Why Libraries Matter

Libraries are the last, best place all citizens can go to level up their skills for free. In an age where economics, education, health, social opportunities, and citizenship rely on access to quality learning opportunities, the library is an on-ramp to education and success.

This one-day event is the most important advocacy occasion for our state’s libraries to discuss vital issues with Nevada’s national representatives. Together, we make an impact!

- Delegation request: **Fund** LSTA for FY18, **maintain** literacy programs, **oppose** IMLS budget cuts, **help** libraries remain on the cutting-edge
- LSTA budget for FY17: $183 million - Proposed LSTA budget for FY18: **$0**
- NLLD State Coordinator: Jeff Kintop (Nevada State Library & Archives). Delegates: Joan Dalusung (Washoe County Library System), Sena Loyd (Carson City Library), Danielle Milam, Felipe Ortiz, and Ydoleena Yturralde (Las Vegas-Clark County Library District).


With an eye to the future, the NV Department of Administration has proposed a sweeping plan to reimagine the possibilities of Nevada’s state library in the heart of the capitol campus.

Department Director Patrick Cates is advancing a vision to bring NSLA into the 21st century by introducing a plan to turn the current collection-based library space into an innovative, dynamic Knowledge & Innovation Center (KIC) with space for collaborative projects, continuing education, formal and informational meeting areas, research assistance, and, of course, plenty of books!

**Director Cates:** “I envision a facility such as the KIC to be an integral capstone in our approach to take customer service, business processes and employee enrichment to the next level.”

Get Real!

Knowing that innovation is one of the keys to success, the Nevada State Library has deployed a program (ETEAP) to provide virtual reality (VR) equipment and software to eleven libraries from around the state. This program connects libraries with learning partners to promote the use of VR in an educational setting.

This has the potential to reimagine the way that learners explore ideas—from the anatomy of blood cells to exploring the streets of Ancient Rome!

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Your Library Delegation

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Spotlight: Carson City Library

Carson City Library is making news for being the first Northern Nevada library to be a finalist for the Institute of Museum & Library Services’ (IMLS) National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

One of only fourteen libraries in the nation were nominated this year! This speaks to the dynamic efforts of library staff to provide services of value made possible from LSTA to the community.

Sena Loyd, director, said: “Libraries are vital to healthy, educated communities. We have established ourselves as an integral teaching tool.”

The (Work)force Awakens

In a bid to put Nevada on the edge of innovation, Southern Nevada libraries have partnered with Workforce Connections to place One-Stop Career Centers in Clark County libraries. The first-of-its-kind in America project will leverage the Nevada State Library’s Nevada Career Explorer, powered by Headed2 and onsite career counseling to Nevada residents.

This service enables Nevadans to visit their local library to receive job counseling, career advice, job searching, and resume building at no cost to them—all they need is a library card. Which is free! To remain vibrant and modern, libraries must meet the needs of their communities. What better way than to ensure citizens have access to learning what industries offer well-paying jobs, who is hiring and what key skills and abilities are necessary to compete for the opportunities? Simply put this is about access to quality information people need to make good decisions.