



Spring 2026 Member Newsletter

Please read on for news about our next Free Member Event, our latest donation to the Library System, our Spring Campaign to help grow the Libraries' children's and young adult book collections, some library history, more useful tips about Libby, and more!

Friends presents \$110,000 to the Washoe County Library System

The Library Board of Trustees accepted a \$110,000 donation from the Friends at their March 2nd meeting.



The donation will go toward funding Library initiatives as follows:
Technology 35%, Materials 30%, Programming 5%, Marketing 10%, Training 5%, and Summer Reading Program Book Prizes 15%.
Thank you to our volunteers and members for helping to make this possible!



Events Calendar

March 20, 3-6pm: Book Sale Members Only Night (Current members only. Renew at the door.)

March 21-29, 10am-4pm:

Book Sale open to the public

March 29, 10am-4pm:

Bag Day at the Book Sale (\$5 per bag. We provide the bag.)

April 19, 1pm: Free Friends Member Event at the Planetarium

April 19-25:

National Library Week

May 29, 3-6pm: Book Sale Member Night

May 30-June 7, 10am-4pm: Book Sale

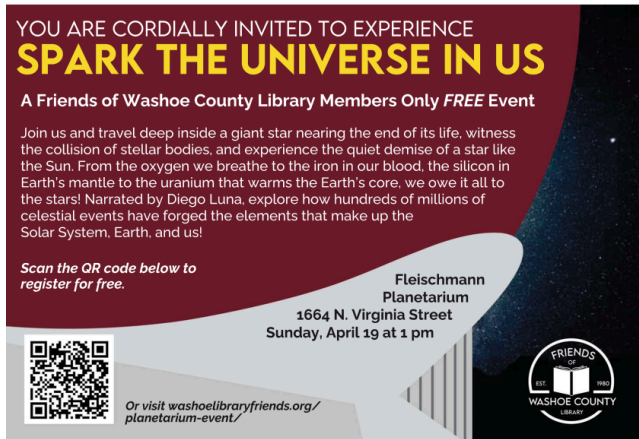
July 31, 3-6pm: Book Sale Member Night

August 1-9, 10am-4pm: Book Sale

October 16, 3-6pm:

Book Sale Member Night

October 17-25, 10am-4pm: Book Sale



Join us April 19th at 1pm at the Planetarium!

There is limited seating, so please [Click Here](#) for more information and to RSVP for the free, members only screening of SPARK THE UNIVERSE IN US today!

WCLS Receives \$10,000 gift from the Carnegie Corporation



Source: Special Collections, University of Nevada, Reno Libraries from RenoHistorical.org

One of the ways that the Friends helps the library system is by applying for grants on its behalf. Last month, the Friends accepted a \$10,000 gift on behalf of the WCLS from the Carnegie Corporation of New York in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Carnegie Corporation offered this gift to all Carnegie libraries that still operate as libraries.

Andrew Carnegie funded the construction of 1,681 free public libraries in the United States between 1886 and 1917, driven by his belief that they were "cradles of democracy." Reno's Carnegie library (pictured above) opened in 1902 on the corner of Virginia and Mill. The library collection outgrew the building, and the collection was moved in 1930. The building was demolished in 1931.

SAVE THE DATE:
November 12, 5pm @
Sierra View Library:
Friends of Washoe
County Library Annual
Meeting



[Click Here](#) for more information or to donate to our Spring for a Book campaign to raise money for the children's and young adult collections of the Washoe County Library System.

Did you miss the local screenings of the ***The Librarians*** documentary?
You can [Watch It Here](#) on PBS until May 9th.

Friends of Washoe County Library is an all-volunteer organization, and in the last year our volunteers have spent over 12,000 hours in service to help support our library system and promote literacy in our community!

Interested in
Volunteering with the
Friends?

Want to learn more?

[Reno Historical's Library Page](#)
[Washoe County Library's History Page](#)

Please see our [volunteer information webpage](#) and [updated volunteer form](#).

FYI for Friends of the Library!

There may be two open seats on the **Library Board of Trustees** in June. If you're looking for a way to be a library advocate, this could be it! Stay tuned for the announcement of the openings and application process.

