February 28, 2017 Library Board Meeting

Enclosed:

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes of Tuesday, January 24, 2017, regular meeting – action item on agenda #3
- Public Postings for Library Board
- Gift Fund Claims January / February 2017 - consent calendar on agenda #4
    - Gift Fund Expenditures Report FY1617, dated 2/24/17
- Budget Summary/Budget Performance, 1/31/17, discussion item on agenda #7
- Director's Monthly Report, February 2017, discussion item on agenda #8
- Douglas County Strategic Plan Survey Question Results, 2/3/17
- "Long Overdue" online article re: public library fines, 2/6/17
- Library operations items:
    - Press Releases
    - Newspapers & some articles of interest
    - Misc (PublicFAX24)

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February 21, 2017

The Douglas County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, **February 28, 2017** in the Pine Nut Room of the Minden Library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden, NV. Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. All items **For Possible Action** will include a Public Comment period.

AGENDA

1. Public comments and discussion.
   At this time, public comment will be taken on those items that are within the jurisdiction and control of the Library Board of Trustees or those agenda items where public comment will not be taken as a public hearing is not legally required.

   No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.
   If you wish to comment on a specific agenda item scheduled for action, please do so when that item is opened for public comment.

2. For possible action. Approval of proposed agenda. The Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to take items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner, to combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and to remove items from the agenda or delay discussion relating to items on the agenda.

3. For possible action. Approval of the minutes of the January 24, 2017 regular meeting.

4. Consent Calendar.
   Items appearing on the Consent Calendar are items that can be adopted with one motion unless pulled by a Trustee wishing to have an item or items further discussed. When items are pulled for discussion, they will be automatically placed as the next item for discussion or may be continued until another meeting. Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, item 5a.

   a. For possible action. Approval of Gift fund claims
      i. January/February 2017

5. Review of Douglas County Budget Process and Deadlines for FY 2017-18 Budget [Discussion]
   a. Deadline for supplemental requests – February 24, 2017

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b. Submission of Department tentative budget – March 3, 2017
c. Submission of Capital Improvement Budget – March 3, 2017
d. Budget Hearings – March 27-31 and May 1 & 2, 2017

6. For possible action. Review and update of proposed changes to WORK WEEK AND HOLIDAYS POLICY.

7. Review of Budget Performance Report summary and Gift Fund summary:
   a. 1/31/2017
   [Discussion]

8. Monthly Report. [Discussion]
   a. Friends / Foundation
      i. Friends Board Monthly Meeting – March 13, 2017
      ii. Foundation Annual Meeting – May 10, 2017
   b. Completed Library Programs
   c. Current / Planned Library Programs
   d. Usage statistics
   e. Facility work

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10. For possible action. Adjournment.

According to the provisions of NRS 241, this notice and agenda has been posted on or before 10:00 am on the third working day before the meeting at the following locations:

Douglas County Libraries, Minden and Zephyr Cove
Douglas County Courthouse
Minden Post Office
Zephyr Cove Post Office
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Supporting material for the meeting is available at the Circulation Desk, Minden Library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden, NV. A request for copies of the supporting materials may be directed to:

Kathy Munson, Administrative Services Manager
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Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate handicapped persons desiring to attend the meeting. Please contact Amy Dodson at 782-9841 before January 24, 2017 for arrangements.

UNAPPROVED

LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

January 24, 2017

ATTENDEES

Library Board Members: Charles Wolle, Chairperson, Bonnie Rogers, and Mark Jensen. Melanie Boudreau, Vice Chairperson, and Deborah Blackman were absent.

County and Library Staff: Amy Dodson, Linda Wilson and Kathy Munson. Kathy Munson took the minutes.

THE MEETING CONVENED AT 10:05 A.M.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION [Discussion]

Charles Wolle asked for public comment.

Bonnie Rogers and Charles Wolle welcomed Mark Jensen to the Board of Trustees.

There was no further public comment. Public comment was closed.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 2017]Action]

1) Nomination of Chairperson

Bonnie Rogers made a motion to nominate Melanie Boudreau as Chairperson. Mark Jensen made a second. Chairperson Charles Wolle asked for public comment. There being no public comment and no other nominations, public comment was closed and the motion carried unanimously.

2) Nomination of Vice Chairperson

Bonnie Rogers made a motion to nominate Deborah Blackman as Vice Chairperson. Mark Jensen made a second. Chairperson Charles Wolle asked for public comment. There being no public comment and no other nominations, public comment was closed and the motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA [Action]

Mark Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Bonnie Rogers made a second. Charles Wolle asked for public comment. There being no public comment, public comment was closed and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2016, REGULAR MEETING]Action]

Bonnie Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mark Jensen made a second. Charles Wolle asked for public comment. There being no public comment, public comment was closed and the motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR [Action]

Items on the Consent Calendar are as follows:

a. Gift fund claims November / December 2016 / January 2017

*Demco	Second Grade Program Bookmarks and book bags	01304	$ 153.36
Petty Cash/AD	Employee Recognition Staff birthday	01310	$ 17.97
*Petty Cash/AD	Make & Take Holiday Crafts program supplies	01310	$ 15.00
Petty Cash/AD	Employee Recognition event Holiday crafts	01310	$ 110.88
Petty Cash/AD	Staff Meeting refreshments	01320	$ 16.74
Petty Cash/AD	Employee Recognition event holiday crafts	01320	$ 15.05
DoCo Public Library	Owed to Foundation for dono from James Turner, 12/6/16	01328	$2,000.00
*Sierra Nevada Media	Fall 2016 Local Author Night ads	01329	$ 303.00
*DoCoProcurement/MP	Fall 2016 Book Sale U-Haul truck rental & Winter Lego Challenge	01334	$ 383.77

*Funding by Friends of the Library

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Bonnie Rogers made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. Mark Jensen made a second. Charles Wolle asked for public comment. There being no public comment, public comment was closed and the motion passed unanimously.

6. LIBRARY STAFF CHANGES. DISCUSSION OF RECENT STAFF RETIREMENT AND RECRUITMENT PROCESS [Discussion]

Amy Dodson reported that Library Technician Maggie Rusmisel retired rather abruptly at the beginning of January. Her last day of work was January 3, 2017. The Library Technician position reports to Kathy Munson as supervisor. The position opening was posted on the county website and closes on January 25, 2017.

Charles Wolle asked if there were any other expected staff changes coming up. Amy Dodson replied there were not. Charles and Bonnie Rogers added that the new individuals added to staff last year are excellent. The Board asked if there are usually many applicants. Amy replied yes, that at last year's recruitment for a Library Technician, 25 applicants applied for the position.

7. UPDATE ON BOOKMOBILE PROJECT FUNDRAISING. DISCUSSION OF DONATION FROM CITY NATIONAL BANK [Discussion]

Amy Dodson reported that the Foundation received a $5,000 donation in 2016 from City National Bank. Bank representatives came to the library on January 19, 2017, to take photos presenting Amy with a giant-sized check. They committed to donating another $5,000 in 2017.

Mark Jensen asked if the library had a bookmobile in the past. Amy indicated the library had not had a bookmobile and that this was a new project.

Continuing, Amy reported that Minden Rotary approached City National Bank with a letter request for a donation. So far, there has been $125,000 donated and we need approximately $250,000. Its hopeful the bookmobile will be purchased in 2018. We also need a new staff member to man it, but we do have several volunteers who have offered to help.

8. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO WORK WEEK AND HOLIDAY POLICY. LAST UPDATE 2013 [Action]

Amy Dodson explained that the suggested updates are made in response to the county's new electronic timesheet software for which the pay week calculates time based on a Saturday through Friday work week. The library's current policy is based upon a Monday through Saturday work week.

Amy indicated that holidays are difficult, in that when a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the County establishes either Friday or Monday as the observance day. We are open on Saturday, so this creates an imbalance in our staffing. Amy stated she is trying to straighten out this issue in the library's formal policy. An additional suggested change to the language includes removing the Volunteer Reception verbiage since it's redundant.

The Board inquired whether these changes adversely affect staff with some losing a day of pay. Amy replied that it's similar to the library's observance of Nevada Day, whereby staff uses a day of their own vacation or administrative leave. For other staff members who have a 4-day work week, they would adjust their schedule accordingly.

The Board also asked how many staff members work on Saturday and if this had been discussed with staff. Amy replied a total of 7 and for those individuals they would use a day from their leave bank. Amy indicated she had not discussed this with staff.

The Board suggested this be included in the policy update. Amy stated she thought it was procedural and not a policy matter, thus the reason she didn't include it. Bonnie Rogers asked if there was any way to include a general statement to this effect. Amy stated that the procedure with a policy update is that the Board discusses the matter at one meeting and then returns at a subsequent meeting to vote on it. The interim time gives Amy the opportunity to discuss the updates with staff. Bonnie Rogers requested that a statement to this effect be put into the policy – one whereby staff knows they will not get two days off with pay. Charles requested that Bonnie work with Amy to draft this language. Amy responded that she would and it would be presented at the next Board meeting.

Charles Wolle suggested this not be acted upon today but at next month's meeting. The Board mutually agreed and there was no further discussion.

9. ANNUAL COUNTY BUDGET. DISCUSSION OF AUDIT AND ENDING FUND BALANCE OF LIBRARY FUNDS [Discussion]

Amy Dodson reported that she is usually notified about past fiscal years' audits and available ending fund balance monies by October or November, however, this year the Finance Department is down a budget manager, a vacancy for which they are currently recruiting. A senior level staff member is currently performing the responsibilities and is Acting Budget Manager. Because of this, we were only recently notified there was a higher than expected ending fund balance in the Library's FY15-16 operating account in the amount of $55,000. These funds are a one-time surplus and will be augmented into the FY16-17 Library Materials account

There was also an ending fund balance in the Room Tax Fund from FY15-16 which was split with other Room Tax Fund departments. From those monies, the library will receive approximately $70,000 which will be augmented into the FY16-17 Small Projects account.

10. REVIEW OF BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT AND GIFT FUND SUMMARY [Discussion]

a. 11/30/16

At this point we are almost halfway through the fiscal year at 41.5% but look at the report for actuals in Salaries & Wages, Benefits, and Services & Supplies, which are at approximately 35% budget used. This puts us under budget for this time in the fiscal year.

b. 12/31/16

We are 50% through the fiscal year, but in all categories combined we are at 44% budget used.

c. Augmentations for February 2017

Augments are being prepared and will be submitted to the Finance Department. Finance will then take them to the County Commissioners for final approval in February. The augments being preparing include grant monies and reimbursed revenue. Specifically, we received reimbursement monies from the Nevada Library Association (NLA) for the 2017 NLA conference venue reservation, Statewide Collection Development Grant monies, the LSTA (Library Services & Technology Act) Grant for our 2016 Summer Reading Program, and patron-reimbursed revenue from lost/replaced items which will go into our Library Materials account.

Amy asked the Board to clarify whether they would like a report at the end of each fiscal year identifying all augmentations made throughout the year or each time she completes and submits them. The Board responded, indicating they would like one annual report of all augments at the end of the fiscal year.

<u>Gift Fund Summary – 11/30/16</u>

Revenue YTD	$18,587.89
Expenditures YTD	($19,607.82)
Fund Balance YTD	$ 1,019.93

<u>Gift Fund Summary – 12/31/16</u>

Revenue YTD	$21,731.49
Expenditures YTD	($22,635.57)
Fund Balance YTD	$ 904.08

We have requested the Finance Department prepare an augmentation for the Gift Fund account in order to carry forward last fiscal year's balance into the current fiscal year. This will be in the amount of $84,060. A large amount of the funds in the Gift Fund account are being held specifically for the bookmobile project. This augment will be taken to the County Commissioners in February for final approval.

11. MONTHLY REPORT [Discussion]

The monthly report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

<u>NON AGENDA ITEM - RFID</u>

Amy Dodson indicated there was no timeline established yet for implementation. She provided an overview of this project, stating it is an inventory and security program. Every item in the library will be tagged with a radio frequency ID tag and scanned into proprietary software. This project will replace our current library materials bar code system. As a patron passes through security gates

at the front entrance, the system will identify exactly which items have not been checked out if there are any such items. Library staff will tag all library material items, excluding periodicals. This approximates to 125,000 items, so it is a large project to implement.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

Charles Wolle asked for public comment.

Charles himself commented that he thought the library does a terrific job with children's programming. Bonnie Rogers added that she thought the addition of movies for adults was great. Mark Jensen asked library staff to check the telephone answering voice recording since callers cannot reach an attendant prior to the library opening. Amy Dodson indicated we would add a note to the recording that indicates we do not answer the telephones until 10 a.m.

There being no public comment or discussion, public comment was closed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further action or discussion. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A quorum or greater number of Library Board Trustees may be gathering at any or all of the following organizations' meetings during the months of March / April 2017. At these meetings, the Library Board of Trustees is in attendance to observe the proceedings of the organization and to participate in discussions to the extent allowed by the organization.

These organizations may not have posted a formal agenda for their meetings. The Library Board of Trustees present at the meeting will take no action relevant to the Douglas County Public Library.

