

Summer 2026 Member Newsletter

Our next book sale is starting soon! **Member Night is Friday, July 31st from 3-6pm!** Please read on for other sale dates and information, a report on our Spring Fundraiser, an article about library resources, and more!



Our Spring for a Book Campaign raised \$5,317 for children's and young adult books for the libraries!

Thank you so much to all of our generous donors who helped us make this donation to the Washoe County Library System!

The campaign was funded in part by a grant from the Paul and Gwen Leonard Charitable Foundation at the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada.

Thank You!

The Greg Nelson Estate and its trustee Frankie Sue del Papa have been generous supporters of the Friends for the last two years. Greg Nelson was a lifelong Nevadan, outdoor enthusiast, and bibliophile who over the years curated a large collection of first editions and other valuable books. The donation of many of these books has helped bolster our book



Events Calendar

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

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

Check it out!

Be sure to check out our Hot August Nights Theme Tables for the July/August sale.

The Special Pricing section has an expanded Literature section and "Not Nearly New" sections featuring Mysteries, Sci-Fi and Westerns.

sales and the selection available on our Amazon store. Monetary donations from the estate have gone toward new bookshelves, tablets that have enabled us to start taking credit cards, wagons to transport books, an internship and more! We are very grateful for the support.

We'd also like to thank the **Paul and Gwen Leonard Charitable Foundation, the Michael and Karren Smith Family Fund and the Ozmen Foundation Fund**, all at the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada, for recent grants to support the Friends and the Libraries!



Thank you to all members who joined us at the Planetarium in April!

To make sure you're invited to our next member only event, please make sure you renew your membership!

Also, this sale the Feature Bookcase will hold "World's Best Reading" editions of the classics.



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

In case you missed it, it's finally here!
We're thrilled to announce the launch of our
Friends of Washoe County Library merchandise store!

Ready to show your library love? Shop now at **washoelibraryfriends.printful.me** and join us in supporting our local libraries.

This store is a project we've been working hard to provide, so that you can show your Friends' pride!

Our initial merchandise "drop" includes items like **hoodies, t-shirts, mugs, and tote bags**, each designed to celebrate your connection to our libraries while making a real difference. And we will be adding more items as your product interest grows. So be brainstorming as we will be reaching out soon for your merchandise ideas!

If you want to see these products in person, a few will be on display at our **July/August book sale**, so



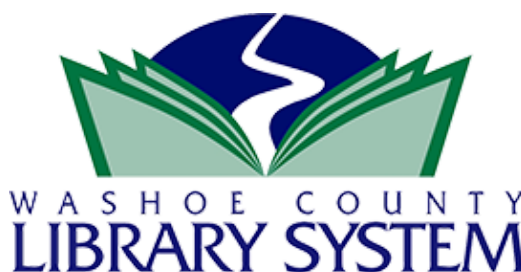
be sure to stop by and take a look. The rest you can see online and are available for you to order at your convenience.

Remember, every merchandise purchase you make directly supports the programs, collections, and services that make our libraries invaluable. The Friends of Washoe County Library relies on your help to supplement library budgets, and your support helps us expand what we can offer our community both today and well into the future.

Thank you for being a Friend!

Discover More Than Books at Your Local Library

Remember when the library was a place only to read, study, and check out books? Where you were shushed, and got fined for late returns? That library belongs to the past. Libraries are now community hubs where, thanks to technology and societal changes, people can come to share family time, search for jobs, find health information, get tech help, and join a community without spending money to belong.



A World of Resources

The Washoe County Library System offers a wide range of resources for people of all ages, interests, and skill levels. With a library card, you can access materials both in person and from home, including language learning programs, academic support from elementary through college, and specialized business and legal resources. For those unable to visit the library, services are available to deliver materials directly. Additional electronic resources are available through the library's website. Some ideas for you to explore are listed below. For a complete menu of resources go to the **[Washoe County Library System's Online Resources](#)** page.

