

Washoe County Library – Reno, NV

A recent article in the Reno newspaper cited Arnie Maurins, Director of the Washoe County Library, as saying that he believes that library operations in Washoe County have somewhat stabilized, and that volunteer services may help to restore some library hours that were cut. Because of severe budget cuts (44%), over 100 of 225 staff positions and one-third of library hours have been cut during the last four years.

January at the Washoe County Library is a time for a major Friends of the Library book sale, providing essential support for library programming. The library is also conducting a series of “eBooks @ your Library” sessions, hoping to reach new users of smartphones, tablets, and readers.

Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System

The Elko-Lander-Eureka Library System is sponsoring a Lego Creations contest in January. Entries will be accepted from Jan. 14th to Jan. 22nd, in five categories: a Family or Team category, and four individual age-based categories. Patrons may vote during the week of Jan. 23 – 31st. Winners will be announced on February 1.

Carson City Library System

Sadly, in November, a ballot initiative to fund a new Carson City Knowledge and Discovery Center by increasing sales tax by a quarter of a cent was turned down by voters. The final tally showed that 68% voted no, thus effectively killing the project. If the project had been approved, the land would have been donated; the donation has been withdrawn.

Plans for January include free business and marketing classes at the BRIC (Business Resource Innovation Center), tax preparer information sessions, Love on a Leash Therapy Dog reading program, and the library’s Explore the World series, which focuses on a different part of the world each month.

Las Vegas – Clark County Library District

Clark County libraries have an extensive list of programs, art displays, and events for the month of January. A current Facebook contest features a prize of a framed animation cel from the *Chuck Jones Experience* at Circus Circus (Chuck Jones was the creator of Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, the Tasmanian Devil, Yosemite Sam, and other characters). The library system offers a wide range of activities ranging from yoga classes to Extreme Knitting.

Nevada Reading Week Project

The statewide theme for Nevada Reading Week, the annual celebration of reading in school and public libraries, is Read It! Dream It! Do It!. March is Nevada Reading Month, although many schools celebrate

the week at different times to accommodate special events and test schedules. The Nevada Reading Week Conference for librarians and teachers is scheduled for February 22 – 23, 2013, and will feature children’s authors Candace Fleming, Eric Rohmann, and Judy Freeman as keynote speakers. Registration will be available after January 11 on the website at www.nevadareadingweek.com.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen Fockler".

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