Second Wednesday Book Group	3/8/17	5:00 PM	Minden Library
Friends of the Library	3/13/17	4:00 PM	Minden Library
Friends of the Library	4/10/17	4:00 PM	Minden Library
Second Wednesday Book Group	4/12/17	5:00 PM	Minden Library
Friends Annual Spring Book Sale	4/20-23/2017	4:00 PM	CVIC Hall
Volunteer Reception	4/21/17	2:30-4:0 PM	Minden Library
Second Wednesday Book Group	4/26/17	5:00 PM	Minden Library

This notice was posted at the following locations prior to meeting days:

Douglas County Libraries - Minden and Zephyr Cove
Douglas County Courthouse
Minden Post Office
Zephyr Cove Post Office

Gift Fund Claims
January / February 2017

*DoCoProcurement/MP	Make & Take Holiday Crafts Program supplies	01355	$ 45.63
DoCoProcurement/KM	Employee Recognition Gift cards for On-The-Spot awards	01357	$ 85.00
*Petty Cash/AD	Frosting the Snowman at DLT Program supplies	01378	$ 37.13
Petty Cash/AD	Employee Recognition event Maggie Rusmisel retirement	01378	$ 16.19
Petty Cash/AD	Staff Meeting refreshments	01378	$ 13.92
*Petty Cash/AD	TAB Mtg refreshments	01378	$ 23.71
*Petty Cash/AD	Saturday Cinema Refreshments	01378	$ 39.42
*Petty Cash/AD	Alice in Wonderland Tea Party Program supplies	01378	$ 23.36
*Petty Cash/AD	Alice in Wonderland Tea Party Program supplies	01378	$ 15.18
*Petty Cash/AD	Saturday Cinema Program supplies (rubber stamp)	01400	$ 23.78
Petty Cash/AD	Employee Recognition Staff birthday	01400	$ 11.47
Petty Cash/AD	Employee Recognition event Valentines Pizza Party	01400	$ 20.95
*DoCoProcurement/MP	2nd Grade Project Program supplies	01404	$ 46.37
*DoCoProcurement/MP	Alice in Wonderland Tea Party Program supplies	01404	$ 82.37
*Amazon	Saturday Cinema Movie DVDs	01409	$ 38.96

*Funding by Friends of the Library

GIFT FUND EXPENDITURES REPORT FY 16-17

1/24/2017

Vendor	Date	Programs	Materials	All Others	Notes
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	7/12/2016			15.34	ERC frozen treats
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	8/2/2016			13.98	ERC Birthday treats
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	8/4/2016			17.97	Staff Meeting snacks
DoCo Procurement/KM	8/5/2016			205.00	ERC gift cards
DoCo Public Library Foundation	8/15/2016			2,000.00	Owed to Foundation (James Turner dono 7/25/16)
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	8/23/2016			15.38	Staff Meeting snacks
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	9/2/2016			11.97	ERC Birthday treats
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	9/27/2016			15.00	Staff Meeting snacks
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	9/27/2016			13.28	ERC Birthday treats
AdPlus	10/14/2016			1,101.92	Staff and Trustees library shirts
Baker & Taylor	10/20/2016		27.27		Library Materials
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	10/25/2016			7.76	ERC Welcome Party; new librarians reception
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	10/25/2016			16.40	Staff Meeting snacks
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	10/25/2016			46.12	New librarians' reception
Recorded Books	11/8/2016		4,000.00		Library Materials (eAudio Adult Subscription, FOL sponsorec
DoCo Procurement/MP	11/9/2016	289.86			Halloween Party, FOL sponsored; New librarians' reception
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	11/8/2016			11.98	New librarians' reception
Demco	12/13/2016			153.36	2nd Grade Project (FOL sponsored)
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	12/13/2016			17.97	ERC Birthday treats
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	12/13/2016	15.00			Make and Take Holiday Crafts (FOL sponsored)
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	12/13/2016			110.88	ERC Birthday; Cozy Crafts & Cocoa
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	12/14/2016			16.74	Staff Meeting snacks
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	12/14/2016			15.05	ERC Cozy Crafts & Cocoa
Sierra Nevada Media Group	12/13/2016	303.00			Local Author Night 10/5/16 ads (FOL sponsored)
DoCo Public Library Foundation	12/13/2016			2,000.00	Owed to Foundation (James Turner dono 12/6/16)
DoCo Procurement/MP	12/15/2017	383.77			Fall booksale expenses; Winter Lego Challenge (FOL sponsore
DoCo Procurement/MP	1/10/2017	45.63			Make and Take Holiday Crafts (FOL sponsored)
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	1/25/2017	37.13			Frosting the Snowman @ DLT (FOL sponsored)
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	1/25/2017			16.19	ERC snacks for farewell to M. Rusmisel
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	1/25/2017			13.92	Staff Meeting snacks
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	1/25/2017	23.71			TAB Mtg (FOL sponsored)
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	1/25/2017	39.42			Saturday Cinema refreshments (FOL sponsored)
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	1/25/2017	23.36			Alice in Wonderland Tea Party (FOL sponsored)
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	1/25/2017	15.18			Alice in Wonderland Tea Party (FOL sponsored)
DoCo Procurement/KM	1/10/2017			85.00	ERC staff gift cards
DoCo Procurement/MP	2/16/2017	128.74			2nd Grade Project $46.37; Alice In Wndld 1/21/17 $82.37 (FOL sponsored)
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	2/14/2017	23.78			Saturday Cinema at the Library, rubber stamp (FOL sponsored)
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	2/14/2017			11.47	ERC Birthday treats
Amy Dodson- Petty Cash	2/14/2017			20.95	ERC event for staff (Valentines pizza lunch 2/14)
Amazon	2/22/2017	38.96			Saturday Cinema movies (FOL sponsored)
					Grand Total:
TOTALS		1,367.54	4,027.27	5,953.63	**$11,348.44**
		Programs	**Materials**	**All others**	$11,348.44

Douglas County Public Library

Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Month End 1/31/2017 % of Fiscal Year 58.3%

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

Salaries & Wages

Budgeted	Augments	Current month	Year-to-date	% Used
$792,494		$58,260	$394,615	50%

Benefits

Budgeted	Augments	Current month	Year-to-date	% Used
$388,232		$27,063	$177,472	46%

Services & Supplies

Budgeted	Amend-ments	Current	Encumber	Year-to-date	% Used
$339,243		$16,013	$0	$194,010	64%

Some individual lines are paid only once per year, in July and will therefore show a higher than expected percentage of disbursements in the early months of a fiscal year.

Capital Outlay **

Budgeted	Amend ments	Current	Encumber	Year-to-date	Amended Less YTD	% Used
$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	0%

Capital Projects **

Budgeted	Amended Budget	Current	Encumber	Year-to-date	Budget less YTD	% Used
$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	0%

*** This is a pass-through account. During the year money will be transferred from Services & Supplies lines or money will be augmented by grant payments. Any single item costing $5000 or more will pass through this account. As augmentations are done only twice per fiscal year, this account will often show a negative balance.*

Library Expense Budget Performance Report

Fiscal Year to Date 01/31/17
Exclude Rollup Account

Account	Account Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% Used/ Rec'd	Prior Year YTD
Fund **234 - Room Tax**										
Department **804 - Library**										
	EXPENSE									
Salaries & Wages										
510.000	Salaries & Wages	792,494.00	.00	792,494.00	46,225.23	.00	333,418.97	459,075.03	42	318,673.85
510.125	Salaries-Other	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
511.170	Overtime	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	37.40
511.171	Holidays	.00	.00	.00	5,885.74	.00	22,207.36	(22,207.36)	+++	18,724.21
511.172	Comp Paid	.00	.00	.00	122.85	.00	1,208.34	(1,208.34)	+++	1,491.61
511.173	Vacation	.00	.00	.00	4,488.83	.00	24,940.27	(24,940.27)	+++	25,596.25
511.174	Sick	.00	.00	.00	1,537.80	.00	12,840.49	(12,840.49)	+++	10,709.44
516.120	Contract Salaries	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
	Salaries & Wages Totals	$792,494.00	$0.00	$792,494.00	$58,260.45	$0.00	$394,615.43	$397,878.57	50%	$375,232.76
Employee Benefits										
511.180	Benefits	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
511.181	Retirement	215,210.00	.00	215,210.00	15,266.57	.00	104,388.88	110,821.12	49	100,863.39
511.182	Pact Workers Comp	29,163.00	.00	29,163.00	2,217.53	.00	5,375.57	23,787.43	18	10,990.20
511.183	Group Insurance	121,264.00	.00	121,264.00	8,330.05	.00	56,653.03	64,610.97	47	61,049.78
511.184	Unemployment	3,963.00	.00	3,963.00	314.82	.00	1,941.77	2,021.23	49	1,828.02
511.186	Medicare	11,491.00	.00	11,491.00	886.47	.00	5,707.23	5,783.77	50	5,360.09
511.188	Co. Dependent Insurance	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
511.190	Pact Other	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
511.191	Pact Fire/Law Heart/Lung	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
511.195	Oasdi	1,465.00	.00	1,465.00	47.34	.00	309.45	1,155.55	21	250.88
511.201	PEBS-Ret.Medical	5,676.00	.00	5,676.00	.00	.00	3,096.00	2,580.00	55	3,311.00
	Employee Benefits Totals	$388,232.00	$0.00	$388,232.00	$27,062.78	$0.00	$177,471.93	$210,760.07	46%	$183,653.36
Services & Supplies										
520.029	Program Underwriting	4,000.00	.00	4,000.00	.00	.00	2,322.61	1,677.39	58	4,114.04
520.045	Computer System	55,000.00	.00	55,000.00	.00	.00	26,505.72	28,494.28	48	9,399.05
520.055	Telephone Expense	4,500.00	.00	4,500.00	452.75	.00	2,717.97	1,782.03	60	2,595.10
520.060	Postage/Po Box Rent	3,200.00	.00	3,200.00	515.99	.00	2,048.41	1,151.59	64	1,678.36
520.064	Travel	6,000.00	.00	6,000.00	.00	.00	4,390.25	1,609.75	73	4,489.06

Library Expense Budget Performance Report

Fiscal Year to Date 01/31/17
Exclude Rollup Account

Account	Account Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% Used/ Rec'd	Prior Year YTD
520.072	Advertising	200.00	.00	200.00	.00	.00	.00	200.00	0	.00
520.078	Printing & Binding	100.00	.00	100.00	.00	.00	143.91	(43.91)	144	50.00
520.085	Communications	500.00	.00	500.00	.00	.00	1,614.00	(1,114.00)	323	1,445.75
520.088	Utilities	35,000.00	.00	35,000.00	3,614.16	.00	14,425.22	20,574.78	41	17,235.66
520.097	Maint B&G	2,000.00	.00	2,000.00	.00	.00	1,092.21	907.79	55	815.55
520.098	Janitorial Services	20,000.00	.00	20,000.00	1,659.20	24,173.88	8,296.00	(12,469.88)	162	6,636.80
520.107	Maint Equip	9,000.00	.00	9,000.00	.00	.00	721.01	8,278.99	8	10,614.95
520.110	Veh. Maint-Shop Parts	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
520.114	Motor Pool Expense	5,650.00	.00	5,650.00	470.83	.00	3,295.81	2,354.19	58	3,222.94
520.136	Rents & Leases Equipment	6,000.00	.00	6,000.00	215.90	.00	2,232.61	3,767.39	37	2,172.90
520.156	Risk Mgmt-Co. Insurance	32,794.00	.00	32,794.00	.00	.00	16,397.00	16,397.00	50	16,932.00
520.169	EMRB Assessment	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	101.25	(101.25)	+++	.00
520.170	Memberships	400.00	.00	400.00	130.00	.00	350.00	50.00	88	235.00
520.200	Training & Education	1,500.00	.00	1,500.00	.00	.00	957.00	543.00	64	478.00
520.240	Data Lines	7,000.00	.00	7,000.00	757.17	.00	5,368.30	1,631.70	77	5,328.71
521.100	Professional Services	100.00	.00	100.00	.00	.00	365.00	(265.00)	365	4,269.64
521.134	Cataloging	23,000.00	.00	23,000.00	1,169.81	.00	10,132.46	12,867.54	44	13,861.83
521.500	Admin & Overhead	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
530.001	Circulation Supplies	1,000.00	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	271.89	728.11	27	3,154.45
532.003	Gas & Oil	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
532.054	Library Materials	105,299.00	.00	105,299.00	6,338.94	.00	84,400.02	20,898.98	80	129,527.83
532.057	Processing Materials	4,000.00	.00	4,000.00	400.11	.00	2,682.19	1,317.81	67	4,860.44
532.065	Institutional Supplies	500.00	.00	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00	0	309.80
533.800	Office Supplies	4,000.00	.00	4,000.00	96.89	.00	1,287.72	2,712.28	32	1,073.47
533.801	Paper Supplies	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
533.802	Small Equipment	1,500.00	.00	1,500.00	.00	.00	76.34	1,423.66	5	8,315.33
533.813	Office Products Program	4,000.00	.00	4,000.00	191.70	.00	1,815.02	2,184.98	45	3,060.49
533.817	Small Projects	3,000.00	.00	3,000.00	.00	.00	.00	3,000.00	0	.00
540.010	Grants-Services & Supplies	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
540.012	Statewide Collection Gran	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	1,758.00
	Services & Supplies Totals	$339,243.00	$0.00	$339,243.00	$16,013.45	$24,173.88	$194,009.92	$121,059.20	64%	$257,635.15