A few of the popular databases are described below:

- **[EBSCO](#)**: A database for finding scholarly, peer-reviewed articles on specific topics for teaching and learning including:
- **[ERIC](#)**: A database with over 1,000 educational and education-related journals with resources for educators.
- **[Explora Educator's Edition](#)**: Resources for educators at elementary, high school and middle school levels that include popular level-appropriate reading material all located in an easy to search and browse database.
- **[Points of View Reference Source](#)**: Resources that present different sides of an issue that provide content to help students assess and develop critical thinking skills in order to better understand controversial issues.
- **[Professional Development Collection](#)**: Provides a specialized collection of hundreds of education journals and reports for professional educators. See also Science Reference Center and Teacher Reference Center databases.
- **[Brainfuse](#)**: A comprehensive, free online learning and tutoring platform provided by the Washoe County Library System. It is designed to help students of all ages, from kindergarteners to adult learners. Some features of Brainfuse include live, online tutoring, writing lab, practice tests, resume and interview prep, and live career coaching. From the library website, click on Brainfuse or "HelpNow" and log in with your library card and pin.

Jobs and Business

These resources include articles related to business, jobs, and career exploration. (See Brainfuse, above for more job-related information.)

- **Business Source Elite**: Contains newspaper and magazine articles including 500 peer-reviewed articles relating to business and personal finance. See also *Reference Solutions* for real-time access to in-depth information on 24 million US businesses and other resources to find opportunities, conduct market research, and plan and create a business.
- **Regional Business News**: Includes full-text articles for regional business journals, newspapers, and newswires from all metropolitan and rural areas in the United States.
- **Glassdoor**: Nationwide listings, company reviews, and salary information for job seekers.

Language Learning

- **MANGO**: Learn any of 72 languages using Mango's easy-to-learn interface. Developed by language-learning specialists, Mango gives you all the benefits of pricey software without the price. All you need is your library card and an internet connection. (Works great on your phone!)

Love movies? Try learning a language through film! Mango Movies offers movies paired with interactive learning activities to help you learn even faster. Available for Spanish, French, Mandarin, German, Italian, Japanese, and ESL. Mango also offers courses and movies for English.

BEYOND BOOKS: Washoe County Library System also offers the following services:

Technology & Creative Services

- **3D Printing**: Available at select branches; users can submit files online.
- **Computers & Wi-Fi**: Public computers (first-come, first-served) and 24/7 exterior Wi-Fi at many branches.
- **Printing & Scanning**: Color/black-and-white printing, scanning, and faxing are available.
- **Maker/STEAM Events**: Engaging, hands-on activities for various ages.

More Resources & Tools

- **Digital Library**: Access to eBooks through Libby (see previous newsletters for details on how to find and use the Libby app).
- **Research Databases**: Access to specialized tools like *Consumer Health Complete*, *Computer Source*, and historical records.
- **Discover & Go**: Free or discounted passes to local museums, zoos, and cultural attractions including the Nevada Museum of Art, The Discovery, Fleischmann Planetarium and the National Automobile Museum. Northern California attractions include the DeYoung Museum, the Legion of Honor Museum, the Bay Area Discovery Museum, and the Crocker Art Museum.
- **Park Passes**: You can use your library card to check out park passes

The Library Park Pass provides Washoe County Library card holders a way to gain free entry into any of Nevada's 27 state parks. Each pass covers the day-use entrance fee for one passenger vehicle with a capacity of eight people or fewer. Park fees may be assessed for boating, camping, or other specific fees including special programs or tours. To view a list of the recreational opportunities available at Nevada State Parks, visit parks.nv.gov. Each branch holds two of these passes. They must be checked out in-person and cannot be placed on hold. You can **search the catalog** to find which branches have passes available. These passes are available only to library card holders who are Nevada residents.

