Nevada Public Libraries are among the most efficient of tax-supported services, serving more than half the adult population and spending less than one percent of all tax dollars – federal, state and local.

Executive Summary

Nevada's 88 public libraries support:
- Educational needs
- Business needs
- Recreational needs

Nevada public libraries provide access to:
- innovative literacy programming to all ages of children, parents and caregivers
- up-to-date and invaluable instruction in technology
- assist users in evaluating goods and services
- assist users in accessing healthcare information

Librarians determine use of statewide funding based upon:
- demographics
- observed usage
- material condition and currency
- circulation figures
- material formats

Impact by Numbers

- The public libraries in Nevada hosted 25,878 programs reaching 814,150 persons.
- The public libraries circulate 21,042,400 items.
- Each registered library user in Nevada checks out, on average, 12.32 items per year, with 7.42 items, on average, are checked out per capita.
- Electronic resources in Nevada's public libraries were used 2,736,610 times, accessing local and state funded databases and internet applications.

Nevada Statistics
- There are 88 public libraries in Nevada, in 21 jurisdictions.
- There are more than 9.5 million visitors to Nevada's libraries each year.
- More than 21 million items are checked out from public libraries in Nevada each year.
- More than 1.5 million reference questions are answered by the 203 librarians in Nevada’s public libraries.
- There are currently more than 1.3 million public library card holders in Nevada.
Nationally

- 95% of Americans ages 16 and older agree that the materials and resources available at public libraries **play an important role** in giving everyone a chance to succeed;
- 95% say that public libraries **are important** because they promote literacy and a love of reading;
- 94% say that having a public library **improves the quality** of life in a community;
- 81% say that public libraries provide many services people would have a hard time finding elsewhere.

According to 2013 estimates

27.5% of Nevada’s population is Hispanic. Nationally, according to Pew Research Center, Compared to whites, African-Americans and Hispanics are **more likely to** say libraries are important to them and their families, to say libraries are important to their communities, to access the internet at the library (and feel internet access is a very important service libraries provide), to use library internet access to hunt/apply for jobs, and to visit libraries just to sit and read or study.

For more information on specific library implementation and reporting see the full report here: [http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/Collection_Development/](http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/Collection_Development/)

For more information on specific library implementation and reporting see the full report here: [http://libraries.pewinternet.org/2013/12/11/libraries-in-communities/](http://libraries.pewinternet.org/2013/12/11/libraries-in-communities/)

[http://libraries.pewinternet.org/2013/01/22/library-services/](http://libraries.pewinternet.org/2013/01/22/library-services/)