Library Expense Budget Performance Report

Fiscal Year to Date 01/31/17
Exclude Rollup Account

Account	Account Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% Used/ Rec'd	Prior Year YTD
Capital Outlay/Projects										
560.010	Capital Outlay- Grants	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
562.000	Capital Projects	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
562.200	Buildings	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
562.500	Infrastructure	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
563.300	Improvements	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
564.500	Machinery & Equipment	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
	Capital Outlay/Projects Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
	EXPENSE TOTALS	$1,519,969.00	$0.00	$1,519,969.00	$101,336.68	$24,173.88	$766,097.28	$729,697.84	52%	$816,521.27
	Department **804 - Library** Totals	($1,519,969.00)	$0.00	($1,519,969.00)	($101,336.68)	($24,173.88)	($766,097.28)	($729,697.84)	52%	($816,521.27)
	Fund **234 - Room Tax** Totals	$1,519,969.00	$0.00	$1,519,969.00	$101,336.68	$24,173.88	$766,097.28	$729,697.84		$816,521.27
	Grand Totals	$1,519,969.00	$0.00	$1,519,969.00	$101,336.68	$24,173.88	$766,097.28	$729,697.84		$816,521.27

Gift Fund Expense Budget Performance Report

Fiscal Year to Date 01/31/17
Exclude Rollup Account

Account	Account Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% Used/ Rec'd	Prior Year Total
Fund	**235 - Library Gift Fund**									
Department	**800 - Library Gift Fund**									
	EXPENSE									
Services & Supplies										
520.029	Program Underwriting	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	19.42
532.054	Library Materials	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	57.57	(57.57)	+++	.00
532.061	Library Gift Fund	.00	.00	.00	4,130.63	.00	26,708.63	(26,708.63)	+++	14,599.16
	Services & Supplies Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$4,130.63	$0.00	$26,766.20	($26,766.20)	+++	$14,618.58
	EXPENSE TOTALS	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$4,130.63	$0.00	$26,766.20	($26,766.20)	+++	$14,618.58
	Department **800 - Library Gift Fund** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($4,130.63)	$0.00	($26,766.20)	$26,766.20	+++	($14,618.58)
	Fund **235 - Library Gift Fund** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$4,130.63	$0.00	$26,766.20	($26,766.20)		$14,618.58
	Grand Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$4,130.63	$0.00	$26,766.20	($26,766.20)		$14,618.58

Gift Fund Trial Balance Listing

Through 01/31/17
Detail Listing
Exclude Rollup Account

Account	Account Description	Balance Forward	YTD Debits	YTD Credits	Ending Balance	Prior Year YTD Balance
Fund **235 - Library Gift Fund**						
Current Assets						
101.000	Cash	68,293.04	25,922.72	12,261.92	81,953.84	83,400.66
101.090	Investment-FMV Adjust	150.40	.00	.00	150.40	(29.92)
104.000	Cash on Hand-Deposits in Transit	48.10	.00	48.10	.00	.00
112.000	Revenue Receivable	.00	48.10	48.10	.00	.00
121.100	Interest Receivable	83.46	.00	13.88	69.58	69.58
155.000	Prepaid Expense	15,753.00	.00	15,753.00	.00	.00
	Current Assets Totals	$84,328.00	$25,970.82	$28,125.00	$82,173.82	$83,440.32
Current Liabilities						
202.000	Accounts Payable	(258.72)	7,379.92	7,121.20	.00	.00
	Current Liabilities Totals	($258.72)	$7,379.92	$7,121.20	$0.00	$0.00
Other Liabilities						
227.307	Def/Donations Library	.00	.00	.00	.00	(36,175.11)
	Other Liabilities Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($36,175.11)
Fund Balance						
253.000	Fund Balance	(37,280.90)	.00	.00	(37,280.90)	(37,280.90)
	Fund Balance Totals	($37,280.90)	$0.00	$0.00	($37,280.90)	($37,280.90)

Gift Fund Income Statement

Through 01/31/17
Detail Listing
Exclude Rollup Account

Account	Account Description	YTD Budget Amount	MTD Actual Amount	YTD Actual Amount	Budget Less YTD Actual	% of Budget	Prior Year YTD Total
Fund Category	**Governmental Funds**						
Fund Type	**Governmental-Spec Revenue**						
Fund	**235 - Library Gift Fund**						
REVENUE							
Department	**000 - Revenue**						
Interest Revenue							
361.211	Invest. Earnings-LGIP	.00	71.38	71.38	(71.38)	+++	8.42
361.212	Invest. Earnings-BNY Mellon	.00	29.26	29.26	(29.26)	+++	76.38
	Interest Revenue Totals	$0.00	$100.64	$100.64	($100.64)	+++	$84.80
Miscellaneous Revenue							
367.102	Donations	.00	3,038.61	24,770.10	(24,770.10)	+++	17,567.55
	Miscellaneous Revenue Totals	$0.00	$3,038.61	$24,770.10	($24,770.10)	+++	$17,567.55
	Department **000 - Revenue** Totals	$0.00	$3,139.25	$24,870.74	($24,870.74)	+++	$17,652.35
	REVENUE TOTALS	$0.00	$3,139.25	$24,870.74	($24,870.74)	+++	$17,652.35
EXPENSE							
Department	**800 - Library Gift Fund**						
Services & Supplies							
520.029	Program Underwriting	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	19.42
532.054	Library Materials	.00	.00	57.57	(57.57)	+++	.00
532.061	Library Gift Fund	.00	4,130.63	26,708.63	(26,708.63)	+++	7,648.62
	Services & Supplies Totals	$0.00	$4,130.63	$26,766.20	($26,766.20)	+++	$7,668.04
	Department **800 - Library Gift Fund** Totals	$0.00	$4,130.63	$26,766.20	($26,766.20)	+++	$7,668.04
	EXPENSE TOTALS	$0.00	$4,130.63	$26,766.20	($26,766.20)	+++	$7,668.04
	Grand Totals						
	REVENUE TOTALS	.00	3,139.25	24,870.74	(24,870.74)	+++	17,652.35
	EXPENSE TOTALS	.00	4,130.63	26,766.20	(26,766.20)	+++	7,668.04
	Grand Total Net Gain (Loss)	$0.00	($991.38)	($1,895.46)	($1,895.46)	+++	$9,984.31

Director's Monthly Report
February 2017

1. Friends of the Library. The annual Friends meeting on February 4 was a wonderful event with excellent attendance by new and long-standing Library Friends. The next regular Friends board meeting is on Monday, March 13 at 4:00 PM.

2. Library Foundation. The Library Foundation has decided to organize a fundraising event for the bookmobile project. The event will tentatively take place in August. A committee was formed at the last Foundation meeting, and they will meet on March 10 to begin planning.

3. Library Programs. The weekly "Saturday Cinema" program series began in February and the audience continues to grow each week. Every Saturday morning, a different movie is shown for an adult/teen audience. The program features coffee and light refreshments.

4. Lake Tahoe Branch. The Lake Tahoe branch library continues to draw more patrons. There is a new story time program, and other new programs on the horizon. In the spring, new internet service will be installed. This is a project that is long overdue, and will greatly benefit patrons and staff.

5. Minden Library. There will be improvements in the near future at the Minden library. Due to one-time funds becoming available from FY 2015-2016, we will be adding new blinds to the meeting room and new storage space for donations. Details will be forthcoming. Work is in progress to rebuild the sidewalk and ramp that leads to the staff parking area. The new sidewalk and ramp should be finished within a week.

6. Douglas County. All department directors participated in the workshop on February 6 to help develop the County's Strategic Plan. The County Commissioners and County Manager were receptive to comments and suggestions from staff and residents. The planning process with Directors will conclude on February 28, and the Strategic Plan will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on March 16.

7. Nevada Library Legislative Day. The Nevada Library day with state legislators is on April 12. There are three bills related to libraries in this legislative session. (information attached) The public is encouraged to send comments through the legislative website if unable to attend the hearings.

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Bills and Issues Related to Nevada Libraries in 2017

1. SB143 (BDR 34-59)

Requires each public school in a school district to establish and maintain a school library. Bill sponsor: Senator Becky Harris. Hearing: Thursday, Feb. 23 @ 3:30 pm. Room 2134 of the Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson St.; Carson City. Videoconferenced to Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building; 555 #. Washington Ave., Las Vegas. More information here: **https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Reports/history.cfm?BillName=SB143**

2. SB115 (BDR 15-279)

Revises provisions concerning the prohibition against carrying or possessing certain weapons while on certain property. Bill sponsors: Senator Moises Denis, Assemblywoman Shannon Billbray-Axelrod. May be heard on Tuesday, Feb. 28. Exact time and place TBA. More information here:
https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Reports/history.cfm?BillName=SB115

3. Hearing on Nevada State Library and Archives (NSLAPR) Budget as part of the General Government Subcommittee Meeting on Thursday, March 2, beginning at 8:00 am. Will be reviewed by Senators Aaron Ford, David Parks, and Becky Harris, and Assemblypersons Heidi Swank, Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Olivia Diaz, Ellen Spiegel, Chris Edwards, and John Hambrick. This budget includes statewide funding for databases, collection development, and bookmobiles. Review this budget here:
https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/79th2017/Budget/5937/Overview

Resources of note:

1. Personalized Legislative Tracking, to receive emails on changes for bills you specify: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/79th2017/Plt

2. Comments on specific bills can be made here:
https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Opinions/79th2017/A/

Library boards, Friends of the Libraries, and patrons are encouraged to send comments.

Douglas County Strategic Plan Survey Question Results

- Attendees to the question: 421
- All Responses: 294
- Hours of Public Comment: 14.7
- Survey was open for 12 days

Registered and Unregistered Responses Included

Responses

What is your opinion about the current direction of the County?

	%	Count
On the Wrong Track	25.8%	74
Neutral	54.0%	155
On the Right Track	20.2%	58

Please indicate the level of effort you think Douglas County should apply to the following over the next three years?

Planning for traffic flow through downtowns

	%	Count
Lessen Current Efforts	6.2%	18
Maintain Current Efforts	40.5%	118
Increase Current Efforts	36.1%	105
Significantly Increase Efforts	15.8%	46

Creating and promoting a thriving business environment

	%	Count
Lessen Current Efforts	3.4%	10
Maintain Current Efforts	32.6%	95
Increase Current Efforts	42.3%	123
Significantly Increase Efforts	21.0%	61

Response to citizen inquiry and citizen communication

	%	Count
Lessen Current Efforts	4.1%	12
Maintain Current Efforts	58.4%	170
Increase Current Efforts	24.1%	70
Significantly Increase Efforts	12.0%	35

Safety and security of residents

	%	Count
Lessen Current Efforts	2.4%	7
Maintain Current Efforts	58.1%	169
Increase Current Efforts	23.4%	68
Significantly Increase Efforts	14.8%	43

Planning for responsible growth (such as housing, transportation and internet)

	%	Count
Lessen Current Efforts	7.9%	23
Maintain Current Efforts	27.8%	81
Increase Current Efforts	38.8%	113
Significantly Increase Efforts	24.7%	72

Stormwater management and flood control

	%	Count
Lessen Current Efforts	6.9%	20
Maintain Current Efforts	34.4%	100
Increase Current Efforts	39.2%	114
Significantly Increase Efforts	18.6%	54

Parks, trails and open space

	%	Count
Lessen Current Efforts	16.5%	48
Maintain Current Efforts	42.6%	124
Increase Current Efforts	25.1%	73
Significantly Increase Efforts	15.1%	44

Recreation and library services

	%	Count
Lessen Current Efforts	14.1%	41
Maintain Current Efforts	51.5%	150
Increase Current Efforts	23.4%	68
Significantly Increase Efforts	10.3%	30

Services for vulnerable populations (such as seniors, etc.)

	%	Count
Lessen Current Efforts	6.5%	19
Maintain Current Efforts	54.6%	159
Increase Current Efforts	25.4%	74
Significantly Increase Efforts	11.7%	34

Infrastructure maintenance (such as roads, etc.)