Computers & Technology

Washoe County Library System offers public computer access to everyone. Computers are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and may be reserved with a library card or guest pass. The library's public wireless network is available at most library branches, with 24/7 access available outside of the building.

- **Printing & Copying:** Black-and-white and color printing and copying are available at **all branches**. Wi-Fi printing from laptops is available at the **Downtown Reno, Incline Village, North Valleys, Northwest Reno, Sierra View, South Valleys, Spanish Springs, and Sparks** Libraries. All printing and copying is charged at 25 cents per page.
- **Scanning & Faxing:** Scanners and public fax service are available for public use at **most library branches**, free of charge.

Community & Outreach

- **Meeting & Study Rooms:** Reservable rooms for groups, study rooms, and zoom booths are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Library on the Go Bookmobile:** Mobile library services serve various locations with limited library access.
- **Outreach & Homebound Services:** Programs for senior living communities and individuals are available to those who need help with library services.
- **Events:** Story times, book clubs, craft programs, and musical performances are going on all the time.
- **Business Support:** The Nevada Small Business Development Center (SBDC) partners with the Washoe County Library System to provide local entrepreneurs with free, confidential one-on-one advising, business plan assistance, and low-cost training. These services provide help with starting, growing, and financing a business in Washoe County.

Accessibility

Washoe County Library's homebound delivery program is at capacity at the moment, but you can fill out the form provided by your library, and your library will contact you when the service is available for you. This service is for any Washoe County resident who is unable to travel to the library due to:

- Temporary or long-term illness
- Disability
- Injury
- Impairment
- Impaired driving ability

You can reserve items by accessing the **online catalog**, calling the library, or having librarians select materials for you based on criteria you provide on the **enrollment form**.

A library representative will deliver them to your home in clear plastic zippered totes. Every four weeks, the previously delivered items will be picked up and new items can be delivered. All you need is a **Washoe County Library card**. If you do not have a library card, the library can get one for you.

- **Bookmobile:** See **Library on the Go Bookmobile** for the full schedule.
- **Talking Book Service:** National Library Service for the blind and print disabled **Apply for NLS Services - National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) | Library of Congress**. Fill out the form through the state library.

Brochures, Information, and More Help

The library brochure rack displays multiple forms of free information about community resources, events, and topics of interest, for example:

- Elder services
- Health care info and resources
- Nutrition

- Teen safety
- Emergency preparedness
- Safe place information

Discover more at the Libraries!

- Blood pressure kits and memory kits for seniors (great for kids too because they contain games and toys), book clubs, craft days, and games.
- Tumblebooks Library is a collection of animated, talking picture books to teach young children the joys of reading in an interactive format. There are chapter books, literacy-based games to reinforce reading experiences, and educational videos from National Geographic. **TumbleBooks - eBooks for eKids! - Home**
- Air conditioning
- A typewriter (Sierra View)
- Chess boards
- Puzzles
- First time baby library card: When you sign up your child (ages 0-3) for a library card, you can choose the *My First Library Card* design.
TumbleBooks (see above) is full of electronic picture books you can access from anywhere using your baby's new library card.
- Book a Librarian to help you complete online job applications, file for unemployment, set up an email address, and apply for government assistance.
- For current events, book suggestions, and fun things happening at your local libraries be sure to subscribe to the Library Newsletter at **Newsletters | Washoe County Library System**, or pick up a copy of the *Washoe County Library Explorer* or view it online: **Explorer**

Bookish Dates in July:

- Beatrix Potter's Birthday (July 28) – Celebrate the creator of Peter Rabbit with a garden picnic and classic tales.
- Paperback Book Day (July 30) – Appreciate the joy of a well-worn paperback and share your favorites. Many are available at the book sale August 1-9 (Member night on July 31st).

Next time you're looking for information, a new skill, or just a place to spend a quiet, cool afternoon, consider checking what your local library has to offer. You will find it does a lot more than lend books.

Did you miss the previous Member Newsletter articles about Libby? Click Here to read them on our website.

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



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