KUNR and Washoe County Library System present ON THE SHELF: Discover Your New Reading Niche

Accessible, Short-Form Content for You

Are you searching for your next great read? Look no further than the Washoe County Library System's YouTube page, where a series called ON THE SHELF partners KUNR and local librarians to bring you a new episode every Monday with two or three book recommendations that follow a theme of the librarian's choosing. Episode themes range from historical fiction about the Holocaust to memoirs about Broadway legends to metafiction to comedy to books that capture the same bubbly feelings as your favorite K-drama. Wherever your interests lie, ON THE SHELF has an episode that could open up an entirely new world of reading to you. If you're a fan of Wes Anderson movies, you might want to check out a recent episode called "No Plot, Just Vibes" with local librarian Libby. She recommends a novel called *Greta and Valdin*, a 2021 release from New Zealand author Rebecca K. Reilly. The novel captures the same quirky vibes as a Wes Anderson film, so if you're a fan of his work, this would be a great one to check out! If you are looking forward to summer, look no further than *One Italian Summer* (2022) by Rebecca Serle, included in a recent episode of ON THE SHELF called "Escape to Italy" with local librarian Heather. Whatever your niche interest, ON THE SHELF probably has or will have an episode that fits that niche.



You can find any of the books that are mentioned in ON THE SHELF episodes in a master list that is kept at: washoelibrary.org/OTS. This link will take you to the Washoe County Library website, where you can put one or two of your ON THE SHELF discoveries on hold to check out.

More than ON THE SHELF

The Washoe County Library System YouTube page, which can be found at www.youtube.com/@washoecountylibrary, has more resources than ON THE SHELF. The YouTube page also posts streams of every Washoe County Library Board of Trustees meeting, local author talks, and videos curated by the Nevada Historical Society on a variety of topics, from the history of the Reno Rodeo to the history of the Sparks Marina.

If you have not checked out the useful public resource that is the Washoe County Library System's YouTube page and ON THE SHELF, now is as good a time as any to discover your next read with the help of your local librarians!

Using the Libby App: Tips, Tricks and Customization for Kids

The Libby App is designed for readers of all ages and skill levels. The app is easy to use regardless of your level of technical skill so you can create a digital library tailored to your preferences. With features like series tracking, customizable search options, and curated collections, it is easy to organize content and create a personalized experience for you and your family. Below are some practical tips and tricks to help you get started making the most of the app. (btw, Libby doesn't stand for anything. It's just a cute name that's easy to remember.)



Tips and Information for Libby Users

If the buttons on the bottom of your home screen are not labeled, tap on the middle circle, scroll to *Settings*, *Navigation*, and tap *Navigation Bar*. Turn the *Labeled Icons* button to the ON position. This action will help you use the information below.

-  You can use Libby from anywhere in the world where you have an internet connection.
-  To find the nearest library, open Libby and tap the round Washoe County Library logo. You will see the address and phone number of the closest library. If you need directions, tap the *Directions* button and you will get a map and step-by-step driving directions.
-  You can have multiple library cards and change the names and colors for easy identification. To add a card, tap **Menu** (middle button), scroll to *Manage Cards* and tap **ADD CARD**. Tap *Personalize* to change colors.
-  You can change the skin tone of the little face icon on any page you access from the **Menu** button. Just tap the little face and then tap the skin tone of your choice.
-  You can read up to 10% of any eBook in the digital collection, even if it's checked out.
-  You have three days to claim your book before it goes back into circulation.
-  Before you open your borrowed book, tap on its cover and swipe side to side to make the cover spin.
-  If you're reading in sunlight, on a book page, tap the "A" icon in the upper right corner and under *Lighting*, select *Sepia*. This softens the background making it easier on your eyes when reading in glaring sun.
-  Libby has special guides curated by librarians. Open the **Library** tab and scroll to *Guides* (second batch of books). The librarian-selected collections are designed to help you find books based on age and interests.
-  If you're reading a series, tap **Shelf**, then tap the small circle near the bottom right and you will see the word *Series* and the name and number you're on. Tap that button and see a list of books in the series, in order.

[Click Here to read the rest of this article on our website! \(and to see the previous articles in the Libby series\)](#)

Thank you for your membership to Friends of Washoe County Library!



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