	%	Count
Lessen Current Efforts	1.4%	4
Maintain Current Efforts	16.2%	47
Increase Current Efforts	37.5%	109
Significantly Increase Efforts	44.3%	129

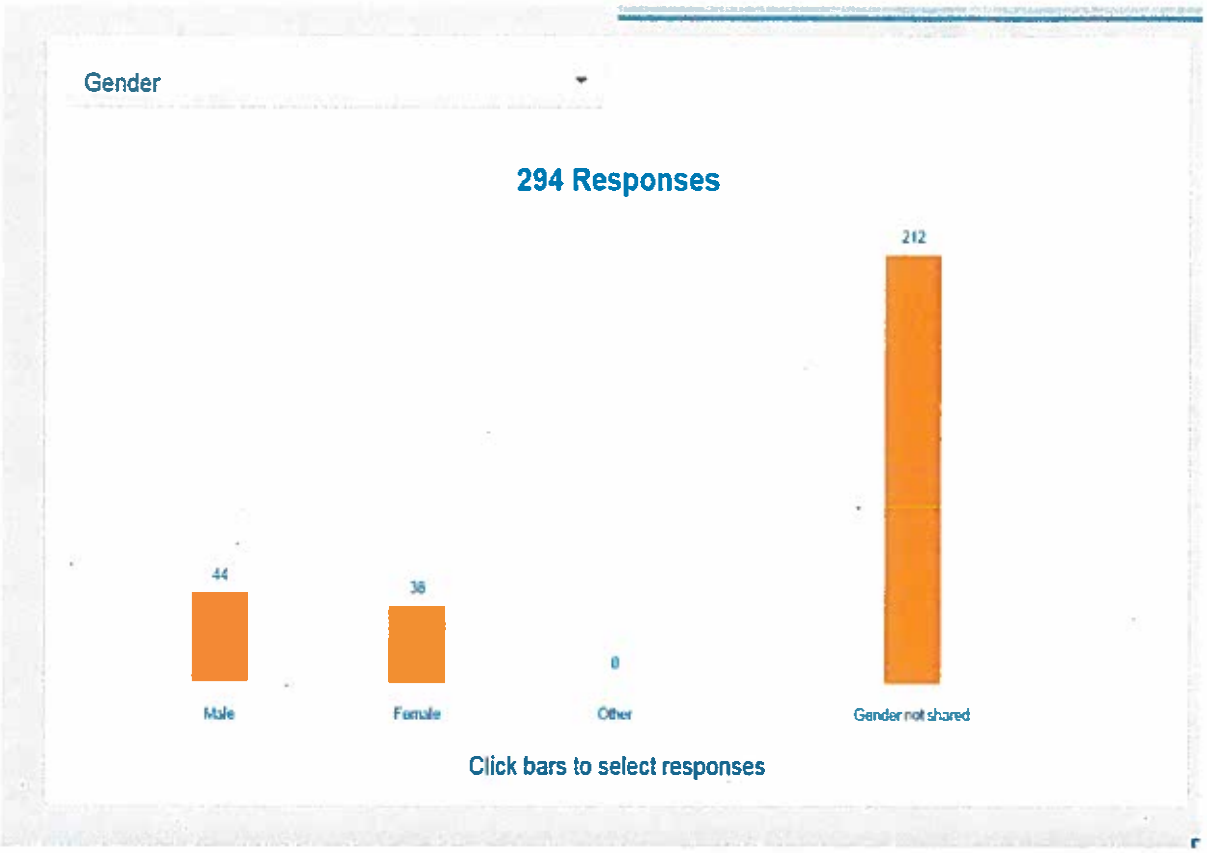
all been board commissioners community county decisions direction do don douglas employees enough from good growth infrastructure issues make more most much need needs new people public right roads s see some staff t they things think too well what

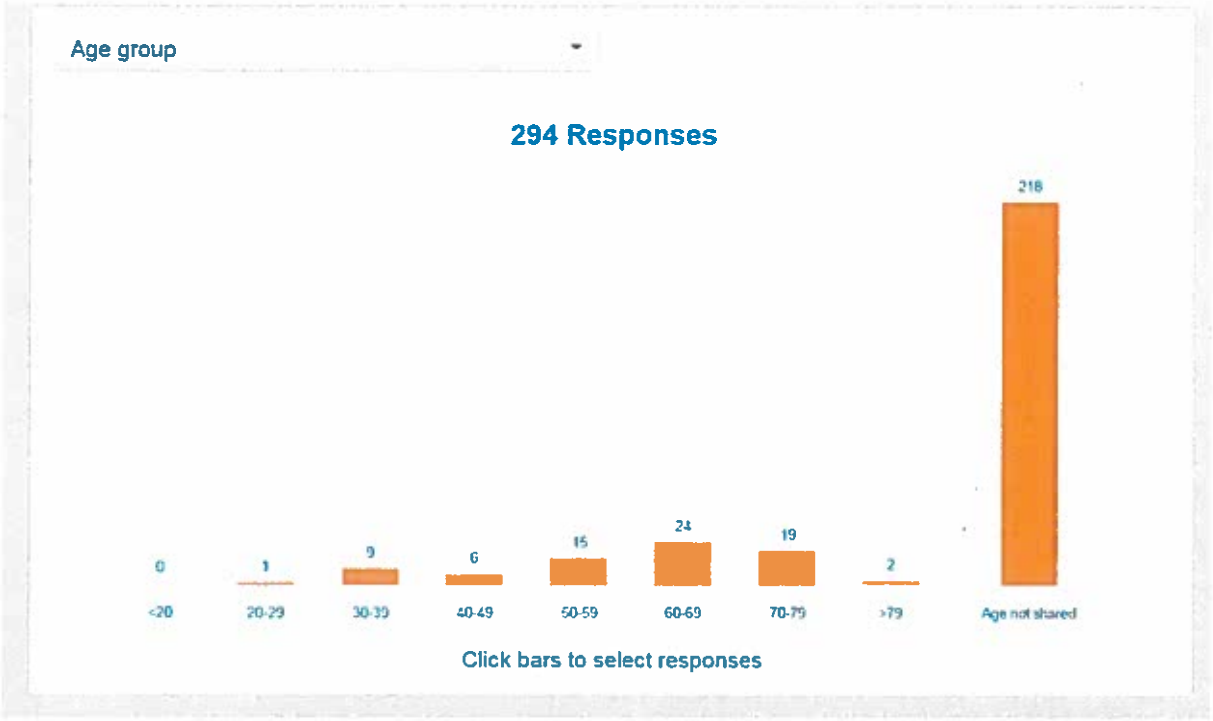
A Few Conclusions

Lessen Current Efforts	Parks, trails and open space 16.5%
	Recreation and library services 14.1% → ??
Maintain Current Efforts	Response to citizen inquiry 58.4%
	Safety and security of residents 58.1%
Increase Current Efforts	Business Climate 42.2%
	Planning for responsible growth 38.8%
Significantly Increase Efforts	Infrastructure 44.3%

Survey Handout #2

Demographics





Survey Comments

Question 1 – What is your opinion about the current direction of the County?
(Possible answers: On the right track, neutral, on the wrong track.)

Open ended question: Why did you give this rating?

1. The board and the community do not want to tax themselves for needed infrastructure such as roads and drainage improvements. We all need to do the right thing and pay for our current and future needs. The time is now.
2. I work for Douglas County
3. Need to focus on fixing roads.
4. New resident not that familiar with all the County endeavors
5. Going to the liberals
6. There is always room to improve.
7. please just address our roads, fire and blight issues, code enforcement, and flooding before you talk to us about growth.
8. The County works on many projects for this beautiful county, yet struggles to ever obtain monies to improve the roads, etc. I believe our Board needs to make strong leadership decisions with their ability to approve taxes in order to keep the county's quality of life.
9. The County seems fiscally irresponsible in that every new idea or program or regulation implies an increased fee, tax, or whatever - balance your checkbook, please.
10. I know they have been actively working on road improvements as well as resolving the flooding issues. I believe both those areas are critical.
11. We need a change in leadership within some of the county departments. Simply because an elected official has been there for 20 years does not mean he has done the best job possible.
12. I think there a number of things going very well and a number of things not going well.
13. Personnel costs are stagnant which means we do not attract the most qualified candidates and lose many employees to other agencies who value their employees by compensating them with COLA's and raises
14. Doing OK
15. Possibilities exist but the direction of the new coalition on The BOCC has yet to be seen.
16. I watch all the BOCC meetings, as well as attend the town meetings. Overall the BOCC is doing a great job. I do think there could be more involvement with the towns and their issues. It would be great to see placemaking in the towns facilitated with the county as well.
17. This county has a lot of potential to diversify its citizen base, business, and draw for tourism. There are too many rules and ideas stuck in "the way things have always been done", that are keeping this from happening.
18. Nothing very bad or very good sticks out in my memory.
19. I am not aware of the "track" in general.
20. Economy seems to be growing.
21. Seems like priorities are out of order
22. I am not sure of the direction at this time.

23. The county needs a new leader for the county - one that has vision for a fresh direction for the staff. No more contractors for that full time position. We do not need someone just looking to retire. Lets find a leader to help carry out the vision of the commissioners and build up the staff by providing outstanding direction.
24. Lack of growth is killing county finances and preventing critical infrastructure and capital improvement needs.
25. The county's refusal to grow is causing significant infrastructure and critical infrastructure deficiencies. Mostly in roads and sewer as well as difficulty funding for public safety staff.
26. businesses come here to die if they come at all.
27. We need to re-evaluate any further building of subdivisions. I am against over building this valley
28. Service expectations do not match funding
29. I'm new to Carson Valley and still learning it's goals.
30. Not familiar
31. Personnel wages are stagnant, thus we do not attract and retain the most qualified candidates and lose many employees to other agencies who value their employees by offering and providing more competitive compensation
32. With the new composition of the Board of Commissioners, I am withholding judgement until I see their direction. Up until now I was OK with it,but things could change drastically.
33. havent been here long enough to state a strong opinion
34. Too much focus on the valley side of the county, not enough on the lake side.
35. Not interested in improving our community but instead fixated on political ideals to reduce taxes and government. Afraid to make the real decisions for the public
36. The county should get a handle on redevelopment and open meeting law practices.
37. With two new members, the commission is still a cypher.
38. I don't know what is happening
39. Some projects/priorities ROI s are disproportionate to what is spent on them
40. Concerned about the philosophy of the new Commissioners
41. I'm still learning the process of the county
42. Too much bias to the valley
43. For the most part they are headed in a good direction.
44. we do not want any more houses which bring more traffic. no more housing. you have ruined a nice small town.
45. Some things are good and some are not. Public safety needs to be a priority to keep the quality of life people want in this community. The poor quality of the roads is another area that needs to be addressed before things like parks and senior centers. If you don't address the basic needs, there is no point to improving the side items.
46. New untested leadership on the Commission
47. Trying to pass tax increases which failed. Better manage the money you have
48. innovative planning and prompt responses to needs identified in the community

49. Put grindings on Centennial Drive. Douglas County took over control of Centennial Drive when they put in the trailhead on Snowshoe, Now I cannot plow snow on Centennial Drive yet Douglas does not keep up with maintenance . Putting down grindings would solve most problems.
50. Lots of talk; little action; some of the priority areas for roads are misguided.
51. The County has attempted to make the best choices possible to fund major infrastructure interests.
52. I have neither read nor heard of more "bonehead" ideas like some sort of tramway instead of road maintenance.
53. County Commissioners are too conservative and think more about placating anti-tax and anti-government community members rather than trying to do what is best for the entire community.
54. So. Lake Tahoe seems to have been forgotten by Douglas County in regards to our terrible roads.
55. Leadership is weak, but Douglas County staff do their best to implement and maintain directives of the County
56. With the Slow growth initiative, the Tax Base has not been allowed to grow to keep up with the increased demands of the public. Public Safety has been impacted the most and cops and firefighters continue to struggle while other agencies continue to move forward. You can't expect cops and firefighters to stay in Douglas county when we're competing in the job market and can go somewhere else and make 25%+ more. The constent turnover of public safety employees significantly impacs the service level to the community when you continue to replace experienced employees with rookies.
57. Seeing both good and bad things
58. I am mostly unaware of the leaders' efforts and intentions, but enjoy the results of their distant predecessors.
59. The Commission has resisted generating revenue through taxes to address various issues important to their citizenry such as the roads. The roads are in bad shape and I am not sure we can attract, retain and expand our citizenry or businesses if our roads continue to deteriorate. I am also concerend with staffing levels given the workload as well as a preparing for a brain drain (unless there is a plan in place I am not aware of) when the County will see many of its staff retire. The County should do all that it can to attract talent as challenges continue to grow. Many of the staff if not all are so stretched with their workloads and we are fortunate to have such dedicated staff. They are the backbone to the success of the community.
60. I don't have enough knowledge to answer the question
61. County should participate with NNDA and EDAWN
62. the county people work hard to do what's right, I can only object to specifics where I have knowledge.
63. Some directions are right, others are not.
64. Because I am not familiar with all County activities. Except for 3 issues, I love living in Douglas Cty.
65. The misrepresentation of the current financial condition of the county lends substantial validity to the concept that the governmenbt at all levels is totally corrupt. Misrepresenting the long

term obligations in the form of pension liablities essentially is a fraud on the taxpoayers, a fraud on the employees of the county and distorts the actual financial condition to every one involved.

66. Because I am not that familiar with county decisions
67. There is a lot of development without strengthening the infrastructure.
68. seems nothing has changed.
69. concentrate on roads needs to be a priority. limiting growth.
70. Waiting to see how the new leadership on the Commission functions and what policies become priorities
71. Love living in Douglas County. Want to see more for library, trails, recreation, protect small businesses.
72. Appears the county is out-of-touch with its community and the fiscal impact it creates through it decisions. It provides the appearance of seeking out input from the community but on the other side of its face schedules open hearings at times and days that most working community members are unable to attend. It appears to go through the legal motions of collecting public comment and input but appears ultimately to disregards that input and makes pre-determined decisions that are often inequitable to a large portion of the community (for example water rate increase that by any standard are exorbitant and grossly inequitable - the cost of bad decisions made by the county placed on the community - Another example is this survery - the wording of the questions do not provide sufficient information for the responder to reply responsiblly or with ture intent)
73. Too soon to tell, although I am worried about the anti-growth and pro-Trump mentality of new comissioners and effects it will have on appropriate taxation and young families.
74. I've been in the county 11+ years. While I think that the county has performed well overall, I honestly don't know enough about the demand and responses to that demand to be able to judge fairly.
75. waiting to see what direction a new board will take.
76. Only lived in Douglas County for 18 months.
77. Waiting for new Board to set the tone. Previous Board was only semi-responsive to taxpayers.
78. Some right, some wrong.
79. I feel that we are continuing to grow with the times and helping people in our community read more and use our library facilities. We help with book sales, enhancing our library and we are working on purchasing a book mobile.
80. Douglas County is on the wrong track because they are allowing additional housing to occur and yet no infrastructure or amenities to accompany this growth increase. More importantly, where do the Commissioners plan on getting all of the extra water? (Granted, this winter is what we should normally get, but it isn't always this way and we can not rely on this).
81. The county is flat and regards to providing services to the community
82. i don't see major changes
83. I am waiting to see where our new county commissioners want to take us.
84. They are allowing growth but limiting it
85. my clients indicate developing projects in Douglas County has too much red tape
86. They are approving housing developments that were not in the Master Plan.

