on the “Wall of Fame” and on our website. I have added this program to our website and to our new Beanstack software so that parents have the option to track reading in the app or on paper reading logs. *Visit the link at here* <https://www.nplmo.org/1-000-books-before-kindergarten>

Preschool Online Storytime

I will resume this monthly program in September, *possibly* with in-person meetings with pre-registration to limit the number of attendees. Summer 2021 programming includes early literacy read-aloud videos and weekly drop-in activities for families with preschoolers to connect to the library staff and services.

Picture Book Passport Reading Club & Novel Adventures Reading Club

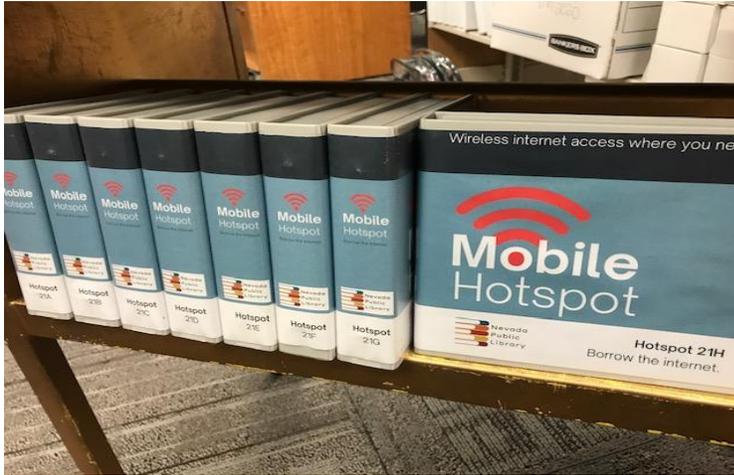
These *passive* reading club collections are a fun way to travel around the world by reading from home. Readers can click on the Google Slides presentation (or a pdf link) to see the passport titles. The titles are all highly reviewed selections (*starred in H.W. Wilson Core Children’s collection 2018 or 2019*) and allow readers to experience different cultures and traditions from across the globe.

I have attached links to the pdf files here.

Picture Book Passport Reading Club ([here](#))

Novel Adventures Reading Club ([here](#))

HotSpots



The hotspots are packaged and are circulating. We have not pushed this service with marketing yet as we are still learning how the devices work 'out in the wild.'

Behind the scenes:

Director Notes:

- I continue to participate in the weekly/bi-weekly calls with the State Library directors to stay up-to-date on relevant news and events across the state.
- I am attending a 3-day webinar called "the Heart of STEM" 3-day webinar to learn more about connecting literacy to STEM and finding our purpose as we build our future maker programming. It is an excellent series!
- The final report for our Spotlight on Literacy (robotics) LSTA grant is due June 30.
- I plan to attend the 2021 ARSL (Association of Rural and Small Libraries) conference virtually in October 2021. Registration opens July 6 and is \$50.

FY21	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
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Patron and Usage Statistics

New Cardholders	21	41	38	20	16	22	33	15	33	57	65	
Checkout materials	2680	3184	3031	2182	2344	1908	2071	2032	2371	2,177	2,765	
Downloadable content checkout Overdrive	680	624	519	632	644	588	668	566	649	569	590	
Ebooks: Tumblebooks	0	2	0	0	0	14	14	15	0	11	2	
eResources Database usage	34	44	86	52	241	9	29	52	161	63	136	
Curbside Delivery					18	13	17	9	7	3	1	

Collection Statistics

Adult Materials added	57	54	95	57	47	65	23	66	70	101	33	
YA & Children Materials added	51	86	108	39	123	31	67	36	62	9	25	
Media added	17	15	4	2	8	6	2	9	9	6	21	
Borrowed from ILL	30	42	34	22	28	24	35	24	31	23	17	
Total Collection Count	36759	36863	37002	37124	37219	37346	37408	37558	37632	37733	37827	

Patron Connections

Library Visits	2278	2819	3072	2113	2570	2711	2493	2129	2813	2914	3061	
Community Room bookings					4	6	3		5	9	3	
Computer Sessions	366	383	328	268	266	317	371	263	399	323	360	
Wi-Fi Sessions	752	1024		563	740	830	520	281*	434	57	201	
Website Visits	399	365	326	424	586	602	423	387	421	448	411	
Social Media Engagements	874	78	115	888	587	194	161	85	57/ 1666	73	175	
Phone calls					1019	971	816	942	1211	1016	892	

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Facilities Report

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Building issues / updates

Roof/Building No issues to report.

Safety/Security No issues to report.

Plumbing B&B Plumbing plans to replace the hot water heater in the Healthy Nevada restroom and repair a connection on the hot water heater in the BW museum area that shows a small leak. They have us on their list and plan to do these repairs between June 28- July 2.

HVAC Summer maintenance was performed by Ernsbarger's HVAC.

Electrical No issues to report.

Technology No issues to report.

Grounds: No issues to report.