87. Approving lots of new housing tracts without infrastructure.
88. always room for improvement
89. some new fiscal responsibility is coming....
90. I anticipate the decisions made in the near future will determine what track we are on.
91. not enough information to answer
92. People move to DC for the quality of life. Slow growth initiatives were passed to ensure that quality.Allowing for division of ranches in to subdivisions is against everything this county represents and is not was the master plan ever called for. People buy their property with knowledge of what the laws state.as far as zoning. to allow ranch land to become subdivisions is selfish to all residents. Small divisions would be reasonable, however when one is considering 1/2 acre parcels,on AG land, it is completely unfair to ALL residents,except for the developers and land owners. Land owners should have thought of those things when they bought their land. To make ALL the people pay for what a few want is NOT fair or reasonable to the majority of citizens
93. I think the County is fiscally responsible and has a good feel for prioritizing the needs of our community
94. They should be concerned about how they spend our taxpayers money and they are not. I agree we needed the Community Center but not at the cost of our roads. We need to get rid of our road department and put it in private industry.
95. Not familiar with current direction
96. BOCC is worried about appealing to political views and not community views. Who cares R vs D: I care about our community, you should too.
97. They can't seem to find a good manager.
98. Casino corridor RDA, freezing taxes for 30 years, is a disaster. When issues at a public hearing were pointed out, the commissioners responded with (paraphrased) "We've been working on this too long to turn back now!" California realized the error of its ways and eliminated all RDAs...but we didn't learn from that?
99. County does not pay much attention to the area south of 7-11.

Open ended question#2

What other information would you like to submit for consideration?

1. The county needs to bring in more businesses to increase tax revenue. They also need to work on improving roads.
2. I love Douglas County. It's beautiful and the place that I call home. I do feel like moving out of douglas County, because while we are a small town, we are slowly becoming a small subset of California with the restrictions and regulations that keep happening.
3. I've fought over-development in my former community. The County needs to be very smart about Planning & Development so we do not lose the character of our area.
4. The roads should be #1 - Tilman is awful!! It's getting dangerous to drive because people are swerving all over to avoid potholes and running into the opposite traffic lane
5. In the last five years our neighborhood (between Jack's Valley road and highway 50) has been affected by flooding three times and nothing has been done. The culverts on our street are damaged or full of dirt. Nothing is repaired so flooding happens faster with each significant rain event. As new houses are built no one supervises the grading process. We have neighbors on our street with houses 20-30 years old that have never had problems before. Jack's Valley road is falling apart and has huge pot holes right now. Our street was partially paved two years ago but we received a letter during the process from the county that they ran out of funds and would be unable to finish it. I couldn't make this stuff up. Several houses in our area have excessive garbage, fire hazards, blight etc. and county code enforcement won't do anything about it. I'm not sure we can really discuss planning or managing additional growth when there isn't infrastructure or funds in place to take care of the population that is here now.
6. This county needs affordable housing, restaurants and attractions for our younger working population, so we may veer away from attracting such a large senior population.
7. I think County Commissioners should be aware of the vacant positions which are occurring at the leadership level and loss of talented people leaving to move to adjacent counties for employment opportunities.
8. If the county approves and institutes the Stormwater Management Utility, make sure that the funding goes to actual on the ground maintenance and improvements not paying for another consultant to "Study the situation" We know where the floods occur, just ask the road crews and citizens that flood during the flash floods. Our current roads need maintenance severely - do that before you start a new program to generate funds for more consultants to study things!
9. Stop allowing inappropriate uses in neighborhoods, stop allowing development in inappropriate areas and flood areas. I am willing to pay to maintain the roads and infrastructure but not if the county continues to allow inappropriate development and proposals. This has been going on for years and years. Lets get on the right track now.
10. Create an in depth county employee survey to gauge the perceived health of all county departments. Often times the people doing the work have a different perspective than the elected officials. Have the employee give anoumous report cards for their jobs. Have supervisors

complete pier review of their constituents. For too long the highest paid county employees have discarded the good people doing the ground level work.

11. There is a significant lack of services for physically disabled citizens as well as lack of affordable housing.
12. It is important for the commissioners to take a higher level view of items that affect our county. Please take less notice of the vocal minority, and continue to work for the benefit of all residents.
13. Many old dairy farms and pastures that have gone fallow, should be looked at to grow or create something new. For example, would our area be another good wine region that would attract visitors (revenue) yet keep an agri-culture community feel?
14. Growth needs to be monitored and implemented very carefully. Plan for the future. Consider ways to bring in and maintain younger families, jobs, and tourist dollars. Water conservation, open space, agriculture, and sustainable businesses are very important. I like that there are more locally owned businesses here than chains, but many seem to come and go quickly-they need help to remain successful.
15. Nothing comes to mind.
16. Traffic flow on Dresslerville Road needs to be midagated with traffic control with the use of Roundabouts at Riverview and Long Valley and at Dresslerville Road and Centerville Ln. (756). This road is being torn up by double and triple semi trucks on a daily basis!! This is not a Truck Route however it is being used as one,. Please forward this to Jon Erb.
17. Need to attract more businesses, especially small businesses, to the County. I think the County needs to be more "senior-friendly" and needs to make more services available to seniors. The parks, libraries, etc. should be a higher priority. The focus seems to be roads, road maintenance, traffic, etc. This is important but there are more important things to be done, and more important things on this list, like responding to citizens, environmental concerns, etc.
18. Emergency response to a possible terror attack.
19. Create a more aggressive industrial locator that will seek new parcels for larger corporate investments so that a large company can come in and build the location of their dreams. Storey County has done this and some of us in Douglas County believe we can do the same thing on a smaller scale. Fine tune the permitting process. Lets focus on larger employers that are looking for that new lifestyle that can make their work life balance better for the leadership and the people they employ. This would mean a capital investment in utilities in the right locations to make the decision even easier.
20. I am a lifelong resident and property owner. It amazes me how the county is able to walk over dollars in the form of residential and business development to pick up pennies in the form of deferred maintenance of roads and infrastructure as well as refusing to pay most employees even close to area average.
21. If you want to entice businesses to come here you need to offer the services they're used to having...quality high speed internet, bike and family friendly trails that connect the community. Jobs that can support the cost of living in this area.
22. More and better bike trails.

23. I"m the head of a household that spans ages from 12 to 50. I'd like to think that we are more the future of Douglas County than the so-called Good Governance slow growth advocates. Slow growth drives up housing prices keeps young families from buying here. That's a dangerous position for the County to be in. We should not function as a gated community for California's retirees.
24. I hope you always keep in mind the s mall town feel. I just moved from the bay area. 30 years ago it was very much like downtown gardnerville/minden. Now there is no parking.. all the speciality stores (mom and pop) are gone and the large box stores are in. so many of the wonderful restaurants are gone because the landlords knew they could get more money from the chain restaurants. They threaten to take peoples property to widen the roads, ranchers are denied water, but yet they let developers come in and put in 5000 new houses (first phase). I could go on and on... please do not let that happen here. It is a precious gem.
25. Take care of the basic needs of the people life safety issues roads law enforcement ambulance and fire protection. Flood control is not an issue for those who have chosen to live in flood proned areas banana flats has been flooding for years and people bought cheap lots there without the infrastructure to support it. The county should never have allowed development in that area. Since you did those people should pay for mitigation efforts to combat the problem not the general population. Self reliance should be a a big factor. Don't ask government to fix your neighborhood problems above all else. Law enforcement, ambulance service, fire protection are a priority. Also county services are declining radically. The finacce department and Human Resources are a wreck. There is no honesty in Douglas county.
26. Making county water systems one system same payment as most other counties do.
27. County commissioners control tax rates: take it from those that don't need it and supply it to those that do. Public safety and infrastructure are our needs.
28. Better safety on Hwy 50 near beach for pedestrians
29. Redevelopment projects appear to be siphoning off tax revenues to benefit the few. This should change.
30. Open meeting rules should be better understood by everyone. No more "caucus sessions", recess-breaks in the middle of public hearings, please.
31. I see a need to enhance services (to at least the levels of counties north of us) in the areas of sexual assault services and anti-smoking efforts (esp in businesses,)
32. Use the County's influence with NDOT to address the unsafe intersection at Highway 88 and Centerville
33. Improve the condition of Jacks Valley Rd. The neighborhood I live in could decrease the use of this road by getting home delivery of mail.
34. You need to be objective and considerate of the lake. The lake has different needs than the valley that are always overlooked. The valley cannot continue to get everything catered to them via the lake's tax revenues. You need to think strategically about what is going on at the lake as you look toward the future and do what is right for all of the county.
35. I think the County needs to get with the times and provide more online services. More online bill pay and the recreation department needs more online for parents and people caring for the elderly.

36. the tillman road from tillman & kimerling to patricia is a disgrace to any city anywhere in douglas county. it is full of pot holes that destroy our car tires and possibly worse. instead of re-paving that stretch of road someone fills the pot holes and as soon as snow and or rain occurs the holes open up again. GID says its not their road. so no one paves it. it is disgusting and county government should be ashamed.
37. Compensation for public safety employees has fallen below a competitive rate. Turnover extremely high and unprecedented
38. Please don't forget those of us who live at the lake. We feel like unwanted stepchildren
39. focus on services that benefit the county as a whole rather than pocket areas. Being part of Douglas County and its successes shouldn't be dependent upon which part of the community one represents
40. Upgrade Centennial Drive to grindings. Currently there have been dozens of ruts 4-8 inches deep and several feet long across the road.
41. Work with private companies to offer positions to community members.
42. A more tight-fisted approach to the use of revenue in county budgeting and spending.
43. Although the county must be responsible about the budget and how it spends tax payer dollars, the commissioners must take into consideration the infrastructure needs, the lack of affordable housing and the needs of the aging population. There is too much pandering to the wealthy who run the business community and the large ranches. Not everyone retired from California and came here with money in their pockets because the cost of living was cheaper.
44. You have to be proactive in growing the tax base and bringing new business in if you're going to continue to provide basic services to the increasing demands of the public. Our slow growth initiative has turned into essentially a no-growth initiative. You can't expect new business to want to come in if it costs a 1/4 million dollars just to hook up to the sewer system. Growth has to at least be at a pace to keep up with the demand.
45. Half of Genoa has unpaved roads. Upgrade to grinding. It cannot be more than a few miles.
46. I would like to see better accommodation of pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Larger cities with more traffic have better accommodations than Douglas County while dealing with far more automotive traffic. It should be relatively easy to provide generously for pedestrians and bicycles in Douglas County where the competition from automobiles is fairly low.
47. A thriving business environment is good, but the County's role in this isn't to increase efforts. Rather it is to reduce interference.
48. The safety and security of the residents is important, but their freedom is more important. Don't increase the militarization or proliferation of the Sheriff's department. I support the Sheriff's department and suggest increased salaries and funding the K9 unit rather than an effort to increase security at the expense of freedom. Besides law enforcement, resident security can be increased most dramatically by addressing concerns with planning for vehicular traffic.
49. One of the best functions of the county could be to provide parks, trails and open space. Geographically, the county is world-class, but the county facilities are only average. The greatest opportunity for expansion is in undeveloped parks and open space. Within the county's existing developments, the biggest shortcoming to address is the poor restroom facilities that are only open part of the year.

50. The county made a big investment in the Senior and Community Center, but it's greatest asset for recreation remains outdoors. While participation in ball-sports is very high, ballparks neglect the unique opportunities Douglas County offers.
51. I use the library weekly or more often. I don't feel that it is in need of effort because of neglect, but because it is valuable.
52. I totally support parks, trails and open space as well as recreation and library services but I feel our infrastructure maintenance is very lacking and needs the most attention.
53. Get Lake Tahoe water rates in line with the Carson Valley citizens!!!!!
54. I'm interested in the water and sewer problems at the lake but to comment on the level of efforts being made is impossible with my level of knowledge. From what I have learned it seems that the water infrastructure problems are being handled in a rational manner.
55. I would like to be assured that the current Masterplan, 1996 version with the few changes that have occurred not be modified. Leave OUR Masterplan alone.
56. Douglas County should increase focus and efforts on retaining and expanding agriculture. Sustaining agriculture is important to retaining the historical culture and values of the community. One idea that other communities have found successful is to encourage housing development in the form of "agrihoods". The county should research this idea and define how best to bring agricultural growth together with housing for future developments.
57. The County is terribly under-serving/under-supporting the LIBRARY. The growing community NEEDS -building expansion- & staffing. Douglas Cty has two major populations: an active older reading generation and an upcoming youth population that this country DEPENDS ON - to have competent knowledge and communication skills. Connection with PRINT media is NOT replaceable by e-technology. The rest of the world knows this, apparently the USA is fooling itself with the rush to electronics. Douglas Cty needs to significantly support its future by major LIBRARY EXPANSION .. both print and electronic formats - buildings, facilities and programs. Including where the school system foolishly fell down - no longer teaching script handwriting (A TERRIBLE CHOICE, A LAZY CHOICE). Next, the planning department has relied on closed tube storm drains in community development. We live on a valley basin flood plain. OPEN drainage sloughs need to be used in new communities, and approved for retro re-fitting in existing communities to account for extraordinary water flows around the valley. Millions of dollars of property values would be PROTECTED by these common sense forethought, adjustments and improvements generally. Maybe improved methods to re-channel the excess water opportunities back underground to improve the valley water table. Real engineering in this area is worth it in the long term. Third, improved competition between internet carriers to bring the costs down and boost signal quality of electronic access to the citizens should be strongly considered. Stop regional media monopolies. Other than these things on my radar screen, I for the most part support Douglas County political leadership and guidance.
58. Make sure that everything is done to maintain the great Library
59. It is past time to repair / replace our roads!
60. Focus on developing competitive compensation packages for public safety employees. High turnover and low morale has become the order of the day

61. Looking for good jobs and growth industry. Build more long-term care, assisted living facilities. People already here and to attract older citizens.
62. Cannot respond reasonably or purposely to the question without knowing at a minimum how much effort, or resources, the county is currently allocating to these functions / objectives. All the functions/objectives above are clearly things a community would have interest in promoting and supporting but clearly, based on limited resources to fund each of these functions, some would be more important that others. Without knowing how much (% expended of total available resource would be a good base of reference) the county currently expends in these areas no one could make a reasonable informative response to the above question. In a perfect world a reasonable person would likely respond with "significantly increase effort" to all functions/objectives, but we know that we don't live in that perfect world with unlimited resources and the county should not think its community is so naïve or ignorant that they should not be given the all the facts before asking for their input.
63. Tone down rhetoric and discuss real, sensible solutions. Don't keep kicking the can down the road on necessary services - fire, police and roads, in the effort to be seen as an anti-taxer just because you took the pledge.
64. Business environment is generally good. As the national business climate improves, so will our local business opportunities improve.
65. Recreation & library svcs are excellent - don't mess with it. - Same with our senior services. Parks & trails are luxuries.
66. As for planning for "responsible" growth - what does that entail???? Loaded question and typical of bureaucrats who don't really want honest answers. If you dare to define that, then "we the people" can give you real answers.
67. Roads need proper maintenance as does the budget to fulfill that need. The revenue that has been collected for this purpose has been squandered on other things. Time to set stricter controls on spending rather than constantly demanding more taxes.
68. Jack's Valley road condition, including failed attempts to put a pipeline through Washoe-tribe owned property has been a significant indicator of incompetence and inappropriate priorities on the part of the County.
69. I believe a challenge to promoting a thriving business environment is having an educated and skilled workforce. The County will have a difficult time attracting businesses without a workforce to support them.
70. We need more publicity about our library and our book mobile efforts.
71. I would like to see no more housing approved!
72. I would like to see the roads as a major priority.The floods have made them worse and our valley was almost cut off from any surrounding areas. I hope our county never approves a marijuana store. I feel our Sheriff's department is doing a fabulous job and want to see their support continued. I would also like to see Mueller Parkway finished if at all possible. I think it would help downtown traffic.
73. Get the signage ordinance redone to fit with the times, such as allowing limited digital signs to all businesses in Douglas County.
74. No gravel pit,

75. taxes
76. I 'flooded' 6 times in the last 13 years, and the county will not fix the horrible mistake of approving the drainage in Skyline Ranch---which drastically affected my personal property, because I drain an unconscionable amount of water that flows through my 15" culvert from many sources- over a dozen houses and 2 large retention basins. Won't someone besides Barry Penzel , help solve this miscarriage of justice?
77. The economic resurgence will require that we clearly understand the ultimate goals of our community and that we stay true to them in the face of various pressures.
78. reducing property tax on the disabled/seniors who live on fixed incomes.The amount taxes have gone up and the amount a fixed income has gone up are wolrds apart. I moved to DC from WC because of the property tax structure. My property taxes have gone from 600.00 a year which was manageable, to 2000. a year,which is forcing me out of my home. The increase was all within a 10 year period,which included the bubble busrting! And reassessing Ruhenstroth in the flood zone! WE just saw rains worse than 1997 and 2005, NOTHING happened to anyone I know of in our area.,Using residents who are not in danger of flooding,just to raise revenue dollars is criminal, not to mention unfair. When I was buying my home, not one person ever mentioned Ruhenstroth was in a flood zone?. It is unfair to have us in a flood zone when we have had zero flooding in this area from the past 3 largest floods of the past century.
79. I believe we need to put the Road Department in private industry.
80. Low income housing planning and construction
81. Stop asking the people: we elected you, do your job just like you want employees to do, make the hard decisions. Don't worry about re-election or being popular in your political party, be noble and do the people's work.
82. Firefighting water supply in the areas of the county with none (e.g. between Cave Rock and Glenbrook). This is a crisis waiting to happen and no other organization can address this...the BOCC must.
83. I do not encourage "Lake vs Valley" rivalries and unnecessary distinctions but the BOCC MUST recognize key differences. For instance, all residents at the Lake pay for street maintenance through their GIDs AND these residents still pay property taxes that go to maintain roads in the Valley. This isn't right. The County maintains virtually NO roads at the Lake (2 miles?).
84. The Sewer District fiasco was criminal. The BOCC should make a clear statement to the DA that this was inappropriately handled. Perhaps some changes should be made but the DCSID board is made up of reasonable citizens who were not resistive to discussing changes. Why throw out a bunch of ill-supported assertions and criminalize these men in the press? Is the DA trying to deflect attention from the actions of his office (telling the planner that there was no conflict of interest between her onerous conditions on the DCSID and the purchase of her home)? This can be made right. The BOCC should make it so.
85. No tax increases. Keep the status quo. Don't let government get carried away with itself.
86. Road maintenance on Dresslerville Rd. Please!!
87. Be adults and work on our community needs. Don't follow political parties, do what we need. Don't vote based upon re-election possibilities. Drain the swamp: this means your ties to your political parties. Your ties must be to us, your community.

88. bike lanes so recreational bicycle riding is safer
89. Schools - increase funding, teacher pay, class options for students.
90. Increase public safety in the county. Specifically the number of deputies. Been a long time since the size of the department was increased to reflect the growth.
91. Two items come to mind:
    1- Code Enforcement absolutely must be an agenda item for the County. We now have a code enforcement officer but I can see immediately that regardless of how good he is, he simply cannot do what needs to be done by himself. This county has suffered from code enforcement neglect for many years and while I am glad to see someone trying to work the issues, he has publicly stated that he only works weekdays during normal business hours. That immediately concerns me because we have many obnoxious lighting issues throughout this county that he says he will not even work on because he only works days - period. In my own neighborhood we have several neighbors who insist on putting batches of 300 to 500W lamps around their homes for what they describe as "safety/security" reasons. Those lights are so bright, they make it difficult to sleep at night due to the light encroachment on neighboring houses. This is a rural area and most of us live here because of that "rural" environment where there are very few street lights and the skies are clear with wonderful views of the heavens.
    2- Water rates. I live in the Johnson Lane area. I have completely turned-off my lawn irrigation system due to extreme water bills over the past 10 years. Next year, I'm putting in rock and some small shrubs. Probably should have done that years ago but I really liked the grass... I would love to see some kind of a standardized pricing placed on all municipal water systems so all of us share similar water billing costs throughout the county. I have friends who live in Minden, have no water meters and never even think about how much water they are using because it only costs them $35 or so a month. I've had bills of over $400 during hot weather even after cutting back on irrigation timing.
92. These two items above are my hot buttons and have been for many years. I've seen no efforts on the part of the county to address either of these issues. I've been told I simply don't understand the politics of these issues. And yes, I agree, I don't understand there can be such disparity across a county of this size.
93. Thanks for listening!
94. Less development, more focus on improving the quality of life for those who live here.
95. Continuation of a bike/walking trail from Nevada Beach north along Hwy 50 would be a welcomed
96. addition and one that would step up the recreation options along the Hwy 50 corridor. Also, an
97. olympic size pool at Kahle would not only be helpful to the lake residents, but would definitely attract training for athletes at the lake. This could considerably add recreational commerce for the lake as well.
98. Spend less money! This should be the number one goal
99. I think Douglas County should greatly increase the public range. Including action pistol bays to support sports like USPSA IDPA and 3 gun would greatly increase revenue for range infrastructure. The Carson Valley has several shooters that travel as far away as Richmond Ca for

local matches. Shooters from all over the region would come here and spend their hard earned money here. I would be more than happy to sit with the parks and recreation department to discuss how these improvements could be made. This would also provide better training facilities for DCSO and the other agencies in the area, all at little cost to the county, and only upfront.

100. A full bypass around Minden must be achieved in the near term to create a pedestrian friendly atmosphere hospitable to visitors and locals alike. Casino's are a plague and drain life from residents. Positive jobs need to be created that serve the community. Eco tourism should be highlighted as well as our agricultural heritage. We need to invest in historic structures and mandate new buildings meet a certain level of aesthetic standard. Beautification draws people but no one will want to stay if semi trucks are rolling through downtown blasting smoke and noise. The community is starving for quality establishments, we need to seek them out and make it attractive for them to do business here.
101. Stop saddling citizens with expensive debt. Create a Pay-as-you-Go Fund to accrue $millions dedicated to pay for expensive projects.
102. County employees should be respected and at least be eligible for cost of living increases.
103. Primary focus should be on safety and security of the county - sheriff and fire protection/EMS. Second, infrastructure improvement and maintenance. Third, quality of life issues - parks, trails and other recreation. To the extent the BOCC has authority and influence, schools and education should be improved and supported. Less effort should be allocated to encouraging growth. If the priorities stated above are implemented, growth will occur naturally.
104. I would like the Lake communities to get more attention from the County, hold meetings up here, not always in minden, reach out. I would like to participate on committees, task forces, etc. But dont even know about them so communication could be better.
105. Our roads are terrible, take Waterloo from Centerville to 88, bad when you see County workers or NDOT driving down the middle of the road to avoid all the pot holes. We have to improve areas like these, will be hard to decide which ones to do first. With our senior population growing we need to make sure they're informed just as well as the general population, more communication. Even the general public live under a rock, most use social media to get info, never read a newspaper or watch the news. County needs to get the word out for all can get, that's a much bigger challenge.
106. Douglas country seems to focus a great deal on the aging populations here, causing a greater flow outward of younger people who have received their undergraduate, graduate or post graduate degrees. There isn't a great potential for opportunity for the up and coming generation so they are leaving to go elsewhere. We need to find a way t create an environment where everybody can thrive, find affordable housing, and have opportunities in diverse careers
107. Douglas County employee salary and benefit compensation significantly exceeds equivalent private sector compensation. Begin at the senior staff level by demanding that HR evaluate the suitability of compensation for employees whose annual salary and benefit costs exceed $100,000 per year.
108. I am told the reason we do not have any holding dams on the CarsonRriver is because ranchers are afraid they would lose their water rights. I believe the Commission should work with the

Army Core of Engineers and solicit Federal funding to retain the water in the Carson River and release it during irrigation in the summer maintaining irrigation rights. This would also develop a water recreation area between the old broken dam and Markleville. The flooding on Johnson lane is normally caused by flash floods, and retention basins could also be studied at the base of the Pinenuts.

109. Protect important buildings like Saletti's. It is one of the best buildings in Minden. To tear it down for parking is very damaging to the City of Minden. Beyond losing the only stand alone dinner house in Minden, the building is an important fixture in the City.
110. Need to court some fine dining restaurants to open in downtown area. Currently there are only two, CV Steak and Saletti's (and Saletti's will close in February 2017).
111. over the next 3 years can our BOCC please leave behind the agendas of their personal beliefs and/or those of the group(s) that put them up for office and please be more open to taking the high road and doing what is truly best for the ENTIRE County without so much consideration for loud and large special interests.
112. Community outreach is very important as a resident. Building a bridge between need and abundance in this beautiful valley/county is a personal priority of mine. Being proactive in addressing initiatives rather than reactive is how I would like the commissioners to address items that come before them.
113. Discuss with the State putting in a by-pass highway. There is too much daily commuting through town to other locations. It is dangerous to enter 395 from Ironwood Drive.
114. TransparentNevada.com shows that Douglas County employee total pay packages (salary and benefits) are at or above those for Nevada state and private sector workers for comparable jobs. If the value of these packages can't be reduced, management must review each department and cut positions wherever possible.
115. The lake portion of Douglas County feels a need for a swimming pool at their community center. It would enhance our center and it would attract more people, families and many athletes, possibly olympic athletes, to use the facility. Douglas County is NOT a gaming community any longer, and we need to better our family options, and natural amenities. Thank you.
116. County officials and employees need to recognize that they are employees of the people, not the other way around. County staff needs to adopt a work ethic consistent with that of the private sector and should fund their own pensions, just as does the private sector. Nepotism and feather-bedding have no place in county government or bureaucracy. Transparent, open, honest government is what the people want. They have not been receiving it.If economies can be achieved, privatization of non-essential county functions should be implemented. Already too-high taxes and fees should be reduced and the proceeds rebated to the taxpayer.
117. Kingslane Subdivision was approved by Douglas county with only one access. Now that the senior center has moved, it is a great time to correct this oversight and create a second access to the subdivision. During parade closures there's no notice to the homeowners that they are unable to leave the subdivision.
118. STICK TO THE MASTER PLAN and LISTEN to the Citizens.
119. Working on bypass of area which would decrease traffic through town thus decrease wear on roads.....

120. We need to address County Employee Pensions. Currently County Employees pay NOTHING toward their own retirement. This is grossly unfair to the taxpayers of this county, nearly all of whom had to fund their own retirements. We also need to address County Employee salaries. County employees are greatly overpaid when compared to the salaries and benefits that persons in the private sector get for doing the same job.
121. Continue to create pedestrian and bike friendly communities and towns.
122. Flooding water control and conditions of road areas mainly in neighborhoods in residential areas.
123. Why doesn't this county have good, comprehensive services for domestic abuse, sexual assault and shelters like counties north of us?
124. These questions are difficult to answer as they show an intrinsic bias toward current county efforts. There should be a "re-direct" or "change" option regarding what the county is currently doing. Here, the respondee is ASSUMED to approve of the efforts as currently constituted and either want those very efforts lessened or increased.
125. never have been able to determine why Waterloo between rt 88 and Centerville continues to be a disaster - last 20 years
126. Plan for addition collector roads around Minden/Gardnerville.
127. Connect Route 88 to Ironwood to improve traffic flow and business.
128. Douglas County is an amazing county, with amazing people who live in it. But I worry that the current political climate is going to cause issues. We need our leaders to encourage people to get along, to listen, and to partner with each other. If there's a major issue, like an earthquake, we're going to need to trust each other. Keep up the great work!
129. Support Law Enforcement
130. Better snow removal in town and major highways.
131. Finance & Accounting
132. Employee Performance & Compensation
133. Mental health facilities.
134. we need to have the employees to provide services and not cut back to save a dime.
135. Happy that you gave employees their due in the excess funds from 'vacant positions' because that must mean current employees took up the slack and worked their butts off. But what do you intend to do to fill those vacancies? Were we so over-staffed??
136. The industrial businesses are a significant part of the economic base of the County. The County must perform outreach to area businesses to determine needs, and not rely on special interests input.
137. The County needs to build trust with its citizens and demonstrate it can provide services efficiently and professionally.
138. Government needs to get out of people's business. It can't be all things to all people all the time. Their responsibilities are very limited constitutionally
139. Road repairs, flood & river management must be evaluated for immediate concerns.
140. Water availability for the fire service between Cave Rock and Glenbrook districts.
141. See the needs of the Lake and not just the Valley.

142. The Stateline Redevelopment approval was short-sided, these business would have gone forward anyway and they will add to the problem of more tourists for the Fire District to contend with and will not help the deep need for Capital improvements at our schools. Business should be the focus, but not at the expense of the residents needed to run these businesses. Short-term rentals are becoming a larger problem where our roads and services are concerned and the guests are not spending as much money in Douglas County as they used to. LICENSE and REGULATE all properties that are not permanent homes or long-term (6 mos+) rentals. If you can't add property taxes to them, make them pay for the damage to our communities and equalize the opportunity for affordable housing so we can find employees for our community.
143. Customer Comment Card should be implemented for every Douglas County Department; this way Customers lets the County knows of their needs or County the County does not let them become the "perfect County Employee". The County should save money by cutting Departments not need it or employees taking advantage of the system, this will be a mayor savings for the County to significantly increase other areas of the County.
144. The county is in serious need for more inclusive public transportation.
145. BOCC MUST recognize key differences between Lake and Valley and dedicate additional resources to the areas where the majority of revenue derives. Continued denial of this reality will ultimately lead to continued disharmony
146. I think you have addressed the major issues for Douglas County.
147. The stormwater initiative should be DROPPED ENTIRELY for the Lake. The Lake communities have already addressed this through their GID's and they should not be saddled with additional cost and administrative overhead. The County Manager has admitted this is just a subterfuge to raise new funds without taxpayer agreement, and the BOCC should not stand for this. Fortunately we have it on video.
148. The BOCC should proceed with consolidation and integration of the water facilities at the Lake. The rate inequality is a barrier to community agreement and potential infrastructure integration. The lack of firefighting water between Cave Rock and Glenbrook is a disaster waiting to happen.
149. The public pillorying of the DCSID directors was a disgrace and the BOCC should make this right. These directors and their institutions are the backbone of Douglas County's finances, they are honorable men and have worked in good faith the make changes. The damage to their reputations should be rectified by the BOCC. The proposed reservoir should be revisited with a much more positive attitude. The DCSID worked diligently to develop a solution which had benefits to everyone -- valley as well as Lake. Far too little attention was paid to the benefits to Valley residents -- aggregate supply, flood control, ground water protection, alternate source for agricultural water, rerouting of trucks out to 395, etc.
150. time to start thinking of a paradigm shift of how transportation for seniors is provided:
    a) nutrition program
    b) medical appointments
    c) personal ie: grocery shopping hair appointments adult daycare
151. Somewhat concerned about the direction the BOCC might take with two new Commissioners. I hope that every commissioner will carefully consider every issue or agenda item and vote based

on what is good for the progress and health of the County rather that worrying about sticking to an ideology or political line.

152. Use one of the many parks as a dog friendly public area, provided liability insurance is not prohibitive.

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Long Overdue

Why public libraries are finally eliminating the late-return fine.

By Ruth Graham

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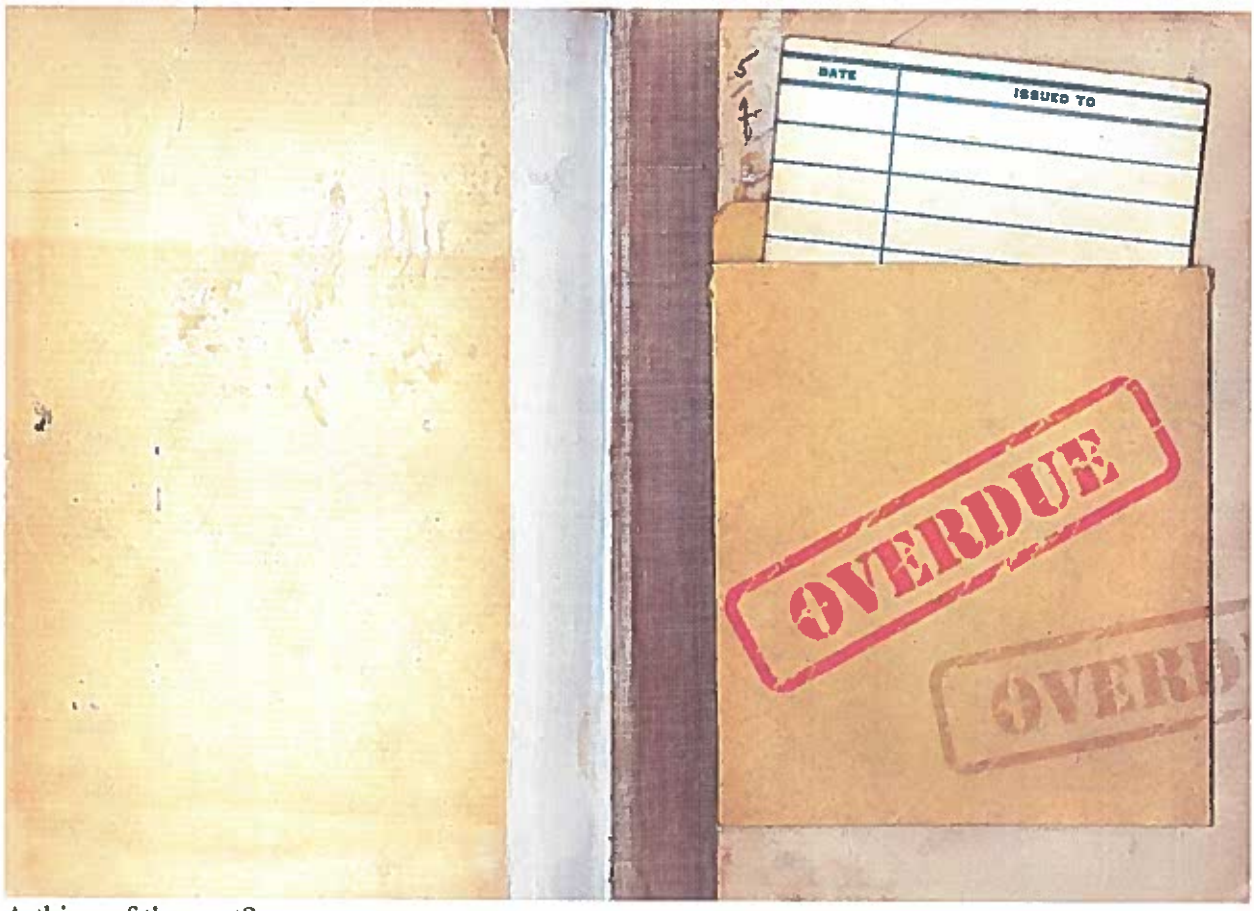

A thing of the past?

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In 1906, a reporter for the *Detroit Free Press* described a scene that had become all too common at the city's public libraries. A child hands an overdue book to a stern librarian perched behind a desk, and with a "sinister expression," the librarian demands payment of a late fine. In some cases, the child grumbles and pays the penny or two. But in others—often at the city's smaller, poorer library branches—the offender cannot pay, and his borrowing privileges are revoked. "Scarcely a day passes but it does not leave its record of tears and sighs and vain regrets in little hearts," the reporter lamented.

More than a century later, similar dramas are still enacted in libraries across the country every day. In some districts, up to 35 percent of patrons have had their borrowing privileges revoked because of unpaid fines. Only these days, it's librarians themselves who often lament what the Detroit reporter called "a tragedy enacted in this little court of equity." Now some libraries are deciding that the money isn't worth the hassle—not only that, but that fining patrons works against everything that public libraries ought to stand for.

Library fines in most places remain quaintly low, sometimes just 10 cents per day. But one user's nominal is another's exorbitant. If a child checks out 10 picture books, the kind of haul librarians love to encourage, and then his mother's work schedule prevents her from returning them for a week past the due date, that's $7. For middle-class patrons, that may feel like a slap on the wrist, or even a feel-good donation. For low-income users, however, it can be a prohibitively expensive penalty. With unpredictable costs hovering over each checkout, too many families decide it's safer not to use the library at all. As one California mother told the *New York Times* last spring, "I try to explain to [my daughter], 'Don't take books out. It's so expensive.' "

The good news is that librarians are noticing. Since 2010, districts in northern Illinois, Massachusetts, California, and Ohio—to name a few—have eliminated some or all late fines. Others are dramatically lowering penalties for late returns; last year, San Jose, California, halved daily fines to 25 cents and slashed the maximum payment per item to $5 from $20. The American Library Association issued a policy brief on services for the poor in 2012 whose first point was a vow to promote the removal of fees and fines. Is this "the end of overdue fines?" wondered the Public Library Association as the trend continued to gather steam a few years later.

In Columbus, Ohio, the library board announced in December that it would eliminate overdue fines starting on Jan. 1. The move came when the board realized that fines not only weren't encouraging the timely return of materials—the little existing research on the topic suggests that small fees do not affect overdue rates—but that fines were actively working against the library's very reason for existence. "We've shut off access to the library when one of our staunchest principles is trying to provide the widest access to materials that we can," the system's CEO, Patrick Losinski, said. "We just felt fines ultimately were counter to the overall purpose and vision of our library." Instead of issuing daily fines, the library now blocks borrowing privileges for anyone with material more than 21 days late and charges replacement fees after 35 days that

are refunded if the item is returned. It already offers a separate kids' card, which allows children to borrow up to three books at a time and doesn't charge overdue fines.

It can be hard to appreciate libraries' radical premise: Anyone in town can take home any book, for free.

Late fines and replacement fees can have a huge cost to the communities libraries are meant to serve. Low-income children are dramatically less likely to have access to books at home or to spend time reading with their parents. A study conducted in the 1990s found that the average child in Beverly Hills, California, had four times as many books at home as the average child in Compton, California, had in her classroom library. (The average Compton kid, meanwhile, had 2.7 books at home.) More recent research has identified many poor neighborhoods as "book deserts," with dramatically fewer reading resources than wealthier areas. "We're disproportionately affecting the people we're most interested in getting to the library," said Meg DePriest, the author of a 2016 white paper recommending that Colorado libraries eliminate fines on children's materials, "the people who can't afford to buy books themselves."

This is a conversation that has been percolating among librarians for several decades now. In her 2005 journal article on libraries and "socially excluded communities," librarian Annette DeFaveri described a scenario in which a mother is charged $25 for a lost children's book:

> If the library does not charge for the damaged book, it loses about $25.00. ... [But] it will cost the library more than $25.00 to convince this mother to return to the library. It will cost the library more than $25.00 to persuade this mother that the library is a welcoming community place willing to mount literacy programs aimed at her children, who will not benefit from regular library visits and programs. And when these children are adults, it will cost the library more than $25.00 to convince them that the library is a welcoming and supportive place for their children.

Eliminating fines, of course, also eliminates a revenue stream for a public institution that is often underfunded. The Columbus library system expects to forfeit between $500,000 and $600,000 this year. But that represents less than 1 percent of its overall budget. In fact, fines rarely make up a meaningful source of income for library systems.

In the summer of 2015, the 13 libraries of the High Plains Library District in northern Colorado decided to eliminate almost all their late fines. The district has now had about 18 months to assess what it means to survive only on fines from DVDs and lost-material fees. Naturally, revenue from fines and fees dropped, from about $180,000 in 2014 to an estimated $95,000 last year. But the system also got rid of most of its expensive credit-card machines and stopped leasing a change-counting machine that it had needed to process the avalanche of dimes and quarters. Executive director Janine Reid says the overall financial impact has been neutral.

Meanwhile, circulation rose, including a 16 percent rise within the children's department. Staff members are happy, because they no longer spend time locked in awkward exchanges with patrons who are angry, distraught, or indignant about their overdue fines. And the fear that fines were the only thing between civilization and chaos has proved unfounded: 95 percent of materials are returned within a week of their due date.

Free public libraries are so interwoven into American life that it can be hard to appreciate their radical premise: Anyone in town can take home any book, for free. Overdue fines have always operated as a hedge on that communal trust, the nagging little stick that comes with the big, beautiful carrot. Fines imply that a library's mission is not only to encourage reading but to perform a kind of moral instruction. But does it make sense for libraries to perform both of those jobs? "We've had 150 years to try to teach customers timeliness or responsibility, and I don't know that that's our greatest success story," said Losinski, a few days after his library system abandoned late fees. Reid put it more simply when she explained the message she wanted residents of High Plains to take away: "We trust you."

http://www.slate.com/articles/arts/culturebox/2017/02/librarians_are_realizing_that_overdue_fines_undercut_libraries_missions.html

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Press Release

Broken Heart Hunt and Love Bug Craft

Find the other half of your heart in a book! The Zephyr Cove Branch of the Douglas County Public Library will be having a Broken Heart Hunt and Love Bug Craft event for children on Saturday, February 4 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Children will craft cute little love bugs for Valentine's Day and will go on a hunt in the library for the other half of a broken heart.

The Zephyr Cove Library is located at 233 Warrior Way in Zephyr Cove, Nevada. Connect with the Douglas County Public Library on Facebook and Twitter, douglas.lib.nv.us, or call 775-588-6411.

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Make and Take Valentines at the Library

Children are invited to the Douglas County Public Library in Minden to make Valentines for their loved ones. On Saturday, February 11 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., preschool and school aged children will be able to make paper Valentines to take home. All craft supplies will be provided by the library. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Douglas County Public Library.

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President's Day Closure at the Douglas County Public Library

The Douglas County Public Library in Minden will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of President's Day. The library will resume its regular schedule on Tuesday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m. Connect with the Douglas County Public Library on Facebook and Twitter, douglas.lib.nv.us, or call 775-782-9841.

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Press Release

Saturday Cinema at the Library

The Minden Library is showing movies every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the meeting room! These movies are geared towards adults and teens (rated PG to PG-13). Free coffee and treats will be available. Attend at least three movies in a month to be entered in a raffle for fabulous movie-themed prizes!

March's theme is Westerns:

- March 4: ***3:10 to Yuma*** (1957 version, Not rated)
- March 11: ***High Noon*** (rated PG)
- March 18: ***Shane*** (Not Rated)
- March 25: ***True Grit*** (1969 version, rated G)

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'Libraries equal education'

Nevada State Library hosts exchange group visiting from Belarus

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A group of six librarians and two interpreters from the country of Belarus are touring libraries in the United States, visiting the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records on Friday.

The visit was a part of an international exchange program funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The International Visitor Leadership Program's visit to the capital focused on familiarizing Belarusian librarians with the educational, social and economic impact of public libraries in American society.

Jeff Kintop, administrator of the state library, showcased the state's archives and library with a personal walking tour. Kintop said it has been a few years since the library hosted foreign delegates, such as Colombia and Russia in the past.

"We were excited and honored to share our strategies with them," he said. "It's rare to host foreign delegates."

Belarus is an eastern European country bordered by

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At the Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records, administrators showcased the state's archives and library with a personal walking tour Friday morning.

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Russia to the northeast. The library contingent included the dean of Faculty Information and Document Communications from the Belarusian State University of Culture and Arts, the National Library of Belarus, the Tavlay Central City Library, the Republican Scientific and Technical Library and the head of the Foreign Literature Department from the Regional Scientific Library.

Through translators, many delegates said they were interested in seeing Nevada because of the diversity and the technology in the area, such as Panasonic and Tesla.

Along with Kintop, Assistant Administrator Tammy Westergard and LSTA Coordinator Sulin Jones answered inquiries about municipal budgets, internships, funding and state programs, online education, and credited programs. The delegates also asked about the technical aspects of how public libraries serve community needs and various target groups, in particular adult education programs and initiatives that merge school and library projects.

In an age where economics, education, health and social opportunities and civic engagement rely on access to information and formal and informal learning opportunities, the delegation's specific interests were addressed through Nevada library examples.

"Bottom line, libraries equal education," said Westergard, who oversees library services and library development. "The pace of change is forcing everyone to stay current and to keep learning. The library is the last, best free place where we all can go to level up our skills, no matter our age. The library is the on ramp to education — formal and informal."

Next stop on the list for the delegates is the Knowledge Center at the University of Nevada, Reno, scheduled for Monday.

CATHLEEN ALLISON/NEVADA PHOTO SOURCE

Talking Books Program librarian Hope Williams answers questions as librarians from the Republic of Belarus tour the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records in Carson City on Friday. The group is traveling the United States as part of a three-week, multi-state tour to learn about the educational, social and economic impact of public libraries in American society.

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Augustus Koch's 1875 cartograph of Carson City is homed in Bancroft Library at the University of California in Berkeley. THE WESTERN NEVADA HISTORIC PHOTO COLLECTION

Carson City does not need one — it has one!

Panoramic map exists

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In the Jan. 19 issue of the Nevada Appeal, we enlightened our readers about a collection of regional panoramic maps from the olden days, published by Library of Congress.

Under Nevada's collection, only three maps were found: two of Virginia City and one of Reno, ranging in years from 1861-1907.

I was surprised out of all places Carson City wasn't included. Being kind of new to the town, I said, "Now, Carson City needs one. Either it doesn't have one or it's lost out there, somewhere."

We were talking about the Library of Congress. There's in fact a bird's-eye cartograph of Carson City — and I'm not talking about Google Maps.

Thanks to Mr. Augustus Koch, who depicted a beautiful panoramic of Carson City, dated 1875, back when it was still known as Ormsby County.

But why hasn't LOC published Carson City in its collection, under Nevada?

According to the "about" page, it adds maps once they're acquired by the Geography & Map Division.

So, here's urging the Library of Congress to add Carson City's cartograph to its collection, especially since we're Nevada's capital.

I called Robert Morris, the cartographic acquisitions program specialist of the Geography and Map Division at LOC. When I asked him why Carson City wasn't included in the collection, he said Koch's original map is currently nestled in the Bancroft Library at Berkeley.

The problem is LOC generally doesn't reproduce copies — it wants the originals.

So, our neighbors next door either purchased the Carson City map or somebody donated it to them, Morris said.

After our discussion, Morris said he didn't want to leave Carson City out; if somebody has an original copy of a panoramic map, feel free to donate or sell it to the LOC.

In fact, a few locals in town claimed they have their own copies of the map hanging in households and offices, according to their emails. Some bought it through the former Great Basin Art Gallery or the Nevada State Museum. But the museum said it hasn't sold the map in the shop for years. Again, it has to be original.

The Western Nevada Historic Photo Collection has a scanned copy of Koch's map, available to download in any size at wnhpc.com. But it also sources the Bancroft Library at UC.

Morris said if anyone has any suggestions on how to fill this void in the collection, he can be reached at 202-707-8504 or emailed at rcmo@loc.gov.

Or, maybe some of us can poke the folks at Bancroft Library and tell them about our situation.

Let me re-clarify: Carson City has a panoramic map from 1875, but the Library of Congress doesn't have it — and needs it.

EVER HEARD OF SANBORN MAPS? CARSON CITY HAS A FEW:

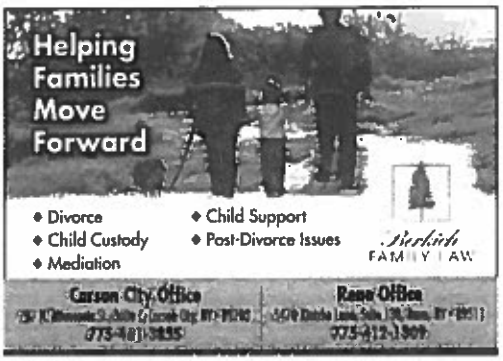
Sanborn maps are similar to panoramic cartographs, except the view is looking down on each street and building — like a blueprint.

Carson City has a ton of these dating from 1885-1907. The maps show detailed views of what downtown Carson City and other streets looked like back in the day. Most of the maps are in color and many referred to keep record of information in cities and towns, such as fire insurance, water sources, and business status.

This collection can be navigated online for free through a project of the University of Nevada, Reno called "Nevada in Maps."

There's more to it; Carson City even has its own topographic, historic geologic and mining map.

Discover these maps at: contentdm.library.unr.edu/explore/NVMapsExplore/nvmaps/nvmaps-home.html



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BRIEFLY

Literacy program raises $250,000 in books and cash

City National Bank's Reading is the Way Up literacy program, in partnership with Barnes & Noble, raised $250,000 in new books and cash for 33 schools and nonprofit organizations in four states including Nevada.

In an effort to promote literacy and support local communities, the book donations were part of the 9th Annual Holiday Book Drive last December at Barnes & Noble in partnership with City National's literacy program, now in its 15th year.

Customers at 16 Barnes & Noble stores in Nevada, New York, Tennessee and California donated 60,000 new books. City National provided a $120,000 cash donation for additional new books to be purchased through Barnes & Noble by the school librarians at each of the schools and nonprofit organizations receiving books.

This year's donation set a new record for the number of books ever donated through the holiday book drive program.

BRIEFLY

Dayton Valley Branch Library celebrating 20th anniversary

The Dayton Valley Branch Library is coming up on 20 years since it opened its doors. To mark the milestone, a celebration is being held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 4.

The event, co-hosted by the library and Friends of the Dayton Valley Library, will include door prizes, quilts for raffle, and a birthday cake. Coffee will be supplied by Starbucks.

Additionally, the community is invited to show support for the library and vote for the best programs and services offered.

The library is at 321 Dayton Valley Road. For more information, call 775-246-6212.

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Joys and challenges of winter weather

Amy Roby
Ranchos Roundup

This winter's snowfall has been the most abundant in recent memory. After being relegated to the far corner of the shed for the last several years, our snow shovel has been dusted off, moved to a prominent place in the garage, and is getting lots of use.

It's been fun to head outside in the fresh air and shout greetings to our neighbors as we work together to keep the snow from encrusting driveways and walkways. One fine fellow who lives nearby has a mini-plow and generously motors over the sidewalks in our neighborhood to keep them clear. Kudos to the Gardnerville Ranchos General Improvement District for keeping the snowplows busy; their efforts help keep our streets safe and navigable.

Heading up to the lake gives another perspective entirely. A friend in Truckee sent me a picture of her deck buried under a snow pile taller than she is, and I've seen photos of ski chair lifts being dug out from massive drifts. When is the last time you heard of local resorts closing because of too much snow?

Douglas County students and teachers got an unexpected break from school this past Monday due to power outages and rough road conditions — I don't think that has happened since the 1990's. My oldest son took the opportunity to make a pancake breakfast for his brother and me – what a treat! It was the first meal he's prepared by himself and I definitely look forward to more. Afterward, we went outside where the boys built a snow tunnel and sledded down the slope in our backyard.

One of our boys rejoices in this weather because he loves to ski, while the other laments it because it prevents him from riding his dirt bike. It's true that you can't please everybody all the time.

Sunshine appears to be headed our way this weekend, and it should a great time to bundle up, head outside, and enjoy the blue sky.

If hanging out indoors is more your style, the Minden Library is showing "Breakfast at Tiffany's" 10:30 a.m. Feb. 4. and "Pete's Dragon" s 2 p.m. Visit douglas.lib.nv.us or call 82-9841 for information.

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Volunteer opening on Library Board of Trustees

One volunteer is needed to serve on the Carson City Library Board of Trustees, the body that oversees all library policy and budgets.

Applicants must be a Carson City registered voter and willing to serve approximately six to eight hours a month. The position will fill an unexpired term that will end in June, with eligibility to be reappointed for a full term.

The Carson City Board of Supervisors is accepting applications until Feb. 17. Interviews will be held at the supervisors meeting March 2.

Applications may be obtained from and returned to the Carson City Executive Offices, 201 N. Carson St., Suite 2.

For information including the city's policy and procedures, go to www.carson.org/volunteer.

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MINDEN, Nev. — The Douglas County Public Library is hosting another First Saturday Family Movie. The movie, "Storks" (rated PG), will be shown on Saturday, March 4 at 2 p.m. in the Minden Library meeting room. The movie and popcorn are free. First Saturday Family Movies are sponsored by the Friends of the Douglas County Public Library.

The Minden Library is located at 1625 Library Lane. Connect with the Douglas County Public Library on Facebook and Twitter, douglas.lib.nv.us, or call 775-782-9841.

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